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

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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 2nd May, 1958.

PRESENT

Shri Dev Kanta Barooah, B.A., LL.B., Speaker in the Chair, six Ministers, the Two Deputy Ministers and Eighty-five Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Allotment of Land to Government servants at Shillong

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that plots of Government land at Shillong have been allotted to Government servants at nominal premium for construction of residential quarters for their own uses ?

(*b*) If so, how many Government servants have got such land and under what terms and conditions ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that some of the Government servants to whom plots of Government lands were allotted have constructed additional houses on those plots for business purposes ?

(*d*) If so, whether this is admissible under terms and conditions laid down in the leases ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that many Government servants having more than 10 years' service have been living in rented houses paying exhorbitant rent ?

(*f*) If so, what action Government propose to take to provide them with Government land or Government quarters at a reasonable rent ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that many Government servants have submitted applications with revenue stamps for Government land ?

(*h*) If so, how many applications are in the waiting list and what action Government propose to take to dispose of their cases ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

233. (*a*)—Yes, but premium realised was normal.

(*b*)—355 plots in all have been allotted to Government servants. Copy of leases are placed on the Library Table.

(Please see Library Register No. S. 31)

(*c*) & (*d*)—Yes. But under the terms of the lease there is no bar for erecting such additional houses.

(*e*)—There are Government servants living in rented houses. No statistics are available of the number of the amount of rent paid.

(*f*)—Besides allotment as explained at (*b*) above, 17 Office Assistants in 17 Government quarters and 28 Office Assistants in a Government Hostel have been accommodated at a reasonable rent.

(*g*) & (*h*)—Yes, about 485 applications. In view of the position explained at (*f*) above and there being no suitable Gvernment land, it is difficult to indicate future action.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon): May I know whether Government take some steps to help the Government servants by allotting land or houses at Shillong?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Government is very sympathetic in this regard, but at present land is not available. That is the difficulty.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur): On a point of order, Sir. In the Starred Questions we find that some Members have got more than 5 Questions and some have got more than 10 Questions appearing in their name today. Is it not in violation of the Rule 33, sub-clause (5) whereby a Member is not entitled to put more than 5 Starred Questions on a particular day ?

Mr. SPEAKER: I know it and therefore I am making a statement in this regard at the end of the Question Hour and I will touch the details about the fact relating to the Questions and their Answers.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj): May I know whether there is any limit of time within which the allottees are required to build their houses on the lands allotted to them ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS: Yes, Sir.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI: Are Government aware that there are many allottees of Government land who have not been able to build their houses on the land allotted to them within the period ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS: There are cases in Shillong, but every plot is governed by the lease. There is no specific land law applicable here. The terms of the lease regulate the tenancy.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Sir, on a point of order. Today we have about 125 Starred Questions and I do not think that the Question Hour can be extended in any way. So, it will be better if the Questions are replied only and no supplementaries are put.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think every question should be discussed as adequately as possible. So, the remaining unreplied questions shall have to be left out.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): There are certain Questions in which cases only replies from the Government will help us.

Mr. SPEAKER: I quite understand the views of the Leader of the Opposition, but I am hadicapped by circumstances beyond my control. There are as many as 125 Starred Questions and even if the Hon. Ministers simply read out the replies I do not think we will be able to finish them today. So, I am really sorry that I am handicapped by circumstances beyond my control.

(Starred Question No.234 standing in the name of Shri Dwijesh Chandra Dev Sarmah was not put and answered as the Questioner was absent).

Veterinary Dispensaries at Hojai and Roha

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether there are buildings to lodge the Veterinary dispensaries and the doctors at Hojai and Roha respectively in the District of Nowgong ?

(*b*) If the answer is in the negative, how these dispensaries are functioning ?

(*c*) Whether these matters have been brought to the notice of Government ?

(*d*) Whether the Minister for Veterinary ever visited these dispensaries ?

(*e*) If so, what steps are being taken ?

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

235. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*)—Do not arise.

(*d*)—The Minister, Veterinary visited Hojai Veterinary dispensary only in February 1957.

(*e*)—Steps for repair and improvement of the dispensaries are being taken.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding): Sir, in reply (*a*) the answer is 'Yes,. But the other day what I found that at one of these two places the walls of the quarters of the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon of the veterinary dispensary is not there, but only the roof is there. Is it corrrect ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary): I have no information, but those buildings were constructed by the public and Government therefore connot help it.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA: Those buildings were first constructed by the public, but it might be that they were damaged or blown away by storm, cyclone or flood. etc.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Some of the buildings were constructed by the public and some were provided by the Government. But the repairs of the walls and other things depend on the public.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA: Will the Government repair the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons quarters of the Roha dispensary ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: There is a budget provision of about Rs.1,25,000 and we shall be able to take up such works of veterinary dispensaries particularly in the districts of Kamrup and Nowgong.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA: At present there is no quarters for the Roha Veterinary Assistant Surgeon. So, will the Government be pleased to do something immediately ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Government has made provision in the budget for such purposes, so there will be no difficulty to do so.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA: Sir, is it not a fact that the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon at Hojai is residing at a Mohurrir's quarters because there is no quarters for him ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: The Mohurrir's quarters he mentioned has been taken over by the Veterinary Department. So, that building belongs to the Veterinary Department.

(Starred Question No.236 standing in the name of Shri Gopesh Namasudra was not put and answered as the Qnestioner was absent).

Raid of Lahorijan Tea Estate by Nagas

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (**Titabar**) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that the Nagas have raided the Lahorijan Tea Estate, Post Office Manipur Road, on 7th March 1958 ?

(*b*) How the incident took place ?

(*c*) The total amount lost and persons injured in this Naga raid ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that the local people and the garden labourers are living in panic fearing for Naga raid ?

(*e*) Whether Government have posted armed forces in the garden ?

(*f*) If not, whether Government be pleased to post armed guards in the garden ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

237. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—On 7th March 1958 about 8 P. M., about 40 Naga hostiles made a surprise raid in Lahorijan Tea Estate. The raiders were armed with rifles, sten-guns, revolvers, daos, etc. They divided themselves into parties and ransacked the

houses of the garden manager, two clerks and one garden contractor including a vacant house meant for temporary occupation of the proprietor of the garden together with the factory house and garden office. The doors and windows of the raided houses were broken.

(*c*)—The total loss including cash, ornaments, clothes etc., and a D. B. B. L. gun with five cartridges and telephone receiver of the manager is estimated at Rs.3,240. Three persons, *i. e.*, the Manager, his wife and a Central Excise Peon stationed at the Tea Estate, were assaulted and they received simple injuries.

(*d*)—Due to intensification of police vigilance in the area, confidence has been restored in the minds of the local people and there should be no panic now.

(*e*)&(*f*)—In view of constant vigilance of police and military authorities over the locality, it is not necessary to post armed guards in the garden.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): May I submit one thing to the hon. Members through you, Sir ? We have got a lot of starred questions to-day and if supplementaries are put, there may not be time for replies to be given to all these questions. I would, therefore, like to request the hon. members, through you, not to put supplementaries unless they are very essential.

Mr. SPEAKER: That is a right which the Members enjoy and it is for them to exercise it or not.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): We have also the right to appeal to the Members.

Removal of trenching ground near Tiamari

Shri PROKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur) asked :

*238. Will the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether representation has been received by the authorities for removal of the trenching ground near Tiamari adjoining Gauripur town?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that the villagers have strongly opposed the retention of the ground there ?

(*c*) If so, what steps Government have taken to remove the same ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

238. (*a*)--Yes.

(*b*)--Yes.

(*c*)--Due to non-availability of suitable land it has not been possible to remove the trenching ground from the present site. The Gauripur Town Committee has, however, made a provision of Rs.2,000 in the current year's budget for improvement of the trenching ground by raising it above the flood-level. The Government have again written to the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara for finding a suitable land for removing this trenching ground.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj): May I know for how long the people are agitating for removal of this trenching ground ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, L. S. G.) : I have already indicated that our difficulty is that suitable land has not been found. I have again written to the Deputy Commissoner to make further attempts to find out the land.

Total mileage of Bridlepath in the North Cachar Hills

Shri HAMDHON MOHAN HAPLANGBAR [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*239. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state--

(*a*) What is the total mileage of Bridlepath in the North Cachar Hills and what is the width of this Bridlepath ?

(*b*) Who looks after the maintenance of this Bridlepath?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister Medical for Minister, P. W. D.) : replied.

239. (*a*)--Total mileage of Bridlepaths in North Cachar Hills is 171·75, width of these Bridlepaths varies from 4′ to 8′ ft.

(*b*)—These Bridlepaths are maintained by the Sub-divisional Officer, Civil (i/c Public Works Department) ,Haflong.

Shri HAMDHON MOHAN HAPLANGBAR [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Are Government aware that the condition of the bridle paths is going from bad to worse due to inattention of the Public Works Department ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical): We have no such information.

Amount of money given to Jorhat Subdivision under Article 275 of the Constitution

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

*240. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state—

(*a*) Total amount of money given to Jorhat Sub-division under Article 275 of the Constitution since the inception of the grant upto 31st December 1957 ?

(*b*) Whether the grant so given has been utilised in time and in full ?

(*c*) What are the institutions of Jorhat Subdivision which have been given money under Article 275 of the Constitution (to be shown institution-wise and the grants given to each of the institution) ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

240. (*a*)—The total amount given to Jorhat Subdivision is Rs. 3·20 lakhs. In addition an amount of Rs.80,000 has been spent in Sibsagar District during the period for giving grants-in-aid to various non-official institutions doing welfare work and also for cultural activities. The Subdivision-wise break up of the same is not available.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—The list is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No. S.32.)

Shri MAHIDHAR POGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes): মহকুমা হিচাপে উন্নয়নৰ কাৰণে দিয়া এই মজুৰীবোৰ যথাযথ ভাবে ব্যৱহাৰ হৈছেনে নাই তাক তদন্ত কৰিবলৈ চৰকাৰৰ কোনো কৰ্মচাৰী আছেনে ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, T.A.D.): As I had occasion to reply earlier, all these executive agancies and social welfare organisations would submit utilisation certificates through the district officers. When we receive utilisation certificates it can be taken for granted that works have been completed.

Shri MAHIDHAR PEGOO: এই মজুৰীবিলাক যে যথাযথ ভাবে ব্যৱহাৰ হোৱা নাই সেইবিষয়ে চৰকাৰে কিবা গম পায় নে ?

Amount of grants under Article 275 of the Constitution to each of the Subdivision

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

*241. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state Subdivision-wise—

(*a*) The total amount of grants under Article 275 of the Constitution given to each of the Subdivision from 1952-57 ?

(*b*) What are the names of the institutions receiving grants under Article 275 of the Constitution till date ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

241. (*a*)—The amount of grants under Article 275 of the Constitution given to various Subdivisions from 1952-57 in Plains Areas are as follows—

				Rs.
Dhubri	Subdivision	...	...	3·90 lakhs.
Goalpara	,,	...	...	3·11 ,,
Gauhati	,,	...	...	9·32 ,,
Barpeta	,,	...	...	2·56 ,,
Tezpur	,,	...	...	2·11 ,,
Mangaldoi	,,	...	...	3·35 ,,
Nowgong	,,	...	...	4·05 ,,
Sibsagar	,,	...	...	1·29 ,,
Jorhat	,,	...	...	3·20 ,,

		Rs.
Golaghat	Subdivision	·91 lakhs.
Dibrugarh	,, ...	4·26 ,,
N. Lakhimpur	,, ...	2·95 ,,
Silchar	,, ...	·80 ,,
Karimganj	,, ...	·02 ,,
Hailakandi	,, ...	·02 ,,
Kokrajhar	,, ...	2·80 ,,

In addition to above, grants are also given to non-official Organisations for doing welfare work and also for cultural activities. The district-wise break-up of the same are as follows—

	Rs.
Goalpara	1·795 lakhs.
Kamrup	1·385 ,,
Darrang	·925 ,,
Nowgong	1·030 ,,
Sibsagar	·801 ,,
Lakhimpur	·220 ,,
Cachar	·190 ,,

The Subdivision-wise break-up of the above amount is not available.

(*b*)—The list is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S.32.)

Names of Villages receiving grants from Government for water supply

Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY [Cherrapunji (Reserved for Sheduled Tribes)] asked :

*242. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas be pleased to state—

(*a*) The names of villages in the Shillong Subdivision of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills which have received grants in 1956-57 and 1957-58 for water supply and the amount given for each of those villages ?

(*b*) The names of those villages which have applied for grant to complete the work already begun ?

(*c*) The names of villages the villagers of which have newly applied to the Deputy Commissioner, United Khasi-Jaintia Hills for grant for water supply ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

242. (*a*)—The list is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No. S.32(*a*)

(*b*)—No applications for grants to complete the work already begun were received by Government in 1956-57. In 1957-58 an application was received from the local people of Nongksheh-Lummawbah-Umlyngka villages for completing the scheme taken up in 1955-56 in that area. A sum of Rs.10,000 was sanctioned in addition to the previous sanction of Rs.4,415

(*c*)—1. St. John Bosco Girls' High School, Cherra. punji.

2. U Sken and others for Kmawan village.

3. Brojo Roy for Mawrapat village.

4. U Drinsingh, Secretary for Nongkyndah village

5. Siion Roy, Chairman, J. Norlingson, Secretary for Sohsarat village.

6. U Philikson for Phlangwanbroi village.

7. U Nasing Kharmawshun for Mawlynnong village.

8. U Roshor Dkhar for Pynursla village.

9. Hedrian Roy and others for Shnongkawar village.

10. Hormon for Nohwet village.

Stopping of Normal increments of Assam Civil Service Officers for not passing the Departmental Examination

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Government have withheld the normal increments of many officers of the Assam Civil Service for a number of years for not passing the departmental examination and when these officers pass the examination the arrears are not allowed to them ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that these officers besides losing their normal increments are also deprived of their seniority so long they do not pass the examination and not entitled as a consequence to any promotion to higher responsibility only because of their failure to pass a theoretical examination in spite of their experiences in works ?

(*c*) Whether the principle of withholding normal increments is equally applicable to the I. A. S. officers ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that there is no such rule that the officers' normal increments should be stopped except at an efficiency bar or for misconduct ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that the practice of stopping normal increments has brought about extreme hardship and frustration to this particular set of officers particularly those officers who were departmentally promoted or recruited from bar with long experiences behind them ?

(*f*) Whether Government are aware that non-passing of departmental examination has never stood in the way of discharging the duties efficiently by experienced and old officers ?

(*g*) Whether Government are aware that opinion is gaining ground that Government is saving money at the cost of these officers who at their old age are asked to cross an examination hurdle which they cannot easily do so for obvious reasons ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware that such officer have been discharging their duties satisfactorily ?

Shri F. ALI AHMED (Minister, L. S. G. for Chief Minister) replied :

243. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Rules 23 and 25 of the Rules for the Departmental Examination prescribe that unless temporarily exempted an Extra Assistant Commissioner will not be eligible for confirmation until he has passed all the Departmental Examinations and that if the confirmation of an officer is delayed beyond 2 years of probation on account of his failure to pass the Departmental Examinations, his future increments after confirmation shall unless in any case there is a special order to the contrary, be regulated according to the date of confirmation.

(*e*)—Normal increments are not stopped unless as a measure of penalty or at the efficiency bar if in any case any officer deserves such stoppage. Hardship may have been caused to some officers who have not been able to earn their increments, due to their failure to pass the departmental examinations.

(*f*)—The Departmental Examinations are meant for adequately equipping all officers with Rules and Procedure and unless they pass such examinations they cannot be expected to efficiently discharge their duties.

(*g*)—The intention of the Government is to increase the efficiency of the officers and is not certainly to save money by disallowing increments under the relevant Rules and Government are not aware of the opinion mentioned by the Hon'ble Member.

(*h*)—Failure to pass the Departmental Examinations carries an idea that the officers have not yet been able to attain the standard expected of them.

Sub-Registration Office at Gauhati Court

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked:

*244. Will the Minister-in-charge of Registration be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of increase in the volume of work in the Sub-Registration office at Gauhati Court ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Government Housing Scheme has increased its work considerably ?

(*c*) Whether Government have received any representation for strengthening the staff to cope with the volume of work ?

(*d*) If so, what steps are taken by Government in this behalf ?

(*e*) Whether Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of appointing the following officers as per Rule 10 at page 57 of the Registration Manual in the interest of public service to cope with the increased volume of work in the Gauhati Registration office ?—

1. The present Upper Division Assistant be converted to Head Assistant ;
2. Another Upper Division Assistant ;
3. One separate Record-Keeper with Upper Division scale like that of the Deputy Commissioner's establishment ;
4. One Typist-*cum*-Office Assistant ; and
5. Two Lower Division Assistants ?

(*f*) Whether Government are aware that there are five Sub-Registration offices and five Muslim Marriage offices which are subordinate to the Gauhati Sadar office ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that Government have turned down a recent Departmental proposal for increase of staff and sanction of special pay to the Registration offices of Gauhati, Jorhat and Dibrugarh ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties experienced by the public in these offices due to shortage of staff ?

(*i*) Whether Government consider it desirable to remove the public grievances by strengthening these Registration offices at an early date ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA, (Minister, Registration) replied :

244. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—No. Adequate staff as proposed by the Inspector General of Registration was provided in 1957.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

(*e*)—Present staff is commensurate with the volume of work as per Government order referred to.

(*f*)—Yes. The number of Sub-Registry offices is however six.

(*g*)—Yes, so far Gauhati office is concerned. There are no proposals with regard to Jorhat and Dibrugarh.

(*h*)—Government have no information.

(*i*)—Does not arise.

Accident on polling day in the last General Election

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked:

*245. Will the Minister-in-charge of Election be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there was an accident on polling day 6th March 1957, in the last General Election when the ballot boxes were carried to Gauhati from Khetri Polling Station ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that one person died in the accident and one Presiding Officer, named Shri Jatin Chandra Goswami who is also an emporium Assistant at Gauhati received serious injuries and was kept in Civil Hospital, Gauhati, for some months ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that he has not been given any financial help for his relief or treatment ?

(*d*) If so, why ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to give him any financial help immediately ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge of Election) replied:

245. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*)—The period of absence from 6th March 1957 to 17th October 1957 of Shri J. N. Goswami, Museum Assistant, Cottage Industries Department, Gauhati from office, due to the accident was treated as 'On Duty' to enable him to draw his pay regularly. The question of granting him financial relief for medical treatment is under consideration of Government.

(*e*)—Does not arise in view of above.

Representation from the public of Mangaldoi to sanction Loan to Mangaldoi Municipal Board for implementing the water supply project

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldoi) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether any representation was lately received by Government from the public of Mangaldoi for sanctioning a loan of Rs.5,00,000 to the Mangaldoi Municipal Board for implementing the water supply project at Mangaldoi town ?

(*b*) Whether any scheme was received by Government for Water Supply project at Mangaldoi town ?

(*c*) If so, what action has been taken ?

(*d*) Whether any representation was received by Government regarding creation of Town Committee at Kharupetia in Mangaldoi Subdivision ?

(*e*) If so, what steps have been taken ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

246. (*a*) & (*b*)—No representation from the public of Mangaldoi has been received but a loan application for Rs.5,00,000 has been received from the Mangaldoi Municipal Board for implementation of Water Supply Scheme.

(*c*)—The Scheme submitted by the Mangaldoi Municipal Board was very rough and lacks certain informations. It has therefore been returned by the Chief Engineer for submission of a complete report through the Superintending Engineer which has not as yet been received.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—A preliminary notification as required under section 334(1) of the Assam Municipal Act, 1956 will be issued as soon as certain information called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang is received.

Head Assistant, Silchar Local Board

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked :

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

(*a*) When did the Head Assistant, Silchar Local Board reach the age of superannuation ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that there is a standing circular that no employee should be retained in service on expiry of the age of superannuation without obtaining prior sanction of Government at least six months ahead of such retention ?

(*c*)Whether it is a fact that the said Head Assistant was already granted extensions thrice ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that another extension is being granted to him this year in spite of clear instructions of Government to the contrary ?

(*e*) If so, what are the special reasons for retention ?

(*f*) Whether Government are aware that it affects the smooth working and efficient running of administration and causes serious repercussions in the minds of the junior assistants ?

(*g*) If so, whether Government propose to stop granting any further extension ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

247. (*a*)—14th April 1955.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—Yes. The last extension expired on 14th April 1958.

(*d*)—There is no such proposal with Government.

(*e*)—Does not arise.

(*f*)—Yes.

(*g*)—Yes, if further proposal comes.

Establishment of a Primary Health Unit at Balikatia in Alitangani Mouza

Maulavi MUHAMMAD IDRIS (Rupohihat) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that in the year 1956, Nowgong Development Board had unanimously recommended to establish a Primary Health Unit at Balikatia in Alitangani Mouza under the Second Five-Year Plan Schemes (for the first year) and the proposals were sent to the Government ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Government has turned down this recommendation and has sanctioned the said Primary Health Unit elsewhere ignoring the recommendation of the Development Board ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that within an area of 200 square miles comprising of a population of about 40 thousand there are no facilities for medical treatment ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the recommendation of the Development Board was based on the fact stated in (*c*) above ?

(*e*) The reasons for turning down such a weighty, reasonable and just proposal of the Development Board ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

248. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—No.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Government have no information. An enquiry is however, being made in this regard.

(*e*)—Does not arise in view of reply to (*b*) above.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD IDRIS (Rupohihat) : To the question (a) and (b) the Minister has simply replied, 'Yes' and 'No' respectively, May I know, how is it that when the recommendation was there Government has not considered it to establish a Health Unit at Balikatia in Alitangani Mouza ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical): There was no proposal from Government side.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD IDRIS: There was an unamimous recommendation for this. Why the Government did not consider it ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: That may be so, but we had to consider cases of other places as well.

Maulavi MUHAMMD IDRIS: May I know what place has been chosen instead of this ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: I want notice of this question.

Mr. SPEAKER: When the case of this place, Balikatia, was not considered and some other place was considered, the Minister ought to supply the information of the other place which was chosen instead of this place ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: There is no question of of turning down this case of Balikatia. It is not a fact that we turned down this place and given instead to some other place.

Shri LILA KANTA BORA (Kaliabar): May I know the basis on which a health unit is given ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: It is given on population basis of 60,000.

Shri LILA KANTA BORA: May I know what is the distance taken for establishing a health unit between one health unit and another ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: I cannot give exact area.

Mr. SPEAKER: His question is what distance between two health units is observed in having another health unit ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical): We take the population of 60,000 for having a health unit, the question of area is not taken up.

Shri LILA KANTA BORA (Kaliabar): What is the distance between Marigaon and Bhorbantha health unit ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: That is a new question, I want notice of it.

State Dispensary at Bormukaligaon

Shri HARINARAYAN BARUAH (Teok) asked :

*249. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government has received a resolution adopted in a public meeting held at Bormukali under the presidentship of Shri K. C. Doley, M.L.A., for establishing a State Dispensary at Bormukaligaon which is a Tribal Area ?

(*b*) If so, what steps have been taken by Government ?

Shri WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

249. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

Fancy Bazar Market Dealers' Association

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government have received a representation on behalf of the Fancy Bazar Market Dealers' Association regarding the rates fixed by the Gauhati Municipality for use of rooms by dealers in Fancy Bazar ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that in some cases these rates have been raised by 300 to 400 per cent ?

(*c*) What steps Government have taken to give relief to the dealers ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

250. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes, as reported by the Fancy Bazar Market Dealers' Association.

(*c*)—The D. C., Kamrup, suspended the execution of the resolution under the provisions of Section 296 of the Assam Municipal Act, 1956. This order was, however, revoked subsequently on hearing assurance from the Chairman, Gauhati Municipal Board that the matter shall be placed before the Market Sub-Committee and pending final decision the resolution in question will be kept in abeyance.

An agreement has also been arrived at between the Fancy Bazar Dealers' Association and the Chairman, Gauhati Municipal Board on 5 points, namely—

(1) The Bazar Association has no objection to enhancement of rent if this is fair, reasonable and equitable and based on some principles.

(2) As regards the terms of the bond of agreement, Chairman, Municipal Board will give a copy of the bond of agreement to the shop-keepers concerned.

(3) If a shop-keeper feels aggrieved he will move the Chairman for redress of his grievance, in writing. The Bazar Association will co-operate with the Chairman and render him all assistance.

(4) The list of enhanced rent will be supplied to the Bazar Association for their study.

(5) The Chairman will hold on the spot enquiry and has agreed to give the Association hearing.

Unauthorised encroachment of Public Works Department Road-side land at Premtala

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA (Patharkandi, Reserved for Scheduled Tribes) asked :

*251. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government have received any representation from Silchar public regarding the unauthorised encroachment of Public Works Department road-side land a Premtala, thereby causing frequent vehicular accidents as the road had become narrower by this type of encroachment ?

(*b*) If so, what steps have been taken by Government to prevent this type of encroachment ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that this type of encroachment is going on on almost all the Public Works Department road-side land in Cachar District, specially in town area ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical for Minister, P.W.D.) replied :

251.(*a*)—Yes, a representation received but Government have got no information about frequent vehicular accidents.

(*b*)—Action is being taken for removal of the encroachment due to increase of traffic.

(*c*)—Government have issued instructions to the Public Works Department Divisional Officers to remove all such encroachments specially in town areas with the help of the Revenue authorities.

Film officers in the Information and Publicity Department

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

*252. Will the Minister-in-charge of Information and Publicity be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether lately a Film Officer has been appointed in the Information and Publicity Department ?

(*b*) Whether the post was advertised through the Public Service Commission ?

(*c*) If not, whether it was at all advertised in local newspapers and *Assam Gazette* ?

(*d*) If not, why not ?

(*e*) Who has been appointed to the aforesaid post ?

(*f*) What is the qualification both academic and technical of the said person holding at present the post of Film Officer of the Publicity Department ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the person has been appointed to the post on contract basis at a fixed pay of Rs.400 per mensem ?

(*h*) What are the special circumstances or the urgency for which Government had to appoint the present incumbent to the post on a contract basis ?

(*i*) What particular service he has rendered to the State from the date of his appointment till 24th February 1958 ?

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

252.(*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—No.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*)—The appointment to the post was made on a contract basis and as such the question of advertisement did not arise.

(*e*)—Shri Kamal Narayan Choudhury.

(*f*)—Shri Choudhury read upto Matric Standard of the Calcutta University. He has been in the Film Industry since 1939, during which period he was actively connected with many film producing concerns as Director, Music Composer and Playback Singer, He is an accomplished Movie Photographer besides being an Actor in Stage and Screen, Radio staff artist, etc.

(*g*)—Yes.

(*h*)—Under the Audio-Visual Scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan it has been decided to produce a number of documentary films on the subjects depicting achievements under Five-Year Plans, Prohibition, Anti-Untouchability, Cottage Industries, Tribal Welfare, etc. For production of such films a post of Film Officer was created. In order to produce these films and carry on sustained propaganda among the rural people through the Audio-Visual medium, the services of a Film Officer with sufficient technical knowledge was urgently needed. And that is why Shri K. N. Choudhury who possesses the requisite qualifications for the post has been appointed on contract basis.

(*i*)—Shri Choudhury joined as a Film Officer on the 16th December 1957. As Film Officer Shri Choudhury has been entrusted with the job of making a documentary film on important events happening in the State and Five-Year Plan Exhibition held in connexion with the All-India Khadi and Village Industries' Exhibition in Pragjyotishpur. He had personally cranked the camera and had shot about 2300 feet of 16 mm film on the above subject. The film is now in the editing and synchronising stage.

Stipends to Students of Normal Schools

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the amount of stipend for the Normal School Students are the same as it was during the British regime ?

(*b*) What is the amount of each stipend ?

(*c*) How many Normal Schools are there in the State ?

(*d*) How many students of such different schools are receiving stipends ?

(*e*) What is the percentage ?

(*f*) Whether Government have received any representation from the students ?

(*g*) If so, the number of representation received so far ?

(*h*) Whether Government will be pleased to increase the amount of stipend for them ?

(*i*) If so, when the students can expect to get the benefit ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture for Minister, Education) replied:

253.(*a*)—No. The value of the scholarships has been re-fixed differently at different times.

(*b*)—Rupees 20 per month each at present.

(*c*)—5 (five).

(*d*)—One hundred and twenty stipends are awarded annually to the students of 5 normal schools.

(*e*)—63·4 per cent.

(*f*)—Yes.

(*g*)—About 25.

(*h*)—Yes.

(*i*)—During the year 1958-59.

Rise in price of Paddy in Goalpara District

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the price of paddy has shot up to Rs.19 per maund in some places in the district of Goalpara ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that every rice mill in the district has hoarded a very big stock of paddy ?

(*c*) If so, what is the present stock of each mill in the district ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that some mills are exporting huge quantity of rice outside the district in the name of rice-polish (Bhusea) ?

(*e*) The quantity of rice-polish that has been exported outside the district during the period from 1957 till date from different mills in the district ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that some Supply Sub-Inspectors detected a case of exporting 2 (two) wagons of rice in the name of rice-polish and handed over the case to police on 6th April, 1958 at 11 p.m. for necessary action ?

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

254. (*a*) to (*f*)—The information has been called for.

Re : **Shri Champak Kumar Shome**

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj) asked :

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

(*a*) Why Shri Champak Kumar Shome, B. A., an incumbent of the office of the Director of Health Services and Prisons, Assam was deprived of his legitimate rights after he was declared invalid in 1955 ?

(*b*) Why Government failed to grant him adequate pension ?

(*c*) Whether Government is aware of the fact that he is doing public service, as an Homœopath on charitable basis as a fit man ?

(*d*) What help Government rendered to him in consideration of his fourteen years' good service under Government of Assam ?

(*e*) What action was taken on the petition submitted by Shri Shome which was forwarded by the Union Home Minister, to the Chief Minister, Assam two months ago ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

255. (*a*)—Shri Champak Kumar Shome was not deprived of his legitimate rights.

(*b*)—The question of pension or gratuity is under consideration of the Accountant General, Assam.

(*c*)—Government have no information.

(*d*)—The Hon'ble Member is referred to the reply to (*b*) above.

(*e*)—No action could be taken on his demand for compensation. Action in regard to pension or gratuity as admissible under the rules has been taken.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Patharkandi

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA (Patharkandi Reserved for Scheduled Tribes) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government had sanctioned any amount to start one maternity and child welfare centre at Patharkandi, district Cachar ?

(*b*) If so, when and what amount was granted ?

(*c*) Whether Government grant was given to any individual or to any public committee ?

(*d*) Whether Government made any enquiry about the proper utilisation of the grant ?

(*e*) If so, what is the result ?

(*f*) What amount was collected as subscription from the public ?

(*g*) What is the present position of the said centre ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

256. (*a*) & (*b*)—Yes. Government approved of the establishment of a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Patharkandi under the State Sector in August, 1955.

No amount was sanctioned for the construction of the buildings at the proposed centre as the amount to be contributed by the local public was not known.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*)—Do not arise.

(*f*)—Rupees 2,000.

(*g*)—Necessary sanction for the construction of the centre during the current year is being issued.

Town Planning Schemes under Second Five-Year Plan for different Municipalities in Assam

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

*257. Will the Minister-in-charge of Town and Country Planning Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) The detail sanction for Town Planning Schemes under Second Five-Year Plan for different Municipalities of Assam ?

(*b*) Whether Government received any scheme from the Chairman, Golaghat Municipality under Second Five-Year Plan for Urban Development, National Water Supply, sanitation and improvement of Golaghat Town ?

(*c*) If so, what steps are taken by Government ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to sanction any grant for Golaghat Municipality ?

(*e*) If not, why not ?

Whether it is a fact that Government failed to reply to repeated reminders issued by Golaghat Municipality for the abovementioned plans ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture for Minister, Town and Country Planning Department) replied :

257. (*a*)—No Municipal-wise sanction for Town Planning under the Second Five-Year Plan has been made. However, some amounts were sanctioned to the Municipal Boards of important Towns of some districts for specific Urban Development Schemes.

(*b*)—Schemes in respect of certain aspects of Urban Development were received from the Chairman, Golaghat Municipal Board.

(*c*)—No steps could be taken by Government in view of the revised decision consequent on the drastic reduction of funds for comprehensive Town Planning as originally proposed in the Draft Second Five-Year Plan.

(*d*)—This will depend on the availability of funds and urgency and importance of schemes in each town in Assam.

(*e*)—Does not arise in view of reply against (*d*) above.

(*f*)—As schemes are to come through proper channel, with regular plans and estimates, no reply to the reminders so far received direct from the Chairman, Golaghat Municipal Board, could be given. A reply is, however, under issue now.

Constitution of a Board for appointment of Aided High School teachers

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

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

(*a*) When the Board for appointment of Aided High School teachers is going to be constituted ?

(*b*) What may be the precise date from which the Board will be functioning ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture for Minister, Education) replied :

258. (*a*)—The Boards are going to be constituted shortly.

(*b*)—The Boards will function as soon as they are formed.

Amount to be paid from the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati to the teachers and servant of Harivanga Government Aided H. E. School

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that under order of the Director of Public Instruction, Assam (Order No. Lapsed DA. ESS. 217/53/2, dated 2nd December 1955) Shri Badan Chandra Kalita, Shri Hari Chandra Sarmah, Shri Golak Chandra Misra and Shri Tarani Kanta Kalita, teachers and servant of Harivanga Government Aided H. E. School under Gauhati Subdivision, respectively, are entitled to get Rs.408 from the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that another sum of Rs.528 under order of Director of Public Instruction, (Order No. ESS. 217/55/12, dated 23rd January 1957) was to be paid to the abovementioned teachers and servant, from the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that in spite of repeated representations made to the Deputy Inspector of Schools the amount is not paid as yet ?

(*d*) If so, whether Government will take proper steps against the persons for whose negligence and fault delay in payment is made ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (**Minister, Agriculture for Minister, Education**) replied:

259. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—The amount could not be paid as the Dearness Allowance bills were stolen from the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati.

(*d*)—The matter is under Police investigation. Necessary action will be taken on receipt of the police report.

Gaurharkhat Sluice Gate under the police station Ratabari, District Cachar

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

*260. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the total cost of construction of the Gaurharkhat sluice gate under the police station Ratabari, District Cachar ?

(*b*) Who gave the plan ?

(*c*) Whether the plan was examined and approved by Expert ?

(*d*) Whether the plan was examined after studying the hydrological data ?

(*e*) If so, why the gate was damaged and completely washed away by a small-flood within a few days of completion ?

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

260. (*a*)—The total cost of the project was estimated at Rs.4,513. But actual payment was made for Rs.4,000 as per actual work done, of which the Government contribution was paid for Rs.2,000.

(*b*) & (*c*)—The plan was prepared by the Embankment and Drainage Wing of the Public Works Department for the Agriculture Department.

(*d*)—The plan was prepared on the basis of the hydrological data available with the Embankment and Drainage Wing of the Public Works Department.

(*e*)—The gate was not washed away by flood but damaged by miscreants.

Issue of Nativity, Domicile and Eligibility Certificates in Cachar

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

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

(*a*) What is the total number of applications received by Government for granting certificates of nativity, domicile and eligibility in the District of Cachar, in the year 1957 ?

(*b*) How many of them were granted the certificates prayed for ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that unusual delaying tactics were adopted by the Government in granting the same ?

(*d*) Whether Government will take immediate steps to remove this system in the light of the S. R. C's report ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects for Chief Minister) replied :

261. (*a*)—One hundred and eighty-two applications were received in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar, of which 77 applications were forwarded to Government for orders.

(*b*)—Orders have been passed in all the 77 cases sent to Government. In 56 cases certificates have been issued and in 5 cases certificates are under issue from the office of the Deputy Commissioner and in 15 cases further particulars have been called for. One case only had to be rejected as the applicant did not fulfil the necessary conditions.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*)—With the enforcement of the Public Employment (requirement as to residence) Act, 1957 the preference that was shown in the matter of appointments to the natives and domiciled people of the State will not be there and as such the certificate will become unnecessary.

Barama Inspection Bungalow

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked :

***262.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether there is a provision for improving Barama Inspection Bungalow under North Kamrup Division ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that plan and estimates have been submitted by the Sectional Officer, Barama ?

(*c*) When the construction works will be started ?

(*d*) Whether it will be completed in this current year ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical for Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

262. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

Circuit Sessions Court at Golaghat

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked :

*263. Will the Minister-in-charge of Judicial be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government has lately received representations from the Golaghat Bar Association and the public for a Circuit Session Court at Golaghat ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Golaghat is the first Subdivision to move for a Circuit Sessions Court ?

(*c*) Whether the Minister-in-charge is aware that the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Assam High Court during his August visit to Golaghat about three years back gave a sympathetic hearing to the representation of the members of the Golaghat Bar regarding establishment of a Circuit Sessions Court and assured them all possible help towards that end ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the District and Sessions Judge, Upper Assam, Jorhat, recommended the case of Golaghat very strongly ?

(*e*) If so, why the case of Golaghat has been neglected and by-passed by Government ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to consider the prayers of the people of Golaghat favourably and take necessary steps to establish the Circuit Sessions Court there within this year ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Judicial) replied :

263. (*a*)—Yes. Government has received a representation from Golaghat Bar Association.

(*b*)—Government is not in a position to say which was the first Subdivision to move for the Circuit Sessions Court.

(*c*)—Government has no record of any such assurance, if any, given by the Hon'ble Chief Justice.

(*d*)—District Judge, Upper Assam Districts, Jorhat was consulted by the Government in this matter. District Jugde first objected to the holding of such Circuit Court at Subdivisional headquarters but at last he agreed that as an experimental measure the scheme might be introduced subject to the availability of suitable accommodation.

(*e*)—The question of neglecting or by-passing the case of Golaghat does not arise as the proposal did not materialise due to the dearth of accommodation.

(*f*)—Government will certainly consider the proposal subject to examination of the pros and cons of the whole matter.

Saikhowa Namsai Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*264. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Saikhowa Namsai Road was damaged by Earthquake of 1950 and at present about three miles near Saikhowa is outside the Brahmaputra Bund ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that this portion of the road is maintained as a fair weather road ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that in rainy season this fair weather road is washed away by the water of the Brahmaputra ?

(*d*) What total amount has been spent on this fair weather road since it was taken up as such ?

(*e*) Whether Government would furnish the amount of expenditure incurred year by year in maintaining this road ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that this expenditure incurred for this fair weather road or an amount less than that would cover construction of a gravelled road of about one and a half mile from Assam Trunk Road near Dhola through Dhola Tea Estate upto Bokapathar ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that there is possibility of a permanent road from Assam Trunk Road near Luphangkola to Bokapathar to keep up communication with Namsai and the amount of expenditure already spent on the fair weather road during these years would cover the expenditure for this purpose ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that the public of the locality have been moving the then Minister of Public Works Department since 1955 pointing out this matter ?

(*i*) Whether it is a fact that the public of the locality handed over a representation again in early part of 1957 pointing out this matter ?

(*j*) Whether any action has been taken on those representations by the Government ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical for Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

264. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—It is not washed away but remains under water as in the case of almost all fair weather roads.

(*d*)—Rs.36,000 approximately.

(*e*)—Rs.4,500 (average) approximately each year.

(*f*) & (*g*)—No. The length of the road from Assam Trunk road near Dhola through Dhola Tea Estate upto Bokapathar is about 2 miles. The cost will be Rs.1,00,000 approximately including compensation for acquisition of Tea Garden land and Tea bushes. Embankment and Drainage has constructed a Bund to protect this area from floods. If the Bund, which is under observation now, is stabilised, it will be possible to construct a road through the area protected by the same. Roads are maintained out of repair grants which cannot be diverted for original works.

(*h*) & (*i*)—No such representations appear to have been receive.

(*j*)—Does not arise in view of reply to (*h*) & (*i*) above.

(Starred Question No.265 Standing in the name of Shri Ranendra Mohan Das was not put and answered as the questioner was absent).

New scales of pay recommended by the Pay Committee to the Lower Division Assistants in the Assam Secretariat, Shillong

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether new scales of pay as recommended by the Pay Committee have been given to the Lower Division Assistants in the Assam Secretariat at Shillong ?

(*b*) Whether all the Lower Division Assistants who are in employment now in the Assam Secretariat came through the Public Service Commission ?

(*c*) If not, how many are not so ?

(*d*) What is the number of graduate Lower Division Assistants in the Assam Secretariat ?

(*e*) What is the scale given to these graduates ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Project for Chief Minister) replied :

266. (*a*)—Yes, new scales of pay have been given to Lower Division Assistants in the Assam Secretariat to Intermediate recruited through the Assam Public Service Commission as recommended by the Pay Committee.

The proposal for giving the revised scale of pay to those Assistants who have been recruited temporarily not through the Public Service Commission is also under consideration of Government.

(*b*)—No, due to shortage of qualified candidates, a number of candidates who have not yet passed the Public Service Commission test have been temporarily appointed Lower Division Assistants subject to their passing the Public Service Commission test and securing their position within the requisite number of vacancies.

(*c*)—At present 220.

(*d*)—One hundred and twenty-five.

(*e*)—Graduate Lower Division Assistants recruited through the Public Service Commission are entitled to two advance increments in the revised scale of pay of Rs.80—200.

Co-operative Sugarcane Farming Societies in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

*267. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) The grant so far sanctioned to Co-operative Sugarcane Farming Societies in Golaghat Subdivision in each of the years 1955-56,1956-57- and 1957-58 ?

(*b*) The number of such societies in Golaghat Subdivision ?

(*c*) The number of large-scale Co-operative Credit Societies at Golaghat Subdivision with location?

(*d*) The grants so far allotted to each of those societies during 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58 ?

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

267. (*a*)—Grants sanctioned.

1955-56—Nil.

1956-57—Rs.1,620.

1957-58—Nil.

(*b*)—14 (fourteen).

(*c*)—Twelve as shown below:—

(1) Naharbari, (2) Gurjogania, (3) Marngi- (4) Sarupathar, (5) Kamarbandha, (6) Thengalgaon, (7) Furkating (8) Da-dhara, (9) Pachowgaon, (10) Kaziranga, (11) Dergaon and (12) Gitapur.

(*d*)—A list of such societies receiving grants is laid on table. [Please *see* Library Register No.S 32(*b*)].

Primary Co-operative Stores, Rural Credit Societies and Primary Co-operative Societies in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that 29(twenty-nine) Primary Co-operative Stores and one whole-sale Co-operative Society were liquidated during the last 5 years upto the month of June 1957 in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) If so, the number of Primary Societies whose share monies have been refunded to the share-holders ?

(*c*) The number of societies whose share monies have not been refunded as yet ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that there were certain such liquidated Societies whose share monies have been refunded in part only ?

(*e*) If so, why due monies are not refunded in full to the share-holders of those Co-operative Societies ?

(*f*) What is the difficulty in refunding the shares mentioned in (*c*) above ?

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that there are 72 (seventy two) or more Rural Credit Societies or Gaolia Banks in Dibrugarh Subdivision?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that most of these Rural Credit Societies or Gaolia Banks have not been functioning or have no transaction for a long time ?

(*c*) What is the number of such Societies or banks which have no transaction for more than 5 years ?

(*d*) What is the number of such Societies or Banks which have no transaction for more than 10 years ?

(*e*) Whether Government would lay on the table a list of Rural Credit Societies or Gaolia Banks in Dibrugarh Subdivision which have no function or transaction for the last 10 years or so, showing such periods against each ?

(*f*) Why such a large number of Rural Credit Societies or Gaolia Banks are almost defunct ?

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that 40 or more Primary Co-operative Societies and one whole-sale Central Trading Co-operative Society were functioning in Dibrugarh Subdivision during the last few years ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that out of these, only 10 (ten) or less Primary Co-operative Societies are in the list of functioning Co-operative Societies ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that most out of this small number of Co-operative Societies have no business transaction for the last two years or more ?

(*d*) What is the number of Primary Co-operative Societies where business transactions are still in continuance ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that Government organised the Co-operative Apex Bank and the Central Co-operative Whole-sale Society at Dibrugarh simultaneously ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the Apex Bank survived whereas the Central Co-operative Whole-sale Society had to be liquidated ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that there was provision of taking loan by the Central Co-operative Whole-sale Society from the Apex Bank on compound interest ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that the Whole-sale Co-operative Society paid a huge amount to the Apex Bank as interest ?

(*i*) Whether it is a fact that the payment of huge interest by the Central Co-operative Society was one of the reasons of failure ?

(*j*) Whether the shares of the Central Whole-sale Co-operative Societies have yet been refunded ?

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

268. (*a*)—3 (three) Primary Co-operative Stores were sent into liquidation during the last 5 years ending June 1957. 29 Primary Trading Co-operative and one Central Trading Co-operative Limited, were sent into liquidation during the said period.

(*b*)—Share monies of 9 such societies have been refunded.

(*c*)—23. (out of these 3 are Stores and 20 are Primary Trading Co-operatives).

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*) & (*f*)—For inadequacy of funds.

269. (*a*)—The total number of Rural Credit Societies in the Dibrugarh Subdivision is 94.

(*b*)—Out of the 94 Societies about 56 are new Societies which are functioning having transaction. As for the rest which are old, 15 Societies have been found to be in a very bad financial position and the other 23 are in the process of reorganisation and will have transaction soon.

(*c*)—Fifteen Societies.

(*d*)—Eleven Societies.

(*e*)—A list is placed on the table. [Please *see* Library Register No.S 32(*c*)].

(*f*)—The economic depression in thirties hit hard the agriculturists because of the fact that agricultural prices had fallen. Owing to this the agriculturists could not repay their loans they had taken nor could they pay even interests on loans. This situation adversely affected the societies so much so that not to speak of issuing fresh loans on long term basis which was so necessary for the agriculturists for tiding over the difficulties, it became impossible for them to continue their existence. In the absence of any other source for obtaining funds these Societies being unable to recover the issued loans were forced to suspend their business.

270. (*a*)—Number of Societies varies from year to year. Unless the year for which the information is wanted is specified it is difficult to give a correct answer. There were one Central Trading Co-operative and 39 Primary Trading Co-operatives during the last 5 years.

(*b*) and (*c*)—It is not clear the list of which year the hon. Member refers to. There were however 4 Primary Trading Co-operatives during the year 1956-57 which were functioning.

(*d*)—Three out of the above 4 Societies are now functioning.

(*e*)—Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*)—There were provisions for the Central Trading Co-operatives to take loans from the Apex Bank. These loans were issued under cash credit system and interest were charged on monthly rest on product basis which is usually followed in banking practice.

(*h*)—Interest that was arrived at as per above was charged by the Apex Bank to the Central Trading Co-operative.

(*i*)—No. The Central Trading Co-operative have failed for the following main reasons :—

(1) Sudden decontrol of controlled commodities which Central Trading Co-operative dealt.

(2) Losses in transit.

(3) Shrinkage in godown.

(4) For not realising amounts from carriers by way of losses on transit, etc.

(5) Prices of the commodities it dealt in fell abruptly after decontrol and the patron of the Central Trading Co-operative purchased their requirements from private sources and the goods the Central Trading Co-operatives procured at higher rates could not be sold profitably.

(*j*)—The liquidation proceedings of the Society is still continuing (Total amount realised so far is Rs.73,368-12-9,. Total amount disbursed is Rs.71,870-4-0. Amount still to be realised Rs.43,076-8-3 and to be paid Rs.1,07,451-5-10.

Shillong Cottage Industries Centre

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*271. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to enquire and to state—

(*a*) Whether there is a Cottage Industries Centre at Shillong in the premises of Shreemanta Sankardev Cultural Centre ?

(*b*) If so, who actually manages that concern ?

(*c*) The number of furniture that have been made by the concern ?

(*d*) The number of furniture that have been purchased for Government offices at Shillong ?

(*e*) How many furniture have been purchased by the Secretariat Administration Department from the said concern during the last year ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Cottage Industries) replied :

271. (*a*)—Yes, there are three Cottage Industries Institute at Sankar Dev Cultural Centre, *viz.* (*i*) Bee-Keeping Institute (*ii*) Hand-made Paper Making Institute, (*iii*) Furniture Making Institute. All the these are purely training centres.

(*b*)—All the three Institutes are directly managed by the Director of Cottage Industries, Assam.

(*c*) & (*d*)—A detailed list showing Production and Sales is placed on the table. [Please see Library Register No.5 32(*d*)]

(*e*)—Nil.

(Assamese translation of the reply given by the Minister).

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Cottage Industries): (*a*) হয় শঙ্কৰদেব কালচাৰেল চেণ্টাৰত ৩টা কুটীৰ শিল্পৰ অনুষ্টান আছে : (১) মৌ পোহা (২) হাতে কৰা কাগজ (৩) ফাৰনিচাৰ কৰা। এই অনুষ্টান বিনাকত শিক্ষাহে দিয়া হয়।

(*b*) এই অনুষ্টান বিনাক চৰকাৰৰ কুটীৰ শিল্প বিভাগৰ ডিৰেক্টৰ পোনপোতিয়া ভাবে অধীনত।

(*c*) *and* (*d*) উৎপন্ন আৰু বিক্ৰী সম্বন্ধীয় তালিকা লাইব্ৰেৰী টেবুলত ৰখা হৈছে।

(*e*) নাই।

Latu Anchalik Trading Co-operative

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj South) asked :

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

(*a*) When the Latu Anchalik Trading Co-operative was formed ?

(*b*) Who were the successive Chairmen of this Society since its start to date ?

(*c*) Whether under the rules there is any limit of time and terms beyond which a single individual cannot hold the office of Chairman of Co-operative Society ?

(*d*) If so, whether the rule has been observed by this Society ?

(*e*) What was the last audit report on the Society ?

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

272. (*a*)—On 31st December, 1948.

(*b*)—Shri Nanigopal Swami has been the Chairman of the Society since its start and continuing till now ?

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*)—The Society has been audited upto 1955-56 (Co-operative Year). A copy of the audit balance sheet is placed on the table.

Co-operative Credit Banks in Karimganj Subdivision

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY Karimganj-South) asked :

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

(*a*) What is the number of Co-operative Credit Banks so far in Karimganj Subdivision ?

(*b*) How many of them have since been registered ?

(*c*) How many of them are now properly functioning ?

(*d*) What measures Government have taken in respect of the moribund banks ?

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

273. (*a*)—Eighty-nine (Six Large Size and eighty-three Small Size) Societies.

(*b*)—All are registered.

(*c*)—Eighty Societies.

(*d*)—Government is examining if those Credit Banks can be brought under the Schemes of Rehabilitation of the Credit Movement. If it is found that these cannot be brought under the scheme the Societies shall have to be put into liquidation.

Karimganj Co-operative Apex Bank

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether any cases of mis-appropriation were even detected in the Karimganj Co-operative Apex Bank ?

(*b*) If so, who were responsible for such mis-appropriation ?

(*c*) What steps were taken against them ?

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

274. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*)—The matter is *sub-judice*.

Co-operative Trading Centres

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked :

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

(*a*) How many Co-operative Training Centres are there in the State ?

(*b*) Where are they located ?

(*c*) Whether Government think it necessary to open such a centre in Cachar District ?

(*d*) If so, when ?

(*e*) If so, why ?

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

275. (*a*)—Two.

(*b*)—One at Joysagar in the Sibsagar District and the other at Tezpur in the Darrang District.

(*c*)—There is no such proposal at present.

(*d*) & (*e*)—Do not arise.

Number of Motor Accidents during the last All-India Congress Session

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) The number of motor accidents during the last All-India Congress Session within a radius of 50 miles from Gauhati ?

(*b*) How many persons were injured and how many died in these accidents ?

(*c*) What is the approximate amount of loss in this accidents ?

(*d*) What are the main reasons of these accidents ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Project for (Chief Minister) replied :

276. (*a*) to (*d*)—The information has been called for.

Result of Lower Primary Examination in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) When the Lower Primary Examination in Dibrugarh Subdivision was held in 1956-57 ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the result of that Lower Primary Examination was not out till the end of October, 1957 ?

(*c*) Who is responsible for such delay in declaring the result of the Lower Primary Examinations ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that such delay works adversely against the efficiency of the department or the Board concerned ?

(*e*) Whether Government have any proposal to avoid such abormal delay in future ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, (Agriculture for Education) replied :

277. (*a*)—December, 1956.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—The Secretary, State Advisory Board for Basic Education conducts the Examination. The delay was unavoidable.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—Steps have been taken to avoid such delay future.

Solabeel Government Fishery, Gauhati

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossoigaon) asked :
Shri PROKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur) :

*278. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture and Veterinary be pleased to state—

(*a*) When the earthwork of the Solabeel Government Fishery at Gauhati was started ?

(*b*) Who were the tenderers ?

(*c*) The terms and conditions for execution of works ?

(*d*) How many contractors were selected for the work ?

(*e*) How much security money was to be deposited, when it was deposited and refunded after completion of the work ?

(*f*) What were the dates of allotment of work ?

(*g*) When was the work completed ?

(*h*) When was the work of each contractor measured finally ?

(*i*) The amount spent in completing the earth work ?

(*j*) The approximate number of fish reared up there and the amount spent for the same annually ?

(*k*) What is the sale proceed of the same up till now ?

(*l*) What is the anticipated revenue up to the end of the Second Five-Year Plan ?

(*m*) Whether Government propose to appoint an Enquiry Committee with one of the officers of the Public Works Department as one of its members to go into the details of work done and to scrutinise the amount spent ?

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

278. (*a*) *to* (*m*)—Informations are being collected.

Golakganj Experimental Seed Farm

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj) asked :

*279. Will the Minister, Agriculture, be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether lands under Government Agricultural Farm can be ploughed and cultivated under Adhiary System by public ?

(*b*) If so, whether these Adhiars are subject to the protection under Adhiar Protection Act ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that some lands in the Golakganj Experimental Seed Farm in the district of Goalpara have been cultivated under the Adhiary System by public ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that lands from such Adhiars have been snatched away by the Manager of the Farm after 2 (two) crops are raised and that the shares of one crop have not been given to the Adhiars ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (**Minister, Ariculture**) replied :

279. (*a*) *to* (*d*)—Information is being called for.

Temples within the Golakganj Agricultural Farm Compound

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (**Golokganj**) asked :

*280. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that there are two Hindu temples within the compound of the Golakganj Agricultural Farm ?

(*b*) Whether there were public thoroughfares to these temples as these temples are daily visited by the public for giving "Pujas" ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that these thoroughfares have been closed by the farm authority by putting barbed wire fencing round the compound ?

(*d*) Whether Government have received any public representation in this respect ?

(*e*) If so, what steps have been taken by Government ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (**Minister, Agriculture**) replied :

280. (*a*) *to* (*e*)—Information is being called for.

Cases of Black marketing of Corruguted Iron Sheets

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (**Barpeta**) asked :

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

(*a*) How many cases of black marketing of C. I. Sheets were detected and investigated during 1957 ?

(*b*) How many cases were actually sent upto Court in this matter ?

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

*281. (*a*) & (*b*)—Information has been called for.

Kaziranga Game Sanctuary

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

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

(*a*) If the Government have extended the area of Kaziranga Game Sanctuary by evicting the permanent settlers from their patta land of Halodhibari village in Kaziranga Mouza ?

(*b*) If so, whether Government have sanctioned any compensation to those families and provided land for their rehabilitation ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

*282. (*a*)&(*b*)—Information is being called for, and will be furnished when ready.

Shri NAREBDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) : Sir, this question was placed at the last budget session of the Assembly. May I know how long Government will take to reply to this question ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) : Sir, I would like to repeat what I have just now stated. The position is this that this time information has been called for. (*Loud laughter*).

Compensation for lands acquired for Dibrugarh Town Protection Drain

Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

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

(*a*) What was the rate of compensation paid to the people of Dibrugarh who had to part with their lands and dwelling houses to provide land for the Dibrugarh town protection drain and dyke ?

(*b*) Whether the compensation paid by Government was according to the then prevailing market price or at a lower rate ?

(*c*) If the latter, whether Government propose to compensate adequately those persons who lost their lands and dwelling houses ?

(*d*) Will Government allot agricultural lands (waste) to those cultivators whose lands were rendered useless by the Dibrugarh town protection drain ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

*283. (*a*)—Compensation for land was paid at 20 times the revenue. For houses and structures a maximum 20 per cent of the estimated value of the materials was paid as cost of removal.

(*b*)—Compensation was paid at the rates prescribed in the Assam Acquisition of Land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion Act of 1955 which are lower than the market rate.

(*c*)—The Assam Acquisition of land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion Act of 1955 does not provide for higher compensation. But persons affected and found deserving were given land, gratuitous relief and rehabilitation loan in addition to the compensation paid to them.

(*d*)—Government will try to provide them with agricultural lands if and when they receive any petition from them, provided that such land is available.

Lessee of Tezpur Country Spirit Shop

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

*284. Will the Minister-in-charge of Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) Who is the lessee of Tezpur Country Spirit shop at present ?

(*b*) Since when he is holding the shop ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of Excise, Darrang, detected heavy water dilution in the sale barrels of that shop before the last annual settlement of liquor shops ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the Harkahat Country Spirit Shop in Tezpur Subdivision was also detected for the same offence within the same period ?

(*e*) If so, what action was taken by Government in both the cases ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied :

*284. (*a*)—Shri Durgadhar Goswami.

(*b*)—Since 1952-53.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—In the case of (*c*) above, the lessee was warned and the salesman dismissed, and in the case of (*d*) the licence was cancelled and the security of Rs.300 forfeited.

Status of Middle English and Middle Vernacular Schools

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMAH (Digboi) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether the status of Middle English and Middle Vernacular Schools are the same ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that the syllabus for Middle Vernacular Schools except English is much higher than that for Middle English Schools ?

(*c*) If answers to (*a*) and (*b*) above are in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that the responsibilities of Head Masters of Middle English Schools and Head Pandits of Middle Vernacular Schools are the same ?

(*d*) What is the present pay scales of a Head Master of an Middle English School and a Head Pandit of an Middle Vernacular Schools ?

(*e*) The reason for this sort of discrimination in respect of their pay and prospect ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

*285. (*a*)—More or less same.

(*b*)—Middle Vernacular Schools and Middle English Schools roughly have the same syllabus except Middle English Schools teach English and Middle Vernacular Schools teacher extra papers, advance mother tongue and advance mathematics in place of English.

(*c*)—Responsibilities of a headmaster vary from School to School depending on the size of the School. Morever Headmasters of Middle English Schools are expected to be graduates although in most non-Government Middle English Schools, Headmasters are non-graduates. This is allowed as sufficient number of graduates are not available at present. Head Pandits of Middle Vernacular Schools are required to be Normal passed *i.e.*, Middle passed and 3 years training in a Normal School.

(*d*)—Pay scales are as follows :—

Headmasters of Middle English Schools

Government Schools.—In Class II Assam School Service, *i. e.*, in the scale 125—275 (Graduates) and a special pay of Rs. 20.

Non-Government Schools.—Grade pay according to qualifications and a charge allowance of Rs. 10.

Head Pandit of Middle Vernacular Schools.—Grade pay according to qualifications and a charge allowance of Rs.10.

(*e*)—Pay scales have been fixed on the basis of qualifications.

Representation from the public of Silchar for shifting of the bus stand from Premtala to elsewhere

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

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

(*a*) Whether Government have rceeived any representation from Silchar public to shift the present bus stand from Premtala to elsewhere as there is freequent accident and the road is blocked every now and then ?

(*b*) If so, what steps Government have taken on this matter?

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

*286.(*a*)&(*b*)—A resolution adopted by Cachar Motor Vehicles Association has been received, relating to the land accommodation for bus stand. A Committee consisting of Chairman, Municipal Board, Sadar Sub-Deputy Collector and the District Transport Officer, Cachar has been constituted by the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar to examine the matter and to find out suitable land for a Bus stand in place of the existing one.

Re: **The post of Transport Commissioner**

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(*a*) When the post of the Transport Commissioner was created?

(*b*) The names of the incumbents holding the post since the creation till date showing the period of holding the post?

(*c*) The reasons for frequent change of State Transport Commissioner at short intervals?

(*d*) Whether Government realise that the Transport Department is a revenue earning Department and frequent change of Departmental Head affects the collection of Motor Vehicle revenue adversely as well as the efficiency of the Department ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to make the Department permanent immediately ?

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

287. (*a*)—The 16th November 1951.

(*b*)—(1) Shri S. K. Mallick, I. C. S., State Transport Commissioner, Assam from 16th November 1951 to 10th January 1955. He was holding this post in addition to his normal duties as Secretary to the Government of Assam, Transport and Major Industries.

(2) Shri A. Ahmed, I.A.S., 11th January 1955 to 21st July 1955.

(3) Shri L. Sharma, I. A. S., 22nd July 1955 to 7th September 1956.

(4) Shri A. Kevichusa, I. A. S., 8th September 1956 to 16th December 1957.

(5) Shri S. K. Mallick, I. C. S., 17th December 1957 to 26th December 1957.

(6) Shri G. Hamilton, I. P. S., 27th December 1957 to date.

(*c*)—The post of whole-time Transport Commissioner, Assam, has only been created with effect from 11th January 1955. Shri A. Ahmed, I.A. S., was first appointed as whole-time Commissioner on 11th January 1955. As a result of his transfer as Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup District, Shri L. Sharma took over on 22nd July 1955, when Shri L. Sharma was transferred as Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur, Shri A. Kevichusa took over on 8th September 1956. On retirement of Shri A. Kevichusa, Shri G. Hamilton, I. P. S., took over as State Transport Commissioner, Assam on 27th December 1957.

(*d*)—Yes, it is a revenue earning Department. Revenues are collected by the District Transport Officers. The collection of revenue is therefore not affected by the transfer of the Heads of Departments.

(*e*)—The Officers of the Department who have completed five years of service have been made permanent.

Gratuity to the family of late Prafulla Kr. Das, Enforcement Inspector

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (**Rampur**) asked:

*288. Will the Transport Minister be pleased to state whether Government propose to grant a suitable gratuity to the family of late Prafulla Kr. Das, Enforcement Inspector, for his accidental death while on duty on G. S. Road ?

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

288.—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Assistant District Transport Officers in Autonom ous Hills Districts

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*289. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state whether Government propose to post Assistant District Transport Officers in Autonomous Hills Districts ?

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

289.—There is no such proposal.

Office of District Transport Officers

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the offices of the District Transport Officers are located in rented houses which are in most cases in dilapidated conditions ?

(*b*) If so, how many are there in rented houses and what is the total expenditure incurred per year as house rent ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that rented houses are not safe for keeping official records which are mainly concerned with the revenue of motor vehicles ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the records of the District Transport Officers at Goalpara and United Khasi-Jaintia Hills were destroyed in the past, which were kept in rented houses ?

(*e*) Whether Government realise the difficulties of the motoring public for locating the offices of the District Transport Officers in rented houses which are very congested and where there is no sitting arrangement for the public ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose either to accommodate the offices of the District Transport Officer in Government buildings preferably in the compact buildings of Deputy Commissioners' offices or to construct departmental buildings immediately in view of the fact that the Department is earning a revenue of about sixty lakhs for the State ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that Government have purchased a plot of land at Gauhati at a cost of Rs. 46,000 in August 1957 for construction of the office of the District Transport Officer, Kamrup ?

(*h*) If so, why the land has not yet been utilised ?

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

290. (*a*)&(*b*)—There are eight offices of District Transport Officers out of which the following officer are in rented houses :—

(1) Dhubri	...	District Transport Officers Office
(2) Gauhati	...	,, ,,
(3) Nowgong	...	,, ,,
(4) Jorhat	...	,, ,,
(5) Shillong	...	,, ,,

The rented house for Nowgong, Jorhat and Shillong District Transport Officers Offices are very good and well accommodated. The rented house for Dhubri and Gauhati District Transport Officers are not so good. However land for Gauhati District Transport Officers Office has been acquired and construction of the building is being undertaken.

(*c*)—Steps are being taken for construction of departmental building for shifting of the District Transport Officers Offices from rented houses.

(*d*)—The building in which the offices of the District Transport Officer and Superintendent of Police, Shillong were located were destroyed by fire and the office of the District Transport Officer, Goalpara was not destroyed by fire.

(*e*) & (*f*)—Reply given at (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*).

(*g*)—Yes. A plot of land for the construction of the building for the Office of the District Transport Officer at Gauhati have been purchased at Rs. 45,451·19 N.P. only.

(*h*)—Steps are being taken for construction of Office building for the Office of the District Transport Officer, Gauhati.

Representation by fishermen of Bori and Sariapar Villages under Nalbari P. S.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (**Nalbari-West**) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that some of the poor villagers of villages Bori and Sariapar of Mauza Khetri Dharmapur under Nalbari P. S. who are fishermen by profession and belonging to Scheduled Castes have given representation lately to the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup to the effect that they are not allowed to fish in some "beels" by one lessee Keshab Das by name ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that the said lessee Shri Keshab Das of village Sariapar of Mauza Khetri Dharmapur under Nalbari P. S. District, Kamrup has denied to accept the customary dues from the said villagers ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that due to this state of affairs, the poor village fishermen of villages Bori and Sariapar are suffering a lot, as there are no other "beel" in that locality for them ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup has ordered enquiry about a month before to Magistrate, Nalbari who again has sent it to the local police ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that subsequently the villagers submitted an objection petition to the Magistrate, Nalbari stating that the enquiry of the police will not be impartial and fair ?

(*f*) If so, what order has been passed by the Magistrate, Nalbari upon the said objection petition ?

(*g*) Whether the enquiry by police was stopped ?

(*h*) Whether the enquiry report by Magistrate, Nalbari has been completed and submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup ?

(*i*) If so what steps have been taken by the Government on the matter ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

291.(*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—The lessee filed a Petition complaining that some villagers headed by Sri Rajat Gaonbura conspired to fish in the "beel" without his permission.

(*c*)—Government have no information.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—Yes.

(*f*)—As the non F. I. R. case was already submitted to A. D. M., at Gauhati, before receipt of the petition, Magistrate did not take further action.

(*g*)—No.

(*h*)—Does not arise in view of reply to (*f*) above.

(*i*)—Government do not propose to take any action when the case is subjudice in the Court.

Boro Paddy Cultivation at Langting under Project Scheme

Shri HAMDHAN MOHAN HAPLANGBAR [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*292. Will the Minister of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that the Boro cultivation at Langting area under Project Scheme is a total failure ?

(*b*) If so, what measures Government are taking ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

292. (*a*)&(*b*)—The information has been called for.

Maibong Project Area

Shri HAMDHAN MOHAN HAPLANGBAR [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*293. Will the Minister of Community Development Projects be pleased to state—

(*a*) What are the works under different heads that were done by the Project Officer at Maibong ?

(*b*) Since, when the works are done ?

(*c*) Whether the public are actually benefited by them ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that a State Dispensary is already there in Maibong Project Area ?

(*e*) If so, why another dispensary within a radius of about 100 yards is started under Maibong Project area and Project Schemes ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

293. (*a*) to (*e*)—The information has been called for.

Amusement Tax from Cinemas in Shillong

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

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

(*a*) The total revenue collected from amusement tax from different cinema halls in Shillong during the year 1957-58 ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of any evasion of amusement tax by the managements of cinema halls in Shillong ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that the managements of cinema halls in Shillong resort to unfair means in evading the amusement tax ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that the outerfoils of tickets for entrance into the cinema halls in Shillong are not handed over to the picturegoers in the second and third classes, while entering the halls in spite of demand of the outerfoils by the picturegoers ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to keep a regular watch over this by engaging Inspector of Taxes ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister Community Project for Chief Minister) replied :

294. (*a*)—A sum of Rs.1,67,132 was collected during the financial year 1957-58.

(*b*)—No.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Government have no such information.

(*e*)—There are already Inspectors of Taxes or this purpose. They have already been asked to keefp a regular watch over this matter.

State Honorary Opium Prohibition Commissioner

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*295. Will the Minister-in-charge of Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) Who is the Honorary State Opium Prohibition Commissioner and where is his present headquarters ?

(*b*) What are the functions of this Commissioner ?

(*c*) What is the honorarium paid to this Commissioner monthly ?

(*d*) What is the average annual expenditure incurred by this Commissioner for his staff and officers under him within the State ?

(*e*) What are the functions of the Honorary Prohibition Officers ?

(*f*) What is the number of such officers in Assam ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied :

295. (*a*)—The present Honorary Prohibition Commissioner is Shri Mohan Chandra Mahanta and his headquarter is at Nowgong.

(*b*)—The functions of the Honorary Prohibition Commissioner are to organise, supervise and control the non-official Opium Prohibition Organisation, set up for the purposes of the Opium Prohibition Act, 1947.

(*c*)—No honorarium is paid to the Honorary Prohibition Commissioner.

(*d*)—No expenditure is incurred by the Honorary Prohibition Commissioner for his staff and officers.

(*e*)—The functions of the Prohibition Officers are to—

(*i*) mobilise public opinion against opium addiction;

(*ii*) make a survey of the opium addicts and to wean them away from the pernicious habit

(*iii*) keep information about, and watch movements of smugglers and pedlars of contraband opium ;

(*iv*) enter, search, seize and arrest without warrant under Section 20 of the Opium Prohibition Act, 1947.

(*v*) seize and arrest in public places under Section 21 of the Act.

(*f*)—Fourty-two.

Staff of the Assam State Transport

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the All-India State Transport undertakings have arrived at a decision regarding the number of technical staff required to maintain a vehicle ?

(*b*) If so, what is the decision ?

(*c*) What is the actual number of technical staff meant for each vehicle in State Transport, Assam ?

(*d*) Whether Government have collected informations mentioned in (*c*) above from other similar State Transports, such as Uttar Pradesh Roadways, Andhra State Transport, Bombay State Transport ?

(*e*) If so, what ?

*297. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government propose to appoint the requisite number of technical hands in the State Transport Department to remove the dearth of experienced hands for the better maintenance of the vehicles ?

(*b*) If so, when Government will appoint more men ?

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Government have granted weekly holidays to State Transport Department ?

(*b*) If so, when the instruction was issued first ?

(*c*) The reasons for issuing such an order without providing any relieving hand ?

(*d*) Whether Government is aware that to provide weekly holidays to the existing staff at least 1/6th of the present number of staff are to be newly recruited ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that Government have not yet appointed the requisite number of staff ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the order issued to give effect to the weekly holidays to the staff without providing additional hands, was just to satisfy the workers ?

(*g*) Whether Government will arrange to give weekly holidays to State Transport workers at least from now ?

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

296. (*a*) & (*b*)—The All-India Transport undertakings have not yet been made any decisions as to the number of technical personnel required for maintaining a vehicle but the matter is under consideration of the Standing Committee (Technical) of the All-India Transport undertakings.

(*c*)—1·16 per vehicle.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—The figures of staff ratio is given below :—

Staff ratio	Bombay Municipality	Bombay Road Transport Corporation	Uttar Pradesh Roadway	Andhra State Transport	Trivancore Cochin	Assam
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Maintenance and repairs (Technical).	2·28	2·23	Not shown separately total 5·11.	3·46	2·3	1·16

297. (*a*) & (*b*)—In consideration of the operational activities of the State Transport fleet, it is considered that the present strength of the technical and maintenance staff is not insufficient.

298. (*a*)—A reference is invited to the reply No. 586 (*b*) given to the unstarred questions put by the same member.

(*b*)—From the start of the Organisation.

(*c*)—Does not arise.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*)—Does not arise.

(*f*)—No.

(*g*)—Does not arise.

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Bahjani Panchayat

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether one Ananda Mala Barua of Chandkuchi village of Mauza Bahjani under Nalbari Police Station in the district of Kamrup has lately informed the Government that an amount of Rs.1,000 was sanctioned by the Gauhati Local Board to the Bahjani Panchayat to repair the Nalbari Chandkuchi Road, and out of that

amount Rs.800 has been drawn on a bogus bill (without work) by the Secretary of the Panchayat ?

(*b*) Whether the said Ananda Malla Barua has informed the matter to the Chairman, Local Board, Gauhati and Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup on 18th September 1957 and Finance Minister Assam on 18th November 1957 by written petitions for necessary steps ?

(*c*) If so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

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

299. (*a*)—One Ananda Malla Barua submitted a petition on 16th October 1957 to the effect that the amount sanctioned by the Gauhati Local Board for repair of the Nalbari Chandkuchi road was Rs.800 and not Rs.1,000 as alleged. The execution of the work was personally inspected by the Chairman of the Local Board, Gauhati who certified that the work was done satisfactorily and he paid Rs.798·64 N.P. for it on 26th November 1957.

(*b*)—The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup received the petition on 16th October 1957 and not on 18th September 1957 as alleged. No such petition could be traced in the Finance Department.

(*c*)—In view of the position as stated at (*a*) above, Government do not propose to take any action in the matter.

Boat disaster in the Brahmaputra between Gauhati and North Gauhati

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

*300. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Government are aware of the recent boat disaster that took place on or about 25th February, 1958 in the Brahmaputra between North Gauhati and Gauhati resulting in loss of lives of many persons within the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department Ferry at Gauhati ?

(*b*) Whether any enquiry was made into the causes of the disaster ?

(*c*) What is the result of the enquiry ?

(*d*) How many persons were in the boat ?

(*e*) How many persons were drowned ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that there were some Government employees among the victims ?

(*g*) Whether Government are aware that similar boat disasters took place in this portion of the Brahmaputra in previous years ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware that many country boats carrying passengers ply every day between Gauhati and North Gauhati within the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department ferry at Gauhati ?

(*i*) Whether these boats are licensed by any Government or semi-Government authority ?

(*j*) Whether it is a fact that these boatmen charge annas four as toll from each passenger ?

(*k*) Whether it is a fact that the lessee of the Public Works Department ferry realises fees from these boatmen for carrying passengers within the jurisdiction of the ferry ?

(*l*) If replies to question Nos. (*h*), (*i*) (*j*) and (*k*) above or to any of them are in the affirmative, whether it is allowable under ferry rules ?

(*m*) If replies to question Nos. (*h*), (*i*) (*j*) and (*k*) above or to any of them are in the negative whether Government be pleased to enquire into these matters ?

(*n*) In view of the frequency of boat disasters involving loss of lives and in view of the fact that monsoon is fast approaching, whether Government would be pleased to examine the whole matter and take necessary steps to stop immediately plying of country boats carrying passengers within the jurisdiction of this ferry and to increase the number of ferry services if necessary to suit public convenience ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

300.(*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*)—Yes. The cause of the disaster was a sudden storm with hails.

(*d*)—20 persons.

(*e*)—8 persons.

(*f*)—There was only one Government servant.

(*g*)—Yes, one in 1953.

(*h*)—There is no regular private ferry service operating within the limits of the Public Works Department ferry but private boats owned by different persons run occasionally for facility of passengers arriving at the ghats in between the steamer ferry timings.

(*i*)—No . No licence is required for any hand-driven boat whether private or Government.

(*j*), (*k*) & (*l*)—It is understood that toll is realised by the private boatmen who ply occasionally as mentioned in (*h*) above, at rates equal to that of the Government ferry and also another amount equal to the toll to be paid to the lessee of Government ferry as his share under Section 14 of the Northern India Ferries Act, 1878.

The rates of tolls in the Public Works Department ferry per adult is—

Lower Class	...	Rs.0-1-6
Upper Class	...	Rs.0-3-0

The charge levied by the lessee is admissible under Section 14 of the Northern India Ferries Act, 1878, provided the persons use the approaches or landing place of the Public Works Department ferry.

(*m*)—Does not arise in view of reply to (*l*) above.

(*n*)—It is not possible to stop occasional plying of private boats by private individuals unless Sections 13 and 14 of the Northern India Ferries Act, 1878 are amended by the Government of India. As regards increase of number of trips, it is not possible unless two steamers can be provided to run simultaneously one from either bank. Government are trying to arrange steamers by themselves but owing to non-availability of steamers within India and dearth of Foreign Exchange, it is not possible to purchase steamers at the movement.

Burinagar Dispensary, Kamrup District

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government lately received a representation from the public with support of the departmental officers for immediate sanction of grant to Burinagar dispensary in Kamrup District ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that people of Natundeba Mauza in Kamrup district with a population of about 10,000 have no public dispensary for treatment of the diseased ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that the poor people of the said Mauza have constructed a dispensary building of type plan, offered suitable lands a year ago in the hope of taking over of the dispensary by Government ?

(*d*) If so, what steps have been taken for taking over the most needed institution of the people, namely Burinagar Dispensary by Government ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that the area surrounding Burinagar is predominantly inhabited by the people belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

301. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—The matter will receive due consideration as and when proposal is received.

(*e*)—There are about 400 people belonging to the Scheduled Caste in the area.

Sugarcane Development Schemes in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

*302. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) What are the progresses of Sugar-cane Development Schemes in Golaghat Subdivision at Assam Co-operative Sugar Mills area ?

(*b*) How many officers are engaged for that purpose?

(*c*) What are the progress of development (concrete data and necessary particulars to be shown) ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that meetings for such Development Schemes were organised by the Agriculture Department in various places of Golaghat and the officers remain absent without informing the people who were disappointed ?

(*e*) If so, how Government propose to popularise the development Scheme ?

(*f*) How many sugar-cane seeds and manures are distributed to cultivators ?

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

302. (*a*)—Sugar-cane setts of improved varieties are being supplied at subsidised rates with the object of bringing 4,000 acres of new area under cultivation.

(2) Oil-cake, ammonium sulphate and town composts are being distributed at a cost price to the cane growers.

(3) With a view to increasing the cane cultivation, public meetings through audiovisual aids, exhibitions and distribution of leaflets have been organised in order to give wide publicity and propaganda amongst cane growers.

(*b*)—3 Sugar-cane Inspectors and 12 Fieldmen are engaged under the direct supervision of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Upper Assam Valley, Jorhat.

(*c*)—(*i*) *Planting.*—120 lakhs of setts are to be distributed during this season and some setts have already been distributed at Barua-Bamungaon and Borbheta circle. But for want of rain little progress in planting is made at Barpather, Khumtai and other areas. Setts will be planted as soon as the rain starts.

(*ii*) *Distribution of Manure.*—Castor oil cake has been distributed as follows :—

(*a*) Barpathar	150	mds.
(*b*) Barbheta	180	,,
(*c*) Khumtai	100	,,
(*d*) Baruabamungaon	370	,,
Total	800	mds.

Ammonium Sulphate distributed as follows :—

(*a*) Barpathar	100	mds.
(*b*) Barbheta	70	,,
(*c*) Khumtai	100	
(*a*) Baruabamungaon...	135	,,
Total	405	mds.

(*d*) & (*e*)—Information is being collected.

(*f*)—Reply to (*c*) above may kindly be referred to.

Allegation against a teacher of Kenduguri L. P. School and the Head Pandit of Japjup M. V. School

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Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there are several allegations against a teacher of Kenduguri L. P. School in North Lakhimpur, who was previously serving in Jamuguri L. P. School and was the President of Japjup M. V. School ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that an enquiry was made against another teacher of the said Kenduguri L. P. School ?

(*c*) If so, what were the findings of the said enquiry ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that there are some allegations against the Head Pandit of Japjup M. V. School who afterwards became the Assistant Headmaster of the School when Japjup M. V. School and a Girls' M. V. School named Kosturba M. V. School were amalgamated ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that the said teacher was sent for a training in the Sotia Training School in the district of Darrang though there were better candidates ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the Lakhimpur School Board has appointed some teachers in this M. V. and L. P. School who have not passed the teachers' test examination and also some old persons who cannot even see what happens at a distance of one yard ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

303. (*a*)—There was a minor complaint against this teacher.

(*b*) & (*c*)—There might have been routine enquiries about late-attendance, etc., but no enquiry worth reporting was made.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*) Yes, he was sent for training on merit.

(*f*)—No. One Normal passed teacher however who is below 25 years in age, has defective eye-sight, which is not as bad as to disqualify him for the job.

Settlement of Fisheries in Nowgong District

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

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

(*a*) How many fisheries were settled directly in Nowgong district in the year 1956-57 ?

(*b*) How many has been settled directly this year (1957-1958) ?

(*c*) What was the revenue realised from fisheries in Nowgong in 1956-57 and 1957-58 ?

(*d*) In how many cases remissions were granted and what was the total amount of remission granted in 1957-58 ?

(*e*) In how many cases the bids in 1957-58 and 1958-59 have gone up by double the amount that was realised by directly settling the fisheries in 1956-57 ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

304. (*a*)—Nil.

(*b*)—Nil.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*)—Information is being collected.

Lashinga-Balaisuti-Jamarkur Fishery, Barpeta Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldoi) asked:

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

(*a*) Who was the lessee of Lashinga-Balaisuti-Jamarkur fishery under Barpeta Subdivision from the year 1954 to 1957 ?

(*b*) What is the area of the said fishery settled with the said lessee ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that there are some periodic patta lands within the said fishery area ?

(*d*) If so, who are the patta holders and what is the area so settled with them ?

(*e*) Whether any application was received from the lessee for remission on the ground that the area of the fishery so settled does not actually exist due to allocation of pattas?

(*f*) If so, what is the amount sanctioned as remission ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Revenue) replied:

365. (*a*) to (*f*)—Information is being collected.

Hydrological data of the Barak

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

*306. Will the Minister-in-charge of Flood Control be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the State P.W.D. collected the hydrological data of Barak river for flood control measure before 1954 ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that in 1954 one Assistant Engineer of Central Water and Power Commission was deputed to Silchar to collect hydrographic and hydrological data in support of a dam in the Barak basin ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that all preliminary data collected for a dam in Barak basin is quite satisfactory and that the Central Water and Power Commission recommended for a detailed investigation ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that one geologist posted to survey the geological aspects in his preliminary survey found sedimentary rocks in the exposed area of a hill and that only for this reason the scheme is abandoned ?

(*e*) Whether it is also a fact that this geologist also recommended for detailed investigation, *i.e.*, drilling in river bed 10' apart bore hole 200' below bed level ?

(*f*) If so, whether it is done ?

(*g*) Whether all the data collected in support of a dam in Barak basin were referred to the River Research Institute, West Bengal or Poona for model survey ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P.W.D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

306. (*a*)—Yes, only the gauge readings of the Barak.

(*b*)—Yes, for Topographical survey and collection of Hydrometeorological data.

(*c*)—In view of adverse geological reports investigations were suspended by C.W. and P. C. However, action is now being taken to get the matter re-examined.

(*d*)—No. The site was abandoned after drilling one bore hole 200 feet deep and examination of the cores taken out from the hole by the Geological Survey of India.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—Does not arise.

(*g*)—No.

Farniture for Government Offices in Shillong

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(*a*) The number of furniture purchased by Government for different Offices at Shillong during the year 1956-1957 ?

(*b*) The expenditure incurred thereon ?

(*c*) The number of furniture purchased from the Cottage Industries Centre at Shillong during the above years ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to do away with the private furniture suppliers as far as possible with a view to encourage the only Government Cottage Industry Centre at Shillong by expanding the above industry centre ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

307. (*a*)—2,080 Nos.

(*b*)—Rs.47,687-1-6.

(*c*)—49 Nos.

(*d*)—Doing away with purchase from private furniture suppliers may not be possible at present because the said Cottage Industry Centre is purely a training centre and obviously this will have to wait till it is sufficiently developed to meet such demands satisfactorily.

Cinema Halls in Shillong

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

*308. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to enquire and state—

(*a*) The rates of admission fees to the different classes in the Cinema halls in Shillong ?

(*b*) The rates of entertainment tax for entry into the different classes of the cinema halls in Shillong?

(*c*) Whether Government is aware that the rate of admission fees is the highest in the State at Shillong ?

(*d*) If so, why ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that the sitting arrangements in the cinema halls in Shillong are the worst in comparison to those of other cinema halls in major towns in Assam ?

(*f*) Whether Government are aware of the recent enhancement of admission fees in all the cinema houses in Shillong ?

(*g*) Whether this enhancement is effected as a result of converting the old rates of admission fees to decimal coinage ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware that this conversion is not the exact or nearest equivalent of the old rates ?

(*i*) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps to bring the rate of admission fees in the cinema halls in Shillong in line with those prevalent in other cinema halls in Assam ?

(*j*) Whether Government propose to urge the managements of the cinema halls in Shillong to improve the sitting arrangements in their cinema halls ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

308. (*a*)—

Name of Cinema Halls	Balcony	Special Class	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	Gallery	Inter Class
Bijou ...	1·86 NP	...	1·31NP	94NP	40NP	99NP	..
Kelvin ...	..	...	1·86NP	94NP	40NP	99NP	...
Garrison ...	..	1·86NP	1·31NP	94NP	40NP	...	99NP
Singhania	1·45NP	...	1·31NP	94NP	40NP	99NP	...

(*b*)—

Bijou ...	70NP	...	50NP	25NP	10NP	25NP	...
Kelvin ...	...	...	70NP	25NP	10NP	25NP	...
Garrison ...	...	70NP	50NP	25NP	10NP	...	25NP
Sinhgania	55NP	...	50NP	25NP	10NP	25NP	...

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—It is reported that in Shillong the number of cinema-goers is comparatively less than those of other districts and the cost of maintenance of Cinema Houses is higher than those of other districts.

(*e*)—The sitting arragements in the Cinema Halls in Shillong are not as good as in some other cinema houses.

(*f*)—Yes.

(*g*)—Yes.

(*h*)—Yes.

(*i*)—The suggestion will be considered.

(*j*)—Yes.

Appointment of Special Officers

Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKUR asked :

*309. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state --

(a) How many Special Officers have been appointed by Government in different Departments after the statement made by the Finance Minister that the appointment of Special Officers would be discouraged ?

(b) Which are the Departments that have no Special Officers ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

309. (a)---Thirteen. Of them seven posts have been terminated since.

(b)---Excepting Transport, Development (Community Projects), Planning and Development (including Organisation and Methods Division), Relief and Rehabilitation, Supply, Passport, Finance, Tribal Areas and General Administration Departments, there is no Special Officer to Government in any other Department.

Philobari Reclamation Project

Shri MALIA TATI (Doomdooma): asked:

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

(a) What is the total area of the Philobari Reclamation Project ?

(b) What is the area so far reclaimed ?

(c) What amounts so far have been spent in this project ?

(d) How many families have been settled there ?

(e) How many of them are from earthquake and flood-affected areas and how many of them are landless ?

(f) How many families left after settlement ?

(g) What is the amount proposed to be spent in the next year and for what purpose ?

(h) What is the area still to be settled ?

(i) Whether water for drinking and cultivation purposes is available in the area ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

310. (a) to (i)—Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur and the Joint Director of Agriculture, Shillong

Public Works Department and Road-*cum*-Embankment

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

*311. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the repairing works of the breaches of Public Works Department and **Road-*cum*-Embankment** in Majuli have not yet been started ?

(b) If so, whether Government are aware that the said breaches are harmful and dangerous to the entire area of Majuli ?

(c) Whether Government propose to take immediate steps towards the completion of the repairing works of the roads and bunds in Majuli ?

(d) If not, why not ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister of Flood Control, etc.) replied :

311. (a)—No, repairing works of the breaches in embankments in Majuli under Flood Control and Irrigation Wing of Public Works Department were completed long time back.

(b), (c) & (d)—Do not arise.

Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked :

*312. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any sitting of the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board was held during the last year ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that many important projects connected with the life of many villages could not be taken up due to non-sitting of the Board mentioned in (a) above ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that a vast rice producing area will become barren this year if the work of training the small rivers, Sessa, Dorpang, Pichala and Gabhoru in North Lakhimpur Subdivision is not taken up early ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control, etc., etc.) replied :

312. (a)—No sitting of the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board was held last year.

(b)—No. The Second Five Year Plan for Embankment, Drainage and Minor Irrigation Works of the State which comprises two programmes namely, (1) Flood Control Programme, and (2) Minor Irrigation (including Drainage and Reclamation) under the Agriculture Sector, has been drawn up according to priority and availability of funds. The Flood Control Programme which is under Central Sector has been drawn up with the approval of the State Technical Committee and the State Flood Control Board as constituted under the direction of the Government of India. The Minor Irrigation Programme comprises mainly the incomplete Schemes of the First Five Year Plan which were undertaken on the advice of the last Embankment and Drainage Advisory Committee.

(c)—No. The problems of these small rivers are under observation, Government do not however apprehend any possibility of the area rendering barren this year.

Allotment of money to Schools damaged by Storm

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*313. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—
(a) Whether any money has been allotted for the Schools damaged by Storm in Dakshin Sarubangsha Mouza and Pubsamaria Mouza in South Kamrup ?
(b) Whether the Department called for a list of such Schools from the M.L.A. concerned ?
(c) If so, did the M.L.A. submit the list ?
(d) If so, when was the list submitted ?
(e) When was the list forwarded by the School Department at Gauhati to Shillong ?
(f) When was the money allotted School-wise ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

313. (a)—Yes.
(b)—Yes.
(c)—Yes.
(d)—On 7th August 1957.
(e)—On 23rd September 1957.
(f)—Between December 1957 and March 1958.

M. M. M. C. Girls' High School

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

*314. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state--

(a) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the M.M.M.C. Girls' High School is the only institution catering the needs of girls' education in Karimganj ?

(b) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the said institution is running for few years with over 1,100 students in 19 sections in 16 rooms only and that the number of students in some sections double the number prescribed in the education manual ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that in the year 1957 three sections were held in most congested school boarding rooms ?

(d) Whether Government are aware of the fact that classes for music, sewing, tailoring, weaving and such other classes, which are most essential in girls' education, could not be held for want of accommodation and that these specialised teachers were deputed to hold general classes to meet the shortage of teachers ?

(e) If so, what steps Government have taken to provide better arrangements for the cause of spreading education ?

(f) Whether Government are aware of the fact that to expand girls' education a school, namely, Biraja Sundari Girls' M. E. School, was started 5 years back by some leading public of Karimganj which have pucca building qualified staff and a good percentage of successful candidates every year ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the school authority have been praying for grant-in-aid all these years without any result ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that the school authorities approached Government for necessary sanction to start classes VII and VIII to meet the need of the locality and to provide facilities to other girls who have been refused admission by the authorities of other schools of Karimganj ?

(i) Whether it is a fact that Government refused to give necessary sanction for unspecified reasons ?

(j) Whether Government propose to accord necessary sanction so that the school authority may start classes VII and VIII this year to provide a large number of girls, who are sitting idle without having any chance of getting themselves admitted in any school ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Education Minister) replied :

314.—Information is being collected.

Rokakhata Government Aided H. E. School

Mvi. JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilashipara) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that Rokakhata Government Aided H. E. School in Dhubri Subdivision was without managing committee from December, 1955 to November, 1956 ?

(b) If so, who managed the affairs of the school during the period stated above ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that even now the managing committee of Rokakhata H. E. School is an *ad-hoc* Managing Committee ?

(d) Whether any guardian was elected representing the student in the said school committee in April, 1958 ?

(e) Who are the members and what are their names and addresses ?

(f) Whether the *ad-hoc* committee for the school was formed after or before the election of the guardian representatives ?

(g) Why regular managing committee was not formed with elected member uptill now ?

(h) How long Government propose to run the school with an *ad-hoc* managing committee ?

(i) The reason for managing the affairs of the school with an *ad-hoc* managing committee though the members of the managing committee were duly elected and nominated ?

(j) Whether Government have received representation from public as well as from guardian regarding detection of mismanagement and defalcation of

money of Rokakhat school fund and discrepancies in the school account, by the Inspector of Schools, L. A. Circle, Gauhati, repeatedly during 1954, 1955 and 1956 ?

(k) What action Government have taken in the matter up till now ?

(l) Whether the same kind of petitions and representations were received by the Director of Public Instruction, Assam, during 1954, 1955, 1956 and in 1957 ?

(m) who is the headmaster of the School ?

(n) Who are the members of the *ad-hoc* committee ?

(o) Whether the headmaster is an office bearer of the *ad-hoc* committee ?

(p) Whether the headmaster is a Congressman and member of the Congress Committee ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge of Education) replied :

315.—Information is being collected.

Dakshin Kamrup Vidyapith

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*316. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state :

(a) Whether he has lately received any representation for non-recurring and recurring grants for the Dakshin Kamrup Vidyapith, Tinali ?

(b) When this school and the Barihat (Aamranga) School were started ?

(c) What is the number of students (on roll) of these two schools for the last three years ?

(d) What is the staff of these two schools ?

(e) How many buildings (with size) these two schools have ?

(f) How many students appeared in M. E. Examination and Matriculation Examination from these two schools in the last three years and what are the results ?

(g) Whether these schools have been inspected and if so, when were these schools inspected and by whom ?

(h) Whether the Director of Public Instruction has visited the Dakshin Kamrup Vidyapith ?

(i) What is the reason for the Government not granting recognition and aid to this school (Dakshin Kamrup Vidyapith) ?

(j) Whether the Minister proposes to direct the Director of Public Instruction to inspect these schools immediately ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

316. (a)—No.

(b), (c), (d) and (e)—Information are being collected.

(f)—A statement is placed below in respect of M. E. Examination. Informations regarding Matric Examination are not readily available.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES APPEARED IN M. E. EXAMINATION SINCE 1955

Name of School	Year	Number of candidates	Candidates appeared	No. of candidates passed	No. of candidates failed	Remarks
Dakshin Kamurp Vidyapith	1955	27	27	20	7	Centre of M. E. Examination Palasbari.
	1956	43	43	31	12	
	1957	27	26	22	4	
Amranga Barihat Venture High School	1955	Nil	..	..	..	Centre of M. E. Examination Palasbari for 1956 and Rampur for 1957.
	1956	41	41	31	10	
	1957	30	39	22	8	

(g)—The Inspector of Schools, Lower Assam Circle inspected them in 1956.

(h)—No.

(i)—The Schools have not yet been recommended for recognition, by the Inspecting Officer concerned.

(j)—Yes.

Schools receiving grants under Article 275

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

*317. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state Subdivision-wise—

(a) What are the names of the schools which have been favoured with the grants under Article 275 of the Constitution since the year 1953 to 31st December, 1957?

(b) Total number of Tribal students reading in each of the schools receiving grants under Article 275 of the Constitution?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas Department) replied:

317. (a) & (b)—A statement showing the names of the schools together with their enrolment in each case is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 37).

Price of Sugar

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*318. Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state—

(*a*) What was the price of sugar at Gauhati and Shillong on 2nd March, 1958?

(*b*) What was the wholesale price of sugar in Calcutta?

(*c*) What was the reason for this extraordinary rise in prices?

(*d*) What steps Government have taken to bring down the prices?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that the Trade Adviser of this Government in Calcutta is refusing to allot wagon to sugar traders of Assam.?

(*f*) How many wagons were allotted for carrying sugar as from 20th February to 1st March 1958 and who are the allottees ?

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

318. (*a*)—Rs.53 to Rs. 56 per maund at Gauhati and Rs.58 to Rs. 62 per maund at Shillong.

(*b*)—Rs.37/3/0 to Rs. 37/6/0 per maund.

(*c*)—The main reason was gradual depletion of stocks owing to operational restrictions on Railway booking beyond Katihar for about a month.

(*d*)—The State Government took steps for distribution of certain quantities of sugar in co-operation with Mercantile bodies at reasonable prices through Fair Price Shops.

Two adhoc specials of sugar were arranged by taking up the matter with the Railway Administration.

The local officers have been alerted to keep strict vigilance over the consignments of sugar received by the allottees and not to recommend the cases of those who resort to malpractices for any transport facilities.

Government have asked for reports from local officers about malpractices resorted to by dealers who had existing stocks. Steps will be taken to see that those who did not behave properly and took advantage of the situation do not get any facilities from Government.

The Government of India have also been requested to allow some sugar mills to remove some stocks at important trade centres in Assam so that there might not be any crisis owing to temporary booking restrictions.

The Railway authorities have been requested to allow movement of sugar and other essential foodstuffs despite temporary restrictions in future and keep the State Government informed about such restrictions promptly.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—189 Wagons.

The names of the allottees are placed on the Library Table. (Please see Library Register No.S.38).

Allegation against Shri J. Duara, Executive Engineer, Dibrugarh

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*319. Will the Minister-in- harge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Chief Engineer received a representation lately from the Secretary, Dibrugarh Contractors' Association regarding abuse of Government money in Public Works Department works in M. C. B. C. Subdivision by Mr. J. Duara, Executive Engineer, Dibrugarh ?

(*b*) Whether the allegations mentioned in the said representation of 9th September, 1957 have been enquired into ?

(*c*) If not, why not ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that Mr. Duara has recently been given extension of service ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

319. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes. The matter was investigated by Superintending Engineer, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat and found baseless.

(*c*)—Does not arise.

(*d*)—No. There is a proposal to re-employ him as Executive Engineer after his retirement.

Detection of buses plying on Public roads without Permit

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether the Police has any control ovr the buses and lorries plying on the roads ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the bus which was involved in a recent road accident on 8th March, 1958 causing death of ten persons, had no road permit and that the driver had also no licence ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that this very bus was plying in the Bihpuria-Badati road for the last one year and that the Police Station at Bihpuria is taking no notice ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that there are many such vehicles in the State which are plying without any permit ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps to stop such plying of buses and lorries without any permit ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

320. (*a*)—Under the Motor Vehicles Act, the Police has control over the traffic of all types of motor vehicles plying in public places and roads.

(*b*)—Yes, it is a fact.

(*c*)—Plying of the bus on public road without requisite permit was first detected by the Bihpuria Police on 15th October 1957 and then again on 9th December 1957. Both the owner of the bus and the driver were prosecuted under the Motor Vehicles Act on both occasions.

(*d*)—Yes. Action is taken against such vehicles under the Motor Vehicles Act, as and when detected.

(*c*)—Regular police check and mobile courts are held in all the Districts to deal with any infringement of the Motor Vehicles Act and Rules including plying of motor vehicles without permit.

Dacoity cases in Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai) asked:

*321. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of dacoity cases registered in Mangoldai subdivision during the period from 1st April 1953 to 31st March 1958 and how many of them were detected ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

31.—The information has been called for.

Tribal Grant for a well at Jalah Gaon, Mangaldoi Subdivision

Shri PAKHIRAI DEKA [Panery (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

*322. Will the Minister, Tribal Areas, be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that an amount was sanctioned for well from tribal grant at Jalah Gaon, Dakua Mouza, Mangaldoi Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the agency was given to the Local Board, Mangaldoi ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the well has been completed just near the house of a Local Board employee who is not a tribal ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied:

322. (*a*)—Yes, Rs.750 was sanctioned.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—The original site selected by the Local Board being to near the stream was considered unsafe. The well was, therefore, constructed at a distance of about 100 yards from the original site considered to be safe. The distance of the well from the house of the Local Board Road Moharrir is about 75 feet away ?

Children's Parks in Shillong

Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj-North) asked:

*323. Will the Minister-in-charge of L.S-G. be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many children's park are there in the town of Shillong ?

(*b*) Whether the Shillong Municipal Board has taken in hand any scheme for increasing the number of such parks ?

(*c*) Whether Government realise that with the increase in population and large-scale settlement of land in Shillong, open spaces where children used to play are fast disappearing and that it is becoming increasingly difficult for our smaller generation to relax and take the minimum amount of physical exercise which is essential for the health of their body and mind ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that the children do not get any opportunity to intermix with children of different communities, which is so very necessary for building up a United India ?

(*e*) If the answers to (*c*) and (*d*) are in the affirmative, whether Government propose to give liberal grants to the Shillong Municipality for construction as many children's parks as possible ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the inhabitants of Madan Laban, Upper Laban and Kench's Trace, both Khasis and non-Khasis, submitted an application to the Vice-Chairman, Shillong Municipal Board in March last year for constitution of a children's park in the Madan Laban

catchment area, which is the only sizeable open space of land in the above localities and is ideally suited for a children's park ?

(*g*) Whether it is also a fact that the Board approved of the proposal and the Vice-Chairman sometime in August 1956 enquired of the Deputy Commissioner, Shillong whether he had any objection to the construction of a children's park in the aforesaid area ?

(*h*) If the answer to (*g*) is in the affirmative whether the views of the Deputy Commissioner have since been forwarded to the Municipal Board ?

(*i*) If not, whether Government propose to instruct the Deputy Commissioner to expedite the matter so that the Municipal Board may go ahead with this scheme ?

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

323. (*a*) to (*i*)—The reports have been called for.

Mangaldoi Local Board

Shri PAKHIRAI DEKA [Panery (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

(*a*) What was the total expenditure incurred by Mangaldai Local Board during the financial year ending 31st March, 1958 ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the Mangaldai Local Board has sanctioned some non-recurring grants to certain Middle English Schools in Mangaldai Subdivision in the year 1955-56 ?

(*c*) If so, when the approval of Government was obtained and what was the amount granted to each of the schools by the Board ?

(*d*) Whether the amounts sanctioned were paid or not ?

(*e*) If not, why ?

(*f*) What is the amount drawn by the Chairman, Local Board, Mangaldai as T. A. per month from July, 1956 till date ?

(*g*) What is the amount drawn by the peon to the Chairman, Mangaldai Local Board as T. A. from July, 1956 till date and for what purpose the T. A. was drawn ?

(*h*) When the Jeep belonging to Mangaldai Local Board was purchased and at what cost ?

(*i*) What is the monthly repairing cost incurred by Local Board, Mangaldai for the said Jeep ?

(*j*) Whether any log book has been maintained for the said Jeep or not ?

(*k*) If not, why ?

(*l*) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Local Board, Mangaldai used to draw the regular mileage though he actually traveled with the Local Board Jeep ?

(*m*) Whether Government will be pleased to take necessary action to recover the unauthorised amount drawn by him ?

(*n*) How many times the Jeep of the Mangaldai Local Board used to cross the ferry Ghat at North Gauhati during the period from August, 1956 till date and for what purposes ?

(*o*) Whether it is a fact that the Local Board, Mangaldai, has constructed a new office building ?

(*p*) If so, what was the total expenditure incurred for the said purpose ?

(*q*) What was the Government contribution made to the said building ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied:

324. *(a) to (q)*—Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang.

Issue of Certificate under Sub-section (1) of Section 5 of Assam Act XIII of 1951

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government have for the purpose of issuing certificate under Sub-section (1) of Section 5 of Assam Act XIII of 1951, appointed any certifying officer for the Nowgong Town area ?

(b) If so, who are they and whether they are acting as such ?

(c) If not, how the necessary certificates are being issued there ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that he present policy of the Government is to preserve certain cattle by controlling the slaughter thereof ?

(e) If so, whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong by allowing issue of certificate by the Veterinary Officer alone in direct contravention of Section 5 of the said Act has relaxed the enforcement of this Act in Nowgong ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that Veterinary Officer, Nowgong, refused certificate for slaughter of certain cattle and put cross mark on the horns of the cattle on the ground that the cattle did not fall in any of the categories for recommending them fit for slaughter ?

(g) If so, whether any appeal to the State Government according to the provisions of law was preferred against the order or refusal ?

(*h*) If the answer is in the affirmative what was the decision of the State Government and how this decision was arrived at ?

(*i*) Whether it is a fact that the charge of the Veterinary Officer of Nowgong Town was taken over and handed out to some officer :

(*j*) If so, why ?

(*k*) Whether the activities of this officer was properly enquired into by a superior technical officer ?

(*l*) If so, what is the opinion of the said superior officer and how it was arrived at ?

(*m*) How many slaughter houses for slaugtering cattle are there in the Nowgong Town ?

(*n*) How many cattle are being slaughtered daily in Nowgong Town ?

(*o*) How many heads of cattle were produced before the appropriate authority for issue of slaughter during the period from 1956 (October) to 1958 (March) in the Nowgong Town area ?

(*p*) How many certificates were issued by the appropriate authorities during that period ?

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

325. (*a*) *to* (*l*) Informations are being collected.—

Mangaldai Government Veterinary Dispensary

Shri DANDI RAM DATTA (Mangaldai) asked :

*326. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary and Live-stock be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether any representation was lately received by Government regarding the shifting of the Mangaldoi Government Veterinary Dispensary to a suitable place ?

(*b*) If so, whether Government propose to shift the same for the interest of the general public ?

(*c*) Whether there is any proposal to open a Key Village Centre attached to it ?

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

326. (*a*) *to* (*c*)—Informations, are being collected.

Transport Vehicles and Stage Carriage

Shri PAKHIRAI DEKA [Panery (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

(*a*) Who is the local agent for supplying diesel oil to the State Transport Vehicles at Mangaldai ?

(*b*) Whether any tender or quotation was called for the said purpose ?

(*c*) If not, why ?

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

(*a*) When the Mangaldai Motor Transport Co., Ltd., in Mangaldai Subdivision was registered ?

(*b*) What is the strength of share holders of the said Company ?

(*c*) What is the strength of Board of Directors ?

(*d*) What is the amount paid to the shareholders annually as *bonus* since the formation of the company ?

(*e*) Whether there is any security of service of the employees serving under the said Company ?

(*f*) What is the scales of pay given to driver, handy-men, conductor, mechanics and office assistants of the M. M. T. Co., Ltd.

(*g*) What is the present pay of the General Manager of the said Company ?

(*h*) Who is the Managing Director of the M. M. T. Co., Mangaldai ?

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

(*a*) How many permits have been granted for stage carriage in the Mangaldai-Bhutiachang route in Darrang District ?

(*b*) How many of them are granted to M/S Mangaldai Motor Transport ?

(*c*) What are the registration numbers of the vehicles belonging to M/S. M. M. T. Co. Ltd., Mangaldai, that run in the said route ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that almost all the buses belonging to M/S. M. M. T. Co. Ltd., that run in the said route are in wretched condition ?

(*e*) How many permits have been granted to M/S M. M. T. Co. Ltd., Mangaldai, for contract carriages in Mangaldai Subdivision ?

(*f*) How many vehicles are actually used against the permit issued and what are the registration number ?

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a contract carriage permit was given to one Shri Suk Ram Deka to ply a vehicle in the Mangaldai Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether it is also a fact that one Surjja Mahajan of Tangla is the Benamdar of that permit ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to make a thorough enquiry into the matter ?

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

327, 328, 329 *and* 330—Informations are being collected.

Bedang Chapari Grazing

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

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the erosion affected Tribal people of Chaparigaon in Namalabari Mauza, Majuli, had been given temporary settlement in Bedang Chapari grazing by the A.S.O., Majuli, some years back ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the said people are going to be evicted now ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the Bedang Chapari grazing is now being affected by the erosion of the Lohit ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the Bedang Chapari is only a nominal grazing and people do not generally use to graze their cattle in this grazing ?

(*e*) If the reply to (*c*) and (*d*) above are in the affirmative, whether Government would allow the said landless people to settle in the Bedang Chapari grazing till they are provided with suitable land elsewhere ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

331. (*a*)—Yes. An area of 325 bighas of land from the Bedang Chapari V.G.R. was temporarily dereserved for 3 years nd was allotted to the flood affected Miri people of Chapari Mirigaon.

(*b*)—After expiry of these three years these people have been asked to vacate the land. Eviction proceedings have not yet been undertaken.

(*c*)—A small portion of the V.G.R. has been eroded by the Lohit River.

(*d*)—No, Bedang Chapari is an important V.G.R. in the circle. During flood the neighbouring villagers keep their cattle there, and there is no other Chapari in the locality to provide shelter to the cattle during flood.

(*e*)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Establishment of Co-operative Office at Sorbhog

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government has given necessary sanctions for the establishment of Co-operative Office at Sorbhog ?

(*b*) If so, whether the sanctioning orders were published in the *Assam Gazette* ?

(*c*) If not why not ?

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

332. (*a*)—At sometime a Co-operative Office was sanctioned at Sorbhog but the order had to be subsequently revised.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—The hon. Member is referred to the replies to the Unstarred Question No. 585 replied in the Assembly in its meeting on 24th April 1958.

M/S. Bhimraj Chowthmall of Dibrugarh

Shri MANIK CHANDRA DAS (Tengakhat) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the firm, M/S. Bhimraj Chowthmall of Dibrugarh is an Agent appointed by Government for procuring Cement and C. I. Sheets?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that Shri Bhimraj Chowthmall and Shri Gauri Sankarlal Chowthmall who are father and son are partners of the said firm?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the said firm took a permit for 50 (fifty) bags of cement in its name in the latter part of the year 1955 or so?

(*d*) If so, for what reasons?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that the partner, Shri Gauri Sankarlal Chowthmall also took a permit for 10 bags of cement in his name from the same consignment?

(*f*) If so, for what reasons?

(*g*) Whether Government are aware that both the partners live in the same house?

(*h*) Whether two permits are generally issued from the same consignment in the names of two different members of the same family?

(*i*) If not, what action Government propose to take in this matter?

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

333. (*a*)—The firm is not a procurement Agent but a registered dealer in Cement and C. I. Sheets.

(*b*)—Bhimraj Chowthmall is not the name of a particular person but the name of a firm. Shri Chouthmall Agarwalla and Shri Gaurisankar Agarwalla who are father and son respectively are also the partners of the said firm.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—For extension of their cement and fertilizer godown.

(*e*)—Yes, but not from the same consignment.

(*f*)—For extension and repair of a partition wall of the residential premises of Shri Gaurisankar Agarwalla and others.

(*g*)—Yes.

(*h*)—No.

(*i*)—Does not arise.

Distribution of Yarn

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked:

*334. Will the Minister-in-charge of Sericulture and Weaving be pleased to reply—

(*a*) The principles of Government regarding distribution of yarn through the Government emporia ?

(*b*) Whether any directives are issued to the distributing officers ?

(*c*) Whether the yarn in the Government emporia is intended for distribution to any particular individual dealer at the discretion of the officer or for equitable distribution to all *bona fide* weavers ?

(*d*) Whether it is within the powers of the Officers to issue yarn on credit ?

(*e*) If so, to what extent ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that while there was acute scarcity of yarn in the market and the weaver had been suffering very badly for this shortage a few years ago, the present Deputy Director, Marketing, Cottage Industries Departmeni while a Marketing Officer in charge of Gauhatt Emporium used to issue every month about 15 to 20 bales of yarns worth about Rs.25,000 to a particular dealer of Karimganj (Emigrant from East Pakistan) generally on credit ?

(*g*) If so, whether these were done under orders of Government ?

(*h*) If not, what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken against the officer for the unauthorised deal and also for the realisation of the outgoing amount of about Rs.12,000 still due from the said particular dealer ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Sericulture) replied:

334. (*a*) *to* (*h*)—The information has been called for.

Government Emporia

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (**Nazira**) asked :

*335. Will the Minister-in-charge of Weaving and Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) The steps generally taken in case of shortages in the stocks of the different Government emporia ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that a shortage of about Rs. 35,000 in the stock of the Government Emporium and Central Stores at Gauhati had occurred when the present Deputy Director of Marketing, Cottage Industries Department was in charge of the said emporium as Marketing Officer ?

(*c*) If so, what steps have been taken to fix up the liability and responsibility for this shortage ?

(*d*) What steps were taken or proposed to be taken against the Officer or Officers responsible for the shortage ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that articles worth Rs. 7,000 were issued on credit to same influential political high-ups by the said Officer ?

(*f*) If so, for what purpose ?

(*g*) Why the amount involved, which formed a good part of the working capital of the emporium was allowed to remain blocked in the shape of credit outstanding ?

(*h*) What steps have been taken or proposed to be taken for realisation of this amount lying outstanding for a pretty long time ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Weaving and Cottage Industries) replied :

335. (*a*) to (*h*)—Materials are being collected.

Rehabilitation of flood and Erosion affected People

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

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

(*a*) Whether any amount of money has been kept earmarked in the Second Five Year Plan for permanently rehabilitating the flood and erosion-affected people of the State ?

(*b*) If so, what is the total amount so earmarked ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

336. (*a*) & (*b*)—No. The necessary amounts are provided in the annual State Budgets.

Falongani Reclamation Project and Composite Research Station, Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

*337. Will the Minister, Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many acres of land have been reclaimed under the Falongani Reclamation Project at Golaghat Subdivision ?

(*b*) How many acres of land have been distributed in the meantime to the cultivators ?

(*c*) What steps have been taken to keep the reclaimed land free from growing jungles, etc. ?

(*d*) Who is the final authority of the reclaimed land, *i.e.*, whether the Agriculture Department or the Revenue Department ?

(*e*) Whether there is any Committee for distribution of the reclaimed lands to the cultivators ?

(*f*) If so, who are the personnel of the said Committee and the number of sittings of the said Committee held during 1956-57 ?

(*g*) What is the target of reclamation of land under the Project ?

(*h*) Whether there is any farm of the Agriculture Department in the said reclaimed area ?

(*i*) What is the total cost of the project uptil now and the amount further required for its completion ?

*338. Will the Minister, Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) The progress so far made in Composite Research Station for black pepper, cashewnut, etc., at Khanikar in Missamora mouza, Golaghat Subdivision ?

(*b*) What amount has till date been spent for the said farm ?

(*c*) Who is the proper authority of the said Farm ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that a large amount of building grant lapsed in the year 1956-57 ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that there is no office and other quarters for the officials of that farm except two small rooms ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to enquire about the progress of said farm and take necessary steps for its improvement ?

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

337. (*a*)—3,971 bighas.

(*b*)—1,548 bighas of land approx.

(*c*)—Steps are being taken to allot the reclaimed land without delay and to bring it under Ahu, Sugarcane and others.

(*d*)—Revenue Department.

(*e*)—Yes, there is one land Settlement Advisory Committee for distribution of the reclaimed land.

(*f*)—The following are the personnel—

(1) Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar,

(2) Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat.

(3) Shri D. Hazarika, M.L.A.

(4) Shri R. N. Barua, M.L.A.

(5) Project Officer, Convener.

Two sittings of the Committee were held during 1956-57.

(*g*)—16,686 bighas.

(*h*)—Yes, a seed farm since 1956-57.

(*i*)—(1) Engineering Section—Expenditure from October, 1956 to February, 1958—Rs.6,12,954·00. Further requirement for its completion is estimated at Rs.29,41,046·00.

(2) Development Project side—From 1956-57 to 1957-58—Rs.3,04,573·58. Further requirement for its completion is Rs.21,95,426·42 Np.

338. (*a*)—Research and experiment for the plantation of pepper, cashewnut and cardamon which are new introduction in this State are in progress. Various varieties of these crops have been collected from South India and placed under trial in Nursery beds.

(*b*)—Rs.52,000.

(*c*)—Agriculture Department.

(*d*)—No, it is not a fact.

(*e*)—The proposal for the construction of office building and staff quarters are under consideration of the Government.

(*f*)—Government are examining the progress from time to time and will take whatever steps necessary for further improvement.

Taking up of certain roads by Public Works Department in Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai) asked:

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

(*a*) In which year the undermentioned roads in the Mangaldoi Subdivision were taken over by the Public Works Department and what were the amount sanctioned for each road for the purpose—

(*i*) Dumnichowki-Khatara, and

(*ii*) Mangaldoi-Majikuchi ?

(*b*) What is the progress of works till date ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that contractors who have got no lorries in their names are not entitled to have contract for collection and carriage of gravels ?

(*d*) If so, whether Government propose to remove this bar ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [(Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

339. (*a*) *to* (*d*)—The information have been called for.

Fakirganj Kharmuja Embankment under Test Relief Work in Dhubri Subdivision

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked:

*340. Will the Minister for Flood Control be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Relief Committee under the Dhubri District Congress worked for the Test Relief Work of Fakirganj Kharmuja Embankment under the presidentship of Shri Sarat Chandra Singha for the portion which falls under Dhubri Subdivision ?

(*b*) When this bund was completed ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the labourers for that work has not yet been fully paid of their dues ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that matter of non-payment to labourers was discussed in the annual sitting of the Dhubri District Congress Committee at Kokrajhar in the month of July, 1956 ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that Minister, Shri R. N. Brahma, was also present in that meeting ?

(*f*) Whether Government has seen the report published in the issue of the weekly 'Juger Alo' of 28th July, 1956 in this respect ?

(*g*) Whether the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara received petitions from the labourers who worked under the said Relief Committee about non-payment of labour charges ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that the said Committee has been again entrusted with reconstruction work of the washed away portion of the said embankment ?

(*i*) If so, why ?

(*j*) Whether Government propose to cancel the agency of the said repair work for the washed away portion of the embankment near Borkakali and select a new agency on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of local M Ps. and M.L.As. to look to the interest of the labourers?

(*k*) Whether Government propose to take immediate action in the matter ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

340. (*a*)—The works were executed by the local flood affected people on test relief basis who formed into groups and obtained contract for the work from the Public Works Department in the name of their group leaders. These people were organised by the Test Relief Committee formed for the purpose.

(*b*)—In the year 1955-56.

(*c*)—Government have no such information.

(*d*)—Government have no information.

(*e*)—May be.

(*f*)—It was seen on receipt of this question.

(*g*)—No.

(*h*)—The work of construction of the retired embankment is also being executed by the local affected people on test relief basis in the same procedure as was followed in the case of construction of the original embankment.

(*i*)—It was a test relief work and local affected people had to be engaged for which the Government considered this system to be most suitable.

(*j*)—The work is in progress and the Department does consider it desirable to cancel the contracts of the group leaders unless their progress of work proves unsatisfactory as apart from other considerations any change of agency at this stage will render it very difficult to complete the work before floods.

(*k*)—Does not arise.

Increased Dearness Allowance to Aided High Schools Teachers

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (**Saikhowa**) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to sanction increased Dearness Allowance to Aided High School Teachers of the State ?

(*b*) If so, what is the proposal ?

(*c*) Whether provision will be made by Government to provide Aided High Schools with necessary funds to enable them to give this increased Dearness Allowance to the members of teaching staff ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

341. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Government have raised the rate of D. A. of the teachers of Aided High and M.E. Schools from Rs.10 p.m. each to Rs. 15 p.m. each.

(*c*)—Yes.

D. C., Nowgong

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

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

(*a*) How long Shri Heramba Bora served as Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong ?

(*b*) The reason for transferring Shri Bora to Kamrup as an Additional Deputy Commissioner ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that by transferring him as Additional Deputy Commissioner an injustice was done to him ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that due to some communal representation he was transferred to Kamrup as an Additional Deputy Commissioner ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that a deputation of M.L.As. from Nowgong approached the Chief Minister not to transfer him from Nowgong ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that a representation was also submitted to the Chief Minister by the tribal leaders not to transfer him for the interest of the tribal people ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister transferred Shri Heramba Bora without the knowledge of the Revenue Minister ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that due to this transfer of and injustice done to Shri Bora the tribal people are doubting the *bona-fide* of the Government and feels that Government can do anything that is detrimental to the interest of Plain Tribal people ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

342. (*a*)—From 10th May 1957 to 19th March 1958.

(*b*)—The post of Deputy Commissioners are cadre posts and are meant for I.A.S. Officers.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—Yes.

(*g*)—Yes. Normally other Ministers are not consulted in the matter of transfer and posting of Officers.

(*h*)—According to the I.A.S. (Cadre Rules), 1954 every cadre post is to be filled up by a cadre officer and a cadre post in a State may be filled by a person who is not a cadre officer if the vacancy is not likely to last for more than 3 months and when there is no suitable cadre officer available for filling the vacancy and as such no injustice has been done to Shri Bora and Government have no information about the alleged feelings. Government refuse to accept the hon. Member's accusation that by this transfer any injustice has been done to any person or any community and any community doubting the *bona-fide* of the Government.

Assam Medical Service, Class I

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

*343. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical and Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether all the doctors of the Assam Medical Service, Class I Cadre are provided with quarter free or otherwise?

(*b*) If so, who are the officers that have been provided with quarters ?

(*c*) If not, whether Government propose to provide quarters to all doctors attached to hospitals and dispensaries for public interest ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that some doctors are granted house rent as special case in some town such as Shillong ?

(*e*) If the answer is yes, what are the criteria for considering a case as special one and what is the amount granted as house rent to those officers ?

(*f*) Whether there is any minimum or maximum time limit for keeping an officer, occupying a transferable post, at the same place ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that some officers occupying transferable posts are stationed for more than 7/8 years at a stretch whereas some are transferred very frequently ?

(*h*) What are the reasons for keeping an officer in a place for a very long time ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

343. (*a*)—Yes, where available on payment of rent at 10 per cent of the pay.

(*b*)—Information being collected.

(*c*)—Yes, as and when Government are able to provide.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*)—Does not arise.

(*f*)—No.

(*g*)—No.

(*h*)—Exigencies of public service.

Rupai-Kakapathar and Maithong Road in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

*344. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state.—

(*a*) Whether Government will furnish the length of the Public Works Department road from Rupai to Kakapathar, and the gravelled portion of the Rupai-Kakapathar-Maithong road in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether Government will furnish the total cubic feet of boulders, pebbles and broken stones used in this portion of the road since it was taken over by the Public Works Department ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that major quantity of stones are stocked on the first few miles of the road from Assam Trunk Road and after measurement most of the stones are taken back every year by the contractor or by some other agency ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to make an enquiry regarding this portion of this road ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

344. (*a*) *to* (*d*)—The information have been called for.

Unnecessary expenditure on Panitola-Dinjan Road in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*345. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government received public complaints including resolutions adopted in public meetings pointing out that a huge sum of money was going to be spent unnecessarily on Panitola-Dinjan road in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that about Rs. 40,000 was spent by Government even after the complaints were made by the public and that no importance was given to these complaints and resolutions adopted in public meetings ?

(*c*) Whether Government know that a question regarding this road was put in the Budget Session, 1957 or in November Session, 1957 and that in reply to a supplementary question the then Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department, agreed to visit the place with the questioner ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the assurance given by the then Minister on the floor of the Assembly had not been fulfilled ?

(*e*) Whether Government received a public complaint again on the 11th April last alleging that a large amount of broken stones had been removed from the site of the road after measurement and that nominal asphalt was being poured there making the road fer inferior than before ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to make an enquiry and black list the Contractor ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

345. (*a*) *to* (*f*)—The particulars are being collected.

Re: **Employment of Dr. B. K. Padmapati of Shillong**

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

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

(*a*) The reason for re-employing Dr. B. K. Padmapati of Shillong for a period of two years after his retirement while in other cases appointments are made only for six months ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the said doctor is getting a sum of Rs. 50 per month as house allowance while in other cases it is Rs. 20 per mensem only ?

(*c*) If so, why ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

346. (*a*)—Dr. B. K. Padmapati has been re-employed for 3 years as in some other cases to meet the pressing demand for qualified Doctors.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—Owing to the high rate of house-rent prevailing in Shillong town.

Re: **Maintenance of Permanent Porters for United Mikir and North Cachar Hills**

Shri HAMDHON MOHAN HAPLANGBAR [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Schedulded Tribes)] asked :

*347. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether there is any provision for maintaining permanent porters for United Mikir and North Cachar Hills at present ?

(*b*) If so, what is the total strength ?

(*c*) If not, whether Government propose to maintain permanent porters for the use of officials in the District while on tour ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that villagers are to carry the baggages of the officials on tour every now and then ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that sometimes the villagers even when they are busy with their own house-hold affairs are forced to carry the baggages of the officials ?

(*f*) Whether Government are aware that for such forced services the villagers are not paid anything or paid very little ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

347. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—Government have no proposal at present. They may however consider the matter as and when such proposal are come up from the district authority.

(*d*), (*e*) & (*f*)—A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

Night Soil and Urine from Shillong Civil Hospital

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

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that night-soil and urine from the Civil Hospital often pass by the side of Police Bazar road at Shillong creating an intolerable unhygienic condition for the Public at large since a few months back ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that there are good number of shopkeepers including open confectionary on both sides of the said road by the side of which stools and urine waters flow ?

(*c*) Whether Government would take immediate steps to stop such a malignant disposition ?

(*d*) If not, why not ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

348. (*a*)—Yes, the defects have since been remedied.

(*b*)—Yes, there are unauthorised stalls on the road side of the Police Bazar main road and steps are being taken to remove them.

(*c*) & (*d*)—The matter is under correspondence with the Public Works Department

Names and number of Government servants belonging to the Plains Tribal Community

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

*349. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state Department-wise—

(*a*) Names of the Government servants belonging to the Plains Tribal Community of the State ?

(*b*) Total number of Government servants belonging to the Plains Tribal Communities ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

349.(*a*)&(*b*)—Information is being collected and will be furnished to the Hon'ble Member in due course.

Non-recurring Building Grants for Government Aided High Schools, Middle English Schools and Lower Primary Schools in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergoan) asked :

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

(*a*) How many Government Aided High Schools, Middle English Schools and Lower Primary Schools got non-recurring building grants in 1956-57 and 1957-58 out of the Tribal and Scheduled Caste fund ?

(*b*) How many schools of above categories of Golaghat subdivision got non-recurring grants ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that some purely Tribal and Scheduled Caste schools like Dusatimukh Middle English School, Boraguri Middle English School, Komergaon Middle Vernacular School and Neghriting Middle English School got no non-recurring grant ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that some non-Tribal and Scheduled Caste School got non-recurring grant from this amount ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to consider this matter ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

350. (*a*) to (*e*) —Informations are being collected.

Arrest of prominent refugee leaders

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

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

(*a*) Whether he has received a telegram dated the 24th March, 1958 from the Secretary, Subdivisional Refugee Association, Karimganj tothe effect' that as a result of several hundred of refugees protesting against the Khasanjibar i Estates authority in respect of forcible cultivation of lands of the refugees through the agents of the estate, 17 prominent refugee leaders including Rakhal Das, Brojendra Das, Rajkumar Das, Mahananda Das, Haren Das, and others were arrested under Section 107 of Criminal Procedure Code ?

(*b*) Whether any enquiry has been made in the matter ?

(*c*) If so, what is the result of the enquiry ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code has been promulgated in respect of the Relief Primary School compound of Nagendra Nagar in connection with the arrest of 17 persons including the two teachers of the said School ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware of the public agitation in Karimganj against the above mentioned action ?

(*f*) Whether Government has received a copy of the report of Shri Amarendra Das. Magistrate 1st Class, who enquired into the allegations of injustice done and harassment meted out to the refugees by Khasanjibari Estate authorities in conjunction with the R. R. O's Office at Karimganj ?

(*g*) If so, whether Government has taken or propose to take any step in the matter ?

(*h*) Whether Government propose to make a thorough investigation into the matter with a view to punish the persons at fault ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

351. (*a*)—Yes. But no arrest was made by the Police. All of them surrendered before the Court on warrant of arrests issued by the Subdivisional Magistrate, Karimganj in connection with a case under section 107 Criminal Procedure Code.

(*b*)—The matter was enquired into by Police.

(*c*)—For the incident of 7th March, 1958 charge sheet was submitted against seventeen persons who were arrested and then released on bail when they surrendered before the Court.

For a subsequent incident that took place on 12th April, 1958, cases under Section 144/447/379 Indian Penal Code have been registered at Ratabari Police Station and twenty persons have been arrested and forwarded to custody.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—There was no public agitation at Karimganj in this connection.

(*f*)—No. The report is being called for.

(*g*) & (*h*)—The Government will take such decisions as may be necessary after considering the report mentioned above.

Application for land from the Public of Bokakhat for some Institutions

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that the Public of Bokakhat (Golaghat Subdivision) applied for some lands for the following institutions ? (1) Bokakhat Rural Panchayat (for soap

making) (2) Girl Middle English School, (3) Bokakhat Library (4) Bokakhat Mohila Seva Office, 5 Hindi Badyaloy and (6) Bokakhat High School Field ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional authority did not care to consider the public demand ?

(c) If so, what are the reasons for such negligence and delay for allotting land to Public Institutions and organisations ?

(d) Whether Government take some steps to allot these lands within the month ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the land for Bokakhat Health Units is not yet allotted inspite of repeated requests from the Medical Department ?

(f) When that land will be allotted for that purpose ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

352. (a) Yes.

(b) No. All possible actions have been taken on the proposals.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) It is not possible on the part of Government to settle land within a month as certain procedure is to be observed for dereservation and settlement or allotment of land as the case may be from grazing reserves in which lands applied for fall.

(e)—Advance possession has already been given to the Department concerned in the month of February 1958.

(f)—Does not arise.

Eviction Cultivators from grazings in the Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMAH (Dergaon) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government gave direction to Sub-deputy Collector, Golaghat to evict cultivators from Borbil, Bhulaguri and Arjunguri grazings of Golaghat Subdivision in Dhakial Mouza ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the lands are lying unused ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the growers and the cultivators opened the land for cultivation with great care ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that the Agriculture Department sanctioned Rs.400 for a small irrigation project to open the land on this grazing for the benefit of the cultivators ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that Government allotted the said land in 1954 to an unregistered Co-operative Farm for the purpose of grow more food ?

(*f*) Whether the present encroachers are the members of the Co-operative Society ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the paddy of those landless and famine striken cultivators were auctioned twice and sold in high prices depriving the cultivators ?

(*h*) Whether Government propose to enquire into the matter and allot the lands to the landless cultivators who opened the land with great difficulty ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

353. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—The lands were excluded from settlement and reserved for a village grazing ground.

(*c*)—They encroached upon the lands and cultivated the land at their own risk.

(*d*)—Information from local officer is awaited.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—As no Co-operative Society exists, the question does not arise.

(*g*)—Yes. This course had to be taken for repeated defiance of Government order. The encroachers are not famine stricken.

(*h*) No settlement of land with encroachers in a reserve which was constituted after exclusion of it from settlement is not justifiable.

Corrugated Iron Sheets

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

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

(*a*) Who is the distributing authority of Corrugated Iron Sheets at Ahotguri Mauza of Golaghat Subdivision ?

(*b*) How many bundles of Corrugated Iron Sheets have been distributed in the last eight months at Ahotguri Mauza ?

(*c*) Whether there is any special consideration to allot more Corrugated Iron Sheets for this eroded and flood-affected Mauza ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the Corrugated Iron Sheets allotted for Ahotguri Mouza were distributed to other Mauzas depriving the people of Ahotguri ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that reserve quota of cement was not distributed in Golaghat Subdivision and that the entire quota was given to a private party at Nazira ?

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

354. (*a*)—Ahotguri being under Majulie circle, the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar, arranged the issue of Corrugated Iron Sheets from his stock to the people of Ahotguri to be replaced from stock available at Golaghat for Ahotguri for convenience.

(*b*) & (*c*)—A special quota of 215 bundles of Corrugated Iron Sheets was allotted in 1955 to the flood affected people of Ahotguri for rehabilitation. There being no flood during the last eight months, no special quota was allotted to Ahotguri. However,

during the last eight months, the requirement of Ahotguri from the Jorhat quota to the extent of 38 bundles were distributed by the Deputy Commissioner against 32 bundles by way of reimbursement, placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner from the quota of the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat. Under the verbal instruction of the Deputy Commissioner another 22 bundles have been distributed by the Subdivisional Officer recently.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*)—No. But only 250 bags of cement were allotted from the Director of Consumer Goods' reserved stock to the General Manager, Assam Company, Ltd., for the completion of the Female Welfare Training Centre at Mezenga, the building being constructed by the General Manager of the Assam Company, Ltd., on behalf of the Labour Department.

Relief and Rehabilitation of Erosion Affected Landless People

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

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

(*a*) Whether Government have taken any clear cut policy for Relief and Rehabilitation of the erosion affected landless people of the State ?

(*b*) If so, what is the total number of families permanently rehabilitated so far during the period from 1952 to 1957 ?

(*c*) If not, whether Government would consider the desirability of giving permanent settlement to these landless people gradually year by year within a definite plan period ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

355. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—15,194 families (excluding figures from Nowgong District as the figures from the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong, have not yet been received).

(*c*)—Government are always keen to solve the rehabilitation problem as early as possible, but no time limit can be given as every year hundreds of families are coming out uprooted due to various natural calamities. Moreover alternative suitable lands are also to be found out for the purpose.

Allegation against S. D. C., Kamalpur Circle

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the allegation published in "The Natun Asom" of the 26th April, 1956 against the then Sub-Deputy Collector of Kamalpur Circle ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Government was pleased to hold an enquiry on the allegation by the Senior Magistrate of Gauhati on the 24th August, 1957 ?

(*c*) Whether Government consider it desirable for the interest of the public to disclose the result of the enquiry ?

(*d*) Whether Government are in possession of the enquiry report ?

(*e*) If the answer is in the affirmative, what action is taken or is proposed to be taken in pursuance of the report ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

356. Information are not readily available which have been called for.

Fire at Bara Bazar, Shillong

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

*357. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that on the night of 5th April 1958 the Bara Bazar at Shillong caught fire ?

(*b*) What is the number of houses gutted in the fire ?

(*c*) What is the approximate amount of loss incurred in this fire ?

(*d*) Whether the fire fighting arrangement was sufficient to extinguish the fire in time ?

(*e*) What is the distance from the Fire Brigade Station to the place of occurrence ?

(*f*) On how many occasion Bara Bazar caught fire during the last 5 years ?

(*g*) What is the number of such fire accidents during the last 5 years in the locality where the Fire Brigade is stationed ?

(*h*) What was the cause of the fire that took place in the night of 5th April last ?

(*i*) Whether any one has been arrested in this connection ?

(*j*) If so, what are the allegations against the person or persons arrested in the connection ?

(*k*) Whether anybody was arrested in connection with the fire that took place in April 1957 ?

(*l*) What were the charges against the person or persons who were arrested in connection with the fire of April, 1957 ?

(*m*) Whether it is a fact that the house in which fire was caught first had fire insurance ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

357. (*a*) to (*m*)—The information are being collected from the Deputy Commissioner, Shillong.

Number of Stenographers Grade I and II

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

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

(*a*) What is the total number of stenographers of both grade I and II employed by the State Government ?

(*b*) How many of them are available at Shillong ?

(*c*) How many of them are employed to report the proceedings of the Assembly ?

(*d*) How many of them are employed by Ministers and Deputy Ministers as their Private Secretaries and Assistants ?

(*e*) What steps Government have taken to increase the pool of stenographers ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

358. (*a*) to (*d*)—Particulars are being collected.

(*e*)—A training Class for stenographers has been started and some posts are being advertised on an All-India basis.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers laid on the table)

Re : **Encroachers in the Gohpur Forest Reserve**

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

734. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(*a*) Why the old encroachers in the Gohpur Forest Reserve are not disturbed while new encroachers are evicted and some sent even to Jail ?

(*b*) Whether Government received innumerable applications and memoranda from local landless people of Gohpur Mauza to make some land available to them in the Gohpur Forest Reserve ?

(*c*) Whether Government do not consider it essential to provide land not fit for plantation and other purpose to these landless families ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) replied :

734. (*a*)—While the cases of the old encroachers were pending consideration of the Government new encroachers got into the Reserve and were evicted. Five of the encroachers resisted and they were arrested by Police and tried and convicted by Court. It has since been decided to clear the Reserve of all encroachers and the old encroachers also are being evicted.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—No. Because, it is essential to maintain the integrity of the Reserve in the larger interest of the Nation, for the prevention of floods and protection of crops. In fact there is no land where one or other kind of Forest produce cannot be grown. On the contrary, it will be useless to provide land which is not fit for plantation and other purposes to landless families, as they will not be able to grow any crops to maintain themselves. However Government have decided to rehabilitate all the encroachers in Kolabari area.

Audit of the Khadi and Village Industries Board for 1956-57

Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

735. Will the Minister-in-charge of Khadi and Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the accounts of the Khadi and Village Industries Board for 1956-57 had been audited?

(*b*) If so, will the Minister-in-charge be pleased to lay a copy on the table ?

(*c*) What were the income and expenditures of the Board for 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58 ?

(*d*) How the Assistant Secretary of the Board was appointed ?

(*e*) Whether the post has been advertised ?

(*f*) If so, how many candidates applied for the post ?

(*g*) What is the academic qualification ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that he could not pass even I.Sc. examination ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Khadi and Cottage Industries) replied :

735. (*a*)—Yes. The internal auditor of the Board has audited the accounts of the various institutions set up by the Board. The accounts of the Board have also been audited by the Accountant General's staff.

(*b*)—Copies of the reports of the internal auditor are placed on the Library Table. The audit Report from Accountant General is not yet received. (Please *see* Library Register No. 539)

(*c*)—As stated below :—

Year	Expenditure	Receipt
1955-56	1·56 lakhs	3·48 lakhs.
1956-57	4·03 lakhs	10·60 lakhs.
1957-58	15·54 lakhs	14·81 lakhs.

(Figures for 1957-58 are upto February, 1958.)

(*d*)—Appointed by the State Board after advertising for the post.

(*e*)—*Vide* (*d*) above.

(*f*)—Fourty-five candidates.

(*g*)—M.Sc. with Statistics.

(*h*)—No.

Pithaguti-Sapekhati Road in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri JOGA KANTA BARUA (Jaipur) asked :

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

(*a*) The amount spent in Pithaguti-Sapekhati Road in Dibrugarh Subdivision in the year 1956-57 and 1957-58 ?

(*b*) What amount is proposed to be spent in the year 1958-59 ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

736. (*a*)—In 1956-57 Nil.
In 1957-58 Rs.77,302.

(*b*)—There is a provision of Rs.30,000 in the current year's Public Works Department Budget. But Government will try to arrange additional fund if necessary, with the approval of the Planning and Development Department.

Number of displaced families in Sibsagar District

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

737. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) The total number of displaced families in the district of Sibsagar and how many of them are rehabilitated by Government till now ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to have a daily refugee market at Mariani ?

(*c*) If so, how the matter stands now ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

737. (*a*)—The total number of displaced families in Sibsagar district upto 31st March 1958 is 4,388 and total number of displaced families rehabilitated by Government upto 31st March 1958 is 1,737.

(*b*)—Government had a proposal for setting up a daily refugee market at Mariani which has since been dropped.

(*c*)—Due to the opposition of the people of that locality to the setting up of a separate daily market for refugees on the site now occupied by the existing weekly market and due to the Local Board's decision not to take a loan for construction of the market the proposal has since been dropped.

Sorbhog Unnaguri Road

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

738. Will the Minister, Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government is aware of the pitiable condition of the Sorbhog-Unnaguri Road ?

(*b*) If not, whether it will be inquired into ?

(*c*) What is the height of this Road ?

(*d*) Whether the Government propose to improve this road ?

(*e*) If so, when ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

738. (*a*)—There is no road as Sorbhog-Unnaguri Road by name. It is presumed that the hon. Member means the road from Kamargaon to Kahitoma running through Unnaguri. This work was taken up in February, 1957, which is in progress.

(*b*)—Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

(*c*)—The height of the road embankment is $4\frac{1}{2}'$ to 5' average ?

(*d*)—Please refer to reply to (*a*) above.

(*e*)—Works will be completed within the plan period.

Public Works Department Ghats on the Sorbhog Kahitoma Road

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

739. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether there are Public Works Department Ghats on the Sorbhog-Kahitoma Road ?

(*b*) If so, how many ?

(*c*) Whether they are maintained properly ?

(*d*) Whether any Mohorir and Labourers have been appointed for the purpose ?

(*e*) If not when this will be done ?

(*f*) When they will be provided with Public Works Department Mar Boats ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

739. (*a*) & (*b*)—Yes there are two ferryghats a Burikhamar and Ultakhanda on the Sorbhog-Kohitama road taken over by Public Works Department from the Local Board on and from 1st April 1958.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Yes, from 1st April 1958. The ghats were maintained by Local Board till 31st March 1958 and these are being maintained by Public works Department from 1st April, 1958.

(*e*)—According to necessity appointment will be made by Executive Engineer after 1st April, 1958.

(*f*)—Marboats will be provided if and when the nature and volume of traffic justifies this.

Sorbhog-Kohitoma P. W. D. Road

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

740. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) When the Sorbhog-Kohitama Public Works Department Road was constructed ?

(*b*) Why the small bridges on that road has not been constructed up till now ?

(*c*) Whether they have been surveyed ?

(*d*) If so, when and by whom ?

(*e*) How many bridges will be required ?

(*f*) Whether they will be constructed before the next rainy season ?

(*g*) If not, what is the reason ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P. W. D.) replied:

740. (*a*)—It is presumed that the hon. Member means the road from Kamargaon to Kahitoma. Construction of the road has been started from February 1957 and earth work has since been completed.

(*b*)—Construction of bridges cannot be taken up simultaneously with earth work as hydrological data of water ways are to be collected and observation regarding behaviour of the waterways are carried out after completion of earthwork, before the execution of bridge works is started.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Initial survey has been completed by Sectional Officer, Public Works Department along with the survey and preparation of estimate for the road. Further survey and observation will be carried out next rains.

(*e*)—Five minor bridges will be required. (Major bridges are not included in this Project.)

(*f*) & (*g*)—These will be taken up after the next rains and completed during the plan period in accordance with availability of funds and also materials R. S. J., etc. which are in short supply.

Ayurvedic Dispensaries in Rural Areas

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

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

(*a*) Whether Ayurvedic dispensaries will be opened in Assam in larger numbers in the rural areas ?

(*b*) Whether the Ayurvedic College will be converted in degree college ?

(*c*) If so, when ?

(*d*) Whether the present staff will be replaced by more qualified staff ?

(*e*) Whether I.Sc. will be the minimum standard for students of Ayurvedic College ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

741. (*a*)—Yes, as for as practicable.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—In near future.

(*d*) Yes, where necesssary.

(*e*)—Yes.

Reservation of Seats for Upper Class Passengers and other Seats for Lower Class in the Gauhati-Shillong State Transport

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

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that nine seats are reserved for Upper Class passengers and other seats for Lower Class passengers in Gauhati-Shillong State Transport ?

(*b*) If so, why ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that many seats of the State Transport reserved for Upper Class passengers remain vacant in all State Transport buses ?

(*d*) If so, why these seats are kept vacant when there are demands for seats for the Lower Class passengers travelling by State Transport services ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that many passengers who travel in the Lower Classes often face difficulties for want of seats while coming to Shillong from Gauhati ?

(*f*) If so, what steps have been taken to remove these difficulties of the Lower Class passengers who are poor and cannot purchase Upper Class tickets ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the charge for a Lower Class ticket in Shillong-Gauhati road is higher than that of the Lower Class tickets in plains areas ?

(*h*) If so, why ?

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

742. (*a*) & (*b*)—Yes, eight seats on the first two rows of each bus are treated as upper class and the rest accommodation as lower class. Upper class means the seats next to the driver and the two benches immediately near the driving seats and facing forwards and the 3rd class means the rest of the seating accommodation in accordance with Government Notification No.HMV.118/42/162, dated 30th September, 1946 issued under the provision of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

(*c*) & (*d*)—As quantum of upper class passenger is low, the number of seats reserved for upper class has been reduced to four of the 1st batch of each bus.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—Does not arise.

(*g*)—The rate of fare for through passengers in lower class on the Gauhati-Shillong route is Rs.3 for 64 miles which comes 9 pies per mile. This is the same rate charged in the plains routes also.

(*h*)—Does not arise.

Allotment of Rs.23·60 Crores by Central Government to Different States including Assam for Relief Works

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

743. Will the Minister, Finance, be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Central Government allocated Rs.23·60 crores beginning from 1956 for relief work such as flood, earthquake, major accidents and fire breakouts to the different including Assam ?

(*b*) If so, what is the total amount allocated to Assam, and how and where it was spent and distributed (information is wanted circlewise) ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister) replied:

743. (*a*) & (*b*)—The State Government have no information as to whether the Government of India have allotted Rs.23·60 crores for relief works in different States ?

The Government of India have, however,decided to contribute 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred by State Governments on certain items of relief measures upto rupees 2 crores and 75 per cent of the expenditure in excess thereof. The Government of India do not allot funds in advance and so the question of distribution of such allocation does not arise.

Lands of D. C. Bonsi Mauza Eroded by the Beki and the Ultaikhundar River

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

744. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many acres of lands of D. C. Bonsi Mouza have been eroded by the Beki and the Ultaikhundar river since 1942 ?

(*b*) What steps have been taken by Government to stop erosions of the said Mauza ?

(*c*) Whether anv proper survey has been made ?

(*d*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*e*) Whether the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage had visited them ?

(*f*) If not, when he will visit the same ?

(*g*) Whether thorough survey will be made ?

(*h*) If so, whether it will be done before the next rainy season ?

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

744. (*a*)—This cannot be ascertained without conducting proper survey.

(*b*)—Government do not consider any steps at this stage.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*)—Temporary protection measures are not likely to be effective and may ultimately turn into sheer waste. Permanent protection measures will be enormously costly and disproportionate to the value of properties sought to be saved. Besides, there is no provision for any such measures, temporary or permanent, nor even for any survey, in this region in the Second Five Year Flood Control Plan.

(*e*)—Yes, in 1954.

(*f*)—Does not arise.

(*g*)—Does not arise in view of reply to question (*d*) above.

(*h*)—Does not arise.

Erosion of Garomalla Pather by the Beki River

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

745. Will the Minister-in-charge of E. and D. be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether there has been erosion of Garomalla-pather by the river Beki ?

(*b*) Whether there are representations to the Government to that effect ?

(*c*) If so, whether any survey has been made ?

(*d*) How many acres of lands have been washed away ?

(*e*) Whether Government has taken any measure to stop erosion ?

(*f*) If so, what are the measures ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W. D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied :

745. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*)—This cannot be ascertained definitely without conducting a survey.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—Does not arise.

Number of Venture Lower Primary Schools open by the Refugees in Gogijan, Hojai, Lanka, Lumding and Kaki Mauzas

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

746. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the number of Venture Lower Primary Schools opened by the refugees in Jogijan Hojai, Lanka, Lumding and Kaki Mouzas ?

(*b*) How many of them have been taken over by the authorities during the last three years since 1954 (to be shown year by year) ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to take over the rest in the future ?

(*d*) What is the total number of displaced persons in those mouzas mentioned in (*a*) ?

(*e*) How many of them have been rehabilitated so far ?

(*f*) What Government proposes to do regarding those who have not yet been rehabilitated ?

(*g*) What is the number of refugees to whom lands have been allotted in Lankeswari Grant in Nowgong District ?

(*h*) How many of them are now residing there ?

(*i*) How many families have been granted loans including housing loans?

(*j*) Whether it is a fact that some families have been granted refugee loans on the plea that they were allotted lands in Lankeswari Grant although they are non-resident there ?

(*k*) Whether it is a fact that some such families who are still now in Pakistan have received refugee loans ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

746 (*a*)—The number of Venture Lower Primary Schools opened by refugees in Jogijan, Hojai, Lanka, Lumding and Kaki Mouzas is as follows :

Jogijan Mouza	... ...	2 schools
Hojai „	... ...	3 schools
Lanka „	... ...	8 schools
Lumding „	... ...	1 school
Kaki „	... ...	Nil

(*b*)—The Relief and Rehabilitation Department has arranged to take responsibility for 8 schools and have sanctioned school buildings and teaching staff in November, 1956.

(*c*)—The matter is under consideration.

(*d*)—There is a total of 5,924 families of displaced persons recorded in these mouzas consisting of approximately 22,519 persons.

(*e*)—So far 2,972 families consisting of 14,860 persons have been rehabilitated.

(*f*)—They will be rehabilitated according to chronological order on verification of their displaced status.

(*g*)—702 families.

(*h*)—551 families are now actually residing there according to the most recent enquiries.

(*i*)—Loans including housing loans were issued to 607 families.

(*j*)—No. Loans were issued only to those who were actually residing at the colony.

(*k*)—No. Loans were issued only after being satisfied that the displaced persons were actually residing in the colony.

Changing of old Rules and Regulations to empower the Forest Department to evict the forest villagers

Shri GOURISHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked:

747. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government propose to change the old Rules and Regulations of the Forest Department regarding eviction of forest villagers by the Department and not through the legal court ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of the public feeling that the present procedure about such eviction is not justified ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

747. (*a*)—There is no such proposal.

(*b*)—Government are not aware.

Touring of the 3rd Conservator of Forests in the district of Nowgong

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

(*a*) How many times the 3rd Conservator of Forest toured in the district of Nowgong in the year 1957 and in the month of January and February, 1958 ?

(*b*) What was the purpose of his last visit to Nowgong and Lumding ?

(*c*) How many days he halted either at Nowgong or at Lumding ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that some lands were distributed in his presence under the Jamuna Valley Forest Range during his visit to Nowgong ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that the lands were settled with non-Assamese ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

748. (*a*)—The 3rd Conservator of Forests toured in Nowgong District seven times during 1957 and once in January, 1958 and once in February, 1958.

(*b*)—The purpose of his last visit to Nowgong and Lumding were for forest cases enquiry, inspection of roads, inspection of plantation and discussion with the Divisional Forest officer.

(*c*)—He halted one night at Lumding and two days and two nights at Nowgong in the last visit.

(*d*)—No, it is not a fact. But 4 plots of land that were lying vacant in Ambari Forest Village under Jamuna Maudanga Reserve were settled with 4 refugees.

(*e*)—Yes.

Construction of shop houses for refugee shop-keepers at Tarapur by the Silchar Municipal Board under grants from the Relief and Rehabilitation Department

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

749. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether Government realise that a number of shop houses constructed at Tarapur by the Silchar Municipal Board under grants from the Relief and Rehabilitation Department for refugee shop-keepers have become a total wastage ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

749.—So far Government have no reason to think that these constructions are "total wastage" because construction of these stalls have been completed only recently and the stalls will be allotted soon to the refugee shop-keepers.

Lungleh Thana Lock-up

Shri C. THUAMLUAIA [Lungleh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

750. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the plinth area of the Lungleh Thana Lock-up ?

(*b*) How many under-trial prisoners can be kept there at a time in such a lock-up under the rules ?

(*c*) The average daily number of undertrial prisoners kept in the Lungleh lock-up during the months of May-September, 1956 ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to build a Subdivisional Jail in Lungleh in the near future ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

750. (*a*)—182 square feet.

(*b*)—Ten.

(*c*)—One.

(*d*)—Proposal for a Subdivisional Jail at Lungleh is under consideration.

Refugees in the Borpathar and Sarupathar Mouzas of Golaghat Subdivision

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked :

751. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that there are several thousands of refugees in the Borpathar and Sarupather Mouzas of Golaghat 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 :

751. (*a*)—There are 140 displaced families consisting of 696 persons and 304 displaced families consisting of 1,520 persons in Borpathar and Sarupathar Mouzas respectively.

(*b*)—No. At present no such case of acute distress has come to the notice of Government.

(*c*)—Does not arise.

Threatening of the A. T. Road a National Highway by the Dihing River near the Khowang Bridge

Shri MANIK CHANDRA DAS (Tengakhat) asked :

752. Will the Minster-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that the A. T. Road which is the National Highway is threatened by the Dihing River near the Khowang Bridge ?

(*b*) Since when this portion of the road is threatened by the river ?

(*c*) From which year protection measures have been taken ?

(*d*) Whether Government is aware that there is every likelihood of the Khowang Bridge being bye-passed by the river ?

(*e*) What amount of money will be required to construct a similar bridge ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P.W.D.) replied :

752. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Since 1955.

(*c*)—Protective measures have been taken since 1955.

(*d*)—A necessary protective measures have already been taken up, the Government do not envisage such eventuality.

(*e*)—In view of reply to (*d*) above, this does not arise.

Settlement of Land to Flood eroded Families in the Sialmari and the Samabari Mauzas

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

753. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state how many flood eroded families in the Sialmari and the Samabari Muzas were settled with land since 1954 and how many families are yet to be settled ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

753.—200 flood and erosion affected families have so far been settled with land since 1954 and some 500 such families remain to be settled.

Settlement of Cultivable Lands in the Mangaldai Subdivision to some Families from Nowgong Distr'ct

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

754. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether he is aware that some families from the Nowgong District have lately been settled with cultivable lands in the Mangaldai Subdivision while the local landless people have not been settled with lands for their residential purpose ?

(*b*) Why eviction was carried out recently again and again from some of the Mauzas in the Mangaldai Subdivision where no settlement has as yet been made with the people so evicted and also on the land so found out by the Government ?

(*c*) Whether the people so evicted have no right or claim to be settled with land anywhere in Assam ?

(*d*) Whether Government is aware that this measure affects the economy of the State ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

754. (*a*)—Government are aware of settlement being given to a few landless and flood affected families from the Nowgong District, but no distinction is made between local landless people and Nowgong landless people.

(*b*)—Persons occupying land in Professional Grazing Reserves and Village Grazing Reserves and other Government reserved land are liable to eviction. Persons occupying waste land without any authority and particularly those not deserving of settlement are also liable to eviction.

(*c*)—Persons evicted on the grounds of their being not deserving of settlement of lands are not eligible for settlement of land anywhere. Otherwise not.

(*d*)—Government do not think so.

Scheduled aid to different Schools in Assam

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

755. Will the Minister in charge of Education be pleased to lay on the table of this House with—

(*a*) A list of Government Aided High Schools receiving scheduled aid (1949 Schedule) which were situated in rural areas of each plains district of the State in 1956 ?

(*b*) A list of Government Aided (venture aided) High Schools which were not receiving Scheduled grants and were situated in rural areas of the plains districts of the State (to be shown separately district by district with the amount of recurring aid to each in 1956) ?

(*c*) A list of Government High Schools and Government Aided High Schools receiving scheduled grant which were situated in the urban areas of different districts of Assam, in 1956 ?

(*d*) A list of Government Aided High School (venture aided) which are not receiving aid according to 1949 Schedule and are situated in different towns in the plains districts of Assam; and

(*e*) A list of non-recurring grants sanctioned to different non-Government High Schools in each plains districts of the State during the year 1956, 1955, 1954, 1953 and 1952 ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

[Please see Library Register No. S. 40(*a*)]

755. (*a*) to (*e*)—The lists are placed on the Library Table.

Introduction of the State Insurance Scheme in Assam

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

756. Will the Minister in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) What steps Goveeninent have taken to introduce the State Insurance Scheme in Assam and to implement the Resolution passed in the last Budget Session of this House in this regard ?

(*b*) When the scheme is expected to be implemented in this State ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the managements of certain factories in Assam are contributing to the State Insurance Scheme Fund of the Central Government ?

(d) If so, what are the names of the factories and amounts of contribution made up-till now ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the workers in Assam are not at all benefited by this scheme ?

(f) If so, whether Government propose to arrange and adopt measures to give benefit to the workers of the State ?

(g) What is the total number of workers expected to be benefited by the State Insurance Scheme in Assam ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

756. (*a*) Government have decided to introduce the Employees State Insurance Scheme, in the first instance, at four places namely, Gauhati, Tinsukia, Dhubri and Dibrugarh.

(*b*)—The tentative target date for implementation of the Scheme in Assam has been fixed on 31st August 1958.

(*c*)—Yes only employer's share of contribution is being realised at present.

(*d*)—A list of Factories covered under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 is placed on the Library Table (Please *see* Library Register No. S. 41). As the account of employer's special contribution realised is not maintained state-wise it is not possible to compile the figures since the beginning.

(*e*)—The benefit provisions of Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 have not so far been brought into force in the State of Assam.

(*f*)—The workers will be benefited from the Scheme when the provisions of Chapter V of the Act are enforced in the State. The provisions of the said Chapter will *ipso-facto*, be effective as and when the Employees' State Insurance Scheme

is formally inaugurated in the State of Assam. Chapter V of the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, primarily govern the benefit provisions which are conferable upon the industrial labour by virtue of the above legislation.

(*g*)—The total number of workers to be benefited under the Employees State Insurance Scheme in the State of Assam would be 11,029 approximately.

Venture Schools in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(*a*) How many Venture Schools have been taken up by Government recently in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(*b*) What are their names ?

(*c*) How many more Venture Schools are there in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(*d*) What are their names ?

(*e*) When they were started ?

(*f*) Whether they will be taken up ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

757. (*a*)—Thirty seven.

(*b*)—As in the list placed on the Library Table.

LIST OF VENTURE SCHOOLS TO BE TAKEN OVER IN THE BARPETA SUBDIVISION

Lower Primary Schools

1. Balartari L. P.
2. Rahampur L. P.
3. Salimpur L. P.
4. Tarabari Pubpara

5. Sanatari
6. Chagalchari
7. Pubpipla
8. Nalipara
9. Maripur L. P.
10. Haldhia Paswimpara L. P.
11. Khandakarpara L. P.
12. Showpara L. P.
13. Bhairarpam L. P.
14. Jadabpur L. P.
15. Balikuri N. C. L. P.
16. Sewrachara L. P.
17. Khudrakhowa L. P.
18. Rampara N. C. L. P.
19. Dakshin Paswim Deuldi L. P.
20. Uzirarchar L. P.
21. Fulnoirchar L. P.
22. Baghmara Fulnoirchar G. L. P.
23. Khurkidongra Hablapara L. P.
24. Habidongra L. P.
25. Balikuri G. L. P.
26. Titapani L. P.
27. Anandapur Dupalpara Purba Lowachar G. L. P.
28. Panpara L. P.
29. Barapeta L. P.
30. Lengrengpara L. P.
31. Simlaguri L. P. II
32. Barbari L. P.
33. Fatemabad Tea Garden L. P.
34. Bhairajuri L. P.
35. Marka L. P.
36. Mowkhowachar L. P.

Middle Vernacular School

1. Rupahi M. V. School

(*c*)—Three.

(*d*)— (*i*) Katajhar Lower Primary.

(*ii*) Sorbhog Town Lower Primary.

(*iii*) Paswim Dewdi Lower Primary.

(*e*)— (*i*) Started 2 years ago.

(*ii*) 1st August, 1958.

(*iii*) In 1955.

(*f*)—They will be taken over when found suitable.

Distribution of C. I. Sheets and Cement in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (**Gossaigaon**) asked :

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

(*a*) On what principle C. I. Sheets and cement have been distributed in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether the village people of the Subdivision are getting their requirement ?

(*c*) How many bundles of C. I. Sheets and how many bags of cement have been distributed in Barpeta town and villages of this Subdivision ?

(*d*) Is it a fact that many deserving people of villages have been denied cement and C. I. Sheets ?

(*e*) If so, whether Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

(*f*) Is it a fact that C. I. Sheets have been given to persons who have not even constructed the frames of their houses ?

(*g*) If so, whether Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

(*h*) Whether poor people will get C. I. Sheets for replacement of old ones without having new frames ?

(*i*) Whether the present system gives advantage to the rich persons at the cost of the poor in obtaining C. I. Sheets ?

(*j*) Whether Government proposes to give C. I. Sheets to needy poor people irrespective of whether new frames are constructed or not ?

(*k*) Is it a fact that Inspectors do not go for enquiry to the villages situated in the interior parts of the Subdivision ?

(*l*) If so, how the village people will get C. I. Sheets?

(*m*) Whether Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

(*n*) Whether it is a fact that Inspectors give importance to some Mauzas only ?

(*o*) If not, whether there will be equal allotments Mauza-wise ?

(*p*) What is the allotment of C. I. Sheets and cement in each Mauza of Barpeta Subdivision during the last five years ?

(*q*) What is the Mauza-wise allotment till now since the constitution of the present Advisory Board ?

(*r*) Whether it is a fact that the list supplied by Supply Extra Assistant Commissioner in the meeting is generally approved ?

(*s*) If so, what is the necessity of Supply Advisory Board ?

(*t*) Whether it is a fact that all applications are not produced before the meeting of the Advisory Board ?

(*u*) If so, how C. I. Sheets and cement are distributed equitably ?

(*v*) Whether each case has been properly enquired into ?

(*w*) If so, who enquires it ?

(*x*) Whether it is a fact that there has been favouritism in the allotment of C. I. Sheets and cement by the Extra Assistant Commissioner, Supply ?

(*y*) Whether it is also a fact that he always favours rich Marwaris while allotting C. I. Sheets and cement ?

(*z*) If so, whether Government propose to make an enquiry into the matter ?

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

758. (*a*)—According to the procedure outlined by Government 90 per cent of the entire quotas are generally distributed by the Subdivisional Officer in consultation with the Supply Advisory Board after necessary enquiries have been made by the Supply Staff into the applications. Only 5 per cent of the quotas are kept reserved for issue of permits by the Director of Consumer Goods in respect of certain public institutions and 5 per cent at the disposal of the Subdivisional Officer for meeting the requirements in cases of emergency.

(*b*)—Yes. According to the availability of stocks.

(*c*)—As no period of time has been mentioned it is not possible to furnish the figures.

(*d*)—Demands are met according to the availability of stocks. As the stocks were too inadequate the requirements of some deserving people might not have been met.

(*e*)—Does not arise.

(*f*)—No C. I. Sheets have usually been issued to persons who have not even constructed the frames of their houses except to victims of natural calamities and other emergent cases.

(*g*)—Does not arise.

(*h*)—There should not be any discrimination between the rich and the poor for getting C. I. Sheets. The genuine requirements of deserving applicants are to be met after necessary enquiries in consideration of urgency and according to priorities.

(*i*)—No.

(j)—As replied to (*h*).

(*k*)—No.

(*l*)—Does not arise.

(*m*)—Does not arise.

(*n*)—No.

(*o*)—Does not arise.

(*p*) & (*q*)—The lists are placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No. S. 42).

(*r*)—No. The list is put up by the Extra Assistant Commissioner-in-charge after enquiries before the Supply Advisory Board and necessary additions and alterations are made by the Board after discussions.

(*s*)—Does not arise.

(*t*)—No.

(*u*)—Does not arise.

(*v*)—Yes.

(*w*)—The Inspecting Staff and even sometimes the Extra Assistant Commissioner-in-charge, Supply himself.

(*x*)—No.

(*y*)—No. The question does not arise as distribution is made in consultation with the Supply Advisory Board on which prominent non-official gentlemen representing various localities and interests and important officials are represented.

(*z*)—Does not arise.

Primary Trading and Central Co-operative Societies

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(*a*) The number of Primary Trading Co-operative Societies and Central Co-operative Societies that have been formed in 1948-49 (to be shown subdivision-wise) ?

(*b*) The number of such Primary Trading Co-operative Societies and Central Trading Co-operative Societies that have been liquidated since 1948-49 (the number of Primary Trading and Central Trading Co-operative Societies to be shown separately year by year) ?

(*c*) The number of such Societies whose liquidation proceedings have been completed and the remaining assets been returned to the share-holders (to be shown with the names of the Societies) ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the assets were decreased from the amounts in time of liquidation to the time of concluding of the liquidation proceedings ?

(*e*) If so, why ?

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

759. (*a*)—The following numbers of Primary Trading Co-operatives and Central Trading Co-operative Societies shown Subdivision-wise have been formed during the financial year 1948-49.

Subdivision	Primary Trading Co-operative	Central Trading Co-operative
1. North Lakhimpur	30 ...	1
2. Dibrugarh	49 ...	Nil.
3. Sibsagar	58 ...	1
4. Jorhat	36 .	1
5. Golaghat	41 ...	1
6. Kohima	1 ..	Nil.
7. Nowgong	113 ...	Nil.
8. Tezpur	36 ...	Nil.
9. Mongaldai	58 ...	1
10. Gauhati...	88 ...	2
11. Barpeta...	66 ..	Nil.
12. Goalpara	61 ...	1
13. Silchar	61 ...	1
14. Hailakandi	28 ...	1
15. Karimganj	28 ...	Nil.
16. K. and J. Hills	21 ...	1
17. Garo Hills	32 ...	1
18. Mizo Hills District	Nil ...	Nil.

(*b*)—

Year	1948-49 to 1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
Primary Trading	Nil ...	121 ...	228 ...	16 ...	35 ...	13
Central Trading	Nil ...	3 ..	8 ...	2 ..	3 ...	Nil.

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

[Statement laid on the Library Table in reply to unstarred Question No. 759(*c*)]

Dhubri	2	...	...	1. Dhubri Town T. C. Ltd. 2. Banargaon T. C. Ltd.
Barpeta	3	...	...	1. Kapahtali T. C. Ltd. 2. Gazia T. C. Ltd. 3. Borghupa T. C. Ltd.
Nalbari	2	...	—	1. Dashin Pakowa Bahjani T. C. Ltd. 2. Dakhin Dangaragaon T. C. Ltd.
Tezpur	2	...	...	1. Ush T. C. Ltd. 2. Tezpur Ward III T. C. Ltd.
Dibrugarh	2	...	...	1. Lengri T. C. Ltd. 2. Upar Burisuti T. C. Ltd
Nowgong	5	...	...	1 Kainamari T. C. Ltd. 2. Zengpari T. C. Ltd. 3. Chotakandali T. C. Ltd. 4. Nilbagan T. C. Ltd. 5. Kapashbari T. C. Ltd.
Gauhati	2	...	...	1. Baghmara T. C. Ltd. 2. Kaithalkuchi T. C. Ltd.
Goalpara	1	...	...	1. Satmauza T. C. Ltd.
Shillong	3	...	...	1. Cantonment T. C. Ltd. 2. Madan Laban-*cum*- Lumparing T. C. Ltd. 3. Police Bazar Thana Road T. C. Ltd.
Silchar	3	...	...	1. Jalalpur T. C. Ltd. 2. Kalain T. C. Ltd. 3. Kalachara T. C. Ltd.
Hailakandi	3	...		1. Abdullapur T. C. Ltd. 2. Ratanpur T. C. Ltd. 3. Alpapur T. C. Ltd.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—Because some of the irrecoverable assets have to be written off.

Staff of Chief Liquidator of Co-operative Societies, Assam

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (**Titabar**) asked:

760. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operatives be pleased to state—

(*a*) Who is the Chief Liquidator of Co-operative Societies in Assam ?

(*b*) How many staff does he maintain under him in the capital and how many in the districts ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the pay and allowances of these staff are borne from the asset of the liquidated Co-operative Societies ?

(*d*) If not, who bears the cost of maintenance of these staff ?

(*e*) Why the process takes a longer time for completion of liquidated Societies ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to take steps to complete the liquidation proceeding of the Co-operative Societies expeditiously for quick disposal of works which are of much public interest ?

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

760 (*a*)—There is no Officer of the designation of Chief Liquidator of Co-operative Societies in Assam. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies exercises the powers regarding liquidation of Societies as conferred on him by Assam Co-operative Societies Act.

(*b*)—In the headquarter, there is one Upper Division Assistant only for this work. In the District there is one Co-operative Officer *Ex-officio* Liquidator in each Subdivision and one at Nalbari.

(*c*) & (*d*)—The *Ex-officio* Liquidators are paid by Government. The pay of the staff under the *Ex-officio* Liquidators are borne from assests of the liquidated societies.

(*e*)—The assets of the liquidated societies are generally not paid by the defaulters on demand and after exhausting all means for amicable realisation, legal action has to be taken. Such legal action generally are of a protracted nature and therefore the delay in completion of the liquidation proceeding.

(*f*)—Government has always been taking steps for early closure of liquidation proceedings.

Jorhat Central Trading Co-operative Society

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(*a*) The money value of the assets of the Jorhat Central Trading Co-operative Society at the time of its liquidation ?

(*b*) Whether the liquidation proceedings of this Society has since been completed ?

(*c*) The amount of assests now left in name of this Society ?

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

761. (*a*)—The total assets of the Society at the time of its liquidation was Rs. 31,640-7-5 out of which Rs.14,485-11-0 were considered either bad or doubtful.

(*b*)—Not yet.

(*c*)—Against its assets, the Society had a liability of Rs.40,161-1-1 at the time of its liquidation. So it will be seen that even if all the assets are realised, it will not be able to meet its liabilities.

Weaving, Paddy Husking and Large Scale Credit Societies

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(*a*) How many Weaving Co-operative Societies have been registered in Assam till to date and how many such Societies were dissolved since the date of their registration ?

(*b*) How many Paddy Husking Co-operative Societies in Assam have been registered till to date and how many of them were dissolved since their registration ?

(*c*) How many Large Scale Credit Societies have been formed in the States till to date ?

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

762. (*a*)—Nine hundred eleven Weaving Societies have been registered till to date only three Weaving Societies have been dissolved since registration.

(*b*)—Thirty-eight Paddy Husking Co-operative Societies have been registered till to-day and none of them has been dissolved since registration.

(*c*)—One hundred and two Societies.

Small Irrigation Projects

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked:

763. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the expected out-turn in the areas, where small irrigation projects have been taken up by Government in past few years to increase food production, has proved to be most unsatisfactory and practically nil in some cases ?

(*b*) If so, whether any action has been taken by Government to have good result ?

(*c*) Whether any steps have been taken to obtain the actual statistical data so far the out-turn from these small irrigation projects are concerned ?

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

763. (*a*)—No, it is not so.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—Yes. This is being done regularly by the Statistical Department of the State through crop-cutting experiments conducted in accordance with the scientific random sampling method.

J. B. College, Jorhat

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked:

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

(*a*) The number of students in the J.B. College, Jorhat, both in the day as well as in the night sections ?

(*b*) Whether Government is aware that there is acute scarcity of building accommodation for housing the various classes of this College ?

(*c*) Whether Government has received any representation for a non-recurring grant for construction of the library *cum*-common room building for the students of this College ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to sanction a decent amount of money for construction of suitable buildings for this College ?

(*e*) Whether Government is aware of the serious irregularities in the internal administration of the J. B. College ?

(*f*) If so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

(*g*) If not, whether Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

764. (*a*)—Day Section 1,329

Night ,, ... 297

(*b*) & (*c*)—Some representations have been received.

(*d*)—There is no provision of funds for the purpose, for the current year.

(*e*), (*f*) & (*g*)—The matter is under consideration.

Re: **Posts of Treasury Officers, Financial Advisers, etc.**

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

765. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the newly created posts like Treasury Officer, Financial Advisers, Accounts Officers, which are outside the Secretariat cadre, are being filled up by Ministerial staff of the Secretariat without giving any chance to the Ministerial staff of the Heads of Departments and to others who are also equally qualified ?

(*b*) If so, why ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to give equal opportunities to all before any recruitment is made in future ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister) replied:

765. (*a*)—No. The posts of the Treasury Officers were duly advertised through the Assam Public Service Commission. More than 200 applications were received by the Assam Public Service Commission out of which 51 candidates were called for interview but 44 appeared. Out of 16 names recommended by Assam Public Service Commission, 7 belong to Secretariat Services.

Of the 3 Financial Advisers, one in the Public Works Department is holding charge in addition to his duties as Director of Accounts. One other was an Assistant Secretary and the third one (in the Education Department) was an Under-Secretary, both in the Finance Department. They were released from the Finance Department but their vacancies were not filled up.

Six Accounts Officers are proposed to be recruited from the same list of candidates recommended by Assam Public Service Commission, for the posts of Treasury Officers. Both these categories of posts are on the same scale of pay (Rs.200—700).

Before the Treasury and Accounts Officers are posted, they will be required to undergo Theoretical and Practical training at Shillong for a period of 6 months under the supervision of the Director of Accounts.

(*b*)
(*c*) } —Do not arise.

Settlement of land within Tinsukia Town

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

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

(*a*) How many people have been given settlement of land within Tinsukia Town?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that allotment of lands has not been made to the actual landless people but to the land owners?

(*c*) If so, why ?

(*d*) If not, how many landless people have been given settlement of lands within Parbatia Basti of Tinsukia Town ?

(*e*) How many people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been allotted plots of land within Tinsukia Town ?

(*f*) If not, why ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

766 (*a*)—44 persons, since the year 1950, with the approval of the Dibrugarh Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

(*b*)—None of the allottees had land in Tinsukia town.

(*c*)—Does not arise.

(*d*)—11 of the allottees were reported to be landless.

(*e*)—Scheduled Castes. 2
Scheduled Tribes. 1

(*f*)—Does not arise.

Kabuliwalas in Assam

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lohowal) asked:

767. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the Kabuliwalas' activities residing in this State ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that in course of carrying on their business, they caused harassment to public and in some cases they are involved in criminal cases ?

(*c*) Whether Government will take necessary steps to restrict their movements as per provision of law ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

767. (*a*)—Government are aware that some Afghan nationals are carrying on business such as money lending in this State.

(*b*)—No specific complaint of harrassment to public by any Afghan national is in record. There is however a general complaint against them regarding bad behaviour towards the debtors to whom they lend money.

(*c*)—The Afghan nationals are registered foreigners and their movements are controlled according to the provisions of Foreigners Act and Rules and Orders made thereunder by the Central Government.

Nationalisation of the Barpeta Road-Bongaigoan Route

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether Barpeta Road-Bongaigoan route will be nationalised ?

(*b*) If so, when ?

(*c*) Whether any arrangement has been made to that effect ?

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

68. (*a*) & (*b*)—Yes. The route has been programmed for nationalisation in respect of passenger services during the last year of the 2nd Five Year Plan, *i.e.*, 1960-61 provided the road from Barpeta Railway Station to Bongaigoan is ready for motorable service by that time.

(*c*)—Does not arise.

Regular Bus Service from Sorbhog to Barpeta Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether there will be a regular bus service from Sorbhog to Barpeta Road ?

(*b*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*c*) Whether a motorable road will be constructed from Barpeta Road to Sorbhog along with the Railway line ?

(*d*) If so, when ?

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

769. (*a*) & (*b*)—There is a regular bus service on Barpeta-Sorbhog route. But there is no direct bus service from Barpeta Road to Sorbhog. However Regional Transport Authority, Gauhati has been instructed by the State Transport Authority to introduce bus service on this route.

(*c*)—There is no such proposal.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

Petition filed against sudden attack with lethal weapons and guns on the villagers of Chukrungbori by the Police

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

770. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a petition was filed by Bohadur Chandra Boro and others of Kamargaon on the 17th October, 1957 before the Commissioner of Plains Division, when he visited Barpeta, about sudden attack with lethal weapons and guns on the villagers of Chukrungbori, along with two dozen police ?

(*b*) If so, what has been done about it ?

(*c*) Whether any inquiry has been made ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that Brojen Boro and others of Chukrongbori were very badly wounded in the said attack ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that Brojen Boro has got medical certificate from the doctor of Sorbhog Local Board Dispensary about his wounds and that he was under the said doctor's treatment ?

(*f*) Whether any thorough enquiry has been made about this case ?

(*g*) Who were the Excise persons who went to Chukrungbori and what are their names ?

(*h*) Under whose order they went to Chukrungbori ?

(*i*) What action has been taken against the Excise people who are responsible for this incident ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

770.(*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)&(*c*)—The matter was judicially enquired into.

(*d*)—The findings of the magistrate who conducted the judicial enquiry indicate that only Brojen Boro sustained some injuries.

(*e*)—Government have no information.

(*f*)—Yes, a judicial enquiry was made.

(*g*)—Nine Excise Peons, Inspector of Excise, Barpeta Road, Assistant Inspector of Excise, Sorbhog. It is not proposed to give the names for public interest.

(*h*)—No order is required under section 10 of A.L.P. Act, 1952. The Excise Inspector himself conducted the raid.

(*i*)—As the judicial enquiry reveals that it was a concocted case, no action against any Excise personnel is called for.

Bus Services from Tihu to Sarthebari and from Tihu to Anchali

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

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

(*a*) Whether public bus services will be opened from Tihu to Sarthebari and from Tihu to Anchali ?

(*b*) Whether Government will consider to open the said bus services for the convenience of the public this year ?

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

771. (*a*)—The Regional Transport Authority, Gauhati has already decided to open bus services on the following routes:—

(*i*) Sarthebari-Pathsala-Patacharkuchi-Jalah.

(*ii*) Tarabari-Sarthebari-Tihu. This will connect Tihu and Sarthebari. There is no proposal to open bus services from Tihu to Anchali.

(*b*)—Government will consider opening a bus service on Tihu-Anchali route.

Technical training to tea labour students

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked:

772. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) How Government propose to give training to unemployed tea labour boys and girls ?

(*b*) Will the Government give technical training to tea labour boys and girls who have read up to Standard VI ?

(*c*) If not, why not ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied:

772.(*a*)&(*b*)—Government have no proposal at present.

(*c*)—Government will consider the proposal.

Number of Villages in the State Covered by C. P., C. D. and N. E. S. Blocks

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

773. Will the Minister-in-charge of Development (Community Projects) Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many villages of the State is covered by C. P., C. D. and N. E. S. Blocks and what is the total expenditure of each ?

(*b*) How many people are provided with employment in this Department of the following categories:—

1. Retrenched personnel.
2. Political sufferers.
3. Educated unemployed.

(*c*) What is the excess yield of each block in the Grow More Food Front ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister, Development (Community Projects Department)] replied:

773. (*a*)—The number of village covered by C. D./N.E.S. Blocks upto 31st March, 1958, is 10,914.

The expenditure incurred upto 31st January 1958 in each of the blocks is given in the statement below:—

Statement showing the total expenditure incurred in each of the C D /N E S Blocks of this State upto 31st January 1958

Serial No.	Name of the Block	Total Expenditure incurred upto 31st January 1958	Remarks
		Rs.	
1	Lakhipur N. E. S. Block (Cachar) (normalised).	40,912	
2	Narsingpur N. E. S. Block (Cachar) (normalised).	34,702	*Plus* Rs. 7,95,056 spent while these Blocks were under Cachar Community Project.
3	Salchapra N. E. S. Block (Cachar) (normalised).	37,931	
4	Udalguri N. E. S. Block (Darrang) (normalised).	33,310	*Plus* Rs 55,73,051 spent while these Blocks were under Darrang Community Project.
5	Mazbat N. E. S. Block (Darrang) (normalised).	37,465	
6	Dhekiajuli N. E. S. Blocks (Darrang) (normalised).	33,205	
7	Resu-Belpara N. E. S. Block (Garo Hills) (normalised).	21,2 ,535	
8	Sarupathar N. E. S. Block (Sibsagar) (normalised).	20,52,396	
9	Bhurbandha N. E. S. Block (Nowgong) (normalised).	12,30,664	
10	Bihpuria N. E. S. Block (Lakhimpur) (normalised).	78,455	These two Blocks were created after splitting up of the North Lakhimpur C.D. Block.
11	Noiboisha N. E. S. Block (Lakhimpur) (normalised).	95,682	
12	Aijal N. E. S. Block (Mizo District) (normalised).	14,43,122	
13	Sidli-Chirang C. D. Block Sidli (Goalpara).	8,44,703	

Serial No.	Name of the Block	Total Expenditure incurred upto 31st January 1958	Remarks
		Rs.	
14	Rangia C. D. Block (Kamrup).	11,35,823	
15	Dimoria C. D. Block Sonapur (Kamrup).	8,55,118	
16	Dimow C. D. Block (Sibsagar)	10,41 866	
17	Tengakhat C. D. Block (Lakhimpur).	11,23,417	
18	Bhoi Area C. D. Block Umsning, United Khasi and Jaintia Hills).	11,55,903	
19	Kathiatoli C. D. Block (Nowgong).	9,22,836	
20	Majuli C. D. Block, Kamlabari (Sibsagar).	8,30,154	
21	Ramkrishnanagar C. D Block (Cachar).	11,08,657	
22	Dalu C. D. Block, Barengapara (Garo Hills).	6,65,753	
23	Jalah C. D. Block (Kamrup)	8,91,538	
24	Matia C. D. Block (Goalpara)	9,17,154	
25	Bokajan C. D. Block (Mikir Hills).	7,84,673	
26	Howraghat C. D. Block (Mikir Hills).	5,85,249	
27	Jorhat C. D. Block, Chalihagaon (Sibsagar).	6,12,983	
28	Hajo N. E. S. Block (Kamrup)	1,68,329	
29	Bijni N. E. S. Block (Goalpara).	1,57,936	
30	Mayang N. E. S. Block (Nowgong).	1,80,121	

Serial No.	Name of the Block	Total Expenditure incurred upto 31st January 1958	Remarks
		Rs.	
31	Jowai N. E. S. Block (U. K. & J. Hills).	1,57,164	
32	Balijana N. E. S. Block, Agia (Goalpara).	89,275	
33	Dotoma N. E. S. Block (Goalpara).	78,079	
34	Gobardhana N. E. S. Block, Barpeta Road (Kamrup).	1,11,479	
35	Baska N. E. S. Block, Massalpur (Kamrup).	1,25,744	
36	Biswanath N. E. S. Block Charali (Darrang).	96,199	
37	Kapili N. E. S. Block, Barapujia (Nowgong).	2,31,356	
38	Hailakandi N. E. S. Block (Cachar).	1,39,480	
39	Patharkandi N. E. S. Block (Cachar).	1,18,004	
40	Sonari N. E. S. Block (Sibsagar).	82,960	
41	Dhemaji N. E. S. Block (Lakhimpur).	99,127	
42	Joypur N. E. S. Block (Lakhimpur).	1,30,273	
43	Dambuk-Aga M/P. C. D. Block, Baghmara (Garo Hills).	2,34,036	
44	Rongkhang M/P. C. D. Block Donka (Mikir Hills).	1,01,343	
45	Lungleh M/P. C. D. Block (Mizo District).	1,61,409	
46	Mairang M/P. C. D. Block (U. K. & J. Hills).	1,97,908	

Serial No.	Name of the Block	Total Expenditure incurred upto 31st January 1958	Remarks
		Rs.	
47	Saipung-Darrang M/P. C. D. Block (U. K. & J. Hills).	89,093	
48	Diyung-Valley M/P. C. D. Block, Maibong (North Cachar Hills).	1,59,550	
49	East Karimganj N.E.S. Blocks, Badarpur (Cachar).	28,205	
50	Panitola N. E. S. Block, Chabua (Lakhimpur).	33,607	
51	Kolasib N. E. S. Block (Mizo District).	1,550	
52	Barpeta N. E. S. Block (Kamrup).	2,343	
53	Khoirabari N. E. S. Block (Darrang).	5,580	
54	Golaghat East N. E. S. Block (Sibsagar).	2,507	
55	Lala N. E. S. Block (Cachar)	450	
56	Bilasipara N. E. S. Block (Goalpara)	8,231	
57	Murkongselek Sadiya M/P. C. D. Block (Lakhimpur).	1,193	

(*b*)—The figures of employment are given below on the basis of information available.

(*i*) Retrenched personnel ... 90

(*ii*) Political sufferers ... 13

(*iii*) Educated unemployed ... 1,400 approximately.

(*c*)—The total additional yield reported in the Grow More Food Front in C.D./N.E.S., areas from the inception of the C.D./N.E.S. programme in the areas is about 1,41,764 tons of foodgrains.

Number of Movie Cameras Purchased by Government during 1952 to 1957

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

774. Will the Minister-in-charge of Information and Publicity Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many movie cameras have been purchased by Government during the period from 1952 to 1957 ?

(*b*) Whether the purchsaes were made through proper method laid down in Government Rules ?

(*c*) What number of film-roll both still and movie was purchased by Government during the period from 1952 to 1956 ?

(*d*) How many rolls both still and movie have been used till date ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that a large stock of films have been lying unused in the Department having chance of deterioration and loss of Government money ?

(*f*) If so, do Government propose to take immediate steps to utilise those materials for the purpose of educating people through pictures ?

(*g*) Whether any scheme has been drawn up and/or submitted to Government by the Director of Publicity in this regard ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Information and Publicity) replied :

774. (*a*)—One 16 mm. movie camera.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—Still film roll 838 (purchased from 1952 to 1957 March).

Movie film spools 162 (purchased from 1952 to 1957 March).

(*d*)—Still film rolls 818 (purchased from 1952 to 1957 March).

Movie film spools 162 (purchased from 1952 to 1957 March).

(*e*)—No.
(*f*)—Does not arise.
(*g*)—Does not arise.

Occupation of a Grazing Reserve by an Indian Tea Planter in Futahula village in Moderkhat Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that an Indian Tea Planter occupied recently a grazing reserve about 10 bighas in Futahula village in Moderkhat Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Government dereserved this grazing reserve for the purpose of the tea planter without the knowledge the local people ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that the tea planter has been planting tea bushes on the grazing reserve ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the same tea planter has occupied about 30 bighas of waste land in that same village and is planting tea bushes there also ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that one of the former Sub-Deputy Collectors of Dibrugarh Eastern Circle gave permission to this tea planter to occupy this waste land depriving the landless population ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the said Sub-Deputy Collector acted against the land policy of the Government ?

(*g*) If so, whether Government propose to take action against the officer who acted against the policy of the Government ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that the same tea planter could manage to occupy about 20 bighas of land either from annual patta holder or periodic patta holders ?

(*i*) Whether it is a fact that the same Indian Tea Planter could manage to occupy another plot of 'sarkari' land covered by dag Nos. 292 and 393 in Phutahula village in Moderkhat Mauza measuring about 32 bighas ?

(*j*) Whether it is a fact that this tea planter occupied a "Sarkari Gubat" about 400 feet in length and closed the path in the same village ?

(*k*) Whether Government be pleased to furnish the total quantity of land of different descriptions such as grazing land, waste land, sarkari land, annual patta land, periodic patta land and land of other descriptions occupied by this tea planter during the last 5 years to be shown separately ?

(*l*) Whether Government propose to evict this planter from un-authorised occupation with immediate effect ?

(*m*) Whether Government is aware that this tea planter is expanding tea plantation without any permission from Tea Board or other authority competent for the purpose ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

775. (*a*)—Yes. Shri Budhkaran Choukhani, the proprietor, Ghagrajan Tea Estate, an Indian Tea Planter has encroached upon an area of 9 bighas, 10 lessas of village Grazing Ground land of Phutahulagaon in Moderkhat Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*)—No.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—An area of 30 bighas, 2 kathas, 16 lessas of annual land purchased by the Tea Estate from the previous patta-holders was made sarkari and then settled with the transferee by the Sub-Deputy Collector. The tea planter might be planting the bushes over this area also.

(*e*)—The land mentioned in (*d*) has been settled with the Tea Estate by the then Sub Deputy Collector.

(*f*)—Yes.

(*g*)—Yes.

(*h*)—As mentioned in (*d*) above the said Company got settlement of 30 bighas, 2 kathas, 16 lessas of land on annual basis. Over and above this day have purchased 131 bighas, 2 kathas, 11 lessas of periodic patta land, *viz.*, 31 bighas, 2 kathas, 2 kathas, 11 lessas of periodic patta land, *viz.*, 31 bighas, 2 kathas, from non-cultivators and 97 bighas, 11 lessas from ex-tea garden labourers and others.

(*i*)—Another area of 8 bighas, 3 kathas, 17 lessas of land covered by dag No.292 originally settled with Shri Dumber and Shri Kekheswar Ahom on annual basis was purchased by the Tea Company. This land was also declared sarkari and on filing petition the land was settled with the Tea Company on annual lease. A part of dag No.393 with an area of 1 bigha, 3 kathas, 10 lessas of village grazing ground land was encroached upon by the Tea Company for which an encroachment case has been started.

(*j*)—Yes. The tea planter has also encroached upon a "Gobat" comprised in dag No.307 having a length of 260. Encroachment case has been started against the Tea Estate in respect of this encroachment also.

(*k*)—Lands occupied by the tea planter of different descriptions are as follows :—

1. Grazing Reserve	9 bighas 0 katha	10 lessas.
2. Waste land and sarkari (grazing)	1 bigha 4 kathas	5 lessas.
3. Annual land since settled with Tea Estate.	30 bighas 2 kathas	16 lessas.
plus ...	8 bighas 3 kathas	17 lessas.
4. Periodic land	131 bighas 2 kathas	11 lessas.
5. Gobat in dag No.307	260. in length.	

(*l*)—Steps to evict the encroacher from un-authorised occupation have already been taken.

(*m*)—According to them they have obtained permission from the Tea Board for expanding Tea plantation.

Closure of a road through Tangana Tea Estate from Kachijan and Tangana Gaon to Hulung village in Buridihing Mauza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government is aware that the Land Revenue Manual provides for a through-fare across a tea estates whose area is about 500 acres ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that area of Tangana Tea Estate under Doom Dooma Police Station is above 500 acres ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the road through Tangana Tea Estate from Kachijan and Tangana Gaon to Hulung village in Buridihing Mauza is closed for vehicles belonging to the public ?

(*d*) If so, whether Government propose to take necessary steps to open the road for public with immeidate effect ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : (Minister, Revenue) replied :

776. (*a*)—Under Rule 46 of the Settlement Rules, in the case of all leases of land exceeding 50 acres and not exceeding 600 acres granted under the rules for settlement of land for special cultivation, the Deputy Commissioner is to reserve from settlement—(*a*) any land which in his opinion is required for public passage and (*b*) a strip of land at least 100 wide between the new grant and adjoining grants (if any).

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—The Tangana Tea Estate does not allow outsiders to ply their vehicles through their private road.

(*d*)—Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur will be asked to take such action as is possible.

Services of the Secretary of Transport and Commerce Departments

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

777. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state

(*a*) Whether the services of the Secretary of Transport and Commerce Departments are indispensable ?

(*b*) If so, what is the tenure of his office and how Special Officers and Officers on special duty are there under him ?

(*c*) What are the functions of these Special Officers or Officers on special duty ?

(*d*) How many departments are there under this particular Secretary ?

(*c*) How many departments are being run by a single Secretary in other departments ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

777. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—According to the revised I.A.S., cadre the post of Secretary, Transport is to be a permanent post, but up till now the post has been extended from year to year on an annual basis. The Secretary is assisted by three Special Officers as he has got no Deputy Secretary or Under Secretary under him.

(*c*)—The Special Officer, Transport and Commerce is virtually doing the work of an Under-Secretary for those departments. The Officer on special duty (Railways) is a Railway Officer on deputation and mainly deals with Railway matters. The Officer on special duty (Inland Water Transport) was appointed only from 12th July, 1957 and so far was exclusively devoting his time to prepare Assam's case regarding transportation of crude oil for the proposed refinery by river. He is also dealing with all matters concerning Inland Water Transport and he is also entrusted with preparing Assam's case for submission before the Gokhale Committee.

(*d*)—Transport and Commerce and Labour. Till recently he was in-charge of the Major Industries Department also, but this has since been transferred from him after the re-organisation.

(*e*)—A statement showing the distribution of departments Secretary-wise is laid given below:—

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF DEPARTMENTS SECRETARY-WISE

1.	Departments under the Chief Secretary.	(1) Appointments, (2) Home, (3) Passport, (4) Political, (5) Secretariat Administration Department, (6) General Administration Department including Printing & Stationery and (7) Organisation and Method Division.
2.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Finance including Taxation and Stamps.
3.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Revenue including licensing of Mines & Minerals, (2) Forests and (3) Relief & Rehabilitation.
4.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Law Department.
5.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Local Self-Government, (2) Panchayats, (3) Town and Country Planning, (4) Excise and (5) Registration.
6.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Education and (2) Medical and Public Health.
7.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Public Works Department (Roads & Buildings Wing).
8.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Public Works Department (Flood Control & Irrigation Wing).
9.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Agriculture, (2) Veterinary, (3) Pisciculture, (4) Soil Conservation and (5) Co-operation.
10.	Secretary in charge of	(1) Supply, (2) Textile and (3) Consumer Goods.
11.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Labour, (2) Transport and Commerce.
12.	Secretary in-charge of	(1) Industries and Power, (2) Development of Mines and Minerals.

13. Development Commissioner and Secretary, in-charge of	(1) Development:	(a) Planning & Development.
		(b) Community Projects including N.E.S. Blocks.
		(c) Administration of Miscellaneous, Self-Help and other Rural and Local Department Grants and Schemes, Social Welfare and Welfare of Backward Classes, etc.
14. Secretary in-charge of	(1) Tribal Areas Department.	
15. Secretary in-charge of	(1) Cottage Industries, (2) Sericulture & Weaving and (3) Khadi & Village Industries.	
16. Secretary in-charge of	(*Ex-Officio*) Elections.	

Re: **Paper pulp Manufacturing Machine**

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

778. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—
(1) Whether it is a fact that a paper pulp manufacturing machine was sent by the Union Relief and Rehabilitation Department for the displaced persons in Cachar ?
(*a*) If so, whether Government have been able to locate it by now ?
(*c*) When it is expected to go into operation ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

778. (*a*)—No.
(*b*)&(*c*)—Does not arise.

Shifting of the office of the Madrassa Education Board from Shillong to Nowgong

Shri TAMIJUDDIN PRADHANI (Dhubri) asked :

779. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—
(*a*) Whether there is a State Madrassa Education Board in the State ?

(*b*) If so, where is its head office ?

(*c*) Whether Government contemplate to shift the said Board to Nowgong ?

(*d*) If so, what are the reasons that lead to such decision ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

779. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Shillong.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—In the interest of public service.

Roads on the Eastern Bank of Subansiri of North Lakhimpur Subdivision and Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

780. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) When the roads on the Eastern Bank of Subansiri of North Lakhimpur Subdivision and Dibrugarh Subdivision will be fit for bus services ?

(*b*) Whether Government has any plan to construct a permanent bridge over the Subansiri ?

(*c*) When will there be a motorable and all-weather road between North Lakhimpur and Dibrugarh ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMA [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

780. (*a*)—The following roads on the Eastern Bank of Subansiri of North Lakhimpur Subdivision, Dibrugarh Subdivision will be fit for bus service after gravelling is done, which is in progress and is expected to be completed in 1959.

	Miles
1. Ghilamara-Bordoloni	7·55
2. Ghilamara-Dhakuakhana	7·9
3. Chaldhowa-Ghilamara-Machkhowa-Sissimukh Road.	17·25
4. Dhakuakhana-Machkhowa	12
5. Machkhowa-Dhemaji	12
6. Improving Chaldhowa-Sonarigaon Road under construction in Second Five Year Plan.	35

(*b*)—No.

(*c*)—Already there is a motorable road (18 miles) from North Lakhimpur to Chaldhowa Ghat. The portion of the road on the East Bank of Subansiri from Chaldhowa to Sonarigaon which was damaged by Earthquake has been taken up for restoration under the Second Five Year Plan.

Dangaria Road which connects the Assam Trunk Road from the village Dangaria toll in the Hatigarh Mauza in Jorhat Subdivision

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Dangaria Road (about 3 miles) connecting the Assam Trunk Road from the village Dangariatoll in the Hatigarh Mauza in the Jorhat Subdivision is one of the important and oldest roads in the Subdivision ?

(b) If so, whether Government be pleased to take over this road and a take steps to grevel and widen this road within the financial year 1958-59 ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

781. (a)—Yes, this is an old and important Local Board Road.

(b)—The proposal was placed before the fourth meeting of the Assam Roads Communication Board held on 8th May, 1956 but was not selected. This will again be placed before the next meeting of the Board for consideration and the work will be taken up as and when the Road Board recommends the proposal and fund is made available for the purpose.

Enhancement rate of pay in the revised scale to Assistants and Menials of the School Board and Aided High Schools

Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked:

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

(a) Why the office Assistants and Menials of the School Boards and Aided High Schools are left out of the scope of enhanced rate of pay in the revised scale ?

(b) Whether they do not deserve it when their services are also inevitably essential for the Department ?

(c) Will Government consider their cases favourably and immediately ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

782. (a), (b) & (c)—The pay scale of this category of employees was not revised by Pay Committee. The question of revising it is however under examination of Government.

Salary of the Chowkidar of the Dubia Middle Vernacular School, in Tezpur Subdivision

Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that Shri Manik Chandra Bara, the Chowkidar of the Dubia Middle Vernacular School, in the Tezpur Subdivision has been paid only Rs.10 per month as his salary even after the School Board has taken over the charge of such Schools from the Local Board ?

(*b*) Whether Government propose to do justice to this poorly paid employee at an early date ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

783. (*a*)—Yes.
(*b*)—The Chowkidar is being paid at the rate at which the Local Board paid him. However, the matter is being looked into.

Liquor taken by retailers from Tinsukia C. S. Shop for selling the same in Tinsukia Town

Shri MANIK CHANDRA DAS (Tengakhat) asked :

784. Will the Minister-in-charge of Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that large quantity of liquor is taken by retailers from the Tinsukia C. S. Shop for selling the same in Tinsukia Town ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that liquor is sold in several places also in tea stalls in Tinsukia town ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that Tinsukia Excise staff never cared to detect the illicit sale of liquor ?

(*d*) Whether Tinsukia C. S. Shop was ever checked by Excise Staff in the years 1956 and 1957 ?

(*e*) If so, how many times ?

(*f*) Whether any defect or illegal practice on the part of management was detected ?

(*g*) If not, whether Government propose to keep a vigilant eye on the shop ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied :

784. (*a*)—Liquor is not sold to any retailers for sale at any other place. It is, however, reported that some persons collect liquor from the Tinsukia C. S. Shop through the help of different purchasers for selling the same illegally in Tinsukia town.

(*b*)—Reports are received about illicit sale of liquor in some tea stalls and other places in Tinsukia town.

(*c*)—It is not a fact.

(*d*)—Yes,

(*e*)—In 1956—21 times. In 1957—17 times.

(*f*)—No illegal practice on the part of management was detected. The lessee was once fined for being absent from the shop. On another occasion, he was warned for keeping excess amount than sale proceeds in his shop.

(*g*)—Yes, Government propose to keep a vigilant eye on the shop.

Amonnt of money allotted in Sericulture and Weaving for Plains and Hills Tribals

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

785. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) How much money have been allotted in Sericulture and Weaving for the Plains Tribal in 1956-57 and 1957-58 ?

(*b*) How much money have been allotted in Sericulture and Weaving for the Hills Tribals in 1956-57 and 1957-58 ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas Department) replied:

285. *(a)*—In 1956-57 and 1957-58 Rs.95,000 and Rs.70,000 respectively were allotted for Development Schemes under Sericulture and Weaving for the benefit of the Plains Tribals from out of Article 275 grant. These grants are equally shared by the Government of India and the State Government.

In addition to these grants a total allotment of Rs.1,75,726 and Rs.1,72,521 were also made during these two years respectively from out of State Revenue for taking up Development Schemes under Sericulture and Weaving in the areas predominantly inhabited by the Plains Tribals people. Obviously such schemes benefit all the sections of the people living in such areas including the tribal population.

(b)—Rs.1,88,500 and Rs.4,15,000 in 1956-57 and 1957-58 respectively under Article 275 and Rs.7,23,135 and Rs.7,57,360 in those years respectively were allotted from out of State Revenues, State General Handloom Board.

Re: **Banasbi Badan and Banshi Gopal Nisf-Kheraj State**

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

786. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to State—

(*a*) Whether Government has received petitions from the raiyats of Upper Doom Dooma Nisf-Kheraj area, Nowgong District, to transfer the entire responsibility of management of Banshi Badan and Banshi Gopal idol workship along with the management of Nisf-kheraj area to an elected body of raiyats from the hands of one person, who is now managing the same.

(*b*) If so, when that will be done ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

786. (*a*)—Yes. The Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong received three such petitions from Shri Bhudar Bharali and other of Upper Doom Dooma in Batadrava mouza on different dates containing allegations against the Manager of the Banshi Badan and Banshi Gopal Nisf-kheraj estate, in 1951-52.

(*b*)—The petitions were duly enquired into and found that the Nisf-kheraj estate stands in the name of Sri Sri Banshi Banshi Badan Murti *alias* Sri Sri Banshi Gopal Murti (Idol) managed by Sri Raghunath Barua. Government after enquiry did not find sufficient ground to take over the management of the property.

Railway Bridge over Pagladiya

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that after reconstruction of the Railway Bridge over Pagladiya due to extension of two spans westward, the Public Works Department Bridge over the Pagladiya is threatened to be unsafe ?

(*b*) Whether during the next rainy season there is danger of Nalbari remaining dislocated by road communication due to the above reason ?

(*c*) Whether Government consider that as a result, the lower reaches of Pagladiya river will suffer from greater and sudden floods than it was ever before ?

(*d*) If so, what precautionary measures have been taken to avert any future crisis as mentioned above ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

787. (*a*)—Owing to construction of marginal embankments on upstream side of the railway bridge the flood discharge under the Pagladiya has increased. As advised by Committee of Engineers appointed by the Central and State Government to

advise them regarding adequacy or otherwise of waterways across bridge opening affecting flood conditions in the neighbouring region. The railway administration have started construction of a new bridge across the Pagladiya with provision for wider waterway and also greater headway for discharge of flood water. The question of extending the Road Bridge on North Trunk Road across the Pagladiya is also under the consideration of the Government. After the marginal embankments are completed in all respects, the road and railway bridge may be threatened unless widened in the meantime.

(*b*)—No. There is no such apprehension at presents. As and when the marginal embankments on the upstream side of the bridges are completed, this will affect the flood discharge across the bridges which will need wider waterways, for which the question of widening the road bridge is under active consideration.

(*c*)&(*d*)—No. In view of the position explained above, there is no apprehension of sudden floods at present.

Assam Secretariat Assistants

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

788. Will the Minister in-charge of Appointment (Chief Minister) be pleased to state—

(*a*) Why Government have not extended the benefit of the New Pay Scale recommended by the last Pay Committee, to the Secretariat Assistants recruited direct under Regulation 3 of Assam Public Service Commission ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the other Assistants have got the New Pay Scale ?

(*c*) Whether Government will be pleased to grant the New Pay Scale to those Assistants stated in (*a*) above ?

(*d*) Whether Government will be pleased to state the reason for this discrimination ?

789. Will the Minister-in-charge of Appointment be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the staff had to be appointed for non-availabil ty of candidates who have passed the Public Service Commission Test ?

(*d*) Whether it is compulsory to undergo Assam Public Service Commission Examination by the Secretariat Staff ?

(*c*) If so, what advantages are given to the employees who undergo the Public Service Commission Test Examination ?

790. Will the Minister-in-charge of Appointment be pleased to state—

(*a*) At what intervals the Assam Public Service Commission holds Test Examinations for Secretariat Staff, both for the existing staff recruited under Regulation 3 and for fresh recruitments ?

(*b*) How many such Assam Public Service Commission Examinations were held during the last 5 years ?

(*c*) How many candidates appeared in those examinations both from the existing staff and from out side ?

(*d*) How many of them were succesful and how many were unsuccessful ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

788. (*a*)—Because, in recommending the revised pay scale for Lower Division posts the Pay Committee specifically laid down that it would be admissible to those Assistants who are recruited through the Assam public Service Commission.

(*b*)—Yes. Those recruited through the Assam Public Service Commission or who subsequently passed the Public Service Commission Test have got the benefit of the revised pay scale.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration of Government.

(*d*)—In case of both the Lower Division Assistants of the Secretariat and the offices of the Heads of Departments, the minimum educational qualification fixed is the same, *viz.*, Intermediate. Only the Assistants in the Secretariat have to come through the Assam Public Service Commission by qualifying themselves in a competitive test. It is on this consideration and in consideration of the nature of duties that the Pay Committee recommended a higher scale for the Secretariat Assistants recruited through the Assam Public Service Commission. So, those Assistants who have not yet passed the Public Service Commission Test cannot be treated exactly at par with those who have.

789. (*a*)—Yes. Due to non-availability of Public Service Commission passed candidates, unpassed candidates have to be appointed temporarily subject to their passing the Public Service Commission Examination for recruitment to Lower Division posts and securing the position within the requisite number of vacancies.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—They are given the benefit of revised scale of pay, seniority, promotion and confirmation.

790. (*a*)—Usually examination is held once a year.

(*b*)—Four examinations had been held during the last five years.

(*c*)—

Number of candidates		Years
152	...	1953
110	...	1954
248	...	1955
246	...	1956

(*d*)

No. of candidates (successful)		No. of candidates (unsuccessful)		Year
56	...	96	...	1953
36	...	74	...	1954
64	...	184	...	1955
117	...	129	...	1956

Re: **Outbreak of Cattle Disease**

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (**Sorbhog**) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether there was any outbreak of cattle disease in Borpeta Subdivision during 1957 ?

(*b*) If so, how many cattle died within Sorbhog Thana area ?

(*c*) Whether proper treatment was made ?

(*d*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to establish a full fledged Veterinary Dispensary at Chamthaibari in Kherija Bizni Mauza, Barpeta Subdivision. For the protection of the cattle population against diseases in future ?

(*f*) If so, when ?

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

791. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—107 cattle died in Sorbhog area ?

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

(*e*)—At present there is no proposal, as there is already a Veterinary Dispensary at Barpeta proper and Kamrup District has more Veterinary Dispensaries than any other districts of the State.

(*f*)—Does not arise.

Veterinary Laboratory within Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there is no Veterinary Laboratory within Dibrugrah Subdivision to diagonise a particular disease of cattle ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Veterinary staff of that Subdivision are to send "blood" of a particular cattle to the Laboratory at Gauhati for examination ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that during the last few years there were a large number of cattle mortality in Dibrugarh Subdivision for the simple reason that the Veterinary staff had to wait for the result of examination conducted by Veterinary Laboratory at Gauhati ?

(*d*) If so, whether Government propose to establish a Veterinary Laboratory at Dibrugarh ?

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

792. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*)—There is no proposal for the present.

Re : **Pay of Government Middle Vernacular School Teachers**

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

793. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the teachers of the Government Middle Vernacular Schools are directly under the Education Department of the State or under the Secretary State Basic Education Board ?

(*b*) Why the Government Middle Vernacular School Teachers have not been allowed the benefit of the temporary increment of Rs.5 per mensem which was allowed to all other low-paid Government servants whose maximum pay does not exceed Rs.100 ?

(*c*) Why the last Pay Committee's recommendation have not been given effect to the Middle Vernacular School Teachers as applicable to other school teachers.

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that Government Middle Vernacular School Teachers who used to get their pay in the scale of Rs.55—2—75—3—90 from 1st April, 1950 have not been given the scale of Rs.60—75 only and they have been departmentally asked to opt for the new scale ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to look into these anomalies and remove the grievances of the teachers of Government Middle Vernacular Schools ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied ?

793. (*a*)—The Government Middle Vernacular Schools are under the Education Department of the State.

(*b*)—This relates to the revision of pay scales in 1954. At the time no inital benefit of Rs.5 was given to the "B" Grade Teachers of Assam Lower School Service as the question of taking over all the 37 Government Middle Vernacular Schools by the School Board was then being examined.

(*c*)—Pay Committee's recommendations have been given effect to.

(*d*)—The non-matric normal passed pandits are now allowed the scale of Rs.60—75 per mensem whilst matriculate normal passed pandits are allowed the scale of Rs.75—100. They have not been asked departmentally to opt for the new scales of pay.

(*e*)—Prescribing varying scales for matric and non-matric is not regarde l as anomally. But things may be reconsidered at any time.

Re: **Quarantive Station and number of Veterinary Doctors, Dispensaries and Hospitals**

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

794. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary by pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether there is quarantive Station at the boundary of this State ?

(*b*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*c*) Whether Government will establish such stations ?

(*d*) Whether there are doctors for the Veterinary Dispensaries in the State ?

(*e*) How many Veterinary Doctors are there in Assam and how many Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State ?

(*f*) Whether there is any dearth of doctors ?

(*g*) Whether Government propose to recruit doctor from other States on contract basis ?

(*h*) If so, how soon ?

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

794. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—The land borders are too long and hundreds of quarantive stations will be necessary to properly cover the routes.

(*c*)—There is no proposal at present.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—There are 131 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and 105 Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State, besides 11 dispensaries in C. P. Blocks.

(*f*)—Yes.

(*g*) & (*h*)—Yes and immediately. The Assam Public Service Commission has been taken steps.

Number of Venture Lower Primary Schools in the Tihu Circle

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

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

(*a*) How many Venture L. P. Schools are there in the Tihu Circle ?

(*b*) What are their names ?

(*c*) Whether they will be taken up this year ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

795. (*a*)—19.

(*b*)—1. Nijmati L. P.

2. Dakhin Bali L. P.

3. Chakradhar Bidyapith.

4. Bari Venture Girls.

5. Thanguri L. P.

6. Thalkuchi.

7. Chotera Chupa.

8. Batabari.

9. Bhebati.
10. Lakhipur.
11. Lanthibari.
12. Bhelguri pathar.
13. Ulubari.
14. Matirtari.

15. Puran Mashalpur.
16. Pamuapathar Girls'.
17. Purana Sripur.
18. Chaplaikuchi.
19. Madhya Kashimpur.

(*c*)—They have been taken over.

Jorhat Local Board

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

796. Will the Minister-in-charge, L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a loan of rupees fifty thousand was taken from Government by the Jorhat Local Board in 1935 ?

(*b*) If so, whether the entire amount has been repaid ?

(*c*) If not, what is the amount due now to the Government ?

(*d*) Whether Government received any representation from the Jorhat Local Board to exempt from further payment of this debt ?

(*e*) If so, what steps Government propose to take under the present circumstances ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

796. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—No.

(*c*)—Rupees 13,789·62 nP. with interest thereon.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—Government did not agree to grant remission as asked for but the Board has been allowed to repay the balance of the loan with interest in eight equal instalments commencing from 20th December 1957.

Gauhati University

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

797. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether any amount has been specifically earmarked for the Gauhati University for opening Post-Graduate Classes in Assamese Culture and Civilisation ?

(*b*) If so, what is the amount so granted ?

(*c*) Will the Education Minister be pleased to state whether the Government proposes to open a diploma course in Social Science and Labour Welfare under Gauhati University and allot suitable grants for the purpose ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister Education) replied :

797. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—Government will look into the matter in consultation with Gauhati University.

Re: Cyclone damage relief to Schools of different categories

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether any amount has been sanctioned as a cyclone damage relief separately to High Schools, Middle English Schools and Lower Primary Schools of each Subdivision of the State during the course of the last three years ?

(*b*) If not, what is the reason for delay in giving relief to the institutions ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

798. (*a*)—Yes.
(*b*)—Does not arise.

Re : **Dhansirimukh Lower Primary School**

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

799. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) What steps are being taken by the authority in shifting the Dhansirimukh Lower Primary School to a safer site ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the School is now under water ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

799. (*a*)—A temporary building has been constructed by the public in a safer site. Steps are being taken to give a grant for construction of a permanent building.

(*b*)—No.

Passing of Departmental Examination by Officers before confirmation

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

800. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that for confirmation in posts the Officers are to pass certain Departmental Examination ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that some Officers get the retrospective effect of confirmation and some are confirmed from the date of passing the Departmental Examination ?

(*c*) If so, what is the reason for such discrimination ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

800. (*a*)—Yes, when the Rules of a particular service require such compliance.

(*b*) & (*c*)—Where the rules require, all officers are confirmed from the date of passing the Departmental Examinations, but when an officer cannot be deputed for Survey and Settlement training or cannot be afforded reasonable opportunity for learning Assamese and Bengali, they are confirmed from the date of passing the other Examinations by temporarily exempting them from passing in language or Survey and Settlement. In the past a few officers were temporarily exempted from passing in Accounts also as they could not be afforded opportunities for training in a District Treasury. But as far as possible. Treasury training is arranged at present within two years of probation. If however an officer is prevented from appearing in an examination due to exigencies of public service, such as work in the Naga Hills, he is confirmed with effect from the date of the Examination from which he was prevented to appear if he can completely pass within the time limit allowed to him for inability to appear in the previous examination.

Building of the State Bank of India at Barpeta

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the estimates and specifications, etc., in respect of building of the State Bank of India at Barpeta were, after allotment of the work, thoroughly revised and on such revision material alterations and additions were affected in the specifications and estimates resulting in heavy rise of the value of the work ?

(*b*) If so, whether new tenders have been called for ?

(*c*) If not, whether Government propose to take into consideration the heavy loss accrued by them for such wilful omission to call for fresh tender ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to do something in this behalf ?

(*e*) If so, what ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

(*a*)—Yes, the original estimate had to be revised because of the necessity to change the site. The revised estimate does not involve increase in the value of the work.

(*b*)—Does not arise.
(*c*)—No loss to the Government is involved.
(*d*)—Does not arise.
(*e*)—Does not arise.

Purchase of Arunachal properties of the Oil Company

Mrs. JOYTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether the purchase of Arunachal properties of the Oil Company has already been made ?

(*b*) What arrangements have been made for the displaced persons now occupying the quarters ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to allot lands to these families on payment in unoccupied lands or provide them with built houses ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

802. (*a*)—The matter has not been finalised.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—There is no such proposal at present.

State Dispensary at Chamuapara in Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether any representation was received by Government for establishing a State Dispensary at Chamuapara in Mangaldai Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether the report submitted by the Civil Surgeon, Darrang to this effect was received by Government ?

(*c*) If so, what action has been taken by Government ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

803. (*a*)—No.
(*b*)—No.

(*c*)—Does not arise.

Primary Health Unit at Patharighat in the Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Government have decided to start a Primary Health Unit at Patharighat in the Mangaldai Subdivision within this financial year ?

(*b*) If so, what steps have been taken ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the local public have donated some land as desired by Government for this purpose at a very high cost ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

804. (*a*) & (*b*)—Yes, there was a proposal to establish one Primary Health Unit at Patharighat. But in view of the fact that Patharighat is close to Sipajhar and Community Project Department's proposal to establish one Primary Health Centre at Khairabari. Some other site may have to be selected in the Subdivision instead of at Patharighat.

(*c*)—Yes, but the Government are not aware of the cost of the land.

Refugee Registration Certificate

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

805. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) The number of Refugee Registration Certificates now lying with the Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, Barpeta for distribution amongst the refugee of Barpeta Subdivision ?

(*b*) Why the Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, Barpeta has stopped distribution of Refugee Registration Certificate which is the only document for proving the bonafide of a displaced person ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

805. (*a*) & (*b*)—933 Refugee Registration Certificates are now lying with the Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, Barpeta and they could not be issued as yet as the applicants were not found on their respective localities on several enquiries.

Re: **"Rajnagar" Capital of Mattak Kings**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

806. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that Bengmara, the present Tinsukia, was the capital of Mattak Kings who had their independent Kingdom till 1840 (Eighteen hundred and fourty) ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the "Rajnagar" of the Mattak Kings was a "Niskar" land ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that a business firm have their unauthorised occupation over portion of this "Rajnagar" and that the local people have been opposing this since sometime past ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the Tinsukia Town Congress Committee, Rajnagar Udhar Samity of Tinsukia area, the All-Assam Mattak Sanmillan and other organizations submitted memoranda jointly or separately requesting Government of Assam to protect this place of historical importance under Article 49 of the Indian Constitution and to evict the said business firm ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that a large number of public meetings adopted resolutions from time to time requesting Government to evict this business firm and to protect this "Rajnagar", a place of historic importance ?

(*f*) Whether Government know that by destroying the "Gar" of the 'Rajnagar' and utilising these places for the personal interest of this firm, the sentiment of certain sections of populations of Upper Assam is being wounded ?

(*g*) What actions have been taken by Government on the different representations and memoranda submitted regarding this during the last few years ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

806. (*a*)—The General Secretary, All-Assam Mattak Sanmillan of Kanjikoah T. E. during January, 1956 brought to the notice of Government that 'Rajnagar' was the capital of the Mattak Kings.

(*b*)—No information.

(*c*)—No, M/s. Seniram Dungarmall was given a decennial patta in respect of 32B-4K-4L of land in 1890-1900. Subsequently another area of 89B-3K-5L of land was settled with the firm in 1903 by the Deputy Commissionner which was approved by the Commissioner. After a long interval of this settlement some local people objected to this.

(*d*) & (*e*)—Yes.

(*f*)—The representations submitted by the interested persons show that sentiment of section of population was wounded.

(*g*)—It being private property Government cannot intervene.

Pending Revenue Appeals before the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

807. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many revenue appeals were pending before the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta during the years 1955 to 1958 (answer should be given year by year) ?

(*b*) How many of those cases were disposed of by the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta during the years 1955 to 1958 (answer should be given year by year) ?

(*c*) How many of those cases have been sent to Settlement Officer, Kamrup for disposal ?

(*d*) Whether it is fact that the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta heard the argument of many revenue appeals and those cases were lying with him months together for orders and that those cases also have been sent to the Settlement Officer, Kamrup for disposal ?

(*e*) If so, what is the number of such cases ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

807. (*a*) to (*e*)—Informations have been called for from District and Subdivisional authorities.

Re : **Messers Bhimraj Chowthmall of Dibrugarh**

Shri MANIK CHANDRA DAS (Tengakhat) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is fact that the firm M/s. Bhimraj Chowthmall of Dibrugarh is the Government appointed Agent for :—

(1) Fertilizers meant for tea gardens ;

(2) C. I. Sheets and cement ;

(3) Relief and Rehabilitation quota of C. I. Sheets and cement for Dibrugarh ; and

(4) Housing scheme quota for Dibrugarh ?

(*b*) Whether it is also a fact that this same firm is also the dealer in consumer goods for Dibrugarh ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that this same firm is also the Agent for cement and C. I. Sheets for North-East Frontier Agency ?

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

808. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—As in (*a*) above.

(*c*)—Yes.

Re : **One Md. Safar Ali, a Lot Mandal of village Jagra under Pakoa Mauza**

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

809. Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether one Md. Safar Ali, son of late Bashir Ali of village Jagra under Pakoa Mauza within Nalbari Circle was the Lot Mandal ?

(*b*) If so, since when ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the said Lot Mandal was suspended on 27th July 1949 due to his mental disorder ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that inspite of the said Lot Mandal's submittiug a fitness certificate, dated the 5th November 1957 from Civil Surgeon, Gauhati he is not being re-instated ?

(*e*) If so, why his case is not considered as yet ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the said Lot Mandal is also not getting his arrear pay as yet ?

(*g*) Whether Government propose to order him to work again ?

(*h*) If not, whether he will get invalid pension and is so how much and since when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

809.(*a*) to (*h*)—Informations have been called for from the district authority.

On receipt, appropriate reply will be given.

Sibsagar Government High English School Building

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amaguri) asked :

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

(*a*) When Sibsagar Government High English School building was completed and taken over by Government ?

(*b*) What is the cost of construction ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the pucca plinth and floor required repairing within a year of construction ?

(*d*) If so, what is the cost of repairing ?

(*e*) Who will bear the repairing cost ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Edncation) replied :

810.(*a*)—In March, 1956.
(*b*)—About Rs.2,00,000.
(*c*)—Yes.
(*d*)—Rs.782.
(*e*)—The Public Works Department.

Public Health and Local Board Dispensaries within Sorbhog Thana

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sarbhog) asked:

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

(*a*) How many public health and Local Board dispensaries are there in Sorbhog Thana ?

(*b*) What are their names ?

(*c*) Whether any more dispensaries will be established ?

(*d*) If so, what are their names ?

(*e*) Whether there are public petitions for more dispensaries ?

(*f*) If so, what are the names proposed for dispensaries in the public petitions ?

(*g*) How many of them will be taken up ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

811. (*a*)&(*b*)—One Local Board Dispensary at Sorbhog. One Government Subsidized Dispensary at Roha. Two Public Health dispensaries at Kamargaon and Barpeta Road.

(*c*)—Not yet decided.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

(*e*)—Yes.

(*f*)&(*g*)—Do not arise.

Circuit House Inspection Bungalow at Digboi

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi) asked:

812. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Government has any scheme to build a Circuit House/Inspection Bungalow at Digboi within the Second Five Year Plan ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that quite a good number of visitors from outside Assam used to visit Digboi, the only oil-Town of India ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that for want of accommodation Government Officer visiting Digboi on duty had to stay either at the Company's Guest House or at private quarters ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that even the district authorities often has to approach the Company's authorities for accommodation in the Guest House for high ranking Government Officers and even for Minister ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that for want of a Circuit House at Digboi the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur, had to arrange tea at the residence of the General Manager of the Assam Oil Company for the members of the States Re-organisation Commission ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to make a special provision for constructing a Circuit House at Digboi, if it is not already included in the Second Five Year Plan ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

812.(*a*)—No. There is no such proposal at present.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Government have no information but, there is a Forest Department Inspection Bungalow at Digboi, where officers can stay.

(*e*)—The information is being called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

(*f*)—The matter will be examined and due considerations will be given by the Government.

Road Mohorrirs in Karimganj Public Works Department Division

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj North) asked:

813. Will the Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many Road Mohorirs were appointed in Karimganj Public Works Department in 1956-57 and 1957-58 to date (to be shown separately for each year ?

(*b*) How many of them were Muslims, Scheduled Castes, Displaced persons and original inhabitants of the place (name with address to be given) ?

Shri DEBESWR SARMAH [Minister, P. W. D. (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

813. (*a*)—Only 10 (ten) Road Mohorrirs in the year 1956-57 and 6 (six) in the year 1957-58 were appointed under the Karimganj (P. W. D.) Division.

(*b*) - None of them are Muslims. Only one belongs to Scheduled Caste Community, and 4 (four) are Displaced persons and the rest 11 (eleven) are the original inhabitants of the District.

Their names and addresses are furnished below :—

Statement showing the names, addresses of Roads Mohorrirs appointed under the Karimganj Division in the year 1956-57 and 1957-58

Serial No.	Year of recruitment	Name with address	Caste	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	1956-1957	Sri Dhirendra Ch. Das, P. O. Karimganj, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu.	
2	Do.	Sri Sudha Ranjan Paul Purkayastha, P. O. and Vill. Karnamadhu, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu.	

Serial No.	Year of recruitment	Name with address	Caste	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
3	1956-57	Sri Gopi Nath Singh, Vill. Nalugaon, P. O Patharkandi, Cachar.	Manipuri Hindu.	
4	Do	Sri Nibaran Chandra Dev, Vill. Arengabad, P. O. Bhangabazar, Cachar.	Hindu.	
5	Do	Sri Diptimoy Das, P. O. Karimganj, Ward No. IV, Cachar District.	Hindu.	
6	Do	Sri Kokil Sena Singh, Vill. Umangrani, P. O. Patharkandi, Cachar.	Manipuri Hindu.	
7	Do	Sri Ramendra Chakrabarty, P. O. Patharkandi, Cachar.	Hindu.	
8	Do	Sri Sushil Kumar Suklabaidya, P. O. Kalaincherra, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu ..	Scheduled Caste.
9	Do	Sri Jitendra Kumar Sarma, P.O. Nilambazar, Vill. Brahmansashan, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu ...	Displaced person.
10	Do	Sri Nagendra Lal Bhowmik, P. O. Karimganj, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu ...	Do.
11	1957-58	Sri Gopal Chandra Sarma, P. O. Sealtek, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu.	
12	Do	Sri Sasanka Das, P. O. Karnamadud, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu.	
13	Do	Sri Haridhan Sarma, P.O. Latu, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu.	
14	Do	Sri Ashutosh Chakrabarty, P. O. Karimganj, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu ...	Displaced person.
15	Do	Sri Pijush Kanti Roy, P. O. Karimganj, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu.	Do.
16	Do	Sri Rajkumar Nath, P. O. and Vill. Girishganj, Bazar, Dist. Cachar.	Hindu.	

Karimganj Subdivisional Development Board

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj North) asked:

814. Will the Minister of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) The total amount placed at the disposal of the Karimganj Subdivisional Development Board from time to time under the first five year of development period up to 1956-57 ?

(*b*) Whether the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to lay in a tabular form the names with particulars of the different projects under different categories and Government contribution in each case together with the names of the executive agencies to which these projects were allotted along with the names and addresses of the contractors who worked on the projects ?

(*c*) Whether all the projects were finally completed ?

814A. Will the Minister of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact as a rule proposals for consideration of schemes by the Karimganj Development Boards must come through one or other executive agency ?

(*b*) If so, whether Government are aware of the difficulties of the proposer for entertainment of his scheme as in most places there is no executive agency near by ?

(*c*) Whether Government will issue instructions to the Chairman of the Board to entertain schemes submitted direct by any member of the Board for final consideration of the Development Board and to invite schemes accordingly with at least 15 days, notice ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied:

814.(*a*)—The total amount placed is Rs. 4,37,992 the break-up of which is as follows:

	Rs.
(*i*) Local Development Works	1,52,558
(*ii*) Rural Water Supply under Local Development Works.	88,988
(*iii*) Rural Water Supply under "59.—Public Health".	91,846
(*iv*) Self-Help	96,600
(*v*) Rural Water Supply under removal of untouchability.	8,000

(*b*) & (*c*)—Statements showing the required particulars are placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No. S. 43). Reasons for non-completion of some of the projects and other incomplete particulars are being called for.

814A.(*a*)—Government grants are placed at the disposal of the respective Subdivisional Development Boards who approve schemes according to priority and importance for different areas in their jurisdictions to be executed by the different executing agencies where available.

(*b*) & (*c*)—In view of the reply to (*a*) above these do not arise.

Dhalcherra Forest Village

Shri GOURI SHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked:

815. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(*a*) The names and addresses of persons who have been allotted land as forest villagers in Dhalcherra Forest village under Cachar Division since January, 1955 to December 1957 ?

(*b*) Is there any proposal for extension of this village at present or in near future ?

(*c*) If so, by how many families ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) replied:

815. (*a*)—A list is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No. S. 44.)

(*b*)—No.

(*c*)—Does not arise.

Forest under Bijni and Mechpara Acquired Estates

Shri KHAGENDRA NATH NATH (Goalpara) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether the forest under the Bijni and Mechpara Acquired Estates have been opened for sale ?

(*b*) If so, when ?

(*c*) The total number of timbers issued on permits up-to-date after the acquisition of these Estates by Government (to be shown separately under different permits such as permit for business, permit for institutions, permit for home consumption, etc., with the names of the parties, the rate of royalty, date of issue of permit and the respective name of forest Jhars) ?

(*d*) Whether any permit has been issued from any reserve forest under the Bijni and Mechpara Acquired Estate ?

(*e*) If so, who are the permit holders and how many timbers have been given to each of them and what forest Jhars ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) replied:

816. (*a*)—Dead wind-fallen and otherwise deteriorating trees are being disposed of by public sale from time to time and also sometimes by permits for sound trees.

(*b*)—Soon after acquisition.

(*c*)—A little more than 3,725 trees. A list of the different permits, with the names of permit-holders and Forest Jhars is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No. S.45).

(*d*)—Does not arise, as the forests of the Bijni and Mechpara Acquired Estates, have not as yet been constituted as Reserve Forests.

(*e*)—Does not arise.

Allotment of Forests and Khas lands to Scheduled Castes

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

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

(*a*) What is the total number of lands both Forest Reserve and Khas, distributed throughout the State, district-wise, year by year from 1951 ?

(*b*) What is the number of Scheduled Castes families who were allotted land in respect of question (*a*) ?

(*c*) Whether it covers the reserved percentage of the Scheduled Caste ?

(*d*) If not, what is the reason of not giving lands to them though the number of landless amongst the Scheduled Caste is big ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

817. (*a*)—Two statements showing the area of land allotted district-wise from reserved forest as forest village to forest villagers and the area of Government waste land settled district-wise year by year from 1951 are placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No. S.46).

(*b*)—No statistics of settlement of land with Scheduled Caste people are available.

(*c*)—There is no reserve quota of land for settlement with different communities.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

Livestock and Animal Husbandry Sections of Nalbari

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

818. Will the Minister-in-charge of Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Government are aware of the activities of the Livestock Section of Nalbari area after starting of that section of the Department ?

(*b*) Whether the Government are aware that at present the activity of Animal Husbandry Section is decaying at Nalbari for want of help and encouragement from the Department ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that last year the money allotted for fodder cultivation had to be surrendered for want of application ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that during the current year the executive of Sariahtoli Gaushala (now a registered co-operative society) applied for some stud bulls and came forward to participate in fodder cultivation with offer of lands, but it was not responded to ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to enquire why the Directorate did not consider it necessary to make a proper examination of the offer of the public and discouraged the enterprise thereby ?

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

818. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*)—Information are being collected.

Loans for Improvement of Agricultural Lands in Karimganj Subdivision

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimgauj-North) asked :

819. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many applications for loans above Rs.2,000 from improvement of agricultural land were received by the S. D. O., Karimganj, during the last three years ?

(*b*) How many of the applications were finally disposed of ?

(*c*) In how many cases the loans were recommended ?

(*d*) Whether any payment has been made so far in the cases recommended ?

(*e*) What were the causes of refusal in case of others ?

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

819. (*a*)—Twelve.

(*b*)—Four.

(*c*)—9 cases.

(*d*)—Payments have been made only in 4 cases.

(*e*)—Out of the remaining 5 cases recommended, 4 cases have been returned to the S. D. O., Karimganj, for rectification of certain defects in them and in one case final payment was withheld as the land offered for the security was found encumbered and three cases are pending for enquiries with the S. D. O.

Damage of Land by Amguri Bund

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sarbhog) asked:

820. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that lands belonging to Hornarayan Boisya were completely damaged due to the wrong construction of the Amguri Bund by the Agriculture Department ?

(*b*) Whether Hornarayan Boisya submitted petitions claiming compensation for his damaged lands ?

(*c*) If so, why he has not been given compensation up till now ?

(*d*) When his claims will be considered ?

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

820. (*a*) *to* (*d*)—Information is being collected.

Irrigation at Rampur, Nuntoola, Sontorudaha and Boirapur Villages

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sarbhog) asked :

821. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government has taken any steps to provide for irrigation facilities to Rampur, Nuntoola, Sontorudaha and Boirapur villages ?

(*b*) If so, what arrangement have been made ?

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

821. (*a*) & (*b*)—Information is being collected.

Office Assistants of Barpeta Subdivisional Officer's Office

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

822. Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that according to rules, office assistants should not be kept in the same branch for more than three years ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that in Barpeta Subdivisional Officer's office, many office assistants are working in the same branch for more than three years ?

(*c*) If so, why ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance) replied :

822. (*a*)—There is no such rule but executive instructions have been issued by the Commissioner of Divisions to the District officers to ensure that office assistants get experience in different branches in District and Subdivisional Offices.

(*b*) & (*c*)—The information has been called for.

Kharupatia Town Committee

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

823. Will the Minister of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Kharupatia Town Committee has been approved by the Government ?

(*b*) If not, when will it be approved ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

823. (*a*)—Government have approved the proposal for constitution of a Town Committee at Kharupatia and the preliminary notification required under Section 334 (1) of the A. M. Act, 1956, will be issued as soon as certain information called from the D. C., Darrang, is received.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

Silchar School Board

Maulavi TAJAMUL ALI BARLASKAR (Udarband) asked :

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

(*a*) How long the Silchar School Board has not been functioning and why ?

(*b*) Whether Government propose to reconstitute the School Board immediately ?

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

(*a*) What is the total number of Lower Primary, Middle Vernacular and Middle English Schools under the Silchar School Board ?

(*b*) What is the total number of Venture Lower Primary, Middle Vernacular and Middle English Schools in the Silchar Subdivision ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to sanction recurring grant to those Venture Schools which have been functioning for at least one year ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

824. (*a*)—There has been no meeting of the School Board, Silchar from January 1957, as the vacancy of Chairman has not been filled yet.

(*b*)—The vacancies will be filled in very soon.

825. (*a*)—Lower Primary ... ... 552.

Middle Vernacular ... ... 25.

The School Board does not maintain any Middle English School, but there are 24 Middle Schools receiving grants-in-aid in Silchar Subdivision.

(*b*)—Lower Primary ... ... 26.

Middle Vernacular ... ... 2.

Middle English ... ... 4(recognised).

(*c*)—The question of taking over of the Lower Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools is under consideration.

Present Commissioner of Transport

Rev. J.J.M. NICHOLS-ROY [Cherapunji (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

826. Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the present Commissioner of Transport has not been able to draw his pay for over one year ?

(*b*) If so, state the period in which he has not been able to draw his pay, and the reason why this delay has been allowed by Government ?

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

826. (*a*) & (*b*)—No. The present incumbent in the post of Commissioner of Transport joined the Transport Department on 27th December 1957 and received his pay slip for a period from 27th December, 1957 to 28th February, 1958.

Prior to his joining the Transport Department, the present incumbent in the post of Commissioner of Transport was holding the post of S. R. P. As S. R. P., he was granted a total of 120 days (earned leave for 90 days and combined leave for 30 days) with effect from 10th December, 1956. Accordingly, he was to resume his duties on 9th April, 1957, but instead, he submitted resignation from services, which was subsequently, withdrawn by him. His services were then placed at the disposal of the Appointment Department. The Appointment Department appointed him as State Transport Commissioner and he joined as such on 27th December, 1957.

He thus remained absent from duty for the period from 9th April, 1957 to 26th December, 1957 without leave being granted, and was not authorised by the Accountant General to draw any pay for the period. In order to regularise the period of his unauthorised absence from duty it was decided to grant him such leave for the period as may be admissible. He was accordingly asked to apply formally for leave for the period. Leave application has recently been submitted, and the Accountant General has been requested on 8th April, 1958 to certify the admissibility of the leave. Now, on receipt of Accountant General's report, his leave will be notified and then only he will be authorised by Accountant General to draw such pay as may be admissible.

Cottage Industries Grants and Small Cottage Industries Loan

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai) asked:

827. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many applications for Small Cottage Industries grants were received from Mangaldoi Subdivision since 1954 till date ?

(*b*) How many of them were sanctioned and who are the applicants ?

827A. Willl the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many applications for Small Cottage Industries loan were received from Mangaldoi Subdivision since 1954 till date ?

(*b*) How many of them were granted and who are the applicants (the amount of each applicant to be shown) ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Cottage Industries) replied :

827. (*a*)—Twenty-four applications.
(*b*)—6 (six) applicants.
Applicants to whom grants sanctioned:—

Name and address	Trade	Amonnt sanctioned
In 1956-57—		Rs.
1. Mohiram Baniya, P.O. Sipajhar	Gold Smithy	250
2. Nagen Ch. Das, P.O. Mangaldoi	Carpentry	250
In 1957-58—		
1. Chethuram Das, P.O. Hazarikapara	Shoe making	100
2. Niharan Das, P.O. Sipajhar	Shoe making	100
3. Lakshmi Kanta Das, P.O. Mangaldoi	Furniture making	100
4. Jadav Ch. Das, P.O. Ramgamati	Carpentry	100

827A. (*a*)—36 applications.
(*b*)—9 applicants.
Applicants to whom loan sanctioned:—

Name of applicants	Amount sanctioned
In 1954—	Rs.
1. A. K. Misra	14,000
2. M.C. Bhattacharjee	7,000
In 1956—	
1. Kharupatia Co-operative Society	3,000
In 1957 (till date)—	
1. S. Begum	800
2. P. Debi	800
3. P.C. Kalita	800
4. S. Saharia	850
5. P.L. Debi	800
6. A. Rahman	1,000

Income of the State from the Motor Vehicle Act

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

828. Wil the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the district-wise income of the State from the Motor Vehicles Act as can be ascertained from the last balance sheet or any other records?

(*b*) What is the total annual expenditure of this Department on account of pay and allowances of the staff as well as office expenses and miscellaneous ?

(*c*) Why required forms are very often not found in these offices?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to print and supply sufficient forms to the offices?

(*e*) Whether Government is aware that non-availability of forms is a trouble to public ?

(*f*) Whether Govern nent will remove this difficulty ?

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

828. (*a*)—Statement 'A' showing district-wise income of the State from the Motor Vehicles Act from the year 1956-57 is given below—

STATEMENT A

DISTRICT-WISE INCOME OF THE STATE FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLES ACT FOR THE YEAR 1956-57

Name of Districts	Receipts under Motor Vehicles Taxation Act	Receipts under Indian Motor Vehicles Act	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cachar	3,49,002	90,851	4,39,853
Darrang	4,94,344	1,56,013	6,50,357
Goalpara	2,50,041	69,226	3,19,267
Kamrup	4,94,830	5,34,887	10,29,717
Nowgong	2,79,445	17,630	2,97,079
Sibsagar	6,76,997	31,793	7,08,790
Lakhimpur	9,60,476	2,52,790	12,13,266
S. T. A., Assam, Shillong	..	4,70,060	4,70,060
Total			51,28,385

Name of Districts	Receipts under Motor Vehicles Taxation Act	Receipts under Inian Motor Vehicles Act	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Khasi and Jaintia Hills	3,76,210	36,996	4,12,116
Mizo District	17,5'5	1,693	19,208
Mikir Hills and North Cachar Hills	12,617	2,861	15,477
Naga Hills	17,433	4,516	21,959
Garo Hills	28,278	13,274	41,553
		Total ..	5,11,313
	Total income of the State ..		56,39,698

(*b*)—Statement 'B' will indicate the total annual expendituse of Department of the State Transport Commissioner on account of pay and allowances of the staff as well as office expenses and miscellaneous for the year 1956-57 which is given below—

STATEMENT B

TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF THIS DEPARTMENT ON ACCOUNT OF PAY, ALLOWANCE OF THIS STAFF AS WELL AS OFFICE EXPENDITURE AND MISCELLANEOUS
1956-57

	Rs. nP.
Total Expenditure	3,27,594·00
Pay of expenditure	48,250·14
Pay of establishment	1,29'188·08
Allowances and Honoraria	1,09,272·00
Other Non-contract contingencies	40,881·00
Total ..	3,27,593·11

(*c*) and (*d*)—Some forms have been supplied to the offices. Necessary steps are being taken now to supply the remaining forms to the offices.

(*e*) and (*f*)—Yes.

Cheeking staff under the Transport Department

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(*a*) What is the number of checking staff under the Transport Department in each District ?

(*b*) At what interval the public vehicles are checked ?

(*c*) Whether Government consider the present strength sufficient in consideration of the total traffic ?

(*d*) Whether Government will provide for more frequent checking of public vehicles for the public safety ?

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

829. (*a*)—There is one Enforcement Inspector in each of the following Districts:—

Goalpara, Kamrup, Cachar, Nowgong, Darrang, Sibsagar, Lakhimpur and K. & J. Hills.

(*b*) Traffic control is the statutory duty of police and periodical checks are undertaken by them. Enforcement Inspectors also check vehicles frequently.

(*c*)—Present strenght of Enforcement Inspectors is not adequate to undertake this job exclusively.

(*d*)—If necessary, yes.

Distribution of Motor Vehicle Tax

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(*a*) What is the distribution of Motor Vehicles Tax in each Subdivision of the State ?

(*b*) Whether the money is distributed to the Local Boards and Panchayats ?

(*c*) If so, what was the amount last distributed in each Subdivision (to be shown Subdivision-wise) ?

(*d*) Whether the ratio fixed for distribution in each Subdivision is in accordance with the income of the Subdivision concerned ?

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

830. (a) A statement showing the allocation of money from Motor Vehicles Tax to each Subdivision of the State is given below—

STATEMENT 'C'

LIST OF LOCAL BODIES OUT OF MOTOR TAX

Name of Local Bodies	Amount Allotted for the year 1957-58 Rs.
1. Jorhat Local Board	17,200
2. Sibsagar ,, ,,	17,200
3. Golaghat ,, ,,	16,200
4. Dibrugarh ,, ,,	23,000
5, N. Lakimpur ,, ,,	8,300
6. Karimganj ,, ,,	4,000
7. Silchar ,, ,,	11,600
8. Hailakani ,, ,,	5,000
9, Tezpur ,, ,,	13,800
10. Mangaldoi ,, ,,	9,300
11. Dhubri ,, ,,	9,300
12. Goalpara ,, ,,	8,200
13. Gauhati ,, ,,	19,000
14. Barpeta ,, ,,	4,700
15. Nowgong ,, ,,	21,000
16. Jorhat Municipal Board	11,500
17. Sibsagar ,, ,,	9,200
18. Golaghat ,, ,,	8,200
19. Dibrugarh ,, ,,	19,000
20. Tinsukia ,, ,,	8,500
21. Karimganj ,, ,,	7,500
22. Silchar ,, ,,	11,000
23. Gauhati ,, ,,	31,000

Name of Local Bodies	Amount allotted for the year 1957-58 Rs.
24. Barpeta Municipal Board	6,000
25. Tezpur ,, ,, ...	12,000
26. Dhubri ,, ,, ...	6,500
27. Goalpara ,, ,, ...	6,500
28. Nowgong ,, ,, ...	12,200
29. Shillong ,, ,, ...	29,000
30. Shillong Cantonment Board	4,000
31. Nabari Town Committee	3,000
32. Palasbari ,, ,, ...	2,800
32. Mangaldoi ,, ,, ...	2,800
34. Gauripur ,, ,, ...	2,800
35. N. Lakhimpur ,, ...	2,700
36. Doom-Dooma ,, ...	2,800
37. Hailakandi ,, ...	2,800
38. Sadiya ,, ,, ...	2,800
39. Tihu ,, ,, ...	2,500
40. N. Gauhati ,, ...	2,500
41. Nazira ,, ,, ...	3,200
42. Rangiya ,, ,, ...	3,000
43. Hojai ,, ,, ...	2,000
44. Sarthebari ,, ,, ...	1,500
45. Provisional Tura ,, ...	1,500
46. Dimapur ,, ,, ...	1,500
	4,25,000

(*b*)—Fund is allocatted to Local Bodies but not to the Panchayat.

(*c*)—*Vide* reply to question (*a*) above.

(*d*)—No. This is also taken into consideration.

Ganakpara Sonafuli Public Works Department Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sarbhog) asked:

831. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether work of the Ganakpara Sonafuli Public Works Department Road has been completed ?

(*b*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that a bridge on that road is necessary ?

(*d*) If so, when it will be completed ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Building Wing)] replied:

831. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—This road has been taken up under Second Five Year Plan and work is progressing according to programme and availability of funds.

(*c*)—Yes. There is a provision of 3 timber bridges in the estimate as mentioned below :—

(1)	Bridge No.1/2	40 Rft.
(2)	Bridge No.1/3	60 ,,
(3)	Bridge No.2/1	30 ,,

(*d*)—The bridges are expected to be completed before June, 1959.

Godown and Building of Barpeta Farm Manager

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sarbhog) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether tenders were called for construction of a godown and for repairing of the buildings by the Farm Manager, Barpeta ?

(*b*) How many tenders were submitted ?

(*c*) What were the rates of the different contractors ?

(*d*) Who distributed the contracts and when ?

(*e*) To whom the contracts were given ?

(*f*) Whether he is a local man ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the tenders are illegally accepted thus causing loss to Government ?

(*h*) Whether any representation was received by Government about such illegal distribution of contracts ?

(*i*) If so, what action has been taken by Government to cancel the above distribution of contracts ?

(*j*) Whether Government propose to redistribute the contracts ?

(*k*) If so, when ?

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

832. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Three tenders for repair works and four tenders for construction work were received.

(*c*)—Rates for repair works quoted by 4 tenders were $3\frac{3}{4}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and 7 per cent less the estimated rates. Rates for construction quoted by the 3 tenders were (1) 10 per cent less, *e. g.*, Rs.9·90 (2) Rs.10·36 per sq.ft. (3)Rs.10·20 per sq.ft. (4) 4 per cent less the estimated rates.

(*d*)—The Director, Veterinary distributed the contract in March 1958.

(*e*)—(1) Construction of godown— to Shri J. N. Bhuya (2) Repairs of buildings, etc.— to Shri Ganesh Ch. Pathak.

(*f*) —Yes. No. 2 is local and other is from Gauhati of the same district.

(*g*)—No.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*)— (*k*)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Kakapathar High School

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom Dooma) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that a High School has been established by the Public at Kakapathar ?

(*b*) Whether Government know that this School is situated in a backward area and most of the students belong to Backward Communities ?

(*c*) If so, why Government has not yet sanctioned recurring aid to this High School.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

833. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes. The School is situated in backward area.

(*c*)—The Matriculation classes of the said School are not yet recognised. The question of giving Recurring grant-in-aid to the School will be considered by the Government as soon as Matriculation classes are recognised. At Present the School is able to meet the recurring expenditure from the income.

Banderkhati Middle English School

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom Dooma) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Government know that a Middle English School has been established at Banderkhati under Doom Dooma Police Station ?

(*b*) Whether Government know that this School is situated in a backward area and most of the students belong to Backward Communities ?

(*c*) Whether Government have yet sanctioned any recurring grant to this School ?

(*d*) If so, what is the monthly grant ?

(*e*) If not, why no consideration has yet been made ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

834. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Government have no information as the School is not recognised.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

(*e*)—Un-recognised schools are not given maintenance or recurring grant-in-aid.

Borhapjan High School

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom Dooma) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether Government know that a High School has been established at Borhapjan and no Government aid has yet been sanctioned for it ?

(*b*)—If so, why no Government aid has yet been sanctioned ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

835. (*a*)&(*b*)—Government have no information.

Tangana Middle English School

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom Dooma) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a Middle English School has been established at Tangana and most of the students belong to Backward Communities ?

(*b*) If so, why no Government aid has yet been sanctioned for this School ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

836. (*a*)—Yes, there is an Middle English School at Tangana.

(*b*)—Government do not give any grant-in-aid to un-recognised Schools.

Headquarters for Barpeta N. E. S. Block

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

837. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Project be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Sonkuchi was selected as the headquarter for the Barpeta National Extension Service Block, by the Subdivisional Development Committee ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the site of the headquarters is changed to Gonak Kuchi village without consulting the Subdivisional Development Advisory Committee ?

(*c*) If so, why ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the present site (Gonak Kuchi) is not the central place of the three mauzas for which the National Extension Service Block is given ?

(*e*) What are the villages and mauzas on the boundary of this Ganak Kuchi village ?

(*f*) What are the mauzas within Barpeta National Extension Service Block ?

(*g*) Whether Government propose to retransfer the headquarters to Sonkuchi that was selected by the Subdivisional Development Advisory Board?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied:

837. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*)—This question is again under examination by Government.

(*e*)—Information is not readily available.

(*f*)—Ghilajani Barpeta and Nagaon mauzas.

(*g*)—The question is under examination as stated above.

Tender for P. W. D. Contracts

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

838. Will the Public Works Department Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that tender for Public Works Department contracts with court-fee stamp of Rs.5 for each work both in R. & B. and E. & D. Wings are sometimes called without sanction of funds ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the court-fee stamps are unnecessarily spoiled and not refundable in cases mentioned in (*a*) above ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that at the time of getting refund of the earnest money by unsuccessful tenderers, much delay and hardship is caused to Contractors by respective offices specially in Kamrup E. & D. Division ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P.W.D. (F. C. & I. Wing)] replied:

838. (*a*)—No complaints in this respect have come to the notice of Government.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—Earnest money is refunded as early as possible on receipt of applications for refund. No complaints have been received from the Contractors of Kamrup E. & D. Division in this respect. If specific complaints are brought to the notice of Government, the Executive Engineer will be asked to expedite refund.

Tarajan Co-perative Fishery Society Ltd.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked:

839. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Tarajan Co-operative Fishery Society Limited (in Tezpur Subdivision) had submitted to Government a pisciculture scheme and applied to Government for a loan of Rs.30,000 on 23rd May 1955 through proper channel ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that the Society was also granted land by the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang for starting a pisciculture farm ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that after about two years the Society was informed on 14th April, 1957 that the security was not adequate ?

(*d*) The cause for such delay ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that the Society informed Government on 2nd May, 1957 that the Society was agreeable to accept Rs.13,000 as loan in proportion to the security furnished ?

(*f*) Whether any decision has been taken in this regard ?

(*g*) If so, what is the decision ?

(*h*) When was the decision arrived at ?

(*i*) If not, when Government will be pleased to come to decision ?

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

839 (*a*) to (*i*)—Information is being collected.

Assam Services Relief Fund

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

840. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there is an Assam Services Relief Fund for the *Ex*-Servicemen ?

(*b*) Wherefrom this fund was received ?

(*c*) What is the amount received since 1947 ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that Rs.55,000 was shown as loss in a bank failure ?

(*e*) Whether the amount was deposited actually in a bank ?

(*f*) If so, what is the name of the bank ?

(*g*) Whether any investigation has been made ?

(*h*) If not, when will the investigation be made ?

(*i*) Whether the fund has been administered by the State Board in accordance with the Rules ?

(*j*) Whether the State Board or the District Boards are to distribute those money ?

(*k*) If the reply to (*i*) above be in the negative what action will be or has been taken against those who violated the rule ?

(*l*) Who are the persons to whom relief has been given since 1947 and the amount of relief given to each ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

840. (*a*) to (*l*)—Necessary information is being collected.

Jeep for States Soldier's, Sailor's and Airmen's Board

Shri GRANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

841. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact a jeep was bought at a cost of Rs.13,000 for the staff of the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board.

(*b*) What happened to the jeep ?

(*c*) Whether any investigation has been made in this regard ?

(*d*) If so, what is the result of the investigation ?

(*e*) Whether any disciplinary action has been taken against those who are responsible for that state of affair ?

(*f*) If so, what action was taken ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

841. (*a*) to (*f*)—Necessary information is being callected.

Post-War Reconstruction Fund

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

842. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) The number of *Ex*-servicemen in Assam, Subdivisionwise ?

(*b*) Whether they have been given any financial assistance ?

(*c*) Whether there is a Post-War Reconstruction Fund ?

(*d*) If so, what is its total amount of that fund ?

(*e*) Whether any benefit has been given to *ex*-servicemen from that fund ?

(*f*) If so, who are the beneficiaries and the benefits given to each of them ?

(*g*) Whether the fund has been managed in accordance with the Rules ?

(*h*) If so, who are managing the same ?

(*i*) Whether plans and schemes for re-settlement of the *ex*-servicemen were called by the Secretary, Post-War Services Re-construction Fund on 21st March 1955 ?

(*j*) If so, what happened to those schemes ?

(*k*) Whether any scheme has been taken up by the Board ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

842. (*a*) to (*k*)—Necessary information is being collected.

Secretary, State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

843. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the post of the Secretary of the State Board of Assam is full time or part time one ?

(*b*) Whether there is a P.A. or a Superintendent ?

(*c*) What is direction given by the State Board by resolution No.4 in its meeting held on 18th February 1956 for their appointment ?

(*d*) Why it has not been followed ?

(*e*) What is the qualification of the P.A.

(*f*) Whether he is a graduate, or an *ex*-servicemand ?

(*g*) Whether there were applicants with better qualifications ?

(*h*) If so, why any of those has not been appointed instead of the present P.A. with less qualifications ?

(*i*) Is he outside better qualified and experienced district officers ? (Disallowed).

(*j*) Whether Government propose to appoint as Superintendent an *ex*-Serviceman in place of the P.A. ?

(*k*) If so when ?

(*l*) Whether it is a fact that a full-time Secretary or Under-Secretary will be appointed for the Board ?

(*m*) If so, when ?

(*n*) What is the remuneration paid to the present par time Secretary ?

(*o*) What is his name ?

(*p*) How many district Boards are there and what are their names ?

(*q*) Whether these Boards have any power ?

(*r*) If so, what are those powers ?

(*s*) Whether it is a fact that cases of misappropriation has been filed against the officials of the State Board ?

(*t*) If so, how many of them have been convicted ?

(*u*) Why qualified personnel are not appointed by the Board ?

(*v*) Whether it is a fact that the Office of the State Board is situated in a very in-accessible place ?

(*w*) If so, whether it will be removed to a central place ?

(*x*) If so, when ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

843. (*a*) to (*x*)—Necessary information is being collected.

Rest house or Club for *ex*-servicemen at Shillong

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

844. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether there was a proposal for constructing a rest house and club for *ex*-servicemen coming to Shillong ?

(*b*) If so, how much amount was proposed to be spent for this purpose ?

(*c*) Whether any rest house or club has been constructed at Shillong for *ex*-servicemen ?

(*d*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*e*) What has happened to the amount earmarked for the purpose ?

(*f*) Whether the State Board has moved the higher authorities for a rest house or a club ?

(*g*) If so, how the matter stands now ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

844. (*a*) to (*g*)—Necessary information is being collected.

Functions of the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Boards

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

845. Will the Minister-in charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) What are the functions and powers of the State Sailors' and Soldiers' Board ?

(*b*) How many *ex*-sailors and soldiers are there in Assam ?

(*c*) How many of them are from Sorbhog Thana ?

(*d*) Whether any help has been extended to the ex-servicemen ?

(*e*) If so, what help ?

(*f*) Whether they have been provided with lands ?

(*g*) If so, where ?

(*h*) What is the annual budget of the Board ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) relied:

845. (*a*)—The functions and powers of the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board are—

(*i*)—to co-ordinate and supervise the work of the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Boards in the State.

(*ii*)—to promote measures of welfare of the *ex*-servicemen and of the families of serving soldiers.

(*iii*)—to disseminate information to the general public regarding the Armed Forces in the country and to take measures to arouse an intelligent interest in the Armed Forces among the members of the general public.

(*b*)—39,646.

(*c*)—The information has been called for.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*) to (*i*)—Financial help from the Assam Services Relief Fund and Assam Post-war Services Re-construction Fund.

(*ii*)—Assisting *ex*-servicemen and their dependants in securing civil jobs, pensions, arrears of pay, etc.

(*iii*)—Assisting *ex*-servicemen in getting relief from the various Military and Civil Charitable Funds and in securing in settlement of lands.

(*f*)—Yes.

(*g*) to (*i*)—In Cachar District.

(*ii*)—At Lanka and Dwarsalona in Nowgong District.

(*iii*)—Missamari in Darrang District.

(*h*) The annual budget of the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board for the current year 1958-59 is Rs.38,690.

Shri Rajani Kanta Dutta, Secretary District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

846. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Shri Rajani Kanta Dutta was appointed 1st Grade Secretary, D. S. S. A. Board, Shillong in 1951 ?

(*b*) Whether it was suspended or turned down by the A. P. S. C. ?

(*c*) Whether his pay was stopped since 1st April, 1954 without intimation ?

(*d*) If so, what is the reason ?

(*e*) Whether he was degraded ?

(*f*) If so, what is the reason for his degradation ?

(*g*) Why his dues have not been paid ?

(*h*) How much money has to be paid to him by the Board ?

(*i*) Whether he was appointed as A. S. C. (S. T.) on 7th January, 1957 ?

(*j*) Why his previous service was not counted ?

(*k*) Why his previous pay was attached ?

(*l*) Whether due consideration will be given to the case of Shri Rajani Kanta Dutta by the State Soldiers', Sailor's and Airmen's Board ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

846(*a*) to (*l*)—Informations are being called for.

Bus accidents in Shillong-Gauhati Road

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Shillong-Gauhati Road is narrow for plying the new 42 seater buses of diesel oil engine ?

(*b*) How many accidents of this new buses took place up till now ?

(*c*) Whether Government contemplate to widen the Gauhati-Shillong Road ?

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

847 (*a*)—The Gauhati-Shillong Road, being oneway traffic, is not narrow for plying of 42/43 seater diesel buses.

(*b*)—Two accidents took place to these buses since they were placed on the route by the middle of 1956.

(*c*)—As this is a national highway technical approval and financial sanction for widening this road are to be accorded by the Government of India. This Government has been pressing Government of India for widening the road from time to time and Government of India has recently assured this State Government that Project will be treated as a special one.

Booking office and Waiting Rooms for Tinsukia-Saikhowa State Transport Service

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there is no building for State Transport at Saikhowa—the last destination of Tinsukia-Saikhowa State Transport Service—and that booking is made in a temporary shed ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that a booking officer, and waiting rooms are urgently needed at Saikhowa ?

(*c*) If so, when Government propose to construct these buildings there ?

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

848. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*)—Yes. A plot of land has been acquired for the purpose. But unfortunately the construction of the departmental buildings could not be taken in hand, because of the breaches in the bund protecting Dholla from the flood of the Brahmaputra in 1955 and in 1956. This bund is now found to be successful to withstand the flood of the Brahmaputra. Now the estimates for construction of buildings are under examination of the Government.

Procedure for purchasing State Transport Buses and Trucks

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

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

(*a*) What is the procedure of purchasing passenger buses and trucks of State Transport ?

(*b*) Under what procedure in the past purchases of buses and trucks of State Transport were made ?

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

849. (*a*)—The complete buses or trucks are not purchased from the Manufacturers or from their approved local dealers. Only chassis for bus or truck are purchased at the Rate Contract price fixed by Directorate General, Supplies and Disposals, Government of India, New Delhi from the local approved dealers of manufacturers. The bus bodies are constructed at Bombay and Calcutta at competitive price. Truck bodies are constructed locally by inviting tender at competitive rates.

(*b*)—The same procedure as stated against (*a*) above.

First class fare in Gauhati-Shillong Road

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

850. Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state on what basis the first class fare, on the Gauhati-Shillong Route has been fixed ?

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

850.—The rate of Rs.17 per 1st Class seat on Gauhati-Shillong route which was in force prior to the nationalisation of the route was also charged by the State Transport from the date of nationalisation as on 1st January 1949. But due to increase in operational cost including increase in the prices of petrol and lubricant the rate was increased from Rs.17 to Rs.18 per 1st Class seat with effect from 1st January 1950, although the increase in the rate of fare by Re.1 does not compensate the increase in the operational cost.

Handymen and Conductor in the State Transport

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

851. Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) Under what fundamental rules different employees of State Transport particularly handymen and conductors are categorised ?

(*b*) Whether the classification of category is based on the nature of work done by them ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the handymen and conductors of State Transport are categorised under the official order No. 1733, dated 8th November 1957 from the office of the Director of Transport ?

(*d*) If so, how far it is correct ?

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

851. (*a*) & (*b*)—The basis for classification is by nature of work done by employees of State Transport.

(*c*)—No. The official order No. 1733, dated 8th November 1957 contains the confirmation of staff who completed 5 years of service, against the permanent post with effect from 1st October 1956.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

Veterinary Dispensaries at Kaliganj and Nilambazar

Shri ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South) asked :

852. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary Department be pleased to state-

(*a*) Whether Government has lately received representations from the Local Public demanding establishment of one Veterinary Dispensary each at Kaliganj and Nilambazar of Karimganj Subdivision ?

(*b*)—If so, what steps Government have taken in the matter ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to establish the Dispensaries ?

(*d*) If so, when ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister Veterinary) replied :

852. (*a*) to (*d*)—Informations are being collected.

Seed Farm in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

853. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many proposals were received for starting seed farms in the State and what are their names ?

(*b*) Whether there are any such proposals for seed farms from Barpeta Subdivision till 1st of February, 1958 ?

(*c*) If so, what are the names of these seed farms ?

(*d*) When they will be started ?

(*e*) How much money will be spent in each of them ?

(*f*) Is it a fact that proposal for Fingna in Barpeta Circle was received on 24th February, 1958 ?

(*g*) When the proposal for Sorbhog was received ?

(*h*) Is it a fact that proposal of Sorbhog came earlier than Fingna Reserve ?

(*i*) If so, why Sorbhog is not given priority ?

(*j*) Who proposed about Fingna and when ?

(*k*) Why Fingna was given priority to Sorbhog ?

(*l*) Is the Subdivisional Officer, Agriculture, Barpeta responsible for this ?

(*m*) Whether lands provided at Sorbhog are Government lands ?

(*n*) Whether the seed farm at Sorbhog will be started earlier than Fingna ?

(*o*) Whether the District Officer, Gauhati visited the plot at Sorbhog and recommended for seed farm earlier than Fingna ?

(*p*) When did he visit Sorbhog ?

(*q*) Whether Government proposes to take measures against the short-comings and injustice caused by the Subdivisional Officer, Agriculture at Barpeta ?

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

853. (*a*) to (*q*)—Informations are being collected.

Utility of Community Projects Cars

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

854. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the utility of Community Projects Cars ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the Project Cars are utilised for personal comfort of the Project Officers and for the members of their family rather than of public purposes ?

(*c*) If the answer to (*b*) above be in the negative whether Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

(*d*) What was the total consumption of mobile oil and petrol of the Community Projects' Cars in 1956-57 ?

(*e*) The detail of expenditure of the Projects Cars of N. E. S. Blocks including expenditure on mobile oil and petrol, repairing cost, Drivers salaries, etc., during the year 1956-57 ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to abolish the Projects' Cars on account of the high expenditure involved ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Project) replied :

854. (*a*)—For furtherance of the Community Development Programme.

(*b*)—No. Government are not aware, nor any specific instance has been brought to their notice.

(*c*)—Yes. If any specific instance is brought to the notice of the Government, inquiry would be made.

(*d*)—Information has been called for.

(*e*)—Information has been called for.

(*f*)—Government will examine in light of information and other relevant material in (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*).

Singer Sewing Machines given to all Government Welfare Centre under C. D. Blocks

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

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

(*a*) How many Singer Sewing machines were given to all Government Welfare Centres under C. D. Blocks ?

(*b*) Whether anybody can be self supporting after receiving training in those centres ?

(*c*)—If not, why not ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

855. (*a*)—Information has so far been received about supply of 91 Sewing Machines (5 of Singer make, 68 of Usha make, 15 of Mitco make, 2 of Sagar make and 1 of Paff make) to Organisation and Institutions like Mahila Samities, Women Welfare Centres, Training-*cum*-Production Centres, Weaving Centres Schools, etc., in the different C.D./N.E.S. Blocks.

(*b*) & (*c*)—The object of the training scheme is to afford a means of livelihood. Whether any individual trainee can earn enough would depend upon the circumstances of each individual case.

Opening of a Health Centres at the Gobardhana Chowk by the Gobardhana National Extension Service Block Kamrup

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

856. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether a Health Centre will be opened at the Gobardhana Chowk by the Gobardhana National Extension Service Block, Kamrup ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the site was selected somewhere else ?

(*c*) If so, by whom ?

(*d*) Whether the matter was placed before the Project Advisory Committee ?

(*e*) How much money has been sanctioned for this Health Unit ?

(*f*) When the work will be started ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the Gobardhana Chowk is centrally situated and lies on the Public Works Department roads ?

(*h*) The distance from Gobardhana Chowk to Barpeta Road ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister Community Projects) replied :

856. (*a*) to (*h*)—The information has been called for.

Compensation to the people affected by the Assam Oil Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue Department instructed the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur, *vide* his letter No. RM. 68/55/88, dated 26th June, 1956 to look into the matter of payment of proper compensation to be paid to affected people by the Assam Oil Company ?

(*b*) If so, what action was taken by the Deputy Commissoner on these Government instructions ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that 77 cultivators submitted their bills on proper proforma to the Sub-Deputy Collector, Naharkatiya Circle, in the month of January, 1956 and that the total amount of compensation claimed by them was Rs.18,202-12-0 or similar amount ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the damages were caused to the cultivators in the year 1955 ?

(e) Why compensation to the cultivator has not yet been paid ?

(f) Whether Government propose to take steps against the official or officials for whose fault this matter remains undisposed of ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Major Industries replied :

857. (a) — Yes.

(b) to (e) — Information being collected from the Deputy Commissioner's Lakhimpur.

(f) — This will be considered in the light of Deputy Commissioner's report.

Opium Prohibition Scheme in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

858. Will the Minister of Excise be pleased to state—

(a) The amount of expenditure incurred in opium prohibition schemes in Dibrugarh Subdivision during the last 5 years (expenditure incurred to be shown year by year) ?

(b) How many Honorary Prohibition Officers were appointed during these years and what were their pay and allowances or remunerations ?

(c) What was the total amount spent for their travelling allowances during these years ?

(d) How many cases of opium smuggling were detected or associated in detection by them ?

(e) How many addicts were brought by them to the Opium Treatment Centre or Centres in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*f*) What is the total expenditure incurred in the Treatment Centres of Opium addicts in Dibrugarh Subdivision during the last 5 years ?

(*g*) How many andicts were treated in these treatment centres ?

(*h*) Whether these centres have been closed now ?

(*i*) If so, why ?

(*j*) What is the number of sitings of the Opium Prohibition Committee during the last 5 years ?

(*k*) Whether proper proceedings of these meeting are maintained ?

(l) Who is the Chairman of the Opium Prohibition Committee at Dibrugarh and how long he/she has been Chairman of this Committee ?

(*m*) Whether it is a fact that no public meetings was held at the initiative of the Opium Prohibition Committee or the Prohibition Officers to propagate against opium habits ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied :

858. (*a*)—1953-54 ... ... } Nil

1964-55 ... ...

	Rs. Np.
1955-56	2,318·00
1956-57	6,484·13
1957-58	825·00

(*b*)—(*i*) 9 (nine)

(*ii*) Rs.55 p.m. each—Rs.40 honorarium, Rs.10 fixed T. A. and Rs.5 cash allowance in lieu of ration.

(*c*)—Nil, except fixed T. A. at Rs.10 p. m. mentioned in reply to Q. 55 (*b*) above.

(*d*)—Nil

(*e*)—6 (six)

(*f*)—Rs.4,649·13N.p.

(*g*)—6 (six).

(*h*)—No.

(*i*)—Does not arise.

(*j*) & (*k*)—Information is being collected.

(*l*)—Sjta. Padma Kumari Gohain, M. L. A. is the President since October, 1957 and about 8 months in 1956-57.

(*m*)—No.

Plying of Buses between North Gauhati and Barpeta *via* Doulasal Mukalmua and Hajo

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

859. Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the distance between N. Gauhati and Barpeta *via* -

(*i*) Bhabanipur-Barama line ;

(*ii*) Sarthebari-Chamata Line ; and

(*iii*) Doulasal-Mukalmua-Hajo line ?

(*b*) Whether Government will allow buses to ply between N. Gauhati and Barpeta *via* Doulasal-Mukalmua and Hajo ?

(*c*) If so, since when ?

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

859. (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*)—Informations are being collected.

Establishment of Cattle Farm at Sorbhog

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

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

(*a*) Whether a plot of land has been taken by the Veterinary Department for cattle farm at Sorbhog ?

(*b*) If so, when ?

(*c*) Whether Government will establish a cattle farm or a bull depot at Sorbhog ?

(*d*) If so, when ?

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

860. (*a*) to (*d*)—Informations are being collected.

Sakura P. G. R.

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (**Gohpur**) asked :

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

(*a*) Why the eviction order of the Sakura P. G. R. is again stayed after Government had finally decided to evict the encroachers forthwith ?

(*b*) Whether it is not the loth time that the eviction orders had been issued and stayed since 1945 ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to take proper steps this time to put an end to this long standing issue and settle the encroachers elsewhere if they are really landless ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (**Revenue Minister**) replied :

861. (*a*)—On receipt of a petition of some Miri people claiming to be in occupation of land in one corner of the P. G. R. for many years, Government directed the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang to consult the Land Settlement

Advisory Committee if the occupied portion to be in a corner as reported and can be dereserved for settlement with them. On receipt of this direction Deputy Commissioner has stayed eviction proceeding till the matter is decided in the Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

(*b*)—No.
(*c*)—Yes.

Number of Chaprasis entitled to by Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Assistant Secretary

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

862. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many Chaprasis have been provided to each Secretary, Deputy Secretary and Assistant Secretary ?

(*b*) Whether they are employed in house-hold works ?

(*c*) If so, whether this practice will be stopped ?

(*d*) If so, when ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

862. (*a*)—Secretary—I Jamadar, 3 Peons ; Deputy Secretary—3 Peons ; Assistant Secretary—2 Peons.

(*b*)—They are not meant to be employed in house-hold works.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Do not arise.

Bus Service between Chabua and Tengakhat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the bus service between Chabua and Tengakhat has been stopped since the last 2 or 3 months ?

(*b*) If so, why this bus service has been suspended or stopped ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that a bus service is of great necessity between Chabua and Tengakhat ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that this Tengakhat-Chabua Road is a feeder road of the Railway Station at Chabua ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to reintroduce the bus service there again ?

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

863. (*a*) to (*e*)—Informations are being collected.

Buses plying between Sorbhog and Barpeta

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(*a*) How many buses are now plying between Sorbhog and Barpeta ?

(*b*) How many bus permits are there ?

(*c*) Why all of them are not placing buses ?

(*d*) Whether bus permits of those persons who have not placed buses on that line will be cancelled ?

(*e*) If so, when ?

(*f*) Whether new permits for bus lines will be issued to persons who are willing to place bus on that line ?

(*g*) If so, when ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware that the people of Sorbhog are experiencing great difficulties while going to Barpeta as there is only one bus which is also very old ?

(*i*) Whether Government propose to take steps to remove these difficulties ?

(*j*) Whether Government will provide for additional buses ?

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

864. (*a*) to (*j*)—Informations are being collected.

Metaka Bongaon Co-operative Society

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Metaka Bongaon Co-operative Society is under the Nazira Zone ?

(*b*) If so, what is the distance from Metaka to Nazira ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that Sibsagar Co-operative Society is only at a distance of half a mile and Nazira Co-operative Society is at a distance of 10½ miles.

(*d*) If so, whether Government propose to bring this Metaka Co-operative Society within Sibsagar ?

(*e*) If not, why not ?

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

865. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) The distance is about ten (10) miles.

(*c*) The question is not clear. There is no such society as Sibsagar Co-operative Society and Nazira Co-operative Society. The distance from which point is meant has also not been made clear.

(*d*) & (*e*)—No. Because Co-operative Circles are created on the basis of N. E. S. Blocks.

Trading Co-operative in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

(*a*) How many Trading Co-operatives were registered in Sibsagar Subdivision prior to 1954 ?

(*b*) Whether all are functioning till now ?

(*c*) If not, what is the number that are not functioning now and since when they ceased to function ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that the public are criticising the Government for not arranging refund of share money of those Co-operatives which ceased to fun tion ?

(*e*) If so, what steps Government are taking ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to take steps to refund the money, within this year ?

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

866. (*a*)—52 (fifty-two).

(*b*)—No.

(*c*)—27 are not functioning since the beginning of the year 1953-54.

(*d*)—No.

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

(*f*)—Steps will be taken as provided in the rules.

Grants-in-aid for Ghanis

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

867. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) What are the institutions and who are the individuals to whom grants-in-aid were sanctioned for establishment of Wardha Type Ghanis throughout the State during last five years (kindly give the names Subdivision-wise) ?

(*b*) Whether all the institutions and individuals receiving grants-in-aid and utilised the money under the grant in establishing "Ghanis" ?

(*c*) Whether the Ghanis so established are functioning up till now ?

(*d*) If not, how many of such are not functioning ?

(*e*) What have the Government done so far in order that this Ghanis may function properly ?

(*f*) Who looks after the working of these Ghanis in each Subdivision ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the Secretary, Tezpur Jila Sarbodaya Unit had lately applied for a loan of Rs. 2,000 for running the two Ghanis that were purchased with the grants-in-aid stated above ?

(*h*) Whether any loan has been sanctioned to Tezpur Jila Sorbodaya Unit ?

(*i*) If so, what amount ?

(*j*) If not, what Government propose to do in the matter of sanctioning the loan ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Cottage Industries) replied:

867. (*a*)—A list is placed on the table in so far information is available at the moment. Fuller details are being collected.

INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH GRANTS-IN-AID WERE GRANTED DURING THE YEAR 1955-56

Name	Amount
	Rs.
SIBSAGAR—	
(1) Secretary, Bokata Sevashram, P. O. Hologuri ...	2,500
(2) President, Golaghat Sevashram, P. O. Golaghat ...	2,500
(3) Secretary, Gram Sevak Kendra, Village Meleng, Boroguri, Jorhat.	2,500

Name	Amount
	Rs.
(4) Principal, Joysagar Rural Polytechnic, P. O. Sibsagar	2,500
(5) Secretary, Teok Rajbhari Rural Panchayat, P. O. Teok	2,500
(6) Kaishigram Udhyag Kendra, Simaluguri	2,500
LAKHIMPUR—	
(1) Secretary, Tingkhong Sevashram, P. O. Khowang ...	2,500
(2) Dhalpur Rural Panchayat, C/o. Rural Development Officer, North Lakhimpur.	2,500
(3) Panbari Buniadi Sikshashram, P. O. Dikrong, North Lakhimpur.	2,500
(4) Azad Gaon Panchayat, C/o. Rural Development Officer, North Lakhimpur.	2,500
(5) Dinjoy Hatiali Rural Panchaya*, C/o. Rural Development Officer, Dibrugarh.	2,500
NOWGONG—	
(1) Secretary, Pub Kaliabar Rural Panchayat, P. O. Jakhalabandha.	2,500
(2) Dhing Rural Panchayat, C/o. Rural Development Officer, Nowgong.	2,500
(3) Kanduli Rural Panchayat, C/o Rural Development Officer, Nowgong.	2,500
(4) Chalchali Rural Panchayat, C/o. Rural Development Officer, Nowgong.	2,500
(5) Mariagaon Rural Panchayat, C/o. Rural Development Officer, Nowgong.	2,500
DARRANG—	
(1) Secretary, Sotia Sabashram, P. O. Sotia	2,500
(2) Secretary, Kokaigaon Sabashram, P. O. Kolaigaon ...	2,500
(3) Tezpur Jila Sarbaday, P. O. Da-parbatia, Tezpur ...	2,500

Name	Amount
	Rs.
KAMRUP—	
(1) Secretary, Boko Bongaon, P. O. Boko	2,500
(2) President, Gram Sevak Kendra, Village Teteliguri, P. O. Hahara, Kamrup.	2,500
(3) Beltola Gram Sevak Kendra, Beltola, Gauhati ...	2,500
(4) Assam Pradesh Congress Constructive Work Committee.	3,653
(5) Uttar Bajuli Mouza Rural Panchayat, C/o. Rural Development Officer, Barpeta.	2,500
(6) Achimjari Tevashram Balagram, P. O. Tihu, Kamrup	2,500
(7) Sualkuchi Gram Uddoyog Samabari Samity, P. O. Sualkuchi, Kamrup.	2,500
(8) Barpeta Rural Panchayat, C/o. Rural Development Officer, Barpeta.	2,500
(9) Bahjani Sevashram, P. O. Nalbari	2,500
CACHAR—	
(1) Assam Sahitya Sabha, Village Jhapurband, P. O. Udharband.	2,500
(2) Sirigauri Badarpur Rural Panchayat, C/o. Rural Development Officer, Karimganj.	2,500
GARO HILLS—	
(1) Secretary, Gram Sevak Kendra, Village Rangjeng, Tura.	2,500
GOALPARA—	
(1) Kokrajhar Ghani Centre, C/o. Rural Development Officer, Goalpara.	2,500
PERSONS :—(1) Parneswar Brahma, Village Terabari, P. O. Kokrajhar.	
(2) Ram Nath Brahma, Village Bansbari, P. O. Kokrajhar.	

Name	Amount
NAGA HILLS—	Rs.
(1) Changtongia Gram Seva Kendra, Village Amuguni Manationg, P. O. Marangkong, C/o. Deputy Commissioner, Naga Hills.	2,500

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SIBSAGAR—	
(1) Principal, Joyasagar Polytechnique	
(2) Secretary, Teok Rajabari Panchayat, P. O. Teok ...	
KAMRUP—	
(1) Principal, Gurnow Gram Sevak Kendra, Panbazar ..	
(2) Secretary, Sonoria Asham	
NOWGONG—	23,237
(1) Principal, Bhakatgaon Sevagram, P. O. Barapujia ..	
(2) Secretary, Dharantul Gram Sevak, P. O. Dharantul	
DARRANG—	
(1) Principal, Kolaigaon Gram Sevak Kendra P. O. Kolaigaon.	
GOALPARA—	
(1) Secretary, Chapar Panchayat, P. O. Chapar ..	

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—As far as information goes not all are functioning.

(*d*)—Informations are being collected.

(*e*)—State Khadi and Village Industries Board is trying to organise Co-operative Societies through the institutions who have got their Ghanis, so that loan for stocking seeds, rebate facilities to the purchasers of oil may be given. About 22 Co-operative Societies have so far been organised. Institutions are requested to apply for loan for stocking seeds.

(*f*)—Inspectors and Ministries are posted in the Districts of Goalpara, Kamrup, Darrang, Nowgong, Cachar and Sibsagar and they look after the working of the Ghanis.

(*g*)—Yes, application was received with their own scheme.

(*h*)—Yes, Rs.1,000 has been sanctioned as loan and Rs.300 as subsidy for two Ghanis and the Secretary of the Institutions has requested to submit advance stamped receipt for want of which the amount could not be disbursed.

(*i*)—Does not arise.

(*j*)—Does not arise.

Land Alienation Act to protect lands belonging to Plains Tribals

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

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

(*a*) Whether Government will enact a Land Alienation Act of the Plains Tribal people to protect their lands ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that the tribal people often sell their lands to non-tribals due to indebtedness and similar other reasons ?

(*c*) If so, whether Government are aware that the tribal people are becoming landless due to reasons mentioned in (*b*) above ?

(*d*) Whether adequate measures have been taken by Government to protect the land of the Plains Tribal people ?

(*e*) If not, whether Government will take necessary steps to check the habits of selling lands to non-tribals ?

(*f*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that Chapter X of the Land Revenue Act is not competent enough to stop the selling of lands to non-tribals ?

(*g*) Whether Government are aware that the Government of Punjab have enacted a land Alienation Act ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

868. (*a*)—There is no contemplation.

(*b*) & (*c*)—There might be some cases.

(*d*) & (*e*)—Chapter X of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation affords reasonable protection.

(*f*)—The provisions give reasonable safeguards.

(*g*)—Every State Government enacts legislations on the local prevailing conditions and circumstances. Punjab has her own Acts.

Total Area of Forest Reserve distributed throughout the State

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

869. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the total area of Forest Reserve distributed throughout the State, District wise ?

(*b*) What is the number of Scheduled Caste families who were allotted such lands during the last five years ?

(*c*) Whether the number covers the percentage reserve for the Scheduled Castes ?

(*d*) If not, why ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

869. (*a*)—The total area of Forest Reserve land settled as Forest Village throughout the State and district-wise upto 1954-55 is shown below. As regards the total area of Forest Reserve land so settled up-to-date, information is being called for.

Area settled upto 1954-55

Darrang	6,804 acres.
Nowgong	4,906 ,,
Sibsagar	9,314 ,,
Lakhimpur	16,050 ,,
Sadiya	1,106 ,,
Cachar	38,049 ,,
Khasi and Jaintia Hills	Nil.
Goalpara	1,13,715,,
Kamrup	14,222,,
Garo Hills	120 ,,
Mikir and North Cachar Hills ...	242 ,,
Naga Hills	705 ,,
Mizo District	Nil.
Total	2,05,233,,

(*b*)—The number of Scheduled Caste families who were allotted land in the Reserve Forests in the State is 669.

(*c*)—There is no reservation of land for the Scheduled Castes in the Forest Villages. But generally in allotment of land preference is given to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people who are found landless and capable of serving as Forest Villagers.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

Total Acreage of Land enjoyed by the Tea Industry

Mrs. JOYTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

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

(*a*) The total acreage of land enjoyed by the Tea Industry in the district of Cachar?

(*b*) The total acreage of land under tea cultivation?

(*c*) The total acreage of land under paddy cultivation under Tea Garden Grants?

871. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state whether Government propose to take over those Tea garden lands which are either abandoned after 1952 or left fallow though these lands were taken by the Tea Estates for special cultivation?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

870. (*a*)—3,53,135 acres.

(*b*)—81,445 acres.

(*c*)—The information is not readily available.

871. No Tea garden has abandoned its land entirely. Some area out of the grant lands abandoned by Tea Estates was requisitioned and some more are under proposal for requisition in Cachar.

Petition filed for Settlement of Land by the people of Baghbar Circle within Barpeta Subdivision

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

872. Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many Kabula petition (petition for settlement of land) has been filed by the people of Baghbar Circle within Barpeta Subdivision during the year 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957 and till 28th February 1958?

(*b*) How many of them have been finally disposed of ?

(*c*) How many of them are lying undisposed of in the S. D. Cs. office, Baghbar Circle and how many of them are lying with Mandals and Settlement Kanangus (answer should be given year by year with the name of the respective officers) ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that during the years 1954 to 1957 people occupying Government Khas land in Baghbar Circle applying to get settlement of the land are not getting the same ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that those lands have been settled with some other persons of other villages even with the non-cultivators ?

(*f*) Whether Government will enquire into the matter ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that within Baghbar Circle in many cases specially in village Pub Balikuri Chit No.4 orders have been passed to settle same plots of land with more than one persons ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

872. (*a*) to (*g*)—Information has been called for from the local officer.

Settlement of Government Khas land to the people by the S. D. C., Baghbar

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

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

(*a*) How many bighas of Government khas land have been settled with the people, by the S. D. C., Baghbar during the period from 1953 to 1958 (answer should be given year by year) ?

(*b*) Who was the S. D. C., during these years in Baghbar Circle of the Kamrup District ?

(*c*) Whether any advice was taken by the S. D. C., Baghbar from the Subdivisional Land Settlement Advisory Committee when he settled the land with the people ?

(*d*) If not, why ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

873. (*a*) to (*d*)--Information has been called for from the local officer.

Tezpur Kaibarta Co-operative Society Limited, Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

874. Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Government are aware that the Tezpur Kaibarta Co-operative Society Limited, Tezpur is a registered Co-operative Society composed of actual fishermen and fisherwomen numbering two hundred ?

(*b*) Whether the said Society had applied on 26th December 1956 to the Government for direct settlement of the Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery for the term 1957-60 ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that direct settlement of the above mentioned fishery was recommended by the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Tezpur ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the above mentioned fishery was settled directly with an individual Shri Gangaram Das on 18th March 1957 for three years, with effect from April, 1957 ?

(*e*) Whether the Government were aware that at the time of settlement that the said Gangaram Das had then a thatched Mohul under the Forest Department and a Fishery Mohul under the Assistant Political Officer (Charduar Lakra) ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the said Shri Gangaram Das was punished several times while he was lessee of some excise shops in Tezpur Subdivision ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the said Shri Gangaram Das was a defaulter for Rs.1,700 while he was a Fishery lessee under the Forest Department as mentioned above ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware that the said Gangaram Das was and still is a defaulter to the Tezpur Municipality to the extent of Rs. 3,000 as Tezpur Baluchar Mohuldar and that proceedings for realisation of the defaulting amount are still pending before Deputy Commissioner, Darrang ?

(*i*) What were the reasons for giving direct settlement of the above mentioned fishery to an individual Shri Gangaram Das in preference to the registered Co-operative Society referred to above ?

(*j*) What were the reasons for not putting the above mentioned fishery (Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery) on public auction ?

(*k*) Whether it is a fact that the said Gangaram Das has not been able to pay Kist money regularly ?

(*l*) Whether Government are aware that numerous criminal proceedings have been started by Shri Gangaram Das against the Kaibarta people and others under Fishery Act since his appointment as lessee ?

(*m*) If the reply to Question (*l*) above is in the affirmative, whether Government will be pleased to give the number of criminal cases instituted by Shri Gangaram Das in Tezpur Court since 1957 till date ?

(*n*) If the reply to Question (*l*) above is in the negative, whether Government will be pleased to enquire and give the number of criminal cases started by Shri Gangaram Das under Fishery Act in Tezpur Court since 1957 till date ?

(*o*) Whether Government are aware that the said Shri Gangaram Das has not given facility to local Kaibarta people to earn their livelihood by engaging them in the fishery ?

(*p*) Whether it is a fact that the said Shri Gangaram Das has leased out the Beels under the fishery to up-country fishermen ?

(*q*) If so, whether Government will be pleased to enquire and take appropriate action ?

(*r*) Whether it is a fact that numerous public petitions alleging harassment by the said Gangaram Das have been submitted to Government ?

(*s*) If so, what action has been taken on those petitions ?

(*t*) Whether Government will give due consideration to registered Co-operative Societies in future fishery settlement ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

874. (*a*)—No. There are members of the Society whose principal means of livelihood are Government service, etc., and as such cannot be treated as actual fishermen.

(*b*)—Yes.
(*c*)—Government are not aware.
(*d*)—Yes.
(*e*)—Shri Gangaram Das held a hatched Mohol, but did not hold any Fishery Mohol under the Assistant Political Officer, Charduar.

(*f*)—No, except that he was once warned and once the case confounded for being absent in the shop on both the occasions.

(*g*)—He was a defaulter for Rs.1,520 (not 1,700) at the time of settlement of a Forest Department Fishery for the period of 1st November 1956 to 30th September 1957.

(*h*)—At the instance of Tezpur Municipality a Bakijai case was started, but it had to be dropped as Shri Gangaram Das was found not at fault.

(*i*) & (*j*)—The said registered Co-operative Society's lease with an annual revenue of Rs. 19,600 was cancelled for breach of certain terms of the lease and the fishery was settled

with Shri Gangaram Das for the rest of the term at an annual revenue of Rs.25,000. The Society's appeal to the Hon'ble High Court was upheld but was reversed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which was received too late for settlement by public auction. In settling the fishery with Shri Gangaram Das for Rs. 25,000 per annum consideration was also given to the heavy expenditure he incurred in the said litigation.

(*k*)—No.

(*l*) & (*m*)—He has filed 4 cases.

(*n*)—Does not arise.

(*o*)—Government have no such information.

(*p*)—No.

(*q*)—Does not arise.

(*r*) & (*s*)—There was one complaint that the lessee was not allowing fishing (apparently on permit). This was enquired into by a Magistrate and the matter was compromised by the parties.

(*t*)—Government are always giving due consideration to the Registered Co-operative Fishery Societies in the matter of fishery settlement provided there is nothing against such Societies.

Construction of Langting-Hatikholi Road under Lumding Forest Range

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

(*a*) Whether any tender was invited for construction of Langting-Hatikholi road under Lumding Forest Range ?

(*b*) If so, how many tenders were received for the same ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that no tender was accepted but work was ordered to be done on muster-roll ?

(*d*) How long the work is continuing ?

(*e*) What are the estimated expenditures for the construction of the said road ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

875. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Six tenders.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Completed by 31st March 1958.

(*e*)—Rs. 55,000.

Enforcement labour of the villagers to work in Panbari Forest by Forest Department

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

876. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that the villagers of some villages in northern portion of Bijni Thana are forced to work in Panbari Forest by Forest Department ?

(*b*) If so, whether this system of forced labour will be abolished ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that the forest officers in Kuklung and Panbari employ many people of the neighbouring villages to work in forest every year ?

(*d*) Whether any certificates are given to them ?

(*e*) Whether this was represented to the Forest Minister ?

(*f*) If so, by whom and when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

876. (*a*)—No. Government have no information.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—It is not clear as to what is meant by "this". If it means issue of certificates then answer is "no".

(*f*)—Does not arise.

Lands in Lutumai (Long Jup) Forest Reserve under Hojai Kapili Valley Forest Range

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that some tribal people applied for lands in Lutumai (Long Jup) Forest Reserve under Hojai-Kapili Valley Forest Range ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Government was pleased to pass an order to give lands to those tribal applicants ?

(*c*) If so, when the Government order was implemented by the local officers of Jamunamukh Beat Office ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

877. (*a*)—Yes, 48 Plains tribal people of Lalung Community applied in 1952 for land in Lutumai Reserve.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—In the year 1953.

Reg: **Shri M. I. Malik, Director, Veterinary, Assam**

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Shri M. I. Malik, Director, Veterinary, out of his first 194 days service in Assam was out of his headquarter on tour and leave for 102 days specially outside the State in Kashmir, Mysore, Trivandrum, Madras, Delhi and Pakistan, etc. ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that his stay at headquarters at Gauhati is not even a month out of the 194 days as stated above ?

(*c*) If not, what is the exact number of days he stayed at headquarters ?

(*d*) What interior villages he has visited during his total stay in Assam, besides important places connected with Airways ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that he was either on tour or leave outside the State, when there was heavy cattle mortality in the State and during the last Congress Session ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that he makes his temporary headquarters at Shillong for 10 days and carries departmental car empty, travelling himshelf by State Transport and draws travelling and daily allowances for such journeys ?

(*g*) If so, whether he orders subordinate staff to run up and down with files, etc., for his own gains but wasting public funds ?

(*i*) Whether Government are aware that he lives with his son at Pandu and that Government car runs up and down daily many times and all over the town for his private affairs on petrol purchased at Government cost ?

(*j*) What was the total expenditure on petrol paid by Government on the Government vehicles since Sri Malik's assumption of charge as Director of Veterinary in Assam ?

(*k*) Whether it is a fact that he regularly sleeps in the office from 1 p.m. to 4 p. m. (during which hours nobody can disturb him) and thus compelling the subordinate staff to stay up to 5 o'clock in the evening ?

(*l*) Whether it is a fact that he kept the office open on the day of Maulana Azad's death though requested by the office staff not to do so in token of respect to the great Congress leader ?

(*m*) Whether it is a fact that he has asked for a Joint Director and two administrators ?

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

878. (*a*), (*b*), & (*c*)—The information ragarding the exact number of days is being collected.

(*d*)—Information is being collected.

(*e*)—Information is being collected.

(*f*)& (*g*)—When he comes to Shillong, on duty, he stays there according to the needs of his duty and files are to be brought there as and when necessary to expedite matter. (Rest of the information is being collected.)

(*i*)—He lives with his son at Pandu. (Rest of the information is being collected.)

(*j*)—Information is being collected.

(*k*)—No.

(*l*)—Information is being collected.

(*m*)—Yes, one Joint Director and one Administrative officer.

Housing loans in Silchar town

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

879. Will the Minister-in-charge of Housing be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many families have been given housing loans in Silchar town since the Housing Scheme was introduced ?

(*b*) Whether the loan given is adequate for the purpose ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to ascertain whether the houses built with such loans are in existence ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning Department) replied:

879. (*a*)—Four housing loans have been sanctioned upto date to individuals of Silchar town.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—Out of the four loans sanctioned two have since been cancelled at the request of the loanees. Of the remaining two loanees, one completed the construction of his house on 30th June 1957. The other loanee has not yet turned up for receiving the loan.

Stopping of works of all the roads of the plains areas within the Amguri Khorikatia Mouza of Jorhat Subdivision

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

880. Will the Public Works Department Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that due to the separation of Naga Hills from the Administration of Assam, Government have stopped works on all the roads of the plains areas within the Amguri Khorikatia Mouza of Jorhat Subdivision which were taken up by Public Works Department for improvement for the operation works and for the protection of the villages of the plains areas ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Government have spent a huge amount for the improvement of these road including the border hill portion the Gara Ali ?

(*c*) If so, whether the sum already spent so far will be a waste ?

(*d*) Whether Government will be pleased to take up these road including the Gara Ali and improve them as early as possible for the protection of the life and properties of the border people ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

880. (*a*)—Owing to the change over of administration in the Naga Hills District, all works taken up for operational purposes which remained incomplete upto 30th November 1957 were stopped.

(*b*)—A total amount of Rs.8,78,000 was sanctioned for road works taken up for operational purpose in the plain areas out of which an amount o Rs.2,01,486 was spent upto 30th November 1957.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Instructions have already been issued to the Executive Engineers to resume all works within the State which remained incomplete.

Distance between the Brahmaputra and the Rangagora road and between Maijan and Nagaghoolie in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) The minimum distance between the Brahmaputra and the Rangagora road between Maijan and Nagaghoolie in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether Government have any proposal to keep up the communication of that portion of the road in tact by constructing an alternative road due to its possible erosion by the Brahmaputra ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

881. (*a*) & (*b*)—Informations are being collected.

Case of stolen Timber at Mahakali grant within Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a case of stolen timber up to the value of about Rs. 1,60,000 was detected during the last few years at Mahakali grant within Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether any Officer was involved in this case ?

(*c*) If so, who were they ?

(*d*) Whether Government would furnish the names of the contractors who involved in this case ?

(*e*) Whether Government would furnish this House with the details of the case and result of the enquiry ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) replied:

882. (*a*)—No. It is not a fact. No such case was detected.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) Does not arise.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Money spent for construction of road and bridges within the State of Assam since, 1947

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

883. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E. and D.) be pleased to state—

(*a*) How much money has been spent for construction of roads and bridges within the State of Assam since, 1947 ?

(*b*) How much money has been spent within each subdivision of Assam ?

(*c*) How much money has been spent for roads and bridges within Barpeta Thana since 1947 ?

(*d*) How much money has been spent in roads and bridges within Sorbhog since 1947 ?

(*e*) Whether these will be made equitable distribution of money in future ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

883. (*a*)—Figures are being collected.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*)—Records for expenditure incurred by Public Works Department are not maintained Subdivision or Thana-wise.

(*e*)—The Government always make equitable distribution of money Civil Subdivision-wise.

Bridge over the Kalo River, Dhubri Subdivision

Maulavi KOBAD HUSSAIN AHMED (Mankachar) asked :

884. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) In what year the construction of the bridge over the Kalo river in the Subdivision of Dhubri was completed ?

(*b*) What was the total cost of its construction ?

(*c*) When was it ordered to be dismantled and why ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to replace it soon ?

(*e*) If so, when ?

(*f*) If not, why not ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

884. *(a)*—Construction of the bridge was completed during March, 1957.

(b) The total cost of construction of the bridge is Rs.1,04,000.

(c)—The bridge was heavily damaged by the flood waters of the Brahmaputra spilling over its bank on the upstream of the bridge and finally finding an outlet through the Kaloo River flowing under this bridge and joining the Brahmaputra again on the down streamside. As it was found unsafe, owing to heavy scour in the river bed, orders were issued on 11th January 1958 to dismantle the bridge.

(d) to *(f)*—It will be necessary to select a new site for reconstruction of the bridge. Survey for the purpose of selecting a site is being taken up. The question of reconstruction of the bridge will be considered when the survey including collection of necessary data is completed and matter is thoroughly examined in view of the position stated against (*c*) above.

Digboi-Pengaree Road

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMAH (Digboi) asked :

885. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government is aware of the most deplorable condition of a part of Digboi-Pengaree Road within the Digboi Town ?

(*b*) If so, what steps are going to be taken to improve or repair the same ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

885. (*a*)—The portion of the road referred to is a gravelled one between the two stretches of surfaced road originally done by Assam Oil Company and handed over to this Department as a part of Digboi-Pengri Road. The gravelled portion is maintained as a gravelled road and is in good condition as a gravelled road.

(*b*)—It is presumed that the hon. Member means by improving metalling and surfacing of this road.

The proposal for metalling and surfacing a portion of this road within the town area will be put up before the next meeting of Assam Road Communication Board for their consideration.

Criminal and Encroachment Cases in Subdivisional Officer's Court at Barpeta

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

886. Will the Minister for Judicial be pleased to state—
(*a*) How many criminal cases were pending in Barpeta Subdivisional Officer's office during the years 1956 to 1958 (information should be given year by year) ?
(*b*) How many of the above mentioned cases are triable by Magistrate, First Class ?
(*c*) How many First Class Magistrate are there at Barpeta ?

886A. Will the Minister for Judicial be pleased to state the number of encroachment cases at present pending in the Court of the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta (answer should be given with the year of starting the encroachment cases) ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Judicial) replied :

886. (*a*) to (*c*)—The information is being collected.

886A.—The information is being collected.

Kokadonga Bund

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

887. Will the Minister of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—
(*a*) Whether Government will be pleased to construct sluice gates at the crossing points of the rivers and outlets on the Kakadonga Bund within the Amguri Khorikatia Mouza ?
(*b*) If not, what steps Government propose to take to control flood water ?

887 A. Will the Minister of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the total areas of land utilised to construct the Kokadonga Bund and how many families are affected ?

(*b*) Whether Government will be pleased to give compensation to the deserving affected families?

(*c*) If so, when this compensation will be paid ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

887. (*a*)—No. Sluices at the mouth of any tributary if constructed will not serve any useful purpose as these will cause flooding of the protected area by retaining the discharge of the tributary itself when closed to stop flood spills of the main river entering into the area.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

887A. (*a*)—Total area of land utilised to construct the embankment approximately 486 bighas.

Number of families affected—the information being called for.

(*b*) & (*c*)—No provision for payment of compensation was made in the estimate of the work as the Executive Engineer could ascertain that the land owners were willing to relinquish their land free of cost for construction of the embankment and they actually allowed construction without any objection. No claim for compensation appears to have so far been received by the Department, but if the owners now come up with their claims the deserving cases may be considered for payment as and when necessary funds can be arranged.

Subdivisional Land Settlement Board, Barpeta

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether a meeting of the Land Settlement Board, Barpeta Subdivision was called on the 18th April, 1958 at 1 P. M. in the Court room of the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta ?

(*b*) If so, why the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta, who is the President of the meeting did not come in the meeting till 2 P. M. ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that some Member of Legislative Assembly boycotted the meeting as the Subdivisional Officer did not come to the meeting till 2 p. M. ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

888. (*a*) to (*c*)—Information have been called for.

Land Revenue of Kharupatia Bazar, Mangaldai

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

889. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that the land revenue of Kharupatia Bazar is comparatively higher than that of the Mangaldai town ?

(*b*) The reasons for making the said revenue so high ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

889. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—The assessment of Mangaldai town was made in the year 1932 whereas the assessment of Kharupatia town was revised only in the year 1955.

Settlement of V. G. R. at Ulabari and Nakheti, Nalbari Police Station

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there is a Village Grazing Reserve in villages Ulabari and Nakheti of mauza Upperbarbhag under Nalbari Police Station in the district of Kamrup ?

(*b*) Whether it is also a fact that some portion of the said reserve had been settled with some flood and erosion affected people of the locality ?

(*c*) If so, what is the area of land so settled with each individual family ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the poor affected people requested Government to give at least one bigha of land for their Basti purpose ?

(*e*) What is the total area of land within the said reserve so far remains unsettled ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that some people who are not really affected either by flood or by the fallen victim to embankment alignment, have filed Kabula-petition for the remaining portion of the said reserve land ?

(*g*) If so, what is the total number of Kabula petition ?

(*h*) What is the total number of Kabula filed by real landless people ?

(*i*) Whether it is a fact that the local people of village Nakheti and Ulabari have raised objections against further settlement of the land ?

(*j*) If so, what is the decision taken by Government ?

(*k*) Whether Government propose to give priority while settling the remaining land, to local flood affected scheduled caste and backward people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenne Minister) replied :

890. (*a*) to (*k*)—Report has been called for from Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup.

Otar-Tenganmari Dong, Goalpara

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked:

891. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government have been receiving public representation since 1951 for excavation of a "Dong", namely "Otar-Tenganmari Dong" under Police Station Golakganj in the district of Goalpara ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that a news was published in "Sevak", a Congress weekly from Dhubri D. C. C. on the 14th December, 1953 to the effect that a sum of Rs.60,000 (Rupees sixty thousand only) was sanctioned by the Assam Government for excavating the said Dong ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture visited the site of the project in 1952-53 ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that many high officials of the Agriculture as well as of Embankment and Drainage Departments have been visiting the place since 1952 ?

(*e*) What is the present progress of the said projects ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied:

891. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Government have no information.

(*c*)—May be.

(*d*)—The Executive Engineer, Goalpara Embankment and Drainage Division visited the locality in the latter part of 1957. Government have no information regarding visit of the locality by high officials of Agriculture and Embankment and Drainage Departments prior to this for enquiring into the problem.

(*e*)—The Scheme could not find place in any programme undertaken by the Department. A preliminary investigation is however being carried out, and report is awaited.

Working days of machineries, etc., under Public Works Department

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(*a*) What is the total number of working days of Steam roller, etc., under Public Works Department during the year ?

(*b*) The number of accidents involved with regard to these machineries in the whole State during 1955, 1956 and 1957 ?

(*c*) Will the Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state whether the workers engaged with the above tool and machineries are promoted from the lower cadre to the higher cadre according to their qualifications and abilities ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

892. (*a*)—The number of working days varies from machine to machine. The minimum and maximum can be assessed at 150 to 300 days.

(*b*)—(*i*) 1 (One) Accident in 1955 involving 1 person.

(*ii*) 2 (Two) Accident in 1956 involving 2 persons.

(*iii*) 3 (Three) Accident in 1957 involving 21 persons.

(*c*)—Yes, when vacancies occur.

Waste tea garden lands near Mariani Jorhat Subdivision

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a good amount of waste land of some tea garden near Mariani of Jorhat Subdivision has been in the possession of the tenants for nearly fifty years ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the tea companies do not use this land for plantation purpose ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that the rate of the rent realised for the lands is higher than the Government rates ?

(*d*) If so, whether Government propose to requisition the lands for the benefit of the tenants and settle the same permanently ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

893. (*a*) to (*d*)—Informations have been called for from Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar.

Settlement of land under Phukanbari Tea Estate, Naharkatia Circle

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Grant Nos.196 and 197 or other grants of Phukanbari Tea Estate in Kheremia Mouza in Naharkatia Circle were requisitioned for landless cultivators ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the Sub-Deputy Collector, Naharkatia Circle gave them possession in 1953 or so, clearly demarcating the boundaries of the land in question ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact about 135 families paid revenue or premium in the year 1955 for these lands in the office of the Sub-Deputy Collector, Dibrugarh ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that certain families also paid revenue or premium to Government in 1956-57 for some of these lands ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that some of these lands were under the occupation of the cultivators since 1941 or before and that the owner, the tea planter, had been realising rent regularly, granting receipts since 1941 till 1952 ?

(*f*) Whether Government are aware that the proprietor of the said Tea Company is realising rent even now but no receipt is given for the same ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that Government granted land and gave possession to 166 earthquake and flood devastated families and to other landless persons in Grant Nos.196 and 197 of Phukanbari Tea Estate ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware that the proprietor of Phukanbari Tea Estate now and then engages his chowkidars and other persons to take away forcibly crops and other property belonging to these cultivators ?

(*i*) Whether Government are aware that the Police have been informed about the action of the proprietor of Phukanbari Tea Estate ?

(*j*) If so, what are the allegations made by the people to the Officer-in-charge of Bordubi Police Station and what is the result of the Police investigations ?

(*k*) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties of the cultivators and tenants who are occupying land in different grants of Phukanbari Tea Estate ?

(*l*) Whether Government propose to take adequate steps to save these people from oppression of this tea planter ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

894. (*a*) to (*l*)—Informations have been called for from Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Primary School Teachers

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Government has adopted the principle of not appointing any primary teacher who has not passed the departmental examination ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that in some cases as regards appointment, the Basic School Boards are not working according to the principle enunciated by the Government ?

(*c*) If so, why ?

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

(*a*) How many teachers have newly been appointed under the Dibrugarh School Board during the last 3 years ?

(*b*) Whether all these teachers have passed the departmental examination before they were appointed ?

(*c*) If not, why unqualified teachers were appointed violating the direction of Government ?

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that in some subdivisions, Primary School teachers have not been paid for the last 3/4 months ?

(*b*) If so, why ?

(*c*) Whether it is fact that in Dibrugarh Subdivision Primary School teachers of 3/4 centres like Barholong, Margherita, Tirap, North Bank, etc., have not received their pay for the last 4 months while two months' pay have been paid to the teachers of others centres ?

(*d*) If so, why ?

(*e*) Whether Government is aware that payment to the Primary Schools teachers throughout the State is most irregular ?

(*f*) Whether there are such irregularities in respect of payment in other Departments also ?

(*g*) If not, why the Primary School teachers have been left to suffer alone ?

(*h*) What are the difficulties in the way of making the payment regular ?

(*i*) Whether Government is aware that for such irregularities the poor paid Primary School teachers are to face great deal of troubles and untold sufferings ?

(*j*) Whether Government is aware of the fact that for efficient teaching teachers should be free from all sorts of such worries and anxieties ?

(*k*) Whether Government is aware that sufferings on account of irregular payment are caused not only to the teachers themselves but to their entire family members ?

(*l*) What steps Government is going to take to regularise their payment ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

895. (*a*)—No such direction was issued by Government. But the Basic Education Board instructed the School Board generally not to appoint teachers before holding a test but it is not rigidly followed.

(*b*) & (*c*)—As in (*a*) above.

896. (*a*)—80.

(*b*)—Not all.

(*c*)—No unqualified teachers have been appointed. But those teachers who were appointed without their passing the qualifying test, will be required to pass the test.

897. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Due to some technical difficulties in releasing the grant to the Basic Education Board.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Yes,as funds were inadequate.

(*e*)—Yes steps have been taken to improve.

(*f*)—No definite informations are available.

(*g*)—Does not arise.

(*h*)—There are various difficulties but steps are being taken to remove these difficulties as far as possible.

(*i*), (*j*) & (*k*)—Yes.

(*l*)—As stated in (*h*) above.

Namdang Sluice Gate, Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

898. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) When the construction of Namdang Sluice Gate (in between Solaguri and Marabazar Mauzas of Sibsagar Subdivision) will be completed ?

(*b*) When the construction of this Sluice Gate was started ?

(*c*) The amount sanctioned for this purpose and the amount spent so far ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the drain dug for the construction of the gate is silted every year by the river Namdang, and every year it is cleared at the cost of public money ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that Government is going to abandon this project after spending a substantial amount ?

(*f*) If so, why ?

(*g*) Whether the money misused is going to be realised from the officers and persons at fault ?

(*h*) If not, why not ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

898. (*a*)—The work is expected to be completed in the next working season.

(*b*)—In 1956.

(*c*)—The amount of sanctioned estimate for the whole Scheme is Rs. 4,00,000 in which there is a provision of Rs. 85,000 for sluice. Total amount spent so far stands at Rs. 1,49,529 for the entire scheme. An amount of Rs. 20,000 has been spent for works specifically in connection with the construction of sluice.

(*d*)—Yes. Flood siltation is a natural phenomenon and has to be cleared up for proper functioning of the channel. This clearing of silt cannot be avoided even after the completion of the scheme.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—Does not arise.

(*g*)—Does not arise.

(*h*)—Does not arise.

Rupit Mati in Lahoal, Bogdung, Chabua, Gharbani, Moderkhat, Rangrengora and Tinsukia Mauzas in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) The total 'bighas' of "Rupit Mati" (paddy cultivable land) in Lahoal Mauza of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) Out of this land, how many bighas at Present belong to non-cultivators ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the number of bighas of these "Rupit" land under non-cultivators who resides outside the Mauza, is more than non-cultivators who generally reside within the Mauza ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that most of the land in possession of non-cultivators were transferred from real cultivators during the last 50 years or so ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that these non-cultivators are of either businessmen or persons having some sort of occupation other than cultivation ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that some of those non-cultivators who procured land from cultivators are also Tea Planters now ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that some of these landlords discriminate the local cultivators ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that some of non-cultivators are transferring their land to their relatives who are also non-cultivators with a view to evade the operation of Land Ceiling Act ?

(*i*) If so, whether Government propose to cancel such mutations which took place after comes into force of the Land Ceiling Act ?

(*j*) Whether Government propose to acquire the "Rupit" lands in Lahowal Mauza from the possession of non-cultivators with a view to distribute the same amongst local cultivators who are either landless or in possession of inadequate land ?

(*k*) If so, when such proposal will materialise ?

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

(*a*) The total bighas of "Rupit Mati" (paddy cultivable land) in Bogdung Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) Out of this, how many "bighas" of land at present belong to non-cultivators who are not the tillers of the soil ?

(*c*)Whether it is a fact that most of land in possessions of non-cultivators were transferred from real cultivators during the last 50 years or so ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that some of these non-cultivators who procured land from cultivators are now TeaPlanters while the latter became almost landless ?

(*e*) Whether Government is aware or received report, to the effect that these Indian Tea Planters and other non-cultivators who are the owners of these Rupit lands charge very high rates either in cash or in kind from the cultivators ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to acquire these cultivable lands from these non-cultivators and distribute the same amongst the tillers of the soil ?

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

(*a*) The total bighas of "Rupit Mati" (paddy cultivable land) in Chabua Pulungu Mauza of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) The total bighas of land which at present belong to non-cultivators, whose profession is other than tilling the land ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that most of the "Rupit" land in possession of non-cultivators were transferred from real cultivators during last 50 years or so ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that some of these non-cultivators are at present Indian Tea Planters and realise very high rates either in cash or in kind from real tillers of the soil for this "Rupit" land ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to cancel the ownership of "Rupit" lands of these non-cultivators with a view to distribute the same amongst the real tillers of the soil ?

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

(*a*) The total number of bighas of "Rupit Mati" (paddy cultivable land) in Gharbandi Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) The total number of bighas of "Rupit" land out of this belonging to non-cultivators who are other than tillers of the soil ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that most land in possession of non-cultivators there, were transferred from real cultivators during the last 50 years or so ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that some of these non-cultivators who procured land from the cultivators are now Tea Planters whereas the said actual cultivators have become almost landless ?

(*e*) Whether Government is aware or received reports to that effect that these non-cultivators charge very high rates either in cash or in kind from the tillers for their "Rupit" land ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that local cultivators are discriminated by some of these landlords ?

(*g*) Whether Government is aware that these landlords are converting themselves into unrecognised Zamindars or Benami Zamindars ?

(*h*) Whether Government propose to acquire all these lands from non-cultivators and distribute the same amongst the local tillers of the soil ?

(*i*) If so, when ?

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

(*a*) The total bighas of "Rupit Mati" (paddy cultivable land) in Rongagora and Tinsukia Mauzas within Tinsukia Circle in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) The number of bighas of land out of this that belong to non-cultivators or businessmen ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that most of these lands in possession of non-cultivators were transferred from real cultivators during the last 50 years or so ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that some of these non-cultivators who procured land from cultivators became Tea Planters or big businessmen while many cultivators who were the owners of these lands became either landless or cultivators of uneconomic holdings ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that certain number of previous owners of these lands had to go into the jungles to become forest villagers ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that non-cultivator landlords charge high rates for these lands from cultivators either in cash or in kind ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that local cultivators are generally deprived of these lands by the non-cultivator land owner ?

(*h*) Whether Government propose to cancel the ownership of the non-cultivators of paddy cultivable land with a view to distribute the same amogst the cultivators ?

(*i*) If so, whether Government propose to give preference to the local cultivators in distributing those lands ?

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

(*a*) The total number of "Rupit Mati" (paddy cultivable land) in Moderkhat Mouza within Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) The total number of "Rupit" and out of this, at present belonging to non-cultivators who are other than tillers of the soil ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that most of the land in possession of non-cultivators were transferred from real cultivators during the last 50 years or so ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the good number of bighas of land has been transferred to Indian Tea Planters in that Mouza during the last 10 or 15 years ?

(*e*) Whether Government is aware that the cultivators could not but succumb to the exploitation of the Tea Planters concerned ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that non-cultivators in possession of cultivable land have been realising high rates for their land from tillers either in cash or in kind ?

(*g*) Whether want of land reform in the Moderkhat Mouza is one of the reasons for non increase of food production in spite of operation of National Extension Service Block or Community Development Block since the last 5 years ?

(*h*) Whether Government propose to acquire the cultivable lands from the non-cultivator businessmen and Tea Planters with a view to distribute amongst the local tillers

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

899 (*a*)—12,839B. 3K. 14L.

(*b*)—1080B. 0K. 8L.

(*c*)—It is a fact.

(*d*)—It is a fact.

(*e*)—It is a fact.

(*f*)—It is a fact.

(*g*)—Government have no information.

(*h*)—Government have no information.

(*i*)—Transfer of land is not prohibited by the Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

(*j*)—Land in excess of the limit of 150 bighas held by a family will be acquired for allotment with landless people under the Fixation of Ceiling Act.

(*k*)—In the course of implementation of the said Act.

900. (*a*)—25245B 4K 13L.

(*b*)—2405B 0K 14L.

(*c*)—It is a fact.

(*d*)—It is a fact. Cultivators have become landless due to their having sold away their land.

(*e*)—Government have no information.

(*f*)—No, except in cases coming under the purview of the Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

901. (*a*)—6641B 1K 16L.

(*b*)—696B 0K 15L.

(*c*)—It is a fact.

(*d*)—Yes, some of them are Indian Tea Planters but Government have no information about realisation of high rate of rent.

(*e*)—No.

902. (*a*)—36,679B 0K 13L.

(*b*)—1,566B 1K 8L.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—Government have no information.

(*f*)—Government have no information.

(*g*)—Government are not aware.

(*h*)—No, except in cases coming under the purview of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

(*i*)—In the course of implementation of the said Act.

903. (*a*)—10631 bighas.

(*b*)—2762 bighas.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—Government have no information.

(*f*)—Government have no information.

(*g*)—Not known.

(*h*)—No, except in cases coming under the purview of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

(*i*)—Provisions of the Ceiling Act where applicable will be given effect to.

904. (*a*)—27,668B 4K 11L.

(*b*)—4,429B 4K 0L.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—Government have no information.

(*f*)—Government have no information.

(*g*)—Government are unable to share this view.

(*h*)—No, except in cases coming under the purview of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

Acquisition of land from Greenwood Tea Estate in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (**Saikhowa**) asked :

905. Will the Minisier-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that land measuring about 175 bighas were acquired from Grant No. 4 of Greenwood Tea Estate in Lahoal Mauza, Dibrugarh Subdivision, in 1955 or so ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the acquisition of the land in question was made with a view to rehabilitate the earthquake, flood and erosion-affected persons on the northern part of Lahoal Mauza ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that certain underserving persons having land elsewhere or employment in Tea Estate were given settlement and a large number of earthquake, flood and erosion affected persons remained unsettled ?

(*d*) Whether the local Deputy Commissioner received a representation dated 27th June 1957 from Lahoal Mauza Krishak Sanmilan pointing out the anomalies done by the then Local Sub-Deputy Collector ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to take any steps against the Sub-Deputy Collector in-charge who gave settlement to undeserving persons, if any, neglecting deserving persons there ?

(*f*) Whether Government would furnish this House with a list of persons who have been settled or given possession or have pattas in that acquired land in question ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that villages such as Padam Gaon, Masai Gaon, Tengabari, a Mekhela Herua, Barahi Gaon and a part of Gonai Gaon in northern part of Lahoal Mauza have been eroded by the Brahmaputra and the inhabitants of those villages still remain unsettled ?

(*h*) Whether Government propose to rehabilitate the earthquake, flood and erosion-affected persons of northern part of Lahoal Mauza and to provide land for the landless cultivators of Lahoal Mauza with a view to place them on sound economic footing ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

905. (*a*)—Yes, an area of 174B 4K 18L was requisitioned.

(*b*)—Yes, for the earthquake, flood and erosion affected people of the locality in general.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*) & (*e*)—The representation in question was received by Deputy Commissioner. But the question of taking any steps against the Sub-Deputy Collector in-charge does not arise in view of the fact that there was no anomalies in the allotment.

(*f*)—The list of allottees is placed on the Library Table. [Please see Library Register No. S 49 (*a*)]

(*g*)—All the villages except Kanaigaon were eroded and most of the affected people were rehabilitated at suitable places.

(*h*)—Persons particularly earthquake, flood and erosion affected remaining to be rehabilitated have been proposed to be rehabilitated in Nepaphoo Grant.

Provident Fund Scheme

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

906. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) The reasons for not introducing the Provident Fund Scheme in our State inspite of declarations both by the Centre and the State and the Resolution passed in the last Budget Session ?

(b) Whether Government propose to implement the Provident Fund Scheme for the interest of all employees as assured in the House by the Minister of Labour during the last Budget Session in reply to a question put by the Questioner in this regard ?

(c) The reason for delay in implementing the said scheme ?

(d) When the implementation of the same can be expected in this State ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

906. (a) & (b)—The Employees Provident Fund Scheme is administered by the Government of India and it has already been introduced in this State. List of factories in this State covered by the Employees' Provident Fund Act is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 59).

As regards extension of the Scheme to Plywood Factories, Rice Mills and Transhipment workers the matter has already been taken up with Government of India.

(c) & (d)—Do not arise.

Names of Social Welfare or Cultural organisations doing active work amongst Tribals in Jorhat Subdivision

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

907. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas be pleased to state :

(a) The names of Social Welfare or Cultural Organisations doing active work amongst the tribal people of Jorhat Subdivision ?

(b) The amount sanctioned under Article 275 for each of the institutions or organisations doing social and cultural work ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

907. (a)—The names of the Social Welfare and Cultural Organisations working in the Sibsagar District are shown in the lists placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 50). The organisations are not listed Subdivision-wise.

(b) The amounts sanctioned under Art. 275 year by year from 1951-52 onwards are shown against each one of the institutions named in the lists placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 50).

Relief granted to Political Sufferers

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

908. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government has granted any relief to Political Sufferers ?

(b) If so, whether any grant has been sanctioned for Barpeta Subdivision since the introduction of this relief ?

(c) How much money has been allotted to that Subdivision from the very inception of this relief (information to be given year by year) ?

(d) How many persons have been granted such relief in Barpeta Subdivision up-till now since that relief was first introduced ?

(e) Who are they ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that all the applicants from D. C. Bausi and Kharija Bijni Mauzas have not been given such relief ?

(g) If so, why ?

(h) Whether all the Political Sufferers of D. C. Bausi and Ruposi Mauzas will be given the benefit of this relief ?

(i) If so, when ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

908. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Money is not allotted subdivision or districtwise.

(d)—42.

(e)—A statement is laid on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 51).

(f)—No.15 persons of Damka Saka Bausi Mauza and 5 persons of Kharija Bijni Mauza have been granted relief by the Government.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Cases of all political sufferers, irrespective of any Mauza, will be considered on merits of each case.

(i)—As an when applications are received and necessary enquiries completed.

Surrender of money by Public Works (Roads and Buildings) Department

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi) asked :

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

(a) Whether the annual heavy surrender of money by Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) is actually due to shortage of men and materials or due to defective organisation of the Department ?

(b) What is the number of staff under Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) in different districts and what is the amount spent in each of these districts during the years 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957 ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department) replied :

909. (a)—The annual heavy surrender of money by this Department is due to mainly extreme shortage of technical personnel and materials.

(b) A statement showing the staff position and the expenditure figures in respect of Establishment charges district-wise has been placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 58).

Cases reported to Sorbhog Police Station since 1946

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

910. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many cases were reported since 1946 at the Sorbhog Police Station (to be shown year by year) ?

(b) How many of them have been detected ?

(c) How many dacoity cases were reported during the said period ?

(d) How many of them have been detected ?

(e) The reason for increase of crimes ?

(f) Whether there are shortage of staff ?
(g) If so, whether additional staff will be given to Sorbhog Police Station ?
(h) How many cases have been proved in courts ?
(i) How many cases have been reported at Barpeta Road outpost during the aforesaid period ?
(j) How many were detected ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

910. (a), (b), (c) & (d) A statement is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 56).

(e)—There has been a slight increase in crimes due to increase of population.

(f) & (g)—The question as to whether the existing staff is adequate or not according to present circumstances is being looked into.

(h)—A statement is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 56).

(i) & (j)—A statement is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S. 57).

Improvement of Beki P.W.D. Ghat

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

911. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the conditions of the Beki P.W.D. Ghat will be improved ?
(b) If so, when ?
(c) Whether it is a fact that the Ghat was closed for all traffic for one and a half months in 1957 ?
(d) Whether the Ghat is on the proposed National Highway ?
(e) Whether it is a fact that this is the only Ghat through which one can go to other parts of India by road ?
(f) If so, why Government allow this Ghat to remain closed ?
(g) Who was responsible for this ?
(h) Whether it is a fact that this Ghat is one of the most important Ghats of Assam ?
(i) Whether there are any marboats ?
(j) How big are they ?
(k) Whether engines are fitted to each of the marboats ?

(l) Whether Government are aware that on many occasions marboats capsized ?
(m) If so, why the Ghat is not improved ?
(n) Whether the approach roads on both sides of the Ghat are properly maintained ?
(o) Whether it is a fact that on right bank of the river the approach road is hopelessly bad ?
(p) Whether Government will provide sufficient money for improving the approach roads to the Ghat ?
(q) If so, when ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing) I replied :

911. (a) to (q) Information has been called for from the Divisional Office.

Crossing of Trucks and Motors through Bhulukadoba Ghat during rainy season

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

912. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether trucks and motors can pass through the Bhulukadoba Ghat during the rainy season ?
(b) If not, what arrangement the Government has to have it done ?
(c) Whether it is a fact that it is the only P.W.D. Ghat on the North Trunk Road to go to the rest of India ?
(d) Whether Government are aware that it is one of the most important Ghats of Assam ?
(e) Whether it is possible to go to Dhubri through this Ghat during the rainy season ?
(f) If not, why Government have failed to give due importance to this Ghat ?
(g) Whether Government propose to construct a bridge on this Ghat to remove the permanent difficulties of the State of Assam ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P.W.D.) replied :

912. (a) to (g) Information has been called for from the Divisional Office.

Distribution of Industrial quota of cement in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) Who distributes the industrial quota of cement in Barpeta Subdivision ?
(b) Whether the Supply Advisory Board has any power to distribute the same ?
(c) If so, whether the Barpeta Subdivisional Supply Board has been allowed to distribute them by Supply E.A.C. ?
(d) If not, what is the reason ?
(e) The names of those persons to whom industrial quota have been distributed since the constitution of the present Advisory Body at Barpeta ?
(f) The amount given to each of them ?
(g) Why the Supply E.A.C., Barpeta interferes with the working of the Supply Advisory Board ?

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

913. (a)—The local officers have been asked to reserve 10 per cent from each consignment of cement for distribution to Small Scale Industries on the recommendations of the Industries Department.

(b)—The Supply Advisory Board may give general and constructive suggestions. But, recommendations of the Industries Department will be essential as the Department are taking all possible steps for promoting Small Scale Industries.

(c) & (d)—Do not arise.

(e) to (g)—The information has been called for.

Untouchability Fund

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

914. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount of grants to individual people for the development of Cottage Industries for 1957-58 out of Untouchability Fund ?

(b) What is the total amount of grants sanctioned for individual artisans in the District of Kamrup out of Untouchability Fund ?

(c) Whether they are from different places or from the same place ?

(e) Whether there was any arrangement for receiving applications from public for the above grants ?

(f) Whether Government will make necessary arrangements for receiving applications for grants in advance before sanctioning of grants ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that grants have been sanctioned for the development of Cottage Industries out of general fund without applications being made while many institutions were not given grants in spite of applications being made in proper time ?

(h) If so, why ?

(i) Whether Government will enquire into the matter ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries) replied :

914. (a) Rs.7,000 (Rupees seven thousand) only.

(b) Rs.1,800 (Rupees one thousand eight hundred) only.

(c) The grantees are all from the Barpeta Subdivision.

(e) Yes. All the Development Officers, Assam, were requested to collect applications from the public in their own jurisdiction for this grant and to recommend the most deserving cases only.

(f) Government have made necessary arrangements to receive applications before sanctioning of grants.

(g)—No.

(h) & (i)—Do not arise.

Industrial Extension Centre for Silchar

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

915. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state whether Government propose to start in Cachar one centre out of 4 Cottage Industries Centres meant for the State ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries) replied.

915—If the hon'ble Member means an Industrial Extension Centre then one such Centre is proposed to be set up at Silchar.

Moderkhat Gaolia Bank

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikowa) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there is a Rural Credit Society under the name and style as "Moderkhat Gaolia Bank" with a mortgage of Rs.80,000 or so ?

(*b*) If so, whether it is a fact that this Society has been granted loan only upto Rs.5,000.

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the demand of the Society is far above this amount ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to sanction a loan of Rs.40,000 to this Society to enable them to meet the Rural Credit of the locality ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge of Co-operative) replied :

916. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—The Society was advanced a loan of Rs.2,000 by Dibrugarh Central Banking Union on 2nd February 1953. Two more loans of Rs.1,500 each were issued to the Society by the Officer of the Tengakhat Project on 1st June 1954 and 28th June 1955.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—Government do not finance any credit society. It is upto the Financing Banks to sanction the loan of Rs.40,000.

N.E.S./C.D. Blocks in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDAR NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

917. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects and N.E.S. Blocks be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether he would furnish this House with a list of proposals for NES Blocks or C.D. Blocks in

Dibrugarh Subdivision as submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur in the year 1953 and duly approved by the Subdivisional Development Boards?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the District authorities do not consult the present Subdivisional Development Board while suggesting Government from time to time to deviate from this original proposal?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the District Authorities did not consult the Subdivisional Development Board when a suggestion was made to Government altering the boundaries of the proposed Kakapathar NES Block from the suggestion submitted in the year 1953?

(d) If so, whether Government propose to take step on the Secretary, Subdivisional Development Board at whose fault the non-official members have been ignored?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

917. (a)—A list of such Blocks submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur in 1953 is shown below :

Tengaghat-Fakial N.E S. Development Block Headquarters

Block No.I

Name of the Mauzas	No. of villages	Total population in 1951	Area in Sq. Miles
(1) Maderkhat Mauza	33	12,137	37·8
(2) Tengakhat ,,	46	13,903	147·24
(3) Kheromia ,,	44	13,142	41·98
(4) Tipling ,,	77	18,103	156·85
(5) Pakial ,,	18	4,156	18·63
	218	61,777	301·78

Joypur N.E.S. Development Block Headquarter—Gethupathar

Name of the Mauzas	No. of villages	Total population in 1951	Area in Sq. Miles
	Block (II)		
(1) Joypur Mauza	66	21,305	114·13
(2) Chachani ,,	57	15,494	18·63
(3) Tingkhong ,,	155	32,408	49·24
	278	69,207	181·90

Khowang N.E.S. Development Block Headquarter Khowang

	Block (III)		
(1) Lengri Mauza	57	12,249	52·88
(2) Moran ,,	38	8,102	31·08
(3) Sepon ,,	55	11,831	33·66
(4) Khowang ,,	81	15,436	38·38
	231	47,588	156·00

Larua-Lahowal N.E.S. Development Block Headquarter—Mankatta Khanikor

	Block (IV)		
(1) Larua Mauza	52	16,703	93·52
(2) Jamirah ,,	20	11,439	18·74
(3) Mankatta Khanikar	42	11,197	45·9
(4) Rural portion of Town	15	6,855	58·3
(5) Lahowal	30	9,820	49·4
	159	56,014	264·42

Panitola N.E.S. Development Block Headquarter—Panitola

	Block (V)		
(1) Chabua Polonga Mauza	8	3,186	20·28
(2) Gharabandi ,,	44	16,927	46·19
(3) Rahmaria ,,	42	11,874	12·42
(4) Bogdung ,,	55	22,055	160·86
	149	54,042	351·65

Dum-duma-Tinsukia N.E.S. Development Block-Headquarter Tinsukia

Name of the Mauzas	No. of villages	Total population in 1951	Area in Sq. Miles
	Block VI		
(1) Rangagora Mauza	40	7,626	36·00
(2) Portion of rural areas of Tinsukia Mauza	11	2,320	1·92
(3) Hapjan	21	7,779	21·76
(4) Deomdoloa ...	17	3,676	70·35
(5) Tingrai ...	23	10,496	60·7
	108	36,903	20·60

Kakapathar N.E.S. Development Block Headquarter -Kakapathar

Block (VII) Kakapathar N.E.S. Development Block—Kakapathar

(1) Saikhowa Mauza ...	101	23,147	145·93
(2) Makum ,, ...	60	13,437	247·32
(3) Buridhing ,, ...	43	6,106	183 93
	204	44,690	577·18

Dhemaji N.E.S. Development Block Headquarter—Dhemaji

Block (VIII)

(1) Dhemaji Mauza ...	114	18,903	157·12
(2) Sissi ,, ...	101	16,526	288·88
(3) Sissi Pakikmahal ...	28	5,612	117·55
3 Mauzas Totalges—	243	41,041 population.	563·44 Sq. Miles.

(*b*)—Government have no information.

(*c*)—Inquiry is being made of the District Authorities whether the Subdivisional Development Board was consulted or not before suggesting alterations of the boundaries of the proposed Kakapathar Block.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

Tender for constrnction of P.W.D. Office Building at Pathsala

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Titabar) asked:

918. Will the Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) When tender was called for the construction of Office Building of Pathsala Public Works Department Office ?

(*b*) Whether the construction is completed ?

(*c*) If not, why not ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wings)] replied:

918. (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*)—The information has been called for.

Reclaimed areas of Malowpathar, Jorhat

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

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the reclaimed areas of Malowpathar, Jorhat are meant for purposes other than rehabilitating the landless people ?

(*b*) If so, what are those purposes ?

(*c*) Whether any action in that respect has been duly taken ?

(*d*) If so, what are they ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

919. (*a*) to (*d*)—The reclamation of the water-logged portion of the Malowpathar areas is yet to be completed and as such it has not come to a stage for formulation of any proposal.

Number of Employees in Assam Government Press

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

920. Will the Minister of Printing and Stationery be pleased to state—

(a) How many employees are now serving in the Assam Government Press at Shillong (Industrial and Ministerial Sections to be shown separately ?

(b) The number of permanent and temporary workers of both the sections separately ?

(c) The maximum period of service put by each temporary employee of the Government Press ?

(d) At what stage an employee of the Government Press is made permanent ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that Shri Holding Son Roy and Shri Sandro Manik who served only for one year were confirmed in supersession of the claims of many senior employees ?

(f) If so, why and the reason why the persons senior to them were not confirmed ?

(g) When Government propose to make the employees of the Government Press permanent who have completed five years of service ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Printing and Stationery) replied :

920. (a) to (g)—Informations are being collected.

Tribals Belts and Blocks in Bhuragaon Mauza, Nowgong

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI |Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)| asked :

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

(a) How many Tribal Belts or Blocks are there in the Laharighat, Bokoni and Bhuragaon Mouzas in Dhing Circle of the Nowgong District ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that Chationtali, Amaraguri, Dewaguri, Batabari, Boalguri, Titatola and Borsola No. 1 and No. 2 of Laharighat were constituted into the Tribal Belt or Blocks ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that Banmuri, Salmara and Baramari of Bokani Mouza and Barshibandha, Pokarkata, Pokalagi and Leseri Kisams of Bhuragaon Mouza were constituted into the Tribal Belts or Blocks ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that there are some non-Tribal men who were given lands in the said areas ?

(*e*) If so, what are the areas that were given to those non-Tribals ?

921A. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that some of those non-Tribals obtained periodic pattas and some are applying for the same ?

(*b*) If so, what is the number of bighas of land settled per head on periodic pattas ?

(*c*) What is the number of bighas of land each of them applied for ?

(*d*) What are the Government policy adopted for giving settlement of land to those non-Tribals who are not inhabitants of those areas and are also not actual cultivators ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware that some of those non-Tribals are selling lands ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that some of the Tribal people applied for periodic pattas ?

(*g*) If so, what are the reasons for refusal ?

(*h*) How many Tribal people of those areas obtained periodic pattas ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

921. (a) There is no Tribal Belt or Block in these Mouzas.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) 148 bighas, 1 katha, 9 lessas.

921A. (a) Yes.

(b) (i) (a) The information is not readily available and is called for.

(b) The areas in question are not yet constituted into Tribal Belts or Blocks. Government policy with regard to settlement of land is to settle land with landless cultivators.

(c) Government have no information.

(d) Yes.

(g) There is no case of refusal. Some cases are however under enquiry.

(h) Three Tribal people.

Debuttor or Brahmuttar land at Rupkhat (Tangla) in Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that there are about 6,000 bighas of "Debuttor" or "Brahmuttar" land at Rupakhat (Tangla) in Mangaldai Subdivision and that the owner reside at Gauhati ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Government had to pay about Rs.70,000 to this owner and that even now Rs.10,000 is paid annually ?

(c) If so, under what circumstances Government are to pay these sums ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

922. (*a*)—No, there is no such "Debuttar" or "Brahmuttar" land. But, there are 5254B-2K-0L. of Nisf-kheraj and periodic Kheraj patta lands in villages Rupakhat, Bartangla, etc., in Mangaldai Subdivision and the owner resides at Gauhati.

(*b*)—Yes. Government had to pay Rs 71,868 (rupees seventy-one thousand eight hundred sixty-eight) only to the owner as compensation for 1950 to 1957. A further sum of Rs.8,500 approximately is to be paid till 20th February 1958.

(*c*)—Government paid these sums as being the annual total compensation upto 1957 for seven years for 3095B-0K-0L of land requisitioned in 1950.

Conveyance facilities for Deputy Inspector and their Staff

Shri GOURISHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that due to lack of conveyance facility, the Deputy Inspectors and their staff find it difficult to inspect the schools, regularly, within their respective jurisdictions ?

(*b*) If so, whether Government propose to provide cars under the disposal of the Secretaries of the School Boards for regular inspection of the schools ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

923. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—The matter will be examined.

Patta for Waste Lands to a Businessman of Panitola Town

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that annual patta was granted to one non-cultivator businessman of Panitola Town for waste land covered by Dag Nos. 33, 37 and 206 of Baghbari village in Bogdung Mouza of Dibrugarh Subdivision in the year 1956-57 or during the last few years ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that this businessman is a landlord having large areas of land of various descriptions such as "Rupit", "Foringoti" and others ?

(*c*) Whether Government is aware that there is a large number of population having inadequate land for cultivation or landless persons in that area ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that according to the present land policy of Government the businessman in question should not get more preference over a cultivator or landless people in getting occupation over waste land ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that former Sub-Deputy Collector granted the annual patta when he was under order of transfer from that circle ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the decision of the Sub-Deputy Collector of the circle in granting the patta was a hasty one ?

(*g*) How many annual pattas were issued by him in the circle during the period when he was under order of transfer from that circle and the total areas of such land in bighas ?

(*h*) How many of those pattas were issued to non-cultivators and tea planters and total areas of land in bighas ?

(*i*) Whether Government propose to cancel these annual pattas issued to non-cultivators and tea planters, if any ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

924. (*a*)—Yes, an area of 3B. 2K, 1L. of land covered by dag Nos. 33, 37 and 206 of this village was settled on annual lease in 1955-56.

(*b*)—According to the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur's report this man has not got sufficient land.

(*c*)—The population of the locality is reported to be composed of tea garden labourers and not of landless cultivators.

(*d*)—Yes, so far as settlement of land for ordinary cultivation is concerned.

(*e*)—Yes.

(*f*)—No, settlement was made after due enquiry.

(*g*)—Four annual pattas covering an area of 66B. 3K.7L.

(*h*)—The entire area.

(*i*)—There is no such proposal.

Cancellation of Patta for waste lands at Udalguri Village Bogdung Mauza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that waste lands at Udalguri Village in Bogdung Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision covered by dag Nos. 104 and 397 was under the occupation of two cultivators belonging to *ex* tea garden labour community and they were granted annual pattas up to 1955 or 1956 ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that their pattas were cancelled in 1956 or 1957 by the then Sub-Deputy Collector with a view to make settlement with tea planters ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that these lands have been settled with the proprietors of Udalguri Tea Estate and Kajaibari Tea Estate and annual pattas were granted in 1957 to these tea planters ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

925. (*a*)—An area of 4B.2K.5L. of land under dag No. 104 of this village was settled with an ex-tea garden labourer on annual lease. Report of Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur with regard to dag No. 397 is being awaited.

(*b*) & (*c*)—The settlement of land made with the ex-tea garden labourer was cancelled for violation of the conditions of the annual lease and the land has been settled with Udalguri Tea Estate. No such land is reported to have been settled with Kojlibari Tea Estate.

Sorbhog Aerodrome

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

926. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether a portion of the Sorbhog aerodrome has been washed away by the Beki River ?

(*b*) Whether there are constant danger of more damage to this aerodrome by this river ?

(*c*) If so, what steps State Government have taken to protect the aerodrome ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied :

926. (*a*)—
(*b*)— } The information are being collected.
(*c*)—

Erosion of Amguri and Saponapathar, Barnagar Circle

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

927. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the erosions of the Amguri and Saponapathar in Bornagar Circle by some streams of water ?

(*b*) If so, why no measures have been taken by Government to stop them ?

(*c*) Whether the Embankment and Drainage officials will visit those areas ?

(*d*) If so, when ?

(*e*) Whether Government will provide funds to stop those erosions ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the Beki river is taking its course westwards down the Beki railway bridge ?

(*g*) Whether Government propose to take anti-erosion measures ?

(*h*) How many acres of land have been eroded by the Beki river from the Beki bridge to the Beki aerodrome on the right bank since 1942 ?

(*i*) Whether Government will take immediate measures to give spurs on the right bank from Beki bridge to the Beki aerodrome ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied :

927. (*a*) to (*i*)—The information are being collected.

Sorbhog and Sinra Beels

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

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

(*a*) The total area of the Sorbhog Beel in 1940 ?

(*b*) Why pattas were issued within the Sorbhog Beel area ?

(*c*) The names of the Sub-Deputy Collectors who issued pattas ?

(*d*) What action will be taken against them ?

(*e*) Whether periodic pattas will be cancelled ?

(*f*) What are the names of the persons to whom periodic pattas were issued ?

(*g*) Whether proper demarcation lines will be given surrounding the Beel with pillars ?

(*h*) Whether the Beel will be reclaimed ?

(*i*) If so, how much money will be provided for reclamation work ?

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

(*a*) What was the total area of the Sinra Beel near Bagriguri Pathar in Kherija Bijni Mauza in 1947 ?

(*b*) Whether any pattas have been issued since then ?

(*c*) Whether those pattas will be cancelled ?

(*d*) If so, when ?

(*e*) Whether the Beel will be reclaimed ?

(*f*) If so, when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

928 & 929. (*a*)-(*i*) & (*a*)-(*f*)—Information has been called for from the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta and action as necessary will be considered.

Fire havoc in the district of Cachar

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonari) asked :

930. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government have received any information regarding devastating fire occurred at three places,

namely, at Singerband village, Charbazar (Karimganj) and Fatakbazar (Silchar) in the district of Cachar on 16th, 26th, and 27th March last respectively ?

(*o*) If so, what is the extent of damage and what action so far has been taken by Government ?

(*c*) Whether any relief has been given to the families rendered homeless and what is the nature of relief ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

930. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*)—

EXTENT OF DAMAGE

(*i*) Singerband	Rs.1,50,000
(*ii*) Charbazar (Karimganj)...	Rs.80,000
(*iii*) Fatakbazar (Silchar)	Rs.5,33,268

RELIEF MEASURES

(*i*) **Singerband.**—Forty maunds of rice and 10 maunds of dal have been issued as gratuitous relief to the deserving victims.

(*ii*) **Charbazar (Karimganj).**—Relief in kind worth Rs.314 (gratuitous relief) was issued in deserving cases.

(*iii*) **Fatakbazar (Silchar).**—It has been reported by the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar that no gratuitous relief was necessary. But the loan applications are under enquiry.

The Deputy Commissioner, Cachar has been requested telegraphically to submit immediately the proposals for loans in deserving cases, in respect of all these three accidents for consideration of Government.

M/S Poonoo Mia & Sons, Tinsukia

Shri MANIK CHANDRA DAS (Tengakhat) asked :

931. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether there was an enquiry in the firm, M/S. Poonoo Mia & Sons, of Tinsukia in the year 1953 or 1954 for alleged supplying of arms to the Nagas and for keeping the arms and ammunition in an unsafe condition ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the first enquiry made by C. I. D. Inspector was suppressed and then a Deputy Superintendent of Police was deputed to make further enquiry into the matter ?

(*c*) Whether the licence for arms and ammunition of the said firm was suspended ?

(*d*) Whether the licence has since been restored to this firm ?

(*e*) If so, why ?

(*f*) Whether this firm was searched on three occasions for alleged smuggling of gold to China during war time ?

(*g*) If so, whether gold was found and what action was taken ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

931. (*a*)—No such enquiry was made against the Firm either in 1953 or in 1954.

(*b*)—On receipt of an allegation that the firm made some irregularities in selling arms and ammunition, a Deputy Superintendent of Police was deputed in 1956 to check the records and the stock of the firm. There was no enquiry in this matter by C. I. D. Inspector prior to this nor was any enquiry report suppressed.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*) and (*e*)—Do not arise in view of above reply.

(*f*)—No.

(*g*)—Does not arise in view of above reply.

Subsidised Bonemeal for Jowai Subdivision

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked—

932. Will the Minister of Tribal Areas be pleased to state—

(*a*) The amount of money allotted for the subsidised bonemeal for the Jowai Subdivision in 1957-1958 ?

(*b*) Whether the amount is sanctioned by the Finance Department ?

(*c*) If so, whether the bonemeal have been procured ?

(*d*) If not, why not ?

(*e*) Whether he is aware that the sowing season in the Subdivision begins from the end of March ?

(*f*) If so, whether Government propose to supply the cultivators with bonemeal requirement before the 15th March, 1958.

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, T.A.D.) replied :

932. (*a*)—Rs.35,250.

(*b*)—Yes. By Government.

(*c*)—Yes. Already distributed.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

(*e*)—The sowing season generally starts from the month of April and stretches to June-July.

(*f*)—The Government will always endeavour to distribute in time.

Passports to Haj Pilgrims

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

933. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that there is no booklet to issue Passports to the Haj Pilgrims in many districts of Assam ?

(b) If so, what are those districts ?

(c) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps to supply booklets for Passports to the Deputy Commissioners so that the same can be issued to the Haj Pilgrims ?

(d) If not, why ?

(e) Whether Haj Pilgrims will get the Passports before Ramjan ?

(f) If not, what will be the fate of these Haj Pilgrims ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

933. (a) to (f) Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioners.

Bagbar Police Station

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

931. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of murders committed within Bagbar Circle of Barpeta Subdivision during the period from 1953 to 1958 ?

(b) Why these murders were committed ?

935. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) When Bagbar Police Station was constructed ?

(b) Whether officers have been posted to this Bagbar Police Station ?

(c) If not, when they will be posted ?

(d) The number of dacoity and murder cases committed within each Police Station of Barpeta Subdivision during the period from 1953 to 1958 ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

934. (*a*)—Bagbar Circle—

Year	No. of Murders committed.
1953 1954	1
1955	1
1956	2
1957	4
1958 March	2
Total	10

(*b*)—The murders were committed due to both land dispute and previous grudge.

935. (*a*)—Bagbar Police Station was constructed in 1957. The buildings, except zenana fencing and latrine, have been completed but no formal charge of the buildings have yet been taken by the Department.

(*b*)—One Assistant Sub-Inspector and 6 Constables were posted to Bagbar Police Station since 1955 when a patrol post was opened. Notification establishing Bagbar as a full-fledged Police Station is under issue. One Sub-Inspector and 5 Constables have been posted to Bagbar Police Station since 1st April 1958 in addition to the previous staff.

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

(*d*)—

Police Station	Cases	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 March	Total
Barpeta ...	Murder	Nil	2	2	6	3	1	14
	Dacoity	5	8	4	4	Nil	1	22
Sorbhog ...	Murder	Nil	5	6	7	2	1	21
	Dacoity	3	4	3	Nil	3	3	16
Patacharkuchi ...	Murder	Nil	1	2	1	4	Nil	8
	Dacoity	3	3	1	Nil	1	Nil	8
Tarabari ...	Murder	2	1	7	4	6	1	21
	Dacoity	3	Nil	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	7

Grants to Rural Panchayats for repair works

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government agreed to pay to the Rural Panchayats 75 per cent of the cost for repair works of bridges and culverts within Panchayat areas as communicated to Deputy Commissioners by letter No.DP.40/55/514, dated 18th December, 1956 from the Secretary, Rural Development ?

(b) Whether the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts were asked to obtain necessary completion certificates of the works done by the respective Panchayats within the year for necessary payment ?

(c) Whether the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup forwarded certified statements of expenditure incurred by the Panchayats as required by the circular letter stated in (a) ?

(d) What were the amounts recommended to be paid for Barbangsar and Pubapar Rural Panchayats of the Kanalpur Thana of the Kamrup District ?

(e) Whether the amounts recommended have been paid to respective Panchayats ?

(f) If not, when Government propose to pay the amounts ?

(g) What is the cause for this unusual delay ?

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

936. (a)—Yes
(b)—Yes.
(c)—Yes.
(d)—Barbangsar—Rs.1,592.
Pubpar—Rs.5,179.
(e)—No.
(f)—As soon as possible.
(g)—Some procedural matters.

Water supply in Barpather, Bijni Thana

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

(*a*) Whether any grant has been sanctioned either by Government Local Board, Panchayat or Project, for water upply in Barpather of Bijni Thana ?

(*b*) If so, who gave grants and what are the amount ?

(*c*) Whether there are public petitions submitted to Government, Local Project and Local Panchayat authorities for water supply ?

(*d*) If so, what actions have been taken with regard to those petitions ?

(*e*) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties of getting water there as water is available only at a depth of 60 to 70 feet ?

(*f*) If so, whether Government will take special measures to make provisions for water supply immediately ?

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

937.(*a*) to (*f*)—The informations have been called for from the local officers and the same have not yet been received.

Cachar Fruit Preservation Factory and Agricultural Engineering Workshop

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

938. Will the Minister-in-charge of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether there is any proposal of shifting the Cachar Fruit Preservation Factory and the

Agricultural Engineering Workshop from their present sites ?

(b) If not, whether Government propose to consider the desirability of shifting the same immediately as these are creating disturbances to nearby schools ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that a number of E. & D. Bunds have been responsible for the decrease of soil fertility in rice growing areas of some districts including Cachar ?

(d) If so, what steps are proposed to be taken ?

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

938. (a) —There is no such proposal for shifting the Fruit Preservation Factory at Silchar from its present site. But there is a proposal for shifting the Agricultural Engineering Workshop from its present site provided suitable alternate land is available.

(b) As the Fruit Factory is run on electricity there is hardly any noise from the Factory which can cause any disturbance to others. Even so as far as the Workshop is concerned, the noise is not more than the usual noise from road traffic.

(c)—An assessment is being made.

(d)—Does not arise.

Ashok Mehta Committee

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

939. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have accepted all the recommendations of the Ashok Mehta Committee ?

(b) If not, which of the recommendations have been accepted and what measures have been visualised to implement them ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to set up a price stabilisation machinery in the State ?

(*d*) Whether Assam *minus* North-East Frontier Agency and the Naga Hills-Tuensang Area is deficit in food ?

(*e*) If so, what is the magnitude of the annual deficit ?

(*f*) What more steps Government propose to take to augment food production ?

(*g*) Whether Government propose to build up a regional food reserve in Cachar District to meet the emergencies in Cachar, North Cachar Hills and Mizo Districts ?

(*h*) Whether Government chalked out any comprehensive programme to establish service co-operatives of agriculturists with a view to introducing better farming methods in the country-side ?

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

399. (*a*)—Recommendations of the Ashok Mehta Committee are now being examined by the Government of India and by the State Government. It is therefore too early to say if all the recommendations of the Committee will be accepted by Government.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—The matter in regard to setting up of machinery for price stabilisation in the State will be considered in the light of Government of India's decision on the recommendations of the Food-Grains Committee.

(*d*)—Yes.

(*e*)—The magnitude of the annual deficit depends on the production of rice and paddy. When crops fail due to natural calamities the extent of deficit goes up. Similarly with bumper crops deficit is reduced to some extent. On a rough estimate the annual deficit of rice and paddy varies from 50,000 tons to 1,00,000 tons until production will be considerably increased.

(a) The Government have a comprehensive programme for increasing production through the increased use of seeds and plant nutrients, fertilizers, plant protection measures, irrigation, double cropping and better methods of farming including the Japanese method. Increased production is being attempted by intensifying the impact of these programmes as has recently been done in the case of Ahu by encouraging an increase in acreage and yield by also giving assistance to cultivators both in kind and in cash and making available increased qualities of seeds and fertilizers. This was preceded by a programme for increasing the area under boro with power pumps irrigation and is being followed up by a campaign to increase the level of production in each by undertaking an integrated programme of as many of the measures as possible referred to above.

(b) So far as rice and paddy are concerned, necessary reserve of paddy has been built up in the Cachar District where from requirements of North Cachar Hills and Mizo Districts are met. As regards other food-stuffs the matter is under consideration of Government.

(c) No comprehensive programme has been chalked out as yet to establish service co-operatives of agriculturists with a view to introducing better farming methods in the countryside, but the Co-operative Department proposes to draw up a comprehensive scheme for organisation of farming co-operative in the State as soon as possible, for which further instructions from Government of India is being awaited.

Destruction of paddy crop by hailstorm

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware of the paddy and other crops in a vast area comprising the villages Mantumia, Jaradhara, Abhoypuria, Ratanpuria, Handique, Majupurani, Melia, Gunakatia, Malakhu and Jehangia were destroyed by hails on the night of 29th November 1957 ?

(*b*) If so, what is the loss according to the Government estimation ?

(*c*) Whether the Government is going to offer help to the affected people ?

(*d*) If so, what kinds and amounts of help the Government propose to offer ?

(*e*) When such help or relief is expected ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

940. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Rs. 48,000.

(*c*) & (*d*)—Government have already sanctioned 40 mds. of Ahu paddy seed to be distributed among the affected cultivators as gratuitous relief.

(*e*)—Does not arise.

Damage to crop in Baligaon and Porbotia Mouzas, Jorhat Subdivision

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

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

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that all crops of the poor cultivators of the Baligaon and the Porbotia Mouzas of Jorhat Subdivision have been damaged every year by the Brahmaputra and Bhogdoi Floods for the last few years ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that land revenue and grazing tax have been realised from these areas which have been submerged by flood waters since the last year ?

(*c*) If so, why ?

(*d*) Whether there is any proposal for giving necessary help to these flood-affected people and land holders by way of opening avenues of livelihood, (2) remission of land revenue, (3) supplying food grains and seeds, etc. ?

(c) If yes, when ?

(d) What is the total area reclaimed by the E. & D. scheme like Malowpathar scheme, Brahmaputra dyke up to Negrething and Bhogdoi embankments ?

(e) Whether the affected people of the above noted Mouzas have been allotted any land within the reclaimed land ?

(f) If not, whether genuine demand of each individual has been thoroughly enquired into ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

941. (a)—No.

(b) & (c)—Yes. There was no big flood in Porbotia and Balgaon Mouzas last year and no extensive damage was caused to lands and crops. So, the Land Revenue and Grazing tax were realised.

(d)—Necessary help has already been given to the deserving affected people.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—23,000 acres.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—Yes.

Basic Training College at Nalbari

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

942. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Road and Building) be pleased to state—

(a) When the construction of the building of Basic Training College at Nalbari was started ?

(b) Who was the contractor of that building ?

(c) The amount of the contract of the building for complete construction ?

(*d*) Who were the Sub divisional Officer and Executive Engineer, at Nalbari at that time ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that it is mentioned in the contract that only Bonsum wood may be used for the construction of the building of the said Training College ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that Shri Chandra Kanta Das was in charge of supervision of work of the building which was under construction ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that Shri Chandra Kanta Das reported to Subdivisional Officer, Nalbari on the 7th February, 1958 and Executive Officer on the 13th February, 1958 of Nalbari for using other wood like Pama, Aam, Tita Chapa, Halakh, Gamiri along with Bonsum in construction of main building, doors windows, wire knitting frame of the said Basic College building ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer, Nalbari and Executive Engineer, Nalbari visited the work of the said building on the 5th March, 1958 ?

(*i*) Whether it is a fact that the above mentioned officers ordered Shri Chandra Kanta Das, in charge of supervision of work to give written report to the effect that the woods are bad of inferior quality and not Bonsum ?

(*j*) Whether it is a fact that after the visit, the officers brought allegation against Shri Das who was in charge of supervision of work for giving report against the contractor ?

(*k*) Whether it is fact that the Superintending Engineer came to see the work of the said building on the 17th March 1958 ?

(*l*) If so, whether it is a fact that he asked the Subdivisional Officer and the Executive Engineer Nalbari to explain why bad and inferior quality of woods were used.

(m) Whether it is a fact that he ordered to replace the bad and inferior quality of wood used ?

(n) Whether it is a fact that the bad and inferior quality are not yet replaced ?

(o) Whether it is a fact that Shri Chandra Das was transferred by the Subdivisional Officer and the Executive Engineer, Nalbari out of grudge ?

(p) Whether it is a fact that the contractor, Shri Gobordhan Bharatia, took to his home 75 bundles of C. I. sheets by truck No. ASK. 1764 on the 21st January, 1958 morning from the site of construction of the building for his personal use ?

(q) Whether it is a fact that Shri Chandra Kanta Das asked the contractor the reason for removing the C. I. sheets to his home ?

(r) Whether it is a fact that in reply the said contractor said that Government can take money for the C. I. sheets removed ?

(s) Whether it is a fact that Shri Chandra Das reported the above matter to Subdivisional Officer, Nalbari and the Executive Engineer, Nalbari ?

(t) Whether it is a fact that in return the above named officers brought allegations against Shri Das ?

(u) Whether it is a fact that this matter was also reported to the Superintending Engineer, by Shri Chandra Kanta Das ?

(v) Whether Government will inquire through a non-official committee about the bad and inferior quality of wood that has been used instead of Bonsum in doors, windows, ventilators and frames at the time of constructing the building of the said Basic Training College at Nalbari ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied :

942. (a) to (v)—Necessary information has been called for.

Tihu Local Board Dispensary

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

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the contribution made to the Tihu Local Board Dispensary for the salary of the staff and the price of medicine has been withheld this year ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that the Tihu Local Board Dispensary is now running without medicine for want of fund ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that the grants of the Gauhati Local Board are utilised for other projects which are not more important than the supply of medicine to this dispensary ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

943. (*a*)—A grant of Rs.1,200 was given by Government to this dispensary in 1957-58 for purchase of medicine and for high price of medicines. Government do not give contribution towards pay of the staff of the dispensary.

(*b*) & (*c*)—Government have no information.

Bardolong Lankabheta Tribal Block under Kampur Circle

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

944. (*a*) Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the *ex*-Revenue Minister has thrown open the Bardolong Lankabheta Tribal Block under Kampur Circle of Nowgong District for settlement with the encroachers during the regime of the last care-taker Government ?

(*b*) If so, will the Minister-in-charge be pleased to place a list of settlement holders of Bardolong Lankabheta Tribal Block along with a list of encroachers thereof on the table ?

(*c*) Under what consideration the Government have asked the Tribal Settlement holders and Pattaders to vacate their Patta lands from the Tribal Block ?

(b) What steps the Government have taken to cancel the settlement orders for settlement of land with the encroachers within the Barjoleng Lanjabheta Tribal Block ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

944. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

Civil Suits against Government of Assam Claiming Compensation by a Contractor

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that (i) the contractor for construction of timber bridge No.3/1 in Section IV (Sidli-Chapaguri of N. T. Road under the Kokrajhar P. W. D. Division and (ii) the contractor for construction of Pathsala P. W. D. Subdivisional Officer's office building have served notices to file civil suits against Government of Assam, claiming compensation ?

(b) If so, what are the reasons for serving such notices ?

(c) Whether in (i) above, Public Works Department could supply R. S. J. to the contractor to do their parts of the contractor in time, which was the essence of the contractor ?

(d) In case of (ii) above, was the work site delivered to contractor, and if so, was it delivered on private land not still formally acquired ?

(e) Is not the site of every building proposed to be constructed required to be definitely settled before detailed designs and estimates are prepared ?

(*f*) If so, why the work in No. (*ii*) above was stopped ?

(*g*) Do the Government propose to settle up the matters amicably with the contractors ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

945. (*a*)—Yes, the contractors have issued pleader's Notices against the Department.

(*b*)—For (*i*) due to the delay in supplying R. S. Joists by the Department.

For (*ii*) due to the delay in handing over the site of the Building to the Contractor.

(*c*)—No, these could not be supplied, as R. S. Joists of required sizes are not available in stock.

(*d*)—The site was selected on a private land, as no suitable Government land was available. On written agreement of the Patta-holders of the land, work-order was issued to the contractor, in anticipation of advance possession to be given by the Local Revenue Authorities. But, as the Revenue authorities did not agree to give advance possession, before formally acquiring the land, the work had to be temporarily postponed.

(*e*)—Not necessary. In urgent cases, detailed designs and estimates are prepared in anticipation of advance possession or formal acquisition of lands.

(*f*)—The hon'ble Member may kindly refer to (*d*) above.

(*g*)—Yes, Government are in correspondence with the contractors.

Water Supply, Electricity, etc., in Doom Dooma Town

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

946. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to State—

(*a*) What is the population of Doom Dooma Town ?

(b) [illegible] people have their own lands and [illegible] out land or houses to others ?

(c) What is the number of members of the Town Committee ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that Government have recently decided to instal an electric supply corporation there ?

(e) If so, how many persons have taken electric connection in their houses ?

(f) Whether there is any arrangement for water supply in the town ?

(g) If not, whether Government propose to prepare a scheme for water supply ?

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

946. (a)—3,099 according to census of 1951.

(b)—The information is not available in the Department and will be obtained from the district authorities.

(c)—Six.

(d)—No, but Government have decided to establish a statewide Electric Supply Board.

(e)&(f)—Information is not available in the Department and will be obtained from the District Authorities.

(g)—Government may consider a scheme for Water Supply if the Town Committee come upto Government with a loan proposal.

Trench for Night Soil from Gauripur

Shri TAMIJUDDIN PRADHANI (Dhubri) asked:

947. Will the Minister-in-charge of L.S.-G. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is a trenching ground for night soil of the small Gauripur town in the village of Tiamari under P. S. Dhubri in the District Goalpara ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that there are villages with dense population and some public institutions like schools Gosala, etc., and public roads adjacent to this trenching ground ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that there were several public representations to Government for removing this trenching ground ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that the existence of this trenching ground in the thickly populated area is detrimental to the health of the public ?

(*e*) Whether Government contemplate to remove this trenching ground ?

(*f*) If so, when ?

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

947. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) & (*f*)—Information have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara.

Fire in Chakchana Bazar, Barpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (**Sorbhog**) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether Chakchana Bazar, Barpeta Subdivision was gutted on 24th March, 1958.

(*b*) If so, what is the reason ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to make a thorough enquiry ?

(*d*) How many houses have been burnt ?

(*e*) What is the total damage ?

(*f*) Whether any relief has been given ?

(*g*) If so, what relief ?

(b) Whether the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, visited the place of occurrence ?

(c) If not, when he will visit the same ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

948. : Yes.

(b) The fire was incidental and originated from a Grocer's shop.

(c) The enquiry was already made.

(d) 84 houses.

(e) The total estimated damage is Rs. 85,933.

(f) & (g) Proposals for issue of Gratuitous Relief and Rehabilitation loan are under consideration of Government.

(h) No.

(i) —Government have no information.

Acquisition of roadside lands for public roads

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(a) The area of roadside lands acquired for war purposes in Assam within 100 ft. of the toe of the Public Roads between 1943 to 1957 when Assam formed the Eastern War Zone, district by district, and the cost thereof ?

(b) Why acquisition of land became necessary and for whose fault when the Land Revenue Act provided that land within 35 ft. of the toe of the public roads should be reserved for road use and 66 ft. of the 35 ft. reservation should be settled on annual lease only ?

(*c*) Whether Government is aware that people in the interior villages are coming out to road-side lands and have built houses even within 35 ft. in the toes of roads and it would be prohibitive to acquire such lands after the Five Year Plan ?

(*d*) What steps Government contemplates to take back such lands at least in the rural areas of the State ?

(*e*) Whether Government are prepared to accept the recommendation that resettlement of land be refused during the ensuing settlement operations on the 35 ft. and the others settled on annual lease only in the interest of the State as well as the public alike ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

949. (*a*) to (*e*)—Information have been called for.

Re: **Provident Fund introduced by the Local Boards**

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

950. Will the Minister-in-charge of L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Provident Fund introduced by the Local Bodies are under the Central Provident Fund Act, 1925 ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the Central Provident Fund Act, 1925 has been extended to the Provident Fund established by the Local Bodies by Notification No. 112-L. S.-G., dated the 10th July 1930 by the Government of Assam ?

(*c*) Whether the notification is still in force ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that the custodian of the Provident accumulations under Section 8 (1) of the Central Act is the State Government?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that Government by Notification Nos. 6391-L. S-G., dated the 4th July 1940 and LLB.3083/41, dated the 25th February 1942, allowed the Local Bodies to invest the employees Provident Fund deposit in the Schedule Banks ?

(c) How the principle stated in Section 8(1) of the Central Act was amended by notifications of the State Government ?

951. Will the Minister-in-charge of L. S.-G. be pleased to state :

a. What was the total amount of Local Board Provident Fund money transferred to the Schedule Banks from the custody of Government amount of each Bank should be shown separately ?

b. What were those banks ?

c. Whether these Banks are in existence ?

d. If not, what happened to the deposit and what was the amount so lost ?

(e) How many families (employees) have been affected, by the failure of Schedule Banks where employees' provident fund were kept ?

(f) Whether Government propose to give any relief to these affected employees ?

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

950. (a) Yes the provisions of Provident Funds Act, 1925 (XIX of 1925) was extended to the Provident Funds established by the local authorities in Assam.

(b)- Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Notification 6391/L. S. G., dated 4th July 1940 authorised investment of the money in a Scheduled Bank. This was done with due notice to all concerned. This must have been done to safeguard the interest of the depositors. The intention of Government in making these notifications were clear and perfectly bonafide.

951. (a) To amount of Local Board Provident money was transferred from custody of Government to the Scheduled Banks

(*b*) & (*c*)—Do not arise.

(*d*)—If the questioner is referring to the loss of Local Board employees, Provident Fund money in the Scheduled Banks by the Local Boards themselves, the total amount will be Rs. 4,54,247-15-3 and the Banks have since gone into liquidation.

(*e*)—Information is being collected from the Local Boards concerned.

(*f*)—No such proposal has ever been placed before Government and as such it is difficult to make a commitment.

Re: **Functions of Local Boards**

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

952. Will the Minister-in-charge of L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(*a*) When and why the functions of Local Boards., *viz.*, Education, Veterinary have been withdrawn from the purview of the Local Board and under what enactment ?

(*b*) Whether the statuesque of the Local Board employees of those transferred functions have been maintained ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware of the State Primary Education Board Secretary's Circular No. PSA.46/54/742/43, dated the 13th January 1955 ?

(*d*) If so, whether it is in conformity with the principles of justice ?

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

952. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*)—Information have been called for from the Departments concerned.

Re: **Local Boards**

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(*a*) How many Local Board Hospitals and Dispensaries have been withdrawn by the State during the First Plan period ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the services of the employees serving in those hospitals and dispensaries prior to their transfer have been terminated ?

(d) How many of such employees have been taken as new recruits ?

954. Will the Minister-in-charge, Local Self-Government be pleased to state

(a) Whether the rules are framed under Articles 309, 311 and 314 of the Constitution for protection and regulation of service conditions in the State ?

(b) If so, what are those rules ?

(c) Whether the Local authorities are considered as "States" under Article 12 of the Constitution ?

(d) Whether there is any scheme in the hands of Government to give relief to Local Board employees after their retirement when provident funds are lost ?

(e) Whether any scheme has been received from the Local Board concerned ?

(f) If so, what are the names of the Local Board submitting schemes ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the following Local Boards submitted schemes namely, Jorhat Local Board, *vide* resolution No. 8, dated the 28th February, 1951, Tezpur Local Board, *vide* resolution No. 2, dated the 26th November 1951 and Sibsagar Local Board, *vide* resolution No. 1, dated the 1st March 1954 ?

(h) If so, what is the fate of those schemes ?

(i) Whether it is a fact that the pension scheme of the Sibsagar Local Board was taken up for scrutiny as a model one by Government and got it certified as sound and workable by the Examiner of Local Accounts, *vide* his No. P.B. VII/6/98T, dated the 20th July 1954 ?

(*j*) Whether it is a fact that the above scheme was turned down at its final stage after an unofficial consultation with the Commissioners of Divisions ?

(*k*) If so, what is that unofficial consultation ?

(*l*) Whether Government are aware that a counter resolution was moved by the Sibsagar Local Board protesting against the dropping of their original resolution sanctioning the pension scheme ?

(*m*) Whether it is a fact that a section of the grade IV employees of some Local Boards are still enjoying pension under model Subsidiary Rules framed by Government ?

(*n*) If so, whether it is an act of discrimination under Article 226 of the Constitution ?

(*o*) Whether it is a fact that Government, *vide* their letter No.2033-LS G., dated the 27th March 1939 and No. 2669 B), dated the 1st March 1941, expressed their inability to accept the pension scheme submitted by the Employees Association due to difference of opinion of the Boards ?

(*p*) Whether Government arare that an unanimous opinion giving time limit was expressed, *vide* resolution No. 11 in the 4th Session of the All-Assam Federation of Local Authorities ?

(*q*) Whether it is a fact that a bill was submitted to Government by Sree G. N. Gogoi, M.L.A. for giving relief to the employees and for security of services after the proposed abolition of Local Boards ?

955. Will the Minister-in-charge of L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Local Boards will be abolished from the next financial year ?

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

953. (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) —Information have been calledfor from the Department concerned.

954. [illegible] The information have been called for from the Department concerned.

[illegible] A schemes was submitted to Government by Sibsagar Local Board for grant of pensions to their employees but the proposal was turned down from various considerations.

The proposal was turned down as stated above. Moreover the Local Boards in the State of Assam will be replaced by Union Panchayats during 1958-59.

Yes.

The Government decision was arrived at after taking into accounts all aspects of the question.

It was duly considered but Government do not see any reason to revise their decision.

(m) Government have no information.

(n) Does not arise.

(o) Yes.

(p) Yes.

(q) Yes, but considering the various circumstances concerning the Local Boards and Panchayats Government did not consider that a legislation as envisaged in the draft bill was called for at the present moment. The mover of the Bill was informed accordingly.

955. (a)—The Rural Development Department is at present preparing a Bill for the replacement of Local Boards by Union Panchayats and it will be introduced in the next Session of the Assembly.

Rehabilitation of Flood-affected families of Saikhowaghat

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

956. Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that many flood-affected families of Saikhowaghat have not been rehabilitated by the Government as yet ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that many villages are situated still outside the embankment ?

(*c*) If so, what is the number of such villages ?

(*d*) Who has instructed the Panchayat to put into auction the lands and permanent properties of of those people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

956. (*a*) *to* (*d*) —A report has been called from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Rehabilitation of flood-affected families of Bogdung Mauza, Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA Saikhowa asked:

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Government sanctioned Rs. 250 as rehabilitation loan and Rs.50 as gratuitous relief to each of the 245 flood devastated families for rehabilitation in Bogdung Mauza in Dibrugarh subdivision during the last few years ?

(*b*) If not, whether Government will be pleased to furnish the exact amount of loan and gratuitous relief granted to each family and also the number of families receiving such grant for rehabilitation in Bogdung Mauza in the years 1954, 1955 1956 and 1957 ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that 245 families complained to the local Deputy Commissioner or to the present Sub-Deputy Collector of Dibrugarh Eastern Circle on or about 22nd September 1957 that the then Sub-Deputy Collector in-charge who gave them these money obtained receipts for Rs. 300 but gave them each Rs. 250 only ?

(*d*) Whether Government will be pleased to disclose the contents of the application or applications where they said that they received Rs. 250 only and signed receipts for 300 ?

(e) Whether the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur or the present Sub-Deputy Collector, Dibrugarh Eastern Circle, received any more similar complaints from newly rehabilitated people of Boedeng Mauza and other Mauzas of Dibrugarh Eastern Circle ?

(f) Whether Government propose to make a thorough enquiry into the allegations made ?

(g) Whether Government propose to ascertain from other people who were sanctioned similar grant by Government in Dibrugarh Eastern Circle whether they actually received the grants or loans during the period from 1954 to 1957 ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

957. (a) to (g) A report has been called from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Professor and Principal of Assam Agricultural College

Shrimati KOMAL KUMARI BARUA (Katanigaon) asked:

958. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) Whether all the posts of Professors including the Principal in the Assam Agricultural College are temporary ?

(b) If not, what are the posts that have been made permanent ?

(c) Whether this Institution has considered as a techinical institution ?

(d) If not, why ?

(e) Whether revised pay scales are enjoyed by the employees of this College ?

(f) If not, will Government be pleased to consider their cases ?

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

958. (*a*)—At present all the post including the Principal of the Assam Agricultural College, Jorhat are temporary. The question of declaring the institution and the staff of the Assam Agricultural College is under consideration of Government.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*) & (*d*)—The matter is under examination.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—The matter is under consideration of Finance (Pay Committee) Department.

Aus Paddy Cultivation in Upper Assam

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

959. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether Government is aware that in some plains districts specially in Lakhimpur district people are eager to grow more "Aus" paddy this year ?

(*b*) If so, whether Government can help these people with improved varieties of "Aus" seed immediately on payment ?

(*c*) Whether Government has any scheme for supplying early variety of "Aus" seed in the areas which are disturbed by early flood?

(*d*) Whether Government is aware that in the Upper Assam districts people are not accustomed to deep water paddy cultivation ?

(*e*) If so, whether Government is aware that there are big plots of marshy lands in the Upper Assam districts which can be brought under cultivation ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to take any measure to make use of these areas which are now remaining barren ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that people loses faith in the Department due to inefficiency of some of its workers having inadequate knowledge in the field of Agriculture ?

(d) Whether Government has any immediate scheme to improve the working of most important but neglected Department ?

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

858. (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes, and therefore training is being imparted to the cultivators to grow Bao.

(e) Yes.

(f) Steps are being taken to bring these areas under cultivation.

(g) No.

(h) Yes, Government has taken steps to reorganise the Department.

Seats for Scheduled Tribes Member in the Assam Legislative Assembly

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

960. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government of Assam moved the Government of India to increase the number of seats in Assam Legislative Assembly for Scheduled Tribes ?

(b) If so, what has been done by the Assam Government ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied:

960. (*a*) & (*b*)—The Government of Assam has not moved the Government of India to increase the number of seats in the State Legislative Assembly for Scheduled Tribes.

Asphalting of Dhodar Ali

Shri HARINARAYAN BARUAH (Teok) asked :

961. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state :

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that two miles of road of Dhodar Ali from Titabar Thana to Titabar High School has been taken over by the Public Works Department for asphalting ?

(*b*) If so, what progress has been made up to date ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that works are progressing very slowly and that the public are suffering from immense dust and mud ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

961. (*a*)—Yes ; the actual length is 2 miles 1 furlong.

(*b*)—As detailed below:—

	Per cent	
1. Earthwork	100	
2. Collection of Soling stones and Metals	100	
3. Laying Soling	94	(2 miles)
4. Metalling 1st coat	88	(1 mile 7 furlongs)
5. Metalling 2nd coat	Nil	
6. Collection of Bitumen	100	
7. Collection of Chips (for the 1st coat)	75	
8. Collection of Chips (for the 2nd coat)	Nil	
9. Surfacing 1st and 2nd coats	Nil	
Overall Progress	70	

(c) In view of the progress shown above and considering the amount R. 1,13,000 spent on the work during the last year, Government do not consider so. Some difficulties are, however, inescapable during the construction period of a road.

Market places and shop houses for displaced persons

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

962. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state —

(a) How many market places and shop houses have been constructed for displaced persons in the State and how many of these market places and shop houses have been occupied by the displaced persons?

(b) Whether it is a fact that many of these market places are situated in localities which are not suitable for market places?

(c) What is the total amount of money spent on such market places which are not in operation now?

(d) Whether Government have any proposal to dispose of these market places for some other use for the benefit of the displaced persons?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

962. (a), (b), (c) *and* (d) —Information is being collected.

Baghbar Refugee Scheme

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

963. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many schools have been opened under Baghbar Refugee Scheme?

(b) If none, the reason for this ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that two dispensaries were proposed for Baghbar Refugee Scheme?

(d) If so, whether the dispensaries were opened?

(e) If not, why not?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

963. (*a*) Ten Lower Primary Schools have been sanctioned for the Baghbar Colony.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) No. One dispensary has been sanctioned for Baghbar Refugee Colony.

(*d*, & *e*) Information has been called for.

Indian Tea Association Scheme

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA Silchar-West asked:

964. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state
(*a*) The total amount of money spent by the State Government as well as by the Central Government for the Indian Tea Association Scheme in Cachar ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the members of Indian Tea Association have not implemented their part of the agreement made with the Government ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps so that the tea estate owners may either fully implement the scheme or refund the money ?

(*d*) Whether Government will set up a Committee to enquire into the conditions of these displaced persons who were sent to be settled under the Indian Tea Association Scheme ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

964. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*)—Information has been called for.

Rehabilitation of displaced persons

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

965. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—
(*a*) How many displaced persons are now in Assam ?

(b) How many of them are rehabilitated ?

(c) What is the amount distributed till now amongst the displaced persons as gratuitous relief and loans (to be shown separately) ?

(d) What is the amount of loan realised till date ?

(e) Whether any remission of the loan issued has been sanctioned ?

(f) If so, what amount and under what circumstances ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that there is no trace of some of the displaced persons to whom large sums of gratuitous and loans were issued ?

(h) If so, how many such persons are untraceable and what amount is involved figures should be furnished separately) ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

965. (a) 1,28,157 families or 4,88,392 displaced persons are upto 31st March 1958 in Assam.

(b) 69,762 displaced families have been rehabilitated in Assam upto 31st December 1957.

(c) (i) A total sum of Rs.22,93,903·31 N.P. has been distributed to about 75,872 families as gratuitous relief upto 31st December 1957.

(ii) A total loan of Rs.6,07,34,180 to 69,762 displaced families distributed upto 31st December 1957.

(d) A total loan of Rs.12,42,823·12 N.P. has been realised upto 31st January 1958.

(e) Yes.

(f) (i) A total sum of Rs.3,000 only has been granted as remission to 4 displaced families.

(ii) The remission was granted by the Government of India as the loanees were deceased and the amount of loans were considered irrecoverable.

(g) (i) & (ii) Some displaced families who received loans have absconded but no displaced families who received gratuitous relief has absconded.

(*h*) (*i*)—4,116 displaced families deserted the places of their settlement without giving any intimation to the respective local officers. Amount involved is Rs.14,31,599 upto December 1957.

(*ii*) No families who were granted relief have absconded and as such no amount is involved.

C. I. Sheets to the Chairman, Co-operative Mauza Stores, Barpeta

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

966. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Co-operative Mouza Stores was lately given 45 boundles of C. I. Sheets from R. & R. Department, Barpeta ?

(*b*) If so, under what rule ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

966. (*a*)—The Chairman Co-operative Mouza Stores was given 40 boundles of C. I. Sheets and not 45 boundles.

(*b*) & (*c*)—Information is being collected.

Irrigation Projects in Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai) asked :

967. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many irrigation projects have been taken up by the Embankment and Drainage Department in the Mangaldai Subdivision till date ?

(*b*) What is the total expenditure incurred by Government till date in implementing the Kulsik Irrigation Project in the Mangaldai Subdivision ?

(*c*) Whether the said Kulsik Irrigation Project has since been completed ?

(d) If not, when it will be completed ?

(e) How many bighas of land will be benefited from the said Project ?

(f) Whether Government have received any representation from the people of Dipila Mouza praying for taking over an Irrigation Project at Kalpani river in the Mangaldai Subdivision ?

(g) If so, what action has since been taken ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

967. (a) Three Irrigation Projects.

(b) -Rs.1,57,329.

(c)—Yes, but some improvements to the Scheme have been taken up this year which are likely to be completed within April, 1958.

(d)—See reply to (c) above.

(e)—12,750 bighas of land are likely to be benefited by this Scheme.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—The proposal is under investigation.

Land Revenue per bigha within Barpeta Road Town and others —

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) What is the land revenue per bigha of land within Barpeta Road town ?

(b) What is the land revenue per bigha of land in Nalbari, Bongaigaon, Barpeta, Dhubri and Gauhati towns ?

(c) What are the population and facilities provided in Barpeta Road, Barpeta, Nalbari, Dhubri and Gauhati towns ?

(*d*) What is the reason for enhanced revenue of Barpeta Road ?

(*e*) Whether representations were received lately by the Revenue Minister for reduction of land revenue in Barpeta Road town.

(*f*) If so, what action has been taken in that behalf ?

(*g*) Whether land revenue of Barpeta Road will be reduced ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

968. (*a*)—

	Rs.	
Trade site, Class I	200	per bigha
Trade site, Class II	100	,,
Residential site, Class I	20	,,
Do. Class II...	15	,,
Unit rate for agricultural land	1·25	

(*b*)—(1) Nalbari Town—

	Rs.	
Trade site, Class I	45	per bigha
Trade site, Class II	10	,,
Land behind Trade site, Class I	5	,,
Land behind Trade site, Class II...	3	,,
Unutilised Trade site, Class I	2	,,
Unutilised Trade site, Class I		
Unit rate for agricultural land	1·35	

(2) Bongaigaon is a part of permanently settled Bijni Estate of Goalpara District and hence no rate of revenue per bigha was fixed in that area.

(3) Barpeta Town—

		If utilised	If unutilised
		Rs. a. p.	Rs.
Business area	Class I Superior ...	40 0 0	5 per bigha.
	Class II Superior ...	10 0 0	3 ,,
Non-business area.	Class I Superior ...	3 0 0	... ,,
	Class II Superior ...	2 0 0	... ,,
Business area	Class I Inferior ...	0 12 0	... Whether utilised or not.
	Class II Inferior ...	0 12 0	... Whether utilised or not.
Non-business area.	Class I Inferior ...	0 10 0	... per bigha.
	Class II Inferior ...	0 10 0	... ,,

(4) Dhubri Town—

	Rs.	
Special Trade site	250	per bigha
Trade site I	150	,,
Trade site II	100	,,
Trade site III	40	,,
Residential special	25	,,
Do. Class I	20	,,
Do. Class II	15	,,
Do. Class III	12	,,
Do. Class IV	6	,,

(5) Gauhati Town—

Residential 1st class	44	,,
Do. 2nd class	28	,,
Do. 3rd class	21	,,
Do. 4th class	9	,,

	Rs.	per bigha
Trade site, 1st class	460	"
Do. 2nd class	228	"
Do. 3rd class	132	"
Do. 4th class	86	"
Special Trade site (A)	460	"
Do. (B)	132	"
Char Land	10	"

(c) —Population of the town according to census figures of 1951 are as follows:

Barpeta Raod	1,245
Barpeta	21,137
Nalbari	4,422
Dhubri	22,787
Gauhati	43,615

Government are not aware of the facilities provided to those towns as the land revenue is not a cess and as such has not got to be spent on *quid-pro-quo* basis.

(*d*)—This town is fast growing in commercial importance and is situated in the midst of a jute growing area. Communication by road and rail is excellent. It is the gateway to Barpeta town.

(*e*)—There is no scope for revision of the rate of assessment after closing of the resettlement operation. Recent representation for reduction of rate is also not traceable.

(*f*)—Does not arise.

(*g*)—The present term of settlement of the town will expire concurrently with the term of the established area of the district. This town is also declared under settlement and it will be again reassessed during the current settlement of the district and assessment may remain as it is or may go up or come down as the circumstances might justify.

Barpeta Baghbar Public Works Department Road

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

969. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Barpeta-Baghbar Public Works Department Road was constructed from the refugee fund ?

(*b*) If so, what is the amount spent for its construction from the Refugee Relief Fund?

(*c*) How many bridges on the said road are in order and how many of them are in disorder ?

(*d*) When the road and the bridges will be completed ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

969. (*a*) to (*d*) —The information has been called for.

Settlement of lands with refugees in Barpeta Snbdivision

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

970. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many bighas of lands have been reserved for settlement with the refugees in Barpeta Subdivision?

(*b*) What is the number of refugee families settled within Barpeta Subdivision up to date?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that some river eroded Muslims who constructed their houses temporarily within Refugee Reserved land have been evicted within this year in Barpeta Subdivision?

(*d*) If so, how many Muslim families have been evicted?

(*e*) Whether lands have been given to those river eroded Muslim families before or after eviction?

(*f*) If not, why?

(*g*) Whether any refugee families has occupied, upto this date, those plots of land from where river eroded Muslims have been evicted?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

970. (*a*) to (*g*)—The information has been called for.

Relief and Rehabilitation Office, Barpeta

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Titabari) asked:

971. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) The number of refugees in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(*b*) The number of refugees migrated in 1955, 1956 and 1957 in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(*c*) The number of refugees who received gratuitous relief from the Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, Barpeta, in 1956 and 1957 and the amount distributed ?

(*d*) The number of Investigators working in Barpeta Relief and Rehabilitation Office ?

(*e*) The number of petitions received by that office for grant of business, agricultural house building loans during the years 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957 ?

(*f*) The number of petitions for loans that have been enquired by Investigators monthly and the total number of such petitions enquired during the period from 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1957 ?

(*g*) The number of urban and rural business loan petitions that have been disposed of in 1956 and 1957 and the number of petitions still pending for disposal ?

(*h*) The amount of Travelling Allowance drawn by the Investigators in every month in the years 1956 and 1957 ?

(*i*) The total amount spent annually for establishment and other expenses for the Relief and Rehabilitation Office at Barpeta during the aforesaid period ?

(*j*) Whether it is a fact that Government has proposed a scheme at Bashbari for rehabilitation of 90 agriculturist refugee families since 1954 and that the Government of India has advanced a sum of Rs.32,000 for purchasing of periodic patta land of Mr. A. Hutchings in May, 1957 ?

(*k*) If so, what stands in the way for allotment of lands of Bashbari to the refugees ?

(*l*) How long will it take to materialise the scheme ?

(*m*) The number of bundles of C. I. sheets allotted specifically to refugees of Barpeta Subdivision and how many bundles were distributed amongst the refugees during the aforesaid period ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

971. (*a*) to (*m*) -Information has been called for.

Assets and Liabilities Committee

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

972. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) What were those "Certain buildings" that were omitted from the final list of approved assets— for the preparation of which Shri A. N. M. Saleh was responsible at the time of partition of Sylhet from Assam ?

(*b*) Who was the Chairman of that Assets and Liabilities Committee ?

(*c*) Who was the Finance Minister at that time and why that glaring omission could not be detected by them ?

(*d*) On what authority and under whose orders this huge amount of Rs.17 lakhs, was written off ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to ascertain the deposits in banks including any bank in England of Shri A. N. M. Saleh, the former Commissioner of Excise, who was responsible

for involving Government of Assam in a loss of Rs.17 lakhs at the time of partition of Sylhet from Assam with a view to ascertain whether the mistake is *bona fide* or otherwise ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that Government is going to re-employ Shri A. N. M. Saleh even after his retirement, in some responsible duty ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

972. (*a*)—The Murarichand College, the Sanskrit College and the Medical School situated at Sylhet.

(*b*)—There was no Chairman, but only two members

(*c*)—Shri B. R. Medhi was the Finance Minister at that time and it was just not possible for him to detect the omission.

(*d*)—It was not necessary to formally write off the amount but the matter was dropped under the orders of the then Chief Minister and the then Finance Minister.

(*e*)—No.

(*f*)—Yes, there is a proposal to re-employ Shri Saleh as Editor of District Gazetteers and for revision of various Manuals.

Co-operative Societies, etc., in Sorbhog Thana

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(*a*) What are the Co-operative Societies, Co-operative Weaving Societies and Co-operative Credit Societies in Sorbhog thana ?

(*b*) How many of such Societies are functioning at present and how many are defunct and what are the names of these defunct Societies ?

(*c*) Whether the defunct Societies will be liquidated ?

(*d*) If so, when ?

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

973. : There are 45 Co-operative Societies. A list of the Societies is placed on the Table.

THE LIST OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES FALLING UNDER SORBHOG THANA

Name of the societies

(1) *Functioning*

(a) *Gaon Sabha*

1. Uttargaragaon G. B.
2. Dakhingomakgaon G. B.
3. Bhadrakalaba G. B.
4. Rampur G. B.
5. Kalitapara G. B.
6. Gunialguri G. B.
7. Bagulamari G. B.
8. Bammugi G. B.
9. Langa G. B.
10. Balaipathar G. B.
11. Bhora G. B.
12. Kalgashia Kharbali Amguri G. B.
13. Chengolia G. B.
14. Barbhitha G. B.
15. Deokura G. B.
16. Balarpathar G. B.
17. Dabandia G. B.
18. Mamsimla G. B.
19. Udmari G. B.
20. Aditpur G. B.
21. Bartari G. B.

22. Tapeswari G. B.
23. Balagaon G. B.
24. Gamariguri G. B.
25. Ishabpur Khudrakhowa G. B.
26. Sohpur G. B.

(b) *Large-size Credit Societies* –

1. Barnagar Rindan S. S., Ltd.
2. Bijni Rindan S. S., Ltd.

(c) *Marketing*—

1. Barnagar Primary Marketing Co-op : Society, Ltd.

(2) *Non-Functioning*

(a) *Gaolia Bank*—

1. Puthimari Duramari G. B.
2. Amguri Sapana G. B.
3. Bordonga G. B.
4. Chakaboushi G. B.
5. Haladhia G. B.
6. Manakacha G. B.
7. Sorbhog G. B.
8. Jamadarbari G. B.
9. Bilortari G. B.
10. Khudrakuchi Titapani G. B.
11. Baregaon G. B.

(b) *Trading*—

1. Rampur T.C., Ltd.
2. Sorbhog T.C., Ltd.

(c) Cotton Sector —

1. Sorbhog C.C.S., Ltd.

(d) Weaving Co-operative —

1. Dakhingamakgari W. C. S., Ltd.

2. Sorbhog W. C. S., Ltd.

(b) Out of the 45 Societies 29 are functioning and 16 are non-functioning. The names of the defunct Societies are indicated in the list referred to at (a).

(c) The cases are being examined either to liquidate or to revive the non-functioning Societies.

(d) At the earliest opportunity.

Weaving Demonstrator, Sorbhog

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari—East) asked :

974. Will the Minister-in-charge of Sericulture and Weaving be pleased to state

(a) Whether there is one Weaving Demonstrator at Sorbhog ?

(b) If so, when he was posted ?

(c) Whether he stays at Sorbhog ?

(d) If not, what is the reason ?

(e) How many Weaving Societies he has formed ?

(f) What are their names ?

(g) Whether more Weaving Societies are going to be opened at Sorbhog ?

(h) Why he neglects Sorbhog absolutely ?

(i) Whether Government have received public representation to this effect ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Sericulture and Weaving) replied :

974. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) *to* (*i*)—Information has been called for.

Re: **Discharge of Doctors and Dhais and** *re*: **Hospitals and Dispensaries**

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

975. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical, etc., Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that twelve doctors serving under the Directorate of Health Services were served with discharge notice in November last ?

(*b*) If so, why ?

976. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state why twelve Dhais (in Cachar) who were discharged about a year ago for no fault of their own and in spite of the fact that the Medical Centres were (and are) still operating, have not yet been provided employment ?

977. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Medical Department be pleased to state—the number of hospitals and dispensaries, with the number of doctors attached, district-wise ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

975. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—The notices were served on the Doctors as their terms of contract appointment were due to expire on 31st December 1957.

976.—They will be absorbed as and when occasion arises.

977.—The information is being collected.

Construction of a bridge over the Beki River

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

978. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state

(a) Whether any survey has been made for the construction of a bridge over the Beki River ?

(b) If not, what is the reason ?

(c) When survey will be made ?

(d) What will be the cost of constructing a bridge over the river Beki and what will be the length of the bridge ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that road transport in Assam is hampered for not having a bridge on the Beki River ?

(f) Whether Government propose to try to remove this difficulty ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the Beki Public Works Department Ghat remains closed for sometime during rainy seasons ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

978. (*a*)—No.

(*b*) & (*c*)— The survey will be taken up only when the project for construction of the bridge is approved by Government which has not been included in any scheme at present ?

(*d*)—Unless a survey of the river at the site of the proposed bridge is made, cost and length of the bridge cannot be said.

(*e*)—No, there being a ferry service to cross the river. However, it will naturally be more convenient if a bridge is constructed over the river to replace the ferry service.

(*f*)—Government will consider the matter as and when funds are available.

(*g*)—No, it was closed for wheeled traffic only for a, period of 36 days from 14th July 1957 to 18th August 1957.

Construction of Phukanarbheta-Pakamura Road in Khangia Mauza and Rangajan-Borbamchungi Road in the Thengal Mouza

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

979. Will the Minister of P.W.D. be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the works of the two newly taken up roads namely (1) Phukanarbheta-Pakamura road in the Khangia Mouza, and (2) Rangajan-Borbamchungi road in the Thengal Mouza have not yet been completed?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that the Local Board and the Panchayats have given up responsibility of maintaining these roads and no work on these roads was done since the year 1957?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that these roads were taken up due to public importance?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties of the public due to the damage of bridges and also due to deterioration of the roads?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to complete these roads within the next rainy season?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

979. (*a*)—No. The roads have not been taken up by Public Works Department.

(*b*)—Not known.

(*c*)—Does not arise.

(*d*)—Not known.

(*e*)—No. The proposals will be placed before the next meeting of the Assam Roads Communication Board for consideration and work will be taken up as and when the Board recommends the proposals and fund is made available for the purpose.

Lady Doctor for Dhubri Civil Hospital

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

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

(a) Whether applications were called for by the Assam Public Service Commission in 1956 for a lady doctor to be appointed at Dhubri Civil Hospital?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to mention the year and date of the Gazette in which the post was advertised?

(c) If not, how a lady doctor was appointed for the Dhubri Civil Hospital in 1956 ?

(d) Whether her appointment was irregular ?

(e) If so, whether Government propose to discharge her ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that Assam Public Service Commission advertises separately for male and female doctors ?

(g) Whether any formal police verification was made before her appointment ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

980. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The *Assam Gazette* Published on 15th February, 1956.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—No.

(g)—Yes.

Honorary Assistant Surgeons of Civil Hospitals

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta asked:

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

(*a*) Whether the Honorary Assistant Surgeons in Government Civil Hospitals are entitled to have house rents ?

(*b*) If so, under what rule ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that some Honorary Assistant Surgeons attached to Civil Hospital, Shillong, are enjoying house rents ?

(*d*) If so, who are they ?

(*e*) Will Government enquire why the throat Specialist attached to Shillong Civil Hospital, was reluctant to examine a Member of Assam Legislative Assembly when he was suffering from throat troubles during last November, 1957 ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that such behaviour is shown to other patients also ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

981. (*a*)—No.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*) & (*a*)—Yes, Dr. B. K. Padmapati who has been given the Honorary rank of Assistant Surgeon I is attached to Shillong Civil Hospital as Assistant Surgeon II against one of the sanctioned appointments and by virtue of his position as Assistant Surgeon II he has been given the House rent as admissible under the rule.

(*e*)—It is not clear from the question whether the Member in question was refused to be examined by the Throat Specialist in the Hospital on the day fixed for the visit of the Specialist. If it is not, then it is a private matter between the Member and the Specialist.

(*f*)—Government have no information as no such complaint has been received.

Examination fee of Urine, Stool, etc.

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

982. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the amount charged for Examination of per specimen of Urine, Stool, etc., is Rs.5 ?

(b) Whether Government do not think that the amount of Rs.5 is a high charge considering the poor condition of the people of our State ?

(c) If so, will Government consider the matter and reduce the amount to Rs.2 as it was before ?

(d) Is there any Pathologist in the Barpeta Civil Hospital ?

(e) If so, who is he and what is his pay ?

(f) What percentage of the realised amount from Examination of Stool, Urine, etc., goes to Government fund ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

982. (*a*)—The charges for examination of per specimen of Urine, Stool, etc., are levied according to the instructions given *vide* S. R. 40, Appendix 8 of the F. R. and S. R.

(*b*) & (*c*)—Yes, Government think that the existing rates are high and have taken up the question of reduction.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*)—Does not arise.

(*f*)—40 per cent to Government Fund.

Public Health Inspector, Sorbhog

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY Nalbari-East) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether there is a Public Health Inspector at Sorbhog ?

(*b*) If so, when he joined his office at Sorbhog ?

(*c*) Whether he stays at Sorbhog ?

(*d*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*e*) Whether he is on leave at present ?

(*f*) If so, for how many days ?

(*g*) Whether he tried to improve the hygienic condition of Sorbhog ?

(*h*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*i*) The number of days he stays at Sorbhog and at his home respectively ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

983. (*a*) to (*i*)—Information is being collected.

Tamarhat Dispensary

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (**Gossaigaon**) asked :

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

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the stock of medicine at Tamarhat Dispensary is not sufficient to meet the needs of the people ?

(*b*) If so, why Government do not increase the stock of medicine there ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that medical facilities are denied to the people of Tamarhat area because they did not vote for the Congress candidate in the last General Election ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that Saraibel Dispensary is running precariously ?

(*e*) If so, why Government do not improve the condition of the Dispensary ?

(*f*) Whether Government have duly advertised for a doctor for Saraibel Dispensary ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that there is a need of a big hospital in that area ?

(*h*) Whether Government propose to start a hospital in this area ?

(*i*) Whether Government have received any application from the public of Sapkasa area for the establishment of a dispensary at Sapkasa ?

(*j*) If so, what steps have been taken for the establishment of a dispensary ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

984. (*a*) Present stock of medicines at Tamarhat dispensary is sufficient to meet the requirement for treating common diseases.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*))—No.

(*d*) to (*h*) –There is a dispensary by the name Bosgaon Forest Dispensary at Saraibel area and there are one Assistant Surgeon I, one Pharmacist, one Chowkidar in the Dispensary. The daily attendance of out-patient in this dispensary is very poor and hence the question of establishment of a big dispensary is not justified. There is a Primary Health Unit at Kachugaon at a distance of 6 miles from Saraibel, where there is a provision for indoor patients.

(*i*)—No.

(*j*)—Does not arise.

Sorbhog Beel

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

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

(*a*) Whether Government received lately petitions for taking up Sorbhog Beel as a Government fishery ?

(*b*) Whether any inquiry has been made ?

(*c*) If so, who inquired it and when ?

(*d*) Whether any plan and estimate had been made and any amount had been sanctioned ?

(*e*) If so, what is the amount ?

(*f*) If not, whether the Government will take up this Beel as a fishery ?

(*g*) If so, when ?

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

(*a*) Whether there has been any auction of Sorbhog Beel ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that it is full of water hyacinth and the Beel is getting shallow as a result of this ?

(*c*) If not, will Government be pleased to inquire ?

(*d*) Whether any amount will be sanctioned for removing water hyacinth and improving the Beel ?

(*e*) If so, when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

985. (*a*)—Does not arise as Sorbhog Beel is already a Government fishery.

(*b*) to (*g*)—Does not arise in view of (*a*) above.

986. (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, partially.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, when funds will be available and when its turn for reclamation comes up, in the normal course. But in the mean time, unused patta land within 30 feet of the fishery are cancelled and included within the fishery, while proposal for cancellation of Permalu Patta lands are under progress.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply above.

Amalgamation of Medical and Public Health Departments Diet in Medical College Hospital and University Hospital

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(a) For how many years trial was given before amalgamation of the Medical and Public Health Departments was finalised and since when this scheme has been given effect to ?

(b) Whether it is possible, after amalgamation, to post doctors of the public health in the medical side and *vice-versa* ?

(c) If so, how many doctors from the medical have been posted in the public health side and *vice-versa* ?

(d) If the reply to Question (c) is in the negative, what is the reason for not doing so ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that after amalgamation these posts are interchangeable ?

(f) What has happened to the former District Medical Officer of Healths and Sub-Divisional Medical Officer of Healths ?

(g) Have they been demoded ?

(*h*) Whether in the amalgamated set up the existing Civil Surgeons and Subdivisional Medical Officers are qualified enough to hold the charge of the districts and Subdivisions ?

(*i*) Whether it is a fact that W. H. O. and Health Directorate of India have given directives regarding the qualifications of District and Subdivisional Officers ?

(*j*) If so, what are these qualifications ?

(*k*) How the seniority of the incumbents fixed after amalgamation ?

(*l*) Whether it is a fact that doctors of the Public Health have been badly affected ?

(*m*) If so, how Government propose to remove the injustice ?

(*n*) Whether during the interim period of amalgamation any one specially officiating Civil Surgeon has been confirmed ?

(*o*) If so, was it not against the spirit of amalgamation and trial during the interim period ?

(*p*) Whether it is a fact that these post haste confirmations were done to deny the legitimate claims of the incumbents of the Public Health Department in the amalgamated set up ?

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

(*a*) Whether he has received complaints against the hospital authorities of the Medical College as to the diet served to the patients ?

(*b*) Whether there is any check on the diets served ?

(*c*) If so, who is the officer responsible for this ?

989. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) What amount was spent for equipping the University Hospital at Jalukbari and other extra beds attached to the Civil Hospital at Gauhati ?

(*b*) Whether it is a a fact that beds and equipment worth Rs.26,000 was obtained from one concern named Standard Pharmaceutical and Surgical, Ltd. ?

(*c*) Whether tenders were called for the indents ?

(*d*) Who place the indents ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that mattresses and other articles supplied were not up to specifications ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

987. (*a*) to (*p*) – Information is being collected.

988. (*a*) to (*c*) – Information is being collected.

989. (*a*) to (*e*) – Information is being collected.

Ministerial Staff in the Assam Secretariat (Civil and Public Works Department)

Shri KHAGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

990. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) The work-load per annum laid down for each of the ministerial officers of the following grades in the Secretariat (both Civil and Public Works Department)—

(*i*) Typist,

(*ii*) Lower Division Assistant, and

(*iii*) Upper Division Assistant.

(*b*) The basis for creation of the posts of Assistant Superintendent in the Secretariat (both Civil and Public Works Department) ?

(*c*) The basis for creation of the posts of Superintendent in the Secretariat (both Civil and Public Works Department) ?

(d) The work load per annum laid down for each of the ministerial officers of the following grades in the offices of the main Heads of Departments in Shillong

(i) Typist,

(ii) Lower Division Assistant, and

(iii) Upper Division Assistant ?

(e) The basis for creation of the posts of Head Assistants in the offices of the main Heads of Departments in Shillong ?

(f) The basis for creation of the posts of Superintendents in the offices of the main Heads of Departments in Shillong ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the Secretariat both Civil and Public Works Department is over-staffed and that the offices of the main Heads of Departments in Shillong are under-staffed ;

(h) Whether it is a fact that the administrative and the Finance Department of the Secretariat put deliberate obstructions and apply delaying tactics to the proposals for additional staff for the offices of the main Heads of Departments in Shillong ?

(i) Whether it is a fact that a considerable volume of discontent in the offices of the main Heads of Departments in Shillong is due to such go-slow tactics ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

990. (a) (i)—Five thousand and six hundred issues per annum (20 issued letters per day for 280 working days in the year).

(ii)&(iii)—Eight hundred and forty receipts per annum (3 receipts per day for 280 working days in the year).

The ratio of Upper Division post to Lower Division post is 1 :2 on an average.

(b) Generally when the number of vacancies exceeds 15 including Upper Division and Lower Division Assistants.

(c) On the basis of one Superintendent for one Department or Branch.

(d) Five thousand and six hundred issues per annum (20 issued letters per day).

(e) One thousand and four hundred receipts per annum five receipts per day).

The ratio of Upper Division post to Lower Division post is 1:3 on an average.

(e)—The post of Head Assistant is generally sanctioned on Section-wise basis depending on the work-load. At present there is no definite principle for this. In order to fix up a uniform principle for the said purpose, reports from all the State Governments and also from the Heads of Departments of this State have been called for and the matter is under consideration of Government.

(f)—The normal practice is to sanction one post of Superintendent for each Head of Department. There are instances where more than one post of Superintendent have been sanctioned on the basis of work-load. The question of determining a uniform basis has been under consideration of Government.

(g)—It is a matter of opinion.

(h)—No.

(i)—Government have no information.

Government Dispensaries in each of the five Autonomous Districts

Shri C. THUAMLUAIA [Lungleh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes) asked:

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

(a) How many Government dispensaries are there in each of the 5 Autonomous Districts of Assam ?

(*b*) How many doctors are provided for each district dispensaries of the Autonomous Districts (Number only for each district) ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that there is not a single doctor in the Government dispensaries in the south Mizo District ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to send doctors to these dispensaries in the near future ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied:

991. (*a*)—The number of hospitals and dispensaries in the Autonomous Districts are as under:—

1. United K.-J. Hills	...	30
2. Garo Hills	...	23
3. Mizo District	...	20
4. Mikir Hills	...	19
5. North Cachar Hills	...	

(*b*)—The sanctioned strength and the existing strength of doctors of the dispenaries of the Autonomous Districts are as follows:—

	Sanctioned strength	Existing strength
1. United K.-J. Hills ...	39	36
2. Mizo District ...	23	16
3. Garo Hills ...	25	17
4. Mikir Hills ...	19	12
5. North Cachar Hills ...		

(*c*)—No. Out of the 9 Government dispensaries located in the South Mizo District, only the following dispensaries are at present going without doctors: —

1. Lungleh Travelling Dispensary.
2. Vahal Dispensary.
3. Sarkowar Travelling Dispensary.
4. Bualpui.

(*d*)—Yes. As soon as doctors are available.

Condition of the Tribal Areas of Makum Mauza and Tirap Transferred Areas

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi) asked:

992. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state

(*a*) Whether there is any development schemes to improve the condition of the tribal areas of Makum Mauza and Tirap Transferred areas ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of the immense sufferings of the people of these areas for want of roads or any other communication ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware of the deplorable economic condition of the people of these areas ?

(*d*) If so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the general lot of these people ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to make an early enquiry and to take up some development schemes at an early date ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied:

992. (*a*) to (*e*)—Informations are being collected ?

Grants from Untouchability Fund

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

993. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that Government has sanctioned grants out of Untouchability Fund of one hundred rupees to each individual institution ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the Government has sanctioned grants out of Untouchability Fund to mostly public institutions at the rate of one hundred rupees ?

(*c*) If the answers to (*a*) and (*b*) above are in the affirmative, why it is so ?

(*d*) Whether there is no distinction so far the importance is concerned between a public institution and an individual institution ?

(*e*) Whether Government will give more importance to the public institutions than to individual institutions ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that grants have been sanctioned to All-Assam Scheduled Caste Association, Scheduled Caste District Branch at Gauhati and Assam Provincial Mahila Samittee ?

(*g*) If so, what is the amount sanctioned for each institution and for what purposes ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs.3,000 has been sanctioned to All-Assam Scheduled Caste Association a few years back ?

(*i*) If so, how the money was utilised and when ?

(*j*) Whether Government will try for fair distribution of grants-in-aid throughout the State ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas Department) replied:

993. (*a*) *to* (*j*)—Information is being collected.

Areas of the P.G. Reserve and V. G. Reserve in the State

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

994. (*a*) Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to furnish the areas of the P.G. Reserve and V.G. Reserve of the State separately, district by district, in 1946 and 1957 ?

(*b*) What areas of these are useful during the rainy season for—

(*i*) buffaloes ;

(*ii*) cows ; and

(*iii*) goats ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that some of the areas of the aforesaid reserves are not at all useful for the purpose for which they were opened due to water stagnation, streamlet or worst accumulation of water-hyacinth ?

(*d*) What portions out of these reserves are thrown open for settlement with projects, landless people and for other purposes ?

(*e*) Whether Government realise that the areas of village grazing reserves are too inadequate to meet the requirements of the cattle population of each village of the districts ?

(*f*) If so, what steps Government propose to take to solve the problem ?

(*g*) Whether Government are aware that the discontinuance of issuing Pattas of all roadside lands and embankments within 35 ft. of it and their use as grazing grounds will meet the fodder problem of almost every village in the State ?

(*h*) Whether Government propose to instruct the Revenue Department immediately to take action during the ensuing resettlement of the district accordingly ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

994. (*a*) to (*h*) —Report has been called for from the local officers.

Naga Rebels in Plains Area of Assam

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

995. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that the villagers of the border areas are still in risk as the Naga rebels are still armed and are still underground?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that the Naga rebels are still creating troubles in the plains areas ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to post more armed guards in the border areas and open more companies for the armed guards ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

995. (*a*)—Yes. The recent Naga raids on the villages of Sibsagar and United Mikir and North Cachar Hills border in Naga Hill-Tuensang Area have created panic in the areas. But, Government are taking measures to ensure the safety of the villagers by Police action in co-ordination with the Army and the regions have been declared as 'Disturbed Areas'.

(*b*)—Yes. The Naga hostiles have been carrying on raids on the bordering areas of Sibsagar and United Mikir and North Cachar Hills like Charaideo, Leiri and Maibong.

(*c*)—The Government are considering and taking all steps possible.

Educational Qualification for Assistants in Heads of Department

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katanigaon) asked :

496. Will the Minister-in-charge of Appointment be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Heads of Departments should be at least Intermadiate pass ?

(*b*) If so, whether this principle is followed in all cases ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that some Matriculates are made Heads of Departments in the offices of Inspector General of Police, Director of Fisheries and Housing ?

(*d*) Whether Government condoned the educational qualifications in some cases ?

(*e*) If so, on what grounds ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

996.(*a*)—Perhaps the hon. Member means assistants of offices of Heads of Departments and if so the reply is yes.

(*b*),(*c*),(*d*) & (*e*)—The information has bee n called for from the respective departments.

Committee for the Development of Subankhata reclamation Area

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuhi (Reserved for Sheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

(*a*) Whether there is any Committee for the development of Subankhata reclamation area ?

(*b*) If so, who are the members of the Committee ?

(*c*) Who are the President and Secretary ?

(*d*) Whether any meeting was held during the last year ?

(*e*) If not why ?

(*f*) What is the duration of this Committee ?

(*g*) Whether it will be reconstituted immediately ?

(*h*) How this Committee is constituted ?

(*i*) Whether the local M. L. A. will be included in the said Committee ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

997.(*a*)- Yes.

(*b*)&(*c*)—Names of members—

1. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, Chairman.
2. S. D. C., Tihu, Secretary.
3. S. D. C., Rangiya, Member.
4. Shri Probhat Chandra Goswami, Member.
5. Shri Dharanidhar Basumatary, Member.
6. S. D. C., Nalbari, Member.
7. S. D. C., Attached Member.
8. Shri Baikuntha Nath Das, Member.

9. Shriman Prafulla Goswami, Member.

10. Shri Mahadeb Das, Member.

11. Shri Naranarayan Goswami, Member.

12. Shri Akshoy Kumar Das, Member.

13. Dr. Homeswar Choudhury, Member.

14. District Agricultural Officer, Gauhati, Member.

15. Agricultural Engineer, Member.

16. Shri Haricharan Pathak, Nalbari, Member.

(*d*)—No.

(*e*)—No necessity arose after its last sitting on 18th June 1956.

(*f*)—So long the development aimed at is not achieved.

(*g*)—It is under consideration of Government.

(*h*)—The Board was constituted by an executive order of Government issued in their letter No.RSD.37/53/31, dated 27th January 1954.

(*i*)—It is under consideration.

Kamergaon-Kahitoma Road in Borpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (**Sorbhog**) asked :

998. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Kamergaon-Kahitoma road will be improved ?

(*b*) If so, when ?

(*c*) Whether the Superintending Engineer, Gauhati ever visited that road from Kamergaon to Kahitoma ?

(*d*) If not what is the reason ?

(*e*) Whether he proposes to do in the near future ?

(*f*) If so, when ?

(*g*) Whether the Executive Engineer, Barpeta ever visited that road ?

(*h*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*i*) Whether he will personally visit that road and see to the difficulties ?

(*j*) If so, when ?

(*k*) Whether cold weather bridges will be constructed on that road over the Hokna and Naljara rivers during the next rainy season ?

(*l*) Whether the road will be made jeepable before the next rainy season ?

(*m*) Whether the minor bridges on that road will be constructed ?

(*n*) If so, whether it will be done before the next rainy season ?

(*o*) Whether Public Works Department marboats and boats will be provided at Unneguri and Niz-Daknar Ghats ?

(*p*) If so, when ?

(*q*) Why these have not been provided up-till now ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

998. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*) —This is a plan project and will be completed within the plan period.

(*c*)—(*q*)—Particulars are being collected.

Naming of Nalbari-Kamarkuchi Road

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

999. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that before taking up of Nalbari Kamarkuchi Road by Public Works Department Nalbari town portion of the road was named after the beloved leader of the people, Late Pratap Narayan Choudhury ?

(*b*) Whether it is also a fact that after taking up by Public Works Department the above road is simply called Nalbari-Kamarkuchi Road, thus disregarding the sentiment of the people ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that this action though done silently has wounded the feelings of a large section of people of North Kamrup ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to take immediate steps not to eliminate the name of the beloved leader of the locality from the Road ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

999. (*a*) *to* (*d*)—The information have been called for.

Tender for construction of timber bridge No.3/1 on North Trunk Road in Kokrajhar Public Works Department Division

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

1000. Will the Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) When tender was called to construct the timber bridge No.3/1 on North Trunk Road under Kokrajhar Public Works Department Division ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the construction could not be completed as Government could not supply R. S. J. to the contractor and that the contractor could not complete the work in time ?

(*c*) Whether the work is stopped for want of supplying R. S. J.

(*d*) If so, whether the tender money is returned and if not, why ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

1000. (*a*) to (*d*) The information have been called for.

Condition of the Sorbhog-Jakuapara Road in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

1001. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state

(*a*) Whether Government are aware of the terrible condition of the Sorbhog-Jakuapara road ?

(*b*) If so, why Government failed to take any step to improve the road ?

(*c*) Whether the road will be gravelled before the next rainy season ?

(*d*) When the road was constructed ?

(*e*) Why the road has been neglected ?

(*f*) Whether Government consider it necessary to improve this road ?

(*g*) Whether Executive Engineer, Barpeta personally visited the road ?

(*h*) If so, when ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

1001. (*a*) to (*h*) —The information is being called for.

Construction works done by Department other than Public Works Department

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

1002. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is fact that there are no technical hands to supervise the repairs and original construction works done by Department other than Public Works Department ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the construction so made by Department do not last long ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the construction works (including size, quality of timber used, workmanship) while compared with the amount spent do not generally satisfy the public and those for whom constructions are made ?

(*d*) Whether Government propose to make necessary arrangement for supervision and check so that responsibility can be easily fixed ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

1002. (*a*)—Most of the Departments which have to undertake construction works carry out the works through the agency of the Public Works Department of the few others who have got a considerable number of such works which are small or minor in nature and cannot be undertaken by the Public Works Department due to their hands being too full, there are technical hands in the Department, *e. g.*, Relief and Rehabilitation Department, who have got an Engineering Division, Planning and Development Department and the Town and Country Planning Department who have got Engineers in the Department, who can supervise works with the help and advice of the Public Works Department, the Community Project Department, who have appointed Overseers in every Community Development, National Extension Service Block. So far as Forest Department is concerned they have got their Forest officers who are trained in Engineering including building and road construction. In Police Department, appointment of technical hands so as to undertake some Departmental construction is under consideration.

(*b*)—No.

(*c*)—No. Government have received no complaint on this score.

(*d*)—Necessary arrangement for supervision is already there either by the Public Works Department or by the Departmental technical staff as the case may be.

Re: P.G.Rs and Newly formed Chaparies of Tezpur Subdivision

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked:

1003. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) How the forest authorities are empowered to include the P.G.Rs and newly formed Chaparies of the Brahmaputra (not being in the vicinity of forest reserve) in the Tezpur Subdivision under thatched Mahal and to sell the products in auction ?

(*b*) Whether the thatch, Ikra and Khagari, etc., growing in those P.G.Rs and Chaparies are the main fodder of the cattle of those localities ?

(*c*) Whether cutting and removing of those products will leave the cattle to starve and die helplessly ?

(*d*) Whether it is not double taxation for the same products ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

1003.(*a*)—The P.G.Rs and newly formed chaparies growing thatch are included into thatch mahals by the Forest Department in consultation with the D.C. as these areas are Unclassed State Forest areas.

(*b*)—Yes. But thatch, ekra and Khagari mahal are demarcated and settled in the winter season when these produces grow old and dry and are not eaten by the cattle.

(*c*)—No. Cutting and removal of these produces during the winter season rather help the growth of cattle fodder during the next summer.

(*d*)—No. Grazing tax is levied for cattle grazed in an Unclassed State Forest including P.G.Rs. and thatch and ekra are sold to mahaldars.

Amount spent in E. and D. Works for the years 1951-52 to 1956-57

Shri MANIK CHANDRA DAS (Tengakhat) asked :

1004. Will the Minister-in-charge of E. and D. be pleased to state—

(*a*) The amounts spent in E. and D. works for the years 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56, 1956-57 (to be shown Subdivisionwise) ?

(*b*) The amounts proposed to be spent in the next year (to be shown Subdivisionwise) ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, P.W.D.) replied :

1004. (*a*)—A statement is laid on the Library Table.
(Please *See* Library Register No.S.47.)
(*b*)—A statement is laid on the Library Table.
(Please *See* Library Register No.S.47.)

Permanent retention of all work-charged and temporary workers serving under Public Works Department

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

1005. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government is aware that a meeting of the Ministerial Committee regarding permanency of Public Works Department workers was held at Gauhati Circuit House on 28th October, 1957 ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that this meeting had decided to make permanent all work-charged and temporary workers under Public Works Department who have completed five years service ?

(*c*) What is the total number of workers of different cadre who are to be made permanent by this decision (to be stated category-wise) ?

(*d*) What is the number of temporary and work-charged staff who are to remain still temporary due to non-completion of five year's service ?

1006. (*a*) Why the workers under Public Works Department are still not made permanent in spite of the decision arrived at by the Ministerial Committee held on 28th October 1957 at Gauhati Circuit House ?

(*b*) Why the Muster roll labourers and casual employees are not allowed to enjoy weekly holidays, five days' national holidays and overtime wages in spite of the decisions arrived at by the Committee ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to give effect to those decisions of the Committee as early as possible ?

(*d*) When Government propose to issue orders for making the workers permanent—who have completed five years' service ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

1005. (*a*) & (*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—A statement is laid on the Table.
(Please *See* Library Register No.S.48.)
(*d*)—A statement is laid on the Library Table.
(Please *See* Library Register No.S.48.)

1006. (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*)—This is a procedural delay. Government have accepted the findings of the Committee and orders are being issued shortly.

Allotment of Money to Educational Institutions damaged by Storm

Shri GOURI SHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked:

1007. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether any money was given to any educational institutions as relief on account of storm damage in 1957 ?

(*b*) If so, what are the amounts given to each such school Subdivision-wise ?

(*c*) If not, why not ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

1007. (*a*)—Yes, in 1957-58.

(*b*)—Please refer to reply to Question (*Starred) No.94 (*a*) replied on 27th March 1958. In addition, a supplementary list concerning the Dibrugarh and the Nowgong Subdivisions is placed on the Library Table. (Please *See* Library Register No.S.49.)

(*c*)—Does not arise.

Amount of Money Spent by (E. & D.) Department

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

1008. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E. and D.) be pleased to state—

(*a*) How much money has been spent by the E. and D. Department since the beginning of First Five Year Plan till today in Assam ?

(*b*) How many (E. and D.) Subdivisions are there in Assam ?

(*c*) How much money has been provided for each Subdivision since 1951 ?

(*d*) Whether any amount has been spent within Sarbhog Thana ?

(*e*) If so, how much ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to construct more embankments within the Sorbhog Thana Area?

(*g*) If so, when ?

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

1008. (*a*)—Rs.8,81,34,429 upto 31st March 1957.

(b) Two Investigation Nos. E. and D. Subdivisions, 8 Nos. Investigation and Research Subdivisions.

(c) A statement giving figures Civil Subdivisionwise is laid on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S.57).

(d) Yes.

(e) Rs. 5,28,167.

(f) Not during the Second Five Year Plan period.

(g) Does not arise.

Reorganisation of Secretariat Departments

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked:

1009. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state

(a) The division of Secretariat Departments with names of Secretaries of each Department (to be laid on the table) ?

(b) Whether Government have taken any proposal for re-organisation of the Secretariat Departments ?

(c) If so, what is the proposal for such re-organisation ?

(d) Whether Government propose to so re-organise the Secretariat as to bring co-ordination between the connected Departments ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that public are suffering for want of co-ordination between various Departments ?

(f) Whether Government propose to appoint the heads of technical Departments as Secretaries or at least as Joint Secretaries to avert practical difficulties now experienced ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

1009. (a)—Two statements showing the position before re-organisation and after re-organisation are laid on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S.52).

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—A statement is laid on the Library Table.
(Please see Library Register No.S.52).

(*d*)—It has been done accordingly.

(*e*)—The Government have no such information.

(*f*) The Head of both the Wings of Public Works Department are already Secretaries to Government and at present Government do not propose to appoint any other Head of any technical department a Secretary, but for proper co-ordination of all development activities, it has been decided to appoint a full time Development Commissioner who will be also *ex-officio* Secretary to Government.

List of Grants for Damages Caused by Cyclone

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

1010. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government propose to give a list of cyclone damaged grants sanctioned during this financial year 1957-58 to different Subdivision of the Plains Districts of Assam showing different categories of institutions such as High, M. E., M. V. and L. P. Schools that received the said grant ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the list of L. P. Schools damaged by cyclone in Dibrugarh Subdivision did not come up for financial sanction together with the lists of such schools of other Subdivision ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware of the fact that the Director of Public Instruction, Assam called for recommendations from respective Members of this Assembly, *vide* his letter No.4-G-1/15/57/11686-794-G., dated 10th July, 1957.

(*d*) Whether Government are also aware of the fact that a number of M. L. As. from Dibrugarh Subdivision sent copies of recommendations to the Director of Public Instruction in accordance with his request ?

(c) Whether the Government propose to take any action not to deprive this Dibrugarh Subdivision where number of Schools are small in comparison with the number of population ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

1010. (a) Please refer to the reply to question (*Starred) No.94 (i) replied on 27th March 1958. In addition, a supplementary list concerning the Dibrugarh and the Nowgong Subdivisions is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S.53).

(b) Yes, but grants were sanctioned subsequently.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Subankhata Reclamation Area

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

1011. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) The names of persons who have got lands in the Subankhata Reclamation Areas together with their addresses ?

(b) How many of them are tribals and non-tribals ?

(c) How many persons applied for lands in the said reclamation area ?

(d) On what principle lands were allotted ?

(e) Whether lands of the said areas were distributed by a particular person or by a body of persons ?

(f) If so, who are they ?

(g) Whether Government is aware that in the Subankhata Reclamation areas there is no facility of schools, hospitals, roads and water supply for drinking purpose and for cultivation of agriculture ?

(*h*) If so, whether these inconveniences will be redressed as early as possible ?

(*i*) Whether Government is aware that the people of the Subankhata Reclamation Area are not able to pay their premium for land as they could not produce crops for their food ?

(*j*) If so, whether Government propose to exempt them from premium until they can produce agricultural produce extensively in the said reclamation area ?

(*k*) Whether Government is aware that crops are eaten or damaged by wild elephants in the Subankhata Reclamation area ?

(*l*) If so, what measures have been taken by Government for the protection of the crops of the said areas ?

(*m*) If not, whether Government propose to enquire and take measure for protection of crops as soon as possible ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

1011. (*a*)—A list of persons who have got land in Subankhat-Bhogpara Reclamation areas is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No. S.54).

(*b*)—23 families are tribal and 328 non-tribals.

(*c*)—5,282 waste land applications were received for lands in the Reclamation area.

(*d*)—Lands were allotted to landless cultivators.

(*e*)—Settlement was made by the Deputy Commissioner on the advice of a Land Settlement Advisory Board constituted for tendering advice in the matter of settlement of land and development of the area.

(*f*)—The Board was constituted with the following persons:—

1. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, Chairman,
2. S. D. C., Tihu, Secretary.

3. S. D. C. Rangiya ... ... Member.
4. Shri Probhat Chandra Goswami ,,
5. Shri Dharanidhar Basumatari ... ,,
6. S. D. C., Nalbari... ... ... ,,
7. S. D. C., attached ... ... ,,
8. Shri Baikuntha Nath Das ... ,,
9. Shriman Prafulla Goswami ... ,,
10. Shri Mahadeb Das ... ,,
11. Shri Naranarayan Goswami ... ,,
12. Shri Akshoy Kumar Das ... ,,
13. Dr. Homeswar Choudhury ... ,,
14. District Agricultural Officer, Gauhati ,,
15. Agricultural Engineer ... ... ,,
16. Shri Haricharan Pathak, Nalbari ,,

(*g*) Facilities with regard to Schools, Hospitals, Roads and Water are not adequate.

(*h*)—Yes.

(*i*)—Yes.

(*j*)—The realisation of the second instalment of the premium was already postponed. The question of further postponement is under consideration.

(*k*)—Depredation by wild elephants is a common occurrence in these sub-montanous areas.

(*l*)—Elephant hunting operation have been undertaken in North Kamrup since 1956 and allotment of seats for mela sikar have been made annually.

(*m*)—Does not arise.

Industries under Cottage Industries Department and Handicrafts Board

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

1012. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries Department be pleased to state

(*a*) The industries falling under Cottage Industries Department and those under Handicrafts Board separately ?

(*b*) The activities of the handicrafts department and the progress made up-to-date ?

(*c*) Whether Government proposed to form a statutory body for handicrafts in Assam with representation of crafts organisation with a view to give more attention to the crafts in the state ?

(*d*) Whether State of Assam is represented in All-India Handicrafts Board ?

(*e*) If so, through whom ?

(*f*) If not, what steps have been taken to secure representation ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries) replied :

1012. (*a*)—There is no clear demarcation between Handicrafts and Cottage Industries products containing artistic work will come under the category of Handicrafts. To have a general idea however, one list of Cottage Industries and one for Handicrafts Industries are placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S.55).

(*b*)—A statement is placed on the Library Table. (Please *see* Library Register No.S.55).

(*c*)—There is no such proposal at present. A Small Scale Industries and Handicrafts Board is being formed for the purpose with representation of Handicrafts in the Board. The Board will be advisory in character.

(*d*)—No.

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

There is no statewise allocation of membership in the All-India Handicrafts Board. The members are nominated by the Government of India. The matter was taken up with Government of India in 1955, but turned down by the Government of India. Government of India will be requested again to take a member from this State.

Number of Girls' M.E. and M.V. Schools in the Gossaigaon Thana Area

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked:

1013. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state

(a) How many M. E. and M. V. Schools for girls are there in the Gossaigaon Thana Area ?

(b) Whether all these schools are receiving aid from the Government ?

(c) If so, what is the amount given to these schools by Government ?

1014. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state -

(a) Whether financial assistance was given to the State Government for setting up Bureau of Educational and Vocational Guidance and the Bureau of TextBook Research in the State ?

(b) What is the amount received during the year 1956-57 ?

(c) Whether that money has been appropriately utilised ?

(d) If not, why not ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied:

1013. (a)—One M.E. School, *viz.*—Haraputa Girls' M. E. School and one M. V. School, *viz.*—Bimvakhata Girls' M. V. School.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—Haraputa Girls' M. E. School—Recurring Rs.80 per mensem in 1957-58 and Non-recurring Rs.24 in 1957-58 for fees compensation. Besides, the School will get in 1957-58 Rs.1,908 as D. A. to 10 teachers and 1 menial.

(2) Binnyakhata Girls' M.V. School—The School got Non-recurring grant of Rs.500 in 1957-58 for school building and equipments. The school is entirely maintained by the School Board, Dhubri.

1014. (*a*)—Government of India has agreed to provide 50 per cent of expenditure on the Bureau of education and Vocational guidance. No Bureau of Text Book Research is under contemplation.

(*b*)—The scheme was not implemented in 1956-57.

(*c*)—A Bureau has now been established since September, 1957. No money from Government of India has yet been received towards its expenditure.

(*d*)—Does not arise.

Institutions run by Assam Mahila Samity

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lohowal) asked:

1015. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether any educational institution like Anath Ashram, Children Welfare Centre and other training centres managed by Assam Mahila Samity, has received any aid from Government ?

(*b*) If so, what are those institutions and what is the total amount so received ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

1015. (*a*)—Yes.

(b) The following grants were sanctioned to the Assam Mahila Samity

1955-56

(i) Rupees 1,500 for starting an orphanage for tribal children.

(ii) Rupees 500 for opening a training-*cum*-production centre for the benefit of tribal people.

1957-58

(iii) Rupees 1,500 for purchasing weaving implements, etc., for the Welfare Centre of Dhubari and Madrasi Colony.

(iv) Rupees 2,000 for doing welfare works among the Scheduled Castes people and for propaganda under the removal of Untouchability Programme, 1957-58.

Art. 275 (1955-56)

(v) Rupees 6,000 for opening training-*cum*-production centres in the areas predominently inhabited by plains tribals.

M. E. Examination

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (**Digboi**) asked :

1016. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the result of M. E. Examination is not yet out ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that new session of the schools begins from the 1st of January ?

(*c*) If so, whether Government is aware that it is inconvenient to the high schools and great loss to the students who take admission in Class VII after 2/3 months of the session ?

(*d*) What is the reason of these irregularities ?

(*e*) Whether Government has found out any ways and means to avoid such irregularities and complete the work in time ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education) replied :

1016. (*a*)—The M. E. results were published on 15th March 1958.

(*b*)—The School session commenced on 16th January 1958.

(*c*)—Yes.

(*d*)—This late publication of results were due to some unavoidable administrative difficulties.

(*e*)—A special committee has been formed to suggest ways and means to remove all the administrative difficulties that are being faced in course of running the administration of M. E. Examination.

Number of Tube Wells sanctioned for Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

1017. Will the Minister-in-charge of Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state :-

(*a*) The number of tube wells sanctioned in or provided in Dibrugarh Subdivision in different Mauzas and in the three transferred areas out of Relief and Rehabilitation Fund during the period from 1950 to 1957 ?

(*b*) The executing agencies of these water supply projects ?

(*c*) Whether any official or non-official of standing supervised execution and completion of these projects ?

(*d*) If so, who supervised completion of these projects ?

(*e*) Who paid for these projects on behalf of the Government ?

(*f*) The number of tube wells so far removed from the sites of sinking for the purpose of emergency ?

(*g*) Whether the tube wells sinked in different mauzas and areas in the Subdivision are still there ?

1018. Will the Minister-in-charge of Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state

(a) the number of tube wells sanctioned from Relief Fund and installed in Sadiya Frontier Tract, Transferred Areas and Saikhowa Mauza of Saikhowa Assembly Constituency during the period from 1950 to 1957 ?

(b) Whether Government be pleased to furnish a list of such tube wells installed in different sites during the period from 1950 to 1957 giving the name of villages and Mauzas or Areas ?

(c) Whether executing agencies in Saikhowa Assembly Constituency ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

1017. (a) 27 tube wells and 11 ring wells out of grants from Governor's Earthquake Relief Fund.

(b) (1) The Marwari Relief Society;

(2) The S. C. D. North Bank;

(3) The E. A. C. in-charge of Rehabilitation, Dibrugarh;

(4) The Political Officer, Mishmi Hills.

(5) The Joint Secretaries of the Relief Committees of Saikhowa and Sadiya;

(6) Public Works Department, and

(7) The Assistant Political Officer, Tirap Transferred Area.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—As mentioned at (b) above.

(e)—(1) The Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

(2) The A. P. O., Tirap Transferred Area;

(3) The Political Officer, Mishmi Hills, and

(4) The A. P. O., Sadiya.

(*f*)—From a report from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur it appears that only 4 tube wells were removed from the original sites but were subsequently re-installed elsewhere.

(*g*)—So far as Government are aware the tube wells are still there. This is however being ascertained through the local officers.

1018. (*a*)—133 Nos.

(*b*)—Saikhowa area—

	Nos.
1. Dighal Mesaki	1
2. Ajukha	1
3. Laopani Bisani Mukh	3
4. Hakhati Miri	1
5. Bokapathar	5
6. Aroimuria	2
7. Hakhati Nepali	2
8. Old Bormura	2
9. Bhabongkhal	1
10. Halua Pothar	1
11. Saikhowa L. P. School	1
12. Saikhowa Hindi School	1
13. Saikhowa M. E. School	1
14. Saikhowa Bazar	1
15. Bormura Miri Pathar	1
Total	24

Sadiya area -

	Nos.
1. Jhiyagon	1
2. Lakhimpatta	3
3. Laram	1
4. Patabi Nepali	1
5 Old Patia	1
6. Bishnupur Borgaon	1
7. Takajan	2
8. Borgora Deopani	3
9. Haripur	1
10. Bihiagaon	1
11. Borgora Ahom	2
12. Santipur No.6	1
13. Bargaon	2
14. Santipur No.2	1
15. Napaglam	2
16. Bishnupur Pohukhowa	3
17. Chalkhowa Nagaon	2
18. Kundil Nagar Nagaon	1
19. Lakhimi Pathar	2
20. Kapow Pathar	1
21. Padum Pukhuri	1
22. Borgara Kalani	1
23. Padumphula Nepali	3
24. 3rd Mile L. V.	3
25. 3rd Mile Balijan..	2
26. Amgash Balijan	1

Sadiya area

	No.
27. Balijan Nagaon	1
28. Kukuramara	1
29. Alisiga	1
30. Majuligaon	1
31. Bahal Haram	2
32. Sapakhowa	2
33. Dangarpur	1
34. Sengsap	2
35. Chandrapur	1
36. Sumani Pathar	1
37. Bosagaon	1
38. 5th Mile	2
39. Rampur Megela	1
40. Hollowgaon	1
41. Dokanigaon	2
42. Raigaon	1
43. 8th Mile L. V.	1
44. Bilasbasti Nepali	1
45. 13th Mile Nepali	1
46. Tupsiga	2
47. Telikala	4
48. Napatia Kaibarta	1
49. Na-Saki	1
50. Dalapani	2
51. Na-Sadiya ... ... —	23
Total	98

Murkong-sellek Transferred area—

	No.
1. 10th Mile Nepali Basti	1
2. Jonai Bazar	1
3. Rajong Kuligaon	1
4. Mohmara Jonaigaon	1
5. Murkong-sellek	1
6. Mesakigaon	1
7. Centre place of Dekhari and Ramdhongaon	2
8. Dejri Barbam	1
9. Geli Reserve Forest...	2
Total	11

(c) The Political Officer, Mishmi Hills and the Joint Secretaries of Relief Committees of Sadiya and Saikhowa areas.

Expenditure incurred by Ministers and Deputy Ministers

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked:

1019. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) The cost of maintenance and repairs of cars used by the Ministers and the Deputy Ministers during the last six months ?

(*b*) The charges paid for electricity consumed in residence of each Minister and Deputy Minister during the last six months (to be shown separately month by month) ?

(*c*) The telephone trunk call charges paid by Government for telephones used by the Ministers and the Deputy Ministers both in offices as well as in residences during the last six months (to be shown separately month by month) ?

(*d*) Whether those charges for trunk call also include calls other than official business calls ?

(*e*) If not, how the charges for trunk calls other than official calls are paid separately ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

1019. (*a*) to (*e*)—Materials are being collected.

Hajo Poa Mecca

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

1020. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state the amount given from Provincial and Central Funds to the temples including Hajo Poa Mecca during the years 1947 to 1958 (names of the temples with grant to each should be given)?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

1020.—Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioners and will be supplied to the hon'ble Member as soon as received.

Sorkari land in village Makaldova

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

1021. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that there are about 400 bighas of Sorkari land in village Makaldova in mauza Bahjani, Police Station Nalbari in the district of Kamrup ?

(*b*) If so, what is the total area of the land fit for cultivation ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that hundreds of landless peasants of different mouzas of the locality have filed Kabula petition before the local Assistant Settlement Officer (Nalbari), and also before the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup ?

(*d*) If so, what is the total number of Kabula petitions so filed ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that Government have decided to settle the lands with the local poor landless peasants ?

(f) If so, when ?

(g) Whether Government propose to take suggestions from the local M. L. As. at the time of making such settlement ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

1021. *a - g* Reports have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner and Settlement Officer, Kamrup.

Seizure of crops in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

1022. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state –

(*a*) Whether there was seizure of the crops by the Extra Assistant Commissioner who evicted the Banbarir Jar, Barpeta Subdivision ?

(*b*) If so, whether there was mustard crops ?

(*c*) Whether there was an auction of the crops by the Extra Assistant Commissioner who evicted ?

(*d*) If so, who took the same in auction ?

(*e*) What amount was realised in auction ?

(*f*) Whether there were public petitions and telegrams to the Revenue Minister praying for collection of crops by the cultivators ?

(*g*) If so, what action was taken ?

(*h*) What are the means of the cultivators ?

(*i*) Whether each of the cultivators were informed about the auction ?

(*j*) Why none of the cultivators were allowed to take the crops in auction ?

(*k*) Whether the Extra Assistant Commissioner who evicted, informed them about it ?

(*l*) How many bighas of lands were under mustard crops ?

(*m*) Whether it is a fact that the crops were handed over to the Agriculture Department, Barpeta ?

(*n*) If so, whether it is permissible under the law ?

(*o*) What happened to the crops which was taken over by the Agriculture Department, Barpeta ?

(*p*) Whether the said Department sold the crops in open auction ?

(*q*) If so, where the auction was held ?

(*r*) Whether the Agriculture Department can sell crops in auction, when there was eviction by another Department of the Government ?

(*s*) Why there were such irregularities ?

(*t*) Whether it is a fact that the order of the Revenue Secretary was not followed ?

(*u*) If so, what is the reason ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

1022. (*a*) to (*u*)—Report has been called for from the local officer.

Sweepers of the Civil Secretariat

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

1023. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government be pleased to state the years of service of the following sweepers serving in the Civil Secretariat, Shillong ?

1. Shri Santa Singh.
2. Shri Bhagat Singh.
3. Shri Lasman Singh.
4. Shri Guren Dayal.
5. Shri Gurubax.

6. Shri Turcan.

7. Shri Pannalal.

8. Shri Fully.

9. Shri Arandi.

10. Shri Ram Saran.

11. Shri Mohan.

12. Shri Nanak.

(*b*) Why the sweepers are not allowed to enjoy the weekly holidays, festival holidays and other leaves ?

(*c*) Whether Government will be pleased to allow them the usual leaves and holidays ?

(*d*) Whether the sweepers mentioned in (*a*) above were made permanent ?

(*e*) Whether they are considered as regular Government servants entitling them to the benefit of pension, etc. ?

(*f*) If not, why ?

(*g*) Whether the Provident Fund Scheme is applicable to the 4th Grade employees of the Civil Secretariat, Shillong ?

(*h*) If not, why ?

(*i*) Whether all the Sweepers working in Government Departments will be made permanent ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

1023. (*a*)—(1) Shri Santa Singh—5 years (previously he was in Legal Remembrancer's Office and worked there for about 16 years).

(2) Shri Bhagat Singh ... ... 22 years approximate.

(3) Shri Lasman Singh ... ... 24 ,,

(4) Shri Gur Dayal ... ... 14 years approximate.

(5) Shri Gurubax ... ... 19 ,,

(6) Shri Turean—There is no sweeper by this name working in Civil Secretariat.

(7) Shri Pannalal ... ... 12 years approximate.

(8) Shri Fullu ... ... 12 ,,

(9) Shri Anandi ... ... 4 ,,

(10) Shri Ram Saran ... ... 7 ,,

(11) Shri Mohon ... ... 13 ,,

(12) Shri Nanak ... ... 6 ,,

(*b*)—The sweepers are casual employees and are paid from the contingency according to the present Rules. They are entitled to leave with or without pay at the descretion of the head of an office provided grant of such leave with pay does not involve extra expenditure to Government (*i.e.*, if no substitute is entertained against the leave vacancy). They are in fact enjoying all the concessions in respect of weekly and festival holidays, etc.

(*c*) & (*d*)—The matter will be considered.

(*e*)—No. Not at present.

(*f*)—Contingency menials do not belong to regular establishment of any office as they are casually employed according to necessity. As they do not hold any permanent post and the post against which they are employed being non-pensionable, they are not entitled to the benefit of pension, etc., after retirement.

(*g*)—Yes.

(*h*)—Does not arise.

(*i*)—The matter will be considered.

Representation for Remission of Land Revenue

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

1024. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether he has lately received any representation for the remission of land revenue in respect of Pub-Chamaria and Dakshin Sarubangshar Mouzas in Kamrup ?

(*b*) Whether the D. C. recommended such remission for their being affected by flood and drought ?

(*c*) Whether any remission has been ordered for last year and year before last ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

1024. (*a*) —No.

(*b*) —Yes.

(*c*) —Yes. The position is as follows :—

Pub-Chamaria Mouza—

For 1362 *B. S.* remission of Land Revenue and Local rate amounting to Rs. 40,606·61 nP. and Rs. 128·94 nP. respectively were sanctioned.

Dakshin Sarubangshar Mouza—

For 1362 *B. S.* no remission has been sanctioned.

For 1363 *B. S.* remission proposal is under consideration.

Diversion of certain rivers to Manas River

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

1025. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Burisuta, Gorabdara and the Ultaikhunda rivers will be diverted to Manas river ?

(*b*) If so, when ?

(*c*) Whether any survey has been made by Government ?

(*d*) If not, when the survey will be made ?

(*e*) Whether these rivers have caused erosions ?

(*f*) If so, how many thousands of acres of lands have been eroded ?

(*g*) Whether Government will stop such erosions ?

(*h*) If so, when ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

1025. (*a*)—There is no such proposal.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*) —There is no proposal to carry out any survey at present.

(*e*) & (*f*)—The District Officers are collecting the information.

(*g*) & (*h*)—This will depend on the severity of the problem, availability of funds and whether the value of property to be protected justified the cost of any effective protective measures. A preliminary investigation may be carried out to have a rough idea of the cost of property involved and the probable cost of protective measures if the information asked for from the District Officers reveal the problem to be of an acute nature.

Re : **Canal from Naljara River to Hokua River**

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

1026. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that a canal was cut from Naljara river to Hokua river during the last World War ?

(*b*) If so, what is the reason ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that the said canal has now turned into a river ?

(f) Whether the said canal will be closed ?

(g) If so, when ?

(h) If not, what is the reason ?

(i) Whether Government propose to make a thorough investigation ?

(j) If so, when ?

(k) If not, why ?

(l) What will be the length of the canal ?

(m) When thorough investigation will be made ?

(n) Whether a permanent bridge will be constructed over that river at the Unnekuri ?

(o) If so, when ?

1027. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state :—

(a) Whether Hakua, Naljora-Burha rivers will be diverted to the Beki river within the Kahitoma Forest Reserve?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) Whether any survey has been made ?

(d) If not, what is the reason ?

(e) Whether the Public Works Department Minister, Superintending Engineer, E. & D. or the Chief Engineer has ever been to this area ?

(f) What is the sources of those rivers ?

(g) The distance of those rivers from their sources to the point where they meet the Beki river ?

(h) At what point these rivers are meeting the Beki river ?

(i) Whether these rivers have caused any erosions ?

(*f*) If so, how many thousands of acres of lands have been washed away ?

(*k*) How many villages have been eroded and how many families have been affected by these rivers during the last twenty years ?

(*l*) Whether any step whatsoever has been taken to give them relief ?

(*m*) If so, what step ?

(*n*) Whether there was any boat disasters in the year 1957 due to strong current of the Hakua River ?

(*o*) When these rivers will be surveyed ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

1026. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Not known.

(*c*)—Yes, the canal has developed to some extent.

(*d*)—There is no such proposal.

(*e*)—Does not arise.

(*f*)—Please refer to reply to Q. (*a*) above.

(*g*)—A preliminary investigation will be carried out.

(*h*)—During next winter.

(*i*)—Does not arise.

(*j*)—Will be known on completion of the preliminary investigation.

(*k*)—Please refer to reply to Q.(*g*) above.

(*l*)—There is no such proposal.

(*m*)—Does not arise.

1027. (*a*)—There is no such proposal.

(*b*)—Does not arise.

(*c*)—No.

(*b*) Please refer to reply to Question (*a*) above.

(*c*) Yes, the Public Works Department Minister, Superintending Engineer, E. & D. and Chief Engineer have visited the Mathanguri Basbari Embankment more than once and seen localities near about the embankment.

(*d*) There are local drainage channels having their sources in the Reserve Forest

(*e*) to (*i*) District officers are collecting the informations and will be supplied to the hon. Member as soon as these are obtained.

(*j*) There is no such proposal.

Controlling of Beki River

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

1028. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state

(*a*) Whether the Beki river will be controlled ?

(*b*) If so, when ?

(*c*) Whether any survey has been made ?

(*d*) What will be the total cost ?

(*e*) What is the length of the Beki river from its source to its mouth ?

(*f*) How many tributaries have joined this river ?

(*g*) What are their names ?

(*h*) Where form these tributaries have come ?

(*i*) Where each tributary has met with the Beki river ?

(*j*) Whether the Beki and its tributaries have caused erosions ?

(*k*) If so, how many acres of lands have been eroded by these rivers ?

(*l*) What is the depth and breadth of the Beki river at Mathanguri, Mengomari, Chaphakamar, Beki Public Works Department, Ghat and Beki railway bridge ?

(*m*) Through how many Mauzas the Beki river has passed ?

(*n*) What are their names ?

(*o*) What is the velocity of water of the Beki at Mathanguri, Bonsbary, Chaphakamar and Beki Public Works Department Ghat ?

(*p*) Who are the officials of the Embankment and Drainage Department who came to see the eroded condition of the Beki in Kherija Bijni Mauza ?

(*q*) Whether the Superintending Engineer, Embankment and Drainage ever visited the right bank of the Beki river in Kherija Bijni Mauza and the Kahitama forest reserve ?

(*r*) If not, how could he advise the Government to construct an embankment on the left bank from Mathanguri to Bonsbary ?

(*s*) Whether the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, ever visited that area ?

(*t*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*u*) Whether the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta, has seen the portion eroded by the Beki river and its tributaries in Kherija Bijni Mauza and Kahitama forest reserve ?

(*v*) If not, what is the reason ?

(*w*) Whether Government will give serious consideration to control this river ?

(*x*) If so, when ?

1029. (*a*) Whether Government are aware that a stream of the Beki river coming from near the Beki railway bridge is causing immense damage to Amguri and other villages ?

(c) Whether Government will close that stream ?

(d) Whether officers of the Embankment and Drainage visited that stream ?

(e) If not, when it will be visited by Embankment and Drainage official in the near future ?

(f) Whether Government will give priority to the [illegible] of this stream ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, P. W. D.) replied:

1028. (a) to (f) The informations are being collected.

1029. (a) to (f) The informations are being collected.

Erosion of land in Kherija Bijni Mouza of Barpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

1030. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state :—

(a) How many acres of lands have been eroded in Kherija Bijni Mouza, Barpeta subdivision by the Beki, Hokra Naljara, Ultaikhundar rivers since 1912 ?

(b) How many families have been eroded ?

(c) The names of the villages which have been eroded?

(d) How many houses have been eroded ?

(e) Whether the eroded families have been provided with lands ?

(f) If so, where ?

(g) What step Government have taken to stop erosions by these rivers ?

(h) Whether Government will control these rivers ?

(i) Whether any survey has been made ?

(*j*) If so, by whom and when ?

(*k*) Whether representations were submitted to Government to that effect ?

(*l*) If so, when and by whom ?

(*m*) Whether it is a fact that these rivers are causing more erosions on the right bank of the Beki river ?

(*n*) Whether there was any erosion between Mathanguri and Bonsbary ?

(*o*) If not, why an embankment was constructed from Mathanguri to Bonsbary ?

(*p*) Whether it is a fact that Government have neglected the right bank of the Beki river ?

(*q*) Whether there are human habitations on the right bank ?

(*r*) Whether it is a fact that Government have given more attention to the left bank than to the right bank ?

(*s*) Whether it is a fact that embankments on the right bank is meant for pleasure trips of Ministers and Officials ?

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

1030. (*a*) to (*s*)—The informations are being collected.

Number of Steam Rollers, Diesel oil Rollers, etc., under the disposal of Public Works Department

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (**Titabar**) asked:

1031. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many Steam Rollers are there in the whole of the State of Assam ?

(*b*) How many Diesel Oil Rollers are there ?

(e) How many Concrete Mixture Machines are there in the State ?

(f) How many Crushers are there in the State ?

(g) How many trucks (Diesel and Petrol) are there in the State ?

(h) How many office cars, jeeps and staff cars, saloon cars are there in the Department ?

(i) How many water pumps in the Department are there in the State ?

(k) How many machine boats are there in the whole State under the Department ?

(l) How many motor launches are there under the Department in the whole State ?

(j) What is the total valuation of these machineries at present ?

(k) What will be the approximate yearly devaluation of the machineries ?

(l) What is the total annual recurring expenditure of maintenance of all these machineries ?

(m) What is the total number of (1) skilled artisans, and (2) semi-skilled artisans in the whole organisation ?

(n) What is the number of unskilled manual labour engaged in the whole organisation ?

(o) How many workers have been engaged to maintain these machines in the workshops ?

(p) How many (1) Mechanical Executive Engineers, (2) Mechanical Subdivisional Officers and (3) Mechanical Overseers are there in the whole organisation ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

1031. (*a*)—42 Nos. (Under Public Works Department, Roads and Buildings Wing only).

(*b*)—35 Nos.

(*c*)—29 Nos. (Under Public Works Department, Roads and Buildings Wing only).

(*d*)—31 Nos. (Under Public Works Department, Roads and Buildings Wing only).

(*e*)—37 Nos. Diesel and 87 Nos. Petrol (Under Public Works Department, Roads and Buildings Wing only).

(*f*)—14 Nos. Cars and Saloon Cars 39 Nos., Jeeps 17 Nos. Pick-up vans and staff trucks.

(*g*)—27 Nos. (Under Public Works Department, Roads and Buildings Wing only).

(*h*)—46 Nos.

(*i*)—2 Nos.

(*j*)—Estimated value Rs.57 Lakhs.

(*k*)—Between 10 per cent and 20 per cent of capital cost.

(*l*)—Rs.3,22,582 in 1957-58 approximately.

(*m*)—(1) 295 Nos. skilled artisans } in the Public Works Department (R. & B.) only.
(2) 243 Nos. semi-skilled artisans }

(*n*)—This number varies from time to time according to necessity. Average daily figure can be assessed at 8,500 Nos. excluding Contractors' labour.

(*o*)—167 Nos.

(*p*)—(1) Mechanical Executive Engineers 2 Nos., (2) Mechanical Sub-divisional Officers 4 Nos., (3) Mechanical Overseers 19 Nos. } in the Public Works Department (R.&B. Wing) only.

Professional Graziers in the South Bank of Sadiya Transferred Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)

1032. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state

(a) Whether it is a fact that certain Professional Graziers had been keeping their cattle within the heart of villages in the South Bank of Sadiya Transferred Area ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a man named Prasad Kurmi was killed by the buffaloes belonging to the Grazier ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the matter was reported to the local police and that no action has been taken by them to arrest or institute a case against the person who let loose the buffaloes in the village ?

(d) Whether Government propose to direct the Graziers not to let loose their cattle specially the buffaloes in the villages except in Professional Grazing Reserves ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

1032. (a) Some graziers might have kept their cattle in these areas.

(b) No information.

(c)—From the records of the last 5 years, it appears that no such case was lodged in the Police Thana concerned.

(d)—Buffaloes are allowed to be kept in the Professional Grazing Reserves only by issue of permits and not outside the Professional Grazing Reserves.

Moderkhat Tea Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

1033. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that about 2,000 bighas of paddy cultivable land was transferred to the proprietor of Moderkhat Tea Company, an Indian Planter from the cultivators in Moderkhat Mauza (Dibrugarh Subdivision) since 1930 ?

(*b*) Whether Government are aware that this Planter is acting as a Zamindar besides being a Tea Planter ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that he (the Tea Planter) is still procuring more land from cultivators ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that this Tea Planter it still occupying Grazing and Waste lands and annual patta lands from cultivators ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to acquire all paddy cultivable land from this Tea Planter and distribute the same amongst landless cultivators or cultivators having inadequate land ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to evict this Tea Planter from Grazing and waste lands as soon as possible ?

1034. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that proprietor of Moderkhat Tea Company is occupying grazing and waste land recently in Gohain Gaon in Moderkhat Mouza (Dibrugarh Subdivision) ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that this Planter is ploughing with tractor on the grazing land, burial and cremation grounds in Gohain Gaon of Moderkhat Mouza ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that the administrative machinery of Dibrugarh is in favour of the Tea Planter and against the interest of the villagers in Moderkhat Mouza ?

(*d*) If not, why the villagers in Moderkhat Mauza found themselves in a helpless position and that the Tea Planter still continue his occupation of the Grazing Land, Waste Land, Burial ground, Cremation ground, etc., there ?

(*e*) Why this Planter has not yet been evicted from Grazing Land, Waste Land, Sarkari Land and annual patta in Moderkhat Mauza ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

1033. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—Yes.

(*c*)—No information.

(*d*)—Yes. The Tea Planter encroached upon an area of 1B 3K 12L of grazing land but has given up the encroachment now. Further an area of 6B 2K OL. of sarkari waste land has been encroached upon and also an area of 36B. 2K A P land was occupied by the Tea Planter.

(*e*)—There is no proposal.

(*f*)—Yes.

1034. (*a*)—No grazing land has been encroached but an area of 6B-2K-0L of waste land mentioned has been encroached upon by the Tea Planter.

(*b*)—An area of 3K-17Ls of Sarkari waste land has been ploughed by the Tea Planter and not on burial and cremation ground.

(*c*)—No.

(*d*) & (*e*)—Action has been taken by the Deputy Commissioner to remove encroachment on sarkari land.

Ghograjan Tea Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

1035. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the proprietor of Ghograjan Tea Co. an Indian Planter is in possession of over 1,000 bighas of paddy cultivable

land in Chagolikata, Dangar Pathar, Phutahola and other villages in Moderkhat Mauza, Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that these lands formerly belonged to real cultivators and were transferred to this businessman or business firm since 1930 ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that this Tea Planter occupied a large amount of grazing land and waste land during the last 25 years ?

(*d*) Whether Government would furnish the amount of such land mentioned in (*c*) ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that this business firm and Tea Planter is still procuring waste land, sarkari land, grazing land, annual patta land from cultivators and other periodic patta lands from cultivators in Phutahola and other villages in Moderkhat Mouza during the last few years?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the Revenue Staff at Dibrugarh is not active enough to prevent aggression over land by this non-cultivator ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the predecessor of the present Sub-Deputy Collector, Dibrugarh Eastern Circle gave possession to this Tea Planter and business firm over certain waste land and annual patta land ?

(*h*) If so, whether Government would furnish details?

(*i*) Whether Government propose to cancel annual pattas issued to this Tea Planter ?

(*j*) Whether Government propose to evict this Tea Planter from grazing, waste and other sarkari land immediately ?

(*k*) Whether Government propose to acquire all paddy cultivable land from this Tea Planter and distribute amongst the landless cultivators and cultivators of uneconomic holdings ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

1035. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*)—Yes. Most of these lands belonging to the real cultivators were mutated in the name of this businessman since 1930 on the basis of transfer and exchange, etc.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Tea Planter is occupying only 9B-0K-10Ls. of grazing land of Futahulagaon since last year.

(*e*)—Yes. This Business firm and Tea Planter is purchasing annual patta land and periodic patta lands from cultivators in Moderkhat Mouza during the last few years.

(*f*) No.

(*g*)—Yes.

(*h*)—An area of 33B-1K-0L of annual land as shown below was cancelled for transfer and then settled with the Tea Planter on the basis of possession:—

		B	K	L
Futahulagaon Dag No.	127 ...	4	4	3
	174 ...	1	1	6
	176 ...	0	4	5
	178 ...	1	0	1
	179 ...	11	3	9
	292 ...	8	3	17
	299 ...	0	1	13
	450 ...	2	3	0
	452 ...	1	4	6
	...	33B	1K	0L

(*i*)—The matter is under consideration of the Deputy Commissioner.

(*j*)—Necessary action is being taken to evict the Tea Planter from the grazing land.

(*k*)—No.

Proprietor, Assam Distillery and Moderkhat Tea Estate

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

1036. (*a*) Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a copy of letter No. 9790-R, dated 22nd December 1947, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur to the Sub-Deputy Collector, Eastern Circle, Dibrugarh ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that the Proprietor of Assam Distillery and Moderkhat Tea Estate had unauthorised occupation over a number of plots of land in Moderkhat Mouza and the then Deputy Commissioner ordered the Circle Sub-Deputy Collector in 1947 to take strong steps against him ?

(*c*) Whether it is a fact that with the transfer of Shri N. K. Rustomji, the then Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh, the Circle Sub-Deputy Collector did not take adequate steps on his order ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the Proprietor of Moderkhat Tea Company was very active in occupying grazing reserves, sarkari land, waste land, annual patta land and other periodic patta land from Pattaders by any means in the early part of attainment of Independence ?

(*e*) Whether it is a fact that the successor of Shri N.K. Rustomji did take inadequate steps to preserve the interest of local cultivators in Moderkhat Mauza ?

(*f*) Whether the Minister-in-charge will lay on the table a list of plots of land with their areas showing separately the grazing reserve, dereserved grazing land, waste land, reserved land, annual patta land, land procured from periodic patta holders, "Nisf-kheraj" and land of other descriptions occupied or taken possession of by the Proprietor, Assam Distillery, or his relatives since the formation of Interim National Government, *i.e.*, 1946 ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that most cultivators of the surrounding villages of Moderkhat Tea Estate were rendered almost landless due to the pressure of the Proprietor of this Tea Estate ?

(*h*) Whether Government are aware that some of land owning cultivators have been reduced to the position of beggars in that area due to the actions of this Indian Tea Planter ?

(e) Whether the Minister-in-charge will furnish this House with a list of the areas of land under the occupation of the Proprietor of the Assam Distillery and Moderkhat Tea Company or his relatives which is not covered by either tea or mechanised cultivation ?

(f) Whether Government have any proposal to cancel all illegal transfer of land from this businessmen or his relative ?

(g) Whether Government propose to cancel the ownership of this business family over all cultivable land and return the same to the former owners of periodic or annual pattas who have been rendered landless or owner of inadequate land or uneconomic holding or to other indigenous cultivators ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

1036. (a) to (g) Informations have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Tribal Blocks and Belts

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

1037. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are keeping the Tribal Blocks and Belts intact ?

(b) If not, what steps Government are taking to keep them intact ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that there have been encroachment in them by persons not entitled under Chapter X of the Assam Land Revenue Act ?

(d) Whether any pattas have been issued to encroachers from 1947 till date ?

(e) If so, whether such pattas will be cancelled forthwith ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that many people are settling unlawfully in Sarkari lands of Tribal Blocks and Belts ?

(g) If so, whether they would be evicted immediately ?

(*h*) Whether during the last Winter Session of the Assembly the tribal leaders met the Revenue Minister and apprised him on the situation ?

(*i*) If so, why no steps had yet been taken ?

(*j*) Whether assurances given by the Revenue Minister during the last Winter Session to amend the defects in the law relating to Tribal Belts and Blocks have been fulfilled ?

(*k*) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

1037. (*a*) to (*g*)—The informations have been called for from the Local Officers.

(*h*) to (*k*)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Opening of Palasi Reserve for Settlement

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

1038. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Palasi Reserve has been opened for settlement ?

(*b*) If not, whether it will be opened for settlement soon ?

(*c*) If not, why not ?

(*d*) How many bighas of lands are there ?

(*e*) Whether people are settling there ?

(*f*) If so, how many families are there of different communities ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

1038. (*a*)—Palasi is the local name of a part of the Subankhata-Bhogpara Professional Grazing Reserve in Uttar Baska mouza of Tihu Circle. A part of this Professional Grazing Reserve was dereserved and the area taken up under reclamation scheme for settlement with landless people.

(b) —There is no proposal for dereservation of any area of the said reserve for settlement.

(c) —The area is necessary for grazing.

(d) The Subankhata-Bhogpara Professional Grazing Reserve contains an area of 21,000 bighas approximately.

(e) More than 3 hundred people, Refugees, Immigrants, Tribals and other landless people of the locality have encroached upon some parts of the Professional Grazing Reserve known as Palasi, Japadanga, Sialdara and Barikadanga.

(f) No census of the encroachers have been made. According to the eviction proceeding started in the year 1956-57 there were 213 refugees and 50 tribals.

Black topping of North Trunk Road from Charali to Tezpur

Shri DANDI RAM DATTA (Mangaldai) asked :

1039. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state whether Government has any proposal for Black-topping the North Trunk Road from Charali to Tezpur ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [(Minister, Public Works Department (Road and Buildings Wing)] replied :

1039.—The informations are being called for.

Lahdaigarh Road from Assam Trunk Road to the Rangdoi village of Hatigarh Mouza

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

1040. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the portion of the Lahdaigarh road from Assam Trunk Road to the Rangdoi Village of Hatigarh Mouza about 4 miles is one of the important portions in the Jorhat Subdivision in all respects ?

(b) Whether Government have taken any step for gravelling and metalling this portion of the Lahdaigarh road ?

(*c*) If not, will Government be pleased to take early step in this regard ?

(*d*) If not, why not ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Building Wings)] replied :

1040. (*a*)—It is a question of opinion. In consideration of the present traffic on the Road, it cannot perhaps be considered as so important a road.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*)—It is already a gravelled road and there is no proposal for metalling it at present. However the proposal will be placed before the Assam Roads Communication Board for their consideration and if selected works will be taken up on availability of founds.

Land of M/S Nandalall Kishenlall of Bismile

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

1041. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased state—

(*a*) The total area of land belonging to Messrs Nandalall Kishenlall of Bismile (near Chabua) in Bogdung, Gharbandi and Chabua Pulunga Mauzas and in other mauzas in Dibrugarh Subdivison ?

(*b*) The total area of land transferred to their relatives or other non-cultivators since contemplation of the Land Ceiling Act by Government of Assam?

(*c*) The total area of land sold to the cultivators since contemplation of Land Ceiling Act by Government of Assam ?

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that all paddy cultivable land in possession of this firm were procured from indigenous cultivators at nominal prices ?

(*e*) Whether Government propose to cancel the transfer of land from this firm to non-cultivators or to his relatives since contemplation of Land Ceiling Act ?

(*f*) Whether Government propose to cancel ownership or acquire all paddy cultivable lands from this business firm and tea planter with a view to distribute the same amongst landless or uneconomic holders of land of that locality ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

1041. (*a*) 2624B 2K 13L.

(*b*) 869B 3K 3L.

(*c*) 215B 3K 17L.

(*d*) Government have no information.

(*e*) Transfer of land is permissible under the Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act. But "Benami" transfer taking place after 12th November 1955 with a view to evading the provisions of this Act shall not be taken into account in determining the excess land of a transferer and such transfer shall not be recognised.

(*f*) No, except as is provided in the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

Land of M/S Chunilal Pannalal and Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

1042. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) The total area of land in possession of Messrs. Chunilal Pannalall and Company, Panitola in Bogdung, Gharbandi, Chabua, Pulunga Mauza and other Mauzas of Dibrugarh Eastern, Dibrugarh Western and Tinsukia Circles of Dibrugarh Subdivision (to be shown mouza-wise) ?

(*b*) The total area of land transferred to their relatives, partners and other non-cultivators since contemplation of the Assam Land Ceiling Act (to be shown separately) ?

(*c*) The total areas of land sold to the cultivators since contemplation of the Land Ceiling Act ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that almost all paddy cultivable and other cultivable lands were procured by this firm from cultivators ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that this firm was an Opium Mahalder once and could manage to procure almost all these cultivable land either by offering opium or at a very nominal rent from cultivators?

(f) Whether Government propose to cancel the transfer of land by this firm to their partners or relatives or to non-cultivators since contemplation of Land Ceiling Act ?

(g) Whether Government propose to cancel ownership or acquire all paddy cultivable land from this firm or partners of this firm with a view to distribute among landless or uneconomic holder of land of the respective locality ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

1042. (a) 647B 1K 0L in Bogdumi mauza.

91B 3K 18L in Gharbandi mauza.

246B 2K 0L in Jamira mauza.
41B 0K 11L in Larua mauza.

Total ... 1026B 2K 9L.

(b)—411B 2K 1L. Separate figures are not readily available.

(c)—72B 4K 0L.

(d)—Both from cultivators and non-cultivators.

(e)—Government have no information.

(f)—Transfer of land is permissible under the Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act. But "Benami" transfer taking place after 12th November 1955 with a view to evading the provisions of this Act shall not be taken into account in determining the excess land of transferor and such transfer shall not be recognised.

(g)—No, except as is provided in the Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

Land of M S Senairam Doongarmal, Tinsukia

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

1043. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) The total area of land in possession of Messrs. Senairam Doongarmall of Tinsukia in Tinsukia Circle and other circles of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(*b*) The total area of land in Tinsukia Town belonging to this firm ?

(*c*) The total area of land transferred to the partners and their relatives since contemplation of Land Ceiling Act ?

(*d*) The total area of land sold to non-cultivators since contemplation of this Act ?

(*e*) The total area of land sold to the cultivators since contemplation of this Land Ceiling Act ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that almost all lands procured by this firm were in possession of a particular class of indigenous cultivators ?

(*g*) Whether it is a fact that the then British Government had to insert Rule 6 in Chapter II of Part VI of the Assam Land Revenue Manual to stop transfer of land from these cultivators to the class of businessman to which this firms belongs to in or about 1930 ?

(*h*) Whether Government will be pleased to furnish a list of land transferred to this firm after insertion of the clause or rule in the Land Revenue Manual mentioned in (*g*) above ?

(*i*) Whether Government propose to give certain protection to the class of cultivators who are on the verge of the extinction in Tinsukia Town and in the neighbourhood of Tinsukia ?

(j) Whether Government are aware that this class of cultivators gave their land to this business firm to get opium or at a very nominal price due to their ignorance ?

(*k*) Whether it is a fact that this class of cultivators has not yet been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes and protection available to the Tribes have not yet been extended to them ?

(*l*) Whether Government propose to retransfer these lands to the class of cultivator from whom this business firm procured ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

1043. (*a*)—287.1B. 1K. 5L.

(*b*)—430B. 1K. 17L.

(*c*)—All the lands in Tinsukia circle have been transferred to Tinsukia Development Corporation and Sewpur Tea Company, Limited. Government have no information in respect of other circles.

(*d*)—Nil.

(*e*)—Nil.

(*f*)—Government have no information.

(*g*)—Yes.

(*h*)—Not readily available.

(*i*)—It is not understood what kind of protection the hon'ble Member means.

(*j*)—Government have no information.

(*k*)—It is not possible to reply to this question unless the class of people is specifically mentioned.

(*l*)—Government have no authority.

Goneshbari Tea Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

1044. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the proprietor of Goneshbari Tea Company procured a large area of

grazing land, waste land, sarkari land, annual periodic patta land from cultivators during the last 50 years or so in Lahoal Mouza of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) Whether Government would furnish a list of land procured by this tea planter in Lahoal Mouza during the last 50 years (land of different descriptions may be shown separately) ?

Whether Government would furnish this House with the area of land belonging to this tea planter in other parts of Dibrugarh Subdivision?

(c) Whether it is a fact that this tea planter is still continuing to occupy grazing land, waste land and other sarkari land for expansion of tea plantation of different tea gardens in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(d) Whether Government propose to cancel ownership of this tea Planter over grazing land, waste land and annual patta land procured during the last 25 years ?

(e) Whether Government propose to cancel ownership of this tea planter over all "Rupit" land in Dibrugarh Subdivision with a view to distribute the same amongst indigenous cultivators who have become landless or uneconomic holdings of land due to pressure from the commercial section of population ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

1044. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—140B. 4K. 16L.—Grazing land

32B. 0K. 16L—Annual patta land.

671B, 2K. 16L—Periodic patta land.

(*c*)—5110B. 0K. 2L—in Lahowal Mouza.
3270B. 0K. 19L—in Rahmoria Bogdung and Moderkhat Mouza.
180B. 1K. 2L—in Tinsukia circle.

(*d*)—No such occupation has come to notice.

(*e*)—This will be examined.

(*f*)—No, except as is provided in the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act.

Tamulbari Tea Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

1045. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the proprietor of Tamulbari Tea Company procured about 1,000 bighas of land from cultivators in Dangar Pathar, Timona and other villages in Moderkhat Mouza of Dibrugarh Subdivision since 1930 ?

(*b*) Whether it is a fact that most of these lands are known as "Rupit" or paddy cultivable lands ?

(*c*) Whether Government propose to cancel ownership or acquire these "Rupit" lands from this tea planter and distribute the same amongst landless cultivators ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

1045. (*a*)—No.

(*b*) & (*c*)—Does not arise.

Budget Provision for N. E. S. Blocks

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

1046. Will the Minister-in-charge, Community Projects, be pleased to state—

(*a*) What is the total Budget provision for the blocks for 1957-58 under different heads in different items ?

(*b*) How much money has been allotted to each-mauza out of the total provision ?

(*c*) How much money has been allotted for education ?

(c) What amount has been given to different schools and what are the names of those schools ?

(d) How much money has been spent in construction of Roads, Bridges and for Water Supply with their names and the amount spent in each item ?

(e) Who prepared the Projects ?

(f) Is there any Executive Committee for selecting the Project area other than the Project Advisory Board ?

(g) If so, who are the members of the Executive Committee ?

(h) Whether local M.L.As are members of the Executive Committee ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Project) replied :

1016. (a) During 1957-58, budget provision had been made for 21 new N. E. S. Blocks in the State. The provision under different heads for these proposed new blocks were as follows :—

		Rs.
1.	Block Headquarters	4,50,000
2.	Animal Husbandry and Agricultural Extension.	2,05,100
3.	Irrigation and Reclamation	42,000
4.	Health and Rural Sanitation	1,60,000
5.	Education and Social Education ...	1,60,310
6.	Communications	2,87,170
7.	Rural, Crafts etc.	21,000
8.	Housing	3,40,000

Subsequently, however, the State was only allotted 9 blocks against the 21 blocks for which budget provision had been made. Out of these nine, two were taken up from 1st April 1957, and seven blocks were taken up from 2nd October, 1957. The total financial allotment for these nine blocks during 1957-58 came to Rs.538,141.

(*b*)—No allotment is generally made on mauza basis. At the time of implementation of schemes and the selection of locations thereof, the needs and requirements of different mauzas are taken into account.

(*c*) & (*d*) - Rs.15,000 was allotted for the 9 blocks taken up during 1957-58. No expenditure could, however, be incurred out of this allotment.

(*e*)—No expenditure was incurred during 1957-58.

(*f*) & (*g*)—The selection of the area, to be covered by each block is made by Government on the basis of the recommendations of the District/Subdivisional Development Board concerned. The schemes and projects forming the development programme for any block area are initially placed before the respective Project Advisory Committee for approval and thereafter forwarded to the Community Project Department, who sanction the schemes in consultation with the Heads of Departments concerned. Apart from the District/Subdivisional Development Board and the Project Advisory Committee, there is no other Executive Committee for selecting the Project area.

(*h*)—Does not arise.

(*i*)—The local M. L. As. are members of the Subdivisional Development Board.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Closing down of Borsoikota Tea Estate of Jorhat

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

6. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether Government are aware that the Borsoikota Tea Estate of Jorhat is now closed down ?

(b) If so, when the garden was closed down ?

(c) What is the reason for closing down the garden ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that the garden is an economic unit ?

(e) Whether there is any probability of reopening the garden ?

(f) If so, when ?

7. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state

(a) What is the number of labour population in the Borsoloita Tea Estate ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that due to closing down of the garden the labourers had to face acute hardship ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that the garden is now without a doctor ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that the garden, though a good garden, is a mismanaged one ?

(e) Whether Government propose to take over this garden for the interest of the labourers as well as the industry ?

(f) If so, when ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture for Minister, Labour) replied :

6. (a) Yes.

(b) From 17th February 1958.

(c) The garden has closed down due to difference of opinion among the partners regarding the management of the garden. The Bank has also refused to finance the garden for this year.

(d) Yes.

(e) & (f)—According to the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat's report the proprietors of the garden are taking steps to re-open it early.

7. (a)—Two hundred and sixty-four.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e) & (f)—Government are considering the possibilities of taking over of uneconomic or mismanaged gardens.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) : Will the labourers be paid adequate compensation for the period of closure ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) : The matter will be looked into, Sir.

Broadcasting Programme for tea garden labourers from Gauhati Centre of the All-India Radio in Assamese

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

8. Will the Minister-in-charge of Publicity be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether the Government are aware that the programme for the Tea Garden labourers from the Gauhati Centre of All-India Radio is broadcast in Hindi ?

(*b*) Whether Government propose to arrange with All-India Radio to broadcast this programme in Assamese ?

(*c*) Whether Government are aware that 75 per cent of the tea garden labourers are permanently settled labourers and they are all habituated in speaking Assamese language ?

(*d*) Whether Government are aware that many of these garden labourers have come from States like Orissa and Andhra where Hindi is not the mother tongue ?

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

8. (*a*)—Yes.

(*b*)—The question is being considered.

(*c*)—Government have no information about the percentage of permanently settled labourers, but they are aware that majority of them are permanently settled labourers and they, in Assam Valley tea gardens, speak in broken Assamese.

(*d*)—Yes.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI : When the All India Radio has begun to broadcast the programme in Hindi ? Have the State Government intimated or negotiated with the Government of India to make the programme in Assamese also ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Publicity) : Yes, it is just introduced.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): Are Government aware that the Radio programme is given at 4 p.m. and as such the labourers cannot attend to such Radio programmes ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: This matter can be taken up with the Government of India.

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member's question is "Are Government aware that the Radio programme in Hindi is given at 4 p.m. when the labourers cannot attend".

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: Yes, Sir.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI: Will Government be pleased to see that such Radio programme is given in the evening when the clubs are opened ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: That will be done in consultation with the Government of India.

Total amount of money received by the State Government from the Centre under Article 275 during the 1955-56 and 1956-57

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

9. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(*a*) The total amount of money received by the State Government from the Centre under Article 275 for development schemes in the Autonomous Districts of Assam during the year 1955-56 and 1956-57 respectively ?

(*b*) Whether the State Government have made any contribution to the aforesaid grant ?

(*c*) The total amount allotted to each Autonomous District during the year 1955-56 and 1956-57 ?

(*d*) What is the basis of distributing the development grant among the Autonomous Districts of Assam ?

(*e*) Whether a Subdivisional Board has been set up by the Government in each Subdivision of the Autonomous Districts ?

(*f*) What are the functions of these Boards ?

(*g*) What part do the District Councils play in the field of development activities in the respective areas ?

(*h*) Whether it is a fact that some grant of Rs.14,500 has recently been given to the Mizo District from the Tribal Administration Department ?

(*i*) Whether it is a fact that such grants are made directly to the individuals belonging to the Eastern India Tribal Union (E.I.T.U) by ignoring the Mizo District Council or the Subdivisional Development Board ?

(*j*) If so, whether the same practice is done in other Autonomous Districts ?

(*k*) Who prepares and recommends the schemes pertaining to the development programmes ?

(*l*) Who shall be responsible for the successful completion of these schemes ?

Capt WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas) replied :

9. (*a*)—The amounts received are as follows—

1955-56 ... Rs.134·42 lakhs.

1956-57 ... Rs.125·00 lakhs.

(*b*)—It is presumed that by the term "Contribution to the aforesaid grant" the hon. Member means the supplementary grant by the State Government. If so, the State Government do not actually supplement the grant, but they spend very substantial amount of money on various development schemes separately for the Autonomous Districts.

(*c*)—The figures of allotment districtwise are not readily available.

(*d*)—The distribution is based on the needs and practicability of the proposed schemes.

(*e*)—Yes.

(*f*)—The functions of the Subdivisional Development Boards are as follows—

(1) To advise on the formulation of the Five-Year Plans and annual plans in relation to the needs of the Subdivision,

2. To review the progress in implementation of approved programmes of development, on the basis of quarterly progress reports to be submitted by the local Heads of Development Departments.

3. To advise on integrated implementation of plans and efficient utilisation of funds allotted and to suggest priorities for expenditure within the sum allotted by Government. In particular, to recommend measures for effective and speedy fulfilment of schemes of economic and social development and more especially of National Extension Service, Community Projects, Agricultural Production Programmes, Local Development works, Social Service and Village and Small Industries.

4. To promote public participation and co-operation in development programmes and expanded local community effort both in urban and rural areas.

5. To help and promote the small Savings Movement.

6. To help allocation of, and preparation of schemes for utilisation of grants made available for local development works and other self-help works.

7. To discharge statutory functions under the Panchayat Act.

(g) In respect of certain development schemes the District Councils play the part of executing agencies and they also initiate certain development schemes.

(h) A total amount of Rs.14,000 has recently been sanctioned by the Tribal Areas Department from the grant under Article 275 of the Constitution for a number of Self-help schemes as grants-in-aid to certain institutions and Social Organisations doing welfare work.

(i) No. These grants are made for the collective benefit of the villagers or organisations doing welfare work and sanctioned to the Deputy Commissioner who distributes them to the executing agencies. As such the question of ignoring the District Council or the Subdivisional Development Board does not arise.

(j) The method of distribution of development grants is the same in all Autonomous Districts.

(k) Generally, the District and Subdivisional Officers in the Autonomous Districts formulate development schemes for their areas in consultation with the representatives of the District Council, Tribal M. L. As. and other leading tribal epresentatives of the District/Subdivision and then place them

before the Subdivisional Development Boards for recommendations. These schemes are then finally approved by Government in consultation with the Heads of Development Department who execute them. Schemes submitted by institutions, Organisations doing welfare work and individuals to Government either direct or through the Departments are also considered by Government.

(*b*)—The executing agencies are mainly responsible for the successful completion of the schemes concerned subject to the overall control of the respective Deputy Commissioners or the Subdivisional Officers.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): With regard to 9(*a*) Sir, is it a fact, that the N. E. S. Block Officer or the Project Executive Officer of the area for whom this sum of Rs.14,500 is meant do not know anything about this Grant ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas): I have already stated, Sir, the amount was made available to the Deputy Commissioner of the District who is the Chairman of the Subdivisional Development Board, and the Project Executive Officer is the member of that Board, therefore the question about his not knowing about it is not correct.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: Sir, who is responsible for furnishing a completion certificate for utilisation of the grant ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: The Deputy Commissioner will have the utilisation certificate from the executing agency and forward it to Government.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): Is it a fact that the amount was given for the same projects which were undertaken by the N. E. S. Block ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: Sir, sometimes we have to give some more amount to help completion of a certain project when we find the amount already given is inadequate to complete the project. In this particular project, some more money had to be given as the amount already given was found inadequate to complete the same.

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai): Direct Grant দিয়াৰ কাৰণে Mizo District Council গৱর্ণমেণ্টৰ ওচৰত কিবা আপত্তি কৰিছিল নে নাই ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: All these schemes were sent to Government. This applies not only to the Mizo district but to all the hills districts and even to Plains Tribal areas. Government then in consultation with

the various Heads of the departments decide as to whether a certain scheme deserves to be sanctioned or not. If they consider the scheme suitable, then they give their sanction. This practice is followed not only in connection with the Mizo District alone but in respect of other Hills Districts also.

Speaker's ruling on the point raised by Shri Sarat Chandra Goswami under Rule 33 (5, and Rule 47 relating to Stared Questions.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave of you to draw your attention to one important matter. Sir, to-day we have found that out of the total of 120 questions only 40 questions have been orally replied. Now replies to certain questions are so very important and of topical interest that if these are left over to the next session, they will lose their significance. So I want to know whether it would be possible or not for the Ministers concerned to supply the information to the Members.

Mr. SPEAKER : It is, I think, covered by the rules. But before I come to this point, I would like to deal first with the point of order raised by Mr. Goswami when he drew the attention of the Chair to Rule 33, sub-rule (5) which says, "No member shall be permitted to ask more than five starred questions for oral answer on any day". Now it is a fact that more than five questions were asked by individual Members. Now I would like to draw the attention of the House to Rule 47. Unanswered Starred Questions on last day of session. "Any starred questions which remain unanswered on the last day of the session, replies to such questions shall be circulated to the members, and such replies shall form part of the proceedings of the last day". Therefore I think it would be proper to place before the House all unanswered starred questions under Rule 47, and that disposes of the point raised by Mr. Goswami. All these unanswered starred questions which have been placed before the House to-day will form part of the proceedings under Rule 47 of the Assembly Rules and they will be duly printed and published. So far as the interpretation of the Rules is concerned, this is governed by Rule 314 which says, "If any doubt arises as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of these rules, the decision of the Speaker shall be final. By virtue of Rule 315, however, Rule 47 takes precedence over Rule 33, sub-rule (5). I hope that satisfies the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

Shri JOGA KANTA BARUA (Jaipur) : Sir, some Unstarred Questions are not answered in the House and the answers are sent to individual Members afterwards. But I think when you have admitted a question it becomes the property of the House and all the Members have the right to know the answers.

Mr. SPEAKER: So far as the Unstarred Questions are concerned, they will be printed and circulated to the Hon. Members and there will be no difficulty in regard to Unstarred Questions. But difficulty arises in respect of Starred Questions because they are meant for oral answers. Unless they are placed before the House, they cannot form part of the proceedings. Therefore this special rule covers the Starred Questions. They are not lapsed at all. They will be circulated to all Members.

All activities of the Assembly Secretariat will be governed by the rules embodied in these Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.

Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY [**Cherapunji (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)**] : May I know, Sir, whether the list of the names of the villages placed on the Library Table will be printed in the proceedings of the Assembly ?

Mr. SPEAKER : They will be printed and circulated to the hon. Members.

During the last session there was a great deal of dissatisfaction about the questions in this House. I undertook to enquire into the matter and placed the available facts before this august House. This year, 387 Starred Questions were received out of them 381 were admitted and replies were received for 358 questions. So far as Unstarred Questions are concerned, 1197 questions were received, 1179 were admitted and 1046 were replied. The above figures will indicate that 97·2 per cent of the questions were admitted and 90 per cent of the admitted questions were replied to by the Government. The admission of a large number of questions involved a great deal of labour on the part of the Assembly Secretariat as heavy revisions, and, in cases, even recasting were necessary before these questions could be admitted under the Rules. Furthermore, my directive that all questions received from the Members after being admitted, must be sent from this office to the Government Secretariat within three days of their receipt, put a heavy strain on the members of our staff. My advice that it should be an endeavour of the Assembly Secretariat to admit as many questions as possible resulted in 97·2 per cent of the questions being admitted. This is indeed a great improvement on our experience of

the past years, but as there was no corresponding increase in members of our staff, the work was very heavy with the result that there have been a few shortcomings. Considering the fact that this had to be done in addition to increased work in respect of various committees of this House, it will be appreciated that my Secretariat put their best effort in this behalf. The hon. Members will have noticed that there were a few repetitions of questions This was due, in some cases, to variations in forms of questions on the same subject matter and also in a large measure due to great difficulty of proper indexing.

I hope, if and when we get the additional staff required for this purpose, we shall be in a position to eliminate all these shortcomings.

So far as the replies are concerned, as I have said before that replies were received for 90 per cent of the questions admitted. I am aware of the fact that in spite of our serious endeavours, we did not succeed eliminating the necessity of printing replies of the Starred Questions at the end of the session. I am also conscious that so far as promptitude in replying as well as adequacy of facts made available are concerned, no doubt, there is room for improvement; but when everything has been said and done, it must be admitted that this is a marked improvement which is the result of close-co-operation between the Government and the Assembly Secretariat. I have no doubt that by their joint endeavour they will be able to evolve expeditious method of providing the hon. Members with adequate replies to their questions to the satisfaction of the hon. Members themselves. So far as I and my Secretariat are concerned, in all humility I beg to say that "Give us the tools, we will finish the job."

In this connection I would like to bring to the notice of the hon. Members of statement showing various questions admitted and replies given during budget sessions of 1956, 1957 and 1958. That will give an indication of the amount of work that has been done in my Secretariat:

In 1956, 63 Starred Questions were admitted and 54 questions replied; 221 Unstarred Questions were admitted and 192 Questions were replied.

In 1957, 167 Starred Questions were admitted and 43 Questions were replied; 491 Unstarred Questions were admitted and 127 Questions were replied.

In this session 381 Starred Questions were admitted and 358 Questions were replied ; 1179 Unstarred Questions were admitted and 1046 Questions have been replied.

I hope the hon. Members will appreciate the increased work in this connection that had to be done in my Secretariat. I may take the hon. Members into confidence by saying that some of my staff including the senior officers had to work about 15 to 16 hours per day and as a result they had to work up to the midnight.

It has been appreciated that Members of the House showed great keenness in putting questions and to receive adequate replies thereto. It will be my endeavour to help the Members always to the best of our ability.

Shri Hareswar Goswami's Contention regarding reply information has been called for".

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) : Sir, as I once stated before, I am again raising this question that to certain questions we get reply that "We have no information", or "the information is being collected". This is not a reply.

Mr. SPEAKER: In this connection I already said that in such a case we should try to adopt a better method of reply to satisfy the hon. Members. To give satisfactory replies to all the questions it requires increased co-operation of my Secretariat as well as of the Secretariat of the Administration and in that way only we will be able to satisfy the hon. Members and to solve our problems.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): Sir, we have not been supplied with cyclostyled copies of proceedings for the last few days. So, do we expect to get the copies of proceedings of those few days and of today ?

Mr. SPEAKER: At present we have not got increased staff to provide the Members with copies of day to day proceedings. To prepare the proceedings of one day which contain some times from 80 to 100 pages require about 3 days to edit and then they are cyclostyled, Then the cyclostyled copies are not only circulated to the Members but also to the Departments of the administration. I would only suggest to the hon. Members to see that they are prompt in getting their speeches corrected because it is found that it is sometimes they who make delay in returing their speeches when given for correction and return, and therefore there is delay in publication of such proceedings.

SHAMSUDDIN AHAMED (Minister, L.S.-G.): After [illegible], Sir, I have no desire to add to [illegible] to make a submisson with regard [illegible] my friend, the Leader of the Opposition [illegible] to replies given such as say "We [illegible]" Sir, the reply depends on the nature [illegible] is not possible for the Government [illegible] with regard to certain questions [illegible] that "We have no information". We [illegible] action to collect the required information [illegible] officers we supply him to the Members [illegible] to suppress anything whatsoever [illegible] objection to replies such as "Information [illegible]. I think he is perfectly right in [illegible] not collecting in time and placing [illegible] the disposal of the Members. In future [illegible] received by the Government we shall [illegible] information as early as possible and place [illegible] before the hon. Members. As you have [illegible] Sir, this time there has been a marked improvement [illegible] information from the District Officers and only [illegible] has not been possible for the Government to get information from some inaccessible quarters. Therefore, in respect of such cases it was stated that the information is being collected. But I shall convey your view and the desire of the House to the Chief Minister and we shall see that in future all the questions are replied as promptly as possible.

Mr. SPEAKER: So far as the first point is concerned instead of the reply that "Government have no information" we can perhaps put it in another form by saying that "Government tried to ascertain the facts but could not get the facts". The reply that "Government have no information" indicates that there is lack of initiative on the part of the Government.

So far as the second point is concerned I think Government can wait till the informations are made available to them so that they can be made available to the Members of the House.

Of course, there has been a marked improvement and nobody is more appreciative of it than the hon. Members of the House, but the Government need not place these replies before the House till such time as they receive the replies.

The hon. Members will wait for such time—resonable time, of course, till the Government can get information. "Information is being collected" creates an impression of tardiness of locomotion on the part of the administrative machinery.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) : Some premature cases were due to the sudden prorogation of the Assembly. We were informed that the Assembly would continue till the 6th and this sudden prorogation has caused this trouble in some cases.

Mr. SPEAKER: Government informed the Business Advisory Committee as well as the Assembly Secretariat that they would bring the Panchayat Bill, but this could not be done. So, if the House is prorogued earlier, the responsibility does not rest with the hon. Members.

Shri HARESWAR DAS : Sir, my point is with regard to the questions only.

Shri B. M. Roy's application for Leave of absence

Mr. SPEAKER : I know.

I have got an application from Mr. B. M. Roy, Member representing the Shillong Constituency of the Assam Legislative Assembly. He has applied to me under rule 185 to grant him permission for absence from meetings of the House due to ill health. The letter was received on the 1st May, 1958 and is as follows :—

"Due to continued physical and nervous breakdown I regret I am still unable to attend the current Session of the Legislative Assembly. I, therefore, request that leave of absence may be granted.

Medical certificate is enclosed".

Is it the pleasure of the House to permit Mr. B. M. Roy to remain absent from the House due to ill-health ?

Voices : Yes, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER : So permission is granted to him to remain absent.

We now come to item No.2 of the Agenda.

[illegible]esentation of the Report of the Estimates Committee

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Mr. Speaker, [illegible] the First Report of the Estimates Committee on [illegible]. In this connection I want to make a few observations on procedural matters of the Committee on [illegible] in the Centre. In Parliament, the Report of the Estimates Committee is not discussed. This view was also held by the Conference of Chairmen of Estimates Committees, which took place last month in Delhi and where I had the privilege of participating. The function of the Committee does not end with the submission of the Report, and it is the responsibility of the Chairman to pursue the acceptance of the recommendations by the Government. If the Government do not accept the recommendations of the Committee or show any indifference towards their implementation, these facts can be embodied in the subsequent reports. In the Centre, it is the experience of the Estimates Committee that 90-0 per cent of their recommendations are accepted by the Government. Not only that, there have been instances when the Government made necessary changes as soon as they informally understood how the mind of the Estimates Committee was working. We anticipate that the Government of Assam also will accept the recommendations of the Estimates Committee and will follow the healthy tradition the Centre has built up in this matter. In case the response from the Government is not adequate, then the question of discussion may be considered later.

The Department of Agriculture is a vast one and is full of intricacies. The Committee began its work in September and had hardly six months to examine and investigate the estimates and implementation of the basic policies of the Government by the Department. We, therefore feel, examination of certain sections of the department can further be profitably made so as to improve our agricultural methods and production.

I will also request the House to consider the question of placing adequate staff at the disposal of the Committe to discharge its functions efficiently.

We thank the officers both of the Assembly Secretariat and of the Agriculture Department for the help they rendered to us in discharging our duties.

Presentation of the Report of the Committee on Sub-ordinate Legislation

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the First Report of the Committee on Sub-ordinate Legislation.

The hon. Members of the House will see that in our recommendations we have stated that in future the Acts containing provision for making rules, etc. shall lay down that such rules shall be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible. We have also submitted that all these rules shall be laid on the Table for a uniform and total period of fourteen days before the date of their final publication and that in future Acts authorising delegation of rule-making power shall contain express provisions that the rules made thereunder shall be subject to such modifications as the House may like to make. Therefore, we have considered that once a set of rules is laid on the Table of the House, the House is seized of it and it has the inherent right to recommend such modifications in those rules as it likes.

We hope the hon. Members will appreciate these recommendations and will do the needful.

Presentation of the Report of the Privileges Committee on the editorial writing in Natun Assamiya

Shri RAJENDRA NATH BARUA (Golaghat-East): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the report of the Committee on Privileges to the House, on behalf of the Committee, on the question referred to the Committee by the Speaker by virtue of the authority vested on him under rule 181 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

The question arose out of the editorial writing of the *Natun Assamiya*.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is not necessary to read the report. The report may be placed before the House.

Shri RAJENDRA NATH BARUA: All right, Sir. I beg to present the Report, copies of which have been supplied to the hon. Members.

The Assam Legislative Assembly Members' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958

Mr. SPEAKER : There is a message from the Governor : "Under the provisions of Article 207(3) of the Constitution of India, I, Saiyid Fazal Ali, Governor of Assam, recommend that the Assam Legislative Assembly Members' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958, be taken into consideration by the Assembly."

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Legislative Assembly Members' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958, be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Bill to taken into consideration.

(After a pause)

The question is that the Assam Legislative Assembly Members' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958, be taken into consideration.

(The motion was adopted.)

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Legislative Assembly Members' Salaries and Allowences Bill, 1958, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Legislative Assembly Members' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958, be passed.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to make some observations.

In view of increased work and responsibilities that the hon. Members of this House are expected to shoulder, and to enable them to function as true representatives of the people they must attend to the work in the Legislature fully, must participate in all Legislative and Advisory Committees to which they are elected or nominated and must also keep day-to-day and direct touch with and attend to the various problems in their constituencies and must also participate in the National Construction Works. They may also have to work in the District and Block Panchayats, when they are

formed, as *ex-officio* members. So, the M L As. should be free from personal economic worries and should be assured a minimum decent standard of living. But in view of the great economic hardship that the people are undergoing, in view of the fact that the low-paid Government and other employees have not been assured the minimum economi living, in view also of the fact that it is necessary that the M L As. should set an example of hard work and simple living and in appreciation of the public opinion voiced so far against the proposed salary-increase, the Assam Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of India has considered the said increase undesirable at the present stage. Therefore, in terms of the proviso to clause 3 of the Bill, I do hereby declare on behalf of the Communist Group in the Assembly that for the time being we are not going to accept the enhanced salary. We hope that trust other hon. Members also will do likewise.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am really surprised at the statement made by my Friend, Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya. In fact, if he would have made such a statement at the time of introduction of the Bill, Government might have or would have reconsidered its position. Sir, it seems from the experience in this and other Houses that it has become a fashion with the Communist Party members to play stunts in such measures at the last moment. I am just giving the whole story behind this Bill.

Sir, a short notice Resolution was sought to be moved by some Members of the Opposition, whose names I do not want to mention just now, recommending that the salary of Members should be raised to Rs.300 per month. Thereafter, notice in normal way for another resolution was given by Shri Ghanshyam Talukdar, an Opposition Member, recommending increment of pay of Members to Rs.300 per month. I felt that for such an important matter there should be a measure of unanimity. Therefore, I called a meeting as Government Chief whip of the representatatives all the partics and groups in this House to consider the matter in which Mr. Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya was also present besides the Leader of the Opposition. There after considering the pros and cons, it was decided to raise the salary of the Members to Rs.250 per month. It was further decided in that meeting that instead of moving a resolution there should be a Bill introduced by the Government for this purpose. Government then introduced this Bill on the strength of that decision. Now, at the last moment

to say that Mr. Bhattacharyya and Members of his group are not going to accept the enhanced salary for the present is really a surprise for all of us. In fact, he signed along with others this paper recommending that the pay should be increased to Rs.250 per month and myself as the Chief Whip of the House and the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs brought this Bill merely to respect the wishes of the hon. Members. If he thought that his Party would not have agreed to this enhanced pay he should not have signed the paper but instead he should have consulted his Party before signing the agreement. In this matter the prestige of not only his Party but also of all other Parties is involved. From this side of the House actually there was no move in the the House at any time for enhancing salary. All the initiatives for this were taken from the Opposition and therefore, we thought that there was full unanimity in the matter. And in fact there was unanimity in the meeting I called and that is why this Bill was brought by the Government. It is unfortunate that Shri Bhattacharyya has delivered this speech without taking us into confidence first.

Sir, you might remember that last time when Government brought a resolution for increasing the daily allowance of the Members, terrific amount of criticism was put forward by the Opposition including Shri Bhttacharyya against that enhancement; but it is surprising that although they opposed but today we see that everyone in the Opposition is taking the increased rate of daily allowance. At that rate daily allowance is being taken by Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya also although he opposed the Bill for raising the allowance to Rs.20 per day. I do not object to his taking this in spite of the fact that he opposed it and option is still left to take it at a lesser rate. He intends taking higher pay in future like daily allowance, so he has used the words 'for the present' but only to play a stunt and to belittle other hon. Members he has gone back upon his own signature in this manner. I will not be surprised when in future he will take the enhanced salary because if he wants to work hard as an Assembly Member he must accept it. Now, that it has been dicided to enhance the salary of the hon. Members I agree thatthe hon. Members should render full service and do hard work both inside and outside this House. I do not say that our hon. Members had not been working very hard before this proposal for enhancement of their salary had come up.

In fact they have been working very hard. Therefore, there is every justice in agreeing to the enhancement of the salary and at this last moment there is no cause for opposing it.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): On a personal point of explanation, Sir, I am not saying at this moment that I am opposed to this Bill. I stood for increase of the salary of the Members and do stand by that even now. I am only speaking with regard to the proviso, because when we discussed this enhancement of salary at the meeting referred to by the hon. Minister, the question of putting this proviso was not there as stated in clause 3 of the Bill that a Member may, if he so desires, forego either in full or in part, his salary for any period, etc. That was not discussed. I have given the present statement in terms of this proviso. We are surrendering this enhanced salary for the present. So let there be no misunderstanding that we are opposing the principle of enhancement. Let it not be understood that there is no justification for the increase. As a matter of fact, I made it quite clear in my statement. It should not be misunderstood that by the surrender of the enhanced salary by us, we want to place any discomfiture on any Member of the House. Any hon. Member may surrender his whole or part of the salary taking advantage of this proviso. If somebody does not want to take it he may not and if somebody wants it he may according to the proviso in clause 3 of this Bill. So, Sir, there should not be the impression that we are opposed to the principles of enhancement, but we have taken the decision in accordance with the proviso to clause 3 of the Bill.

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur)**: Sir, I do not want to speak on this Bill because I have given my consent in writing to the Minister-in-charge. We had to discuss this matter threadbare and after matured consideration, we decided that it is necessary to increase the salary of the Members of this House and that is not out of conformity with the salary given to Members of other Houses of Legislatures of this country. It is also known that the cost of living in Assam, I am not speaking of Shillong only, is highest in India. Last time when we opposed the resolution for enhancement of daily allowance it was mainly on this score that this increase was sought to be made considering the higher cost of living in Shillong and we paid that if the allowonce for Members is increased considering the high cost of living in Shillong in that case this increase

*Speech not corrected.

shou'd be given to all Government servants in Shillong. We opposed it and some of the Members actually did not accept the enhanced rate and that should not mean that for individual bravado that this enhanced rate was opposed. Although, the Opposition Members moved for the increase in salary, I knew that the Members of the Government side wanted also the increase. When we knew that the feeling was like that and there was a justification for the increase, we agreed that it should be raised to Rs. 250 per mensem and not Rs. 300 per mensem. I do not want to say anything about the decision of the Communist Party of India in Assam; but I feel, when a Bill came to this House after matured agreement from all sides of the House, there should be no more opposition and we should all try to keep the sanctity of this agreement, because we have to set a standard also being a party to it. Now, we cannot go back and say that we will not take advantage of it. That will be wrong. We will not be true to our moral concept. Therefore, Sir, without saying anything for myself I take the responsibility of signing the paper and whatever the people outside say we will face it. If the people outside are aggrieved, we will tell them that there is justification and so we agreed to it.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Assam Legislative Assembly Members' Salaries and Allowance Bill, 1958, be passed.

(The motion was adopted.)

The Assam Ministers' and Deputy Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have a message from the Governor which is as follows "I recommend under art. 207 (3) of the Constitution of India that the Assam Ministers' and Deputy Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Bill 1958 be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly.

SAIYID FAZL ALI,
Governor of Assam.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Ministers' and Deputy Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Ministers' and Deputy Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958 be taken into consideration.

(The Motion was put and adopted).

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Ministers' and Deputy Ministers Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Ministers' and Deputy Ministers' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958 be passed.

(The Motion was put and adopted).

The Assam Deputy Speakers' Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have another message from the Government: "I recommend under art. 207(3) of the Constitution of India, that the Assam Deputy Speaker's Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958 be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly.

SAIYID FAZL ALI,
Governor of Assam.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Deputy Speaker's Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Deputy Speaker's Salaries and Allowances Bill 1958 be taken into consideration.

There is one amendment—Shri Lila Kanta Borah

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabar): Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that in Sub-clause (1) of clause 8, after the word "ma." the words "in consultation with the Speaker" shall be added. Sir, the purpose of my moving this amendment is to bring these Rules in confirmity with the Rules prevailing in the Lok Sabha.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Sir, I have already said the other day that Hon'ble Speaker should be associated in framing of these Rules, so I have no objection to accept this amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that in Sub-clause (1) of clause 8, after the word 'may' the words "in consultation with the Speaker", shall be added.

(The Motion was put and adopted).

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Deputy Speaker's Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958, as amended be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Deputy Speaker's Salaries and Allowances Bill, 1958, as amended be passed.

(The Motion was put and adopted).

The Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government): There is no amendment, so, I beg Sir, to move that the Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that the Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be passed.

(The Motion was put and adopted).

The Assam Non Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy (Amendmeat) Bill, 1958.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1958, be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be taken into consideation.

(The Motion was put and adopted).

Shri HARESWAR DAS: There is no amendment, so I beg to move that the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be passed

(The Motion was put and adopted).

The Assam Hindu Religious Endowment Bill, 1958

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker Sir, under Rule 92 of the Assam Assembly Rules, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the Assam Hindu Religious Endowment Bill, 1957.

Mr. SPEAKER: Has the Hon'ble Minister leave of the House to withdraw the Bill ?

(*Voices*: yes, yes).

(The Bill was, by leave with the House, withdrawn).

Government Resolutions

Resolution to constitute a Semi-autonomous Publication Board.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture for Minister, Education): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that :

"Whereas there is urgent need at present for a systematic effort to assist publication of best quality books in the languages spoken in the State and in English, and whereas there are talents available, also a large number of promising capable writers and authors in the State who have written, or intend to write, best-quality books on useful subjects but which they are not in a position to publish due to their unfavourable pecuniary conditions, it is proposed to set up a **Semi-autonomous Publication Board** in the State with fifteen members and with the Minister of Education as Chairman, a non-official member as Vice-Chairman and a wholetime Secretary for the purpose.

(The motion was put as a question and was adopted).

Resolution for approval of an expenditure of Rs.7,320 under "37.—Education" by re-appropriation.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture for Minister, Education): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.7,320 under the head—"37—Education" by re-appropriation from the Savings of the sanctioned grant as indicated in the papers submitted to hon. Members.

(The motion was put as a question and was adopted).

Resolution for approval of an expenditure of Rs.5,000 under "37 Education" by re appropriation.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY Minister, Agriculture for Minister Education : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs 5,000 under the head "37 Education" by reappropriation from the savings of the sanctioned grant as indicated in the papers circulated to the hon. Members

The motion was put as a question and was adopted).

Prorogation

Mr SPEAKER : There is an order from the Governor of Assam which is dated Shillong the 1st May, 1958 :

"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) (a) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, as amended up to date, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, hereby prorogue the Assam Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of its sitting on the 2nd May, 1958.

SAIYID FAZL ALI,

Governor of Assam.

The Assembly was then prorogated.

Shillong,
The 7th January,
1960.

R. N. BARUA,

Secretary,
Legislative Assembly, Assam.

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