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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 10 A.M. on Saturday, the 6th April 1968.

PRESENT

Shri Hareswar Goswami, B.A. (Cal.), M.A. (Cantab.) Barrister-at-Law, Speaker, in the Chair, Ten Ministers, Five Ministers of State, Three Deputy Ministers and Sixtynine Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

Re : Invitation of sealed tenders by the D. C., Supply, Nowgong for Selling of Mustard Oil lying in the Government godown at Haibargaon

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*11. Will the Supply Minister, be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner (Supply) has invited sealed tenders from the intending buyers for purchase of 3,049 tins or 487·84 quintals of Mustard Oil lying in the Government godown at Haibargaon ?

(b) The total purchase cost of this quantity of the Oil ?

(c) When was the stock purchased and at what rate per tin ?

(d) Whether the Mustard Oil has become unfit for human consumption ?

(e) Why the Mustard Oil was not released for sale during the time of high price of the article before the beginning of the season of new mustard seeds this year ?

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Minister Supply) replied

11. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Rupees 2,52, 916.40 paise only.

(c)—Stock was purchased from April, 1967 to October 1967 on average rate of Rs. 82.92 paise per tin. Prices varied from consignment to consignment.

(d) No.

(e) Government selling price was all through higher than the prevailing market price and hence, there was no demand from government buffer stock.

Md. Shamsul Huda : Whether the Government is aware that during that period i.e., before the new season of the mustard seeds, there was high price of mustard oil and there was a large demand from the buyers ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : There might be ; even then, the open market price was lower than the Government price.

Shri Phani Bora : What was the Government price at the calculated cost at that time ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : It was Rs. 82.92 p per tin.

Shri Dulal Ch. Barua : What was the market price at that time ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : It was lower than the market price.

Md. Shamsul Huda : Whether it is a fact that the market price was higher than the Govt. price ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : That is exactly the fact, and therefore, the Government could not sell it without incurring loss

Shri Dulal Ch. Barua : Why the Government price has become so high ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : Because the Government has to incur some charges more than the traders.

Shri Zahirul Islam : What is the reply to Short Notice Question No. 11 (d) ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : The reply is—"No".

Shri Zahirul Islam : If so, whether any examination was made ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : There was no question of examination. These were found to be alright. Now the D.C. is going to sell these by calling for tenders.

Md. Shamsul Huda : How could it be said that it was alright ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : The D.C. generally examines, and there was no doubt about it at that time.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : We have been supplied with Government tender from the D.C. Nowgong. As per this tender, this quantity will have to be sold by 1.4.68 and it has been sold. Will the Hon'ble Supply Minister let us know at what price this has been sold out ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : The D.C. has called for tender by his memo dated 23.3.68.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : Whether these have been sold out by the auction on that date. If so, what was the price at which these were sold out ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : That was the last date for receiving tenders.

Md. Shamsul Huda : Whether the Government tried to issue mustard Oil to the Fair Price Shops, retailers and to the Consumers' Co-operatives ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah - Government did not issue ; at that time the government price has always been higher than the market price.

Shri Phani Bora : If the price is lower than the market price and

if it would have been sold to the Fair-Price shops at the market price, then, government will have to incur loss and for that who will be responsible ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : We are already incurring less on the buffer stock.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : When the government price is higher than the market price, is it a fact that the market price of mustard oil which is being sold from the millers, only 14 kg. of oil is contained in a tin whereas the Government buffer stock tins contain 16 kg of oil per tin. Whether the Government has made any enquiry about this ? My contention is that mustard oil which is produced in this State contain only 14 kg of oil per tin and the Government buffer stock which comes from outside the State contains 16 kg. per tin And the difference of 2 k.g. per tin means a difference of Rs. 8/- or Rs. 9/-. Whether the Government has made any enquiry about this ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : It was not known to me I shall enquire about this.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen : Just to summarise – is there any apprehension on the part of the Government that as and when these buffer stocks will be released, the Government will incur any loss ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : I have already replied that the Government is always incurring less on the buffer stock.

Shri Dulal Ch Barua : As the Minister, Supply has said that the government price is higher than the market price but sometimes it so happens that the market price becomes higher than the government price ; so, why Government did noi make arrangement to dispose of these commodities at that time ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : Government always does that. In the last April when the market price was higher than the Government price, in Gauhati atleast, the entire buffer stock was released.

Shri Hiralal Patwariy : In a tin of mustard oil of the Government

buffer stock, it contains 18kg. where-as in a tin of mustard oil produced in the State, it contains only 14 kg. So, what is the reason for giving only 14 kg. in a tin ? Whether the Government has made any enquiry about this ?

Shri Ramesh Ch. Barooah : I have no information about the difference in weights of mustard oil. My information is that all tins contain 16 kg. mustard oil.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : May I request the hon. Minister to make an enqiry about this ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : I will enquire.

Md. Shamsul Huda : May I know whether there is any leakage in the tins ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : Yes, there is apprehension about leakage. That is why D.C. is eager to dispose of them by calling for tenders.

Md. Shamsul Huda : What is the number of tins in which leakage is apprehended ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : There are altogether 3049 tins and D. C. is calling for tenders for their disposal ?

Md Shamsul Huda : What is the number in which leakage is apprehended ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : Perhaps all.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : The Minister said that Government was incurring heavy loss on this account. May I, therefore, suggest that Government to stop purchasing mustard seed from outside ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : We would have been very happy if we could do that, but we cannot starve the people.

Md. Shamsul Huda : What are the factors leading to the leakage in tins ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : Perhaps long storage ; moreover, soldering is always weak.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Is it a fact that mustard seeds produced in Assam are going outside the State and Government have no control over it ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : I have no information on this point.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Is it not a fact that a circular has been issued from the Supply Department that Government have no control over mustard seeds ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) : Yes, Sir, that is a fact.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : When we are procuring mustard oil from outside, what is the reason for allowing mustard seeds produced in this state to go outside ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha : These matters are decided by the Government of India. The hon. member may be aware that so far as laws with regard to foodgrains are concerned, these have to be followed as instructed by the Government of India, who decide by taking into consideration the over-all food situation in the country. The hon. members may also remember that at one time subsidiary foodgrains were allowed to be controlled by the States. When that power was withdrawn by the Government of India some States wanted to impose some restrictions through administrative orders but Government of India took except to it. As I have already said, the Government of India assess the food situation in the country as a whole and then decide whether they should allow any restrictions to operate.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : If we cannot stop export of mustard seeds from this State, will Government consider the desirability of procuring mustard seeds from next season like procuring paddy ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Baruah : That can be considered next season.

M. Shamsul Huda : May I know whether the tins were properly checked at the time of taking delivery ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Baruah : I have no reason to believe to the contrary.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Will Government issue instructions to the Assam Oil Millers that they should have an uniform standard of packing so far as the quantity of oil is concerned ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Baruah : I will look into it

M. Shamsul Huda : Will Government arrange to stock mustard oil in drums instead of tins in order to avoid leakage ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barua : We are not thinking on these lines at the moment

STARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Re: Employees serving under Anchalik Panchayats

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI asked:

*304. মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ত বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) অসমৰ বিভিন্ন আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ তলত উল্লিখিত বিভিন্ন পর্য্যায়ৰ কিমান কর্ম্মচাৰী আছে ?

(১) উচ্চ পর্য্যায়ৰ (U. D. A.) ?

(২) নিম্ন পর্য্যায়ৰ (L. D. A.) ?

(৩) টাইপিষ্ট (Typist) ?

(৪) কৰ-সংগ্রাহক (Tax Collector) ?

(৫) আলি মহৰী (Road Mohorer) ?

(৬) পিয়ন আদি (Peon) ?

(খ) উচ্চ কর্ম্মচাৰীসকলৰ প্রমোচনৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছে নে ?

(গ) যদি আছে, কি ভিত্তিত প্রমোচন দিয়ে ?

(ঘ) যদি নাই, এই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰে ব্যবস্থা লব নে ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

304. (ক)—

(১) উচ্চ পর্য্যায়ৰ (U. D. A.)—১২০।

(২) নিম্ন পর্য্যায়ৰ (L. D. A.)
(৩) টাইপিষ্ট (Typist) } —১৯৭।

(৪) কৰ-সংগ্ৰাহক (Tax Collector)—১৪১।

(৫) আলি মহৰী (Road Mohorer)—১০১।

(৬) পিয়ন আদি (Peon)—১৬৩।

(খ) আৰু (গ)—আমোলাবিষয়ক কৰ্ম্মচাৰী পর্য্যায়ত উচ্চ পর্য্যায়ৰ সহকাৰীৰ ওপৰত পদোন্নতিৰ কাৰণে কোনো খাপ নথকাত বৰ্ত্তমান উচ্চ পর্য্যায়ৰ সহকাৰীৰ পদোন্নতিৰ সুবিধা নাই।

(ঘ)—১৯৫৯ চনৰ অসম পঞ্চায়ত আইন সংশোধন কৰি পঞ্চায়তৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰী-সকলক মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ মহকুমা পর্য্যায়ৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰী ভুক্ত কৰা হৈছে। সেই বাবে কৰ্ম্মচাৰীৰ সংখ্যা, পদোন্নতিৰ সুবিধা আৰু অন্যান্য সেৱাসৰ্ত্ত আদি বিষয়ৰ নিয়মাৱলী প্ৰস্তুত কৰোতে কিবা প্ৰমোচনৰ সুবিধা কৰিব পৰা যায় নেকি এতিয়াই কোৱা টান।

Shri Bhadreswar Gogoi—পঞ্চায়ত কৰ্ম্মচাৰী সকলৰ ভবিষ্য নীধিৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছে নেকি ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika—আছে, আৰু সদস্যগৰাকীৰ এটা প্ৰশ্ন আছে তাৰ উত্তৰতো এইটো কোৱা হৈছে।

Shri Bhadreswar Gogoi—কোন কোন পঞ্চায়তত কৰিছে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika—সেইটো নোটিছ দিলেহে কব পৰা যাব।

Shri Mohidhar Pegu—পঞ্চায়তৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰী সকলক চৰকাৰী চাকৰীয়াল বুলি ধৰা হৈছে নে নাই ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika—Pay ৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত চৰকাৰী কৰ্ম্মচাৰীৰ সমানেই পাইছে কিন্তু অন্যান্য বিষয়ে এতিয়াও সম্পূৰ্ণ সিদ্ধান্ত হোৱা নাই। ব্লকৰ আমোলা বিষয়ক কৰ্ম্মচাৰী বিলাকৰ ভিতৰত দুই ধৰণৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰী আছে গতিকে এই বিলাকক এটা নিৰ্দ্দিষ্ট পর্য্যায়লৈ অনাৰ বিষয়ে চিন্তা কৰা হৈছে। দুই পর্য্যায়ৰ চাকৰীক মহকুমা পর্য্যায়লৈ অনাৰ বাবে পঞ্চায়ত আইন সংশোধন কৰা হল।

Shri Rathindra Nath Sen—চৰকাৰৰ বিভিন্ন বিভাগৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰী সকলক যি সুবিধা দিয়া হয় পঞ্চায়তৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰী সকলক সেই সুবিধা দিয়া হয় নে নহয় ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika এতিয়ালৈকে পঞ্চায়তৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰীৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত সকলো বিষয়তে হোৱা নাই।

Shri Rathindra Nath Sen—পঞ্চায়ত কৰ্ম্মচাৰীসকলক বদলি কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছে নে নাই ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika—মহকুমা কেদাৰলৈ আনিলে সেইটো হব।

Shri Jagannath Singh : Sir, the Planning and Administrative Committee of the Mahkuma Parisad is a Sub Committee formed by the Mahkuma Parisad. The President of the M.P. is the head of the Parisad, Will the Minister be pleased to state whether the D.C. is the Chairman of the said Committee and Parisad has also to serve under him ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika, : According to the Amended Assam Panchayat Act the Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman of the Committee, and the members are also specified

Shri Jagannath Singh Sir, the Standing Committee is constituted by the M.P. Will the Minister be pleased to state whether the Sub Committee is supreme over the Parisad because of the fact that the Parisad cannot change the decision of the Standing Committee ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : According to the provision of the Act, five members are to be selected from the M P and the Deputy Commissioner and the S.D.O. are the President and Vice Presdient respectively of this Committee. It is not constituted by the Mahkuma Parisad. It is a creation of the Act.

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury : Sir, whether the Standing Committee and the Mahkuma Parisad are subservient and if so whether M.P. can override the decision of the Standing Committee ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : This point was examined by the L.R. and the L.R.'s. opinion is that the decision of the Standing

Committee cannot be altered by the Mahkuma Parisad. But Mahkuma Parisad can suggest for reconsideration, by the M.P. if grave anomalies are found.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে দুই তৰপীয়া চাকৰিয়ালৰ কথা কৈছে। পঞ্চায়ত কৰ্ম্মচাৰী সকলৰ তৰফৰ পৰা Pay Committee লৈ তেওঁলোকৰ চৰকাৰী কৰ্ম্মচাৰীৰ পৰ্য্যায়লৈ আনিবৰ বাবে স্মাৰক পত্ৰ দিছিল। গতিকে ইয়াত চৰকাৰৰ কি অসুবিধা আছে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : One man কমিছনক কোনে Memorandum দিছিল নেজানো ; কিন্তু দুতৰপীয়া কৰ্ম্মচাৰী থকাটো সত্য। এতিয়া যাতে মহকুমা cadre লৈ আনিব পাৰে তাৰ বাবে চেষ্টা কৰা হৈছে।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The hon Minister has clarified the position with regard to power of Mohkuma Parisad just now. Sir, as regards rules under which Standing and Sub-Committee can be formed, Sir, instead of making the D.C. as the President of Mahkuma Parisad and the S D.O., the Vice President, why Government cannot alter this provision by amending the rule ? It is practically an insult by keeping the D.C, and the S.D.O. as President and Vice President of the Committee ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : There is no proposal at present to alter it As there is provision in the Act, I don't think it is an insult.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : চৰকাৰে যেতিয়া পঞ্চায়ত শাসন যন্ত্ৰ ভাল কৰিবলৈ বিচাৰিছে তেনে কামত এইদৰে দুতৰপীয়া কৰ্ম্মচাৰী থাকিলে দুৰ্নীতি দুৰ কৰাত অসুবিধাহে হব।

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : আমাৰ কথা হৈছে আইন সংশোধন কৰি এটা cadre কৰা অৰ্থাৎ মহকুমা cadre কৰা যাতে মহকুমাই নিয়োগ আদি কৰিব পাৰে।

Shri Mohidhar Pegu : একে শিক্ষা আৰু অভিজ্ঞতা থকা সমপৰ্য্যায়ৰ অন্যান্য চৰকাৰী কৰ্ম্মচাৰীৰ লগত প্ৰশাসনীয় অসুবিধা যাতে নহয় এই পঞ্চায়ত কৰ্মচাৰী সকলৰ এটা স্থায়ী ব্যবস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ কেবাণী মহৰি সকলৰ পৰা যাতে আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়ত আৰু মহকুমা পৰিষদে বেচি কাম পাব পাৰে সেই বাবে এনে ব্যবস্থা কৰা হৈছে। চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰী হিচাপে হলে আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়ত বা মহকুমা পৰিষদে সিমান কাম নেপাব পাৰে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : নিয়োগ কোনে কৰে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তে কৰে। এতিয়া সংশোধন কৰি standing কমিটিক দিয়া হৈছে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : কৰ্ম্মচাৰী সকলে যদি একো সহযোগীতা নকৰে তেনেহলে আঞ্চলিকৰ সভাপতি বা মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ সভাপতিক কোনো action লব নোৱাৰাত অসুবিধা নহয়নে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : আইন সংশোধন কৰি Planning আৰু Advisory standing কমিটিক নিয়োগ কৰিবলৈ দিয়া হৈছে। যদি কোনো কৰ্মচাৰীয়ে নিয়ম লঙ্ঘন কৰে তেনেহলে মহকুমা পৰ্য্যায়ৰ standing কমিটিক ব্যবস্থা লবলৈ দিয়া হৈছে।

Shri Hiralal Patwary : গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তৰ সম্পাদকৰ পৰিবৰ্ত্তে মন্ত্রী শব্দটো ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰিনে ? ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা গণতন্ত্রক বেচি জনপ্রিয় আৰু শক্তিশালী কৰিব পৰা হব।

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : নামাকৰণে যে গণতন্ত্রত শক্তিশালী কৰিব নকৰিব সেইটো কোৱা টান।

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister Community Development & Panchayat : এই খিনিতে আৰু এটা অসুবিধা আছে। আমি বাইজৰ দ্বাৰা নিৰ্বাচিত হৈ আহি ইয়াত মন্ত্রী হৈছোহক। BDO জনকে সম্পাদক বুলি কয় আৰু তেওঁক চাকৰীত নিয়োগ কৰা হয়। সেই বাবে মন্ত্রী বুলিবলৈ অসুবিধা হব।

Shri Hiralal Patwary : আইন সংশোধন কৰি AP আৰু GP নিজে সম্পাদক নিয়োগ কৰা ব্যবস্থা কৰিব পাৰিনে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : তেনেকুৱা ব্যৱস্থা এতিয়া নাই।

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : গাওঁসভা আৰু আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ সভাপতিয়ে

বহু টকাপইচাৰ লেনদেন কৰিব লগীয়া হয়। ইয়াত যদি দায়িত্বশীল মানুহ নাথাকে তেন্তে টকা পয়চাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত গণ্ডগোল হয়। আৰু গণ্ডগোলৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে শাস্তি দিব পাৰে। আকৌ মহকমা পৰিষদৰ সভাপতিয়েও পৰিকল্পনা সম্পৰ্কত বিভিন্ন কাম কৰিব লগীয়া হয় আৰু বিভিন্ন জিলাৰ মুৰব্বী সকলেও কাম কৰিব লগীয়া হয়। সেই কাৰণে D. C. ক ষ্টেন্ডিং কমিটিৰ চেয়াৰমেন কৰা হৈছে। ইয়াৰ ফলত কাম শোপাধিলা হৈছে। এইটো বোধহয় আচলতে Administrative দৃষ্টিভঙ্গীহে কৰা হৈছে। গণতান্ত্ৰিক মৰ্য্যাদাৰ কাৰণে নহয়।

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) মাননীয় সদস্য যি সকল আগতে আছিল বোধকৰো মনত আছে যে, এই সম্পৰ্কত এটা ,ষ্ট্যাণ্ডি কমিটি গঠন কৰা হৈছিল আৰু তাত তেতিয়াৰ পঞ্চায়ত বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী আৰু শ্ৰীত্ৰিপাথী ও আছিল। তেওঁলোকে ভাৰতৰ বিভিন্ন ঠাইত যতযত পঞ্চায়তৰ কাম ভাল হৈছে সেইবিলাক ঠাইত চাইচিতি 'মাদ্ৰাজৰ পেটাৰ্ণ'টো গ্ৰহণ কৰে আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ কাৰণে। উন্নয়ন মূলক কাম বিলাক কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰিবলৈ হলে চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰী আৰু বাইজৰ দুয়োপক্ষৰে সমন্বয়ত হে কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰিব পৰা যাব পাৰে। যদি কৰ্মচাৰী সকলক এফলীয়া কৰি অকল বাইজৰ ফালৰ পৰা লোৱা হয়; তেন্তে কাৰ্য্যকৰী নহব পাৰে। সেই কাৰণে, দুয়োপক্ষৰে সমন্বয় ৰক্ষা কৰিবৰ কাৰণে এই আচনি লোৱা হৈছিল। এতিয়া আমাৰ ইয়াত কেনেকুৱা হৈছে—সেইটো চাইচিতি যদি পৰিবৰ্ত্তন দৰকাৰ হয়, তেন্তে সেই পৰিবৰ্ত্তন কৰিব লাগিব ভবিষ্যতে।

Maulana Abdul Jalil Choudhury : D.C. যে ষ্টেণ্ডিং কমিটির চেয়ারমেন হবে সেটা কি informal discussion করেই সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করলেন ? চুঁকে আগলে কেই ছালতক পরিষদকে ষ্টেণ্ডিং কমিটি উছকে ফায়ছলে inactive রহতাথা ইছলিয়ে informal consultative committee জো কুল বিধান সভা কৌতরফ মনোনয়ন মেম্বারোঁ কে বানায়ে হুয়ে হ্যায় জো ছব জানতেহ্যায় মিষ্টার বড়ুয়া বিহী উস-মেকা এক হ্যায়, ইছলিয়ে ইয়েহ কমিটি মুওকেকা তৌর পর D.C. কো চ্যোর মাল বানামকা ফযছলালিয় তাকে হর ফয়ছলা ষ্টেণ্ডিং কমিটিকা afects হেই কিয়া ইয়েহ ঠিক নাহি হ্যায় ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazrika : Consultative committee ত কৰা আলোচনা বিলাকো উচিত বিবেচনা কৰি আইন সংশোধন কৰা হৈছিল।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : For your information Sir, I was not a Member of the Informal consultative Council.

Shri Jagannath Sing : Sir, the standing committee is a sub-committee of the general Body of the Mohkuma Parishad. My question

is whether the standing committee is supreme or the general Body is supreme ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika এই বিষয়ে L.R.ৰ opinion লোৱা হৈছিল। Standing committee এ আইনত বান্ধি দিয়া ক্ষমতা মতে কাম কৰিব আৰু মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ ক্ষমতাও আইনৎ ধৰা আছে। সেই বিষয়ে বাদানুবাদৰ স্থল নাই বুলি ভাবো।

(Starred question No. 305 was not put as the hon. Member was absent)

Re : Dispute between the Officer-in-charge of Tamulpur Police Station and Sub-Inspector of Supply, Darranga Mela

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a dispute between the Officer-in-charge of Tamulpur Police Station and sub-Inspector of Supply, Darranga Mela, took place on 17th January 1968, at Darranga Mela regarding a truck of rice ?

(b) If so, what were the reasons ? (Please state the details).

(c) Whether it is a fact that the seized rice was brought for the Memoka Tea Estate ?

(d) If not, where this seized truck of rice was sent ?

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Minister, Supply) replied:

306. (a) Yes.

(b)--The Motor truck bearing No. WGI-443, loaded with rice and some other commodities crossed the Darranga Mela check gate on 17th January 1968, in the afternoon and proceeded towards Kumarikata Bazar. It was alleged that the Officer-in-charge of Tamulpur Police Station was travelling in that vehicle. At about 9-30 P.M., on the same date, the same truck loaded with rice and

some other commodities returned to Darranga Mela Bazar. The public of the locality had suspicion of foul play and thought that the rice was brought for smuggling. The Sub-Inspector of Supply and check gate staff wanted to seize this stock of rice and the truck, but it was alleged that the Officer-in-charge of Tamulpur Police Station was not in favour of handing over the rice and that truck to supply staff After some time. the truck was taken by the Officer-in-charge of the Darranga Mela out post to the check gate. The Police and check gate satff on duty did not allow the truck to cross the check gate and there was altercation between the Officer-in-charge of Tamulpur Police Station and the gate staff on duty. A complaint was lodged with the Darranga Mela Police out-post by one homeguard against the driver alleging that he was carrying rice without any valied permit and on the strength of that complaint, a case was registered by the Police and the rice and other commodities along with truck were seized by Police on 18th Januray 1968.

(c) Memoka Tea Estate was granted a permit for 40 bags of winter sali arua rice under permit No. GSP/2/68/12, dated 16th January 1968 and delivery of rice was taken from M/s. Assam co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., on 17th January 1968. As the truck with rice and other commodities passed the Memoka Tea Estate twice without unloading it at the Tea Estate on the 17th January, suspicion arose that rice carried was not for the Memoka Tea Estate.

(d)—The matter was reported to the Sub-divisional Officer, Nalbari who after due enquiry, released the rice and the truck in favour of Memoka Tea Estate on the 27th January 1968.

Shri Maneswar Boro : এই ট্রাকখন চাউল কিনি লৈ যোৱাৰ লাইচেন্স আছিল নেকি ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : (Minister Supply) পাৰমিট না থাকিলে চাউল কিনিব কেনেকৈ ? মেমকা-চাহ বাগিচাৰ কাৰণে ধান লৈ গৈছিলে কিন্তু দু'বাৰ ঘুৰি আহিলে সেই কাৰণে সন্দেহ হল।

Shri Maneswar Boro : পাৰমিটটো ট্রাকৰ লগত আছিল নে নাই ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : সন্দেহ হৈছিল কাৰণেয়েই গোলমাল হল আৰু ধৰা পৰিল।

Shri Dulal Chandra Baruah : বাগিচা পাৰ হৈ ১ মাইল ট্ৰাকখন কিয় গল ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : সেই কথা নলবাৰীৰ চাব-ডিভিচনেল অফিচাৰে অনুসন্ধান কৰি সন্তুষ্ট হৈছে বুলি ট্ৰাকখন মুক্ত কৰি দিছে।

Shri Sailen Medhi : ১৭ জানুৱাৰী তাৰিখে মেমকা বাগিচাৰ কাৰণে ট্ৰাকত কৰি চাউল লৈ গৈছিল কিন্তু কিয় তাত চাউল Unload নকৰিলে ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : মেমকাৰ পৰা ১ মাইল পাৰ হৈ যোৱাৰ কাৰণেইহে চেকপোষ্টৰ সন্দেহ হৈছিল। আৰু গণ্ডগোল হ'ল।

Shri Gouri Sankar Bhattacharyya : চৰকাৰে এইটো কথা জানেনে যে মেমকাৰ নামত পাৰমিট লৈ চাউল কিনি ভুটানত লৈ যায় মদ বনাবৰ কাৰণে আৰু হঠাৎ এই ট্ৰাকখন ধৰা পৰিল ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : তেনেকুৱা সন্দেহ হৈছিল বুলি হে ধৰা পৰিল।

Shri Maneswar Boro : ভুটান সীমা পাৰ হৈ Driver জন ১ মাইল গল কিয় ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : সেই বুলি সন্দেহৰ কাৰণ হল।

Shri Phani Bora : ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা প্ৰমাণিত হল নেকি যে মানুহ জন অন্ধ হৈ গৈছিল ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : সেই কাৰণে নলবাৰীৰ S.D.O ক অনুসন্ধান কৰিবৰ কাৰণে দিয়া হৈছিল।

Shri Phani Bora : ট্ৰাকখন এৰি দিছে কিন্তু তদন্তত কি পালে ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooad : এইটো মোৰ ইয়াত নাই।

Shri Lakhya Dhar Choudhury : এইটোত satisfaction ৰ কথা নহয়। মেমকাৰ নামত চাউল কিনি ভুটানত লৈ যোৱা দেখাদেখি কথা গতিকে সেই ৰিপৰ্টখন সোনকালে অনাব লাগে। তেখেতৰ satisfaction ৰ ওপৰত কথা নহয়। তেখেত কেনেকৈ satisfied হল চাব লাগে।

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : মাননীয় সদস্য সকল satisfied নহয় বুলি কলে report টো অনাব লাগে।

Shri Lakhya Dhar Choudhury : বিষয়টো re-open কৰিব নেকি ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Baooah : কৰা হব।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : এই চাউল মেমকা বাগিছাৰ আমি জানো কিন্তু মাননীয় সদস্য ডাঙৰীয়াই কথা মতে endorsement নথকাৰ কাৰণে মেমকা টি এষ্টেটৰ নামত চাউল কিনি ভূটান পাহাৰত চালন কৰে আৰু এই বিলাক ঘটনাত চৰকাৰী বিষয়া সকল Smuggling ত জড়িত থকাৰ কথাটো এজন Special Officer পঠাই চৰকাৰে তদন্ত কৰিব নে ?

Shri Ramesh Chndra Barooad : তদন্ত কৰি চাঁম।

Shri Bisnuram Medhi : Permits are always given for a particular purpose. When the things are purchased under the permits, no endorsement is made on the permits. Is this fact known to the Hon'ble Minister ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : Endorsed by whom ?

Shri Bisnuram Medhi : By whoever it may be. There must be an endorsement otherwise the things can be purchased again under the same permit. Therefore, provision should be made that as soon as things are purchased, endorsement should be made on the permit so that the same permit cannot be used for the second time ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : The tea gardens are allotted some quota of rice. For that they are given a permit for a particular period.

Shri Bisnuram Medhi : Whether the permit is endorsed and if so, it will indicate that he has purchased his quota ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : Permits are issued for a particular quota.

Shri Bishnuram Medhi : The permit holder purchased the things and delivered them and afterwards he can go on purchasing with the same permit if there is no endorsement on it.

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : The Department must have endorsed it.

Shri Bisnuram Medhi: Unless there is a rule, these things cannot be stopped. So, there should be a rule that as soon as the things are purchased, the permit should be endorsed.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : এই বিশেষ ক্ষেত্রত এইটো কথা হয় নে নহয় চাল্লাই মিনিষ্টাৰে এইটো কথা কৈছে যে পাৰমিট দিলে চাউল কিনাৰ কাৰণে আৰু চাউল কিনিলে। কিনাৰ লগে লগে উভয় পক্ষৰ পৰা কিবা endorsement ৰ ব্যবস্থা নহলে একেটা পাৰমিট বাৰে বাৰে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিব পাৰে। এই ক্ষেত্রত ধৰা পৰিল বাট ভুল কৰি অহাত। এই driver জনে মেমকা বাগিছাৰ বাট চিনি নাপায় নেকি ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : It is a fact that the officer in-charge was not satisfied with the explanation given. That is why an enquiry is made. After enquiry, the rice is released,

Shri Pahni Bora : চাউল খিনি কিয় এৰি দিয়া হ'ল ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : The officer has reported that he is satisfied that the rice belonged to the Memoka Tea Estate. That is why he has released the rice.

Shri Phani Bora : Rice belongs to Memoka Tea Estate. Suppose we are also satisfied কিন্তু চাউলটো কিয় এৰি দিলে।

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : The officer was statisfied that rice belonged to the Memoka Tea Estate.

Shri Bishnuram Medhi : Sir, in view of the scope for smuggling whether Government are contemplating to-see that endorsement is made in the permit itself as soon as the permit holder makes the purchase in the permit ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : That will be looked into.

Dr. Bhumidhar Barman : এইটো অকল তদন্ত কৰাই নহয় যিসকল কৰ্ম্মচাৰী ইয়াত সংশ্লিষ্ট আছে, তেওঁলোকক আইনৰ জৰিয়তে কঠোৰ শাস্তিৰ ব্যবস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : শাস্তি দিয়াৰ কথা এতিয়াই কব নোৱাৰি।

Re : Employment of local people in various Industries

Shri Mahi Kanta Das asked :

*307. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

a) Whether the Government is aware of the public demand that local talents should be employed in various Industries (both Public and Private) of the State ?

(b) If so, what steps Government has taken to meet this demand ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Indnstries) replied :

307. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Government always take into consideration the question of employment of local people while filling up posts under public sector Industries. As regards employment of local people in private Industries, Gov-

ernment have appointed one Liaison Officer, Industries to safeguard the interests of the local people while filling up vacancies under various Industries in private sector also.

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : Sir, whether the Speaker can authorise a Member to put question on his behalf ?

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : It is not the question of authorising a Member. The question is whether the Member who puts the question is present or not. The Member is present here. The Speaker is impersonal. So, the hon. Minister should not confuse between the Speaker and a Member.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir, is this your ruling also because it refers to you ?

(No reply)

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Does the Government think that only the Liaison Officer is sufficient to deal with the problem ? If not, whether Government consider it necessary to take some legislative measures just to give employment opportunity to the local people ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : It is true that it is not sufficient for generating employment potentiality. We have also examined the possibility of bringing a legislation but we have found that it infringes the provision of the Constitution. Sir, the other day it appeared in the Press that the Orissa Government had passed a legislation in this regard and accordingly we wrote to the Orissa Govern-

ment to give us a copy of the legislation but they could not supply. It appears that they have not passed any legislation as it appeared in the newspaper. Besides this, we are also contemplating to take certain other steps and as soon as these are finalised I shall inform the House.

Shri Bishnuram Medhi : Is there any written agreement with the employers and the Industrialists.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : There is no question of any agreement. In the Industrial Policy itself it has been laid down that they must employ local people.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Whether any action has been taken against any industry which has violated the agreement or the policy ?

Shri Bishnuram Medhi : Unless there is a written agreement how can the govt. take any action for violation of the terms of the Industrial policy ?

Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury : আয়ুৰেদীক প্ৰদাক্ট ইন্দাষ্ট্ৰি, চিমেণ্ট ফেক্টৰী আদিত যোগ্যতা নথকা মানুহ সোমাই আছে, গতিকে সেই বিলাক কামত ঠলুৱা মানুহ লোৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : আয়ুৰ্বেদীক প্ৰদাক্টত নোৱাৰি কিন্তু চিমেণ্ট ফেক্টৰীৰ বিষয়ে অনুসন্ধান কৰি আছো।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : মই এইটো কথাত আচৰিত হৈছো যে অন্য প্ৰদেশত সংবিধান বিধি অনুযায়ী নিয়োগ ব্যবস্থা মানি চলা নহয়। তেনেহলে আমি ইয়াত সংবিধানৰ দোহাই দিয়া হয়। গতিকে মই এইটো জানিব খোজো যে Licence বিলাকত condition দিয়া হয় নে নহয়। যদি হয় তেনেহলে আমাৰ প্ৰদেশৰ নিয়োগ ক্ষেত্ৰত আমাৰ মানুহক চাকৰী দিয়া হৈছে নে নাই সেইটো বিচাৰ কৰি চোৱা উচিত নহয় নে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Licence কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰেহে দিয়ে। Legislation ৰ

ক্ষেত্রত আমি চিন্তা কৰি চাইছো কিন্তু constitution provision ৰ কথা আমি বাদ দিব নোৱাৰো। তথাপিও আমি চিন্তা কৰি আছো এই বিষয়ে কিবা কৰিব পৰা যায় নেকি ?

Shri Bishnuram Medhi : This is not a question of legislation. Whenever a particular concession has been given as has been stated by Mr. Bhattacharjee any agencies can be started if facilities and avenues are offered to our people. There should be a provision for that. Wili the Govt. consider this aspect of the matter at the time of giving licence?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister) : Yes, we are doing.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : (B) ত এই বিষয়ে যি প্ৰশ্ন আছিল, সেইটো হৈছে, what steps Government has taken to meet this demand ? অৰ্থাৎ গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে কি ব্যবস্থা লৈছে তাৰ উত্তৰত কোৱা হৈছে যে সেই বিষয় গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ বিবেচিত হৈ আছে Steps ৰ ভিতৰত কৈছে এজন অফিচাৰ নিয়োগ কৰিছে, সম্পৰ্ক ৰক্ষা কৰিবলৈ প্ৰশ্ন হৈছে. স্থানীয় যিসকল প্ৰতিভাবান লোৱা আছে, সেইসকলক কাৰবাৰ, কাৰখানা, উদ্যোগ আদিত যাতে নিয়োগ কৰিব পৰা যায়, সেই বিষয়ে গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে কি ব্যবস্থা লৈছে ? সম্পৰ্ক ৰক্ষা কৰা অফিচাৰ এজন আইনৰ সঙ্গতিৰ কাৰণে নাৰাখিলে যি অসুবিধা সেইটো অকল আমাৰ ইয়াত যদিও হেঙাৰ দিয়া আছে উৰিষ্যাত তেনেকৈ দিয়া নাই প্ৰথমতে চিঠি দি নোহোৱাত Reminder ও দিয়া হৈছে - কিন্তু বেঙ্গল, বিহাৰ উৰিষ্যা আদি প্ৰত্যেক ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে ব্যবস্থা লৈছে, যাতে যিসকল কল, কাৰখানা, উদ্যোগৰ বিষয়া লব লাগে, তাত সেই ঠাইৰ মানুহক নিয়োগ কৰিব লাগে। সেই বিষয়ে আইনৰ কিবা বাধা আছে বুলি সাধাৰণ মানুহৰ বিশ্বাস নহয়। কিয়নো যেতিয়া চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা অনুগ্ৰহ দিয়া হয়, তেতিয়া তাত কিছুমান স্বত্ত কিয় দিয়া নহব ? ভাৰতবৰ্ষৰ পৰা যি কোনো মানুহ আহি ইয়াত উদ্যোগ স্থাপন কৰিব পাৰে কিন্তু অসম চৰকাৰক এইটো কব নোৱাৰে যে আমাক ঋণ দিয়ক সুবিধা দিয়ক এই ভাবৰ কাৰণ সংবিধানত নাই। এই সুবিধা যদি কোনোবাই বিচাৰে আৰু চৰকাৰে দিয়ে তেতিয়া চৰকাৰে কিয় নকয় যে পাৰ্মিট বা ঋণ বা কোনো সুবিধা বা বিজুলী দিয়া হব কিন্তু আপোনা-লোকে যে মানুহ নিয়োগ কৰিবই সেই মানুহ কিন্তু থলুৱা মানুহ হব লাগিব। আৰু ঘৰ আদি কৰোতে তেওঁলোকৰ সময় লাগিব সেই সময়ৰ ভিতৰত আমাৰ মানুহক আবশ্যক মতে শিকাই আনিব লাগিব। এই ২০।২১ বছৰে চৰকাৰে এইটো

কিয় কৰিব পৰা নাই ? আজিও আকৌ উৰিষ্যাত কি কৰিছে তাকো সুধিবলৈ থৈ দিছে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : এই বিষয়ে থলুৱা বন্ধুৱা নিয়োগৰ সম্পৰ্কত বন্ধুৱা বিভাগে কি কৰিছে, মই কব নোৱাৰো কিন্তু ইণ্ডাষ্ট্ৰি বিভাগৰ ফালৰ পৰা এখন circular ও দিয়া হৈছে যে বাহিৰৰ পৰা আমাৰ ইয়াত ব্যবসায় বা উদ্যোগ কৰিবলৈ অহা মানুহৰ, মাননীয় সদস্যই উল্লেখ কৰা স্বৰ্ত্তহে সুবিধা দিয়া হৈছে। চৰকাৰে এনেয়ে বহি থকা নাই ?

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya কিন্তু আগৰ পৰা কৰা নাই।

Shri Biswadev Sarma : আগতেই কৰা হৈছে।

Shri Debeswar Sarma : এই লায়েইচন অফিচাৰৰ কাম কি ? আগতেও লায়েইচন অফিচাৰ এজন আছিল এইটোত তেওঁৰ সম্বন্ধীয় লগাভগা কেইজনমান মানুহক কাম দিয়াৰ বাহিৰে একো কাম হোৱা নাই ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : তেওঁৰ function হৈছে Industry ত যি নিয়োগ হয়, সেইবিলাকত মানুহক সুবিধা কৰি দিয়ে তেনে এটা নিয়োগ কমিটিৰ তেওঁ মেম্বাৰ।

Re : Electrification of Bokakhat

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*308 Will the Minister-in-charge of Power and Electricity be pleased to state—

a) Whether is ita fact that the Government decided electrification of Bokakhat in the fourth five-year plan ?

b) Whether the local public and the questioner approached the Government several times to give electrification at Bokakhat town ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Electricity Board drew up a scheme for electification of Bokakhat town within this year ?

(d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to expedite the matter ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Power and Electricity) replied :

308. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Bokakhat is proposed to be electrified in 1968.

Re : Electrification of Rural Areas

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*309. Will the Minister-in-charge of Power and Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government propose for electrification of the rural population of the villages ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that public of Dergaon applied from several years to extend the electrification to Komargaon and Naharani of Dergaon which is nearer to Dergaon and Baruabamungaon ?

(e) If so, what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister, Power Electricity)] replied :

309. (a)—Yes.

(b)—There have been requests from many quarters

for extension of power from Dergaon and Baruabamungaon.

(c)—The Board proposes to construct a 33-KV feeder from Jorhat to Dergaon in the next financial year, after completion of which it will be possible to extend the distribution system in the Dergaon-Barua-bamungaon area.

Re : Area of the Dhing Veterinary Hospital

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

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

(a) What is the present area ot the compound of the Dhing Veterinary Hospital ?

b) Whether it is a fact that this compound is not sufficient ?

c) If so, whether this Hospital will be shifted to a more spacious site ?

b) If so, when ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

310. (a)--About one bigha of land.

(b)—The area of compound is not sufficient to accommodate the quarters of Veterinary Field Assistant and the Chowkidar.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re S. P. C. A. of Gauhati

Shri ATUL CHANDRA GOSWAMI asked :

★311. মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয় অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাব নে—

(ক) গুৱাহাটীত "S. P. C. A. বুলি এটি অনুষ্ঠান আছে নেকি ? যদি আছে, ইয়াৰ সভাপতি, উপ-সভাপতি আৰু সম্পাদকজনৰ নাম কি ?

(খ) এই কথা সঁচা নে যে উক্ত "S. P. C. A." ৰ এজন পৰিদর্শক আছে ?

(গ) এই কথা সঁচা নে যে উক্ত পৰিদর্শকজনক পুলিচৰ ক্ষমতা দিয়া হৈছে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

311. (ক) - হয়, আছে।

সভাপতি—শ্রীবিমলা প্রসাদ চলিহা, মুখ্যমন্ত্রী, অসম।

উপ-সভাপতি—শ্রীকামাখ্যা প্রসাদ ত্রিপাঠী, বিত্তমন্ত্রী, অসম।

শ্রীৰাণাৰাম. অযোধ্যা সিংহ।

সম্পাদক—শ্রীবি,. এন, তেৱাৰী।

(খ)—হয়, আছে।

(গ)—হয়, ।

Re : Free Education up to Matriculation

Shri Matilal Nayak asked :

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

a) Whether Government propose to give free education up to Matriculation in the State ?

b) If so, when the same will be introduced ?

c) If not, why not ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

312. (a)—There is no proposal to give free education up to Matric stage.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Since Government have not yet been able to make education free even up to the end of the Middle stage, it is too early to think in terms of free education for all students up to the Matric stage. It is proposed to make education free up to the Middle stage by the end of the 4th plan. Even this will be done in a phased manner.

Re : Recurring Grant to Gohpur Aided High School

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika asked :

*313. মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাব নে—

ক) গহপুৰ সাহায্যপ্রাপ্ত হাইস্কুলে ৰেকাবিং গ্রাণ্ট পায় নে ?

খ) যদি পায়, কেনেকুৱা ভিত্তিত এই গ্রাণ্ট দিয়া হৈছে ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

313. (ক)—হয় ।

(খ)—ন্যূনতা বা ঘাটি নীতিৰ (Deficit system) ভিত্তিত এই অনুদান দিয়া হয় ।

Re : Appointment of School Teachers

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGU asked:

*314. মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে—

ক) এইটো কথা সঁচা নে যে চৰকাৰৰ শেহতীয়া সিদ্ধান্ত অনুযায়ী প্রশিক্ষণ-প্রাপ্ত প্রবেশিকা পাচ প্রশিক্ষণপ্রাপ্ত শিক্ষকৰ ওপৰত প্রাক-বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (P. U.) পাচ শিক্ষক প্রার্থীসকলক প্রথম আগস্থান সুবিধা দিয়া হয় ?

(খ) যদি সঁচা, তেন্তে মাজুলীৰ প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা-মণ্ডলৰ অধীনত যোৱা কেইবছৰমান কাম কৰি অহা প্ৰাক-বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় (P. U.) পাচ কেইজনমান শিক্ষকক চাকৰীত বাহাল কৰা নহল কিয়?

(গ) এই কথা সঁচা নে যে ১৯৬১ চনত প্ৰশিক্ষণ লোৱা অথচ শিক্ষকতা লাভ নকৰা প্ৰাৰ্থীসকলক বিবেচনাধীন তালিকা (waiting list)ত ধৰা নাই আৰু প্ৰাৰ্থীত্বৰ অহঁতাৰ বাবে পুনৰ ১৯৬৩ চনৰ প্ৰশিক্ষণ পাব লাগে?

(ঘ) যদি সঁচা তেন্তে এবাৰ অহঁতা লাভৰ পিচত আকৌ কিয় তাৰ বাবে প্ৰশিক্ষণ লব লাগে?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied:

314. (ক)—প্ৰশিক্ষণপ্ৰাপ্ত, প্ৰবেশিকা পাচ প্ৰশিক্ষণপ্ৰাপ্ত প্ৰাৰ্থীৰ ওপৰত প্ৰাক-বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পৰীক্ষা পাচ প্ৰাৰ্থীক অগ্ৰাধিকাৰ বা প্ৰথম সুবিধা দিবলৈ চৰকাৰে বা ৰাজ্যিক প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা পৰিষদে কোনো সিদ্ধান্ত লোৱা নাই।

(খ) (ক)-প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰমতে এই প্ৰশ্ন উঠিব নোৱাৰে। তাৰোপৰি মাজুলী ৰাজ্যিক প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষাপৰিষদে প্ৰাক-বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পাচ কোনো শিক্ষকক উপযুক্ত শিক্ষা গুণাগুণ সম্পন্ন নহয় বুলি চাকৰিৰ পৰা অব্যাহতি দিয়া নাই।

(গ)—মাজুলীত ১৯৬১ চনত প্ৰশিক্ষণ লোৱা বা পাচ কৰা লোক শিক্ষক পদৰ বাবে প্ৰাৰ্থী নাই। এবাৰ প্ৰশিক্ষণ পাচ কৰিলে পাচ কৰোতা-জনক শিক্ষক পদৰ বাবে উপযুক্ত বুলি ধৰা হয়। তেওঁলোকে পুনৰ ১৯৬৩ চনত প্ৰশিক্ষণ লবৰ আৱশ্যক নকৰে। কিন্তু ১৯৬১ চনত শিক্ষক বাচনী পাচ কৰোতাসকলে ১৯৬২ চনৰ শিক্ষক বাচনী পৰীক্ষা হোৱাৰ আগলৈকে শিক্ষকতা চাকৰিত মকৰল নাপালে ১৯৬২ চনৰ শিক্ষক বাচনি পৰীক্ষা পাচ কৰি পুনৰ অহঁতা অৰ্জন কৰিব লাগিছিল। সেইদৰে ১৯৬২ চনৰ শিক্ষক বাচনি পৰীক্ষা কৰোতা চাকৰি নোপোৱা সকলেও ১৯৬৩ চনৰ শিক্ষক বাচনি পৰীক্ষা পাচ কৰি অহঁতা অৰ্জন কৰিব লাগিছিল। ১৯৬৩ চনৰ পাচত মাত্ৰ ১৯৬৬ চনতহে শিক্ষক বাচনি পৰীক্ষা হৈছিল। ১৯৬৬ চনৰ শিক্ষক বাচনি পৰীক্ষা অকল মেট্ৰিক পাচ কৰা বা উচ্চ ইংৰাজী বিদ্যালয় শেষ পৰীক্ষাত উত্তীৰ্ণ হোৱাসকলেহে দিব পাৰিছিল। এম, ভি, এম, ই নাইবা দশম মান শ্ৰেণীলৈকে পঢ়া প্ৰাৰ্থীক এই পৰীক্ষা দিবলৈ অনুমতি দিয়া নহৈছিল।

(ঘ)—প্ৰশিক্ষা আৰু শিক্ষক বাচনি একে বিষয় নহয়। প্ৰশিক্ষণ এবাৰ উত্তীৰ্ণ হলেই শিক্ষক পদ পাবৰ বাবে পুনৰ প্ৰশিক্ষণ লব নালাগে। শিক্ষক বাচনি পৰীক্ষা পাচ কৰিলেহে অহঁতা অৰ্জন কৰে।

Re : Amalgamation of post-Graduate Basic Training College, Titabar with B. T. College, Jorhat

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

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

(a) When the post-Graduate Basic Training College at Titabar had been amalgamated with the Post-Graduate Training College (B. T.), Jorhat ?

b) What happened to the service of the Principal of the Post-Graduate Training College, Titabar after amalgamation ?

c) Where he had been posted and when ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

315. (a)—The Post Graduate Basic Training College, Titabar had been amalgamated with the Post-Graduate Training College, Jorhat on 4th February 1966.

(b) & (c)—The post of the Principal, Post-Graduate Basic Training College, Titabar had been transferred to the Post Graduate Training College, Jorhat by redesignating the same as Vice-Principal on amalgamation along with the incumbent. The post had subsequently been redesignated as Professor. Before joinig there, the incumbent Shri Duleswar Konwar got appointment as Principal in the Dimapur College and so he was released from the Department on 23rd August 1966.

Re : Subansiri and Brahmaputra Dykes

Shri Nameswar Pegu asked :

*336. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

a) Whether unfinished portions of the Subansiri and Brahmaputra dykes towards Chelamukh and Jengraimukh have been completed ?

(b) If not, why not ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chodhury (Minister, Flood Control, etc) replied :

336. (a) & (b) - No Due to the public opposition to the approved alignment. the work was held up beyond Ch. 11,200 to 25,5000. Hence an alternative alignment was selected on which work is now in progress.

Re : Kumatia and Jiadhal Embankments

Shri Nameswar Pegu asked :

*337. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state -

(a) Whether Government has proposed to extend the Kumatia and Jiadhal embankments towards the effected area ?

(b) If not, why not ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister,Flood Control, etc.) replied :

337. (a)—There is a proposal to extend the Jiadhal and Kumatia dykes.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Embankment from National Highway to Jaishihati

Shrimati PRANITA TALUKDAR asked:

*338 Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) When the embankment from National Highway to Jaishihati on the left bank of the Beki river was constructed ?

(b) Whether compensation for the land acquired was paid ?

c) If not, when the same can be expected ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

338. (a)—In 1964-65.

(b)—Not yet.

(c)—Payment will be made as soon as all the acquisition proceedings are completed and land compensation estimates made ready and sanctioned.

Re : Erosion caused by Dhansiri River

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*339. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) be pleased to state—

(a) What steps have been taken by the Government to stop erosion caused by the Dhansiri river in between Dhansiri mukh bund and Kaziranga Game Sanctuary ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that a large number of wild lives are washed away during flood from the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary every year ?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to extend the Dhansirimukh bund to the end of the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary for protection of wild lives ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, etc.) replied :

339. (a)—No steps have so far been taken to stop erosion by the Brahmaputra between Dhansirimukh and Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary.

(b) —No, By instinct the wild lives during flood migrate and accidentally a few may be washed down but they are rescued by forest staff.

(c) Wild life expert is of the view that flood is essential for the welfare of the wild lives inhabiting the sanctuary. Hence construction of bund in this reach is not considered necessary.

Re : Shifting of Manas Valley Division

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked:

*340. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government will be pleased to shift the Manas Valley Division to Barpeta and amalgamate this Division with the E. &. D. Division at Barpeta ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that there has been huge loss of Government revenue for having two Divisions ?

(c) When the amalgamation of both the two Divisions w ill be made early ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Public Works Department, Flood Control and Irrigation) replied:

340. (a)—There is no such proposal to shift the Manas Valley Division to Barpeta or to amalgamate with the E. &.D. Division at Barpeta.

(b)—The North Kamrup E. & D. Division at Barpeta was established mainly for execution of works under the Barpeta Subdivision and that of Manas Valley Investigation at Barpeta Road is meant exclusively for investigation and formulation of long term project for training and flood control in the Manas-Beki Basin. Hence the question of loss of Government revenue does not arise.

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

Re : Embankment on Kakodonga River

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*341 মাননীয় জলসিঞ্চন বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

ক) কাকডোঙা নদীত নগা পাহাবৰ সমীপত কাকডোঙা নৈত বান্ধ এটা দি জলসিঞ্চনৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে নেকি ?

খ) এই জলসিঞ্চন ব্যৱস্থাটো চলি আছে নে ?

গ) এই কাকডোঙা জলসিঞ্চন—ব্যৱস্থাটোত কিমান টকা এতিয়ালৈকে খৰচ কৰা হ'ল আৰু কিমান খৰচ হব ?

ঘ) এই জলসিঞ্চন - ব্যৱস্থাটোৰে কোন কোন ঠাইত খেতি কৰাৰ সুবিধা হব ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

341. (ক)—হয়, "providing irrigation facilities in Amguri and Kharikotia mouzas from Kakodonga River" নামৰ এটা জলসিঞ্চন আঁচনিৰ কাম চৰকাৰে লৈছে।

খ) ইয়াৰ কাম চলি আছে।

গ)—এতিয়ালৈকে ৩,৫৪,৮৫৫.০০ টকা খৰচ হৈছে আৰু প্ৰায় ১,৪৫,১৪৫.০০ টকা খৰচ হব।

(ঘ)—খৰিকটিয়া আৰু আমগুৰি মৌজাৰ অন্তৰ্গত থকা বেছি ভাগ পথাৰত এই জলসিঞ্চন আঁচনিৰ যোগেদি খেতি কৰাৰ সুবিধা হব।

Re : Closure of Breaches on the Embankments of the River Baralia

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya asked :

*342. Will the Minister-in-charg of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrrgation) be Pleased to state—

a) Whether the Government of Assam has decided to go back upon the assurances given in 1966 by Shri (Dr) K. L. Rao, the then State Minister of the Government of India, in charge of Irrigation and Power and also by Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha, the Chief Minister of Assam that the breaches on the embankments of the river Baralia on both its banks between the points of village Garamchung on the one side and Dusutimukh on the other will not be closed ?

b) Whether the Government is aware that if the said breaches be closed, the three mouzas of Pub-Borbhag, Paschim-Barigog and Upper-Borbhag will again be submerged by floods and water logging as happened from 1959 to 1966 ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

342. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Beki Embankment

Shrimati PRANITA TALUKDAR asked :

*343. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

a) When the Beki embankment was constructed ?

b) Whether Government will be pleased to extend the Beki embankment on the right bank of the Beki river up to railway line through Jamadarbori, Shahpur and Sorbhoggaon ?

c) If not, why not ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

343. (a)—Beki embankments were constructed in several phases as indicated below—

1. From Mathanguri to Basbari along left bank in 1957-58.
2. From Kahitoma Reserved Forest to Railway line along right bank in 1961-63.
3. From Basbari to Railway line along left bank in 1963-65
4. From National Highway 31 to N. T. Road and downstream in 1965.

b)—This is under examination.

c) Does not arise at this stage.

Re : Channel for Diversion of Water of Baralia River

Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

*344. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation) be pleased to state –

a) Whether it is a fact that a portion of the water of river Baralia was proposed to be diverted by a channel starting from Bhoiratolaghat, popularly khown as 'the Hajo Channel" ?

b) Whether it is a fact that the said "Hajo Channel" was dug by the Embankment and Drainage Department at a huge cost ?

c) Whether it is a fact that after having spent a huge amount of money for the said "Hajo Channel," no water of the river Baralia has been diverted by the said channel ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

344. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Hajo channel excavation has cost Rs. 1,69,000 only.

(c)—No. The channel serves well during the flood season and carries a considerable volume of Baralia water during flood season.

Re : Breaches of Embankments on Baralia River

Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

*345. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation) be pleaased to state—

a) Whether the Government is aware that from 1959 to 1966, that is, till four breaches were caused on either embankments of river Baralia between the points of Garamchung

and Dusutimukh (near Nakheti) the three thickly populated mouzas of Upper Barbhag, Paschim Barigog and Pub-Banbhag were made worst flood affected areas ?

b) Whether the Government is aware that as a result of the taking place of four breaches on the embankments on either side of the river Baralia from the points at Garamchung and Dusutimukh, the people of the mouzas of Pub-Banbhag, Paschim-Barigog and Upper Barbhag bacame partially relieved since 1966 ?

c) Whether it is a fact that the Flood Control Department is now making plans and Preparations for closing the said breaches on the southern (left bank) side of the said embankments of river Baralia ?

d) Whether it is a fact that the Flood Control Department has already collected and stacked huge quantities of boulders, etc., with a view to close or obstruct the said breaches ?

e) Whether the Government is aware that there has spread a great panic among the people of the said mouzas as a result of the aforesaid preparations ?

f) Whether Government propose to re-examine the matter seriously and give assurance that the breaches will not be closed or obstructed ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, etc.) replied :

345. (a)—Yes, the areas were affected by flood.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d)—Boulders have been collected not for closing the breach but for laying the boulder in the breached portion of the embankment to make a spill-way so that no scour pit or pond of water may be created at the breach.

(e)—If there has been any panic it is based on wrong apprehension.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re : Resin-tapping of Pine Trees

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA asked :

*346. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

a) Whether Resin-tapping of pine trees in Short Round Forests of Shillong is being done regularly ?

b) If so, whether Government is aware that the Resin-tapping from the same pine trees for more than once is causing death to the trees ?

c) If the answer is in the affirmative whether Government be pleased not to repeat tapping of Resin from the same pine tree more than once ?

d) If the answar is in the negative, the reasons of the frequent death of pine trees in Short Round Forests of Shillong ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Forests) replied :

346. a)—Yes.

b)—No reports of death by Resin-tapping more than once have been received.

c)—Does not arise.

(d)—There is no such frequent death of pine trees in Short Round Forests. But natural death occurs sometime in a natural way which is a common phenomenom in all forests.

Re : Chunk of Forest Land under the Occupation of Nagas

Shri Matilal Nayak asked :

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

a) Whether it is a fact that a big chunk of forest land in Sibsagar District is under forcible occupation of Nagas ?

b) If so, what is the total area under their forcible occupation ?

c) Whether it is a fact that Government have not yet taken any measure to evict these encroachers ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Forests replied :

347. (a)—Yes, a good part of forest land is under occupation of the Nagas.

b) —The total area is approximately 11,780 acres.

c) —No, Government have taken measures to evict the Nagas from time to time, who are in unauthorised occupation of any land.

Re : Acquisition Proceedings of Lands for Diversion of National Highway No. 31, etc.

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury asked :

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

a] When the acquisition proceedings of lands for National Highway No. 31 for Naibari Town diversion and that of Ghograpar diversion were started ?

b] Whether compensation of lands acquired have been paid to the owners of lands ?

c] In how many cases full compensation have been paid, in how many cases part compensation have been paid and in how many cases no compensation have yet been paid ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied

348. a)—Lands in 6 villages are involved in the project Nalbari town diversion and 5 villages in Ghograpar diversion. The dates of initiation of acquisition proceedings are shown below against the names of the villages—

Ghograpar Diversion –

1. Paichara—23rd November 1965.
2. Dalua - 24th June 1964.
3. Baghmara—23rd November 1965.
4. Katakia—July, 1964.
5. Katuria—July, 1964.

Nalbari Diversion—

1. Bhuyar Kuchi—5th March 1965.
2. Katlabarkuchi—4th March 1965.
3. Haripur—26th February 1964.
4. Sandha Kairara—17th July 1963.
5. Barkura—29th June 1965.
6. Balakuchi—3rd March 1965.

b)—Yes.

c)—Acquisition compensation in respect of land in villages Haripur and Sandha-Kairara have been paid in full. In respect of three villages, viz., Bhuyar Kuchi, Barkura and Balakuchi the compensation in part has been paid as the lands are yet to be acquired.

No compensation for lands involved in the Ghograpar diversion and one village (Katlabarkuchi) of Nalbari diversion has been paid uptil now.

Re : Acquisition of Cultivable Land by Government

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

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

a) What is the total area of cultivated land so far acquired by the Government for different purposes including embankment and drainage ?

b) What is the total area of land so far thrown open for cultivation against that ?

Shri Mahendra Mahan Choudhury (Minister Revenue) replied :

349. a)—During last five years 1,11,516 B. 3 K. 11 Ls of cultivated land have been acquired throughout the whole State.

b)—Thirteen thousand, eight hundred thirty-nine bighas and eight lessas have been thrown open for cultivation during last five years.

Re : Koilaghat Grazing Reserve

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

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

a) Whether it is a fact that the whole Koilaghat Grazing Reserve of Missamora Mouza, Golaghat, was allotted to the flood-affected people ?

b) If so, the total areas of land in that grazing ?

c) Whether it is a fact that the local people of that area made objection to this effect ?

d) Whether the S.D.O., Mr. Rao, enquired into the matter and assured the people to re-consider it ?

e) Whether it is a fact that the people of that locality requested the present S.D.O. to deal with the matter without delay more than five times ?

f) Whether it is also a fact that the people approached the Revenue Minister at Dergaon in that regard ?

g) If so, what steps Government have so far taken in this regard ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister Revenue) replied :

350. a)—No, but there is a proposal pending with the S.D.O., Golaghat to dereserve the V.G.R. for allotment to the landless and flood-affected encroachers.

b)—The total area of Koilaghat V.G.R. is 170 B. 2K. 1 lessa.

c)—Yes. The objection petitions were received.

d)—Yes. The S.D.O., Shri Rao, enquired into the matter on 27th January 1967 and passed an order to place the proposal for dereservation before L.S.A.C for reconsideration.

e)—There is no record to show that the parties met S.D.O, Golaghat for expeditious disposal of the issue. The matter is going to be placed before the nex meeting of the L.S.A.C.

f)—I do not now remember whether any such representation was made.

g)—Government will consider the matter when they receive the proposal for dereservation.

Re: Complaint made by the People of Proja Bosti of Morongi Mouza

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked:

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

(a) Whether the Minister, Revenue and local authorities of Golaghat received a complaint from the people of Proja Bosti of Morongi Mouza, Golaghat Subdivision forwarded by the Deputy Minister, Labour and the questioner. ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the people of Proja Bosti belonging to ex-Tea garden labourers, are in occupation of the disputed land in question for more than 16 years ?

(c) Whether it is also a fact that in the last settlement the land was once again settled with the ex-Tea garden labourers ?

(d) Whether the adjacent tea garden proprietor took the patta and Revenue Receipt from the labourers and have tried to occupy the lands ?

(e) What steps the authority has taken against the officers involved in the above matter ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied:

351. (a)—Yes, one petition, dated 3rd November

1967 filed by Shri Khogeswar Bora and 14 others forwarded by the Deputy Minister, Labour, Assam was received by the S.D.O., Golaghat on 2Ist November 1967. Another application in respect of this matter was filed before the S.D.O., Golaghat by Shri Motiram Garh and 2 others on 4th January 1968.

(b)—It is a fact that a plot of land measuring 122 B, 4 K. 6 Ls in Proja Bosti are under occupation of 21 persons for more than 16 years and the occupants are reported to be ex-Tea garden labourers.

(c)—The area under occupation of the Bosti people in Proja Bosti village was in a non-cadastral village. It was surveyed during last Sibsagar District Resettlement operation. During the first phase of the last resettlement operation the area was taken up for settlement with 21 occupants. Annual pattas in respect of 122 B. 4 K. 6 Ls of land were granted but in the subsequent stages of operation these pattas were discontinued and the area mentioned therein were included in the lease of the Udayan Tea Estate which was contiguous to these lands.

(d)—It is not known that the garden proprietor took the patta and Revenue Receipt from the labourers as no such complaint regarding this matter was received by S.D.O., Golaghat. It was, however, found during S.D.C's enpuiry that the garden proprietor was trying to occupy the land. There being some anomalies regarding settlement of land with the Bosti people, the S.D.O., Golaghat has directed the S.D.C., Golaghat for immediate enquiry and resurvey of the disputed area and to ascertain the actual portion for finalisation of the issue.

(e) – Necessary steps will be taken on the basis of the findings of the enquiry now being made.

Re: Assault of Tribal Mikir Families

Shri PITSING KONWAR asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that some tribal Mikir families of Kaki of Nowgong District have been badly assaulted by some Bihari people who encroached upon the land of the Mikir people ?

(b) What steps Government have taken to protect those Mikir families from the atrocities committed to them by the Bihari people ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied:

352. (a)--No. No ejhar in this respect appears to have been lodged with the police.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Collection of Annual Khazanas in Karimganj Sub-division.

Shri Rathindra Nath Sen asked :

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

a) Whether it is a fact that for several years after the taking over of Zamindaries in Karimganj Sub-division by the Acquired Estetes Department no annual Khazanas were collected but now after about seven years' interval the said department has demanded of the people of seven years' revenue together with interest at a time ?

b) Whether it is a fact that the Minister, Revenue, being approached by the local representative during last Assembly Session

agreed to order Karimganj Acquired Estates Department to realise the overdue revenue by reasonably small instalments and without charging any interest ?

c) If so, why the Acquired Estates Authority, Karimganj, did not care to carry out that order ?

d) Whether Government will direct the Acquired Estates Authority to realise the arrear in instalment ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

353(a)—It is not a fact that the collection of rent from all the acquired Taluks of Karimganj Sub-division begun after a lapse of 7 years. Only in some cases, Manager, Acquired Estates, could not proceed to collect rents for non-submission of Touzi records by ex-proprietors. Interest is charged as per provision of the Sylhet Tenancy Act Tenants were once given one year's time to pay the rent before interest was leviad.

b)—No

c) & d)—Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Re : Rehabilitation at Jourimari and Kholli Professional Grazing Reserves.

Shri Ataur Rahman asked :

*354. Will the minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

a) Whether certain categories of people were sought to be rehabilitated in the Jourimari and Kholli P. G. Rs in the Barpeta Sub-division ?

b) If so, when ?

c) Whether individual families have been pointed out boundaries of their plots and Pattas issued to them ?

d) If not, why ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue,) replied :

354(a)&(b)—Yes, 556 river-eroded families of Ghilajari, Bagribari,

Baghbar and Chenga Mauzas were sought to be rehabilitated in Jourimari and Kholli P. G. Rs. in the years 1960 and 1964.

c) & (d) : Individual allotments to 454 families have been pointed out and the remaining families have not turned up to take possession of land. Issue of Patta is under process.

Re : Service of Shri Narendra Nath Saikia, Mandal

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*355 মাননীয় বাজহমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাব নে—

(ক) শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ সোণাৰী চবডেপুটি কালেক্টৰ চার্কেলৰ শ্রীযুত নবেন্দ্র নাথ শইকীয়া, মণ্ডল, কেতিয়া চাকবিত ভর্ত্তি হৈছিল আৰু বিভাগীয় প্রশিক্ষণ কেতিয়া লৈছিল ?

(খ) তেখেত প্রশিক্ষণ কৃতকার্য্য হোৱা লোক হয় নে ?

(গ) তেখেতক কেতিয়া চাকবিৰ পবা অৱসৰ দিয়া হল ? তেখেতক যিখন 'Show cause notice' serve কৰা হৈছিল তাৰ কৈফিয়ৎ ডাকযোগে Regd. কবি (যথাসময়ত) পঠোৱা স্বত্বেও কিয় তেখেতৰ কৈফিয়ৎ প্রাপ্তিৰ স্বীকাৰোক্তি নহল ?

(ঘ) তেখেতৰ দ্বাবা প্রেবিত কৈফিয়ৎ যদি নামঞ্জুৰ হৈছিল, তেখেতক কিয় জনোৱা নহল বা কিয় পুনৰ সময় দিয়া নহল ? প্রাপ্তিস্বীকাৰোক্তি নকৰি চাকবিৰ পবা কিয় অৱসৰ দিয়া হল ?

(ঙ) যোৱা ৮ ফেব্রুৱাৰী ১৯৬৭ তাৰিখে মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ৰ ওচৰত দিয়া আবেদন চৰকাৰে পালে নে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

355(a)—Shri Narendra Nath Saikia, Mandal, entered into service on 4th October 1951 and under went survey training in 1953.

ক) শ্রীনবেন্দ্র নাথ শইকিয়া 8 অক্টোবৰ ১৯৫১ তাৰিখে মণ্ডল হিচাবে চাকবিত ভর্ত্তি হৈছিল আৰু তেওঁ ১৯৫৩ চনত জৰিপ প্রশিক্ষণ লৈছিল।

b) Yes.

খ) হয়।

(c)—He was discharged from service by the Settlement Officer, Sibsagar, Jorhat with effect from 10th June 1964. The order of discharge was upheld by the Director of Land Records, Assam on appeal by Shri Saikia No reply (explanation) to the 'show cause notice' was received from Shri Saikia.

(গ)—উক্ত শইকীয়াক ১০ জুন ১৯৬৪ তাবিখে শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ চেটেলমেণ্ট অফিচাৰে চাকৰিৰ পৰা বৰখাস্ত কৰিছিল। শ্ৰীশইকীয়াই ডাইৰেক্টৰ অব্ লেণ্ড ৰেকৰ্ডৰ ওচৰত আপিল কৰাত, ডাইৰেক্টৰে বৰখাস্তৰ হুকুম বাহাল ৰাখিলে। আপত্তি দৰ্শাবলৈ দিয়া জাননি মতে শ্ৰীশইকীয়াই কোনো কৈফিয়ত দিয়া নাছিল।

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

(ঘ)—(গ)—দফাত দিয়া উত্তৰমতে এই প্ৰশ্ন নুঠে।

(e)—Yes.

(ঙ)—হয়।

Re : Number of Venture Colleges in Assam

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

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

(a) What was the Number of venture colleges in Assam till August 1967 ?

(b) Whether the Goverment has given and to any one of them ?

(c) If so, the number of such colleges ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

356. (a)—Government do not keep any official record of Venture Colleges which sprang up now and then but not affiliated to the University even for P.U. course up to Session, 1967-68.

(b) & (c)—Yes, a non-recurring maintenance grant at Rs. 4,000 each has been given to seven such colleges for the current year for their temoprary affiliation up to 1st Year T.D.C. Arts Section.

Re : Ramkrishna Vidyapith

Shri RoThindra Nath Sen asked :

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

(a) When Ramkrishna Vidyapith of Ramkrishnanagar, Cachar, has been transformed into a Higher Secondary Instiution under the State Government ?

(b) What is the annual income of this Institution ?

(c) What is the subsidy granted by the Government annually ?

(d) Whether the Government is a aware that at present the Institution is in a financial deadlock ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 11,000 (Elven thousand) has been outstinding with the Government that ought to have been paid to the Inititution long before ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that while a sum of Rs.2,200 is necessary for every month, the Government sanction only Rs.615 a month ?

(g) If so, whether Government will be pleased to sanction the deficit now ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State. Education) replied:

357. (a) – From 1st January 1965.

(b) – Rupees 22,500 (fee income).

(c)—Rupees 53,643 during 1967-68 for High Schools and Rs.17,376 during the same year from 1st March 1967 to 31st November 1967 for Higher Secondary School.

(d) – Yes.

(e)—Due to non-submission of particulars in respect of Higher Secondary teachers by the school, the grant was sanctioned for the year 1966 at Rs. 615 per month for Higher Secondary Section on previous year's rate. The deficit of Rs. 12,020.44 for the school

has been reported by the Inspector of Schools in November 1967. Hence the sum could not be sanctioned long before.

(f)—No.

(g)—As regards the arrear of deficit grant, the matters is receiving the consideration of Government.

Re : Selection of Members to the Advisory Committees of the State Elementary Education Board

Shri Mohidhar Pegu asked :

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

ক) অসমৰ ৰাজ্যিক প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা মণ্ডলসমূহৰ উপদেষ্টা সমিতিৰ সদস্য-সকলক কোন ভিত্তিত মনোনীত কৰে ?

খ) এই সমিতিবিলাকৰ সভাপতি প্ৰমুখ্যে সদস্যসকলে প্ৰতিনিধিমূলকভাবে কাম কৰিবৰ ব্যৱস্থা ৰখা হৈছে নে ?

গ) যদি নাই ৰখা তাৰ কাৰণ কি ?

ঘ) ৰাজ্যিক শিক্ষামণ্ডলসমূহে যথাস্থানৰ স্থানীয় বিধান সভাৰ সদস্যসকলৰ পৰা কেতিয়াবা কোনো বিষয়ে মতামত লয় নে ?

ঙ) যদিহে লোৱা নহয়, কিয় ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied:

358. (ক) - The Advisory Committees are constituted as per Rule 16 of the Assam Elementary Education Rules, 1963, in the following manner—

a) A Headmaster of a High or Higher Secondary School from out of three names recommended by the Inspector of Schools concerned.

b) An Educationist or a person having active interest in Education from out of three names recommended by the Mahkuma Parishad in a meeting.

c) A nominee of the Chairman, State Board. The Chairman, State Board appoints one of the members referred to above as Chairman of the Committee.

খ)—Under the Rules, Advisory Committees function is to advise the Assistant Secretary in the matter of selection of candidates for appointment.

গ) In view of (খ) above, question does not arise.

ঘ) There is no provision in the rules to consult the M. L. As.

ঙ) Does not arise.

Re : Nalbari Civil Sub-division

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury asked :

*359 – Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state -

a) Whether the Government is aware of the opening of a new Civil Sub-division at Nalbari from April 1967 ?

b) Whether as sequel to this, Nalbari Gurdon Higher Secondary School was to be provincialised from the time of creation of the new sub-division ?

c) Whether it is a fact that the Minister of Education publicly said that Gurdon Higher Secondary School was to be provincialised from the current year ?

d) What effective measures have been taken by the Department to provincialise the said school from the beginning of the current year ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

359. (a) – Yes.

(b)—A proposal is under consideration to provincialise the Nalbari Gurdon Higher Secondary School

(c)—No, Minister, Education said that he would try.

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

Re : Inadequate Teaching Staff in Jorhat Engineering College

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

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

a) Whether it is a fact that the students of the Jorhat Engineering College are facing great diffIculties due to inadequate teaching staff in some departments of the College ?

b) If so, what are those departments and what steps have been taken to remove those difficulties ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

360. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Persons appointed in Mass-Illiteracy Education Campaign

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*361. Will the Minister-in-charger of Education be pleased to state—

a) What is the total number of employees appointed for Mass-Illiteracy Education Campaign ?

b) What is the total number of persons (adult) made literate during the last 5 years ?

c) Whether it is a fact that the Mass-Illiteracy Eradication Scheme has completely failed ?

d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to revise the scheme ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

361. (a)—Mass-Literacy is only one aspect of Social Education. There is no separate staff for Mass-Literacy. The total staff under Social Education is :—

(i)	Social Education Officer	1
(ii)	District Social Education Officer (one in each district)	11
(iii)	Social Education Organisers attached to Development Blocks.	161
(iv)	Lady Social Education Organisers attached to Development Blocks	128
(v)	Sub-Inspectors of Schools (Social)	15
(vi)	Assistant Sub-Inspectors of Schools (Social)	31

(b)—Male 46,407

Female 52,299

Total 98,706

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Posting of Teachers in Higher Secondary Schools

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

*362. মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) চৰকাৰী হাইয়াৰ চেকেণ্ডাৰী স্কুলবিলাকৰ প্ৰধান শিক্ষক আৰু সহকাৰী প্ৰধান শিক্ষকসকল স্থানীয় হলে নতুবা দুই-এদিনৰ বন্ধ পালেই ঘপৰাই ঘৰলৈ যাব নোৱাৰা দূৰৰ পৰা দিয়াৰ নীতি অৱলম্বন কৰিলে বেয়া বুলি চৰকাৰে ভাবে নেকি ?

(খ) যদি নেভাবে, কিয় এনে নীতি অবলম্বন কৰা হোৱা নাই ?

(গ) তেনে নীতি অৱলম্বন নকৰাৰ পৰা স্কুলৰ প্ৰশাসনত যে বহুত বেমেজালি ঘটি আছে, চৰকাৰে জানে নে ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

362. (ক)—প্রধান শিক্ষক আৰু সহকাৰী প্রধান শিক্ষক স্থানীয় হলেহে ভাল বুলি চৰকাৰে ভাবে। তেনেহলে ছাত্র-ছাত্রীৰ ওপৰত তত্ত্বধানৰ সুবিধা হয়। দুই এদিন বন্ধত স্কুল এৰি যোৱাৰ (বিনা অনুমতিত) নিয়ম নাই। তেনেকুৱা কৰাৰ প্রমাণ পালে যথাবিহিত শাস্তিৰ বিধান আছে।

(খ) আৰু (গ)—ওপৰত কোৱা উত্তৰৰ বাবে আৰু প্রশ্ন নুঠে।

Re : Procedure followed in Selection of Headmasters

Shri Maneswar Boro asked :

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

a) What is the procedure usually followed by the Government in the matter of selection for Headmaster in Government Aided High Schools and in Higher Secondary Schools in Assam ?

b) Whether there is any relaxation in the matter of selection of Headmaster for the High and Higher Secondary Schools in case of the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

363(a)—The procedure is usually followed as per rule 4 of the "Amended Assam High and Higher Secondary Schools Employees Rules, 1965", placed of the Table of the House.

(b)—No.

Re : Regional Engineering College at Silchar

Shri Rathindra Nath Sen asked :

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

(a) What is the present position of the proposed Regional Engineering College at Silchar ?

(b) When the College building is expected to be completed ?

(c) Whether the Governing Body of the College has been constituted ?

(d) Who are the members of the Governing-Body ?

(e) Whether the Governing Body has covered representation from all sub-divisions of Cachar District and the States of Tripura Manipur and Mizo District ?

(f) Whether the Principal's office has been stationed at Silchar ?
(g) What are the functions of the Principal at present ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State Education) replied :

364(a)—The Board of Governors, as per provision of the Memorandum of the Association and the Rules relating to the Regional Engineering College (Silchar) Society is doing all the preliminaries, such as appointment of staff, preparation of master plan for construction of buildings, calling for tenders and other necessary allied matters, like formulation of Service Rules, Bye-laws, etc., to implement the scheme.

(b)—Buildings are expected to be completed at the end of the Fourth Plan period.

(c) Yes.

(d)—(i) Dr. B. R. Seth, Vice-chancellor, Dibrugarh University—Chairman.

(ii) Secretary to the Government of Assam, Finance Department—Member.

(iii) Secretary to the Government of Assam, Education Department—Member.

(iv) Shri N. C. Chakraborty, Deputy Educational Adviser (T), Government of India, Eastern Regional Office—Member.

(v) Dr. J. S. Chatterjee, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Jadavpur – Member.

(vi) Shri B. N. Choudhury, Partner, Ballardie, Thompson and Methews, 7, Wellesley Place, Calcutta – Member.

(vii) Dr. R. K. Barua, Head of Department in Chemistry, Gauhati University—Member University – Member.

(viii) Shri Nibaran Ch. Laskar, Ex-M.P.—Member.

(ix) Prof. H. C. (Guha), Vice-Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Calcutta Member.

(x) A non-official Representative of the State of Bihar—Member.

(xi) Shri S. K. Palit, Retd. Chief Engineer, Irrigation, Orissa – Member.

(xii) Shri Mayangnokcha Ao, Principal, Mokokchung High School – Member.

(xiii) Dr. S. K. Barua, Principal, Regional Engineering College, Silchar—Ex-Officio Member and Secretary.

(e)—As per scheme regarding composition of the Board of Governors, Government of India have specified different constituencies and the Board of Governors of the R. E. C., Silchar has been constituted accordingly and as the question of sub-division wise representation from Cachar District or representation from Mizo District, Tripura and Manipur does not arise.

(f)—No.

(g)—The function of the Principal at present is to make preliminary arrangements, such as, calling of tenders, finalisation of the Service Rules and to follow up the decisions of the Board of Governors.

Re : Tea Gaaden Lower Primary School taken over by Government.

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*365—মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) এই বছৰ অসমত মুঠ কিমানখন চাহ বাগান প্ৰাইমেৰী স্কুল চৰকাৰে লৈ শিক্ষা ব'ৰ্ডৰ অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰিলে ?

(খ) এই বাগানৰ প্ৰাইমেৰী স্কুলবিলাকৰ লগত মুঠ কিমানজন শিক্ষক ব'ৰ্ডে লবলগা হল বা ইতিমধ্যে ললে ?

(গ) এই শিক্ষকসকলৰ আগৰ চাহ বাগানত তেখেতসকলে পোৱা সুবিধা, বেতন আদিকে ধৰি কেনে ধৰণৰ আছিল ?

(ঘ) এতিয়া সেই শিক্ষকসকলক কেনে ধৰণেৰে বেতন বা অন্য সা-সুবিধা দিয়াৰ নিয়ম কৰিছে ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

365. (a)—Two hundred and sixty-eight tea garden Lower Primary Schools are taken over in 1967 by the Board in the Districts of Cachar and Sibsagar.

(b)—Board has taken over 337 teachers along with the above-mentianed schools

(c) The garden teachers enjoyed different allowances under the individual management and there was no uniform rate or benefit under all the garden managements. This varies from garden to garden and include D. A., increased D.A., variable D. A., cycle allowances, servant allowances, servant allowances, etc.

(d)—Pay protection of the existing teachers shall be given with the effect from the date of taking over of the schools. Their pay shall be determined on the basis of the initial pay given to the teachers and staff under the Board plus one incearment for every three years completed service under the management as per clause 4 of the agreement. They will also be entitled to other facilities which they used to get from the management as enumerated under clauses 5 and 8 also placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Appointment of Assistant Headmaster

Shri PITSING KONWAR asked :

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

(a) Whether there is any provision to appoint a Matriculate in the post of an Assistant Headmaster of H. E. School ?

(b) If not, why Shri Laksheswar Nath, a Matriculate, has been appointed in the post of Assistant Headmaster of Central Dharamtul M. Bora H. E. School and he has been provisionaly confirmed in that post ?

(c) Whether he has been given a definite period to qualify himself for the post of Assistant Headmaster ?

(d) If so, whether he has been able to qualify himself during the period ?

(e) If not, why he has been allowed to continue in the said post ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

366. (a)—No.

(b)—Shri Laksheswar Nath Matriculate Assistant Headmaster in the Central Dharamtul M. Bora H. E. School was appointed on Ist August 1940 and confirmed. The condition of grant-in-aid under deficit system laying down the requisite qualifications for teachers were introduced on 1st October 1956. Even under these conditions a confirmed Assistant Headmaster with more than 10 years experience in this capacity is not required to get qualified. He was therefore allowed to continue in his post which he was holding prior to that date.

(c)—No under the rules he was not required to qualify.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—The rule provides that "Schools having under-qualified confrmed Headmasters or Assistant Headmasters

with less than 10 years experience in the same capacity in a recognised school or below 50 years of age on 1st October 1956, which are given grant for new scale of pay will forfeit grants unless such Headmasters or Assistant Headmasters get qualified within 3 years.' The instant teacher was appointed on 1st August 1940, i.e., 16 years 2 months early of the date of introduction of the revised scales of pay in the school so the question of his discontinuation in his confirmed job does not arise.

Re : Omeo Kumar Das, M. E. School.

Shri Mohi Kanta Das asked :

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

a) Whether the Government is aware that a building of the Omeo Kumar Das Government Aided M.E. School in Tezpur Sub-division was gutted by fire ?

b) Whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Schools, N. A. C. on the report of the Senior Sub-inspector who had visited the school along with the local M.L.A. recommended Rs. 20,000 (Rupees twenty thousand) for reconstruction of the school building ?

c) Whether it is also a fact that the Minister, Education, assured sympathetic consideration when he was approached by the local M.L.A. and the Secretary of the school?

d) If so, whether the Government will be pleased

to sanction an adequate sum for the reconstruction of the building?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

367 (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. The Additional Deputy Inspector of Schools of Tezpur submitted a report through Inspector of Schools, Darrang District, Circle Tezpur after visiting that school and the Inspector of Schools, Darrang District Circle recommended for sanctioning an amount of Rupees fifteen thousand only for reconstruction of the school building.

(c)—Yes, Shri M. K. Das himself saw Minister, Education who said he would try.

(d)—This will be considered in next financial year according to the availability of funds.

Re : Assault of M. V. School Teacher in Sibsagar

Shri Promod Chandra Gogoi asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that an M.V. School Teacher was badly assaulted by some office clerks of the State Board for Elementary Education, Sibsagar, within the office compound on 6th Janury, 1968 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Assistant Secretary of the Board did not take any action against those clerks for their desperate character, but on the

contrary passed an order suspending the assaulted teacher .

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to cause an enquiry into the matter ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

368. (a)—An incident took place in the office of the Assistant Secretary when the officer was out of office on duty. The matter is under enquiry by the Assistant Secretary and exact nature of the incident will be known after completion of the same.

(b)—Yes. The teacher has been placed under suspension and necessary action will be taken against the office Assistant also if he is found guilty.

(c)—Yes. Inspector of Schools, Jorhat, has been asked to make an enquiry into the matter.

Re : Montessory School in Golaghat

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

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

(a) Whether the public of Golaghat started a Montessory School in 1967 to commemorate the memory of Martyr Kusol Konwar ?

(b) Whether the Minister of Education will be pleased to visit this institution ?

(c) Whether Government have given any establishment grant and recurring grant to this institution ?

(d) If not, whether Govinment will be pleased to give necessary grants to this school ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

369. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Minister shall try to visit.

(c)—No.

(d)—There is no provision for any grant to the Pre-Primary Schools in the current year's budget. However a small provision has been proposed in the next year's budget and if it goes through the case of this school will be considered during the next financial year.

Re: Pagala Beel Silbundh Minor Irrigation

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked:

*370. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and Community Development Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a minor irrigation as Pagala Beel Silbundh in Khatarbari village near the Nagrijuli Tea Estate under Khatarbari Gaon Panchayat in the Tamulpur Anchalik Panchayat jurisdiction ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the cultivators of Khatarbari village and Ghilaghar village had to depend on the said irrigation for cultivation ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Khatarbari Gaon Panchayat had sanctioned grant-in-aid to the said Bundh amounting to Rs.300 in 1963 and Rs.200 in 1963-64 ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that Tamulpur Anchalik Panchayat had hung the irrigation Sign Board in the name of Pagala Beel Silbundh Irrigation on the said Bundh ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the said Sign Board was snatched away by the Manager of the Nagrijuli Tea Estate and threw it way ?

(f) Whether the Government have received any complaint from the Khatarbari villagers regarding this matter ?

(g) If so, what actions have been taken by the Government against the Manager of Nagrijuli Tea Estate ?

(h) If not, why ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied:

370. (a)—Yes, there are minor Irrigation Schemes known as Pagala Beel and Silbundh in the fenced area of the Nagrijuli Tea Estate near Khatarbari Gaon Panchayat within Tamulpur Anchalik Panchayat area.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, an amount of Rs.300 for Silbundh and an amount of Rs.200 for Pagala Beel were sanctioned on 23rd April 1964.

(d)—Yes.

(e) & (f)—At present there is no Sign Board. A complaint was received that the Manager of the Tea Estate took away the Sign Boards of the Panchayat Bundhs.

(g)—The matter is under enquiry.

(h)—Does not arise.

Re : Construction of Road and Bridges under Pilot Project Scheme

Shri Gobinda Kalita asked :

*371. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that under the Pilot Project Scheme road can be constructed but not the bridges thereof however necessary they may be for public intersest ?

(b) If so, whether the Government is aware that bridges are as important as road and without bridge or bridges on road where necessary, the road itself becomes useless ?

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to amend the rule, if any, in this regard so that along with road under the Pilot Project Scheme, bridge may also be constructed, where necessary, for public interest ?

Shri Debendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

371(a)&(b)—Under the Pilot Project Scheme known as Rural Works Programme market roads which facilitate marketing of agricultural produce can be taken up. It is a Centrally-sponsored Scheme. It is laid down by the Government of India that 60 per cent of the

amount of any such scheme must be available for payment of wages. Bridges can be taken up within 40 per cent amount of such a Road Scheme. The intention of the scheme is to provide employment to unemployed and under-employed people during the slack agricultural season.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Duck Farm in Majuli.

Md, Matlebuddin asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a Duck Farm within the Majuli Gaon Panchayat has been started with the grant of Rs. 2,000 from the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat ?

(b) If so, what are the total number of ducks kept by the farmer ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the said Farm is not in existence now ?

(d) If so, why and for what purpose the grant was paid ?

(e) Whether there is any approval of the Anchalik Panchayat for the sanction of the said grant ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

372.(a)—The Majuli Poultry Co-operative Farm which was registered on 23rd February 1966 was given grant of Rs. 2,000 by the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat on 29th June 1966.

(b)—There was said to be 400 ducks originally, but during enquiry by the Block Development Officer after the sanctioning of the grant only 40 ducks were found.

(c)—Yes.

(d) It was paid as "grant to intensive farmes" under the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Scheme of the Anchalik Panchayat.

(e)—The Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Scheme under which the grant was paid was approved by the Anchalik Panchayat on 8th January 1966 but there was no specific approval of the Anchalik Panchayat for the grant to the Majuli Poultry Co-operative Farm.

Re : Auction of Land made by Forest Department.

Shri John F. Manliana asked :

*373. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Forest Department auctioned a piece of land on 18th December, 1967, in Cachar District in Dhalcherra (Phaisen) which was actually being tilled by one Mizo by the name of Zakhuma for the last seven years ?

(b) Whether it is also a fact that the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar auctioned away even the paddy produced by the above-named farmer ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that after dislodging the farmer, the authorities proposed to settle this land with some refugees ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Forests) replied :

373. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes. Paddy crop raised illegally by Shri Zakhuma with the aid of other encroachers on Reserve Forest land was seized and auctioned after due notice.

(c)—No.

Re : Encroachment of Forest Reserves by the People of Golaghat

Shri NarEndra Nath Sarma asked :

*374.—Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state –

(a) How many forest reserves are encroached by the people in Golaghat Sub-division ?

(b) The names of those forests ?

(c) From what year the people started to encroach the forest land particularly in the border areas of Golaghar Sub-division ?

(d) What steps the Government has taken in this regard and the nature of the steps ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some high officials in collaboration with the lower strata of employees of Forest Department are resposible for this ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that some polical parties instigated some people to encroach the land and realised a large amount from the people ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the majority of the encroachers posses sufficient land elsewhere ?

(h) Whether some Gaonburha and Mondal of the Forest Department are behind these activities ?

(i) Whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary steps to clear such illegal occupation of the land and settle ?

(j) Whether the Government will also be pleased to cause an enquiry into the whole affairs of encroachment of the forest land and the role of the officials and others of the Forest Department ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Forests) replied:

374. (a)—Two Reserved Forests.

(b)—Doyang Reserved Forest and Nambor Reserved Forest.

(c)—Since 1959-60.

(d)—Eviction operation has been carried out on several occasions. Houses are demolished. Crops are seized and offence report drawn up and sent to court for trial.

(e)—No.

(f)—Some political parties seem to be behind the encroachers, as it is seen from the recent Satyagraha launched at Golagat under the leadership of Shri Soneswar Bora, M.L.A. As regards accepting money by the interested parties, Government have no information.

(g)—Not known.

(h)—No.

(i)—Already there is a porposal to settle landless people in half a mile belt of the border areas of Doyang Reserved Forest.

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

Re: Lands in the Gardens of Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked:

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

(a) How many acres of excess unutilised land are available in the gardens of Golaghat Subdivision ? (Garden-wise figure may be given).

(b) Whether any land out of those unutilised land have been allotted to landless and flood-affected people ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied:

375. (a) - There are 11,233·39 acres of excess land in the gardens of Golaghat Subdivision. A statement showing the garden-wise figures is placed in the Table of the House.

(b)—An area of 7,841B-2K-1L has been allotted to landless and flood-affected people.

Re: Settlement of Lands within Two Miles of the Town

Shri BENOY KRISHNA GHOSE asked:

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

(a) Whether persons having land in the villages are treated as landless in matters of settlement of lands within two miles of the Town ?

(b) How many persons who live and possess lands in villages are not given settlement in dag No. 90 of village Baladmari within two miles of Goalpara Town ?

(c) The names of the said persons and quantity of land they possess in the villages ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (minister, Revenue) replied:

376. (a)—Subject to availability of land, settlement of land, in or within two miles of a town, is generally made with persons who have no land in or within two miles of the town either in his name or in the name of his family members and who are required normally to reside in the town or within 2 miles of the town.

[b] & [c] No statistics are maintained of persons

who live and possess land in villages but not settled land in or within two miles of Goalpara town and as such list of such persons could not be furnished.

Re : Ambulance Van of Goalpara District

Shri Giasuddin Ahmed asked :

*377. Will the minister-in-charge of Health be plased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is only one Ambulance Van in the District of Goalpara and that the said Van is about thirty years old and remains out of order throughout the year ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to increase the number of Ambulance Van and replace the old Van by a new one ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

377. (a) - Yes. There is only one Ambulance Van in Goalpara District and it is about ten years old. The Van remains out of order very often.

(b)—Yes, subject to the availability of fund.

Re : Completion of Assam Medical College Building

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya asked :

*378. Will the Minister-in-charge of Healh be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that when a team of the Mecical Council of India headed by its President inspected the Medical College, Gauhati on 15th, 16th and 17th March, 1966 to consider the advisability of its being approved by the Medical Council of India, it was assured on behalf of the Government of Assam that the whole of the College Building would be completed in its permanent site by the end of 1967 ?

(b) If so, whether in accordance with this assurance the work has been completed ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

378. (a)—Yes.

(b) – No.

Re : Superintendent's Quarters of Medical College, Guwahati

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya asked :

*379. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Superintendent's quarters have been built along with the Hostel Buildings of the Medical College, Guwahati in its permanent site ?

(b) If not, why not ?

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev (Minister, Health etc.) replied :

379.(a)&(b)– No, however, administrative approval for the plans and estimates for the Assistant Professors' quarters, which will be constructed for the Hostel Superintendents, have been accorded. The Public Works Department have been asked to suitably modify these plans and estimates and start construction of these buildings. Modification will be necessary due to locational factors.

Re : Amount spent in Birth-control

Shri Romesh Mohan Kuli asked :

*380. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount spent for Birth-control during the Third Five-Year Plan ?

(b) What is the total number of females using the "loop" (Ultra Uterine Contraceptive Devices) ?

(c) How many of them are unmarried, married and widows ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware that sales statistics

indicate that more unmarried men and women are purchasing Birth-control appliances and contraceptives than married persons ?

(e) What is the present population of Assam during the last few years ?

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev (Minister' Heath) replied :

380.(a)—The total amount spent for Family Planning Programme during the Third Five Year Plan is Rs. 55.79 lakhs.

(b)—The total amount of females using the loop is 87,015 according to the latest information with Government.

(c)—All are married.

(d)—No such reports have been received so far.

(e)—The population of Assam is shown as follows—

1951	... 8.83	Million.	
1961	... 11.87	,,	
1962	... 12.20	,,	Estimated
1963	... 12.54	,,	,,
1964	... 12.89	,,	,,
1965	... 13.25	,,	,,
1966	... 13.63	,,	,,
1967	... 14.01	,,	,,

Investment on Agricultural Activities

Shri Mohidhar Pegu asked :

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

(a) The total investment on various Agricultural activlties during the Third Five-Year Plan period from the State exchequer?

(b) What is the overall loss or income resulted in the end of the said period ?

Shri Dandi Ram Dutta (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied :

381.(ক)—তৃতীয় পৰিকল্পনাৰ কালছোৱাত বিভিন্ন কৃষি-উন্নয়ন কার্য্যসূচীৰ মুঠ খৰছ হৈছে ৬১৮.৪৯ লাখ টকা। পৰিকল্পনাত মূল খৰচ ধার্য্য কৰা হৈছিল ৬৪৫.৮৫ লাখ টকা।

ওপৰোক্ত খৰচৰ মুঠ ৪৮৪.৯৫ লাখ টকা খৰচ কৰা হয়—বিভিন্ন কৃষি-উৎপাদন কার্য্যসূচীত আৰু ১৩৩.৫৪ লাখ টকা খৰচ কৰা হয়—বিভিন্ন ক্ষুদ্ৰ জলসিঞ্চন আঁচনিৰ কাম-কাজত।

(খ) - কেৱল কৃষি-কার্য্যসূচীসমূহক লৈগাই ধৰি লাভ-লোকচানৰ হিচাব ধৰিব নোৱাৰি। সি যিকি নহওক, কৃষি-কার্য্যসূচীৰ উন্নয়নৰ গতি তলত উল্লেখ কৰা বিষয়-সমূহৰ পৰা ধৰিব পৰা যায়। এই পৰিকল্পনাৰ কালছোৱাত খাদ্য-শস্যৰ উৎপাদন ১৯.০২ লাখ টনলৈ বৃদ্ধি পায়। পৰিকল্পনাৰ আৰম্ভণিতে এই উৎপাদন আছিল ১৭.৯০ লাখ টন। সেইদৰে ধানৰ উৎপাদন ১৭.৫১ লাখ টনৰ পৰা ১৮.৪৭ লাখ টনলৈ বৃদ্ধি হয়। ৰাসায়নিক সাৰ বিতৰণৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতো ১.১২ হাজাৰ টনৰ পৰা ১৯০০ হাজাৰ টনলৈ বৃদ্ধি পাইছে। শস্যৰক্ষাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এই কালছোৱাত ৯০,৫৯০ একৰৰ পৰা ৫,০০,০০০ একৰ মাটিৰ শস্যত এই ব্যৱস্থা লোৱাৰ কাম বৃদ্ধি হৈ পৰিছে। তাৰোপৰি ৩,৯০,০০০ একৰ মাটিলৈকে জলসিঞ্চন ব্যৱস্থাৰ প্ৰসাৰ বৃদ্ধি কৰা হৈছে। শেষত ধৰিব পাৰি যে ১৯৬১-৬২ চনত মুঠ ৩৭,৫৬০ একৰ মাটিতহে উন্নত পদ্ধতিৰে খেতি কৰা হৈছিল যদিও পৰিকল্পনাৰ শেষলৈ এই খেতি ২,৫০,০০০ একৰ মাটিলৈ বৃদ্ধি কৰা হৈছে।

Re : Property of Md. Marchuk Sekh

Shri Sarat Chandra Rabha asked :

*382. মাননীয় কৃষি বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) কৃষ্ণাই আশুকুৰি চৰকাৰী কৃষি ফার্মৰ কর্ম্মচাৰীসকলে উক্ত ফার্মৰ কামত থকা মহম্মদ মাৰচুক সেখৰ ঘৰ, সা-সম্পত্তি সকলোখিনি যোৱা ১৯৬৭ চনৰ এপ্ৰিল মাহত পুৰি ভস্মিভূত কৰা ঘটনাটো সঁচা নে ?

(খ) যদি সঁচা, কেনেকৈ এই দাহনকার্য্য হবলৈ পালে ?

(গ) এই সংক্রান্তত দোষী ব্যক্তিসকলক শাস্তি দিয়া হৈছে নে ?

(ঘ) ক্ষতিগ্রস্থ পৰিয়ালক কোনো প্রকাৰৰ সহায় দিয়া হৈছে নে ?

(ঙ) যদি সহায় দিয়া নাই তেনেহলে অনতিপলমে ক্ষতিপূৰণ দিয়া হব নে ?

Shri Dandi Ram Dutta (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied :

382 (ক) কথাটো সঁচা নহয়।

(খ)-(ঙ)—এই প্রশ্ন ঘুঠে।

Re : Purchase of Vehicle for Agriculture Department

Shri Gobinda Kalita asked :

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

(a) What is the total number of trucks purchased by the State Government for the Agriculture Department for being used as Vegetable Vans ?

(b) How many Drivers, Handymen and other persons are engaged to run and to look after the same ?

(c) What is the monthly expenditure, under different heads, for the Vegetable Vans ?

(d) What has been the expenditure, making the bodies of those Vegetable Vans ?

(e) What is the number of Vegetable Vans for the Kamrup District ?

(f) Whether all the Vegetable Vans allotted to Kamrup District are in working order ?

(g) If not, why ?

(h) What has been the profit and loss in the purchase and distribution of Vegetables ?

(i) Whether there are any fixation of prices for the vegetables purchased by Government and also for distribution thereof ?

(j) If so, by whom it is done ?

(k) If not, why not ?

Shri Dandi Ram Dutta (Deputy Minister, Agriculture) replied :

383. (ক)—সাতখন ।

(খ)—সাতজন ড্রাইভাৰ আৰু ৭ জন হেণ্ডিমেন নিয়োগ কৰা হৈছে। এই কাম চলাবৰ বাবে অতিৰিক্ত কোনো লোক নিয়োগ কৰা হোৱা নাই। আগৰে পৰা কাম কৰি থকা কৰ্মচাৰীসকলেই যাবতীয় কামকাজ চলাই আহিছে।

(গ) - নিয়মিত মহেকীয়া খৰচ—

(১) ড্রাইভাৰ আৰু হেণ্ডিমেনৰ দৰমহা আৰু ভাট্টাৰ বাবদ ৩০০ টকাৰ পৰা ৩৫০ টকালৈ।

(২) পেট্রল, মবিল আদি—৩০০ ৰ পৰা ৫০০ টকা।

মুঠতে সাধাৰণভাবে মাহিলী খৰচ প্রায় ৬০০ টকাৰ পৰা ৮৫০ টকা। মুঠ টকা পোৱা হৈছে—৬০০ টকাৰ পৰা ৮০০ টকা ।

(ঘ)—প্রতিখনতে ৫,০০০ হেজাৰকৈ।

(ঙ)—২ খন।

(চ) - হয়।

(ছ)—অনাৱশ্যক।

(জ)—চৰকাৰৰ লাভ-লোকচান একো নহয়। বিশেষ কোনো কাৰণৰ বশৱৰ্ত্তী নহলে চৰকাৰে নিজে শাক-পাচলিবোৰৰ বেহা-বেপাৰ নকৰে।

(ঝ) আৰু (ঞ)—নহয়। চৰকাৰে শাক-পাচলি কিনাদাম নিৰূপণ নকৰে আৰু পোনপটীয়াকৈ নিকিনে। শাক-পাচলি আদি খেতিয়কৰ পৰা নতুবা খেতিয়কৰ বজাৰৰ পৰা আৰু ইয়াৰ দাম সেই বজাৰত বাহাল থকা মূল্য অনুসৰি দিয়া হয়। এই শাক-পাচলিবোৰ পঞ্চায়ত আৰু সমৰায় সমিতিৰ যোগে কিনিলৈ সেইবোৰৰ অনা-নিয়া খৰচ আৰু ইয়াৰ লগত জৰিত আন আন খৰচৰ কথা বিবেচনা কৰি,

তাৰোপৰি বিক্রি বজাৰৰ মূল্য চাই লৈ শাক-পাচলিবোৰৰ দাম নির্দ্ধাৰণ কৰা হয়। এই বিক্রিমূল্য কৃষি বজাৰ পৰিদর্শকে আগৰে পৰা ৰক্ষা কৰি অহা মূল্যৰ ৰেকর্ড আদি চাই নির্দ্ধাৰণ কৰি দিয়ে।

(ট)—প্রশ্ন নুঠে।

Re : Acquisition of Land by Oil India

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

*384. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) The area of land acquired by the Oil India. Ltd., Duliajan owned by Udaypur Co-operative Society at Dibrugarh Sub-division ?

(b) Amount of compensation paid by Oil India. Ltd., to the said Co-operative Society ?

(c) Who received the amount ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

384(a) Thirty-four Bighas, Four Kathas, Six Lessas including 9 Bighas, 3 Kathas, 8 Lessas of land which belonged to the Society, but was leased out to the Udoypur Tea Company, Ltd.

(b) Rupees 2,04,341.20 P.

(c)—The Society received Rs. 46,014.50 P. as value of the 34 Bighas, 4 Kathas, 6 Lessas of land and crop compensation other than tea plants etc. The Udoypur Tea Company, Ltd., cultivated tea on the 9 Bighas, 3 Kathas, 8 Lessas of land, leased out by the Society to the Company and the crop compensation amounting to Rs. 1,58,326.70 P. in respect of the tea plants and shade trees, etc., was received by the Company.

Re : Co-operative Farming Societies

Shri Debeswar Sarmah asked :

*385. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased

to refer to unstarred question No. 495 put and answered during the Budget Session, 1967 and state—

(a) What is the basis of reply in the negative to sub-question (g) of that question ?

(b) Who are the persons who were prosecuted in the cases mentioned in the reply to sub-question (e) of the same question and with what results ?

(c) Whether Government propose to lay copies of the Report submitted by Shri Jatin Hazarika as indicated in the answer (a) in each Member's table ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

385.(a)—Records available do not indicate that Annual Patta Lands were taken on mortgage as security against loans issued.

(b)—The following persons are involved in the mis-appropriation cases—

1. Shri Dimbeswar Boruah
2. Shri Bhabindra Konger.
3. Shri Muktesh Ranjan Dutta.
4. Shri Jitendra Nath Saikia.

The cases against the first three persons are under trial in Golaghat Court and the case against the 4th person is under Police investigation.

(c)—The report is bulky and it is not possible to lay a copy on each Member's table. A copy of the same is laid on the Table of the House.

Re : Silchar Electric Supply

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

*386. Will the Minister-in-charge of Power (Electricity) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a strong public demand for taking over of the Silchar Electric Supply Company Ltd., by the State Electricity Board and the Minister assured the publie about the same ?

(b) If so, whether the assurance of the Minister to the public has been implemented ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Power (Electricity)) replied :

386.(a)—Yes, It is a fact that there is strong public demand for taking over of the Silchar Electric Supply Company by the Assam State Electricity Board and the public were informed that Government would take immediate action to take over the under-taking.

(b)—Necessary order has already been issued to revoke the licence with effect from 1st April, 1968 and on that date the Assam State Electricity Board will take over the concern

Re : Auction of articles from Govt. buffer stock

Shri Gobinda Kalita asked :

*387. মাননীয় যোগান বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) চৰকাৰৰ বাফাৰস্তক বস্তু কিয় আৰু কেতিয়া টেণ্ডাৰ কল কৰি বিক্রি কৰে, বস্তু মানুহে খোৱাৰ অযোগ্য হলে নে চৰকাৰী গুদামত ঠাইৰ অভাৱ হলে নে আন কোনো কাৰণত ?

(খ) বাফাৰস্তকৰ বস্তু মানুহে খোৱাৰ যোগ্য নে অযোগ্য সেইটো কোনে পৰীক্ষা কৰে ?

(গ) চৰকাৰে জানেনে যে যোগান বিভাগৰ বিষয়া আৰু ব্যৱসায়ীৰ মাজত বুজাবুজি হৈ ভাল বস্তুও খোৱাৰ অযোগ্য বুলি টেণ্ডাৰ যোগে সস্তাতে বিক্রি কৰি চৰকাৰী ধন লোকচান কৰা হয় ও কৃত্রিম অনাটন সৃষ্টিৰ সুযোগ দিয়া হয় ?

(ঘ) এইটো কথা সঁচানে যে ধুবুৰী বাফাৰস্তকৰ ৪,১০০ কুইন্টল ব্যৱহাৰ

যোগ্য মচুৰ দাইল বিক্রীৰ কাৰণে গোৱালপাৰাত ডেপুটি কমিচনাৰে টেণ্ডাৰ (তাৰিখ ৯ জুন ১৯৬৭ চন) কল কৰিছিল ?

(ঙ) এইটো সঁচানে যে ইয়াৰ বাবে বিভিন্ন ব্যৱসায়ীয়ে ১৬ খন টেণ্ডাৰ দিছিল ?

(চ) এইটো সঁচানে যে প্ৰতি কুইন্টলত ৯২৫·০০ টকাৰ পৰা ১০২·৫০ পইচালৈ ৫ খন উচ্চ বেটৰ টেণ্ডাৰ থকা সত্বেও চৰকাৰৰ হাজাৰ হাজাৰ টকা লোকচান কৰি মাত্ৰ ১০১·০০ টকা বেটৰ টেণ্ডাৰ দিয়া জনকহে এই দাইলবোৰ দিয়া হৈছিল ?

(ছ) চৰকাৰ জ্ঞাত নে এই কাৰ্য্য বিশেষ ব্যৱসায়ী আৰু যোগান বিভাগৰ বিষয়াৰ মিতিৰালিৰ ফল ?

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Minister, Supply) replied:

387. (ক), (খ), (গ), (ঘ), (ঙ), (চ), আৰু (ছ) প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰত মাননীয় সদস্যক যোৱা শৰৎকালীন অধিবেশনত দিয়া ২৪৫ নং Starred question প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰটোলৈ মনযোগ আকৰ্ষণ কৰি পুনৰাবৃত্তি কৰা হল :—

(ক)—চৰকাৰে বাফাৰস্তকৰ বস্তু যেতিয়া চৰকাৰৰ গুদামত বেচিদিন ৰাখিলে বেয়া হোৱাৰ সম্ভৱনা হয় তেতিয়াই টেণ্ডাৰ কল কৰি বিক্রী কৰা হয়।

(খ) - বাফাৰস্তকৰ বস্তু খোৱাৰ অযোগ্য হৈছে নে নাই সেইটো ডাক্তৰে পৰীক্ষা কৰে।

(গ)—চৰকাৰৰ ওচৰত এনে কোনো সংবাদ নাই।

(ঘ)—হয় সঁচা।

(ঙ)—ইয়াৰ বাবে ১৭ খন টেণ্ডাৰ পোৱা হয়।

(চ)—হয়, উচ্চ বেটৰ টেণ্ডাৰ বিলাক ত্রুটিপূর্ণ হোৱা বাবে ১০১ টকা বেটৰ টেণ্ডাৰ গ্রহণ কৰিবলগীয়া হয়।

(ছ)—নহয়।

Re : Increase of Drunkards in Barpeta

Shri Matilal Nayak asked :

*388. Will the Minister, Excise be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that the number of drunkards have considerably increased in the Barpeta town ?

b) Whether it is a fact that there are some illegal distilleries in the town ?

(c) How many persons have been arrested in the year 1967 for illegal distillation in the town ?

(d) How many drunkrads have been arrested in the same year for violation of prohibition laws ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister-in-charge of Excise) replied :

388. (a)–No.

(b)– No. But there are occasional cases of illicit distillation detected by Excise staff.

(c) –46 (Forty-six).

(b)—There was no arrest on grounds of drunkenness.

Re : Numer of Political Sufferers yet to get relief

Shrimati Pranita Talukdar asked :

*389. Will the Minister, Political Sufferers be pleased to state –

(a) How many Political Sufferer have not yet got any relief up till now in the State of Assam ?

(b) Whether Government propose to finalise the list of Political Sufferers during this year ?

(c) If so, why not ?

Shri Abdul Matlib Mazumdar (Minister, Political Sufferers) replied :

389. (a)—Figures are not available as all Political Sufferers do

not in advance apply for relief or record themselves as Political Sufferers claiming relief.

(b)&(c)—Not possible in view of reply to (a) above.

Re : State Transport Bus Service between Thelamara and Tezpur

Shri Mohi Kanta Das asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that there is persistent demand for opening a State Transport Bus Service between Thelamara and Tezpur touching Ulubari, Basbera and Khelmati intermediate stations ?

(b) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to open a Bus Service between Thelamara and Tezpur touching the above mentioned Stations at a very early date ?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

390.(a)—Yes.

(b) A service from Dhekiajuli to Tezpur touching Thelamara which is only 0 miles east of Dhekiajuli and touching Ulubari and Khelmati is already there. Moreover there is another service from Dhekiajuli to Tezpur touching Thelamara via the Lower Gabharu crossing. In view of this Government do not consider it necessary to introduce a service from Thelamara to Tezpur.

Re : State Transport buses from Barpeta to Tezpur

Shri Matilal Nayak asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government will be pleased to introduce State Transport buses from Barpeta to Tezpur.

(b) If so, when ?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

391.(a)—There is no such proposal at present.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Administration of Jails.

Shri Govinda Kalita asked :

*392. Will the Minister, Jails be pleased to state—

(a) Which of the Departments are responsible for the administration of Jails in Assam.

(b) Whether it is a fact that Jails in Assam are under three Ministries the Jail Minister. the Social Welfare Minister and Home Minister ?

(c) If so, whether there had been any anomalies in the administration of Jails in Assam ?

(d) Who is directly responsible for administration of Jails the Jail Minister, the Home Minister or the Social Welfare Minister ?

(e) Whether any remuneration is paid to the convicts in the Jails ?

(f) If so, in what way it is paid ?

Shri Mahendra Nath Hazarika (Minister, Jails) replied :

392.(a)—Home (Jails) Department.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The Jail Minister.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—It is paid in cash as provided in the Jail Manual.

Re : Purchase of land by Government in Guwahati for development of Industry.

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

*393. Will the Minister-in-charge, Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have recently purchased a plot of land measuring about 100 bighas in and around Guwahati Town in connection with development of Industry ?

(b) If so, whether the deal has been concluded ?

(c) From whom the land has been purchased (The name of the person or the persons may kindly be clearly intimated) ?

(d) Whether the Government enquired fully into the title of the land and the Government was satisfied before having conclnded the deal ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Industries) replied :

393.(a)—The Assam Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. has purchased under Government direction a plot of 110 bighas of land at Bamunimaidan, Guwahati for development of Industrial areas

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Shri S. C Bordoloi

,, T. C. Bordoloi

,, K. C. Bordoloi

,, Krishna Ch Bordoloi

,, Budhindra Nath Bordoloi

,, Binode Ch. Bordoloi.

(d)—Yes.

Re : Laxmi Sugar Syndicate

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

*394. Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

(a) What amount of money was taken as loan by the Laxmi Sugar Syndicate at Tipling Mouza in Dibrugarh Sub-division from the Land Mortgage Bank of Assam ?

(b) When it was taken ?

(c) Amount repaid up till now by the Syndicate ?

(d) Who is the Managing Director of the said Syndicate ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister of Industries) replied :

*394. (a)—No loan was taken by the concern from Assam Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank Ltd.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Government have no information.

Re : Food position in Assam

M. SAMSHUL HUDA asked :

*395. Will the Minister, supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Assam is self-sufficient this year in food ?

(b) If not, what are the factors responsible for shortage of food in the State ?

(c) How the Government propose to meet the food shortage of the State ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister, Supply) replied :

*395 (a)—No.

(b) Increase of population at a rate higher than the rate of increase of food production.

(c)—The State Government is pressing the Government of India for larger allotment of wheat and allotment of about 53,000 tonnes of rice.

Re : Tribal Guest House at Dergan

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*396. Will the Minister of T.A.D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Plains Tribal Miri student and people of North Golaghat including the Bhotguri area sent several representations to the Minister concerned for establishment of a Tribal Guest House at Dergon ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that most of the Tribal people coming from Bhotguri and other places to the Town had to stay in the varendah of Traders for non-availability of a Guest House there ?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to sanction Rupees twenty-five thonsand for establishmen of the above Tribai Guest House at Dergaon ?

Shri Raneudra Basumatari (Minister of State, in-charge, T.A. & W.C) replied :

396. (a)—There is no place by the name of Bhotguri in the Golagat sub-division but the hon. Member might have Ahotguri in view. No representation of this nature has been received by Government.

(b)—Government have no such information.

(c)—The matter will be considered in consultation with the Advisory Council.

Re : Memorandum Submitted by the Secretary Missing Bane Kabang Sangha

Shri Lakheswar Das asked :

*৩৯৭। মাননীয় অন্তস্থগীত সম্প্রদায়ৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে-

(ক) যোৱা বছৰ ১৯৬৭ চনৰ মাৰ্চ্চ মাহত গোলাঘাট মিছিং বানে কাবাং জাতি সঙ্ঘৰ সম্পাদকে অসম চৰকাৰৰ সকলো মন্ত্রী আৰু ভাৰতৰ প্রধান মন্ত্রীলৈ জনজাতিৰ অঞ্চলৰ যাতায়াত, শিক্ষা আৰু অন্যান্য কেইটামান সমস্যা লিপিবদ্ধ কৰি এখন স্মাৰক পত্র দিয়া কথাটো সচাঁনে ?

(খ) যদি সচাঁ, স্মাৰক পত্রত দিয়া অসুবিধা কেইটাৰ কিবা কার্য্যকৰী ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে লৈছেনে ?

(গ) যদি লোৱা নাই, চৰকাৰে এই পিছপৰা জনজাতীয় লোকসকলৰ উন্নতিৰ হকে অনতিপলমে ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লবনে ?

Shri RANEDRA BASUMATARI (Minister of State, T. A. and W. B. C.) replied

৩৯৭। (ক)--১৯৬৮ চনৰ মাৰ্চ্চ মাহৰ ৬ তাৰিখে অসমৰ মুখ্যমন্ত্রী লৈদিয়া স্মাৰক পত্র এখন পোৱা হৈছে।

(খ) আৰু (গ)—স্মাৰকপত্র খনত উল্লেখ কৰা অসুবিধা কেইটাৰ বিষয়ে মুখ্য মন্ত্রীয়ে যোৱা ৬ মাৰ্চ্চ তাৰিখে মিছিং সম্প্রদায়ৰ সজাতি দলৰ সৈতে আলোচনা কৰে। অনতিপলমে গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ সেই অঞ্চলটোৰ সৰ্ব্বতোমুখী উন্নয়নৰ কাৰণে কার্য্যকৰী পন্থা হাতত লবলৈ আঁচনি এখন যুগুত কৰা হব।

Re : Numbers of subscribers in the Provident Fund of Tea Garden Employees

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

*398. Will the Minister, Labour be pleased to state--

(a) What is the number of subscribers in Provident Fund of the tea garden employees during the last 5 years ?

(b) What is the total amount deposited in the Fund duridg the Period ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister of Labour) replied :

398. (a)—1962-63	...	...	5,08,173 members.
1963-64	...	...	4,95,457 ,,
1964-65	...	...	4,90,892 ,,
1965-66	...	...	4,81,032 ,,
1966-67	...	...	4,70,519 ,,

			Rs. P.
(b)—1962-63	...	...	3,76,34,519.00
1963-64	...	...	3,76,91,836.00
1964-65	...	...	3,78,50,410.00
1965-96	...	...	3,89,53,901.00
1966-67	...	...	3,89,98,973.00
	Total..		19,11,29,639.00

Re : Permit for private buses in Nagaon District

M. Samsul Huda asked :

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

(a) What is the number of private passenger buses newly permitted in the district of Nowgong in 1967 ?

(b) What is the uumber of such permits granted to persons inhabiting the Nowgong Municipal Area ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that there have been appeals against such new permits ?

(d) If so, what is the number of the appeals ?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

399.(a)—Twenty.

(b)—Thirteen.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Nineteen.

Re : Pay scales and D. A, of the teaehers

Shri Debeswar Sarma asked :

*400. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state what are the scales of salary and D. A. etc., of the Teachers respectively of the Higher Title Madrassas at Rangia and Udarbond and those of Sanskrit College at Nalbari.

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

400. The scales of pay and D. A. of the two Title Madrassas in the State, one at Rangia and the other at Badarpur and also of that of the Sanskrit College are given below—

There is no Title Madrassa at Udarbond :

1. Title Madrassa

(1) Principal—Rs. 600 - 40 - 800.

(2) Lecturers - Rs. 200 - 15 - 350 - 25 - 600.

2. Sanskrit College

(1) Principal - Rs. 350—30—500 - (E.B.) - 30 - 650—(E.B.)—35 — 1,000.

(2) Teachers - Rs. 225—15—285—(E.B.)—15—360—(E.B.)—20— 600.

The scales of pay shown against Title Madrassa has not been revised and as such the teachers are drawing old rate of D. A. at 17½ per cent.

The revised scale has been extended to the teachers of Sanskrit College. The question of D. A. of the Sanskrit College has not yet been taken up.

Re : Srijangram H. E. School.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

*401. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state –

(a) Whether Srijangram H. E. School is running under deficit system ?

(b) Whether there is any B. T. passad teacher in the said school ?

(c) If not, whether Government propose to post one B. T. passad teacher there ?

(d) Whether the Government will be pleased to depute the Seniormost teacher of the said school for B. T. in the coming session ?

*402 Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state –

(a) Whether the Governing Body of the Srijangram High School has appointed a Headmaster from the approved list as directed by the D. P. I., Assam in his latest circular ?

(b) If not, why not ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister State, Education) replied :

401. (a) - Yes, since 1958.

(b) – No.

(c) – Government cannot post any B.T. passed teacher directly to that institution.

(d) No teacher from Srijangram High School has been deputed to B. T. during current session. The name of one Sri Debendra Nath Das was recommended by the Inspector of Schools concerned but his case could not be considered for deputation as his age is over 55 years.

402: (a) - No.

(b)—The Managing Committee of the institution serveral times advertised the post of Headmaster. But as none applied for the same from the panel of the Headmaster, the Managing Committee could not appoint any selected Headmaster for this institution.

Re : Numbers of Unemployed Engineering Graduates

Shri Matilal Nayak asked :

*403 Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state

(a) What is the number of Engineering Graduates still unemployed ?

(b) How many students are securing their graduation from the two Engineering Colleges of Assam annually since 1962 ?

(c) Whether ii is a fact that the second Engineering College was started against the recommendation of the Technical Education Advisory Board ?

(d) When employment avenues will be provieed to these unemployed engineering Graduates ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State Eucation) replied :

403. (a)—So far records avaiable with Departmen the number is 124 upto Ist December 1967 ?

(b)—Eight hundred and one number. The break-up is shown in the statement placecd on the Table of the House.

(c)—No.

(d)—About 20 Engineering Graduates have by now been employed after Ist December 1967 and a few more are likely to be absorbed within a shor time.

Re : Rengadoria High English School.

Shri Pitsing Konwar asked :

*404. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state –

(a) Whether the Managing Committee of the Rengadoria H.E. School of Nowgong district has duly and legally been constituted ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Seeretary of that newly constituted committee has been removed by Government and the Headmaster of the said School has been nominated as the Secretary of the same ?

(c) If so, the reasons for removing the newly appointed Secretary ?

(d) Who was the Secretary of the former Managing Committee ?

(e) Whether Government has received any complaint against the new Secretary ?

(f) If so, the nature of the complaint ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State Education) replied :

404. (a)—Yes it was duly re-constituted.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Because there were protests and representations from the public against the appointment of the Secretary and the President of the reconstituted Committee also said that he would not be able to work if the Secretary was not changed.

(d)– Md. Yusuf Ali.

(e)—Yes. The reply at (c) above covers it.

(f)—That the appointment of a busy lawyer would not serve the interest of the School. The management of which was to be improved urgently. Moreover, the President of the Committee, Local M. L. A. and the Secretary were not on very cordial terms.

Re : Post of Inspector of Schools of Silchar and Diphu.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen asked :

*405. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that the post of Inspector of Schools, Silchar and Diphu are lying vacant since June, 1967 ?

(b) If so, the reasons thereof ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the posts were advertised by the Assam Public Service Commission in the Assam Gazette, dated 24th August 1966 ?

(d) Whether there is no Master Degree Holder Officer in the Assam Educational Service II to be appointed as Inspector of Schools, Silchar and Diphu ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

405.(a)—Yes.

(b)—The person who was first appointed as Inspector of Schools at Silchar (Shri Debeswar Gogoi) did not join at Silchar and continued to work in Dibrugarh University as Controller of Examination. The other nominee of Assam Public Service Commission Shri B. M. Pathak, Principal Post-Graduate training College was also appointed as Inspector of Schools at Silchar on 23rd December 1967 but he too did not join at Silchar and prayed for sufficient time. Government have given him 10 days time and asked him to join immediately after expiry of 10 days but Shri Pathak did not join. His appointment order was since cancelled and

one senior Professor of Cotton College, Shri S. M. Islam was appointed as Inspector of Schools at Silchar on 28th March 1968 pending regularisation by Assam Public Service Commission.

As regards posting of Inspector at Diphu, the post was created on 18th July 1967 only. Now a professor of Cotton College Shri M. C. Talukdar has since been appointed as Inspector of Schools at Diphu.

(c) - Exactly these two posts were not advertised in 1966. But two posts of Inspector of Schools were advertised in August 1967. The post of Inspector of Schools at Silchar is lying vacant from 27th April 1967 due to transfer of Shri P. C. Das, Inspector of Schools from Silchar to Nowgong and the post of Inspector of Schools at Diphu is lying vacant from 18th July 1967 (the date of creation of this post).

(d)—No.

Re : Selection grade for School teachers

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

*406. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Pay Committee of 1964 has recommended to the Government for creation of a selection grade for those teacher now serving in the Government Higher Secondary Schools for twenty years with credit ?

(b) If so, how many teachers are there having twenty years service with credit now serving in Government Higher Secondary Schools ?

(c) How many such teachers have been given selection grade posts in the State up till now ?

(d) How many are yet to be appointed as selection grade teachers?

(e) Whether in all cases of such appointment the benefit will be extended with effect from April 1 of 1964 ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

406. (a)—The Pay Committee recommended that a selection grade at Rs. 500 - 600 be provided for upto 10 per cent of the posts in the Assam School Service (Junior) for those who have completed at least 20 years service.

(b)—A.S.S. Class II—54.

(c) – None as yet. Sanction for the creation of Selection grade to A.S.S II is being issued by Government.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e) – No. This will take effect from the date of issue of orders.

Re : Number of Educational Institutions for Female Education

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

*407. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) What are the total number of Educational Institutions for female Education ?

(i) In the Plains ?

(ii) in the Hills ?

(iii) at the towns, and

(iv) in the rural areas ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

407. (a) One thousand and twelve.

(i)—968.

(ii)—44.

(iii)—223.

(iv)—789.

Re : Library at Golaghat Town

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*৪০৮। মাননীয় শিক্ষা মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে ?

(ক) গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ গোলাঘাট টাউনত মহকুমা পর্য্যায়ৰ এটা পুথি ভৱালৰ দাবী চৰকাৰৰ ওচৰত বহুত দিনৰে পৰা কৰি থকাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

(খ) যদি জানে এনে পুথিভৱাল এটা গোলাঘাটত দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে কৰিছেনে ?

(গ) যদি কৰে এই বছৰতে কৰিবনে ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

৪০৮। (ক) হয়, চৰকাৰে জানে।

(খ) - গোলাঘাটত মহকুমা পর্য্যায়ৰ এটা পুথিভৱাল মঞ্জুৰী দিয়া হৈছে।

(গ) – প্রশ্ন নুঠে।

Re : Amount sanctioned for the Lakhimpur Sub-divisional Library

Shri Govinda Chandra Bora asked :

*409. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 20,000 was sanctioned for the construction of the North Lakhimpur Subdivisional Library in 1966-67 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the sanctioned amount has lapsed for not utilising the amount in time ?

(c) If so, why it was allowed to be lapsed and who was responsible for this ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State for Education) replied :

409.(a) An amount for Rs. 12,000 was sanctioned and not Rs. 20,000.

(b)&(c)—The amount could not be utilised due to non entertainment of staff in 1966-67. The Scheme has however been carried over to 1967-68 for implementation.

Re : Numbers of Venture Primary Schools in the State.

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*410. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of Venture Primary Schools in the State ?

(b) Whether any number of them have been taken up by the Government during 1967 ?

(c) If so, what is the number ?

(d) If not, why ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

410.(a)—773 (upto 31st March, 1967) in the Plains Districts. The number of such Schools in the Hill Districts are not readily available at present.

(b)—Yes, in the Plains Districts.

(c)—729 (Taken over during 1966-67) in the Plains Districts.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Hostels of the Barpeta H. S. Schools

Shri Ataur Rahman asked :

*411. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) The condition of the Hostel and the Superintendent's quarters meant for Muslim Students in the premises of the Barpeta Government H. S. School ?

(b) Whether representations for necessary repairs to the houses were preferred to the authorities ?

(c) If so, what steps have so far been taken in the matter ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

411(a)—The condition of these buildings is far from satisfactory. More damages were done to these by the storm in may, 1967.

(b) - Yes.

(c)—A sum of Rs. 2,000 has been sanctioned for repair of these buildings for the present.

Re : Reservation Seats for Backward Classes Students in the Medical and Engineering Colleges.

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

*412. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether seats were kept reserved in the Medical and Engineering Colleges of the State for the Backward Classes Students at the time of admission in 1967.

(b) If so, the number of seats kept reserved ?

(c) If not, the reasons thereof ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

412.(a)—No seat was reserved for Other Backward Classes in the Medical and Engineering Colleges of Assam in 1967.

(b) - Does not arise.

(c) - There is no provision in our Rules for making any reservation for the Backward Classes in the matter of admission to Medical and Engineering Colleges.

Re : Post of U. D. Assistant in the High and Higher Secondary Schools.

Shri Jogen Saikia asked :

*413. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any post of Upper Division Assistant in the office of any of the Government High or Higher Secondary Schools in Assam ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that such posts exist in almost all other Schools in Assam except the Jorhat Government Higher Secondary School ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that the Jorhat Goverment Higher Secondary School being a model school having a teacher's strength of about 70 and scholarship holders about 150 the work-load in the office of the said School is very heavy ?

(d) Whether the Government in consideration of the work-load increase the office staff by at least one or two more and provide atleast one post of Upper Division Assistant and one Head Assistant ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

413. (a)—Yes.

(b)--According to the yard-stick as prescribed by Government $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of the total permanent posts in the Lower Division cadre in the offices of the D.I. of Schools Principals and Headmasters of Higher Secondary and High Schools respectively, and, Principals of Normal Schools in an Inspectorate are in the Upper Division cadre. The number of Upper Division posts is not equivalent to the number of the aforesaid offices which are within the jurisdiction of an Inspectorate, i. e., in one Inspector of

Schools' circle and are taken as one unit for determining the number of Upper Division posts. No Establishment has more than one Upper Division Assistant.

(c)—The Jorhat Government Higher Secondary Secondary School has a total strength of 47 teachers. It is a fact that now a-days almost all the Government High and Higher Secondary Schools and even the Aided Schools have a large number of Scholarship holders. It is not known to Government if the volume of work in the offices of Jorhat Government Higher Secondary School is too heavy. No proposal for creation of additional posts is however, received.

(d)—As no proposal in the matter has been received, question of providing any additional post does does not arise.

Re : Audit of the Abhayapuri College Account

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

414. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the account of Abhayapuri College in the Goalpara Sub-division has been audited since its inception ?

(b) If not, why not?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

*414.(a)—Yes, the audit of the account of Abhayapuri College is in progress and is expected to be complete by the next month.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Settlement of Land in Bajali Circle.

Shri Dharanidhar Chaudhury asked :

*৫১৫। মাননীয় বাজহ মন্ত্রী ডাঙবীয়াই অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে—

(ক) বজালী চার্কোলব বিজনী মৌজাব ওচব-চুবুবীয়া দলাজানি, পাটল, কুবিবিল আদি গাওঁব কিমান খাচ মাটি এবছবমান আগতে পট্টন দিয়া হৈছে ?

(খ) এই মাটি পট্টন সম্পর্কে মহকুমাব ভূমি উপদেষ্টা কমিটিত আলোচনা কবা হৈছিলনে ?

(গ) চার্কেলব কর্ম্মচাবী সকলে খাম-খেয়ালী কবি এই মাটি পট্টন দিয়া হৈছে বুলি কোনো প্রতিবাদ চবকাবব ওচবত দাখিল কবা হৈছেনে ?

(ঘ) যদি হৈছে তাব কিবা ব্যবস্থা কবিবলৈ লোৱা হৈছেনে ?

বাজহ মন্ত্রী শ্রীমহেন্দ্রমোহন চৌধুবীয়ে উত্তব দিছে -

*৪১৫। (ক) - বজালী চার্কোলব অন্তর্গত বিজনী মৌজাব ওচব-চুবুবীয়া জলাজানি উত্তব ববতাবি, পাটল, কুবিবিল, সাউবাগুবি, ববফেনা পাখাব এই ছখন গাওঁব ভিতবত ১৩৭৩ চনত মুঠ ২৬৪ বিঘা ২ কঠা ১২ লেছা সাধাবণ চবকাবী খাচ মাটি পট্টন দিয়া হৈছে।

(খ)—এই পট্টন দিয়া মাটি ১০ বিঘা বা ততোধিক বেছি মাটিব ব্লক হিচাবে নাছিল। টুকুবা টুকুব বিক্ষিপ্ত ঠাইব সাধাবণ চবকাবী মাটি আছিল। সেইবাবে মহকুমা ভূমি উপদেষ্টা কমিটিত এইবোব আলোচনা কবা হোৱা নাছিল।

(গ) আৰু (ঘ)—যোৱা ১-৫-৬৭ ইং তাবিখে জিলা কংগ্রেছ কমিটিব সভাপতিয়ে মহকুমাধিপতিলৈ চিঠিব যোগে চবকাবী কর্ম্মচাবী সকলে খামখেয়ালী কবি মাটি দিয়া বুলি জনাইছিল। ২২-৫-৬৭ তাবিখে গোপনীয় খামত (Confidential) উপায়ুক্তলৈ দিয়া দবখাস্ত এখন তদন্ত কবিবলৈ বজালী কেন্দ্রব উপ-প্রতিসমাহর্তালৈ পঠিওৱা হৈছিল। সেই একে দবখাস্তবে আন এটি নকল অসমব এচিষ্টেন্ট ডাইবেক্টব লেণ্ড বেকর্ডব (A.D.L.R.) এ স্থানীয় ভাবে ১০-৯-৬৭ ইং তাবিখে বিজনী মৌজাত তদন্ত কবি যায়।

ইতিমধ্যে বজালী কেন্দ্রৰ উপ-প্রতিসমাহর্তালৈ সুকীয়াকৈ অভিযোগ সমূহ তদন্ত কৰি আছে। এই তদন্তৰ ৰিপোৰ্টৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা হব।

Re : Allotment of land to the people of Singimari and Koroibari villages

Shri Abala Kanta Goswami asked :

(a) Whether it is a fact that orders were passed by the Government in January. 1967 to allot land to erosion affected families of villages Singimari and Koroibari of Palasbari constituency in Barbila V. G. R. in Sonapur Circle ?

(b) If so, whether they have been given possession of the land?

(c) If not, whether the Government will be pleased to take early steps to give them possession of the land ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Education) replied :

*416(a) Subject to availability of land in Barbila dereserved P. G. R. to be ascertained by actual survey on the ground, order were issued to Local Officer in July 1966 to allot lands to 136 families from these villages at 8 bighas per family.

(b)&(c)—As some annomalies cropped up in the matter of allotment of lands in the dereserved area of Barbila P. G. R. Government have cancelled the earlier order of allotment and issued revised order in December, 1967 to allot

lands afresh with deserving persons in consultation with the land Settlement Advisory Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Re : Arrear land Revenue of Gauhati and Nalbari Sub-divisions.

Shri Moneswar Boro asked :

*417. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the total arrears of land Revenue of Gauhati Sub-division is Rs. 46,22,231 and in Nalbari sub-division is Rs. 35,53,744 ?

(b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to realise those arrears amount with immediate effect ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Mauzadar of Madhyam Baska Mouza under Nalbari sub-division has defalcated an amount of Rs. 43,349 pertaining to Revenue Years 1960-61 to 1965-66 ?

(d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to realise those amount with immediate effect ?

(e) If not, why and what action is being taken by the Government against that Mauzadar ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

*417(a)—Yes.

(b)—A sum of Rs. 11.02 lakhs in Gauhati sub-division and Rs. 7.07 lakhs in Nalbari sub-division has so far been realised and the balance is in the process of realisation.

(c)—The amount defalcated by the Mauzadar of Madhyam Baska Mouza pertaining to the years 1960-61 to 1965-66 has been verified and fixed at Rs. 46,418.

(d)—Local Officer has proceeded against the moveable and immoveable properties of the Mauzadar for recovery of the defalcated amount and the result thereof will be available with Government only after finalisation of sale proceedings of the properties.

(e)—This Mauzadar has been suspended in 1966 and in 1967 departmental proceedings drawn up and complaint has also been lodge with the police for the purpose of his criminal prosecution. The result of departmental and the criminal proceedings is awaited.

Re : Eroded families of Borgaon and Barsala Mouza

Shri Mohi Kanta Das asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that about 400 families of Bargaon and Barsala mouzas were uprooted bp the Brahmaputra at Teliapathar, Singri and other riverine villages of these mouzas ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that these uprooted people have not been rehabilitated uptill now except alloting two and half kathas of homestead lands in the neighbouring V. G. Rs ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Revenue Minister who visited the areas and met the people assured them that they would be soon rehabilitated with cultivable lands within Dhekiajuli S. D. C. circle or Balipara frontier Agency ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that none of the uprooted families has bhen provided with cultivable lands up till now ?

(e) If so, would the Government be pleased to rehabilitate these uprooted families without further dhlay ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied -

*418(a)—There were 319 families of Bargaon and Barsala Mouzas affected by the Brahmaputra erosion at Teliapathar, Singri and other revirine villages of these Mouzas during the year 1967.

(b)—Yes, it is a fact that it has not been possible to allot land to these families beyond $2\frac{1}{2}$ kathas per family for their homestead purposes.

(c)and(d)—Yes, the Revenue Minister who visited the affected areas during April, 1967 met the people and assured them to give Government help so far rehabilitation is concerned. Accordingly people were rehabilitated in V. G. Rs. and The Garden requisitioned land. As regards

cultivable lands ihe matter was discussed in a sub committee meeting of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee. But due to non-availability of suitable cultivable land, it was found not practicable to pravide with cultivable lands in Dhekiajuli circle. The matter is now under enquiry to find out suitable land elsewhere.

(d)– Yes, some proposals for acquiring tea garden lands under 1:2 formula have been taken up to provide them with cultivable lands. It will take some some time to finalise the matter after observing all the formalities as required under the law.

Re : Eroded people under Srijangram A. P.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

*৪১৯। মাননীয় বাজহ বিভাগব মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে ?

(ক) সৃজনগ্রাম আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তব অন্তর্গত গড়াখহনীয়া প্রপীবিত মানুহব সংখ্যা কিমান ?

(খ) এইবোব মানুহ কৃষক হয়নে ?

(গ) এওঁলোকে বর্ত্তমান কেনে ভাবে কাম কবি আছে ?

(ঘ) এওঁলোক সকলোকে যোৱা বানপানীত বিলিফ দিয়া হৈছেনে ?

(ঙ) এই মানুহবোবব ঘব-দুৱাব বনাবলৈ আৰু খেতি কবিবলৈ টকা আৰু জমিব কি ব্যৱস্থা চবকাবে ভাবিছে ?

শ্রীমহেন্দ্র মোহন চৌধুবী (বাজহ মন্ত্রী) উত্তব দিছে—

৪১০। (ক)—৪৪৪ ঘব পবিয়াল।

(খ)—ইয়াব ভিতবত ১৪৪ ঘব পবিয়াল কৃষক আৰু বাকীবোব ব্যৱসায় বা আন কাম কবে।

(গ)—ইয়াৰে কিছুমান পৰিয়ালে নিজৰ গুজষ্টা মাটিত কিনি লোৱা মাটিত নাইবা আধি বন্দোবস্তত আনৰ মাটিত খেতি কৰে। বাকীবোৰে ব্যৱসায় আৰু দিন হাজিৰা কৰে।

(ঘ)—চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা ৩,৮০০ টকা খোলা সাহায্য (Gratuitous relief) দিয়া হৈছে।

(ঙ)—এওঁলোকক চৰকাৰৰ খাচ মাটিত অস্থায়ীভাবে থাকিবলৈ দিয়া হৈছে। স্থায়ী বসবাস আৰু খেতিৰ বাবে কিছুমান মানুহে দৰখাস্ত কৰিছে আৰু সেইবোৰ বৰ্ত্তমান জিলা কৰ্ত্তৃপক্ষৰ তদন্তাধীন হৈ আছে।

Re : Flood affected areas under Srijangram A. P.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

*৪২০। মাননীয় ৰাজহ বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) সৃজনগ্ৰাম আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ অধিকাংশ ঠাই বানপানী বিধ্বস্ত অঞ্চল হয়নে ?

(খ) যদি হয়, তাৰ প্ৰতিকাৰৰ কি ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে হাতত লৈছে ?

(গ) মানাহ নদীয়ে যোৱাবাৰ বানপানীৰ সময়ত গতি সলনি কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰি বহুঠাই ধ্বংশ কৰি বালি পেলোৱা কথাটো সঁচানে ?

(ঘ) লেংটিচিঙ্গাৰ দক্ষিনে নদীয়ে যি গতি লবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিছে তাৰ প্ৰতিৰোধাৰ্থে অন্ততঃ একমাইল ঠাই শিলেৰে বন্ধাবলৈ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

(ঙ) যদি কৰে, কেতিয়াকৈ কৰিব ?

শ্ৰীমহেন্দ্ৰ মোহন চৌধুৰীয়ে (ৰাজহ মন্ত্ৰী) উত্তৰ দিছে :

*৪২০। (ক) —হয়।

(খ)—আইনদীৰ সোপাৰত ৰাজাঘুলীৰ পৰা লেংটিচিঙ্গালৈকে বৰ্ত্তমান মাথা-উৰি আছেই। নদীৰ উচ্চ অংশত ৰাজাঘুলীৰ পৰা ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় আলিবাটলৈ (National Highway) আৰু নিম্ন অংশত লেংটিচিঙ্গাৰ পৰা মেৰাৰ চৰলৈকে এই মাথাউৰি বঢ়োৱা সম্পৰ্কত অনুসন্ধান চলি আছে। ইয়াৰ উপৰিও চকলা-ককিলা বান্ধৰ অনুসন্ধানো চলি আছে।

(গ)—হয়।

(ঘ)—লেংটিঙ্গাৰ আৰু উত্তৰলৈ শিলৰ বান্ধনি দিয়াৰ বৰ্ত্তমান কোনো আঁচনি চৰকাৰে বিবেচনা কৰা নাই। অৱশ্যে আই নদীৰ কাষে কাষে ৰংঘোলাৰ পৰা লেংটিঙ্গা হৈ মেৰাৰ চৰলৈকে মাথাউৰিটো বঢ়াই দিবলৈ ৰাইজৰ পৰা প্ৰস্তাৱ পোৱা হৈছে। আৰু এই বিষয়ে অনুসন্ধান চলি আছে।

(ঙ) অনুসন্ধান সম্পূৰ্ণ নোহোৱা পৰ্য্যন্ত এই বিষয়ে কোৱা সম্ভৱপৰ নহয়।

Re : Setting up of Drilling Oil Wells

Shri Bhadreswar Gogoi asked :

*421. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that in Dibrugarh Sub-division in some Grazing reserves many drilling Oil wells have been set up ?

(b) If so, in how many such reserves of Dibrugarh Sub-division, drilling Oil wells have been set up ?

(c) Whether any compensation was given for acquiring these reserves for setting up of drilling Oil wells ?

(d) If so, how much compensation were given and to whom ?

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

421. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Seven Oil location have been drilled in 4 Grazing Reserves.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Premium of Rs. 3.545 for one location has been deposited.

Re : Sanction given by Khatarbari Gaon Panchayat.

Shri Moneswar Boro asked :

*422. Will the Minister, Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Khatarbari G.P. (Gaon Panchayat) had sanctioned grant-in-aid amounting Rs. 600 in 1960-61 and in 1963-64 Rs. 500 to No. 2 Pipalini village Road which joins from Khatarbari village to No. 2 Pipalini village ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Tamulpur Anchalik Panchayat also had sanctioned grant-in-aid to the said village Road amounting Rs. 2,200 in 1962-63 and Rs. 1,100 in 1963-64 ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the said Road had been levelled down by the Manager of the Nagrijuli Tea Estate on the 29th January, 1968 ?

(d) Whether a public allegation petition had been submitted to sub-divisional Planning Officer, Nalbari on 29th January, 1968 regarding this matter ?

(e) If so, what action has been taken by him ?

(f) Whether any enquiry is made by him ?

(g) If so, when ?

(h) If not, why ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchyat and C. D.) replied :

422. a)—An amount of Rs. 600 sanctioned by the Tamulpur Anchalik Panchayat was paid through the Khatarbari Gaon Panchayat on 12th December, 1961 for the road project Another amount of Rs. 500 was paid from Khatarbari Gaon Panchayat Fund for improvement of the road and bridge on 22nd April, 1964.

(b)—No.

(c)—The Road passed through the garden land. The Garden area was fenced in the early part of 1966. The road within the fenced area was alleged to have been levelled by the Garden authorities. At present there is no road. A complaint submitted to the Minister regarding damage done to this road and two bunds was sent to Sub-divisional Officer, Nalbari for enquiry.

(d)—A petition was submitted to the Sub-divisional Police Officer, Nalbari and not to the Sub-divisional Planning Officer alleging that the garden authorities were not allowing the villager to cultivate the land under the latters, possession.

(e ,(f) (g).(h)—An enquiry was made by police soon after receipt of the petition referred to in (d) above.

Re : Dong and wells in the Pubtharia Gaon Sobha

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami asked :

*৪২৩। মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ত বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি ক'বনে—

(ক) উত্তৰ-পশ্চিম পূবথৰীয়া গাওঁ সভাত পঞ্চায়তে বহুৱা কিমান নলী-নাদ আছে ? এইবোৰ কিমান ফুটকৈ বহুৱা হৈছে ?

(খ) এই কথা সত্যনে যে উক্ত গাওঁ সভাৰ অধীয়তে সৰহ সংখ্যক নলী-নাদ মাত্ৰ ৩৫ ফুটকৈ বহিছে ?

(গ) কলিয়াবৰ উন্নয়ন খণ্ড আৰু আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তে 'পাইলট প্ৰজেক্ট' আচনি অনুসাৰে 'বালিৰাট বাস্তাবান্ধ' হাৰৰ আলি বাস্তা, দীঘলি বিল খনন আৰু দেওচুৰ বাস্তাত সৰ্ব্বমুঠ কিমান টকা খৰছ কৰিছে ?

(ঘ) এই আঁচনিবোৰৰ ধন খৰচ অতি অসঙ্গত হৈছে বুলি অডিটৰে (A.G.O.) দৰ্শোৱা সত্য নে ? যদি সত্য, চৰকাৰে এই বিষয়ে কি ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

৪২৩ (ক),(খ)—উত্তৰ-পশ্চিম পূবথৰীয়া গাওঁ সভাত পঞ্চায়তে বহুৱা ৭টা নলী-নাদ আছে। তাৰে ৬টা ৮৪ ফুটকৈ, ২টা ৫০ ফুটকৈ আৰু ১টা ৪২ ফুটকৈ বহুৱা হৈছে। কোনো নলী-নাদ মাত্ৰ ৩৫ ফুটকৈ বহুৱাটো সত্য নহয়।

(গ)—প্ৰশ্নত উল্লেখিত চাৰিটা কামৰ আঁচনিৰ ভিতৰত দীঘলি বিল খননৰ কাম এতিয়ালৈকে লোৱা হোৱা নাই। বাকী তিনিটাৰ কাম সম্পূৰ্ণ হৈছে আৰু ৩৯,০৩৬ টকাৰ কাম হৈছে। তাৰ ভিতৰত ৩০,০০০ টকা চৰকাৰক পক্ষৰ পৰা খৰচ কৰা হৈছে। বাকী ৯,০৩৬ টকা বাইজৰ অৰিহণা বুলি হিচাবত ধৰা হৈছে।

(ঘ)—মহাগাননিক (A.G.) কাৰ্য্যালয়ৰ হিচাব ৰক্ষকে তেওঁৰ ১।৬।৬৬ ৰ পৰা ৩০।৬।৬৭ লৈ লিখা প্ৰতিবেদনত উল্লেখিত ত্ৰুটিবোৰ হৈছে, কাৰ্য্যবিধি সম্বন্ধে হোৱা অনিয়মহে। এই অনিয়ম সমূহ ইতিমধ্যে শুধৰোৱা হৈছে।

Re : Drawal of amount from the Sub-divisional Rural Development Fund by the S.D.O., Mangaldoi.

Shri Sailen Medhi asked :

*424. Will the Minister-in-charge, Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that a huge amount was drawn in cash from the Sub-divisional Rural Development Fund by the Sub-divisional Officer, Mangaldoi in 1965 ?

(b) If so, the total amount drawn and the purpose of such drawal ?

(c) The normal procedure generally followed with regard to the drawal from the Personal Ledger Accounts ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat & C.D.) replied.

424. (a) & (b) Government are aware that on three occasions amounts were drawn in cash which exceeded Rupees two thousand on each occasion as shown below—

1. Rupees 7,996.98 was drawn on 22nd September 1965 by self cheque and paid to M/S S R Deka, Mangaldoi being the cost of 60 bundles of G. C. I. Sheets for construction of G. P. Office buildings.

2. Rupees 2,300.00 was drawn on 8th November 1965 by self cheque and paid to M/s Walford, Gauhati being the overhauling cost of the Jeep No. ASD 2671.

3 Rupees 28,850.00 was drawn on 15th November 1965 by self cheque and disbursed on 16th November 1965 by Government draft which was sent to the Chief Engineer, F. C. and I Wing.

On other occasions bigger amounts were drawn by cheque for credit by transfer to other accounts. The term "huge amount" being a relative one all the drawals made from the Fund during 1965 are given in a statement placed in the Table of the House.

(c)—The normal procedure generally followed with regard to the drawal from the Personal Ledger Accounts is that the amounts are drawn from the Personal Ledger Account for specific purposes by issuing cheques and properly accounted for in the Cash Book.

Re : Bridge over Barak River

Shri Sailen Medhi asked :

*425. Will the Ministere-in-charg of P. W.D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact a second bridge over Barak at Katigorah in Silchar Shillong road is going to be constructed ?

(b) If so, whether construction work has been allotted to any firm and the present position thereof ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder [Minister of State, P.W.D (R. and B.] replied :

425. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The construction work has not yet been allotted to any firm. The selection of contractors is in the process of finalisation in consultation with Government of India, Ministry of Transport (Roads Wing), New Delhi.

Re : Komola Miri Road

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*426. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Komola Miri Road is completed ?

(b) If not, when this road will be completed ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the road has been constructed upto the Gelabil Ghat only and it does not proceed to other portion of the Tribal Areas though Rs. 45,000 was allotted from the Tribal grant ?

(d) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to take immediate steps for completion of the said road covering all the Tribal Areas ?

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

426 (a) No. A length of 1.56 KM. only is completed, i. e., from Badulipar Petrol Pump to Gelabilghat.

(b) A sum of Rs 64,100 available from Tribal grant, has been proposed to be utilised on this Road for as much length as can be covered by it. The estimate is under preparation and the work will be taken up as soon as the necessary formalities are over.

(c)—Yes. The Road has been constructed up Galabil Ghat and the proposal at (b) above is from Galabil Ghat to as much length as can be covered with Rs. 64,100 available from the Art 275. programme

(d)—Yes, all possible steps will be taken for completion of as much of remaining length as can be covered with the available amount.

Re : Chikari Road of Golaghat

Shri Soneswar Bora asked—

*৪২৭। মাননীয় গড় কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে।

(ক) গোলাঘাট নগৰৰ মাজৰ গোলাঘাট গৱৰ্ণমেণ্ট হাইয়াৰ চেকেণ্ডাৰী স্কুল আৰু গোলাঘাট টাউন হাইস্কুলৰ মুখেদি যোৱা চিকাৰী আলিটো গড় কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ অন্তৰভুক্ত কৰি "পিচ" দি যাতায়াতৰ সুগম কৰি তুলিবনে?

(খ) যদি কৰে, এই বছৰতে কাম হাতত লবনে?

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

427. (a), (b)—This road has been included in the tentative list for the new schemes under the 4th Plan to be placed before the Assam Road Communication Board. If this road is approved by the Assam Road Communication Board and necessary fund made available during this financial year, the work will be taken up as soon as possible.

Re : Dhodar Ali from Kamarbonda Hospital to Kamarbonda Link Road

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*৪২৮। মাননীয় অসমৰ গড় কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) ধোদৰ আলিৰ কমাৰবন্ধা হস্পিটেলৰ সম্মুখৰ পৰা কমাৰবন্ধা লিংক ৰোডৰ সংযোগ ঠাইলৈ এই দুই ফাৰ্লং ৰাস্তা কিয় পিচ্ দিয়া নহল ?

(খ) এই ৰাস্তা দুই ফাৰ্লং পিচ্ দিয়া কাৰ দোষত হোৱা নাই ?

(গ) ধোদৰ আলিৰ এই অতি আৱশ্যকীয় ৰাস্তা দুই ফাৰ্লং কেতিয়া পিচ্ দিয়া হব ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder [Minister of State, P.W.D. (R. and B.)] replied.

428. (a)—Metalling and sufacing Dhodar Ali from Kamarbondha Hospital to Kamarbonda Link Road (2 furlongs) could not be done as yet as this stretch of road has not been taken up under any of the approved scheme.

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

(c)—A proposal amounting to Rs. 13,00,000 for metalling and surfacing Dhodar Ali in Golaghat division has been forwarded to the Government of India for approval and sanction out of Central Road Fund Scheme. This stretch of Dhodar Ali referred to in the Question has been included in this proposal. Work on this protion of the road will be taken up as soon as the matter is finalised with the Government of India.

Re : Nowgong-Dhing-Bhuragaon Road

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*429. Will the Minister P.W.D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the portion of the Nowgong-Dhing-Bhuragaon Road from Batadrava to Dhing has been put in the list for black topping ?

(b) If so, what is the total estimate of work ?

(c) Whether the work has been sanctioned ?

(d) Whether necessary tenders for the work have been called for from the contractors ?

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

429. (a) –Yes, the project has been included in the tentative list of roads for the 4th Five-Year Plan for consideration by the Assam Road Communication Board.

(b)—Rupees 6,86,000.

(c)–No

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

Re : Barpeta-Bashbari P. W. D. Road

Shrimati Pranita Talukdar asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Barpeta-Bashbari P.W.D. Road near Katajar is not properly maintained ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that every year during the rainy season, vehicles cannot ply as the road become muddy ?

(c) If so, whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps for proper maintenance of the said road ?

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

430. (a) No, the road is being properly maintained. But during last two rainy seasons, this portion from 12th to 23rd mile under improvement, become muddy after incessant rains due to heavy earthwork. The road is however, restored to proper condition.

(b)—The road was inundated by flood water before construction of Benki embankment and before raising. The surface of the gravelled

portion of the road therefore, becomes muddy after each such occasion, sometimes resulting in dislocation of vehicular traffic, specially during construction of embankment and raising from Barpeta Road to Bashbari.

(c) – Every effort is always made to maintain the road to proper standard out of our limited fund.

Re : Ramchandi Agricultural Co-operative Firm

Shri Tazammul Ali Laskar asked :

*৪৩১। মাননীয় সমবায় মন্ত্রী মহোদয় অনুগ্রহ পূর্বক জানাইবেন কি –

(ক) হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমার (Ramchandi Agricultural Co-operative Firm এর নামে কতটা জমি সরকার (allot) করিয়াছিলেন ? ইহার সদস্য সংখ্যা কতজন ?

(খ) উক্ত ফার্মের নামে কতটাকা সরকারী সাহায্য দেওয়া হইয়াছে ?

(গ) সরকার অবগত আছেন কিনা যে উক্ত ফার্মের সদস্যগন তাহাদের জমি উক্ত ফার্মের সেক্রেটারী শ্রীকৃষ্ণমোহন নাথের কাছে বিক্রয় করিতেছেন ? এবং এই ফার্মের সমস্ত সুবিধা উক্ত সেক্রেটারীই উপভোগ করিতেছেন। সদস্যরা কিছু পাইতেছেন না ?

(ঘ) উক্ত ফার্মের সমস্ত জমি উক্ত সেক্রেটারী নিজে চাষ করিয়া বা করাইয়া তাহার স্বত্ব নিজেই ভোগ করিতেছেন সরকার এই সম্বন্ধে অবগত কিনা ?

(ঙ) উক্ত ফার্মের আয় ব্যয়ের হিসাব কি ?

(চ) উক্ত ফার্মের গোদাম ঘর বাবত সরকার কত টাকা মঞ্জুর করিয়াছিলেন ?

(ছ) যে গোদাম ঘরটি তৈরী হইয়াছে তাহা সরকারের (specification) অনুযায়ী হইয়াছে কিনা ? না হইয়া থাকিলে সরকার কি ব্যবস্থা অবলম্বন করিয়াছেন ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

৪৩১। (ক) সরকার এই সমিতির নামে কোন জমি বন্দোবস্ত দেন নাই। সমিতির অধীনে বর্ত্তমানে যে ৪১৭ বিঘা জমি আছে উহার মালিকানা স্বত্ব যৌথ

ভাবে সমিতির ১২জন সদস্যের এবং তাহারা সমিতির পরিচালনাধীনে যৌথ-খামারের জন্য উক্ত জমি একত্রীকরণ করিয়াছেন। বর্ত্তমান সমিতির সদস্য সংখ্যা ২৩ জন।

(খ)—১১,৯০০·০০ টাকা।

(গ)—না। উহা সত্য নয়।

(ঘ)—না। উহাও সত্য নয়।

(ঙ)—গত তিন বৎসরের লাভ ও ক্ষতির হিসাব নিম্নে উল্লেখ করা হইল :—

১৯৬৪-৬৫	...	৮৮৮·৭১ টাকা (লাভ)
১৯৬৫-৬৬	...	১৫১·২৬ টাকা (লাভ)
১৯৬৬-৬৭	...	৮৯৪·০১ টাকা (আনুমানিক ক্ষতি)।

(চ)—৫,০০০.০০ টাকা।

(ছ)—গোদাম ঘরটি সরকারের নির্দ্দিষ্ট নক্সা ও বিস্তৃত বিবরণ অনুযায়ী তৈরী হইয়াছে।

Re : Managing Director, Assam State Warehousing Corporation.

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*432. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Managing Director, Assam State Warehousing Corporation attends office at 11-30 a.m. to 12 noon every day although office hours starts from 10 a.m. ?

(b) Whether this constitutes violation of the service condition of the Officer and whether there is any machinery to supervise and stop this ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

432.(a)—As far as Government is aware the Managing Director, Assam State Warehousing Corporation attends office punctually.

(b —Does not arise.

Re : Drawal of Car Allowance by the Managing Director, Assam State Warehousing Corporation.

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*433. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the Managing Director, Assam Warehousing Corporation is drowing car allowance at Rs. 150 p.m. Yet he is drowing mileage allowance during his tour to diffarent places of Assam which is not admissible as per Rules ?

(b) If so, the amount drawn as mileage year-wise since his appointment and whether any attempt has ever been made to recover the in admissible amount from him ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister-in-charge of Co-operation) replied :

433.(a)—Yes, The State Government in consultation with the Central Ware-housing Corporation under section 20(3) b) of the Warehousing Corporation Act, 1962 approved the sanction of the car allowance by the Board of Director of the corporation to the Managing Director, in addition to the usual D. A. and T. A. admissible.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Bongaon Dispensary.

Shri Mohidhar Pegu asked :

*434. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) The date on which the Bongaon Dispensary in Majuli was converted into State Dispensary ?

(b) Whether the Government is aware that the building of the said Dispensary is about to collapse ?

(c) If so, what appropriate measures has so far been taken in this regard by this Government ?

(d) If not, why ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

434.(a) – 1st April, 1959.

(b) – The building is old and worn out.

(c)&(d) - The plan and estimate for repair have been received and these are being scrutinised.

Re : Doctor's quarters of the Solmara State Dispensary

Dr. Bhumidhar Barman asked :

*435. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Doctor's quarters of the Solmara State Dispensary was repaired recently ?

(b) When the work was completed and what was the amount spent on construction ?

(c) Whether the Medical Officer-in-charge of the said dispensary is staying in the quarter ?

(d) If not, why ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

435.(a) – Yes.

(b) – The work was certified to have been completed on 30th October, 1967 and an amount of Rs. 4,675.00 was paid to the contractor. However, subsequently it was found that the work was not completed.

(c) – No.

(d) – The building is not yet fit for occupation.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Re : Reformation of Examination System

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that the National Council of Educational Research and Training has initiated any programme as to the bringing of reformation in the examination system in co-operation with the State Government and their Secondary Education Board ?

(b) If so, what are the suggestions in this regard and what are the details of the programme ?

(c) Whether the programme has already been made ready for execution on being studied ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

436.(a)—The National Council of Educational Research and Training in collaboration with the Board of Secondary Education, Assam has initiated a programme for improvement of evaluation in general and the setting of question papers in particular.

(b)—The details of the programme are not available with the State Government. But the programme in brief as below :—

The National Council of Educational Research and Training has initiated a programme for improvement of evaluation in general and the setting of question papers in particular. The Board of Secondary Education, Assam in collaboration with the National Council of Educational Research and Training has taken up this programme and as its first stage has conducted two Workshops of Paper Setters and Examinars. In these two workshops, about 40 teachers of Universities and Colleges and Education Officers participated. It is proposed to have the third workshop during the

next summer. In the third workshop the subject matter will be how to carry the new ideas of evaluation to the class-room teachers. After the third workshop is over, workshops for teachers will be held in different parts of the State in which the persons who took part in the first three workshops will act as the Resource Personnel. After the Class-room teachers are prepared they will be asked to introduce the new ideas in the internal school examinations and after the new types of questions are practised in the schools for 2 years these types of questions should be introduced in the Board's Final Examination. For the present 4 subjects, viz, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics in the Higher Secondary Schools have been taken up under the programme.

Briefly speaking the new technique if based on the fact that the teaching of every subject in a class has certain objectives, such as acquisition of information, acquisition of skills, development of understanding, ability to apply the knowledge acquired, etc. The question paper would also similarly be designed to test all these objectives. The Boards of Secondary Education in certain other States have already tried these new techniques with some measures of success. Since the new ideas will take time to spread we have taken up as a pilot project only few subjects and in the limited number of Higher Secondary Schools.

(c)—The programme is being executed in a phased manner by the Board of Secondary Education, Assam.

Re : Higher Secondary Schools in the State.

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*437. মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাব নে—

(ক) অসমত কেইখন চবকাবী হাইয়াব চেকেণ্ডাবী স্কুল আছে ?

(খ) এই চবকাবী চেকেণ্ডাবী স্কুলবিলাক বছবত কেইবাব ওপবব্বালা বিষয়াই পবিদর্শন কবে ?

(গ) চাৰ্কেল পৰিদৰ্শন বিষয়াসকলে একেদিনাই ৩।৪ খন চেকেণ্ডাৰী স্কুল পৰিদৰ্শন কৰি স্কুলৰ শিক্ষা বিষয়াৰ অৱহেলিত আসোঁৱাহবোৰ ধৰা পেলাব পাৰে নে? বা তেনে আসোঁৱাহবোৰ আঁতৰাবৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব পাৰে নে?

(ঘ) বৰ্ত্তমান চৰকাৰৰ শিক্ষা বিভাগৰ অতিৰিক্ত ডিৰেক্টৰ মহোদয়ে প্ৰতিখন চৰকাৰী হাইয়াৰ চেকেণ্ডাৰী স্কুল বছৰত অন্ততঃ এবাৰ ভালকৈ পৰিদৰ্শন কৰিলে শিক্ষা বিষয়ত স্কুলবিলাকৰ বহুত উন্নতি সধা হব বুলি চৰকাৰে নেভাবে নে?

(ঙ) যদি ভাবে, তেনে ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা হব নে?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

437.(ক)—অসমত এতিয়ালৈকে ১৮ খন চৰকাৰী লৰাৰ আৰু ৭ খন ছোৱালীৰ হাইয়াৰ চেকেণ্ডাৰী স্কুল আছে।

(খ)—স্কুল পৰিদৰ্শকে বছৰত এনে স্কুল অন্ততঃ এবাৰকৈ পৰিদৰ্শন কৰাৰ নিয়ম। কোনো চাৰ্কেলত পৰিদৰ্শকৰ আন কাম বেছি হোৱাত কেতিয়াবা এনে স্কুল বছেৰেকত পৰিদৰ্শন নোহোৱাকৈ থাকে। যাতে নিয়মমতে পৰিদৰ্শন হয়, সেই অৰ্থে চোকা আদেশ দিয়া হৈছে।

(গ)—বেছি সময় খৰচ নকৰাকৈয়ে সাধাৰণ আসোঁৱাহ ধৰিব পাৰে বুলি চৰকাৰে নাভাবে; আৰু একেদিনাই পৰিদৰ্শকে ৩/৪ খন হাইয়াৰ চেকেণ্ডাৰী স্কুল পৰিদৰ্শন কৰাৰ খবৰ চৰকাৰে পোৱা নাই।

(ঘ)—অতিৰিক্ত শিক্ষাধিকাৰৰ ওপৰত মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষাৰ ভাৰ আছে। তেখেতে নিজেও বহু স্কুল ইতিমধ্যে পৰিদৰ্শন কৰিছে, আৰু চাব যাতে চৰকাৰী হাইয়াৰ চেকেণ্ডাৰী স্কুলসমূহ আৰু বেছিকৈ চাব পাৰে।

(ঙ)—ওপৰৰ উত্তৰ দিয়াৰ পিছত এই প্ৰশ্ন নুঠে।

Re : Pay-scale of Lower School Service

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked.

*438. মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) আসাম লোৱাৰ স্কুল চাৰ্ভিচৰ 'এ' গ্ৰেডৰ বেতন ১৪০—৬—১৭০—ই-বি—৭—২০৫—ই-বি—৭—২৭৫, চিলেক্‌চন গ্ৰেড ২৭৫—৯—৩২০—১০—৩৫০ আৰু 'বি' গ্ৰেডৰ বেতন ১২৫—৪—১৪৫—ই-বি—৪—১৬৫ ই-বি—৫—২০০ টকা হয় নে?

(খ) 'বি' গ্রেডত কিয় চিলেক্চন গ্রেডব ব্যৱস্থা নাই ?

(গ) 'বি' গ্রেডব পৰা 'এ' গ্রেডলৈ প্রমোচন দিয়াব ব্যৱস্থা আছে নেকি ?

(ঘ) 'এ' গ্রেডত স্থায়ী হিচাবে থকা নৰ্ম্মাল পাচ শিক্ষক আৰু মেট্রিক পাচ শিক্ষকব বেতন কি হব তাব কোনো উল্লেখ পে কমিটিব গেজেটত নাই, এই কথা সঁচা নে ?

(ঙ) তেওঁলোকক ১৯৬৪ চনব The Assam Service (Revision of Pay) Rules—৬নং নিয়মব মতে নতুন স্কেল ('এ' গ্রেডব) নলবলৈ নির্দ্দেশ কৰা হয়া নে ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

438. (ক)—প্রশ্নোক্ত দৰমহাব নিবিখ সঁচা।

(খ)—'বি' গ্রেডত চিলেক্চন গ্রেড নাই। কাৰণ ১৯৬৪ চনব পে কমিটিব বিপোর্টত ইয়াব বাবে কোনো ব্যৱস্থা কমিটিয়ে কৰা নাই।

(গ)—'এ' গ্রেডত কাম থাকিলে 'বি' গ্রেডব পৰা উপযুক্ত শিক্ষকক প্রমোচন দিয়া হয়।

(ঘ)—সঁচা।

(ঙ)—৬নং নিয়মত যিখিনি আছে, সিখিনি সকলোব কাৰণে প্রযোজ্য। তাব বাহিবত চৰকাৰব বেলেগ নির্দ্দেশব প্রয়োজন হোৱা নাই।

Re : Nalbari Government Aided Girls' High School

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY asked :

*439. Will the Minister-in-charge of education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware of the strong feeling of the people for taking over of Government Aided Nalbari Girls' High School by the Government from the next financial year ?

(b) If so, what steps have been taken to respect the desire of the public for provincialisation of the Girls' High School ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

439. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The present financial position of the State Government does not permit provincialisation of any more school.

Re : "Madhyamik Assamiya Katha Chayan" .

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya asked :

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

(a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the Assamese Text Book "Madhyamik Assamiya Katha Chayan" recently published by Sahitya Prakash, Gauhati, on behalf of the Board of Secondary Education, Assam, Gauhati.

(b) Whether the Government is aware that there are about 750 printing mistakes in the said text book ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that the corrigendum annexed to the said text book with about 250 alleged corrections itself contains a number of mistakes ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware that the Foreward of less than two pages given by the Secretary, Secondary Education Board, Assam, itself contains 8 mistakes ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

440. (a)—Yes.

(a)—Yes.

(b —Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

Re : Good English

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya asked :

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

(a) Whether the book "Good English" by R. P. Ghosh, M. A., Sahitya Saraswati and published by M/s. Modern Book Agency, Private, Limited, Calcutta, is a book approved for use in the Schools of Assam ?

(b) Whether the Government is aware that by only replacing the inner title-sheet of the book, the publishers of the 34th Edition of the said book has raised its price from Rs. 5.50 to Rs. 6.50 ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Government was pleased to reject the request of all text book publishers to raise the price of books by 10 per cent ?

(d) What steps do the Government propose to take against the M/s. Modern Book Agency, Private, Limited, Calcutta, for hoodwinking the Government in the aforestated manner ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

441. (a) - This is not an approved book for the Schools of Assam.

(b)—The Government is not aware of any increase of price of the said book.

(c)—Yes.

(d)— In view of reply to question b) above, this question does not arise.

Re : Accounts Officer of the Director of Public Instruction Office

Shri Pitsing Konwar asked :

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

(a) Who is the present Finance and Accounts Officer attached to the office of the D. P. I., Assam ?

(b) Since when he was posted there ?

(c) On how many occasions in the past he was under orders of transfer and what were the circumstances under which his transfer orders were cancelled ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware that recently the staff of the office of the D. P. I., Assam met the D. P. I. in a body and brought some allegations of corruption and malpractices against the Finance and Accounts Officer ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the highhandedness of the said Finance and Accounts Officer and his unnecessary interference in all the affairs of the Education Department have caused serious repercussions among the officers and staff of that Department ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the said officer has got himself too much involved in the internal affairs and intrigues of several Government Aided Educational institutions in Shillong ?

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Finance and Accounts Officer attached to the D. P. I. office has been appointed to represent in the Managing Committee of some of the Government Aided High Schools in Shillong as a nominated member ?

(b) If so, what are those educational institutions ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some time in April, 1966 an Expert Committee was appointed headed by the said Officer for fixation of pay of Aided High School Teachers including the Headmasters and Assistant Headmasters in the revised (1964) scale of pay ?

(d) If so, what were the places he was allowed to visit on tour along with other members of the said Expert Committee and on how many occasions he had to go to these places for the said purpose ?

(e) What was the total expenditure so far involved as T.A. and D.A. of the said Officer and other members of the said Expert Committee ?

(f) Whether the said Officer was allowed to draw any other extra-remuneration for the said purpose and, if so, what is the total amount of extra-remuneration given to him ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the said Expert Committee has not completed its work for fixation of pay as yet and at the same time cases have been made out for his extra work of specially arduos nature justifying the continuation of his posting in the said Department for some more years ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that since after his appointment in the Finance and Accounts Service, the said Officer has not been posted anywhere outside Shillong ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

442.(a)—Shri J. C. Kar.

(b)—He was posted on 6th October 1961. He has since been appointed as Special Officer for the Centralised Provident Fund Scheme with effect from 7th February 1968, but until further order he has been ordered to function as finance and Accounts Officer in D. P. I's office in addition to his duties.

(c) – Only once, i.e., in March, 1967 he was under orders of transfer. As the Department considered his service essential, Government agreed to retain him in the present post and the transfer order was cancelled.

(d) – Some members of the staff of D. P. I. met him on 13th January 1968, on the duties and functions of the Finance and Accounts Officer viz-a-viz that of D. D. P. I's. There was no question of corruption and malpractices.

(e) No. His work in branches other than Accounts is very limited and that again only on specific instructions from the higher officers.

(f)—No.

443.(a)&(b)—Only in one school, i.e., Laban Bengali Boys High School, he was nominated by Government in 1965 as a member of the Managing Committee along with five other officers including a D. D. P. I. (There is no bar on such appointment. Several other officers posted in the Education Department are also members in the Managing Committee of different Schools and Colleges).

(c)&(d)—No such committee was appointed. Certain office assistants including a Superintendent were deputed to the headquarter of different Inspectorates for provisional fixation of pay in the revised scales of the aided High School Teachers and calculation of arrears in the revised scales on May-June 1966. The Officer though contemplated earlier could not stay all along with the party nor he could visit all the places where the party had to be sent. The Officer was with the party on the last day of their work at Dibrugarh, i.e., on 7th June 1966. He accompanied the party to Jorhat on 8th June 1966 and after making necessary arrangement at Jorhat left for Shillong on the following morning. He also went to Gauhati on 19th June 1966 and after making further arrangement for the party returned to Shillong on the same day.

(e) The Officer had drawn a T. A. and D. A. of Rs. 177.54P. for the purpose. Expenditure on T. A. and D. A. of other members of the party has been Rs. 1,956.85 P.

(f)—The Officer has not been given any extra-remuneration for the purpose.

(g)—The work in so far as provisional fixation of pay and sanction of arrears on that basis is practically completed so the question of making a proposal for retention of the Officer for this item of work does not arise. In fact, he has already been appointed in some other posts but has been acting as Finance Accounts Officer in addition to his duties as the Department could not spare him.

(h)—Yes

The Officer belongs to Assam Finance Service whose field of posting is either as Finance and Accounts Officer or

as Traesury Officer. Since most of the cadre posts are in Shillong, so far, he has not been posted outside Shillong. It is gathered that there are some other officers of this service who have not also been posted outside Shillong.

Re : Principal of the Abhayeswari Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA asked :

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

(a) Whether the present Principal of Abhayeswari Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School is qualified to hold the post according to the circular issued by the D.P.I., Assam concerning the appointment of selected Principal and Headmasters ?

(b) Whether the Government is aware that the Managing Committee of the said school passed a resolution on 31st December, 1967 that Shri Bagala Prassad Medhi, M. A., B. T. E.T., selected by the Board should be appointed on or before the 6th January, 1967 ?

(c) If so, whether the said resolution has been carried out by the Secretary of the said Managing Committee ?

(d) If not, whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary steps in this regard ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

444. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d)—The Inspector of Schools, W. A. C., Dhubri has been instructed to advise the Managing Committee of the Abhayeswari Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School

to appoint Shri B. P. Medhi, M.A., B.T., as Principal of the school vice Shri P. C. Sarma, officiating Principal of the school whose appeal petition has been rejected.

Re : Audit of the Abhayeswari Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

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

(a) Whether Government has received any Audit Report of the Abhayeswari Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School during last seven years ?

(b) If not, what are the reasons ?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary steps in this regard to have the accounts audited ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

445. (a)—Yes. The accounts of the Abhayeswari Higher Secondary and Multipurpose School were audited for the period up to 31st March, 1963 and the audit report for the period from 1st April, 1961 to 31st March, 1963 has since been received.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—As the statutory responsibility of auditing the accounts of the aided educational institutions is with the Examiner, Local Accounts, Assam, Gauhati, he is being requested to take up the works for the remaining period.

Re : Golaghat Public High School

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma

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

(a) When the Golaghat Public High School was established ?

(b) Whether this school was a propritorial school ?

(c) When the proprietor late Phoni Bordoloi applied to hand over the school to the Government ?

(d) Whether the then proprietor handed over the school to Golaghat public ?

(e) When the Golaghat public took over the school and formed a managing committee to run the school ?

(f) Whether the managing committee and other public men approached the Education Minister and the Chief Minister for taking over the school immediately ?

(g) Whether the property and the land belonging to this school was given to the department ?

(h) Whether all the rules and regulations are fulfilled by the school ?

(i) If so, why the deficit grant and ad-hoc grant were not given to the said school ?

(j) Whether the Government will be pleased to take over this school within this financial year ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

446. (a) —1932.

(b) - Yes.

(c) — 1964.

(d) — Yes.

(e) - In the year 1964.

(f)—Yes.

(g) — No. The land and property of the school have been transferred to the school authority.

(h) — The school has been derecognised by the Board of Secondary Education from Ist January, 1968 due to less percentage of pass in final examination.

(i) — Deficit grant was stopped from the date of derecognition and instead the school has been granted Rs. 625 p.m. as ad-hoc grant with effect from 1st January, 1968.

(j) — The question of taking over does not arise at this stage. The school may be considered for deficit grant in case the recognition is restored by the Board of Secondary Education.

Re : Recommendation of Names of Persons for receiving Academy Award.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

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

(a) Whether any name has been recommended by the Government of Assam for receiving Academy Award to distinguished literary persons this year ?

(b) If so, the names of these persons whose names have been recommended for the said purpose ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

447. (a) - No.

(b) - Does not arise.

(c)—Our recommendations are never sought for the Academy Award to distinguished literary persons. Hence, no recommendations are made by us.

Re : Recommendation of Names of Meritorious Students for receiving President's Award

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

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

(a) Whether any names of the meritorious students have been recommended by the Government of Assam for receiving President's Award for their extra-ordinary meritorious career this year ?

(b) If not, why not ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

448. (a)—No.

(b)—Our recommendations are never sought for receiving President's Award for extra-ordinary meritorious students Hence, no recommendations are made by us.

Re : Bhandra M. E. School

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

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

(a) Whether Bhandra M. E. School within Manikpur Anchalik Panchayat is a full-fledged M. E. School ?

(b) If so, whether this school is getting all the grants like other full-fledged M. E. Schools of the State ?

(c) If not, whether Government will be pleased to give all the grants to this school ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

449. (a)—There is no Bhandra M. E. School but there is on Bhandara Keramotia Nessaria M.E. Madrassa under Manikpur Anchalik Panchayat. It is a full-fledged M. E. Madrassa.

(b)—The M. E. Madrassa is getting Rs. 100.00 p.m. as ad-hoc recurring grant with effect from 16th January, 1963 and Rs. 150.00 p.m. from September, 1966 as increased ad-hoc grant, i.e., in total the school is getting Rs. 250.00 p.m. at present. Deficit grant cannot be given due to paucity of fund.

(c) If fund permits the case may be considered in due course.

Re : Provision for Repairing of School Building damaged by natural Calamities

Shri Kabir Chandra Roy Pradhani asked :

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

(a) Whether there is any provision for grant for repairing the School building damaged in the natural calamities.

(b) If so, the total amount of such grant in Dhubri Subdivision (School-wise figure be given) ?

(c) Whether any enquiry is made by proper authority before given such grant ?

(d) If so, by whom it is made ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

450.(a)—No.

(b)– Does not arise.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—By the Inspector of Schools concerned.

Re : Demand of the All-Assam Aided Secondary Schools Forth Grade Employees Association.

Shri Mohi Kanta Das asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government is aware about the demand of the "All-Assam Aided Secondary Schools Fourth Grade Employees Association" about granting same pay-scale and service conditions to this category of employees as those conceded to their counterpart serving in the Government Secondary Schools ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Association submitted memoranda of their demands to the Government for their sympathetic consideration several times since 1964 and the Government assured the Association that the case of this category of employees would be sympathetically considered ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that the delay in acceding to the legitimate demand of the Association has spread discontent among this category of employees ?

(d) Whether the Government will be pleased to consider with sympathy the legitimate demands of the Association and give what is due to these employees without delay ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

451. (a) – Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c) - It is understood.

(d) – Yes. (The case is already under consideration of Government so far as the sanction of a uniform scale of pay is concerned)

Re : Normal Schools in the State

Shri JOGEN SAIKIA asked :

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

(a) What is the number of Normal Schools in the State of Assam and what is the capacity of respective schools in respect of accommodation of students ?

(b) How many of the students are deputed teachers and how many of them are direct recruits ? (Institution-wise).

(c) How many of the direct recruits are granted stipends ?

(d) What is the monthly rate of training allowance granted to a deputed teacher for prosecuting studies in such institutions ?

(e) Whether the Government is aware that the present rate of stipend and deputation allowance are too low in view of the abnormal rise in the price of commodities ?

(f) What is the monthly rate of stipend enjoyed by the directly recruited students of these schools ?

(g) Whether the Government will consider and increase the monthly stipend and deputation allowance ?

(h) Whether the Government is aware that discrimination is going on in granting stipends to the students ?

(i) If so, whether Government will consider granting of stipends to all the direct recruits of those schools ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

452. (a)—Total number of Normal Schools is 5 located at Jorhat, Sootea, Nowgong, Howli and Silchar and capacities of accommodation are as follows—

Jorhat	200
Sootea	124
Nowgong	105
Howli	120
Silchar	130

(b)—

	No. of deputed teacher	Direct recruits
Jorhat	36	159
Sootea	17	107
Nowgong	20	101
Howli	41	82
Silchar	11	109

(c)—

	Direct recruits
Jorhat	155
Sootea	102
Nowgong	101
Howli	82
Silchar	91

(d)—The rate of deputation allowance and stipends are at Rs. 20 per mensem and Rs.35 per mensem respectively.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—In (d) above.

(g)—Government will consider this matter.

(h)—No.

(i) Government has sanctioned stipends to almost all the recruits subject to the satisfactory progress and good conducts.

Re : Number of Venture Lower Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools in Abhayapuri Constituency

Shri KANDARPA NARYAN BANIKYA asked :

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

(a) How many Venture L.P. Schools and M. V. Schools are there in the Abhayapuri Constituency ?

(b) Whether Government will be pleased to take over all these Venture Schools soon ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

453. (a)—L.P. Schools—3.
M. V. Schools—Nil.

(b)—If and when funds are available, their cases will be considered if found deserving

Re : Grant for the Public Library and Public Meeting Hall in Karimganj.

Shri Rathindra Nath Sen asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government have received any demand for Rs. 50,000 grant for the reconstruction of Public Library and Public Meeting Hall, in Karimganj town from Karimganj Municipal Board ?

(b) What action Government propose to take in this regard ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

454.(a)—Yes.

(b)—Government has taken decision to take over the Public Library section of the Town Hall as a Sub-divisional Library. But there is no scheme to give grants to Public Hall at present.

Re : Number of Schools of Tai Language in the State.

Shri Bhadreswar Gogoi asked :

*455 মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) অসমত কেইখন আহোম টাই ভাষাৰ স্কুল আছে আৰু কোন কোন পর্য্যায়ত ?

(খ) এই স্কুলবিলাকক বছৰি চৰকাৰে কিমান টকাৰ সাহায্য দিয়ে ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

455.(a)—There is only one Institution called Central Tai Academy at Patakaku in Sibsagar Sub-division established in 1964.

(b)—The Institution was given a maintenance grant of Rs. 3,000 in 1965-66 and Rs. 6,000 in 1966-67.

Re : Pay Scales of the Fourth Grade Employees of the Aided Higher Secondary Schools.

Shri Mohi Kanta Das asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the Association of the fourth grade Employees of the Government Aided

Secondary Schools of Assam is making presistant demand for giving them a pay scale similar to that of their counter-part in the Government Secondary Schools ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Government when approached by the representatives of the Association assured them that the case would receive active consideration of the Government ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that the discrimination in pay scale between these two categories of employees in the Government Aided and Government Secondary Schools has led to wide-spread discontent among a section of these employees performing similar jobs and discharging similar responsibilities ?

(d) Whether the Government will be pleased to consider the case of the 4th Grade Employees serving in Government Aided Secondary Schools with sympathy and give them a pay scale identical to that of those serving in the Government Institutions ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

456. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, they were told that the matter would be considered.

(c)—Government have no such information.

(d)—The question of prescribing a Pay Scale to 4th Grade Employees of the Aided Schools is under examination.

Re : Director of Sports and Welfare of Dibrugarh University.

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

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

(a) Who is the Director of Sports and Welfare in the Dibrugarh University ?

(b) What are his qualifications ?

(c) From where he is recruited ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

457.(a) Shri Gurucharan Singh is the Director of Sports cum-N.C.C. Liaison Officer of the Dibrugarh University.

(b)—His qualifications are as follows B.A.D.P.E. (Punjab , Honorary Athletic Coach, A.A.F.I. (India), R.S.C.S.,A.A.F.I. (India) qualified official. Served as N.C.C. Commissioned Officer for 3 years—Rank - Lieutenant.

(c) Previously he was working in the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (West Bengal for $7\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Re : District Library Building at Dhubri.

Shri Kabir Chandra Roy Prodhani asked :

*458. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is any proposal for a District Library Building at Dhubri to be constructed in near future ?

(b) If so, when the construction will be started ?

(c) How many employees are there in the library at present ?

(d) Whether there is one Shri Harendra Roy, an old experienced employee, who has been serving as a Librarian at very low pay ?

(e) If so, what is the reason ?

(f) Whether the Government will be pleased to increase his salary ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

458 (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Seven employees.

(d)—Yes.

(e) & (f)—Shri H. N. Roy, who was an employee of defunct Local Board, Dhubri, has been absorbed in Library Establishment of District Library, Dhubri on a fixed pay of Rs. 50 plus other allowances. As Shri Roy is 57 years of age, he cannot be absorbed in regular cadre if and when the District Library is taken over by Government.

Re : Selection of Teachers for B. T. Training.

Dr. Surendra Nath Das asked :

*459. মাননীয় শিক্ষাবিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) কি পদ্ধতিত B. T. পঢ়িবৰ কাৰণে হাইস্কুলৰ শিক্ষকসকলৰ পৰা প্ৰাৰ্থী নিৰ্ব্বাচন কৰা হয় ?

(খ) ধৰপেটা মহকুমাৰ হাউলী হাইস্কুলৰ পৰা কিমানজন শিক্ষকে B. T. পঢ়িবৰ বাবে সুযোগ পাইছে ?

(গ) এইবাৰ উক্ত হাইস্কুলৰ পৰা B. T. পঢ়িবৰ কাৰণে নিৰ্ব্বাচিত হোৱা শিক্ষকজনে নিৰ্ব্বাচন কৰা সময়তে G. T. পঢ়ি নাছিল নে ?

(ঘ) তেওঁৰ B. T. পৰীক্ষাৰ ফলৰ গুলাইছে নে ?

(ঙ) বিভাগীয় কৰ্ত্তৃপক্ষই বাস্তবি কাগজত জাননী দিয়াসতে এওঁক নিৰ্ব্বাচন কৰা হৈছে নে ?

(চ) উচ্চ স্কুলৰ হেডমাষ্টৰে অনুমোদন কৰি নাম পঠোৱা প্ৰাৰ্থীকেইজনৰ গুণাগুণ কি ?

(ছ) নিৰ্ব্বাচিত প্ৰাৰ্থীজনৰ গুণাগুণ কি ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

459.(ক) চাকৰীৰ দীৰ্ঘতা আৰু বয়সৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি সাধাৰণতে বিঃ টিঃ প্ৰশিক্ষণলৈ শিক্ষক নিৰ্ব্বাচিত কৰা হয়।

(খ) স্কুলখনৰ পৰা দুজন শিক্ষকক প্ৰশিক্ষণলৈ পঠোৱা হৈছে।

(গ) হয়, ভূগোলৰ প্ৰশিক্ষণ লৈথকা অৱস্থাতে শিক্ষকজনক বিঃ টিঃ প্ৰশিক্ষণলৈ বাচনি কৰা হৈছে।

(ঘ)—১৯৬৮ চনৰ বিঃ টিঃ প্ৰশিক্ষণ ২২ জানুৱাৰী ১৯৬৮ তাৰিখৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ হৈছে আৰু পৰীক্ষা হব ১৯৬৯ চনত। প্ৰতিকে পৰীক্ষা হোৱাৰ আগতে ফলাফল ঘোষণা কৰাৰ প্ৰশ্ন নুঠে।

(ঙ) হয়।

(চ)—হাউলী হাইস্কুলৰ হেডমাষ্টৰে অনুমোদন কৰা শিক্ষক দুয়োজনেই B. A. পাচ আৰু তেওঁলোকৰ অভিজ্ঞতা ৯ বছৰ হৈছে।

(ছ)—নিৰ্ব্বাচিত শিক্ষকজনৰ বয়স ৩৯ বছৰ আৰু আনজনৰ বয়স ৩২ বছৰ। বয়স বেছি হোৱা শিক্ষকজনকে নিৰ্ব্বাচিত কৰা হৈছে।

Re : Shahid Kusal Kowar High School of Golaghat.

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*460 মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ অন্তৰ্গত সৰুপথাৰ মৌজাৰ শ্বহীদ কুশল কোঁৱৰৰ কৰ্ম্মস্থলীত বেংমাইত "শ্বহীদ কুশল কোঁৱৰ" নামে এখন হাইস্কুল স্থানীয় বাইজে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে জানে নে?

(খ) যদি জানে, এই কুশল কোঁৱৰ হাইস্কুলখনলৈ কিবা সাহায্য চৰকাৰে দিছে নে?

(গ) যদি দিয়া নাই, নিদিয়াৰ কাৰণ কি?

(ঘ) এই বছৰৰ পৰা এই "শ্বহীদ কুশল কোঁৱৰ" হাইস্কুলখন সাহায্য দি চৰকাৰে লব নে?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

460 (a) – Yes.

(b) – No. As the school is still unrecognised, so Government grants could not be sanctioned to this school.

(c) – This is an unrecognised school. Even the school authority had not sought for permissions to open High School classes from Inspector of Schools, S.D.C., Jorhat before starting of High School

(d) It will be considered if and when the school will receive departmental recognition.

Re : Patbousi High School

Shri Matilal Nayak asked :

*461. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state –

(a) When the Patbousi High School in Barpeta Sub-division was started ?

(b) What is the present enrolment of the School (class-wise) ?

(c) When the Inspector of Schools and Assistant Inspector of Schools, K. D. C., visited the school ? (Dates of their visit may be indicated).

(d) Whether they have submitted any Inspection Notes to that effect ?

(e) Whether the Inspector of Schools, K. D. C., has granted permission to open classes VII and VIII in the School ?

(f) If so, from which date ?

*462. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that the School authority of the Patbousi High School in Barpeta Sub division has submitted application with the request to re-visit the school in order to grant departmental recognition up to Class VIII ?

(b) If so, whether the Inspector of Schools visited accordingly ?

(c) If, not, why not ?

(d) Whether the said school fulfils all the conditions that are necessary for getting departmental recognition ?

(e) If so, why there is delay in giving due recognition to the said school

(f) Whether Government will be pleased to give recognition to the school immediately ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

461. (a)—In the year 1965.

(b)—Class VII—30.

Class VIII—25.

Class IX—29.

(c) (i) Inspector of Schools, K. D. C., on 30th April 1966.

(ii) Assistant Inspector of Schools, K. D. C., on 19th February 1966.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.

(f) With effect from 1st January 1966.

462. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise in view of the Answer at 461 (e).

(c) – Does not arise.

(d) Yes

(e)& f) Do not arise, since the Department has granted both departmental recognition up to Class VIII and ad hoc grant at Rs. 250 per month to the school

Re : Appointment of Assistant Mistress/Assistant Teachers.

Shri Sailen Medhi asked :

*463. Will the Minister-in-charge of Edueation be pleased to state—

(a) How many Assistant Mistress/Assistant Teachers were appointed during the years 1956-57, 1958-59, 1959-60 in grade 'B'? (Give the figure year-wise).

(b) How many of them were Matriculates at the time of appointment ?

(c) How many of them have since been promoted to grade 'A' and the basis of such promotion ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

463 (a) Assistant teachers appointed in grade 'B' of A.L.S.S. since 1956 and 51 as follows –

1956-57	17
1957-58	5
1958-59	4
1959-60	25
	51

(N.B.–Information from Inspector of Schools, Mizo District, Aijal, United Khasi and Jaintia Hills and Kamrup District Circles, Gauhati in respect of Gauhati, Nalbari and Rangia Sub-divisions is yet to be received.)

(b)—Twenty-six of them were Matriculates at the time of their appointment.

(c) - Five of them have since been promoted to grade 'A' of A L.S.S.

Re : Motor Cars owned by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinsukia Circle.

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

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

(a) How many motor cars have been owned by the D. I. of Schools, Tinsukia Circle ?

(b) When the Inspector of Schools, Eastern Assam Circle, Dibrugarh purchased a motor car and from whom and at what price ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

464 (a)—Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinsukia (Shri Mafizur Rahman Barua), now transferred to North Lakhimpur as Deputy Inspector of Schools, has possessed two motor cars.

(b) - The present Inspector of Schools (Shri S. Huda), Dibrugarh has purchased a motor car on 27th January 1968, from M/s. Mand Tea and Seed Company, Limited, Tinsukia, at Rs 13,000.

Re : Reservation of seats for Scheduled Tribe Students in North Lakhimpur Government Secondary School

Shri Nameswar Pegu asked :

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

(a) Whether any provision for reservation of seats for Scheduled Tribe students have been made in the North Lakhimpur Government Secondary High School ?

(b) If so, what is the percentage of such reservations ?

(c) Number of Scheduled Tribe students reading at present in the said School ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

465. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—70 (seventy).

Re : Pay-scales of the College Teachers

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

466. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state whether the Government is aware that University Grants Commission's recommendations in respect of the new pay-scales for all the college teachers in Assam have not yet been followed ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

466. Yes. The State Government with the approval of the Central Government have sanctioned the following scales of pay with effect from 1st April 1966 to the employees of non-Government Colleges which are in receipt of Government Grants under the deficit system and not for the teachers of non-Government Colleges which have not yet been brought under deficit system—

Principal—Rs. 750 -30 950—30—1,200 p.m.

Lecturers (Intergrated scale)—Rs. 350 30 500 —E B. 30 —680— E.B.—35 925 p.m.

Demonstrators/Tutors - Rs. 250 12½ 275—15 350 E.B. 15 — 500 p m.

Librarian— Rs. 225 - 5 - 360—20 - 600 p.m. (must be graduate with a diploma in library management).

Following scales of pay have also been sanctioned to the office assistants of deficit grant Colleges from 1st April 967—

Upper Division Assistants—Rs. 200—300 p.m.	Scales in the District Offices of Government.
Lower Division Assistants—Rs. 125—200 p.m.	

Re: Mohuramukh-Barua Kachupathar Road.

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

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

(a) In what year, Mohuramukh-Barua Kachupathar Road was taken for construction ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the road is under construction from the year 1963.

(c) Whether the bridges of the road are not yet constructed though tenders were called for ?

(d) The reason for delay in construction ?

(e) Whether this road is the only thoroughfare of these localies ?

(f) Whether the people can not ply any cart and pass bicycles due to non-construction of bridges or any alternative arrangement ?

(g) Whether the people of these localities are facing trouble in those years for non-completion of the road specially in the rainy season ?

(h) Whether the Government will be pleased to expendite the construction of the road with bridges within this financial year ?

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

467. (a)—In 1962.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The road with bridges could not be completed as yet, as the contractors are not willing to work as per previous rate due to abnormal rise of present-day rate. As such, the estimate has been revised as per present-day rate and the revised sanction is being accorded shortly as soon as the necessary formalities are over and E. E. will be asked to complete the work of the road with bridges within 1968-69 financial year.

(e) - Yes.

(f —Yes·

(g)—Yes.

(h)—As at (d) above.

Re : Bridge over Dayang River

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*468. মাননীয় গঁড়কাপ্তানী মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে ?

(ক) গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ ধোন্দাচাম গড়কাপ্তানী আলিৰ আজ জামুগুৰিৰ ওচৰৰ দৈয়াং নৈৰ দলংখন আজি কিমান বছৰ অস্থায়ীকৈ সজা হৈছে আৰু এই অস্থায়ীকৈ সজা দলংখনত বছৰি কিমানকৈ টকা খৰচ হয় ?

(খ) এই দলংখনৰ জৰুৰি আৱশ্যকতা উপলব্ধী কৰি স্থায়ী পকা দলং এখন কৰিব নে ?

(গ) উক্ত দৈয়াং নৈৰ উক্ত ঠাইত স্থায়ী পকা দলংখন নিৰ্মাণ কৰোঁতে অতি বেছি কিমান টকা খৰচ হব বুলি চৰকাৰে ঠিক কৰিছে জনাব নে ?

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

468 (a)—For about 9 years since 1959-60, Approximately about Rs. 18,000·00 per annum.

(b) The proposal for construction of R. C. C. bridge has been included in the tentative list of Major bridges for consideration of the Assam Roads Communication Board.

(c) Approximate Rs. 30·00 lakhs including approaches, L. A. and protection work.

Re: Conversion of Holdibari-Bessamara Embankment.

Shri Mohidhar Pegu asked :

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

(a) Whether Government have received any representations from the public as well as from the questioner regarding needful of converting the Holdibari-Bessamara Embankment into road-cum-bund to facilitate thousand of people residing in the upper and major part of Majuli ?

(b) What action has so far been taken by the Government in this regard ?

(c) Whether there is any technical difficulties in conversion of the Embankment into road-cum-bund and in furture maintenance ?

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

469. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—It has been found that the bound from Holdibari to Bessamara is not stable uptil now to be converted into a road-cum-bund.

Re : Registered Shramik Bahinis in Barpeta Sub-division.

Shri ATAUR RAHMAN asked :

*470. Will the Minister of P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Shramik Bahinis registered in the Barpeta Sub-division during 1966 and 1967.

(b) The number of such Shramik Bahinis favoured with work during the same period ?

(c) The number of contractors allotted works during the same period ?

(d) The number of labour from outside the State employed by the contractors in these works ?

(e) Whether contractors are require to employ local labour and whether they comply with such condition ?

(f) If not, whether employment of local labour will be made a precondition for allotment of work ?

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

470. (a)—During the Financial year 1965-66—170 numbers during Financal year 1966-67 -421 Nos.

(b)—308 Nos. and 458 Nos.

(c)—124 Nos. and 312 Nos.

(d)—P.W.D. does not maintained such register.

(e)—There is no such rule in the Department.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

Re : Road from Kuralguri to Jorhat

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*471. মাননীয় গড়কাপ্তানি মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাব নে—

(ক) গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ কুৰালগুৰিৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ হৈ নাহৰণীগাৱৰ মাজেদি আৰু কাকডোঙা নৈৰ ওপৰেদি গৈ যোৰহাটত লগা এটা গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ আলি আছে বুলি চৰকাৰে জানে নে ?

(খ) এই বাস্তাটোৰ চাংছোৱা বাগানৰ মাজত মাত্র ২ ফার্লংমান বাস্তা বিভাগে নোলোৱাটো সঁচা নে ?

(গ) যদি সচা হয়, উক্ত চাংছোৱা বাগানৰ মাজৰ এই দুইফালং ৰাস্তা চৰকাৰে লৈ উক্ত কুৰালগুনিৰ পৰা যোৰহাটলৈ যোৱা ৰাস্তাটো সম্পূৰ্ণ গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ কৰি পথৰ সুগম কৰি তোলা হব নে ?

(ঘ) যদি হয়, কেতিয়া হব ?

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

471,(a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. There is a length of 53,85 ft. (1·02) miles not taken up by the P.W.D.

(c)&(d)—Yes. Formal taking over of this portion has already been started and will be improved as per provision in the estimate.

Re : Shillong-Jowai-Badarpur Road

Shri Sailen Medhi asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government have taken any decision to treat Shillong-Jowai-Badarpur Road as National Highway and would take up widening of the Road as such ?

(b) When the black topping of the above road will be completed and what is the present position of it ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Government of India sanctioned the expenditure for black topping and widening of the road about four years back ?

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

472.(a)—No. The Government of India has recently proposed to widen the road from 16′ ft. to 20′ ft. wide formation with 4 passing places per mile and 33′ ft. wide formation 2′ ft. above H.F.L. with 12′ ft. wide metalled and black topped hard crust and estimates have been submitted accordingly.

(b)&(c)—The black topping of the road will be taken up when sanctions will be received from Government of India excepting for mile 48-96. An estimate for metalling and surfacing mile 48 to 96 was sanctioned in the year 1964-65. Due to rise in the cost of labour and material the estimate requires revision and the revised estimate is being submitted to Government of India. The work in this portion will be taken up after the revised estimate is approved by Government of India.

Re : Hailakandi-Gharmura Road

Shri Tazamul Ali Laskar asked :

*473. মাননীয় পি, ডবলু, ডি, বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহপূর্ব্বক জানাইবেন কি ?

(ক) বিগত বাজেট অধিবেশনে হাইলাকান্দি-ঘাড়মুরী রাস্তার সংস্কার ও Black top করার কাজ ১৯৬৭-৬৮ সনে আরম্ভ হইবে বলিয়া বলা হইয়াছিল ?

(খ) এই গুরুত্বপূর্ণ রাস্তাটির প্রতি কি সরকার যথাযথ মনোযোগ দিতেছেন ? না দিয়া থাকিলে ইহার কারণ কি ?

(গ) নিরাপত্তার কারণে সরকার এই রাস্তার সংস্কারের কথা বিবেচনা করিতেছেন কি না ? নিরাপত্তার কারণে এই রাস্তার সংস্কারের জন্য বহু বৎসর

যাবৎ সরকারের নিকট আবেদন নিবেদন করা হইতেছে ? সরকার এই সম্বন্ধে কি ব্যবস্থা করিলেন ?

(ঘ) কাছাড়ের ডেপুটি কমিশনার, একজিকিউটিভ ইঞ্জিনীয়ার ও হাইলাকান্দির মহকুমা শাসক এই রাস্তার ব্যাপারে নিরাপত্তার জন্য গুরুত্ব দেওয়ার জন্য সরকারের নিকট কোন রিপোর্ট দিয়াছেন কি না ? দিয়া থাকিলে সরকার এই রিপোর্টের উপর কি ব্যবস্থা অবলম্বন করিয়াছেন ?

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

473.(a),(b)&(c) – Repairing work has been undertaken from time to time and when considered necessary. Besides, the surface of the road has been improved by putting graved in place of laterite stones to keep the road fit for vehicular traffic. The question of black topping of a portion of the road is likely to be considered during the 4th Plan Period subject to availability of fund.

(d)—Not received by the Government.

Re : Number of I.T.I. & C.I.T.I. Training Centre in the State.

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

*474. Will the Minister Labour be pleased to state—

(a) How many I.T.I. & C.I.T.I. Training Centres are there in the State?

(b) What are the provisions made for employment of those who successfully passed from those Centres ?

(c) What are the status of the successful persons after passing ?

Shri Kamakya Prasad Tripathi (Minister for Labour) replied :

474.(a)—There are 12 I.T.Is. under Labour Department and 2 C.I.T.Is under the Industries Department.

(b)—The I.T.Is and C.I.T.Is are meant for imparting training only and not for providing employment.

(c)—The successfull trainees acquire skill in different trades and with their qualifications they may either seek employment through the Employment Exchanges or start work-shops themselves.

Re : Import of Livestocks

Shri Mohidhar Pegu asked :

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

(a) Whether Government imported the following Livestocks during the year 1967-68 as stated in the Budget Speech, 1967-68. (i) Pigs from Himshire, (ii) Goats from French Alpine and (iii) Sheep from Mondia etc. ?

(b If so, what are the numbers of animal so imported and their whereabout and present conditions ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister of Veterinary) replied :

475.(a)—No Hampshire Pigs or French Alpine Goats were imported during 1967-68, only Mondia Sheep, Nellore Sheep and Sadelle Buck Pigs were purchased.

(b)—55 Nos. of Mondia Sheep and 70 Nellore Sheep were purchased and kept in the Sheep Breeding Farm, Diphu and 9 Saddle Buck Pigs were purchased and kept at Pigs Breeding Farm, Khanapara.

Those animals are in a good condition.

Re : Number of Cattle Farm in the State

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami asked :

*৪৭৬। মাননীয় ভেটেনাৰী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে ?

(ক) অসমত কিমান গো-শালা আছে ?

(খ) এই গো-শালাবোৰৰ কাম কি ?

(গ) এই গো-শালাবোৰ ৰাজহুৱা অনুষ্ঠান নে ? যদি হয়, এই বোৰ পৰিচালনা কৰিবলৈ কেনে ধৰণৰ সমিটি আছে ?

(ঘ) এই গো-শালাবোৰৰ কিমান পুঁজি আছে ? এই পুঁজিৰ ধন কি কি কামত খৰচ কৰা হয় ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister-in-charge of Veterinary) replied :

৪৭৬। (ক)—অসমত মুঠতে ৯ খন recognised গো শালা আছে।

(খ)—এই গো-শালাবিলাকে গাখীৰ উৎপাদন আৰু গো-উন্নয়নত সহায় কৰে। উন্নত ধৰণৰ ষাঁহ খেতি কৰাও এই গো-শালাবিলাকৰ আন এটা কাম।

(গ) - এইবোৰ একপ্ৰকাৰ ৰাজহুৱা অনুষ্ঠান।

পৰিচালনা কৰাৰ অৰ্থে প্ৰত্যেক গো-শালাৰে এখোন স্থানীয় সমিতি আছে। এই গো-শালা সমিতিবোৰ অখিল ভাৰত গো-সম্বৰ্দ্ধন কাউন্সিলৰ সমবৰ্ত্ত (affiliated)।

(ঘ)—এই গো শালাবিলাকৰ পুঁজিৰ বিষয়ে সবিশেষ জনাবলৈ সময় লাগিব। কিন্তু দুই এটা গো-শালাৰ বাহিৰে গো-শালাবিলাকৰ অৱস্থা ভাল। এই পুঁজিৰে তেওঁলোকে গৰু লালন পালন কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰে।

Re : Number of Cattle Farm at Gauhati.

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami asked :

★৪৭৭। মাননীয় ভেটেনাৰী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে ?

(ক) গুৱাহাটীত কেইখন গো-শালা আছে ? কোনে এইবোৰ পৰিচালনা কৰে—এইবোৰৰ পুঁজিৰ পৰিমান কিমান ?

(খ) গুৱাহাটী গো-শালাৰ আয়ৰ পথ কি কি ?

(গ) এই কথা সঁচানে যে অসমৰ বিভিন্ন ঠাইত ব্যৱসায় কৰা ৰাজস্থানীসকলে ষেড়-কিনা কৰোতে তেওঁলোকে ক্ৰেতা আৰু বিক্ৰেতা উভয়ৰে পৰা শতকৰা ১ টকা হাৰত গো-শালা পুঁজিলৈ ধন কাটি ৰাখে ?

(ঘ) গো শালা পুঁজিৰ পৰা ব্যৱসায় কৰিবলৈ ধন ধাৰে দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা থকাতো সঁচা নেকি ? যদি সঁচা এই ধাৰ কোনে পায় ?

(ঙ) অসমৰ বিভিন্ন গো-শালাৰ কাম-কাজ, পুঁজি সংগ্ৰহ আৰু পুঁজি বিনিয়োগৰ বিষয়ে এটি বিতং তদন্ত কৰা হবনে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister of veterinary) replied :

৪৭৭। (ক)—এখন।

গুৱাহাটী গো-শালা কমিটি। এই গো-শালাৰ আৰ্থিক অৱস্থা ধৰ ভাল। কিন্তু মুঠ টকাৰ পৰিমান জনাবলৈ সময় লাগিব।

(খ)—আয়ৰ পথ হল ৰাইজৰ দান, গাখীৰৰ মূল্য, ঘৰভাৰা ইত্যাদি।

(গ)—সঁচা নহয়।

(ঘ)—সঁচা নহয়।

(ঙ)—চৰকাৰে এই বিষয়ে বিবেচনা কৰি চাব।

Re : Amount spent for Thekerabari Fishery Tank.

Md. Matlebuddin asked :

*478. Will the Minister Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount that has so far been expended in the Thekerabari Fishery Tank including the public contribution ?

(b) When was the scheme for the said purpose made and got approved of the Anchalik Panchayat ?

(c) What is the total estimated cost ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the said Plan and Estimate has been altered after some time ?

(e) If so, Why ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

478 (a)—Rs. 23,700 including public contribution of Rs. 58:5.

(b)—The scheme was made by the Block Officers on 2nd September 1966 and approved by the Fishery Officer, Mangaldoi on 13th September 1966. The Agricultural Sub-committee of the Anchalik Panchayat accorded approved to the scheme at its meeting held on 3rd January 1967. Separate approval of the Anchalik Panchayat to the scheme was not obtained.

(c)—Rs. 23,700.

(d) and (e)—Yes, The rates of earth work were revised but the total cost of the project was kept within the sanctioned amount.

Re : Allottment of Jeeps to the Anchalik Panchayats in the State

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*479. Will the Minister of Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) How many jeeps or other vehicles were allotted to the Anchalik Panchayat or Blocks of Assam during 1966-67 ?

(b) The names of the Panchayats ?

(c) What are the expenses of the Jeep in each Panchayat ?

(d) Who will bear the expenses ?

(e) The quantity of petrol consumed in every Panchayat (show separately the petrol consumed by non-official and official) ?

(f) Whether there is any rule of plying vehicle by non-officials and officials in the block ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazrika (Minister of State Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

479. (a)—Forty-four vehicles were allotted in 1966 and 1967.

(b)—The list showing the names of the blocks in which Jeeps were placed is given below :—

C. D. Jeeps allotted to Blocks in 1967

1. Chenga.
2. Jugijan.
3. Gossaigaon.
4. Batadrava (since transferred to Kathiatoli).
5. Boitamari.
6. Gauripur.
7. Hapjan.
8. Howraghat.
9. Chaiduar.
10. Sapekhati
11. Khagarijan
12 Tihu-Barama.
13. Golaghat-Central.
14. Bajali.
15. Rampur.
16. Nazira.
17. Behali.

18. Songsak.
19. Rongkhong.
20. Mairang.
21. Udalguri.
22. North-West Jorhat.
23. Dhakuakhana.
24. Bardoloni.
25. Chamaria.
26. Borigog-Bonbhog.
27. Borboruah.
28. Dimoria.
29. Lumbajong.
30. Bhoi Area.

(No jeeps were allotted in 1966).

UNICEF Vehicles Allotted to Blocks during 1966 and 1967

In 1966—

1. Ruposi.
2. Central Jorhat.

In 1967—

1. Dimoria.
2. Lohwal.
3. Gabharu.
4. Sonai.
5. Lumbajong.
6. Kokrajhar.
7. Rongram.
8. Golaghat North.
9. Jowai.
10. Boko-Bongaon.
11. Batadrava.
12. Udarbond

(c)—The expenses are met from the contingency fund of the block which also includes other expenditure of contingent nature and detailed information is being called for.

(d)—On Government account.

(e) – Detailed report is being called for.

(f) - Yes.

Re : Establishment of Health Centre by the Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*480 Will the Minister of Panchayat and C. D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat decided to establish a Health Centre at Kuruabahi and Veterinary Unit at Bonkual in the first year of the block ?

(b Whether the amount for these projects has been earmarked ?

(c) Whether the public of Kuruabahi and Bonkual have submitted applications and also approached the President Anchalik Panchayat, Block Development Officer and Civil Surgeon, Sibsagar for this ?

(d Whether sites for these institutions have been selected ?

(e) If so why the authority of the Panchayat or block are not implementing the above project ?

(f) Whether the Government will be pleased to enquire the matter by the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar and implement the above project within six months ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

480. (a)—No decision was taken by the Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat to establish a Health Centre at Kuruabahi and a Veterinary Unit at Bonkual in the first year of the Stage I period. The Anchalik Panchayat took the decision about the Veterinary Centre on 19th September 1967. The date on which decision about the Health Centre was taken is not available.

(b)—The Community Development Deparment provided funds during 1967-68 for the establishment of Health Centre at Kuruabahi.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The construction work for the Veterinary Aid Centre at Bonkual is being taken up shortly.

(e)—Action has already been taken to establish the Veterinary Aid Centre at Bonkual. Clearance from the Health Department has not yet been received for starting the Health Centre at Kuruabahi.

(f)—The Golaghat Mohkuma Parishad is going to discuss about the proposed Health Centre at Kuruabahi shortly. Necessary enquiry will also be made by Government to find out the reasons for delay.

Re : Providing of Jeeps to Development Blocks and Panchayats.

Shri KABIR CHANDRA ROY PRODHANI asked :

*481. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat be pleased to state –

(a) Whether all the Development Blocks and Panchayats have been provided with jeeps ?

(b) If not, how many blocks and Panchayats are deprived of these facilities ?

(c) Whether the jeeps provided to the Panchayats and Blocks are properly utilised ?

(d) Whether any complaint in this regard has been lodge from any corner ?

(e) If so, what steps are taken to prevent that ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

481. (a)—No.

(b)—The following Blocks have got no Jeeps at present—

Names of Blocks where there are no vehicles

Post Stage II Blocks	Stage II Block	Stage I Blocks
1. Bihpuria ...	1. Pachim-Nalbari ...	1. Amguri.
2. Nowboicha ...	... ...	2. Juria.
3. Tengakhat ...	... ...	3. Sipajhar.
4. Dimow ...	... ...	4. Pub-Nalbari.
5. Golaghat South	... ...	5. Karara.
6. Kapili	... ...	6. Kamalpur.
7. Bhurbandha ...	.. ...	7. Bhabanipur.
8. Matia ...	... ..	8. Agomoni.
9. Sidli-Chirang ...	... ..	9. South Salmara.
10. Narayanpur ...	.. ...	10. Kokrajhar.
		11. Kachugaon.
		12. Zik-Zak.
		13. Mamit.
		14. Hnahthial.

(c) and (d)—Yes. There are occasion when Block jeeps are also used by Deputy Commissioners and Sub-divisional Officers for other official works. There was a complaint from the President, Chaygaon Anchalik Panchayat against the Block Development Officer for which explanation was called for from the Block Development Officer.

(e)—Latest instruction regarding use of Block Jeep was issued by Government on 4th August 1966. Any violation of these instructions if brought to the notice of Government will be looked into.

Re : Panchayat Elections of Golaghat Sub-division

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*৪৮২। মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ত বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ পঞ্চায়ত নিৰ্ব্বাচনবোৰ যোৱা ১৯৬৪ চনৰ পৰা এতিয়ালৈকে কিয় সম্পূৰ্ণ নহল ?

(খ) এই পঞ্চায়ত নিৰ্ব্বাচনবোৰ অসম পঞ্চায়ত আইন অনুসৰি সম্পূৰ্ণ কৰিবলৈ চৰকাৰৰ কি অসুবিধা হৈছে ?

(গ) গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ পঞ্চায়ত নিৰ্ব্বাচন কোন কোন পৰ্য্যায়ত কি কি নিৰ্ব্বাচন বাকী থাকিল জনাবনে ?

(ঘ) এই পঞ্চায়তক নিৰ্ব্বাচনবোৰ এতিয়াও নোহোৱাৰ মূলতে দায়ী কোন ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika, (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

482. (a) and (b)—There was a prohibitory order of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature in Assam and Nagaland on a petition field by Srimati Bogi Chutia of Dakhin Pub Ghiladhari village of Golaghat Sub-division in Civil Rule 163/64. The judgement of the Hon'ble High Court delivered on 2nd June 1967 was received by the Sub-divisional Officer, Golaghat on 10th July 1967 and it is being considered whether the pending election need be completed or fresh Panchayat elections, which will be generally due all over the plains Districts of Assam in 1968, should be held in these Panchayats also.

(c) - Elections to some Gaon Panchayats under the Golaghat East A. P. could not be completed.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Amount spent by Dalgaon Sialmari A. P.

Shri Matlebuddin asked :

*183. Will the Minister, Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount of expenditure incurred on different Heads under Dalgaon Sialmari A. P. from the year 1964 upto date

without having the approval of the Anchalik Panchayat's meeting ?

(b) Who is the person or persons responsible for the said unauthorised and wasteful expenditure of the said Panchayat fund ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the approval to the total expenditure as incurred during the year 1966-67 on the Agriculture Head has been declined vide Resolution No. 4 and 5 of the Agriculture Sub-Committee meeting held on 3rd January 1967 and the Resolution No. 1,2,3 and 4 of the said adjourned meeting held on 5th January 1967 ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the account of the expenditure as incurred from the period 1st July 1966 to 31st December 1966 and as prenared on 4th April 1967 but circulated to the said A. P. members must later on, has not even been placed before the Finance and Agriculture Sub-Committee meetings held on 3rd January 1967, 5th January 1967 and 18th March 1967 and not to speak of placing the same and obtaining the approval of the A. P.

(e) In referenes to above, whether the said expenditure as stated above can be said to be irregular, illegal and objectionable?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika, (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

483.(a)—The total amount spent without obtaining approval from Anchalik Panchayat during :

Head	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
Agriculture	1,617·32	8,039·36	53,742·03
Social Education	1,073·60	Nil	7,812·56
Health and Sanitation	1,443·50	2,216·60	Nil
Industry	3,926·25	2,482·00	290·00
Water Supply	...	11,789·74	25,027 11
Local Development Works	...	1,389 48	...
Distress Relief	...	...	5,701·00
Maintenance of Tractor	...	...	3,300·02
Total	7,960·67	25,917·18	96,872·92

(b)—The persons involved for one or the other items were A.P. President, Vice-President, B.D.O. and Extension Officers of Agriculture, Industry, Social Education, Overseer and Sri Lila Upadhaya, President of Dukhamuchan G. P., Sri Oijuddin Hazi, President Janahita G.P. and Sohrab Ali of Rajapukhuri.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e) Yes, some of the expenditures were irregular.

Re: Fishery Tank at Khajuabill

Md Matlebuddin asked:

*484. Will the Minister, Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) For what reason the works of the Fishery Tank at Khajuabill has not been started as yet?

(b) When was the plan and estimate for the said Fishery prepared?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the balance amount of Rs. 11,000.00 (eleven thousand) of the total amount sanctioned by the Government has not been spent ?

(d) If so, why ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Government has not sanctioned the total expenditure that is required for the execution of the above Fishery as yet ?

(f) If so, why ?

(g) Whether Government will release the balance amount as required ?

(h) If so, when ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat) replied :

484. (a)—The land where the proposed Khajuabill fishery is to be made is within grazing reserve area. The land is required to be dereserved before starting the work Therefore the work could not be started in time.

(b)—On 2nd September, 1966.

(c) and (d)—Yes, for the reasons mentioned against reply to (a) above.

(e)—No.

(f), (g) and (h)—Do not arise.

Re : Amount spent from the Agriculture Head Fund

Md. Matlebuddin asked :

*485. Will the Minister, Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the expenditure incurred both from the Gaon Panchayat and Anchalik Panchayat funds

on the Agriculture Head during the year 1965-66 was placed before the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat only after 5th July, 1966 when the account of expenditure for the said year was prepared has not been approved ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that during the said year a total sum of Rs. 1,26,362.22 paise has been incurred as expenditure both from Gaon Panchayat and Anchalik Panchayat funds for which no approval of the Anchalik Panchayat has yet been obtained ?

(d) Whether it is also a fact that there has been a balance in each of Agriculture Head for the year 1965 66 amounting to Rs. 1,14,804.55 paise which was to be expended before 30th September, 1966 ?

(e) If so, why ?

(f) Whether any works were executed by the said amount ?

(g) If so, what are the works ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

485. (a) & (b)—Approval to Agriculture Schemes to the extent of Rs. 50,499.00 was accorded by the Agriculture Sub-committee on 27th December, 1965 and by the Anchalik Panchayat on 8th January, 1966.

(c) —The total expenditure for Agricultural purposes during 1965-66 was Rs. 1,43,563.39. Approval of the Anchalik Panchayat was obtained for Rs. 50,499.00 only.

(d)—The total amount of funds available to the Anchalik Panchayat for agricultural purposes during 1965-66 was Rs. 1,38,481.00 as against an expenditure of Rs. 1,43,563.39 during that year.

(e), (f) & (g)—Do not arise as there was no balance.

Re: Provision on Industry Head of the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat

Md. Matlebuddin asked:

486. Will the Minister, Panchayats be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total Budget provisions for the year 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67 on the Industry Head of the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat ?

(b) Whether there was any scheme of works for the execution with the said budgeted amounts for the said years ?

(c) If so, the names of the said schemes ?

(d) Whether all the scheme of works have been executed ?

(e) If not, why ?

(f) Whether the amount budgeted for the said years have been totally spent ?

(g) If so, when and how ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

486. (a)—The total budget provision are as follows—

	C. D. Fund	A. P. Fund
1964-65—	Rs.10,000.00	+ Rs.3,000.00
1965-66—	Rs.11,974.60	+ Rs.3,000.00
1966-67—	Rs. 7,500.00	+ Rs.3,000.00

(b)—Scheme for the year 1964-65 only are available, Scheme for the other years could not be verified as most of the records of the Blocks have been taken over by audit party. Action will be taken to verify all the schemes.

(c)—The available Schemes for 1964-65 are as follows :

(i) Schemes for Rural Arts, Crafts and Industries — Rs. 1,300.00

(ii) Schemes for Sericultural Development— Rs. 4,748.00

(iii) Weaving Scheme—Rs. 1,700.00.

(d),(e),(f)&(g)—Out of the budgeted amount of Rs. 38,474.60 for these three years the total expenditure was Rs. 37,123.81. The balance amount to be spent is Rs. 1,350.79. The expenditure of purchase of stores under the head "Industry" was Rs. 28,068.67. Whether schemes drawn up were executed and amount were spent as per budget and against sanctioned scheme will be ascertained after considering the audit report.

Re : Amount spent for construction of Gram-sevak's quarters

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami asked :

*৪৮৭। মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ত মন্ত্রী মহোয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) কলিয়াবৰ উন্নয়ন খণ্ডৰ জৰীয়তে যথাক্রমে বেঙেনাআটি, শিলঘাট বুড়াপাহাৰ, হাতীৰন্ধা আৰু জখলাবন্ধাত গ্রাম সেৱকৰ ঘৰ সজাৰ বাবদ সৰ্ব্বমুঠ কিমান টকা খৰছ কৰা হ'ল আৰু কোন চনত কৰা হ'ল ?

(খ) এই কথা সঁচানে, যে উক্ত ৫টা গ্রাম সেৱকৰ ঘৰ নিৰ্ম্মাণৰ বাবদ দিৰ লগীয়া টকা ১৯৬৬ চনতে সম্পূর্ণকৈ আদায় দিয়া হ'ল ?

(গ) এই কথা সঁচানে যে এই গ্রাম সেৱকৰ ঘৰবোৰ ১৯৬৬-৬৭ চনত পুনৰ নিৰ্ম্মাণ কৰিবলৈ ২৬ হেজাৰ টকা অনুমোদন কৰা হৈছে ?

(ঘ) যদি সচা, কাৰণ কি ?

(ঙ) এই কথা সচানে যে ১৯৬৬ চনৰ নভেম্বৰৰ মাহত ঠিকাদাৰ সকলক উক্ত গ্রামসেৱকৰ ঘৰৰ বাবদ পাবলগা ধন সম্পূৰ্ণকৈ আদায় দি ৬৬ চনৰ ডিচেম্বৰ মাহত গ্রামসেৱকৰ ঘৰবোৰ ভাঙ্গি-চিঙ্গি মাত্র ১০০ টকাত নীলামত বিক্রী হল ?

(চ) চৰকাৰে এই বিষয়ে এটি বিভাগীয় তদন্ত কৰি যথোপযুক্ত ব্যৱস্থা লব নে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

487.(a)—Total yearwise expenditure in the places mentioned (year of payment).

	1963	1966	After 1966	Total
Bhuganaati	2,500	570	1,030	4100
Silghat	1,900	1083	4,270	7,253
Burapahar	1,700	1268	4,535	7,503
Hatibandha	...	1,008	...	1,008
Jakhlabandha	1,700	968	4,247	6,915
Total	7,800	4,897	14,082	26,779

(b)—No, final payment was not made. Only part paymen. of Rs. 4,897 was made during 1966.

(c)—Rs. 25,000 were sanctioned for construction of Gram Sevak Quarters in the Block. This amount included reconstruction work as well.

(d)—The Quarters could not be completed because of non availability of C. I. Sheets due to emergency created by the Chinese aggression. C.I. Sheets were available only in 1966 and then fresh sanction was required to start the work again.

(e)—Payments for work done by the contractor had to be made a different period as mentioned in reply to (a) above. The wooden structure, bamboo and ekra works at the following three places got deteriorated and had to be sold in auction before resumption of works—Burapahar, Jakhalabandha and Silghat.

(f)—An enquiry has been made. The report of the enquiring Officer is under examination.

Re: Account for purchase of articles by the Kaliabor Development Block

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami asked :

*৪৮৮। মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ত বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয় অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) কলিয়াবৰ উন্নয়ন খণ্ডৰ প্রতিষ্ঠাৰ দিনবেপৰা আজিলৈকে উক্ত খণ্ডই কি বোৰ বয়-বস্তু-ৰবিদ কৰিছে তাৰ ষ্টকবুক ৰখা হৈছেনে।

(খ) এই কথা সঁচানে যে উন্নয়ন খণ্ডৰ অনেক বয়-বস্তু, হেৰাইছে, যদি সঁচা, কাৰণ কি ?

(গ) কলিয়াবৰ আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়ত গঠন হবৰে পৰা আজিলৈকে কিমান অর্থৰ সা-সম্পতি কিনা হৈছে, তাৰ হিচাব দিয়া হবনে ?

(ঘ) কলিয়াবৰ আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ ষ্টকবুক পৰিপাতিকৈ ৰখা হৈছেনে।

Shri DEVENRA NATH HAZRIKA, (Minister of State, Panchayat & Community Development) replied :

৪৮৮। (ক)—হয়।

(খ), (গ), (ঘ)—২-৩-৬৮ তাৰিখে আমি নগাঁও জিলাৰ উপায়ুক্তক নিৰ্দেশ দিছো যেন তেওঁ এজন বিষয়াৰ দ্বাৰা সকলো বস্তুৰ কিনা, বিতৰণ কৰা, হাতত জমা থকা, ব্যৱহাৰ হোৱা বা নোহোৱা ইত্যাদি যেন বিশেষভাবে অনুসন্ধান কৰে। এই কামটো কৰোতে কিছু সময় লাগিব।

Re : Amount sanctioned for Water Supply Tanks by the Dalgaon Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

*489. Will the Minister Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) When the Water Supply Tanks of amounting to Rs. 3,000 under Rajapukhuri Gaon Panchayat and Rs. 2,663·00 under Bahabari Gaon Panchayat in the Dalgaon Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat have been sanctioned and paid for ?

(b) To whom the said amounts have been paid ?

(c) Whether the lands of the said two tanks belong to certain individual and have not been relinquished by the individuals concerned ?

(d) If not, why ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

489. (a)—An amount of Rs. 3,000 for tank of Rajapukhuri Gaon Panchayat area was sanctioned on 13th June 1966 and paid on 28th June 1966.

An amount of Rs. 2,663·90 for tank of Bahabari Gaon Panchayat area was sanctioned on 8th June 1966 and paid on 27th June 1966.

(b) - The amount of Rs. 3,000 was paid to Shri Tamser Ali and the amount of Rs. 266·90 was paid to Shri Sahabuddin Master.

(c)—The lands for the said two tanks at Rajapukhuri and Bahabari belonged to Shri Tamser Ali and Shri Ali Hussain, respectively. No documents regarding relinquishment by the owners could be found.

(d) Further enquiry will be made to ascertain the exact position.

Re : Veterinary Sub-Centres under Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

*490. Will the Minister of Panchayat be pleased to state –

(a) How many Veterinary Sub-centres have been established and are working with the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat area ?

(b) What is the total amount of T. A. so far drawn by the Veterinary Extension Officer since 1965 upto date year-wise ?

(c) Whether the Veterinary Extension Officers can charge Visiting Fee while attending the diseases within the locality ?

(d) If so, what is the total amount of visiting Fee received by the Veterinary Extension Officer ?

(e) What is the Enquiry Report of the Committee formed vide Resolution No. 7 of the Anchalik Panchayat meeting held on 5th July 1966 regarding some expenditure incurred on the Veterinary head ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the said expenditure as stated above has not yet been approved by the Anchalik Panchayat ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that some thousand of rupees incurred as expenditure for the purchase of equipments and implements pertaining to Veterinary have not been approved by the Anchalik Panchayat as yet ?

(h) If so, why ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Community Development and Panchayat) replied :

490. (a)—One.

(b)—1965-66 - Rs. 1,223·62
1966.67—Rs. 1.575.94 } upto December 1967.
1967-68 – Rs. 1,497.40

(c)— Yes, except in attending epidemic cases.

(d)—No record is kept of the total fees charged by the Extension Officer, Veterinary. The rate of fees is Rs.5 per visit.

(e)—No enquiry report was received from the Enquiry Committee.

(f)—No. The expenditure incurred in connection with the fencing was approved by the Anchalik Panchayat on 22nd November 1966.

(g) It is not a fact.

(h)—Does not arise.

Re : Loan facilities to the Golaghat North West and South Anchalik Panchayat

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*491. Will the Minister of Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government has given some loan facilities to the Golaghat North Anchalik Panchayat, Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat and Golaghat South Anchalik Panchayat for Industry and Bazar improvement ?

(b) If so, the nature of the said loans ?

(c) Whether the Panchayat have utilised the loans in proper way or otherwise ?

(d) Whether any audit into the same has been made ?

(e) If so, whether there was any irregularity in the accounts was pointed out ?

(f) Whetherr the Subdivisional Officer or any Magistrate enquired the affairs of any loan on Industry in these Panchayats ?

(g) Whether there have been regular repayments of the loan in instalment in time ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA | Minister of State (Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

491. (a) and (b) Loans for the purpose of creating remunerative assets were sanctioned to (1) Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat and (II) Golaghat North Anchalik Panchayat.

(i) An amount of Rs. 35,000.00 was sanctioned to Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat as loan in the year 1961-62 for establishment of Brick kilm Industry and an amount of Rs. 17,333.00 was sanctioned to the Anchalik Panchayat as grant-in-aid for the same purpose.

(ii) An amount of Rs. 8,333 was sanctioned as loan to the Golaghat North Anchalik Panchayat in the year 1964-65 for improvement of a market at Baruabamungaon and an amount of Rs. 4,167.00 was sanctioned as grant for the same purpose.

The loans sanctioned were to be repaid in 10 (ten) equated annual instalments. Both the loans were sanctioned at 4 per cent simple interest per annum. No loan has been sanctioned to Golaghat South Anchalik Panchayat.

(c) —From the Audit report of the A.G., Assam and Nagaland and on enquiry it is found that Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat committed certain irregularities. No complaint has been received against Golaghat North Anchalik Panchayat.

(d) —Yes, as referred to in (c) above.

(e) Yes. Some irregularity in the accounts and working of the Brick kilm Industry established by Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat has been pointed out by A.G., Assam and Nagaland in course of audit.

(f) —As per orders of Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat, an enquiry was instituted into the utilisation of loan and grant for creating

remunerative assets of Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat. Accordingly a Magistrate from Golaghat conducted the enquiry and submitted a report.

(g) —Three instalments of loan have been repaid by the Golaghat West Anchalik Panchayat. Repayment for 1966-67 and 1967-68 have been defaulted by this Anchalik Panchayat. Action is being taken to recover the dues from other Government grants. There has been no default in repayment by the Golaghat North Anchalik Panchayat.

Re : Security deposit in the Golaghat Gaon Panchayat Election

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

৪৯২। মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ত বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) গোলাঘাট পূব আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ অন্তর্গত গাওঁ পঞ্চায়ত সমূহৰ সদস্য নিৰ্ব্বাচনৰ কাৰণে হোৱা প্ৰাথী সকলৰ কিমানক আমানত ধন (চিকিউৰিটি ধন) ঘুৰাই দিবলৈ বাকী থাকিল ?

(খ) এই ধন ঘুৰাই পাবলৈ এই সদস্য প্ৰাথী সকলে কেইবাৰাৰো কৰা আবেদনৰ বিষয়ে চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

(গ) যদি জানে, তেন্তে কি ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা হৈছে ?

(ঘ) এই আমানত ধন ঘুৰাই দিব নোৱাৰাৰ মূল কাৰণটো কি ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZAKIKA Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

492. (a), (b), (c) and (d) —The security deposit money received from the candidates for the last Gaon Panchayat Elections within Golaghat East Anchalik Panchayat had already been handed over to the Block Development Officer-cum-Secretary of the said Anchalik Panchayat by the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat, for refund to the concerning candidates.

The total amount of security deposit received on this account was Rs. 7,500 out of which Rs. 62.50 had to be forfeited as per

Rule. The balance amount of Rs. 7,437.50 was made over to the Block Development Officer-cum-Secretary of the Anchalik Panchayat.

Re : Scarcity of water in North Kamrup

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware of great scarcity of water for cultivation including water for drinking purpose in the vast area under Subankhata and also in Daranga, Kauli, Dangargaon, Jalah, etc., in North Kamrup ?

(b) What definite measures Government have taken to allay the sufferings of the people there most of whom belong to Plan Tribes and Backward Community by providing water supply facility there ?

(c) Whether any survey was made in this regard and if so, the result thereof and the authority through whom the survey was conducted ?

Sri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

493. (a)—Scarcity of water for drinking and for irrigation purpose not only exists in some of these areas but also generally in many other areas in the State.

(b) and (c) Embankment and Drainage and Agriculture Departments are taking up projects for irrigation within the limitation of funds. A limited number of small irrigation projects and drinking water supply Schemes have also been taken up by the concerning Anchalik Panchayats with resources available to them. A survey for drinking water supply is in progress, under the Public Health Engineering Department in some selected areas.

Re : Negheriting-Ahotguri-Subonsiri Ferry

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGU asked :

*494 Will the Minister-in-charge, Panchayat, etc., be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that during the last Assembly Session of July and November, 1967 the honourable Minister-in-charge, Panchayat was pleased to state that the lessee of the Negheriting-Ahotguri-Subonsiri Ferry was directed to display the notice board showing the tolls of rate in the ferryghat and he further stated the lessee in question was directed to ply his machine boat up to the touching point of Subonsirighat ?

(b) Whether it is also a fact that the said orders of the Government are not executed by local concerning authority up till now ?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to state the dates and the memo numbers of the Government letters, that were communicated to Mahkuma Parishad, Golaghat or S.D.O., Golaghat on this behalf ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.)] replied :

494. (a)—Yes. The lessee has been directed through Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat to display a notice board showing the tolls of rate in the ferryghat.

The lessee is required to ply his machine boat on the route Neghriting-Ahotguri-Subonsiri. But in dry season it is not practicable to ply to and from the above points for rivefine difficulties. For the convenience of the public and on the strength of enquiry report of the Block Development Officer, the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar allowed the lessee to ply the boat during the dry season beyond his jurisdiction from Dhudang Chapari which is under Jorhat Subdivision.

(b)—The local officers have duly executed the instructions from the Government the lessee has also carried out the direction.

(c)—Government have issued instructions to Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat in this regard. The letter number and the date of the letters issued from Government are as follows –

(i) Letter No. PDA. 109/66/98, dated 24th May 1967.

(ii) Letter No. PDA. 170/67/16, dated 14th September 1967.

(iii) Letter No. PDA. 430/67/11, dated 21st September 1967.

Re: Enquiring against the Vice-President and Secretary of the Panbesha G. P.

Shri PROMODE CHANDRA GOGOI asked:

*495. Will the Minster, Panchayat be pleased state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that on receipt of complaints from the villagers, an enquiry was ordered into by the S.D.O., Sibsagar, against the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Pabesha Gaon Panchayat under the Dimow Anchalik Panchayat, Sibsagar?

(b) Whether it is a fact that preliminary enquiry had revealed that prima facie case lies against the persons in questions?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the S.D.O., Sibsagar, recommended departmental actions against the persons in question?

(d) If so, the reason for keeping pending the said case for the last one year?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied:

495. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, A case has been registered against the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Gaon Panchayat.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The Vice-President of Panbesha Gaon Panchayat has been suspended and proceedings have been drawn up. The report of the S.D.O, Sibsagar was received by Government on

11th December, 1967 and orders of Government were communicated on 29th February, 1968 sufficient materials were not found for departmental action against the Secretary.

Re : Dalgaon-Sialmari A. P. and Development Block

Md. Matlebuddin asked :

*496. Will the Minister of Panchayat and C. D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Dalgaon-Sialmari A. P. and Development Block is the richest one in the whole of the State of Assam ?

(b) If so, what is the Government allocation fund and sources of income during the Stage I period of the said A. P.

(c) Whether it is a fact that a huge sum of Government grant has not been spent during the Stage I period and is to be refunded to the Government?

(d) If so, what is the said amount to be refunded and from which head or heads ?

(e) Who is responsible for the non-unutilisation of the said fund ?

(f) What is the total amount of money that has been spent during Stage I period of the said A. P. year-wise ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

496. (a) -There are other Anchalik Panchayat whose

income for taxes fees, land revenue, grants, etc., are more than that of Dalgaon Sialmari A. P. From Government side all the Blocks get equal amount of funds except in special needs.

(b)—No. But the Government allocation of fund during the Stage I period to the Block from different Departments is Rs. 13,22,757.22 P. and Anchalik Panchayat's own income during the period is Rs. 6,32,229.81 P.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—This will be looked into from the materials available in the audit reports.

(f)—1961-62 Rs. 1,25,446.83
1962-63 Rs. 2,48,121.81
1963-64 Rs. 59,368.88
1964-65 Rs. 2,20,353.50
1965-66 Rs. 3,16,365.00
1966-67 Rs. 3,53,101.11
(including unspent balance of Stage I period)

Re : Erosion in village Kamuri caused by Gangadhar River

Shri Kabir Chandra Roy Pradhani asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that there has been causing heavy erosion in the village Kamuri under Golakganj Development Block by Gangadhar river ?

(b) How many families have been affected so far ?

(c) Whether the eroded families have been rehabilitated and if so, where ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, (Minister, Revenue etc.) replied :

497. (a)—Yes.

(b)—About 70 families.

(c)—The eroded families rehabilitated themselves by self efforts in their remaining Touzi lands and some of them rehabilitated under Gossaigaon Circle area.

Re : Area of land under Lakhmi Farm of Nowgong

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*498. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government has put a vast area for paddy cultivation departmentally under police employees at farm named Lakhmi in Nowgong?

(b) If so, what is the area of the land ?

(c) Whether the land was formally settled ?

(d) What are the special reasons for this settlement

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister-in-charge, Forests) repllied :

498. (a)—Yes.

(b) – 120 acres.

(c)—No, the land was given possesion only on temporary basis for raising cultivation. It will be reverted to the Forest Department afterwards.

(d)—The special reason for which allotment of land was sought for is cultivation by the Police Co-operative Society.

Re : Number of Civil suits for land disputes in Goalpara District.

Shri GIASUDDIN AHMED asked :

*499. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of Civil suits concerning land disputes in Goalpara District filed during the last twelve years ending 31st December, 1967 ?

(b) The total number of notices under section 80 C.P.C received by the Collector, Goalpara for correction of records of land ?

(c) The total number of cases concerning revenue and settlement matters disposed of by Sub-Deputy Collector pending for approval of the Deputy Commissioner and Revenue and Settlement Officer ?

Shri RANENDRA BASUMATARI (Minister of State, Revenue, etc.) replied :

499. (a)—4,324 numbers only.
(b)—3,419 numbers only.
(c) - 595 numbers only.

Re : Erosion affected families of Dakshin Salmara Thana area

Shri SARAT CHANDRA RABHA asked :

*৫০০। মাননীয় ৰাজহমন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে ?

(ক) দক্ষিণ শালমাৰা থানা এলেকাত ৫০০০ পাচ হেজাৰ কৃষক গৰাখহনীয়াৰ কবলত পৰি নিৰাশ্ৰয় হৈ থকা কথাটো চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

(খ) যদি জানে, তেনেহলে, তেওঁলোকক এতিয়ালৈ কি কি সহায় দিয়া হৈছে ?

(গ) তেওঁলোকৰ পুনৰ বসতি কাৰণে ব্যবস্থা কৰা হবনে ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister of Revenue) replied :

৫০০। (ক)—হয় প্ৰায় ৩১৯০ ঘৰ মানুহ ১৯৬২ চনৰ পৰা গৰাখহনীয়াৰ কবলত পৰিছিল ।

(a)—Yes, about 3190 families were affected by erosion since 1962.

(খ) তলত দিয়া মতে সহায় দিয়া হৈছিল, (১) ১৮০ ঘৰ মানুহক পুনৰ্বসতি ঋণ ৪০,৯৫০ টকা, (২) ৮২১ ঘৰ মানুহক পুনৰ্বসতি এককালীন দান ৮২,১০০ টকা,

(b)—The following relief was given.

(i)—Rehabilitation loan to 180 families Rs.40,950.

(ii)—Rehabilitation grant to 821 families Rs. 82,100.

(গ)—৪২৫ ঘৰৰ বাবে ২০৬০ বিঘা মাটি দিয়া হৈছিল ।

(c) 260 bighas of khas land was settled with 425 families.

Re : Requisition of land in Mankata Mouza for rehabilitation of flood-affected people

Shri NAMESWAR PEGU asked :

*501. Will the Minister Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that an area of 20B—2K—16L of land covered by dag No.305 (Ia) of patta No.2 (tea periodic) in Mankata Mouza of Dibrugarh Subdivision had been requisitioned by the authority in 1967 for rehabilitation of flood-affected people ?

(b) If so, whether the same has been allotted to flood-affected people and if so, to whom ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some industry has been set up on the land in addition to the settlement made to the flood-affected people ?

(d) If so, why ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied.

50. (a)—Yes.

(b), (c) and (d)—No; the land was not allotted as the garden authority filed appeal against requisition. The appeal was allowed and the area was derequisitioned.

Re : Rehabilitation of people in the border of Cachar and Mizo District

Shri TAZAMMUL ALI LASKAR asked :

*৫০২। মাননীয় রাজস্বমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ পূর্ব্বক জানাইবেন কি ?

(ক) কাছাড় ও মিজো জিলার সীমানায় লোক বসতির কোন পরিকল্পনা সরকারের আছে কি না ?

(খ) এই সংক্রান্ত ব্যাপারে কাছাড়ের ডেপুটি কমিশনারের কোন মতামত চাওয়া হইয়াছিল কি না।

(গ) যদি হইয়া থাকে, তাহা হইলে সেই মতামত কি ?

(ঘ) এবং সরকারই এই ব্যাপারে কতটুকু কার্য্যকরী পন্থা গ্রহণ করিতেছে ?

রাজস্ব মন্ত্রী শ্রীমহেন্দ্র মোহন চৌধুরীর উত্তর ঃ

৫০২ (ক)—না।

(খ) (গ) আর (ঘ)—উপরোক্ত প্রশ্নের উত্তরে এই প্রশ্নগুলির উত্তর নিষ্প্রয়োগ।

Re : Settlement of lards with M/S Jaland and Co. Dibrugarh

Shri NAMESWAR PEGU asked :

*503. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that on hundred bighas of land under tea periodic patta No. 1 (Jalannagan South Tea Estate in

Siring Gaon map of Mancatta Khanikar Mouza in Dibrugarh subdivision was settled with M/S Jalan & Co., Dibrugarh.

(b) If so for what purpose ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some portion of this plot of land have been sold out at 16,000 per bigha ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Reveune) replied :

503. (a)—No. The fact is that an area of 730B—11L of land was purchased by M/S Jalannagar South Tea Estate from the Chowkidinghee Tea Estate in Chiringgaon village Mancatta Khanikar mouza.

(b)—The land was settled with the Chowkidinghee Tea Estate for tea cultivation purpose.

(c)—Yes, M/S Jalannagar South Tea Estate is now selling the land to individual persons at the rate of Rupees sixteen thousand to Rupees twenty two thousand per bigha.

Re : Allotment of Land in Bhanganamar P. G. R.

Shri AZIZUR RAHMAN CHOUDHURY asked :

*৫০৪। মাননীয় ৰাজহমন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) এইটো সঁচানে কেইবছৰ আগতে ভাঙ্গনামাৰি P.G.R. পৰা ৪৮০০ বিঘা মাটি খাহ কৰি (এ) আজ (বি) নামৰ দুটা খণ্ড কৰি (এ) খণ্ডত ভাংনাপুটা গাওঁৰ গৰাখহনীয়াত ঘৰ-মাটি যোৱা মানুহৰ ১১৯ ঘৰৰ বাবে ৮ বিঘাকৈ 'এলট' কৰিছিল ?

(খ) (বি) খণ্ডটো বৰ্ত্তমান কি অৱস্থাত আছে ? খোদখনী হৈছেনে বৰ্ত্তমানেও খাহ হৈ আছে ?

(গ) যদি খাহ হৈ আছে, সেই খণ্ডত নদী খহনীয়াত ভুগা মানুহক বসতি কৰিবলৈ দিয়া হব নে ?

শ্ৰীমহেন্দ্ৰ মোহন চৌধুৰী (ৰাজহ মন্ত্ৰীয়ে) উত্তৰ দিছে :

৫০৪। (ক) আৰু (খ)—ভাঙ্গনামাৰী (P.G.R.) ৰ ৪০০০ বিঘা মাটি ভূমিহীন আৰু গৰাখহনীয়া লোকৰ মাজত বিতৰণ কৰি দিবলৈ নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হৈছিল। পাছত উপায়ুক্তৰ প্ৰতিবেদন ক্ৰমে এই ৪০০০ বিঘাক দুই খণ্ড কৰি ১ম খণ্ডৰ ১০০০ বিঘা মাটিত হাজো চাকোলৰ উপপ্ৰতি সমাহৰ্তাই অস্থায়ীভাবে আশ্ৰয় দিয়া ১১৯টা গৰাখহনীয়া পৰিয়ালক পট্টন দিবলৈ দিয়া হয় আৰু ২য় খণ্ডৰ ৩০০০ বিঘা মাটিত ১ম খণ্ডৰ পৰা উচ্ছেদ কৰা আৰু ভাঙ্গনামাৰি P.G.R. ৰ পৰা উচ্ছেদ কৰা আৰু এই ৩০০০ বিঘাত আগৰ পৰা বেদখল কৰি থকা লোকক এই তিনি শ্ৰেণীৰ সমুদায় লোককে মানবিকতাৰ প্ৰাতিবন্ত এওঁলোকৰ মাটি বন্দবস্তি পোৱাৰ অহ'তা তদন্তৰ সাপেক্ষে অস্থায়ীভাবে বসবাস কৰিবলৈ নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হয়।

(গ) ওপৰোক্ত প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰৰ কাৰণে এই প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰ হঠে।

Re : Dereservation of Bohikhoa-Chapori

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*505. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government is going to dereserve Bohikhoa Chapori of Bokakhat (the professional grazing) in Golaghat Sub-division ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that there are some permanet encroachers in this grazing ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that one individual encroacher is occupying more than fifty bighas of land ?

(d) Whether any enquiry into the affairs has been made ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that Government have created another professional Grazing Reserve of two thousand bighas elsewhere ?

(f) If so, whether this new P.G.R. is in addition to the Bohikhoa Chapori ?

(g) If not, whether Government propose to dereserve Bohikhoa Chapori to settle with the present encroachers ?

(h) Whether Government is aware of the difficulties of graziers in Bohikhoa Chapori ?

(i) If so, when Bohikhoa Chapori will be cleared of the encroachers ?

(j) Whether Government propose to settle Bohikhoa Chapori with landless and flood-affected people ?

(k) If not, the reasons for its dereservation ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

505. (a) - Sub-divisional Officer, Golaghat has initiated a proposal for dereservation of 3276 bighas from the existing Bohikhoa P.G.R. on the southern side of the Dhansiri Nikari Bund and to constitute as much land as available into P.G.R. on the other side of the Bund so as to compensate the loss in grazing area.

(b) - There are 252 enchroachers encroaching on 3,020 Bighas, 4 Kathas, 11 Lessas of land since 1962-63 in the southern side of the Bund.

(c) —Yes. There are three encroachers encroaching on more than 50 bighas of land.

(d) —Yes.

(e) and (f) - as stated at (a).

(g) Formal dereservation proceedings of the southern portion and also reservation proceedings of the new area will be started after obtaining the views on the Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

(h), (i) and (j) - Considering all sides, the Sub-divisional Officer proposes to dereserve 3276 bighas and to make new reservation so as to compensate as much as possible the loss in grazing area.

(k) —As stated above.

Re : Compensation for requisition of land for Constructions of B.S.F. Barrack

Shri Maneswar Bore asked :

*506. Will the Minister Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Shri Chandu Mia and his brother Shri Lal Mia (now in Pakistan (C.I.D.) and some others submitted a petition before the E. A. O., Cachar, Silchar for granting compensation for their land requisitioned for construction of the B.S.F. Barrack at Machimpur ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that said Shri Chandu Mia identified his brother Shri Lal Mia who is serving under Pakistan Government in the C.I.D.

(c) Whether any payment made to them ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

506. (a) Yes.

(b) —No. But Shri S. A. Choudhury, S.D.P.O. Silchar identified the signatures on 4th April 1963 of the 3 petitioners, viz., Chandu Mia, Lal Mia and Moti Mia who applied jointly on 4th April 1963 for receiving payment of compensation.

(c)—Out of Rs. 1,621.16 P. awarded for the land, Rs. 1,031.61 P. being the shares of Moti Mia and Chandu Mia were paid on 11th April 1963 to Shri Chandu Mia for himself and on behalf of Shri Moti Mia.

The payment of the share of Shri Lal Mia was not made as he was not found in the locality and he is reported to be a Pak National.

Re : Rehabilitation of eroded families of villages Karipara and Bholapara

Shri ABALA KANTA GOSWAMI asked :

*507. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the eroded families of villages Karipara and Bholapara in Rampur mouza of Palashbari constituency are not as yet rehabilitated in a safe places though they had been eroded some 5 or 6 years back ?

(b) Whether the Government propose to rehabilitate them by giving them Basti land and to provide them with arable land to earn their living ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

507. (a) – Total number of erosion-affected families of villages Bholapara and Karipara in Rampur mouza was 403, out of which 117 families have been given agricultural lands at Barduar and Malilibari and Jaljali area and 109 families have been given Basti lands at Dakhala Hills and Satrapara V.G.R., 53 families rehabilitated themselves by their own efforts by acquiring Basti lands only at Nahira village (Rampur) and at Chaygaon.

(b) As there are no suitable khas land available for settlement with the remaining 124 families in Palasbari circle, action is being taken for allotment of lands in Makeli P. G. R., in Chaygaon circle as recommended by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee held on 10th January 1968.

Re : Encroachment of V. G. R. and P.G.R.

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI asked :

*৫০৮। মাননীয় বাজহমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে ?

(ক) অসমত কিমানটা চবণীয়া গ্রেজিং (V.G.R. & P.G.R.) বেদখল কবি আছে ?

(খ) এই বছব এতিয়ালৈকে কিমান গ্রেজিংব পবা বেদখলী উচ্ছেদ কবিলে ?

(গ) ডিব্রুগড় মহকুমাত এনে কিমানটা গ্রেজিং এইবছব বেদখল উচ্ছেদ কবিলে, উচ্ছেদ কবা গ্রেজিং বিলাকব নাম ?

শ্রীমহেন্দ্র মোহন চৌধুবীয়ে (বাজহ মন্ত্রী) উত্তব দিছে :-

৫০৮। (ক)—৬৭২ খন চবণীয়া গ্রেজিং বেদখল হৈছে।

(খ)—২১২ খন।

(গ)- ৯ খন ভি, জি, আৰব পৰা বেদখল উচ্ছেদ কৰা হৈছে আৰু তাৰ নাম ১। তাৰাজান গাওঁ, ২। টিলোইবাৰী নেপালী, ৩। টিলোইবাম বঙ্গালী ৪। কমলদৈ বঙ্গালী, ৫। দেহিঙ্গীয়া গাওঁ, ৬। পদুমণী নগাওঁ, ৭। সঙ্গমাই গোঁহাই গাওঁ, ৮। ঠেঙ্গাল গাওঁ, ৯। বালিজান পানীয়েৰা গাওঁ।

Re : Settlement of Bazar lands

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*509. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Bazar lands are permanently settled with individuals other than business men ?

(b) Whether the Government has been earning any revenue in the form of premium from the Bazar land settled with individuals all over the State ?

(c) If not, why ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue)

509. (a)—No bazar lands are generally settled with individuals. Such lands are usually vested in Municipal Board, Town Committee or Panchayat in their respective local jurisdiction These bodies may lease them out for business if they so like.

(b)—Does not arise. Rents are usually realised from such bhits in the bazars.

(c)—The management of Bazars is the function of the Municipal Board, Town Committee or the Panchayat as the case may be.

Re : Land under annulment

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*510. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) The total area of land under annulment due to non-payment of revenue in the State ?

(b) What are the causes of non-payment of the revenue of these annulled lands ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that in many cases the cause of nonpayment of revenue in refusal of the Government to accept it because of transfer of the lands by the original allottees ?

(d) Whether the Government will issue pattas to the actual possessors of the annulled lands ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister Revenue) replied :-

510. (a)—65,352 bighas 2 kathas, 9 lessas excluding Mangaldai Sub-division.

(b) Not known, only the defaulters can say.

(c) No. After the transfer of annual patta land, patta is terminated and the lands made Sarkari and thereafter the question of receiving land revenue before fresh Settlement of land does not arise.

(d)—Such annulled lands are settled like ordinary khas lands according to Government Land Settlement Policy but the areas is usually realised from the proposed settlement holder.

Re : Facilities and privileges enjoyed by the residents of a Revenue Town.

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*511. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state –

(a) The facilities and privileges the residents of a Revenue Town entitled to ?

(b) What is the object of collecting town revenue from the residents of a revenue town ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Government has been realising Town Revenue from the residents of Dhing Town ?

(d) If so, what facilities and privileges have been granted to the people of this town against the town revenues paid by them ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

511. (a)—An area is declared a revenue town when compared to villages, it already enjoys better facilities in trade, communication, education, etc., and the selling value and letting value of its land become higher compared to rural lands.

(b)—The odject of declaring a rural area a revenue town is to make a higher level of assessment on the selling and letting value of land. When due to development of trade and commerce selling and letting value of land of that area increases the level of assessment of revenue should obviously be higher than in a village.

(c)—Yes, since 1932, after it was declared a revenue town.

(d)—Does not arise in view of replies to (a) and (b) above.

Re : Allotments of lands to Co-operative Societies

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government propose to allot land to the Co-operative Societies for agricultural purpose ?

(b) If so, whether Co-operative Societies of Government Employees are also allotted arable land ?

(c) Whether Government settled land with any Co-operative Society of Government employees in Nowgong in 1967 for agriculture purpose ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHUYY (Minister, Revenue) replied.

512. (a) According to standing Government policy Co-operative Societies formed of landless cultivators are also eligible for allotment of land subject always to the availability of such land.

(b)—No.

(c)—No.

Re: Agricultural University

Shri GIASUDDIN AHMED asked:

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

(a) Whether the Government propose to establish an Agricultural University in the State?

(b) If so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Agiculture) replied:

513. (a) Yes.

(b) The Assam Agricultural University Bill, 1968 has been introduced in the House.

Re: Appointment of a Special Officer for Bodo Cultivation

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGU asked:

*514. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a Special Officer for Bodo cultivation was appointed few years back?

(b) If so, who is the person so appointed and what is his monthly salary?

(c) What are the functions of the said officer in matters of Bodo cultivation in the State?

(d) What is the total expenditure on the said Bodo cultivation progtamme?

(e) What is the achievement, if any, up till now of this programme since its introduction ?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

514. (a)—No Special Offiser for Bodo cultivation has been appointed under the Department.

(b), (c), (d) & (e)—Do not arise.

Re : Visit of Minister, Agriculture to Nowgong

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

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

(a) How many times Minister, Agriculture visited Nowgong since he was appointed a Cabinet Minister ?

(b) How much T.A. was drawn for going to Nowgong ?

(c) Whether he visited Nowgong at the time of food disturbances ?

(d) If so, on what dates ?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

515. (a) – 59 times.

(b)—Rs. 4,261.08 paise.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Sugar Factory at Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

*516. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there has been an earnest move for the establishment of a sugar factory at Tezpur on Co-operative basis ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the society has approached the Government for allotment of Sarkari Land for sugar plantation ?

(c) If so, at what stage the matter stands at present ?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

*516. (a)—Yes. A society under the name and style of "THE UTTAR ASOM SOMOBAI CHENIKOL LTD." has been registered for the purpose.

(b) - Yes. The society has applied to the Minister of Forest for some forest land.

(c)—At present the matter is under consideration of Government

Re : Vacant posts of the District Transport Officers

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that some posts of District Transport Officers are lying vacant for several years ?

(b) What is the reason for not filling up the said vacant posts up till now ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Assam Public Service Commission has suggested that the posts should be filled up after proper advertisement ?

(d) What are the reasons for not advertising the posts ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

517. (a)—No. There are eight posts of District Transport Officers in the State. Of these 5 (five) are held by Officers of the Transport Department and the remaining 3 (three) by Officers of the Assam Civil Service class I cadre.

(b) - There are no vacant post of District Transport Officers as such but Government is now considering a proposal to relieve the A. C. S. I. Officers of their duties as District Transport Officers so that their services could be more properly utilised elsewhere and to this end, the Assam Public Service Commission has been consulted.

(c) – No.

(d) – Does not arise.

Re : Arrear Motor Vehicles Taxes

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

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

(a) What is the up-to-date arrears in Motor Vehicles Taxes district-wise ?

(b) What urgent and immediate steps have been taken by the Government to realise the arrears ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Government has lost grip over the Transport Department for want of whole-time officers ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

518. (a) The up-to-date arrears of motor vehicles Taxes districtwise are -

	District	Amount of arrear Rs. P.
1.	Lakhimpur	2,82,859.50
2.	Sibsagar	2,57,097.51
3.	Kamrup	2,19,053.49
4.	Darrang	1,46,266.00
5.	Cachar	1,49,321.00
6.	Nowgong	97,000.50
7.	Goalpara	50,882.00
8.	K. & J. Hills	1,52,563.00
	Total ...	13,55,043.00

(b)—The following steps have been taken for expeditious realisation of arrears :—

(i) The District Transport Officers have been instructed to suspend the registrations of motor vehicles which have fallen into arrears.

(ii) The certificates specifying the amounts of taxes due from motor vehicle owners have been forwarded to the Bakijai Officers for realisation of arrear taxes as arrear of land revenue.

(iii) Transfer of vehicles is not recorded, if the vehicles are in arrears.

(iv) Inspection of transport vehicles for issuing fitness certificates as required under the law is not undertaken unless the arrear taxes are paid.

(c)—No.

Re : Issue of fitness certificate by District Transport Officer

Shri Govindra Kalita asked :

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

(a) Whether a District Transport Officer is competent to issue a fitness certificate in respect of motor vehicles.

(b) Whether Government is aware that District Transport Officer, Dhubri has issued many such fitness certificates to the buses at Dhubri in contravention of the Motor Vehicle Act and Rules ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the District Transport Officer, Dhubri by his order No. DTG/67/926, dated 26th February 1967 issued a fitness certificate to Bus No. ASG 982 ?

(d) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary action against such officer?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

*519.(a)—No.

(b)&(c)—Yes, in order to avoid any delay and consequent financial loss to transport operators, the District Transport Officer, Dhubri granted, in absence of the Motor Vehicle Inspector provisional fitness certificates in respect of 4 (four) buses (including Bus No. ASG 982) only for a period of fifteen days or till the vehicles were inspected by the Motor Vehicle Inspector whichever was earlier.

(d)—Please refer to the reply to starred question No. 204 in the Autumn Session of the Assembly, 1967. Instructions have been issued to the District Transport Officers to ensure than such irregular practice is not resorted to in future.

Re : Ghograpar Railway Level Crossing

Shrimati Pranita Talukdar asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that much inconvenience is caused to vehicular traffic at the Ghograpar Railway Level Crossing in Kamrup at the railway gate as these remain closed even though trains do not pass?

(b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to construct a Railway Over Bridge there?

(c) If not, how the Government propose to remove this difficulty?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

520 (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. The Over Bridge will be constructed by the Railways at their cost and the approaches will be built by the State Public Works Department, as a part of National High Way.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Extension of Railwayline from Jogighopa to Gauhati

Shri Matilal Nayak asked :

*521. Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that extension of Board Gauge Railway Line from Jogighopa to Gauhati has not been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan?

(b) If so, what steps have been taken by the Government to impress upon the Central Government to include this project in the Fourth Five Year Plan?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

521. (a)—The frame of the Fourth Five Year Plan is under consideration of the Government of India. At this stage, therefore, it cannot be indicated whether the Board Gauge Line from Jogighopa to Gauhati will be included or not.

(b)—The Union Minister of Railways assured the people recently that he will get the matter of extension of Board Gauge Line to Gauhati examined.

Re : Stage Carriage Permits

Shri Pitsing Konwar asked :

*522. Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that ten stage Carriage Permits for Nowgong-Marigaon-Monoha with sub-routes have been allotted by the Nowgong Regional Transport Authority on 5th October 1967?

(b) If so, who are the persons that have been allotted permits ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that no tribal applicant has received any permit out of the 10 permits earmarked for the particular route ?

(d) If so, the reasons for not allotting any permit to any tribal applicant ?

(e) How many tribal applicants have applied for Stage Carriage Permit on that particular route ?

(f) Whether the ten per cent reservation for plains tribals is applicable in respect of allotment of Stage Carriage Permits ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

522. (a) —Yes.

(b) 1. Shri Golok Sarmah, Jajari, Nowgong.

2. Shri Nila Kanta Bora, Fauzdaripatty, Nowgong.

3. Shri Suprabhat Banerjee, Chinapatty, Nowgong.

4. Shri Md. Mizazur Rahman Choudhury, Nagaldhowa, Nowgong.

5. Shri Abdul Jabbar Bhuya, Haibargaon, Nowgong.

6. Shri Tariquiddin Ahmed, Fauzdaripatty, Nowgong.

7. Shri Khogen Bora, Fulaguri, Nowgong.

8. Shri Karnadhar Sarkar, Haiborgaon, Nowgong.

9. Shri Monoranjan Das, Keyapatty, Nowgong.

10. Shri Nani Gopal Ghose, Hojai, Nowgong.

(c)—Yes.

(d) – The above applicants were found more suitable than the tribal applicants by the Regional Transport Authority, Nowgong.

(e) – 10 (Ten).

(f) No. There is no such provision in the Motor Vehicle Act and the Rules framed thereunder.

Re : Government vehicles lying at State Transport Workshop, Gauhati

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

*523. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased state –

(a) How many Government vehicles are lying at the State Transport Workshop at Gauhati for repair ?

(b) How much time is required for repair of a vehicle ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State, Transport) replied :

523. (a) – 48. (Forty-eight).

(b)—The time taken for repair of a vehicle depends on many factors such as the nature of repair to be done, the availability of spare parts needed, space in the workshop, manpower employed and equipments available in the workshop.

Re : Purchase of Land by Transport Department at Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

*524. Will the Minister-in-charge, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a plot of land was purchased by the State Transport Department at Tezpur town long

ago for the construction of the office and the staff quarters buildings ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that up till now no steps have been taken for the construction of the various buildings for the accommodation of the office and staff on the said land ?

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to take early steps for undertaking construction works ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State, Transport) replied :

524. (a)—Yes.

(b)—As the land was occupied by the Military authorities up till 18th May 1966 steps could not be taken then to construct any building thereon. Lately due to financial stringency of the State all construction proposals had to be kept in abeyance.

(c) This will be taken up as soon as funds are available for the purpose.

Re : Number of Kabulis in the state—

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

525. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of foreign Kabuliwallas in the State ?

(b) Whether all of them have been staying with valid documents ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that they deal in money lending ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware that they realise interest at the rate of 10 per cent per month ?

(e) What measures the Government contemplates in this regard ?

(f) Whether the Government is aware that the Kabuliwallas never issue receipts against the interest they realise every month from each borrower ?

(g) If so, whether the Government will adopt any measure in this regard ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

525. (a)—1.087.

(b)—Out of the total number of the 1,087,231 are Afghan Nationals and 229 of them are staying with valid documents. The other two have been allowed to stay as Stateless persons according to instruction of Government of India.

The remaining 856 are so called Pakhtoons and they are staying with identity papers and residential permits issued under the Foreigners' Act.

(c)—Yes. Most of them are dealing in money lending.

(d)—Yes, the rate of interest varies from 10 to 12 per cent per month or even more in some cases.

(e)—(i) The existing provisions of the Money Lenders Act, 1934 being inadequate for Government to take any action in the matter, a bill has been introduced to amend the Act suitably.

(ii) The foreigner money lenders have been instructed to maintain their 'Baki Khata' either in English or in a local script showing the names ot their debtors and the rate of interest, etc., so that before allowing extension of their stay, these may be cheeked by police. Police also makes enquiries from public about the rate of interest charged. In those cases where usurious rates of interest are charged no extension of stay is allowed.

(iii) In order to progressively reduce the number of Kabuliwalla money lenders those who are post 1954 entrants have been served with notices to wind up their business within 6 months and go.

(iv) In case of the so called Pakhtoons who are carrying on money-lending business in the State and who had come to the State after 28th January, 1958 are also being served with notice to leave the State.

(v) At the request of the State Government, Government of India have instructed our Embassy at Kabul not to grant visas to those intending to come to our State for money-lending business.

(vi) The case of the so called Pakhtoons are being individually enquired into to determine if any of them is eligible to the concession allowed by Government of India to stay in India without being subjected to Foreigners' Act and Rules. Only Red Shirt Pakhtoons who are victims of Pakistani oppressions are eligible for this concession being allowed to stay on in an undefined status without being subjected to Foreigners' Acts and Rules,

(f) Yes, according to reports received now and then they do not issue receipts against the interest realised.

[g]—As in [e] above.

Re : Condition of the Gauhati Municipality and Developments Block

Shri ATUL CHANDRA GOSWAMI asked :

*৫২৬। মাননীয় মিউনিচিপেল দপ্তৰৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) গুৱাহাটী মিউনিচিপেলিটি আৰু গুৱাহাটী উন্নয়ন কৰ্তৃপক্ষৰ অচলাৱস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছে নেকি ?

(খ) যদি হৈছে, কাৰণ কি ?

(গ) গুৱাহাটী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষৰ চেয়াৰমেন জনৰ বিৰুদ্ধে চৰকাৰে বহুতো আপত্তি পোৱাতো সচানে ? যদি সচা, চৰকাৰে কি ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে ?

(ঘ) গুৱাহাটীৰ নিৰ্ব্বাচন কেতিয়াকৈ পতা হব ?

শ্ৰীবিমলা প্ৰসাদ চলিহা (মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীয়ে) উত্তৰ দিছে :—

৫২৬। (ক)—অচল অৱস্থা হৈছে বুলি কব নোৱাৰি কিন্তু অৱস্থা সন্তোষজনক নহয়। ঘাইকৈ আৰ্থিক অৱস্থাৰ কাৰণে।

(খ)—গুৱাহাটী নগৰ পালিকাৰ আৰ্থিক অৱস্থা সন্তোষজনক নোহোৱাৰ মূল কাৰণবোৰ হল—(১) বহু পৰিমাণে বাকী পৰা কৰ, (২) কৰ্ম্মচাৰী আৰু কাৰ্য্যলয়ৰ কাৰণে কৰিব লগা উচ্চ হাৰৰ খৰচ (৩) জমা আৰু খৰচৰ ভাৰসাম্য ৰাখিবৰ কাৰণে প্ৰয়োজনীয় উপাৰ্জ্জন নোহোৱাৰ কাৰণে।

গুৱাহাটী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষৰ আৰ্থিক অৱস্থা সন্তোষজনক নোহোৱাৰ কাৰণ ঘাইকৈ হল এয়ে যে ইয়াৰ মাটি উন্নয়ন আঁচনি আৰু সেই মাটিৰ বিক্ৰী যি পৰিমানে হব লাগিছিল সিমান নোহোৱাত উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষৰ আয় কম হোৱা।

(গ) গুৱাহাটী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষৰ সভাপতিৰ বিৰুদ্ধে এখন বেনামী চিঠিহে পোৱা হৈছে। অভিযোগবোৰ নিচেই সাধাৰণ ৰকমৰ আৰু অস্পষ্ট তাৰোপৰি চিঠিখন বেনামী হোৱা কাৰণে সেইবিলাক বিবেচনা কৰা হোৱা নাই।

(ঘ)—নিৰ্বাচনৰ সময় বৰ্ত্তমানে নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰা নাই।

Re : No-objection Certificate for opening Cinema State and Petrol Department

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI asked :

*৫২৭। মাননীয় মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) কোনো ঠাইত চিনেমা হল, পেট্ৰল ডিপো আদি পাতিবলৈ ললে সেই ঠাই ডোখৰৰ বাবে no-objection certificate লোৱাৰ নিয়ম আছে নেকি ?

(খ) যদি আছে, no-objection certificate কাৰ পৰা লব লাগে ?

(গ) কোনো পঞ্চায়ত এলেকাত এনে ধৰণৰ অনুষ্ঠান পাতিবলৈ হলে পঞ্চায়তৰ পৰা no-objection certificate লোৱাৰ নিয়ম আছে নে কি ?

(ঘ) যদি নাই, কিয় ?

শ্রীবিমলা প্রসাদ চলিহা (মুখ্য মন্ত্রীয়ে) উত্তৰ দিছে :

৫২৭। (ক)—চিনেমা হল পাতিবলৈ লগে আপত্তি নথকা প্রমান পত্র (no-objection certificate) লোৱাৰ নিয়ম আছে। পেট্রল ডিপো পাতিবলৈ লগেও চৰকাৰৰ প্রচলিত কার্য্য পদ্ধতি অনুযায়ী আবেদনকাৰীয়ে আপত্তি নথকা প্রমান পত্র লব লাগে।

(খ)—চিনেমা হল পতাৰ ক্ষেত্রত আবেদনকাৰীয়ে সংশ্লিষ্ট পৌৰসভা নগৰ সমিতি, গাওঁ পঞ্চায়ত, জিলা পৰিষদ বা উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ য'ত এনে কর্তৃত্ব থকা অঞ্চল আছে তেনে ঠাঁইত কর্তৃপক্ষৰ পৰা আপত্তি নথকা প্রমাণ পত্র লব লাগে। যদিও জিলা উপায়ুক্তই চৰকাৰৰ পৰা অনুমোদন পোৱাৰ পাচতহে আবেদনকাৰীক চূড়ান্ত আপত্তি নথকা প্রমাণ পত্র প্রদান কৰিব পাৰে।

পেট্রল ডিপো স্থাপনৰ বাবেও প্রচলিত কার্য্য পদ্ধতি অনুসাৰে আবেনদকাৰীয়ে জিলা কর্তৃপক্ষৰ ওচৰত আপত্তি নথকা প্রমাণ পত্রৰ কাৰণে দৰখাস্ত কৰিব লাগে। উপায়ুক্তই প্রস্তাবিত পেট্রল ডিপোৰ স্থান অনুযায়ী সংশ্লিষ্ট অঞ্চলৰ ওপৰত কর্তৃত্ব থকা বিভাগ যেনে—গড়কাপ্তানি বিভাগ বা স্থানীয় নিকায় Local Bodies) অর্থাৎ পৌৰ সভা, কর্তৃপক্ষ আদিৰ পৰা আপত্তি নথকা প্রমান-পত্র পোৱাৰ পাচত চূড়ান্ত প্রমাণ-পত্র আবেদনকাৰীক প্রদান কৰিব লাগে।

(গ)—চিনেমা হল নির্ম্মাণৰ বাবে The Assam Cinemas (Reguilation Rules 1960 ৰ বিধি অনুযায়ী সংশ্লিষ্ট গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তৰ পৰাও এনে আপত্তি নথকা প্রমাণ-পত্র আবেদনকাৰীয়ে লব লাগে।

পেট্রল ডিপো স্থাপনৰ বাবে এনে আইন প্রনয়ন কৰা হোৱা নাই যদিও প্রচলিত কার্য্য-পদ্ধতি অনুসাৰে স্থানীয় নিকায় (Local Bodies) ৰ পৰা আপত্তি নথকা প্রমাণ-পত্র লব লাগে। অৱশ্যে আবেদনকাৰীয়ে উপায়ুক্তৰ ওচৰত দৰখাস্ত কৰিব লাগে আৰু উপায়ুক্তই দৰখাস্ত পোৱাৰ পাচত সংশ্লিষ্ট বিভাগ বা স্থানীয় নিকায়ৰ পৰা আপত্তি নথকা প্রমাণ-পত্র আদায় কৰি চূড়ান্ত প্রমাণ-পত্র প্রদান কৰিব লাগে। গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তো স্থানীয় নিকায়ৰ ভিতৰত ধৰা হয়।

(ঘ)—ওপৰত উল্লেখ কৰা মতে এই প্রশ্ন নুঠে।

Re : Number of Mizo hostiles killed

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

*528. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) What is the number of Mizo hostiles killed since March, 1966 ?

(b) What is the number of Mizo hostiles arrested so far how many of them are still in detention ?

(c) What is the number of hostiles surrendered so far ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

528. (a) - 221.

(b) - 3,156 Mizo hostiles were arrested/captured so far of whom 781 are still in detention under the Preventive Detention Act and 1757 are in custody as under trial prisoners.

(c)—1,517,

Re : Crossing of efficiency bar of Shri Hem Chandra Borah

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government has stopped the crossing of the first efficiency bar of Shri Hem Ch. Borah by a period of six months without drawing up any formal proceedings as required under the rules ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Who was responsible for such violation of rules and natural justice?

(d) Whether it is a fact that Goyernment has not taken any decision for over three years as to the crossing of the second efficiency bar ?

(e) What are the reasons for not taking a decision in such a small matter for such a long period ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

529. (a)—The date of crossing of the first efficiency bar of Shri Hem Chandra Borah was deferred by Government by a period of six months. Stoppage or deferring of increment of Government servant at an efficiency bar in the time scale, is not a penalty under the provision of the Assam Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules. No formal proceedings are required to be drawn up under the Rules for the purpose, and therefore, there was no question of drawing up proceedings against this officer for stopping him at the efficiency bar.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—It is not a fact.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re : Recruitment of U. D. Assistants in Secretariat Service

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen asked :

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

(a) Whether Government recruited Upper Division Assistants from the Heads of Departments and District Offices for the Secretariat Service? If so, how many batches with the number of Assistants and in which years?

(b)—Whether the seniority of those U. D. Assistants recruited in the first batch has been determined after taking into account of their length of

service and not on the basis of the date of appointment in the Secretariat?

(c) If so, why the seniority of the Upper Division Assistants recruited similarly from the Heads of Departments and District Offices in subsequent years has not been determined alike those of the first batch?

(d) Whether Government should follow uniform principle for determining seniority of other U D. Assistants recruited from Heads of Departments and District Offices even by relaxing the rule, if necessary?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

530. (a) - Yes.

1957	18
1958	5
1962	2
1965	9
	34

(b)—No. The seniority of those U D. Assistants recruited in the first batch has been determined under rule 26 of the Assam Secretariat Subordinate Service Rules, on the basis of date of their appointment in the Secretariat and not after taking into account the length of their past services. But this batch, though recruited in 1957, had to be given seniority over the L. D. Assistants of the Secretariat promoted during the period from 1954 to 1957, as the promotion of those Secretariat L D. Assistants

as U. D. Assistants during this period was only a temporary promotion for officiation and was not regular as per rules. The cases of those officiatnig U. D. Assistants from L. D. Assistants of the Secretariat, over whom this batch of 1957 was given seniority, were in fact regularised in 1958.

(c)—The seniority of the subsequent batches recruited like-wise has also been determined on the same principle as laid down in the rules and as was done for the first batch. But the first batch had an antidated seniority in view of circumstances stated in the reply (b) above. There is, however, no such case or circumstance for the subsequent batches, as all promotions to the U. D. Cadre of the Secretariat from various sources were made regularly under the rules.

(d)—Uniform principles have been followed for determining seniority in all cases and these are provided in the relevant service Rules themselves. Therefore, the question of relaxing the rules for following uniform principles already in existence, does not arise.

Re : Deposit of P. F. money by the Gauhati Municipality

Shri Gobinda Kalita asked :

*531. Will the Minister, Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Gauhati Municipality has not deposited Provident Fund money of

the employees for 1st January 1965 to April 1966?

(b) If so, what will be the amount still to be deposited to the said fund?

(c) Who was responsible for creating this anomaly and how the Provident Fund money has been utilised?

(d) What step has since been taken either by the Executive Officer of the Municipality or the Government of regularising the Provident Fund Account of the employees?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the employees of Gauhati Municipality are deprived of pension, gratuity, etc.?

(f) If so, why?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

531. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Rs 80,549·98 p.

(c)—From the reports available it appears that the then Vice-Chairman and the Accountant of the Municipal Board were responsible. The amount was utilised for meeting the current liabilities of the Municility.

(d)—The Executive Officer has been instructed to initiate action against the employees responsible. He has also been instructed to take immediate steps to deposit the amount in proper accounts.

(e) & (f)—The determination of terms and conditions of services of Municipal Board employees is primarily the concern of the Municipal Boards. None of the Boards, including Gauhati Municipal Board have declared the services of their employees as pensionable. Under the Model Contributory

Provident Fund (Municipal Services) Rules, the Municipal Board can grant gratuity to such of their employees who do not subscribe to the Provident Fund at fixed rates.

Re: Death of a person inside Dibrugarh Session Court

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

*532 Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) Wheter it is a fact that a person died inside the Dibrugarh Sessions Court on 2nd September 1967 ?

(b) If so, the reason thereof ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

532 (a) & (b) In this connection the Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the Starred Question No. 328 given on 9th November 1967, during the Autumn Session of the Assembly, 1967.

The investigation of the U. D. case is still pending for non-receipt of the result of Chemical Examination from Calcutta.

Replies of the Starred Question No. 328 of the Autumn Session 1967

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

328. (a) Yes. On 2nd October 1967, Constable No. 524, Rohikanta Baruah of Dibrugarh Court while on duty in the Sessions Court, Dibrugarh suddenly died inside the latrine of the District Sessions Judge's Compound.

(b) The Constable was suffering from T. B. from 25th December 1954 and on being declared fit by medical officer he was allowed to resume duties on 24th December 1955 For the second time he was attacked again from 9th December 1963 and this time also he was declared fit to resume his duties on 19th June 1965 by the medical officer. The Constable was being given light duties in the Court.

A U/D case was registered at Dibrugarh Police Station in this connection. The case is still under investigation. The medical officer could not give any definite opinion as to the cause of his death.

Re : Impovement of Roads, etc , of Gauhati Town

Shri ATUL CHANDRA GOSWAMI asked :

*533. মাননীয় মিউনিচিপেল প্রশাসনৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) গুৱাহাটী নগৰৰ ৰাস্তাপহুলি, বিজুলী বাতি, নলা আদি উন্নত কৰিবলৈ চৰকাৰে কিবা ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লৈছে নেকি ?

(খ) গুৱাহাটী নগৰক বাৰিষাৰ বানপানীৰ পৰা ৰক্ষা কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে নেকি ?

(গ) অলপদিনৰ আগতে গুৱাহাটী শাখা সংযুক্ত চচিয়েলিষ্ট পার্টিয়ে গুৱাহাটী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষক উঠাই দি তাক মিউনিচিপেলিটিৰ লগত চামিল কৰিবলৈ আৰু গুৱাহাটী নগৰৰ উন্নয়নৰ কাৰণে এখন স্মাৰকপত্ৰ দাখিল কৰাটো সঁচানে ?

(গ) যদি সঁচা হয়, তাৰ ওপৰত কি কি ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা হৈছে ?

শ্ৰীবিমলা প্ৰসাদ চলিহা (মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীয়ে) উত্তৰ দিছে :

533. (ক) আৰু (খ)—পৌৰমণ্ডলবোৰ নিজৰ আয়ৰ ওপৰত বত্তিথকা স্বশাসিত অনুষ্ঠান। সেই হেতুকে নগৰ পালিকাৰ এলেকাৰ ভিতৰত পৰা বাটৰ বিজুলী বাতি, নলা আদিৰ অৱস্থা উন্নত কৰাৰ দায়িত্ব নগৰ পালিকাৰ নিজৰ দায়িত্বৰ ভিতৰতহে পৰে। প্ৰয়োজন আৰু পুজিৰ কথা বিবেচনা কৰি সময়ে সময়ে পৌৰমণ্ডলক বিভিন্ন কামৰ কাৰণে আৰ্থিক সাহায্য মঞ্জুৰী আৰু ঋণ হিচাবে আগ বঢ়োৱা হয়। গতিকে চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা প্ৰত্যক্ষ ভাবে কোনো আঁচনি লোৱা নহয়।

(গ) আৰু (ঘ)—হয়, তেনে এখন স্মাৰকপত্ৰ পোৱা হৈছে। আৰু বিহিত ব্যৱস্থাৰ অৰ্থে এতিয়া চৰকাৰৰ বিবেচনাধীন হৈ আছে।

Re : Creation of another Subdivision in Nowgong

Shri PITSING KONWAR asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government will be pleased to create another subdivision in the district of Nowgong in the near future in view of the increasing works entrusted to the district authorities ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Government have committed in 957 to constitute a second subdivision in Nowgong District with Headquarter at Marigaon ?

c) If so, why this has not been materialised ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

534. (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government now to create any subdivision in the district of Nowgong in the near future. It is also not possible to consider any proposal in this regard in the immediate future due to financial stringency.

(b)—There was no such commitment.

(c) – Does not arise.

Re : Written Warning issued to Shri Hem Chandra Borah

Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that in 1958 the Government issued a written warning to Shri Hem Chandra Borah, the then E A. C. Gauhati, because of some complaints against him by some lawyers of Gauhati ?

(b) Whether the said Officer was given any opportunity of being heard before awarding him the said warning ?

(c) Whether the warning recorded was against his character roll ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Ministe) replied :

535. (a) – No.

(b) – Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Non payment of Salary to Shri ' .andra Borah

Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

*536. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Hem Chandra Borah was not paid any salary at all for the entire period of his stay at Dibrugarh as A.D.M. ?

(b) Why the Government could not issue order for provisional pay at least ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Life Insurance policies of the officer got lapsed for no fault of his ?

(e) Whether the Government propose to undertake revival of such lapsed policies by meeting the defaulting expenses ?

(f) If not, why ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister replied :

536. (a) It has been reported by the Accountant General, Assam and Nagaland that Shri Borah was authorised his grade pay in the junior scale of the A. C. S., Class I only. The Accountant General however declined, as per provisions of rules, to pay him in the senior scale of the A. C. S., Class I for the period he officiated as A.D.M. (Judicial), Dibrugarh.

(b)—The Accountant General was requested by the Government to issue provisional pay slip to the officer.

(d)—Government have no information.

(e) No.

(f)—Renewing of lapsed policies of individual officers is not the responsibility of Government.

Re : Allegations against the Director of Information

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI asked :

*537. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state -

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the allegations brought against the Director of Information published in January and February 1968, issues of *Sangvadik*, an Assamese journal published from Tinsukia ?

(b) Whether necessary enquiries have been instituted to verify the truth of the allegations ?

(c) What are the allegations brought against the Director of Information by a District Information Officer ?

(d) Whether the District Officer actually resigned his job ?

(e) Whether the Government accepted the resignation submitted by the Officer ?

(f) If so, from which date ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

537 (a) Yes

(b)—The matter is under investigation.

(c) (i) That the Director of information and Public Relations transferred Shri Huda from Dibrugarh to Shillong on the charge of alleged misappropriation of Government money which, according to Shri Huda, was committed by his predecessor.

(2) That Shri Huda was entrusted to collect funds by the Director of Information and Public Relations for different social purposes including for a school at Nalbari which is in the name of Shri Bhuyan's sister on the understanding that the increments of Shri Huda which were stopped as a measure of punishment shall be released.

(d) No. He was suspended with effect from 19th December 1967.

(e)&(f)—Do not arise.

Re : FIRE-BRIGADE IN NAHARKATIA TOWN

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI asked :

*538. মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাব নে—

(ক) নাহৰকটীয়া টাউনত ১৯৬৪ চনতে Fire-Brigade দিম বুলি চৰকাৰে নাহৰকটীয়া নাগবিক সমূহক প্রতিশ্রুতি দিয়াটো সঁচা নে ?

(খ) যদি সঁচা, কি কাৰণত আজিলৈকে দিয়া হোৱা নাই ?

(গ) দিনে দিনে জনসংখ্যা বাঢ়ি অহা এই নগৰখনৰ বাবে অতি সোনকালে Fire-Brigade দিয়াৰ দিহা কৰিব নে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

538. (a) - No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—There is no such proposal for the present.

Re : POLICE BEAT HOUSES IN SHILLONG

Shri ROMESH MOHON KULI asked :

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

(a) Why Government has not set up Police Beat Houses in

lonely unpatrolled areas of Shillong, like Dhankheti, Pynthorumkhra, Lachumiere, Boyce Road and Bishnupur ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that a number of robberies and assaults have taken place in these areas, particularly after dusk ?

(c) Whether Government propose to supply the present and proposed outposts and beat houses sufficient quantities of the best and most effective weapons necessary for preserving law and order and ensuring the security of the citizen in these areas ?

(d) What steps Gavernment propose to take to improve the efficiency of fire fighting personnel and equipment in Shillong?

(e) What steps Government propose to take to improve the control of traffic in Shillong, particularly in the matter of overspeeding and the lack of properly trained traffic police at crowded road junctions ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

539. (a)—The localities, Dhankheti, Lachumiere and Boyce Road fall unper Laitumkhrah Beat House and Pynthorumkhra under Bhagyakul Beat House. These areas are covered by patrol parties of respective Beat Houses. Bishnupur falls under Rilbong Beat House and covered by patrol parties detailed from the parent police station, i.e., from the Shillong Police Station are also covering all these areas. There is as yet no proposal to establish Beat Houses in these localities.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The proposal for re-organisation of the entire Shillong Police Station is under consideration and the question of establishing more Beat Houses in some lonely areas is also being considered

(d)—The personnel of the State Fire Service Organisation are

deputed to undergo technical courses in the National Fire Service College at Nagpur, besides, imparting training of Fire fighting to some of these personnel locally. The Shillong Fire Station including the Bara Bazar Sub-Fire Station have five pumping units which exceeds the scale recommended by the Government of India. The available fire fighting equipments are most up-to-date and of standard type like other States in the country.

To improve the position of water sources for fire fighting purposes, a proposal is under consideration to construct several static tanks and to renovate the existing ones The existing static tanks and the active water hydrants are being improved gradually.

(e)—The existing Traffic Staff for Shillong town is one Traffic Surgeant, one Sub-Inspector, two Assistant Sub-Inspectors, three Head Constables and 24 Constables being inadequate, the Government have recently sanctioned an additional staff of one Deputy Superintendent of Police, two Sub-Inspectors and six Constables for mobile duties and 5 Head Constable and 68 Constables for Traffic duties. Steps are being taken to fill up all these vacancies.

Re : PAKISTANI INFILTRATORS STAYING IN ASSAM

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

*540. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state -

(a) What is the number of Pakistani infiltrators illegally staying in Assam according to 1961 census ?

(b How many of them were deported and how many are still left ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

540. (a)—According to estimate made by the Registrar General of India on the basis of 196 Census, 2,20,691 Pakistani nationals infiltrated into the State during the 195 -61 decade.

(b) The departure in respect of 1,81,554 Pakistani infiltrators was confirmed during the period from 1961 to February 1968. This figure also includes fresh infiltrators who entered after 1961 census as well as old infiltrators who had entered prior to 1951 census. Besides, the figure also includes re-infiltrators who were previously deported but, who had re-entered.

Taking into account along with the Registrar General's estimate, the infiltrators taking prior to 1951 census and subsequent to 1961 census as well as the cases of the re-infiltrators, the estimated figure of infiltrants still staying in the State is about 75,000.

Re : Number of Migrators from Sikkim in the State—

Shri MONESWAR BORO asked :

*541 Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of migrators from Sikkim have entered into the State of Assam ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that migrators from Sikkim entered into Tamulpur Constituency, particularly in the Bhutan border area ?

(c) If so, what is the total number of such migrators so entered into Assam ?

(d) What action Government propose to take to stop such migration into Assam in future ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

541. (a)—It is a fact that some migrators mostly of Nepali origin from Sikkim entered into Assam during last few years.

(b)—Most of the migrants infiltrated into the predominantly Nepali-populated transferred areas of Sadiya and only a few families settled in Assam-Bhutan border areas of Goalpara. But there is

no information of such migrators settling in areas falling within Tamulpur Constituency.

(c) – Precise information is not available but from enquires in the various villages it appears 160 families entered the State in course of the last 5 years.

(d) – Lure of land appeared to be the main cause of migration. Unauthorised occupation of khas land and in some cases land in Government reserves also has resulted. All legal actions to evict the encroachers are being taken.

Re : Hard Core of the Mizo National Front Hostiles

Shri MATILAL NAYAK arked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the hard core of the Mizo National Front hostiles is still in tact ?

(b) If so, what further action has been taken to wipe out this hard core ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister replied :

(a) & (b —No. Many of the hard core of the Mizo National Front hostiles have already been rounded up by the Security Forces in course of operations against them The Security Forces have since tightened up their oprations against the hostile elements to capture the rest of the rebel leaders and curb their activities.

Re : Number of Indian Nationals Kidnapped by the Pakistanis

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

*543. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) What is the number of Indian Nationals kidnapped by the Pakistanis in the year 1967 from Assam ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that 2 (two) Assistant Sub-Inspectors of Police were also kidnapped ?

(c) What steps have been taken to get back these Indian nationals from the Pakistani authorities ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

543 (a)—Eleven, of whom three have so far been released and returned to India.

(b) Yes.

(c)—Strong protests have been lodged with the Government of East Pakistan both at the State Government and the Central Government levels for such criminal activities of Pak-nationals and for return of the kidnapped Indian nationals.

Re : Travelling Allowance drawn by the Secretaries and Directors

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

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

a The total amount of Travelling Allowance drawn by all the Secretaries and the Directors of the Government of Assam during the year 1966-67 ?

(b) What is the total amount of Travelling Allowance drawn by them during the year 1967-68 ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replid :

544. (a) Rupees 3,04,381.43

(b)—Rupees 3,41,467.78.

Re : Character Roll of Shri Hem Chandra Borah

Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

*545. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state

(a) Whether it is a fact that for remarks recorded against his character roll, Shri Borah is not considered for promotion in time and allowed to be superseded by several of his juniors ?

(b) Whether there is any other ground for his being superseded ?

(c) If so, whether Government will be pleased to place the same before the House ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that in spite of an adverse report in 1965 from the District Judge about the speed of disposal of cases, Shri Borah was found suitable by the Hon'ble High Court of Assam and Nagaland in 1966 to officiate as A.D.M. (Judicial) in Dibrugarh ?

(e) What is the reason for relying upon the report for the year 1965 to withhold his promotion in 1967 when the Hon'ble High Court found him suitable for promotion in 1966 in spite of the report of 1965 ?

(f) Why Shri Borah is now promoted to the senior scale in August 1967, when there is no new grounds to do so as he was on leave from January 1961 up to the period of his promotion and before that also he had practically nothing to do for about five months as A.D.M.(J), Dibrugarh as his Court was under boycott by the lawyers there ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

545. (a),(b)&(c)—The confidential record of any Government servant is a secrect document, of which the contents are not known by the officer concerned himself and only if certain adverse aspects are to be pointed out to him, these are separately conveyed. It would, therefore, not be in the public interest to place the character roll of the officer on the Table of the House.

In regard to promotions from the junior scale of the Assam Civil Service to the senior scale, a Committee of senior officers goes into the overall seniority and merit of the officers concerned and decides each case accordingly.

(d)—This is a matter which pertains to the High Court with whom the services of a number of officers, including Shri Borah, were placed as per scheme of the separation of the judiciary from the Excutive under Art. 237 of the Constitution. The Government are, therefore, not in a position to reply to this question.

(e)&)f)—On an overall consideration of the officer's case, the Selection Committee considered him suitable to officiate in the senior scale from August 1967.

Re : Temparing of Loud Speaker at Gauhati by Saboteurs

Shri Phani Bora asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the fixed loud speaker system of Gauhati Town was tempared by saboteurs just before the disturbances on 26th January 1968?

(b) Whether the police was informed in time to investigate the sabotage?

(c) If not, why not ?

(d) Who is responsible for not taking such action?

(e) What is the extent of damage caused to the fixed Loud Speaker System?

(f) Why Publicity machinery was inactive in giving wide publicity to maintain peace among various sections of people during the period of disturbance at Gauhati?

(g) Why written leaflets and pamphlets were not distributed inside and outside the town to fight false rumours and exaggerated news spread by the rumour-mongers ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

546. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The police was informed verbally on 26th January 1968 but the formal ejahar was lodged on the 2nd February 1968.

(c)&(d)—Do not arise.

(e)—Bridges of the main switches were removed and two fuse levers broken. Besides insertion of a gavalnised wire in one of the main switches rendered the system completely inoperative.

(f)—It is not a fact that the Publicity machinery was inactive in giving wide publicity to the maintenance of peace during the period of disturbances at Gauhati.

(g)—Press releases were issued, peace appeals distributed, street announcements made through the fixed Loud Speaker and mobile Vans and arrangement made for broadcasting appeals for combating rumours.

Re : Serving of Beef in Hostel

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi asked :

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

(a) Whether his attention is drawn to a news item published in Assam Tribune on 27th October 1967 under the caption 'Alledged serving of Beef in Hotel'—'Sensation in Nowgong Town'?

(b)—If so, whether any action taken in this behalf?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

547. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Rector of the schools has been prosecuted under Section 295-A. I.P.C., and the case is subjudice in Nowgong Court.

Re : Fire-Brigade Station in Bajali

Shri Bhubaneswar Barman asked :

*548. মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে -

(ক) বজালীত অগ্নিনির্ব্বাপক ষ্টেশ্যন এটা স্থাপন কৰা চৰকাৰে আৱশ্যক বুলি ভাবে নে ?

(খ) যদি ভাবে, তেন্তে সোনকালে স্থাপন কৰিব নে ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

548. (a)&(b)—There is no such proposal for the present.

Re : Misappropriation of Fine Money

Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

*549. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that in 1961-62, the Bench Clerks of Shri Anil Ratan Barthakur and Shri Hem Chandra Borah, Magistrate, were found to have misappropriated fine money amounting to more than Rs 2,000 in case of Shri Anil Barthakur and Rs. 667 in case of Shri Borah ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that after the Bench Clerks were found guilty by Criminal Courts and punished, Government drew up a proceeding only against Shri Borah in 1962 and ordered him to make good Rs 200 but at the same time did not take any step at all against Shri Barthakur ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Shri Barthakur was granted a passport to go to U.K. ?

(d) Whether it is also a fact that even after return of Shri Barthakur from U.K - no action was taken against him, rather he was promoted as S.D.O. (Sadar) at Jorhat ?

(e) Whether the misappropriated amount has been recovered by the Government from the persons found guilty by the Court ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

549. (a) – Yes.

(b)—Yes. Proceedings were drawn up against Shri Borah in 1962 and as a result of the proceedings he was ordered to make good a part of the loss amounting to Rs. 200 only. Proceedings were also ordered against Shri A. R. Barthakur, but as he was on study leave abroad at that time, it was decided to initiate the same on his return.

(c)—Yes. Shri Barthakur obtained a passport from the Government of India for which the State Government only

granted him a 'no objection certificate' as per rules for his study abroad, before the case was detected.

(d)—On return from study leave, Shri Barthakur was posted as Extra Assistant Commissioner, Jorhat and also appointed to officiate as Sadar Subdivisional Officer, Jorhat, according to his seniority. Appointment as Subdivisional Officer (Sadar) for an A C S. junior-scale officer is not a promotion at all, but it is a post with some higher responsibility and generally given to A.C.S junior-scale officer according to the seniority. No action could be taken against Shri Barthakur as contemplated as the officer returned from abroad in November 1963 and tendered his resignation soon thereafter which was accepted by Government in February 1964.

(e) No, except the amount of fine imposed by the Courts on the two Bench Assistants concerned, no further amount of misappropriated money has been recovered from them.

Re : Nahar Town Committee

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI asked :

*550. মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাব নে—

(ক) নাহৰ টাউন কমিটি গঠন হোৱা কেইবছৰ হল ?

(খ) চৰকাৰে নমিনেট কৰা টাউন কমিটিটো আৰু কিমান বছৰ ৰাখিবলৈ বিচাৰিছে ?

(গ) সোনকালে নিৰ্ব্বাচন পাতি স্থানীয় ৰাইজক টাউনখন গঢ়ি তোলাত সুবিধা দিবলৈ চৰকাৰে মনোযোগ দিব নে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

550. (ক) —১৯৬০ চনৰ পৰা এই নগৰ সমিতি চলি আছে।

(খ) মনোনীত সদস্যসকলক বেছি দিনৰ কাৰণে ৰখাটো চৰকাৰৰ উদ্দেশ্য নহয়। কিন্তু নগৰ সমিতি গঠন কৰাৰ ওপৰত অসম আৰু নগাভূমিৰ উচ্চ ন্যায়ালয়ে এটি নিৰোধাদেশ জাৰি কৰাত নগৰ সমিতিৰ নিৰ্ব্বাচন এতিয়ালৈকে পাতিব পৰা হোৱা নাই।

(গ)—হয়, উচ্চ ন্যায়ালয়ে নিৰোধাদেশ উঠাই ললেই নিৰ্ব্বাচন পতা হব।

Re : Oppression made by the Border Security Force and Border Patrol Police

Shri KABIR CHANDRA ROY PRADHANI asked :

*551 Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there are regular complaints from the Border people (Satrashal to Mankachar) regarding the oppression made by the B.S.F. and Border Patrol Police ?

(b) If so, what steps have been taken in this regard ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the cattle lifting in the Border side by Pakistan nationals are still going on ?

(d) If so, what step has been taken by the Government to prevent such cattle lifting ?

(e) Whether the victims have been given financial aid or gratuitous relief by the Government ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

551. (a) There were 14 cases of complaints against the B S. F. personnel in the Goalpara Border during the year 1967 and during 1968 uptill now, only one complaint was received against the B.S F. patrol party of Satrasal B O P. of the said border.

(b) Eleven of the B.S F. personnel involved in the cases of 1967 were placed under suspension of which 1 was subsequen ly discharged As regards the case in 1968 of Satrasal B.O.P., the B.O.P. Commander has been severely reprimanded and departmental proceedings have been drawn up against the Patrol Party Commander involved.

(c) – There were altogether about 55 cases of cattle lifting reported during 1967 and about 12 cases during 1968 (up to March 1968).

(d) – Patroling by B.S.F. has been intensified and the B. O. Ps alerted.

(e)—No.

Re : Industrialisation of Small Scale Industries

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGU asked :

*552 Will the Minister-in charge of Industry be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government propose to encourage the Industrilisation especially the Small Scale Industries all over the State ?

(b) Whether small rice-huller has been categorised as Small Scale Industry in the State ?

(c) What are the circumstances that led the Government to ban the operation of the small rice-hullers all over the State of Assam ?

(d) Whether Government propose the re-introduction of the said rice-hullers with a view to uplift the Rural Industry and economy as well as to give economical benefit to the middle class and the poor man alike ?

(e) If not, why ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister Industries) replied :

552. a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—As soon as the Central Act - The Rice Milling Industry Regulation Act, 1958, came into force in April 1959, all power-driven machines for milling paddy are required to obtain licence under Section 6 of the said Act. Only the existing rice mills are entitled to get licence as defined under Section 3(b) of the Rice Milling Industry Regulation Act, 1958.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re : Joysagar Cottage Industry Centre

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

*553 মাননীয় উদ্যোগমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) জয়সাগৰ কুটীৰ-শিল্প কেন্দ্রত কি কি শিল্পৰ প্রশিক্ষণ দিয়া হয় ?

(খ) অসমীয়া লোকৰ হাতৰ পৰা লোপ পাব ধৰা সোনাৰী শিল্পটোৰ কথা উপলব্ধি কৰি জয়সাগৰ কুটীৰ-শিল্প প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্রত সোনাৰী প্রশিক্ষণ দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে কৰিব নে ?

(গ) এই সোনাৰী প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্রটোৰ ব্যৱস্থা কি ভিত্তিত কেনেকৈ কৰাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে ভাবিছে ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister, Industries) replied :

553. (ক) - সদ্যহতে জয়সাগৰ কুটীৰ-শিল্প প্রশিক্ষণ-কেন্দ্রত ঘড়ী মেৰামত কৰা আৰু চাৰোন তৈয়াৰ কৰা ব্যৱসায়ৰ প্রশিক্ষণ দিয়া হয় ।

(খ) আৰু (গ)—বৰ্ত্তমান জয়সাগৰ প্রশিক্ষণ-কেন্দ্রত সোনাৰী ব্যৱসায়ত প্রশিক্ষণ দিয়াৰ কোনো আঁচনি উদ্যোগ বিভাগে লোৱা নাই ।

Re : Establishment of Industries in Cachar

Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN asked :

*554. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state -

(a) Which are the contemplated Industries Government have decided to establish in the district of Cachar or neighbouring North Cachar Zone in 4th Plan ?

(b) What is the progress so far made in this regard ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister, Industries) replied :

554. (a)—No concrete proposal has yet been taken to establish any Large and Medium Industries in the Public Sector in Cachar District or its neighbouring North Cachar Zone during the 4th Five-Year Plan. Moreover, the exact form of the Fourth Five-Year Plan has not been finalised.

Private industrialists seeking to set up Industries in Cachar or North Cachar area either in the small scale sector or in the medium and large scale sector will get all encouragement and assistance.

(b)—Does not arise in view of 'a'.

Re : Tea Growing and Trading Company, Limited, at Tipling Mouza

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

*555. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state –

(a) Whether there is a company by the name of 'Tea Growing and Trading Company, Limited", at Tipling Mouza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) If so, who is the Managing Director of that Company ?

(c) The Area of land owned by this Company ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the land owned by this Company was acquired ?

(e) If so, whereform ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister, Industries) replied :

555. (a) No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c) Does not arised.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re : Enquiry report from the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat on Cottage Industries

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

*556 Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state –

(a) Whether any enquiry report on Cottage Industries from the Da'gaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat has been received by the Director of Industries, Assam, Shillong and others for favour of taking necessary action ?

(b) If so, what is the action has so far been taken ?

(c) If not, why ?

(d) Will the Government institute an enquiry as desired by the said report ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister, Industries) replied :

556. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Scheme for Supply of Drinking water in Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri SAILEN MEDHI asked :

*557. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any specific works were started in the Mangaldai Subdivision under the Scheme for supply of drinking water in the years 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67 ?

(b) If so, whether any amount was drawn under the said scheme by the authorities at Mangaldai ?

(c) Whether any payment has actually been made on completion of the work ?

(d) If not why ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Health, etc.) replied :

557. (a) No specific work was taken up in Mangaldai Subdivision except data collection, detailed survey and test boring in certain areas.

(b)—Expenditure incurred on survey work and data collection and test boring during 1965-66 is Rs. 4,978.52 P. No expenditure for 1964-65 and 1966-67.

(c)—Expenditure incurred by the Public Health Engineering Department and Mangaldai Municipal Board for the following scheme for maintenance as indicated below—

1. Mangaldai Water Supply Scheme—Rs. 36,397.00 in 1964-65, Rs. 17,040.00 in 1965-66 and Rs. 3,844 00 in 1966-67.

2. Udalguri Water Supply Scheme—Rs. 7,388.73 in 1964-65, Rs. 9,009.00 in 1965-66 and Rs. 9,955 98 in 1966 67

3. Tangla Water Supply Scheme—Rs. 23, 693.07 in 1964-65, Rs. 23,810 47 in 1965-66 and Rs. 14.900.00 in 1966-67).

(*R Rupees 14,000 paid by the Municipal Board, Mangaldai in 1965-66 and the entire amount in 1966-67.

(d) - Does not arise.

Re : Admission of Shrimiti Aikan Gogoi in the Casualty Ward of Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh

Shri JOGEN SAIKIA asked :

558. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a Whether the Government is aware that one Aikan Gogoi of Titabar, Jorhat was admitted into the Casualty Ward of the Assam Medical College at Dibrugarh on 18th February 1968 and was transferred to Female Surgical Ward on the next day ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this patient was not attended by the Professor of Surgery to whom the case was referred by the Professor-in-charge of the Ward to which she was admitted till the 23rd ?

(c) Whether it is also a fact that when the said Professor did not turn up to the Ward where she was admitted she was sent to the ward of the said Professor to whom the case was referred ?

(d) Whether it is also a fact that the patient was discharged on 29th February 1968 from that ward without any treatment, surgery or attention at all ?

(e) Whether it is also a fact that the Nurses and Ward Boys asked the patient whether she paid anything to the Doctor for attending her thereby indicating that she could not expect any treatment without payment ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Heath) replid :

558. (a) — Shrimti Aikon Gogoi attended the Casualty Department 18th January 1968 and was subsequently admitted in the Female Surgical Unit under Surgery Unit II.

(b)—No.

(c)—No.

(d)—No.

(e)—No.

Re : Transfer of Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj

559. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) What was the reason of Karimganj Public Health S.D.O's being transferred to Silchar ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that several leaders of Karimganj hurriedly requested and urged upon the Goverement for not disturbing the Water Works construction at this stage by transferring the S.D.O. concerned who has been related with the entire workings of this long expected water works since its very beginning ?

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to re-consider the same transfer order ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

559. (a)—The S.D.O. (P.H.E), Karimganj was transferred to Silchar in the interest of Public Service.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No. He has already handed over charge at Karimganj.

Re : Appointment of one Saifuddin in the Public Health Engineering Department, Silchar

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

*560 Will the minister-in-hcarge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that one Saifuddin, son of Shri Lal Mia, an employee under Pakistan Government and serving in the Intelligence Department has been appointed under the Public Health Engineering Department at Silchar ?

(b) If so, whether his character and antecedents were verified by the Police before his appointment ?

(c) If not, why ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

560. (a)—One Saifuddin Laskar, a resident of Tupkhana under Silchar police station was appointed as an Unskilled Assistant under Work Charge Establishment of Public Health Engineering Department at Silchar. His father Shri Lal Mia is staying in Pakistan.

(b)—Before his appointment Police Department had been moved to verify the character and antecedents of Shri Saifuddin Laskar in the month of August 1967, but no report has been received.

(d)—As Shri Saifuddin Laskar has been appionted under Work Charge Establishment and there is no likelihood of contniuation of his service for considerable period, he had been appointed before receipt of Police verification report.

Re : Dental College in the State

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

*561. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Governmert have taken any step to establish a Dental College in the State ?

(b) How many Dentists are available in the state ?

(c) How many students from Assam are admitted into the Dental College outside the State annually ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

561. (a)—No.

(b)—Eighty eight Registered Dentists.

(c)—Four.

Re : Filaria Control Unit at Gauhati

Shri Gobinda Kalita asked :

*562. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any Filaria Control Unit at Gauhati ?

(b) If so, since when it is functioning ?

(c) What is the total number of officers, office assistants, menials under the said unit ?

(d) What are the pay and allowances paid to the officers and staff of the above unit per month and / or per year ?

(e) Whether the said Unit is running in a Government building or rented house ?

(f) If it is running in a rented house, what is the rent paid per month ?

(g) Whether the said Unit has been provided with any vehicle ?

(h) If so, what is the number ?

(i) How the vehicles have been utilised ?

(j) What are the duties and responsibilities of the said unit ?

(k) What substantial works have hitherto been done by the said unit ?

(l) Whether the said unit is engaged at present in any work of public interest ?

(m) How many such Units are functioning in the State and at what places ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health, etc.,) replied :

(a) Yes.

(b) Since 11th June 1964.

(c) Officer—1.
Inspectors—2
Office Assistants—2.
Menials—5.
Other staff—6.

(d) Rupees 24,326.73 per annum.

(e) Rented house.

(f) Rupees 397.43 paise per month.

(g) Yes.

(h) Two Jeeps and a trailer.

(i) The vehicles are being used for survey work and spray operations when spraying is going on.

(j) The unit is responsible for Anti-Filaria operation at Gauhati.

(k) Filaria Survey operation are being done.

(l) The work of the Unit is to carry out entomological assesment regularly and carry out night blood survey within Municipal limits in Gauhati for paratisological assessment.

The Unit is also for spraying of Malariol as anti-larval measures. The spraying is now discontinued for want of Malariol which is being despatched from Calcutta.

(m) Only one Unit at Gauhati

Re : Dergaon State Dispensary

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*563. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the public of Dergaon represented to the Government to improve the building and other facilities of Dergaon State Dispensary ?

(b) Whether the Doctor and the Compounder's quarters of the said dispensary are in a dilapidated condition ?

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to reconstruct the said quarters ?

(d) Whether the Department will arrange to provide indoor beds to this Dispensary ?

(e) Whether Government is aware of the public demands for posting one expert doctor there ?

(f) If so, whether Government will be pleased to post one at an early date ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

563. (a) Yes.

(b) Staff quarters are reported to be in dilapidated condition.

(c) It has been decided to take up reconstruction of 5 dispensaries taken over from Local Board per year, subject to availability of fund.

(d) No.

(e) At present there is an Assistant Surgeon-I as is given to other State Dispensaries.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to (e) above.

Re : Provisional recognition of the Medical College, Gauhati

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya asked :

*564 Will the Minister-in-charge Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Medical Council of India granted only a "Provisional" (conditional) recognition to the Medical College, Gauhati up to 1970 on condition that "the College and the Hospital buildings should be completed at an early date so that work can be carried out smoothly and research and other facilities expanded and that this must be given top priority" ?

(b) What special steps have been taken by the Government with regard to the said recommendation of the Medical Council of India ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health, etc.) replied :

564. (a) Recognition by the Medical Council of India is provisional as the continuance of recognition of any Medical College depends on inspection by the Medical Council of India at the interval of every five years.

(b) Construction of the College and Hospital buildings are in progress. Necessary steps have been taken to complete the buildings within the scheduled time.

Re : Shrimati Shasi Prava Datta, Dhai, Charing State Dispensary

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*565. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a Dhai, named Shrimati Shasi Prava Dutta under the Charing State Dispensary in the district of Sibsagar ?

(b) How many times she had been transfered uptill now since January 1965 to different places ?

(c) What is the reason of her frequent transfer ?

(d) Whether other employees of the Government are also transferred so frequently ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

565. (a) —Yes.

(b)—3 (three) times.

(c)—In the interest of public service.

(d) If and when necessary in the interest of public service.

Re : International High School Tournament

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*566. মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) উজনী অসম আন্তঃহাইস্কুল টুর্ণামেণ্টখন প্রতি বছৰেই যোৰহাটত হোৱাৰ কাৰণ চৰকাৰৰ পৰা জানিব পাৰো নে ?

(খ) এই টুর্নামেণ্টত যোগ দিবপৰা হাইস্কুলৰ সংখ্যা গোলাঘাট মহকুমাত কিমান আৰু যোৱাবাৰ টুর্নামেণ্টত গোলাঘাটৰ কেইখন হাইস্কুলে আৰু কোন কোন হাইস্কুলে যোগ দিলে ?

(গ) ইমান কম হাইস্কুলে যোগ দিয়াৰ কাৰণ কি, চৰকাৰে ইয়াৰ কিবা অনুসন্ধান কৰিছে নে ?

(ঘ) যোৱা টুর্নামেণ্টখন গোলাঘাটলৈ আহ্বান কৰাত সকলোৱে সম্মত হোৱা স্বত্বেও হঠাৎ যোৰহাটত হ'ব লাগে বুলি জনোৱাৰ কাৰণ কি, চৰকাৰে জনাব নে ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Mnister of State, Education) replied :

566. (ক)—যোৰহাট জিলাখনৰ কেন্দ্রস্থল। এই জিলাৰ সকলো স্কুলৰ পক্ষে যোৰহাট অহা-যোৱাৰ কাৰণে সুবিধাজনক। তাৰোপৰি ইয়াত খেলপথাৰ আদিৰ যথেষ্ট সুবিধা আছে।

(খ)—২৮ খন হাইস্কুল। যোৱা বছৰ ৫ খন হাইস্কুলে যোগদান কৰিছিল। গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ পৰা নিম্ন উল্লেখিত স্কুল কেইখনে টুর্ণামেণ্টত যোগদান কৰিছিল—

১। চৰকাৰী উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক স্কুল, গোলাঘাট।

২। কমাৰবন্ধা হাইস্কুল।

৩। ডেবগাঁওঁ হাইস্কুল।

৪। ইন্দ্রাণী দেৱী হাইস্কুল।

৫। মৱঙ্গী দীননাথ হাইস্কুল।

টুর্নামেন্ট সমিতিৰ বিষয়-ৱৰীয়াসকলৰ নাম তলত দিয়া হল—

১। স্কুল পৰিদৰ্শক, শিৱসাগৰ জিলা চাৰ্কোল, যোৱহাট—সভাপতি।
২। শ্রীজয়ৰাম পাত্র, প্রাক্তন শাৰীৰিক পৰিদৰ্শক—সাধাৰণ সচিব।
৩। শ্রীএন, চি গগৈ—সহকাৰী সচিব।
৪। শ্রীএ, ৰহমান—সহকাৰী সচিব।
৫। শ্রীএন, চি বৰুৱা—নির্ৱাচিত সভ্য।
৬। শ্রীএন, বৰুৱা—নির্ৱাচিত সভ্য।
৭। শ্রীবি, চি, দত্ত - নির্ৱাচিত সভ্য।
৮। শ্রীএন, চি, শর্মা—নির্ৱাচিত সভ্য।
৯। শ্রীএম, ৰহমান—নির্ৱাচিত সভ্য।
১০। সহকাৰী স্কুল পৰিদৰ্শক, যোৱহাট—সদস্য।
১১। উপ-স্কুল পৰিদৰ্শক, যোৱহাট—সদস্য।
১২। অধ্যক্ষ, চৰকাৰী উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক স্কুল, যোৱহাট—সদস্য।
১৩। প্রধান শিক্ষক, শঙ্কৰদেৱ চেমিনাৰী—সদস্য।
১৪। প্রধান শিক্ষক, পলিটেক্‌নিক হাইস্কুল—সদস্য।

(গ)—বিদ্যালয়সমূহে খৰচ বহন কৰিব নোৱাৰাই এনে ঘাই কাৰণ।

(ঘ) - সাধাৰণতে টুর্নামেন্ট যোৱহাটতে হয়, কিয়নো যোৱহাট জিলাৰ কেন্দ্রস্থল আৰু ইয়ালৈ জিলাৰ সকলো ঠাইৰ পৰা আহি গোটখোৱাৰ সুবিধা আছে। গোলাঘাটত পাতিলে এদতীয়া হয় আৰু শিৱসাগৰ আৰু যোৱহাট মহকুমাৰ স্কুলসমূহৰ বাবে অসুবিধা হয়। যোৱা বছৰ টুর্নামেন্ট গোলাঘাটত পতা হ'ব বুলি কেতিয়াও জনোৱা হোৱা নাছিল। কেৱল সেই সম্পর্কে অনুৰোধ আহিলে সহানুভূতিৰে বিবেচনা কৰা হ'ব বুলি মৌখিকভাৱে কোৱা হৈছিল। কিন্তু ওপৰত উল্লেখ কৰা কাৰণসমূহৰ বাবে শেষ পর্যন্ত টুর্নামেন্ট কমিটিয়ে যোৱহাটতে খেল পতাৰ সিদ্ধান্ত কৰিলে।

Re : Nogora Health Centre in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

*567. মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জনাব নে —

(ক) গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ নগোৱা স্বাস্থ্য-কেন্দ্রটোৰ আজি কেইবছৰৰ আগতে পূৰ্ব্বৰ চাবছিডাইজড্ ডিস্পেনচেৰীৰ ঠাইত ষ্টেট ডিস্পেনচেৰী নামৰ চাইনবর্ডখন বদলি কৰাৰ বাদে সেই স্বাস্থ্য-কেন্দ্রটোৰ ঘৰ-দুৱাৰ, ডাক্তৰ, কম্পাউণ্ডৰৰ, কোৱাটাৰ আদিৰ কিবা পৰিবর্ত্তন কৰা হল নে ?

(খ) যদি হোৱা নাই, কিয় হোৱা নাই ?

(গ) স্থানীয় ৰোগী আৰু বাইজৰ উপকাৰ চিন্তা কৰি এই স্বাস্থ্য-কেন্দ্রটোৰ উন্নতিৰ অর্থে কিছু সাহায্য চৰকাৰে দিব নে ?

(ঘ) যদি দিয়ে, এই বছৰত দিব নে ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Health) replied :

567. (a)—In view of paucity of fund it was not possible to reconstruct the dispensary building and staff quarters but repair works amounting to Rs. 510 have been made during 1965-66.

(b) - Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) & (d)—During the current year there is no fund for reconstruction of existing dispensary.

Re : Dispensary at Rajapara

Shri ABALA KANTA GOSWAMI asked :

*568. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state -

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the necessity of a dispensary at Rajapara in Barduar Mouza in Palasbari constituency ?

(b) If so, whether the Government propose to establish a dispensary there in near future to give medical facilities to a large area of this locality inhabited solely by Plains Tribal people ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Health) replied :

568. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In view of paucity of funds and dearth of Medical personnel, it is not possible to establish any new dispensary at this stage.

Re : Primary Health Unit Centre at Dhemaji

Shri ROMESH MOHAN KULI asked :

*569. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government proposal made in 1959 to establish a six-bedded Primary Health Unit Centre at Dhemaji has been materialised ?

(b) If so, what is the total amount spent in the said construction ?

(c) What was the original estimated amount proposed to have been spent ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Health) replied :

569. (a)—Site for establishment of Primary Health Centre was selected at Dhemaji in the year 1959 and plans and estimate were received for an amount of Rs. 1,40,000 for construction of additional building, etc. Plan and estimate were returned to P.W.D., on 10th August 1967 for recasting as per approved type plan and estimate have not yet been received.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise in view of reply (a) above.

Re : Nalbari Civil Subdivision

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY asked :

*570. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) The date of starting of Nalbari Civil Subdivision ?

(b) Whether there is a strong demand to start a hundred-bedded hospital to cope with the genuine need of the pubic of Nalbari in place of old fifty-bedded one ?

(c) What is the actual number of beds at present with space for each ?

d) What is the requirement of staff for running the Hospital ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the staff requisitioned for the Nalbari Civil Hospital has not yet been sanctioned even today ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister in writing expressed his desire to have the subdivisional hospital there at Nalbari soon with necessary buildings, equipment and staff ?

(g) If so, why there is so much delay in starting the same ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Health) replied :

570. (a)—Nalbari Subdivision was created on 25th March 1967.

(b)—Yes, in place of existing 24 beds and not of 50 beds.

(c)—At present 24 beds have been installed and each bed cover 19.5 square feet.

(d) At present there is no approved staffing pattern for hospitals and staff is given according to the need. The matter of staffing pattern for hospitals is, however, under examination.

(e) - No.

(f) - Yes.

(g)—Hospital at Nalbari has been stared with effect from 1st July 1967 by upgrading the Nalbari Primary Health Centre with necessary staff pending construction of buildings for which P.W.D. is taking necessary action.

Re : Site for Primary Health Centre in Srijangram Development Block.

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA asked :

*৫৭১ মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহাশয় অনুগ্রহ পূর্ব্বক জানাইবেন কি—

(ক) সৃজনগ্রাম এলেকায় ব্লক ডেভেলোপমেন্ট অফিসের নিকট নতুন প্রাইমারী হেলথ ইউনিটের জন্য জমি পছন্দ করা হইয়াছে কি না ?

(খ) যদি হইয়া থাকে, তাহা হইলে ডাক্তরখানার ঘরের ব্যবস্থা করা হয় নাই কেন ?

(গ) কখন সে ডাক্তার খানার ঘরের কাজ আরম্ভ হইবে ?

(ঘ) এই ডাক্তরখানার জন্য কোন বৎসরে টাকা মঞ্জুর করা হইয়াছিল ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

571. (a) Site for Primary Health Centre in Srijangram Development Block was selected at Srijangram on 10th August, 1965.

(b) & (c) Construction of buildings are awaiting preparation of plan and estimates and availability of fund.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re: Maternity Centre of Abhayapuri

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA, asked :

*৫৭২ মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য দপ্তরের মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ পূর্ব্বক জানাইবেন কি ?

(ক) গোয়ালপাড়া মহকুমার অন্তর্গত অভয়াপুরী সহরে মেটারনিটির প্রয়োজন আছে কি না ?

(খ) যদি আছে, তাহা হইলে এতদিন তাহা স্থাপন করা হয়নি কেন ?

(গ) কখন এই অনুষ্ঠানটি চালু হইবে ?

(ঘ) ইহাতে একটি মহিলা ডাক্তারের প্রয়োজন হইবে কি না ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied.

572. (a) Yes

(b) & (c)—Although provision for construction of the building was made in the Public Works Department budget for 1966-67 the project could not be implemented owing to economy cut. A decision to establish a maternity centre will be taken as soon the finances are available.

(b)—Due to shortage of Medical Officers specially Lady Medical Officers it will not be possible to post a Lady Doctor at this stage.

Re : Doctor Nilo Kanta Bhuyan :

Shri MONESWAR BORA asked.

*573 Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Doctor Nilo Kanta Bhuyan, Assistant Surgeon of Udalguri Dispensary has been serving there for more than 7 years ?

(b) If so, what are the reason ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the local public of Udalguri have submitted some representations requesting the Government to transfer him from that dispensary to other dispensaries ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the said Doctor used the Hospital Ambulance car belonging to the Udalguri dispensary for preaching Sankardev Dharma ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied.

573 (a)—Yes.

(b)—He was not transferred in the interest of public service.

(c) None in the recent post.

(d)—No conclusive is available.

Re : Non-availability of Doctors in the Dispensaries of Goalpara District

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA asked :

৫৭৪ মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ পূর্ব্বক জানাইবেন কি ?

(ক) গোয়ালপাড়া মহকুমায় কত ডিস্পেনসারীতে ডাক্তার নাই ?

(খ) ইহার কারণ কি ?

(গ) কতদিনে ডাক্তার দেওয়া হইবে ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEB, (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied.

574 (a)—Following Dispensaries in Goalpara Subdivision are running without doctors, viz—

(i) Majgaon State Dispensary.

(ii) Srijangram State Dispensary.

(iii) Baida State Dispensary.

(iv) Kusdhowa State Dispensary.

(b)—Due to dearth of Doctors.

(c)—Posting orders of Doctors have been issued for Majgaon and Kushdhowa. Steps are being taken to post doctor to Srijangram and Baida.

Re : Allotment received by the Health Department from Central Government

Dr. SURENDRA NATH DAS, asked :

*৫৭৫ মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগব মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে ?

(ক) এই বছব কেন্দ্রীয় গভর্ণমেন্টব পবা অসম স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগে কিমান টকাব Allotment পাইছিল ?

(খ) ঔষধব বাবদ কিমান টকা খবছ কবিলে ?

(গ) গৃহ নির্ম্মাণত কিমান টকা খবছ কবিলে ?

(ঘ) খবচ নকবাকৈ কিবা টকা আছেনে ?

(ঙ) যদি আছে, কিয় ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV, (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied.

575 (a)—Approved allocation for State Plan Scheme for 1967-68 is Rs. 105 Lakhs for the general area and Rs. 33·50 Lakhs for the Hills areas.

(b)—No specific fund is allotted for Medicine but the expenditure for Medicins is borned out of contingencies.

(c)—Rs. 31·97 Lakhs for general area and Rs.2·23 Lakhs for Hills areas.

(d)—Reports are awaiting.

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

Re : Constitution of Advisory Committees

Dr. BHUMIDHAR BARMAN asked :

*576 Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government decided to constitute Advisory Committees for each Hospital, State Dispensary and Primary Health Unit in the State ?

(b) Whether all such Advisory Committees are already formed ?

(c) If not, why ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge Health) replied.

576 (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—There are some proposals yet be received. Steps have been taken with the Deputy Commissioners and Civil Surgeons to get all the Advisory Committees constituted without further delay.

Re : Facilities for the indoor patients in the Medical Colleges of Dibrugarh and Gauhati

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*577. Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state—

(a) What facilities are given to the indoor patients of Medical Colleges of Dibrugarh and Gauhati ?

(b) Whether all kinds of medicines are generally given to all the patients ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that all the required medicine cannot be provided by the College due to paucity of fund ?

(d) How much fund was ear-marked for this purpose in the years 1965, 1966 and 1967 ?

(e) Whether Government is aware that some extremely poor and helpless patient cannot afford to purchase medicines ?

(f) If so, whether any other non-official fund is available for benefit of those patient ?

(g) Whether the diedt of the patients are given from the College ?

(h) What are the total number of patients at Dibrugarh and Gauhati Medical Colleges in 1967 ? (Please state monthly wise).

(i) How much amount are allotted for the diet in 1965 to 1967 (Please state the expenditure of the amount monthly-wise in 1967).

(j) Whether any Professor or some other Officers are in-charge of diet ?

(k) Whether any other arrangement are there to give amenities and other facilities to the patients such as cloth, bedding, dress, etc. ?

(l) Whether the Government will be pleased to sanction for giving actual facilities including the medicines to the patients ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health, etc.) replied :

577. (a) – Indoor patients in the General Ward are given free bedding, clothing, diet and also medicine.

(b) No, medicines are given as prescribed by the doctor concerned.

(c) — No fund is ear-marked for this purpose. Expenditure is met from the Contingency. The expenditure in respect of Assam Medical College Hospital during the last three years was as follow : –

1965-66	...	...	...	Rs. 4,03,914.00
1966-67	...	...	...	Rs. 4,25,670.00
1967-68	...	...	...	Rs. 5,00,000.00

(e) – Yes.

(f) – In Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, there is a patient non-official fund called "Patients' Welfare Fund". Expenditure for purchase of medicine is not made from this fund. The fund is mostly used for providing recuparative diet to the donors of blood. The amount in the fund is not enough for providing medicine to the poor patients. There is no such fund in the Medical College, Gauhati.

(g) Yes.

(h) – Total number of patients in Assam Medical College Hospital during 1967 (mothly-wise) :—

January	...	...	... 24374
February	...	...	... 22224
March	...	...	... 25725
April	...	...	... 24089
May	...	...	... 25143
June	...	...	... 23606
July	...	...	.. 25736
August	...	...	... 25627
September	...	...	... 25460
October	...	...	... 25889
November	...	...	... 25405
December	...	...	... 25621

In regard to Gauhati Medical College Hospital, information has been called for.

(i) – Amounts allotted for diet during the following year in Assam Medical College Hospital, Dibrugarh : –

1965-66	...	...	... Rs. 4,09 433.00
1966-67	...	...	... Rs. 5,25,020.00
1967-68	...	...	... Rs. 5,35,170.00

During 1967 (monthly-wise)

January	Rs. 44,780.38
February	Rs. 40,238.09
March	Rs. 45,485.39
April	Rs. 46,608.63
May	Rs. 48,642.17
June	Rs. 46,871.24
July	Rs 43,185.62
August	Rs. 42,248.15
September	Rs. 39,683.36
October	Rs. 38,575.46
November	Rs. 41,418.59
December	Rs. 47,998.71

There is no separate allotment for diet in the Medical College Hospital, Gauhati. Expenditure is met from the contingency. However, information in regard to the expenditure year-wise has been called for.

(j) - Yes.

(k) Every patient is provided with fully furnished bedding. Those who want to use hospital clothing are supplied with the same.

(l) As far as funds permits.

Re : Number of paying wards in Dibrugarh Medical College

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*578. Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state--

(a) How many paying wards are there in the Dibrugarh Medical College and under what Department ?

(b) Whether in a fact that there is no attached bathroom in some paying wards of Dibrugarh Medical College ?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to provide the attached bathroom to every paying ward ?

(d) What facilities are given to the patients of the paying wards ?

(e) Whether there is any system of providing at least one phone connection for the patients of the whole College ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that one Bodridas Mudi gave donation of one building for the purpose of paying ward ?

(g) Whether it is also a fact that the foundation stone of the building was laid in 1965 by the Deputy Commissioner ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that the building was ready before one year for use ?

(i) Whether the electrification is not given either by the donors or by the Government up till now ?

(j) What are the causes of non-electrification of the ward ?

(k) Whether the Government will electrify the ward within two months for the benefit of the patients who are waiting for months for getting a paying ward ?

(l) Whether the Government will also be pleased to draw up a scheme to construct at least five more paying wards attaching to every branch of the Medical College of Dibrugarh ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister in-charge, Health, etc.) replied :

578. (a)—There are 40 paying rooms in the Assam Medical College Hospital, Dibrugarh as shown below :—

1.	Maternity and Gynaecology Unit ...	6 Rooms.
2.	Opthalmic Unit	6 Rooms.
3.	Tuberculosis Unit	7 Rooms.
4.	E. N. T. Unit	4 Rooms.
5.	Surgical and Medical Units	17 Rooms.

(b)—Yes, in 8 rooms in the old building.

(c)—Yes. Subject to availability of convenient space for construction of bathrooms.

(d)—All available facilities as needed by the patients.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—No. The foundation stone was laid by the Deputy Commissioner on Ist January, 1958.

(h)—The building was completed by the last part of 1967, but not yet harded over to this Department by the Donor.

( )—No.

(j) Donor has been reminded several times, but no reply has yet been received.

(k)—The ward was donated by Shri Mudi and he will be requested to complete electrical connection within 2 months.

(l)—No commitment can be given as it will involve financial implication to a considerable extent. However, this will be kept in view while considering further construction work in the hospital.

Re : Gauhati Medical College Hospital

Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

*579. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Gauhati Medical College Hospital is being run with a shortage of 105 nurses and five hundred 4th Grade employees than the justifiable number according to Indian Medical College standard ?

(b) Whether the Government is aware that due to the aforesaid shortage, there has been a great deal of suffering to the patient in the College Hospital and criticism and resentment among the public ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister in-charge, Health, etc.) replied :

579. (a)—Yes, there is shortage of nursing staff. There is no shortage of Grade IV Staff.

(b)—Some difficulty is likely to occur for shortage of staff, but this is being overcome as best as possible, with the help of the trainees.

Re : Family Planning Programme

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked :

*580. Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is fact that the Government have undertaken Family Planning Programme through out the State ?

(h) If so, whether Government have supplied contraceptives free of cost or otherwise ?

(c) Whether Family Planning Programme will include schemes to promote child welfare also ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health etc.) replied :

580. (a)—Yes

(b)– Contraceptives are supplied free of cost.

(c)—Yes

Re : State Dispensary at Mowamari

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGU asked :

*581. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that representations have been being submitted by the people surrounding Mowamari in Majuli for establishment of a State Dispensary at Mowamari since 1959 ?

(b) If so, what action has so far been taken by the Government ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied :

581. (a)– Yes.

(b) In view of the number of existing medical institutions in the Majuli Block and owing to the paucity of fund and non-availability of medical personnel, the establishment of a dispensary at Mowamari is not under consideration of Government at present.

Re : Dispensary at Bishnupur Village

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA asked :

*৫৮২ মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ পূর্ব্বক জানাইবেন কি ?

(ক) গোয়ালপাড়া মহকুমার অন্তর্গত বইটামারী আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়েতের বিষ্ণুপুর একটি ডাক্তারখানা ছিল কি না ?

(খ) যদি ছিল, তাহা হইলে বন্ধ হইল কেন ?

(গ) এই অঞ্চলের হতভাগ্যদের বেরাম হইতে বাচিবার উপায় কি করিবেন বলিয়া স্থির করিয়াছেন ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

582. (a)—Yes.

(b) Dispensary was maintained by the Local Public and not handed over to Government and as such the reason for its closure is not known to the Government.

(c) – In view of the paucity of fund and non-availability of medical staff it is not considered possible to open any new dispensary.

Re : Stock of Medicine Alkaline with Vitamin "C"

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*583. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state –

(a) Whether the Government has any stock of medicine Alkaline with vitamin 'C' ?

(b) Whether the Government is still using this medicine ?

(c) When the last purchase of this medicine was made ?

(d) What were the quantity and the cost incurred in the purchase of this medicine ?

(e) At whose orders the above purchase was made ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge Heath) replied :

583. (a)—No. Government do not stock any such medicine.

(b)—No. Alkaline stock mixture is used in Government hospitals and dispensaries.

(c) No such purchase appears to have been made.

(d)&(e)—Does not arise.

Re : Balijan Dispensary

Dr. BHUPEN HAZARIKA asked :

*৫৮৪ (ক) মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) যোৱা ৩।৪।৬৭ তাৰিখে গহপুৰ অন্তর্গত বালিজান চিকিৎসালয় বিষয়ে মুখ্য মন্ত্রীক হেলেম ডাক বঙলাত বাইজৰ প্রতিনিধিয়ে লোকেল বোৰ্ডে সাজি পেলাই থোৱা ঘৰটিৰ বাবে দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ কৰা কথাটো জানেনে ?

(খ) সেই দিনাই মুখ্য মন্ত্রীদেৱে তেজপুৰ চিভিল চার্জনক পঠিয়াই উক্ত চিকিৎসালয়ৰ ঠাই আৰু ভাঙি যোৱা ঘৰ চোওৱাৰ কথা জানেনে ?

(গ) চিকিৎসালয়ৰ কাৰণে কৰা সেই ঘৰটি এতিয়া অৱহেলিত হৈ থকাটো মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জানেনে ?

(ঘ) যদি জানে সেই বালিজান চিকিৎসালয়ৰ বাবে ঘৰটি চিকিৎসালয় কৰাৰ বিষয়ে কি ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লৈছে ?

(ঙ) যদি নাই লোৱা, কিয় লোৱা হোৱা নাই ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister in charge, Health) replied :

584. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d) & (e)—No complaint has ever been made with regard to starting a dispensary there and no expenditure has been sanctioned for this purpose.

Re : Donation of lands by late Raibahadur Padma Nath Gohain

Shri GOVINDA CHANDRA BORA asked :

*585. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that Late Raibahadur Padma Nath Gohain and his brothers donated a piece of land together with Semi-permanent building to house the North Lakhimpur Charitable Hospital which was dedieated in the name of their late father Dangaria Ghinaram Gohain Baruwa during the Local Boards management of the Hospital ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Government have not taken over that land and building when the said Hospital was converted into a State Dispensary ?

(c) If so, what are the reasons for not taking over that property ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

585. (a)-It is learnt that the North Lakhimpur Civil Hospital was taken over by Government from the erstwhile Local Board on 1st Novembers 1955. There is no record to indicate that a piece of land together with Semi-permanent building was donated by the late Rai Bahadur Padma Nath Gohain Baruah and his brothers when the Hospital was under the management of the erstwhile Local Board. A piece of land, it has been ascertained was donated by the late Dangaria Ghinaram Gohain Baruah. A building only has been named after him, but this is not borne in the books of the P.W.D.

(b) & (c) · Does not arise.

Re : Blood Banks

Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN asked :

*586. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) What is the prevailing position of the Blood Banks in our State and the condition of the Voluntary Blood donation movement ?

(b) Why the Medical Officers in the Blood Banks of Shillong, Gauhati, Tezpur and Jorhat do not get non-practising allowances ?

(c) Whether those Medical Officers in the Blood Banks are not supposed to work 24 hours ?

(d) Whether these posts are residential ?

(e) Is it not a fact that by law the Blood Bank Organisation has been made a 24 hours service centres ?

(f) If so, under what ground then the Non-practising allowance could be reftued to those Medical Officers working as such ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied :

586, (a)—The position of the Blood Blanks in our State is not up to expectation. So also is the condition of the Voluntary Blood donation movement.

(b)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

(c)—Yes, only when called for. But in actual practice emergency calls are few and far between.

(d)—Actually these posts should be made residential. But due to dearth of quarters this cannot be done.

(e)—There is no such law of the State. But services under this Organisation are such that the personnel may be required at any hour of the day and night.

(f)—Question of refusal of Non-practising allowance has not arisen. Rather Government is considering to grant non-practising allowance to. Doctors-in-charge of Blood Banks.

Re : Unused dispensaries within the Anchalik Panchayats of Goalpara District

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

৫৮৭। মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহাশয় অনুগ্রহ পূর্ব্বক জানাইবেন কি—

(ক) গোয়ালপাড়া জিলার আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়েতের অন্তর্গত কয়টি চালু ডাক্তার-খানা এখন অকেজো হয়েছে ?

(খ) ইহাতে জনসাধারণ দুর্ভোগ ভুগিতেছে কিনা ?

(গ) ইহাদের মধ্যে বন্যা পীড়িত বরাই-চালা ডাক্তার খানার অবস্থা কি ?

(ঘ) ইহার কি ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করিবেন বলে স্থির করিয়াছেন ?

(ঙ) লেংটিচিঙা ডাক্তারখানার বর্ত্তমান অবস্থা ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister in-charge of Health) replied –

587. (a)—No State Dispensaries within the Anchalik Panchayat of Goalpara Subdivision is reported to be lying unused.

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

(c), (d) & (e)—Briochala was a Sub-Centre of Srijangram Block. The Sub-Centre was not taken over by the Government on normalisation of the Block because of the fact that was not of Public Works Department Type Same is now reported to be under lock and key. At present there are 5 State dispensaries and two subsidised dispensaries rendering medical aid within the Srijangram Block.

(f)– Lengtichinga is a subsidised dispensary and not Government dispensary. It is reported to have been shifted to Tharpara due to erosion. This is managed by the public and not yet taken over by the Government.

Re : Primary Health Centres in each Anchalik Panchayat

Shri Maneswar Boro asked :

*588. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish Primary Health units within each Anchalik Panchayat ?

(b) If so, how many Anchalik Panchayats are provided with such Health Units ?

(c) Whether Government propose to establish a Primary Heaith Unit in Tamulpur Anchalik Panchayat ?

(d) If so, when the construction of the same will be started ?

(e) How many bighas of land have been allotted to this Health Unit ?

(f) Whether the site has finally been selected ?

(g) If so, where ?

(h) Whether plans and estimates for this Health Unit have been submitted ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

588. (a)—Yes.

(b)—86.

(c)—Yes.

(d) Revised Plans and Estimates have been received from P. W. D. in November, 1967, but due to paucity of funds Plan and Estimate could not be sanctioned.

(e)—About 8 bighas of land have been handed over on 2nd March, 1967.

(f)—Yes.

(g) Tamulpur.

(h)—No.

Re : Establishment of Medical Sub-Centres

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

*589. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have any proposal to establish Medical Sub-Centres in such areas throughout the State where medical facilities are not available ?

(b) How many dispensaries were sanctioned in the State during the 2nd Plan ?

(c) What is the number of dispensaries sanctioned during the 3rd Plan ?

(d) What is the numder of dispensaries proposed to be sanctioned during the 4th Plan period ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

589. (a)—There is a proposal to establish 2-3 sub-centres under each Primary Health Centre of the Blocks.

(b)—273 dispensaries.

(c)—67 dispensaries.

(d)—34, subject to availability of funds and medical personnel.

Re : Kalgachia and Mandia Primary Health Units

Shri ATAUR RAHMAN asked :

*590 Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any progress has been made in the construction

of the building of the sanctioned schemes of the Kalgachia and Mandia Primary Health Units ?

(b) If not, when constructions will start ?

(c) Whether it is fact Kalgachia Scheme involved simply a conversation of the existing state Dispensary ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that for the purpose the Rupoi Anchalik Panchayat diverted a portion of the expenditure to be incurred from their resources ?

(e) If so, what is the difficulty in starting the work ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

590 (a) - No.

(b) Plans and estimates in respect of Kalgachia and Mandia Primary Health Centres have not yet been received.

(c)—No, it requires construction of additional buildings, staff quarters and other axcillary buildings.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re : Medical facilities in the Bajani Mouza

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY asked :

591. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that for 25.000 population of Bahjani Mauza in Kamrup District there is no State Dispensary nor there is any proper arrangement for treatment of patients except a subsidised dispensary there ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that there is constant demand from

the public of that area for a fullfledged State Dispensary there ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the then Health Minister while visiting Government subsidised dispensary at Bahjani assured that there should be a fullfledged State Dispensary at Bahajani ?

(d) What steps have been taken by the Government to convert the subsidised dispensary at Bahjani to fullfledged State Dispensary ?

(e) If not, why not ?

(f) If so, when it will materialise ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Ministrr-in-charge, Health) replied :

591. (a)—No.

(b) – Yes.

(c), (d), (e) and (f)—In view of the paucity of fund and non-availability of medical personnel it is considered difficult to take over the subsidised dispensary or to convert new dispensaries.

Re : Confirmation of Doctors

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*592. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) How many years of service is required for confirmation of a Doctor who serve in the Government dispensaries or hospitals ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that some doctors who serve twelve or fourteen years are not yet confirmed ?

(c) If so, the reason thereof ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the doctors serving in the Golaghat Subdivision are also not yet confirmed ?

(e) If so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHAN DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

592 (a) There is no yardstick of years for confirmation of doctors in service at present. confirmation of an officer in service depends on availability of permanent vacancy.

(b)—Yes, there are a few.

(c)—The question of confirmation of doctors was kept pending for fixation of interse-seniority of officers in the amalgamated setup of the department. The interse-seniority has since been fixed and published and the cases of confirmation will now be taken up.

(d) and (e)—Doctors are not confirmed Sub-division-wise. Assistant Surgeon-I constitute a State cadre and confirmation is made according to seniority in the State cadre. Doctors of Golaghat Sub division will also be confirmed when their turn will come.

Re : X-Ray Plant in Nalbari Hospital

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY asked :

*593. Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the proposal for installing of an X-Ray plant at Nalbari Hospital is pending more than last five years ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that after creation of Nalbari Civil Sub division to cope with the urgent demand, a plant was sent to Nalbari ?

(c) Whether it is a fact the plant is the condemned X-Ray of Barpeta ?

(d) If so, why the condemned one was supplied ?

(e) Whether the plant remains uninstalled at Nalbari up-to date after several months of its arrival at Nalbari ?-

(f) Whether unable to operate it, the Departmental officers is obtaining report of a firm for its repair ?

(g) If so, what is the report ?

(h) Whether sometime back the Department considered it to be unfit for use and so considered necessary to install a new X-Ray Plant at Nalbari in place of the condemned one ?

(i) What effective steps Government propose to take to install a new working X-Ray Plant at Nalbari ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied :

593 (a)—No, Nalbari Hospital was established only in 1967.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No, but old.

(d)- Does not arise.

(e) - Yes, as the same is out of order at present.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Parts require replacement.

(h)—No.

(i)—It is proposed to install a regular X-Ray on completion of the construction of suitable buildings subject to availability of fund and sufficient electrical power.

Re : Nursing College in the State

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

*594. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government propose to establish a Nursing College in the State ?

(b) If so, when the construction works will start ?

(c) If so, whether Government propose to take steps toward establishment of such a College ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied :

594. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Due to shortage of qualified teaching staff at the moment to establish a Nursing College, the Government is considering whether the same purpose can be served by upgrading the present Nursing Courses, till a full-fledged Nursing College is established.

Re : Purchase of instruments by the Medical Officer, Nowgong

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*595. Will the Minister. Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the District Family Planning Medical Officer, Nowgong purchased instruments worth above Rs. 30,000 ?

(b) Whether the instruments were meant for distribution among the Primary Health Units in the District of Nowgong ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that all the Primary Health Units

of Nowgong were well-equipped with the same type of instruments supplied by the Civil Surgeon, Nowgong during the period of his direct control over them ?

(d) If so why the second consignment of the instruments was purchased before the previous ones became useless or out date ?

(e) Whether the purchase was made in consultation with the Civil Surgeon, Nowgong ?

(f) Whether the purchase had prior sanction from the competent authority concerned ?

(g) Whether the purchase was done in the appropriate way permissible under the rules ?

(h) Whether the Dirstrict Family Planning Medical Officer was empowered to make this purchase ?

(i) Whether the firm from which the purchase was made is approved by the Purchase Board of the State ?

(j) Whether the District Family Planning Medical Officer purchased any kind of drugs for remedy of complicacy after insertion of loops ?

(k) Whether the Government has taken any steps in respect of this District Family Planning Medical Officer, Nowgong ?

(l) If not why ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

595 (a)—Yes, for Rs. 29,953·33.

(b) - Yes, and for other State Dispensaries also where necessary for Family Planning Services.

(c) to (l)—The Director of Health Services has been asked to hold an enquiry and submit a report to Government.

Re : Purchase of furnitures by the District Family Planning Medical Officer, Nowgong

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*596. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the District Family Planning Medical Officer, Nowgong, purchased furniture with about Rs. 6,000 ?

(b) What was the purpose of purchasing there furniture ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the furniture had been lying in a godown ?

(d) Whether the District Family Planning Medical Officer, Nowgong obtained prior comment or anction of the Civil Surgeon Nowgong before purchase of those furniture ?

(e) If not, why ?

(f) Whether the furniture were purchased from any, approved contractor or firm ?

(g) Whether tenders were invited from desiring contractor or firms ?

(h) If so, how many tenders were there ?

(i) What was the highest rate as well as the lowest one quoted ?

(j) Whether all the tenders were duly examined ?

(k) Whether the purchase of the furniture has been regularied by now ?

(l) If so, how ?

(m) If not, why ?

(n) Whether the furniture have ever been utilised ?

(o) If so, how ?

(p) If not why ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

596. (a)– Furniture was purchased for Rs. 5,095 only.

(b)– For furnishing the District Bureau Office, Store and Family Planning Urban and Rural Units.

(c)—Yes, some have been kept in a godown for want of space in the office which is hired house.

(d)—No.

(e)—At that time he was not under the control of the Civil Surgeon and sanction was communicated by the Directorate.

(f)—Yes.

(g) Yes.

(h)—Four tenders.

(i)—The highest rate was Rs. 6,515 and the lowest Rs. 5,096

(j)—Yes.

(k) to (p) - The matter is being inquired into by the Director of Health Services.

Re : Misuse of petrol coupons by two driver, District Family Planning Bureau, Nowgong

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*597. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware of any misuse of

petrol coupons by a driver of the District Family Planning Bureau, Nowgong ?

(b) What is the extent of this misuse of petrol coupons ?

(c) What steps the Government has so far taken in this regard ?

(d) How did the driver get so much extra coupons for misuse and under whose signature these coupons were issued ?

(e) Whether a comprehensive investigation has been made into the matter by a competent authourity ?

(f) Who was the custodian of the petrol coupon forms ?

(g) What procedure was followed in issue of the petrol coupons to the driver ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Health) replied :

597. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Rs. 475.52 p.

(c)—The amount has been realised from the driver Shri Rateswar Das and deposited into the Treasury *vide* challan No. 10 of 8th June 1967.

(d)—The driver allegedly forged the signature of Dr. D. N. Sarma, the Family Planning Medical Officer, Nowgong.

(e) An investigation had been held by the Civil Surgeon, but as this is not adequate the Director of Health Services has been asked to hold an enquiry into this case.

(f)—Dr. G. C. Phukan

(g)—The petrol coupon book was retained by the driver and he was required to obtain the signature of Dr. Sarma whenever it was necessary to draw any petrol indicating the quantity to be drawn in the coupon.

Re : Scarcity of water in Agricultural area of Pubbarka and Paschim Banbhag mauzas

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY asked :

*598. Will the Minister P.W.D. (F. C. & I.) be pleased to state –

(a) Whether Government is aware that there is extreme difficulty of water in a vast agricultural area of Pubbarka and Paschim Banbhag Mouza for which agriculture of the area badly suffer ?

(b) Whether the Government is also aware that Dimolia river is a perrenial source of water in the area which can be used for irrigation of the entire area ?

(c) Whether Government have received a representation for the purpose of utilising Dimolia for irrigation of paddy fields ?

(d) Whether any investigation has been made to that effect ?

(e If so, with what effect ?

(f) What effective steps have been taken in this regard ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY, (Minister-in-charge P.W.D. Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied :

598. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, water of Dimolia river can be used for irrigation purposes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Preliminary investigation has been started.

(e) & (f) Collection of sufficient data is necessary before the scheme can be framed up.

Re : Closing of the mouth of Kulsi river

Shri ABALA KANTA GOSWAMI asked :

*599. Will the Minister P.W.D., (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

(a) How many tenders are received for the work of Closing the mouth of the Kulsi river at Gumi-Cut construction of Earthern Dam and Boulder pitching in Chaygaon constituency, Kamrup ?

(b) What is the value of the work ?

(c) Who was the highest tenderer ?

(d) Who was the lowest tenderer ?

(e) To whom the work was alloted ?

(f) Whether it was alloted to the lowest tenderer ?

(g) If not, the reasons thereof ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY, (Minister for Flood Control,, etc.) replied :

599. (a)—Total number of tenders received is seven.

(b) Estimated value Rs. 2,41,580.

(c) M/s. Kamrup enterprise—Gauhati.

(d) Md Yusuf Khan.

(e)—Md. Yusuf Khan was given the items of earthwork and compaction and M/s. Kamrup Enterprise were given the items of supply of boulders and pitching.

(f)—Yes, Md. Yusuf Khan was lowest for the entire work and M/s. Kamrup Enterprise were the lowest for the items of boulder supply and pitching.

(g) Does not arise.

Re: Flood Control scheme for Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

*৬০০। মাননীয় বান নিয়ন্ত্রন বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে—

(ক) ১৯৬৭-৬৮ বা ১৯৬৮-৬৯ চনত ববপেটা মহকুমাত নতুন কি বা বান নিয়ন্ত্রনৰ আঁচনি হাতত লৈছে নে ?

(খ) চেংসাৰিৰ পৰা টিহু খাৰমুঠা নদীৰ পৰা কৰা ভেলেঙ্গী নদীলৈ ৮২ লাখ টকাৰ স্কীম গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ ওচৰত পৰি থকাটো সত্য নে ?

(গ) উপৰোক্ত স্কীমটো হলে ববপেটা মহকুমাৰ বহুতো অঞ্চল সকলো নদীৰ পৰা যে ৰক্ষা পৰে সেইটো চৰকাৰে জানে নে ?

(ঘ) আৰু এইটো কথাও চৰকাৰৰ আবগত নে যে এই বানটো হলে লক্ষ লক্ষ মোন ধান, মৰাপাট, সৰিয়হ আদি যে উক্ত মহকুমাত উৎপন্ন হব ?

(ঙ) এই বানটো ববপেটা মহকুমাৰ উত্তৰ অঞ্চলত হলেও গোটেই দক্ষিণ অঞ্চলৰ উপকাৰ হোৱাটো সত্য নে ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY [Minister in charge, P.W.D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied.

৬০০। (ক)—ববপেটা মহকুমাত ১৯৬৭-৬৮ চনত কোনো বান নিয়ন্ত্রনৰ আঁচনি হাতত লোৱা নাই। ১৯৬৮-৬৯ চনৰ কাৰণে আঁচনিৰ তালিকা এতিয়াও চূড়ান্তভাবে কৰা হোৱা নাই।

(খ)—চৰকাৰৰ ওচৰত টিহু খাৰসঠা নদীৰ পৰা ভেলেঙ্গী নদীলৈ লাখ টকাৰ মথাউৰীৰ কোনো আঁচনি পৰি থকা নাই।

(গ-ঙ) টিহু খাৰমঠা নদীৰ মথাউৰীৰ জৰীপ আৰু তথ্য সংগ্রহৰ কাম হাতত লোৱা হৈছে। আঁচনি জৰীপ সম্পূর্ণ নোহোৱা পর্য্যন্ত এই আঁচনি দ্বাৰা কিমান ঠাই বানপানীৰ পৰা মুক্ত হব, কিমান খেতিৰ উৎপাদন বাঢ়িব এই কথা কোৱা সম্ভৱ নহয়।

Re : Embankments on Pagladiya and Baralia Rivers

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

*601. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the greater parts of the Mauza of Pup-banbhag, Paschim Barigog and Upper-Barbhag which were most prosperous areas prior to the implemention of the scheme of embankment on river Pagladiya and Baralia have been made worst flood-affected areas due to the mistakes and short sightedness of the authorities concerned ?

(b) Whether the Government is aware that the embankmerts of the rivers Pagladiya and Baralia have done more harm than good to the State ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury [(Minister in-charge, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)], etc, repiled :

601. (a)—The areas under these Mauzas used to suffer from flooding of Pagladiya and Baralia extensively before embankments were constructed and flood conditions of the pre-embankment period were very acute. The embankments far construeted along Pagladiya and Baralia rivers have given proteetion from flood to vast areas, except the lowlying pockets at the confluence of Nona -Baralia and Pagladiya Baralia rivers.

(b)—It is not a fact that the embankments of the rivers Pagladiya and Baralia have done more harm than good to the State on the whole.

Re : Raising of Banks of the River Pagladia

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya asked :

★602. Will the Minister in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and irrigation) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware of the great resentment and restiveness of the inhabitants of the mouzas of Katha, Paschim-Banbhag, Pub-Banbhag, Paschim-Barigog and Upper -Barbhag due to the raising of the western bank of the river Pagladia at and around Keherua without raising the eastern bank of the said Pagladia river to the same height ?

(b) Whether the Government is aware that as a result of the topsided raising of the Keherua Bund on the western bank of the river Pagladia, the water of river Pagladia will be obstructed from is natural course and the mouzas of Katha, Paschim-Banbhag, Pub-Banbhag, Paschim-Barigog and Upper-Barbhag will be submerged in the flood ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister in charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

602. (a)—There is no such information about resentment and restiveness. The porrion of the Pagladia embankments on both banks from Rangia-Dhamdhama Public Works Department Road to North Trunk Road are being raised and strengthened simultaneously to the required height during this working season.

(b) The closure of breach at 11 K.M. on western embankment near Keherua will not obstruct the natural course of Pagladia river along which it used to flow before the breach and this will not be an additional factor flooding of the mouzas.

Re : Executive Engineer North Kamrup E. & D. Division's office at Baradi

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

*৬০৩। মাননীয় বান নিয়ন্ত্রন মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জনাইছে ?

(ক) নৰ্থ কামৰূপ (ববপেটা) ই, এণ্ড, দি, বিভাগৰ বাবাদি বিজাৰ্ভত এক-জিকিউটিভ ইঞ্জিনীয়াৰ অফিচ পাতিম বুলি বহু হাজাৰ টকা খৰচ কৰি বন্ধা বাবাদি বিজাৰ্ভ অফিচ নাপাতি অইন ঠাইত পাতিবলৈ গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে ঠিৰাং কৰা কথাটো সঁচানে ?

(খ) যদি সচা ইয়াৰ কাৰণ কি ?

(গ) নিৰ্দ্ধাৰিত নতুন ঠাইত মাটি পুতিব লাগিব নে নালাগে, যদি লাগিব কিমান টকাৰ এষ্টিমেট কৰা হৈছে ?

(ঘ) বাবাদি বিজাৰ্ভত এতিয়ালৈকে মাটি পোতাত কিমান টকা খৰছ হ'ল ?

(ঙ) বাবাদি বিজাৰ্ভ বাদ দি যি নতুন ঠাইত অফিচ বান্ধিবলৈ ঠিৰাং কৰিছে সেই নতুন ঠাঁই ডোখৰত অফিচ বন্ধাৰ কি সুবিধা আছে জনাবনে ?

বান নিয়ন্ত্রন মন্ত্রী শ্রীমহেন্দ্র মোহন চৌধুৰীয়ে উত্তৰ দিছে—

৬০৩। (ক) ও (খ)—নহয়। বিভাগীয় বাসস্থান সাজিবৰ বাবে বাবাদিত মাটি তোলা হৈছিল, এন, কে, (ববপেটা) ই, এণ্ড, দিৰ ই, ইৰ, অফিচ সজাৰ কাৰণে নহয়। বৰ্ত্তমানৰ ববপেটা ই, এণ্ড, দি, বিভাগটো ১৯৬৪ চনত হৈছিল। যেতিয়া ই ইৰ ববপেটাত অফিচ সজাৰ প্রশ্নটো উঠে তেতিয়া বাবাদিৰ লগত আন দুখন ঠাঁই ভকতপাৰা আৰু মেট-ৰাবুদিৰ ঠাঁয়ো নিৰিক্ষন কৰা হৈছিল। বাবাদিৰ ঠাইডোখৰ চহৰৰ পৰা দূৰ আৰু বিজুলি যোগানৰ খৰচ বায় বহুল হোৱা বাবে আৰু ববাদি গাৱঁলৈ বিজুলিৰ লাইন নোহোৱা বাবে ঠাইডোখৰ নিৰ্ব্বাচন কৰা নহ'ল।

(গ)—হয়। ই, ই আৰু এচ, দি, অ'ৰ অফিচ ঘৰ সাজিবলৈ মাটি পোতাৰ খৰছ হব ৫,৯৬০ টকা।

(ঘ)—৪৭,৫৭৯ টকা।

(ঙ) (১)—নতুন ঠাঁই ডোখৰত মঠাউৰিয়ে বান পানীৰ পৰা ৰক্ষা কৰাৰ বাবে দাঁতি কাষৰিয়া ঠাঁই কম খৰছত উন্নতি আনিব।

(২) বিজুলি যোগানৰ খৰছো কম হব।

(৩) চহৰৰ আন অফিচাৰো ওচৰ হব।

No.—The land at Baradi was raised for construction of the Departmental quarters and not for the specific purpose of construction of the office of the Executive Engineer, North Kamrup E. & D. Division. The present E. & D. Division at Barpeta came into being in 1964 When the question of construction of Executive Engineer's Office building at Barpeta came up, the site at Baradi along with

other two sites at Bhakatpara and Matuakuchi were examined and the site at Baradi was not selected as Barodi site is far from the town and the cost of providing electricity, etc., will be a prohibitive one as there is no electric line upto Baradi village.

Yes Earth-filling for both Executive Engineer's and S.D.O's Office buildings will cost Rs. 2,960.00 only-

Rs. 45,579.00 P.

(i) The new site is protected from flood by embankment which will faciltiate improvement of adjoining area at lower cost.

(ii) Cost of electrification will be less.

(iii) Proximity to other offices of the Town.

Re : Supply of Sugar to all the Town and Rural People

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

*604. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether sugar is supplied to all Town and Rural people ?

(b) Whether Industries like Oil, Fertiliser Corporation and O.N.G.C. get supply of sugar ?

(c) Whether Tea Industry gets supply of sugar ?

Shri ROMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Minister, Supply) replied :

604. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c) - Yes But some Subdivisional Officers could not supply sugar to tea gardens in their areas due to inadequacy of stock.

Re : Office records of the Dibrugarh Supply Office

Shri PHANI BORA asked :

*605. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is fact that the maintenance of office record of stock had been discontinued at Dibrugarh Supply Office since joining of D.D.S. Shri R. N. Phukan, and such sudden disappearance of stock could not be detected ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Government deputed one Deputy Secretary to make an enquiry for issue of such false permits at Tinsukia and submitted report to Government and no enquiry had been made for issue of such false permits at Dibrugarh ?

(c) What action has been taken against the officials involved in the enquiry at Tinsukia ?

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BARODAH (Minister, Supply) replied :

605. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes, so far as Tinsukia is concerned. Dibrugarh case have been referred to Police for enquiry.

(c)—Explanation submitted by the officials at fault are under examination of the Government.

Re : Supply of water in Kahilipara Refugee Colony

Shri GOVINDA KALITA asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 64,700·00 was a grant of the Central Government in 1965 for making necessary provision for water supply at Kahilipara Refugee Colony south of Gauhati ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the water supply was to be made from the main scheme of water supply for Gauhati ?

(c) If so, what has been the progress in this regard ?

(d) If not, what is the reason behind ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister of Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

606. (a) The Kahilipara Scheme was taken up in 1957, and originally the scheme costing Rs. 16,000·00 was sanctioned for construction of ring wells. Later on, the scheme costing Rs, 64.700·00 for construction of water tank was sanctioned in January 1965, but it was not implimentioned.

(b)—An attempt was made to have the work done through the Gauhati Municipal Board. But they refused to undertake the same on technical ground and also due to the fact that the Colony was beyond the jurisdiction of the Municipal Board.

(c) & (d)—As the scheme prepared in 1965 was not found to be technically sound, Public Health Engineer was approached for a revised scheme, who wants sanction for expenditure of Rs. 2,430·00 on survey first. Government of India was moved for sanction. They now want to know if the allottees will be agreeable to bear the cost of revised scheme as loan to them because the revised scheme is likely to cost approximately Rs. 3 lakhs. Allotees' opinion is being ascertained.

Re : Bainanama Scheme

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked :

*607. Will the Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have taken any decision to introduce a "Bainanama Scheme' to give financial assistance to the tune of Rs 2,000·00 to each refugee for purchasing lands through private deals in Assam ?

(b) If so. the number of refugees getting such financial help up till now ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation Department) replied :

607.(a)—Government have not yet taken any decision to introduce the "Bainanama Scheme". The matter is still under consideration of Government.

(b) - Does not arise.

Re : Repatriates from Burma to Assam

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked :

*608 Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of repatriates from Burma have entered into Assam by air and by sea ?

(b) If so, what is the total number of repatriates from Burma from 1st January, 1964 upto 31st January, 1968 (please state month-wise.

(c) Whether Government have undertaken any Rehabilitation Scheme for the repatriates of Burma in Assam ?

(d) If so, where ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

608.(a)—Upto 31st January, 1968, 285 Burmese repatriates have supplied for loans to Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers The number of arrival of such repatriates comes to the knowledge of Government only when they apply for loan

(b)—Number of families as stated in (a) above. Month-wise break up is not maintained

(c) - The State Government have not yet undertaken any specific Scheme for rehabilitation of the repatriates from Burma. However, the State Government is issuing business loans

in deserving cases within the scales laid down by the Government of India

(d) Does not arise.

Re : Messrs Manghenia Finance Corporation, Nowgong

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*609 Will the Minister, Finance be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware of any finance corporation named Messrs Manghenia Finance Corporation, Haibargaon, Nowgong ?

(b) Whether the Government has ever granted any loan to this Corporation ?

(c) If so, what is the total amount of loan so far granted to it ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that Corporation invests money in dealing cars ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Finance) replied :

609.(a) Government has no information.

(b) No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Government have no information.

Re : Hasijan Welfare Centre, Golaghat

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*610. Will the Minister of T. A. D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is one Harijan Welfare Centre at Bhongi Colony of Golaghat ?

(b) Whether the Social Welfare Leaders and Ministers including the Chief Minister, Education Minister and others visited the institution and praised for their activity and gave remark that it is one of the best institutions in Assam?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the institution is not getting any grant for the welfare during the last two years ?

(d) Whether the Government will be pleased to sanction a substantial amount for running the insti u-tion ?

Shri Chatrasing Teron (Minister, T. A. D.) replied :

610. (a)—There is an organisation known as the Harijan Sevak Sangh in the Colony at Golaghat?

(b) The Colony has been visited by Minister, T. A. and W. B. C. Department Minister of State and the Deputy Minister, Education, among others who appreciated the activities of the institution.

(c)—The Sangh received Rs. 800 in 1965-66 and Rs. 6,717 in 1966-67.

(d) This will be considered subject to availability of funds.

Re : Number of Opium eaters in the State

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*৬১১। মাননীয় আবকাবী বিভাগব মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবিনে—

(ক) অসমত বর্ত্তমান কিমান কানিয়া লোক আছে বুলি চৰকাৰে জানে ?

(খ) এই কানিয়া লোক সকলৰ কাৰণে কানি ক'ৰ ক'ৰ পৰা আহে ?

(গ) বর্ত্তমান কানি কি হাৰত বিক্রী হয় ?

(ঘ) অসমৰ এই কানীয়া লোকসকল কোন কোন ঠাইত আছে বুলি চৰকাৰে জানে ?

(ঙ) অসমৰো কোনো অঞ্চলত বা ঠাইত কানি উৎপাদন হয় বুলি চৰকাৰে জানে নেকি ?

(চ) যদি জানে, এই কানি নির্ম্মূলৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে কি ধৰণে আৰু কেনেকৈ প্রতি বছৰে মুঠতে কিমানকৈ খৰছ কৰে জনাবনে ?

আবকাৰী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী, শ্রীৰমেশ চন্দ্র বৰুৱাই উত্তৰ দিছে :

৬১১। (ক) অসমত বর্ত্তমান পঞ্জী নিবন্ধন তুজন কানীয়া আছে। ১৯৬২-৬৩ চনত ৭২৯৪ জন সন্দেহযুক্ত কানীয়া আছিল বুলি আবকাৰী বিভাগে কৰা পিয়লৰ পৰা গম পোৱা গৈছে।

(খ)—পঞ্জী নিবন্ধন কানীয়া লোকৰ কাৰণে গাজীপুৰৰ কানি নির্ম্মাণ শালাৰ পৰা কানি আহে।

(গ)—চৰকাৰে নির্দ্ধাৰিত কৰা ভাবে কানি প্রতি কিলো ট. ৩৭৭·৬৮ পইচাত বিক্রী হয়।

(ঘ)—পঞ্জী নিবন্ধন কানীয়া তুজন কাছাৰি জিলাত আছে. উপৰোক্ত ১৯৬২-৬৩ চনত কৰা পিয়লৰ পৰা গম পোৱা গৈছিল যে সন্দেহযুক্ত কানীয়া সকল লক্ষীমপুৰ, শিৰসাগৰ, দৰং, নগাওঁ, কামৰূপ, সংযুক্ত মিকিৰ আৰু উত্তৰ কাছাৰ পাহাৰ জিলা, সংযুক্ত খাচী আৰু জয়ন্তীয়া পাহাৰ জিলা আৰু কাছাৰ জিলাত আছিল।

(ঙ)—অসমৰ কোনো ঠাইত কানি উৎপাদন নহয়।

(চ)—এই প্রশ্ন নুঠে।

Re : Detection of Haria cases

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

*612. Will the Minister for Excise be pleased to state—

(a) What is the number of Haria cases detected in the State during 1967?

(b) Number of illicit distillation cases detected in the State during 1967?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister-in-charge of Excise) replied :

612. (a)—The total number of Haria cases detected during the year 1967 in this State is 6,274.

(b)—The total number of illicit distillation cases detected in the State in 1967 is 10,127.

Re : Dongdhora Fishery

Shri Nameswar Pegu asked :

*613. Will the Minister for Fishery be pleased to state—

(a) Why the Dongdhora fishery in North Lakhimpur Subdivision has been re-registered for sale after it was made Khas in 1962?

(b) Who were the persons reported to have been fishing illegally after it was made Khas?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Fisheries) replied :

613. (a)—It is not a fact that the Dangdhora fishery was re-registered as it was not made Khas in 1962.

(b)—Sharvashri Tulshi Patir, Bhikham Malla and Surath Chutia

caught fish in the said fishery during the said period of its exclusion from settlement as the fishery was illegally sold to them by some local leaders for their personal gains.

Re : Number of Government Fisheries

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

★614 Will the Minister, Fisheries be pleased to state –

(a) The total number of Government Fisheries both under the Forests and Revenue Department ?

(b) Whether there have been any developments and production of fishes under the Mahaldars in the Fisheries ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware of large scale catching of fishlings every year by the Mahaldars ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware that all its traditional measures have failed to check catching of fishlings only because of the Mahaldar system in the field of fishery in the State ?

(e) Whether the Government will be pleased to abolish the Mahaldary system and introduce the system of marketing caught fishes' through appointed agents under the Department for effective stoppage of catching of fishling ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIA (Minister Fisheries) replied :

614. (a) – There are altogether 663 numbers of Government registered fisheries in the State out of which 491 numbers are under the control of Veterinary (Fishery) Department and the rest 142 numbers are managed by the Forest Department.

(b) – There has been not much development for increasing production of fishes under the Mahaldars except clearance of water-hyacinth, and other acquatic weeds, etc, by the Mahaldars wherever necessary, and as required under the terms and conditions of the lease.

(c) – No. Some cases may be there, but it is not on a large-scale.

(d) It is not so. Mahaldars are to abide by Rules and terms and conditions of the lease and Government have so far received no report from the Deputy Commissioners/Sub divisionl Officers regarding violations of these rules, etc.

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

Re : Brick Factories

Shri ATUL CHANDRA GOSWAMI asked :

★৬১৫। Will the Minister, Industries be plased state—

(ক) গুৱাহাটী চহৰত ইটা প্ৰস্তুতকাৰী ডাঙৰ ব্যৱসায়ী কোম্পানীৰ সংখ্যা কিমান আৰু তেওঁলোকৰ নাম কি কি ?

(খ) বৰ্ত্তমান গুৱাহাটীত ইটাৰ প্ৰতি হেজাৰত মূল্য কিমান ?

(গ) এইটো সঁচানে যে ভাৰতৰ ভিতৰতে গুৱাহাটীত ইটাৰ মূল্য এটাইতকৈ বেছি ?

(ঘ) সাধাৰণতে গুৱাহাটীৰ ডাঙৰ ডাঙৰ ইটা ব্যৱসায়ীসকলে বিক্ৰী-কৰ আদায় নকৰাতো সত্য নে ?

(ঙ) যদি সত্য, ইয়াৰ কাৰণ কি ?

(চ) ইটাৰ ব্যৱসায়ীসকলে ইটাৰ বাবদ জনসাধাৰণৰ পৰা আদায় কৰা মূল্য আৰু গড়কাপ্তানী বা বেলৱেই বিভাগৰ পৰা আদায় কৰা মূল্যৰ মাজত ব্যৱধান থকাটো সঁচা নে কি ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister of Industries) replied :

৬১৫। (ক) – গুৱাহাটী চহৰত তেৰটা ইটা প্ৰস্তুতকাৰী কোম্পানী আছে। তেওঁলোকৰ নাম হল :—

(১) মেচাৰ্চ মেকনি এণ্ড চন, ভৰলুমুখ।

(২) মেচাৰ্চ আনন্দ ব্ৰাদাৰ্চ, এ, টি, ৰ'ড।

(৩) মেচার্চ কে, ডি, এণ্ড কোং, ভৰলুমুখ।

(৪) মেচার্চ চন্দ্রেশ্বৰ সিং, যেন্সি বাজাৰ।

(৫) মেচার্চ টিকম দাস, গুৱাহাটী।

(৬) মেচার্চ সন্তোক সিং, এ, টি, ৰ'ড।

(৭) মেচার্চ ৰামসৰূপ সিং, টকোবাৰী।

(৮) মেচার্চ ডি, বি, ত্রিকচ, ধেৰাপুৰ।

(৯) মেচার্চ দৌলতৰাম লেখনি, শান্তিপুৰ।

(১০) মেচার্চ এচ, পি, বাজাজী এণ্ড কোং, গুৱাহাটী।

(১১) মেচার্চ গুপিকৃষ্ণ মূর্ধা, চিলপুখৰী।

(১২) মেচার্চ সেঠ হিৰানন্দ, পাণ্ডু।

(১৩) মেচার্চ জগৰূপ সৌহান, শিলপুৰী।

(খ) গুৱাহাটীত মিউনিচিপাল এৰিয়াত বৰ্ত্তমান প্ৰতি হেজাৰ ইটাৰ মূল্য হ'ল ১০০ টকা। এই মূল্যৰ ভিতৰত বিক্ৰীকৰ আৰু পৰিবহন খৰচ আছে।

(গ)—নেজানো।

(ঘ)—সঁচা নহয়। কাৰণ ইটাৰ মূল্যৰ সৈতে বিক্ৰিকৰ আদায় কৰা হয়।

(ঙ)—হুঠে।

(চ)—সঁচা।

★৬১৬। (ক) ইটাৰ দাম বছৰি কোনে নির্ণয় কৰি দিয়ে?

(খ) এই দাম নির্ণয়ৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত অসমৰ মুখ্য ইঞ্জিনীয়াৰ জনৰ কিবা দায়িত্ব আছে নেকি?

(গ) ইটা প্ৰস্তুতকাৰীসকলক কয়লা যোগান ধৰাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত বহুত বেমেজালি ঘটাতো সঁচা নেকি?

(ঘ) ১৯৬২ চনৰ পৰা ১৯৬৭ চনলৈ ইটা প্ৰস্তুতকাৰীসকলক যোগান ধৰা কয়লাৰ টন প্ৰতি মূল্য কিমান আছিল?

(ঙ) ১৯৬২ চনৰ পৰা ১৯৬৭ চনলৈকে গুৱাহাটী, নগাওঁ তেজপুৰত ইটাৰ প্ৰতি হাজাৰত দাম কিমান আছিল ?

(চ) এই পাঁচ বছৰত ইটা প্ৰস্তুতকাৰী সকলে গড়-কপ্পানি বিভাগ আৰু বেল-ওৱেক হাজাৰত কিমান টকাত ইটাৰ যোগান ধৰিছিল ?

৬১৬। (ক)—প্ৰস্তুতকাৰী কোম্পানীয়ে নিজেই ইয়াৰ দাম নিৰ্ণয় কৰে।

(খ) অসমৰ মুখ্য ইঞ্জিনীয়াৰ জনে কোনো দায়িত্ব লোৱাৰ প্ৰশ্ন নুঠে।

(গ) ইটা প্ৰস্তুতকাৰী সকলক কয়লা যোগান ধৰাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত কোনো বেমেজালি হোৱা বুলি আমি কোনো আপত্তি পোৱা নাই।

(ঘ) গুৱাহাটী, তেজপুৰ আৰু নগাওঁত ইটা প্ৰস্তুতকাৰী সকলক যোগান ধৰা কয়লাৰ মূল্য টন হিচাবে ১৯৬২ চনৰ পৰা ১৯৬৭ চনলৈ :

ঠাইৰ নাম	১৯৬২	১৯৬৩	১৯৬৪
গুৱাহাটী	৬০(এ, আৰ টি, কোং) ৪৭ (খাচী)	৬০(এ, আৰ, টি কোং) ৪৭ (খাচী)	৬৩(এ, আৰ, টি কোং) ৫০ (খাচী)

১৯৬৫	১৯৬৬	১৯৬৭
৬৩ (এ, আৰ টি, কোং) ৫০ (খাচী	৬৭ (এ, আৰ, টি, কোং)	৬৫ টকা (এ, আৰ, টি, কোং)

নগাওঁ—প্ৰতি টনৰ মূল্য ৩২ টকাৰ পৰা ৩৬ টকাকৈ আছিল।
তেজপুৰ—প্ৰতি টনৰ মূল্য ৪৭ টকাৰ পৰা ৬০ টকালৈ আছিল।

(ঙ)—১৯৬২ চনৰ পৰা ১৯৬৭ চনলৈকে গুৱাহাটী, নগাওঁ আৰু তেজপুৰৰ ইটাৰ প্ৰতি হেজাৰৰ দাম তলত দিয়া হ'ল:—

ঠাইৰ নাম	১৯৬২	১৯৬৩	১৯৬৪
গুৱাহাটী	১ম-২য় শ্ৰেণী ৮০—৭২	১ম-২য় শ্ৰেণী ৮০—৭২	১ম-২য় শ্ৰেণী ৮৭—×

১৯৬৬	১৯৬৭
১ম-২য়	১ম-২য়
১২০—১০৮	১১৫—১০৪ টকা।

১৯৬২	১৯৬৩	১৯৬৪
তেজপুৰ চীনাৰ আক্ৰমণৰ সময়ত বন্ধ আছিল।	১ম-২য় ১২৫—১০০	১ম-২য় ১২৫—১০০

১৯৬৫	১৯৬৬
৬০ টকাৰ পৰা ৭০ টকালৈ ১ম শ্ৰেণীৰ দাম আছিল। ২য় শ্ৰেণীৰ দাম আছিল ৪০ টকা।	৮০ টকাৰ পৰা ৯০ টকালৈ আছিল ১ম শ্ৰেণী। ৫০ টকাৰ পৰা ৬০ টকালৈ আছিল ২য় শ্ৰেণী।

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৯০ টকাৰ পৰা ১০০ টকালৈ ১ম শ্ৰেণী আৰু ৬০ টকাৰ পৰা ৭০ টকালৈ ২য় শ্ৰেণী।

নগাওঁ প্ৰথম শ্ৰেণীৰ ইটা হেজাৰত ৬০ টকাৰ পৰা ৮৫ টকালৈ আৰু দ্বিতীয় শ্ৰেণীৰ ইটা হেজাৰত ৫০ টকাৰ পৰা ৭৫ টকালৈ আছিল।

(চ) অকল গুৱাহাটীৰ প্ৰস্তুতকাৰী সকলে গড়কপ্তানী আৰু বেলৱে বিভাগক ইটাৰ যোগান দিছিল। প্ৰতি হেজাৰত মূল্য তলত দিয়া হ'ল :—

চন	প্ৰথম শ্ৰেণী	দ্বিতীয় শ্ৰেণী
১৯৬২	৭০ টকা	৬৩ টকা
১৯৬৩	৭০ টকা	৬৩ টকা
১৯৬৪	৭৭ টকা	৭০ টকা
১৯৬৫	৭৭ টকা	৭০ টকা
১৯৬৬	১১০ টকা	
১৯৬৭	১০৫ টকা	

তেজপুৰ আৰু নগাওঁৰ প্ৰস্তুতকাৰী সকলে গড়কপ্তানী আৰু বেলৱেক ইটা যোগান ধৰা নাই। ঠিকাদাৰ সকলে গড়কপ্তানী আৰু বেলৱে বিভাগক ইটা যোগান দিয়ে

Re : Isolation Hospital at Hajo

Shri SAILEN MEDHI asked :

*617 Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a temporay Isolation Hospital had to be constructed at Hajo, in the district of Kamrup in the month of April, 1967 due to suden breaking out of smallpox epidemic there ?

(b) Whether it is also a fact that no formalities in calling tenders for the said construction could be observed because of the severity of the epidemic where 10 to 12 people died daily ?

(c) Whether it is also a fact that the construction was done departmentally with the help of a contractor who completed the work within 5 days ?

(d) Whether it is also a fact that the contractor claimed 15 per cent above the estimated cost due to emergent nature of the work which the department agreed to pay ?

(e) Whether it is also a fact that the State P.W.D. also gave their opinion in favour of the excess payment provided the department agreed to the said excess at the time of allotting the said work ?

(f) Whether the contractor submitted his bill in the month of May, 1967 ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the amount of the final bill was reduced by the department inspite of its agreeing the excess payment of the work ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that contractor has not received the payment up till now ?

(i) If so. why ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

*617 (a) – Yes.

(b) – Yes.

(c) – Yes.

(d) —Yes, but no prior agreement was made between the Civil Surgeon and the contractor for the excess amount of 15 per cent.

(e) —Yes.

(f)—Yes.

(g) —There was no prior contract for the extra amount of 15 per cent as claimed by the contractor. Hence after deduction the amount comes to Rs. 6,375.41.

(h & (i) —The contractor is being paid. The money has been drawn and the amonut will be paid as soon as the contractor comes.

Re : Revised pay scales of Government employees

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

৬১৮। মাননীয় বিত্ত-মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে -

(ক) বৰ্দ্ধিত হাবত চাকৰিয়ালক দৰমহা দিব লগা হলে বা বানচ আদি দিব লগা হলে কেনেদৰে নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰা হয় ?

(খ) নিৰ্দ্ধাৰিত বৰ্দ্ধিত দৰমহা বা বানচ আদি সকলো বিভাগৰ সকলো শ্ৰেণীৰ চাকৰিয়ালৰ (চৰকাৰী সাহায্য প্ৰাপ্ত বিভাগৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰযোজ্য) হয় নে নহয় ?

(গ) যদি নিৰ্দ্ধাৰিত দৰমহা বানচ আদি সকলো বিভাগৰ চাকৰিয়ালৰ সংখ্যাৰ ওপৰত নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰা হয় তেন্তে হলে সাহায্য প্ৰাপ্ত হাইস্কুলৰ শিক্ষক সকলক আজি পৰ্য্যন্ত প্ৰদান কৰা বানচ আদিৰ পৰা কিয় বঞ্চিত কৰা হৈছে।

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Finance) replied :

৬১৮ (ক) চৰকাৰী কৰ্ম্মচাৰী সকলৰ দৰমহা পুনৰীক্ষণ কৰিবলৈ সাধাৰণতে প্ৰথমে দৰমহা কমিটি গঠন কৰে। দৰমহা নিৰিখৰ পৰামৰ্শ আগবঢ়াওঁতে দৰমহা কমিটিয়ে জীৱন নিৰ্ব্বাহ ব্যয়, ভিন ভিন শ্ৰেণীৰ পদবীৰ কামৰ পৰিমাণ, কৰ্ত্তব্য আৰু দায়িত্ব, উপভুক্ত অনুসঙ্গী লাভ, পদবী পুৰণৰ বাবে প্ৰয়োজনীয় মৌলিক অৰ্হতা, পদোন্নতিৰ সুবিধা ইত্যাদি বিষয় বিবেচনা কৰে। সেইদৰে দৰমহাৰ নিৰিখ নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণৰ সময়ত থকাতকৈ জীৱন নিৰ্ব্বাহ ব্যয় বাঢ়ি যোৱা বুলি চৰকাৰে বিবেচনা কৰিলে মৰগীয়া বানচ দিয়াৰ বাবেও

চৰকাৰে তদৰ্থে মৰগীয়া বানচ মঞ্জুৰ কৰে। জীৱন নিৰ্ব্বাহ ব্যয়ে কম বেছি পৰিমাণে স্থায়ীৰূপ ধাৰণ কৰাৰ লক্ষণ দেখিলেও বিষয়টো সৰ্ব্বতো প্ৰকাৰে পৰীক্ষা কৰি চাবলৈ আৰু মৰগীয়া বানচৰ নিৰিখৰ পৰামৰ্শ দিবলৈ চৰকাৰে সাধাৰণতে এজনীয়া আয়োগ হিচাবে এজন বিষয়া নিয়োগ কৰে।

(খ)—চৰকাৰে নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰা দৰমহাৰ নিৰিখ নাইবা বৰ্দ্ধিত মৰগীয়া বানচ চৰকাৰী চাকৰিয়ালৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত স্বাভাবিকতে প্ৰযোজ্য হয়। সাহায্য প্ৰাপ্ত অনুষ্ঠানৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰীৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত স্বাভাবিক গতিত এইৰোৰ প্ৰযোজ্য নহয়।

(গ) ভিন ভিন বিভাগৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰীৰ সংখ্যালৈ লক্ষ্য ৰাখি বৰ্দ্ধিত দৰমহাৰ নিৰিখ নাইবা মৰগীয়া বানচ নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰা নহয়। গতিকে সাহায্য প্ৰাপ্ত স্কুলৰ শিক্ষক সকলক মৰগীয়া বানচ পোৱাৰ পৰা বঞ্চিত কৰা বুলি কোৱাৰ প্ৰশ্ন নুঠে।

(a) To revise pay scales of Government employees Government generally set up a Pay Committee. A Pay Committee takes into consideration the cost of living, volume of works, nature of duties and responsibilities pertaining to different categories of posts, fringe benefits enjoyed, basic qualifications required to fill up the posts, prospects of promotion, etc., while suggesting scales. So also for giving Dearness Allowance Government sanction Ad-hoc Dearness Allowance when they feel that the cost of living has gone up higher than what was estimated at the time of fixing the pay scales. When indications are that the rise in the cost of living is going to be more or less a permanent feature Government generally appoint an Officer as a One-Man Commission to take all aspects of the matter into consideration and suggest scales of Dearness Allowance.

(b)—Revised pay scales or increased Dearness Allowance when fixed by Government apply automatically only to Government servants. They have no automatic application to employees of Aided Institutions.

(c)—Increased pay scales or Dearness Allowance are not fixed having regard to the number of employees of different Departments. As such the question of the so-called depriving the teachers of Aided Schools of the Dearness Allowance does not arise.

Re : Settlement of land by President of Anchalik Panchayat

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*619. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state –

(a) Whether the Government has ever authorised any Anchalik President to give permanent settlement of any Government land ?

(b) Whether the Government is aware of settlement of the Government land covered by Dag No. 591 at Dhing Bazar (Athgaon Hat) by the Batadrava A P. President ?

(c) If so, what measure Government propose to take in this regard ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

619.(a)—No

(b) Dag No. 591 is reserved for Athgaon Hat which was no old Nowgong Local Board Hat now managed by the Batadrava A. P. The Nowgong Local Board used to settle 'veties' to traders in the bazar managed by them temporarily for one year on payment of licence fee. After the abolition of the Local Board the settlement of "Veties" renewal and transfer were done by the A. P. concerned as successor body. Four persons were given allotment of 'Veties' in dag No. 591

(c) Government have already asked the Nowgong Mahkuma Parishad to renew the matter of settlement of 'Veties' and forward its recommendation Pending final decision in the matter, the Mohkuma Parishad has been asked to see that no further settlement of 'Veties' is allowed.

Re : Election of Golaghat Mohkuma Parishad

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*620. Will the Minister, of Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the election of Mohkuma Parishad of Golaghat is not yet held ?

(b) If so, the reasons thereof ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Mohkuma Parishad is running without the President for a year ?

(d) Whether the Mohkma Parishad is running with Vice-President ?

(e) When the election of Mohkuma Parishad will be held or an ad-hoc Committee will be constituted in temporary basis ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

620. (a) – Yes.

(b) - Due to non-completion of election in Golaghat East A.P. because of a prohibitory order of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature in Assam and Nagaland in Civil Rule 163/64. The Civil Rules has been disposed off by the Hon'ble High Court on 2nd June 1967.

(c) – Yes.

(d) – Yes.

(e) – It is being considered whether the pending elections need be completed or fresh Panchayat elections, which will be generally due all over the Plains district of Assam in 1968, should be held in these Panchayats also.

Re : Election of Golaghat East A. P.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SHARMA asked :

*621. Will the Minister of Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the last elections of Golaghat East Anchalik Panchayat has not yet been held ?

(b) What are the reasons for not holding the election ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that old Committee is continuing for the last five years ?

(d Whether some election cases are pending in the High Court ?

(e) Whether the Government will be pleased to expedite the elections of the said Panchayat ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Padchayat and C.D.) replied :

621. (a)—Yes.

(b)—There was a prohibitory order of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature in Assam and Nagaland on a petition field by Shrimati Bogi Chutia of Dakhin Pub Ghiladhari village of Golaghat Subdlvision in Civil Rule 163/64. The judgement of the Hon'ble High Court delivered on 2nd June 1967 was received by the subdivisional Officer, Golaghat on 10 h July 1967 and it is being considered whether the pending elections need be completed or fresh Panchayat elections which will be generally due all over the plains districts of Assam 1968, should be held in these Panchayats also.

(c)—Yes.

(d)&(e)—As stated in reply to question (b) above.

Re : Seizuer of Paddy by D.D.S. and Assistant

Registar of Co-operative at Tamulpur Mouza

Shri Gobinda Kalita

*৬২২। যোগান মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে ?

(ক) তামুলপুব থানাব কুমাবিকাটা মৌজাব কাউলিচন্দনপুব গাওঁব জনৈক পবান মুমু নামব খেতিয়ক এজনব ঘবত যোগান বিভাগব ডেপুটি ডাইবেক্টব (জি, বড়া) আৰু নলবাৰী কো-অপাবেটিভ এচিষ্টেন্ট বেজিষ্টাবে ৪ টা ভবালত ১০০০ (এক হাজাব) মোন ধান ১৮।৫।৬৭ তাবিখে জব্দ কবি বাখি আহিছিল। সেইটো চবকাবে জানেনে ?

(খ) চবকাবে জানেনে যে এই সম্পর্কত গুৱাহাটীব ডি, ডি, এচে দিয়া খবব এটা ২২।৫।১৯৬৭ তাবিখে অসম ট্ৰিবিউনব ৬ পৃষ্ঠাত প্রকাশ পাইছিল ?

(গ) চবকাবে জানেনে যে সমবায় বিভাগে জব্দ কবা এই ধানবোব তামুলপুব থানাব পুলিচে ২১, ২২ আৰু ২৩ মে তাবিখে যোগান বিভাগ আৰু কো-অপাবেটিভব কোনো মানুহ নোহোৱাকৈ ধানবোব তলা ভাঙি ওজন নকবাকৈ লৈ আহিছিল।

(ঘ) চবকাবে জানেনে যে তামুলপুব থানাব পুলিচে এইদবে অনা ধান মাত্র ৪১০ (চাবি শ দহ) মোন বুলি নলবাৰীব কার্য্যনির্ব্বাহক দণ্ডাধীশ শ্রীবি, ভূঞা আদালতত বিপোর্ট কবিছিল ?

(ঙ) চবকাবে জানেনে যে তামুলপুব থানাব পুলিচে জোখ নকবাকৈ এইদবে অনা ধানব কেইবা শ মোণ ধান আত্মসাৎ কবি শ্রীবি, ভূঞাব আদালতত অসত্য বিপোট দিয়া বুলি ও প্রকৃত তদন্তব দাবী জনাই শ্রীপবাণ মর্ম্মু ই উক্ত দণ্ডাধীশব আদালতত দবখাস্ত কবিছিল ?

(চ) চবকাবে জানেনে যে তামলপুব থানাব পুলিচে বিনা জোখে ধান অনাব সময়ত কোনো চিজাব লিষ্ট লোৱা নাই, নাইবা চিজাব লিষ্টব কোনে নকল উক্ত মুর্ম্মুক বা তেওঁব মানুহক দিয়া নাই ?

(ছ) এই সম্পর্কে বিহিত তদন্ত আৰু দোষীক শাস্তি বিহাব ব্যবস্থা চবকাবে লব নে ?

শ্রীবমেশ চন্দ্র বৰুৱা (যোগান মন্ত্রীয়ে) উত্তব দিছে :

৬২২। (ক) কোনো ধান ডেপুটি ডাইবেক্টৰ আৰু কো-অপাৰেটিভ বিভাগৰ সহকাৰী ৰেজিষ্টাৰে ১৮-৫-১৯৬৭ তাৰিখে, শ্ৰীপৰাণ মুৰ্মুৰ ঘৰত জব্দ কৰা হোৱা নাই। কিন্তু উক্ত তাৰিখত তেওঁৰ ঘৰত যথেষ্ট ধান থকা বুলি খবৰ পাই কো-অপাৰেটিভ বিভাগৰ সহকাৰী ৰেজিষ্টাৰ আৰু ডেপুটি কো--অপাৰেটিভ অফিচাৰ তেওঁৰ ঘৰলৈ গৈছিল। শ্ৰীপৰাণ মুৰ্মুক ঘৰত পোৱা নগৈছিল। তেওঁৰ দুয়ো পৰিবাৰে উক্ত ধানৰ ভৰাল দেখুৱাবলৈ অস্বীকাৰ কৰে। উপৰোক্ত দুয়োজন কৰ্ম্মচাৰীয়ে চাৰিজন বন্দুকধাৰী পুলিচ আৰু চাৰিজন গাওঁৰক্ষী বাহিনীৰে থকা নায়কজনক উক্ত ভৰাল পহৰা দি থাকিবলৈ আৰু শ্ৰীপৰাণ মুৰ্মুক পিছৰ দিনা ঘৰত থাকিবলৈ আদেশ দিলে। পিছৰ দিনা ১৯-৫-১৯৬৭ তাৰিখে উক্ত দুয়োজন কৰ্ম্মচাৰী নলবাৰীৰ হাকিম আৰু পুলিচ ইন্সপেক্টৰ সহ তেওঁৰ ঘৰত উপস্থিত হয় আৰু দেখা পায় যে সকলো ঘৰত তালা চাবি লগোৱা আৰু ঘৰত কোনো মানুহ নাই, সকলো বিলাক মানুহ পলাল। ওচৰ চুবুৰীয়াৰ পৰা জানিব পৰা গ'ল যে তেওঁৰ ঘৰত যথেষ্ট পৰিমান ধান মজুত আছে। যোগান বিভাগৰ কৰ্ম্মচাৰী সকলে ধান থকা ৩টা কোঠালী আৰু ভৰাল ঘৰত তেওঁলোকৰ আৰু এজোৰকৈ নিজৰ তালা চাবি লগালে। বাহিৰৰ পৰা অনুমান কৰা হ'ল যে তাত প্ৰায় ২৫০ মোণ ধান থাকিব লাগে। বাহিৰৰ অনুমান সত্য নহয়। সেইদিনাই পুলিচত ডেপুটি কো-অপাৰেটিভ অফিচাৰে ইজাহাৰ দিয়ে যে শ্ৰীপৰাণ মুৰ্মুই ৫০ মোণৰ অধিক ধান বিনা অনুমতিত ৰাখিছে।

(খ)—এই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰৰ কোনো খবৰ নাই।

(গ)—ই সত্য নহয়। ২৫-৫-১৯৬৭ তাৰিখে তামুলপুৰ থানাৰ অধ্যক্ষ, সমবায় বিভাগৰ ৰেজিষ্টাৰ আৰু গাওঁৰ কেইবা গৰাকী মুখিয়াল লোকক আগত ৰাখি তেখেতৰ শিক্ষিত প্ৰাপ্ত বয়সৰ জীয়েক শ্ৰীমতি মুৰ্মুয়ে তলা খুলি দিয়াৰ পিছতহে ধান জুখি জব্দ কৰে।

(ঘ)—হয়।

(ঙ)—শ্ৰীপৰাণ মুৰ্মুয়ে আদালতত গোচৰ কৰে যে তেওঁৰ ৯০০ মোণ ধানৰ ভিতৰত ২৫০ মোণ ধান জব্দ কৰি বাকী খিনি পুলিচে লৈ যায়।

(চ)—এইটো সত্য নহয়। জব্দনামা সাক্ষীৰ সম্মুখত তৈয়াৰী কৰা হৈছিল। শ্ৰীপৰাণ মুৰ্মুৰ পৰিয়ালৰ কোনোৱে ইয়াৰ নকল গ্ৰহণ, নকৰিলে।

(চ)—বিচাৰ কৰিছনা গ'ল যে এই গোঃ ভিত্তীহীন। শ্ৰীপৰাণ মুৰ্মুৰ ওপৰত কৰা অভিযোগ বৰ্ত্তমান আদালতত বিচাৰাধীন হৈ আছে।

Re : Observance of Government holidays by the Assam State Ware-housing Corporation

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*623. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the holidays declared by the Government of Assam are not allowed to be observed by the Managing Director ?

(b) If so, why and what kind of holidays are given for the office of the Corporation ?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Co operation) replied :

623. (a) & (b)—In this connection attention of the Hon'ble member is drawn to the answer to Starred question No. 198 replied in the last Autumn Session of the Assembly, 1967.

The Assam State Warehousing Corporation observe the public holidays declared by the Government of Assam under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 except the two bank holidays on 30th June and 31st of December.

Replies to Starred Question No. 198 of the Tutumn Session 1967.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

198. (a) & (b)—No. The Assam State Ware-housing Corporation observed the Bank holidays declared by the Government under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881.

Re : Barpeta Road Centre of Corporation

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*624. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Barpeta Road Centre of Corporation although

profitable shows a consecutive lose since 1964 to 1966 due to non-placement of a full-fledged officer there ?

(b) Whether an officer from a distance of 40 miles away has been put in-charge of the Barpeta Road Centre only to shift the responsibility on him for the loss ?

(c) Whether the Government proposes to investigate the reason for loss of the Barpeta Road Centre by the Chairman of the Corporation to find out if the loss actually occurred due to mismanagement and lack of administrative experience of the present Managing Director and that there is enough scope for profit.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Co operation) replied :

624. (a)—In this connection the attention of the hon'ble member is drawn to the answer to the Starred Question No. 175 replied in the last Autumn Session of the Assembly, 196 .

The Barpeta Road was opened in 1964-65 and sustained loss for the years 1964-65 and 1965-66 But the loss was not due to non-availability of a full fledged officer. but due to non-availibili y of sufficient customs The centre has been closed down from December, 1967.

(b)—No.

(c)—As the loss was due to want of sufficient customs, in spite of the best efforts of the Corporation authorities, the question of investigation by the Chairman does not arise.

Replies to Starred Question No. 175 of the Autumn Session 1967.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

175 (a)—Yes the Barpeta Road Centre showed loss during 1964-65 and 1965-66. But the loss was not due to non-availability of a full-fledged officers, but due to non-availability of a sufficient custom.

(b)—No The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Corporation, which is an autonomous body review the position of each Ware-housing centre from time to time.

Re : Kapson Lutasur Fishery

Shri NAMESWAR PEGU asked :

*625. Will the Minister for Fishery be pleased to state—

(a) How the boundaries of the Kapson Lutasur Fishery in North Lakhimpur Subdivision have been determined ?

(b) How many square miles of land have been included within the said boundaries ?

(c) How many ponds, beels and Nullas are there within that Fishery ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Fishery) replied :

625. (a)—The boundaries of the Lutasur Kapson Abargaon fishery were determined as follows :—

North—Jammisuk, Lutasur, Barbill Baghchuk, Purana jugigaon, Madarguri, Mullagaon and Bagarigaon.

South—Dhakuakhana, Tekeliphuta, Public Works Department Road.

East—Sissi, Tekeliphuta embankment, Gerjai, Jugishutti.

West—Nepaligaon, Kankaon Chapori.

(b)—Two and half square miles (approximately).

(c)—There are no ponds, nullas in the fishery other than 4 Dubas within the boundaries as indicated above.

Re : Supply of Rings by Government

Md. Matlebuddin asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a total number of 700 Rings have been supplied to the Gaon Panchayat by Government in the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat area ?

(b) If so, when and to which Gaon Panchayat ?

(c) What are the works executed with the said rings and where are they located ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchyat and Community Development) replied :

625. (a)—Seven hundred rings were distributed to the Gaon Panchayats in the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat from the Local Development grants received from the Government in 1964-65.

(b)—Rings were distributed to the following Gaon Panchayats as per resolution No. 6 of the Anchalik Panchayat Sub-Committee meeting held on 24th February 1965. A statement placed on Table of the House.

(c)—Rings were distributed for construction of ring-well in each of the Gaon Panchayats Mentioned in reply to question (b) Government have called for detailed information.

Re : Staff Regulation of the Corporation

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*626. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Will the Minister-in-charge be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the staff regulation of the Corporation and whether this had been duly approved by Governing Body of the Corporation?

(b) What rules are followed in granting casual leave and earned leave by the Corporation?

(c) Whether there is any provision for granting overtime allowance to its employees who works late hours and during recognised holidays in the interest of the Corporation?

Shri Laksmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

626. (a)-In this connection, attention of the hon'ble Member is drawn to the answer to Starred Question No. 70 sent to him direct.

The draft Staff Regulation of the Assam State Warehousing Corporation was duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation but are still under consideration of the State Government. When the draft rules will be approved by the Government, these will be published in the Assam-Gazette and will be available to the hon'ble Member.

(b)—Leave Rules as approved by the Executive

Committee of the Corporation are followed in granting Casual Leave, Earned Leave and any other Leave to the employees of the Corporation.

(c)—No such provision exists in the regulations. This is to be regulated under Executive instructions.

Re : Migrants from East Pakistan

Shri Maneswar Boro asked :

★627. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of migrant from East Pakistan have entered into Assam ?

(b) If so, what is the statistics of the new influx of migrants from East Pakistan to Assam since 1st of January 1964 up to 31st January 1968? (Please state migration figure month-wise).

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

627. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A statement showing the monthly influx of migrants with migration certificate and without travel document is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Settlement of Grazing Reserves Lands

Shri Bhadreswar Gogoi asked :

*628 বাজহ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাব নে ··

(ক) কিছুমান চৰণীয়া গ্রেজিং মাটিহীন কৃষকৰ বাবে মুকলি কবি দিছে নেকি ?

(খ) যদি দিছে, যোৱা পাচটা বছবত কিমানটা গ্রেজিং আৰু কোন কোন জিলাত দিছে, তাৰ মাটি কিমান ?

(গ) এনে গ্রেজিং বিভিন্ন অঞ্চলৰ পৰা মাটিহীন কৃষকে মুকলি কবি দিবৰ বাবে কবা আবেদন চবকাৰে পাইছে নে ?

(ঘ) যদি পাইছে, এই সম্পর্কে চবকাৰে কি ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লৈছে ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

628. (ক) হয়, দিয়া হৈছে।

(খ) সদনৰ টেবুলত ইয়াৰ লিষ্ট দাখিল কবা হৈছে।

(গ) মাজে মাজে পোৱা হয় আৰু সেইবোৰ তেতিয়াই স্থানীয় কৰ্ম্মচাৰীলৈ পঠোৱা হয়।

(ঘ) এই আবেদনবোৰ নতুন ভূমি বন্দবস্তী নীতি অনুযায়ী ভূমি বন্দবস্ত উপদেষ্টা কমিটিয়ে বিবেচনা কবিব।

Re : Acquisition of Land for Construction of Iai River Dyke

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA asked :

*629. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Work Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state –

(a) How much land was acquired by the Government in the construction of the Iai river dyke ?

(b) What was the amount of compensation to be paid ?

(c) When the amount for the same was sanctioned ?

(d) When Government is going to pay the compensation whose

lands were acquired in this connection ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

629. (a)—1091 B. 3 K. 18 L. (A list of the schemes with areas shown against each is placed on the table of the House.

(b) – Rupees 2,75,873.27. (A list of the scheme showing the amount sanctioned for each is placed on the Table of the House).

(c) On various dates from 1961 to 1967. (The date of sanction of each project are mentioned in the list).

(d)—The compensation money has been paid during the period 1961 to 1968 (The date of completion of payment as mentioned against each scheme in the list).

Re : Functioning of Rural Panchayats

Shri JOGEN SAIKIA asked :

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

(a) How many Rural Panchayats were functioning in the State of Assam at the time of their dissolution and introduction of village and Anchalik Panchayats ?

(b) What happened to the assets of the Rural Panchayats ?

(c) Whether there is any list of such assets of different Rural Panchayats ?

(d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to place a copy of the said list on the Table of the House ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

630 (a)– Four hundred and twenty-two.

(b)—Almost all the immovable assets have been apportioned to the Gaon and Anchalik Panchayats. Regarding the cash assets which are now held in trust by the Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers concerned, a decision for apportionment has also been arrived at and necessary orders will be issued as soon as the details are worked out and finalised.

(c) & (d)—The list of cash assets has been placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Pattern of Staff for Primary Health Centre

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI askcd :

*631 মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে জনাব নে—

(ক) প্ৰাথমিক চিকিৎসা-কেন্দ্ৰত (Primary Health Centre) কিমানজন কৰ্ম্মচাৰী থাকিব লাগে ?

(খ) সেই কৰ্ম্মচাৰীবিলাক কোন কোন পৰ্য্যায়ৰ ?

(গ) প্ৰাথমিক চিকিৎসা-কেন্দ্ৰ (Primary Health Unit Centre) ৰ Sub-Centre কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছে নে ?

(ঘ) যদি আছে, এখন (Primary Health Unit Centre) ত কেইখন চিকিৎসা কেন্দ্ৰ (Sub-Centre) থাকিব লাগে ?

(ঙ) প্ৰাথমিক চিকিৎসা-কেন্দ্ৰত কেইখন বিচনা থাকে ?

(চ) সেই বিচনাবিলাকৰ খৰচ কোনে বহন কৰে ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

631. (a)and(b)—The staffing pattern has been shown in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—There will be two to three sub-centres under

each Primary Health Centre as laid down by Government of India.

(e)—Minimum 6 beds

(f)—State Government.

Re : Number of Primary Health Unit under the Anchalik Panchayat

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury asked :

★632. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of Primary Health Units functioning in the Anchalik Panchayat of Assam ?

(b) What are the Anchalik Panchayat (stating names) in Nalbari Subdivision, where Primary Health Units are functioning and where not?

(c) How many of those Primary Health Units in Nalbari are under construction showing the progress thereof ?

(d) How many Primary Health Units are yet to be sanctioned in Nalbari Subdivision, the reasons for not sanctioning of the same yet?

(e) What effective measures are contemplated for starting of Primary Health Unit in the Subdivision, where they are not yet started ?

(f) What time will be required to complete functioning of Health Unit in all Anchalik Panchayat of Nalbari?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

632. (a)—Eighty-three Primary Health Centres are functioning in 71 Anchalik Panchayats at present.

(b)—A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(c)—One Chief Engineer requested Executive Engineer to call for tender on 26th October 1967.

(d)—One and the delay is due to non-finalisation of selection of site and resolution of the Anchalik Panchayat is awaited.

(e) Due to paucity of fund, it is difficult to take any effective step to cover all the Anchalik Panchayats with Primary Health Centres.

(f)—It is very difficult to fix any target date to cover all Anchalik Panchayats with Primary Health Centres in view of the financial stringencies.

Re : Bilaipur-Abdullachar Road of Hailakandi Subdivision

Shri Tazamul Ali Laskar asked :

*633. মাননীয় গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহোদয় অনুগ্রহপূর্বক জানাবেন কি—

(ক) হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমার বিলাইপুর-আব্দুলাচর রাস্তা গত ১৯৬৫ সনে সুরু হইয়াছিল এবং মাত্র দুই মাইল কাজ করার পরেই ইহা বন্ধ হইয়া যায়, ইহার কারণ কি ?

(খ) নিরাপত্তার কারণ উক্ত রাস্তার কথা সরকার বিবেচনা করবেন কি না ? করিয়া থাকিলে এই রাস্তা তৈয়ার না হওয়ার কারণ কি ?

(গ) এই বৎসর শিলচর ও হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমার কি পরিমাণ রাস্তার কাজ সরকার করিতেছেন ?

(ঘ) কোন্ মহকুমার কতটা কাজ করা হইতেছে? তাহার বিবরণ দেওয়া হোক?

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

633. (a)—The remaining length could not be taken up due to non-availability of fund.

(b)—No.

(c)&(d)—Allotment for original construction of roads during 1967-68 :-

(1) Silchar Subdivision—Rs. 12,43,932.

(2) Hailakandi Subdivision—Rs. 6,11,810.

Two detailed statements are placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Name of the members of the Co-operative Farming Societies in Kaliabor

Shri ATUL CHANDRA GOSWAMI asked :

*634. মাননীয় সমবায় বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) কলিয়াবৰ সমষ্টিৰ যি ১১টা কৃষি সমবায় সমিতি আছে তাৰ অংশীদাৰ সকলৰ নাম আৰু ঠিকানা কি?

(খ) উক্ত ১১টা সমবায় সমিতিৰ সমজুৱাসকলৰ ব্যক্তিগত নামিত ম্যাদি আৰু একচনা পট্টাৰ মাটিৰ মুঠ পৰিমাণ কিমান?

(গ) ১১টা সমবায় সমিতিৰ কেইটাক চৰকাৰে কিমান আৰ্থিক ঋণ দিছে?

(ঘ) চৰকাৰৰ পৰা আৰ্থিক ঋণ লাভ কৰা কোন কোন সমবায়ে চৰকাৰৰ ঋণ পৰিশোধ কৰিছে?

(ঙ) কোন কেইটা সমবায়ৰ হিচাব-পত্ৰ যথাবিহিতভাবে পৰীক্ষিত হোৱা নাই ?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Co-operation replied :

634. (ক) প্ৰতিখন সমিতি অংশীদাৰসকলৰ নাম আৰু ঠেঙলোকৰ ঠিকনা ১ নং অনুবন্ধ সূচীত দিয়া হৈছে।

(খ) ১৯ খন সমবায় সমিতিৰ সমজুৱাসকলৰ ব্যক্তিগত নামত থকা মূঠ মাটিৰ পৰিমাণ ২ নং অনুবন্ধ সূচীত দিয়া হৈছে।

(গ) ১১ খন সমবায় সমিতিৰ ভিতৰত ১০ খনক ৭৭,৫০০·০০ টকা চৰকাৰী ঋণ দিয়া হৈছিল। সেই সমবায়সমূহৰ নাম আৰু সাহায্যৰ নিৰিখ ৩ নং অনুবন্ধ সূচীত দিয়া হৈছে।

(ঘ) হাতীমুৰা সমূহীয়া কৃষি পাম সমবায় সমিতিয়ে ৪০০·০০ টকা ঋণৰ পৰিশোধ কৰিছে। বাকীবিলাক সমিতিয়ে এতিয়ালৈকে ঋণ পৰিশোধ কৰা নাই। সেই সমিতিসমূহৰ ঋণ আদায়ৰ বাবে বিহিত ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা হৈছে।

(ঙ) ৮ খন সমিতিৰ হিচাব ৩০-৬-৬৭ তাৰিখলৈকে পৰীক্ষা কৰা হৈছে। বাকী ৩ খনৰ এখনৰ ৩০-৬-৬৪ তাৰিখলৈকে, এখনৰ ৩০-৬ ৬৫ তাৰিখলৈকে আৰু এখনৰ ৩০-৬-৬৬ তাৰিখলৈকে পৰীক্ষা কৰা হৈছে। এই তিনিখনৰো হিচাব ৩০-৬-৬৭ তাৰিখলৈকে পৰীক্ষা কৰা হৈ আছে।

সমিতিসমূহৰ নাম আৰু কোন বছৰলৈকে হিচাব পৰীক্ষা কৰা হৈছে তাৰ বিৱৰণ ৪নং অনুবন্ধ সূচীত দিয়া হৈছে।

Re : Drawal of Travelling Allowance and Dearness Allowance by the Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers

Shri PHANI BORA asked :

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

(a) What is the T. A. and D. A. drawn by each Minister, Minister of State and Deputy Minister since the new Ministry came into existence up to February 15, 1968, individually ?

(b) What are the establishment costs including house rents, maintenance of Car-driver, Chowkidar, Mali, etc., for each individual Minister, State Minister, Deputy Minister of Assam ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

635. (a)–Statement is laid on the Table of the House (Appendix "A").

(b)—A Statement is laid on the Table of the House (Appendix "B").

Re : Number of Charitable Dispensaries in the State—

Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN asked :

*636. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) How many are the full fledged charitable dispensaries now in existance throught the State ?

(b) How many are the Primary Health Units in the State ?

(c) How many of those Primary Health Centres have been provided with qualified doctors ?

(d) How many are the subsidised dispensaries functioning all throughout the State ?

(e) How many of these subsidised Health Units are running with doctors ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Health) replied :

636. (a)–Four hundred and fifty-seven State Dispensaries.

(b)–Ninety-nine Primary Health Centres. List is placed on the Table of the House.

(c)–Ninety-five Primary Health Centres.

(d)—Ninety-eight Allopathic and 65 Ayurvedic Dispensaries are subsidised by the Government at present. List is placed on the Table of the House.

(e)—Fifty Allopathic and 63 Ayurvedic

Re : Total Income from Fisheries in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

637* Will the Minister-in-charge of Fisheries be pleased to state –

(a) What is the total income from fisheries in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) The reasons for not improving any Beel in Barpeta Subdivision by Fishery Department although the Gevernment gets a huge amount of Revenue ?

(c) How many Beels are there in Barpeta Subdivision and the areas of each ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware that the Beels are drying up every year ?

(e) What steps Government propose to take to preserve the Beels and for digging up those Beels ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Fisheries) replied :

637. (a)—Rupees 8,29,964·88 P. (Rupees eight lakhs, twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred and sixty-four and eighty eight Paise) a year for the current term ending 31st March, 1969.

(b) - Government have no information about the deteriorating condition of any fishery requiring improvement.

(c)—Thirty-five (35). A list showing the areas of those as available is placed on the Table of the House.

(d) Government have no information.

(e) – Does not arise in view of the reply given against (d) above.

Re : Flood Damage Grant given to the Flood-effected schools of Barpeta Subdivison

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

*638 Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state –

(a) Whether flood damage grants to all the flood-affected schools of Barpeta Subdivision in 1967 was given ?

(b) If not, why ?

(c) What was the maximum grant given to a school ?

(d) The names of the schools given flood damage grants in 1967 of Barpeta Subdivision ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

638.(a – From this Directorate. flood damage grants were sanctioned on the basis of the recommendations of Inspector of Schools, Deputy Inspector of Schools, etc, and the said grants were sanctioned Circle-wise and not Subdivision-wise.

(b) – Does not arise.

(c) Rupees thirty thousand to langla High School.

(d) A list is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Cancellation of Khiraj Period Patta Land under Ceiling Act.

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked :

*639. Will the Minister in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state –

(a) What is the procedure usually followed by the Government in the matter of cancellation of Khiraj Period Patta land under Ceiling Act.

(b) What is the total area of Khiraj Periodic Patta lands acquired in the State of Assam under Ceiling Act since 1960 uptodate ? (Give the figures Circle-wise with the names of the Pattadars)

Shri RANENDRA BASUMATARY (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

639.(a) - There is no provision in the Ceiling Act providing procedure for cancellation of Khiraj Periodic Patta land as it provides only for acquisition of excess lands beyond the limit prescribed. However, procedures for acquisition of such excess lands and other classes of lands have been provided in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act. 1956."

(b) - A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Re : Repairing of the Jeep belongs to the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a number of bills for repair of the Jeep belongs to the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat are still pending has been stated in the resolution No. 5 of the said Anchalik Panchayat meeting held on 5th July, 1966 ?

(b If so, what are the bills and for what amounts in total ?

(c) When the said repair was made and whether the Anchalik Panchayat meeting has authorised anybody for the said repair ?

(d) If not, by whom the Jeep was given for repairing ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the driver of the said jeep is being paid his salary regularly when there is no work to do since about two years back ?

(f) If so, why ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

640. (a) – Yes.

(b) & (c)—A list is placed on the Table of the House showing the bills and the amount in each case with dates of repairs Anchalik Panchayat had adopted a resolution in its meeting held on 13th September, 1965 to repair the Jeep.

(d)—Anchalik Panchayat.

(e) & (f) – The services of the driver was retained in anticipation of getting the Jeep repaired soon. Deputy Commissioner, Darrang was requested to transfer the driver to some other Block as there is no chance of immediate repair of Jeep

Re : Appointment of Officers by Dalgaon-Simalmari Anchalik Panchayat

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

*641. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and C. D be pleased to state

(a) What was the total number of Officers of different categories appointed by the Government and by the A. P during the stage I period of the Dalgaon-Sialmari A. P. and the Development Block ? (A list of Officers with their pay and allowances may be placed on the Table of the House).

(b) Whether it is a fact that some of the Officers are enjoying long leave thereby hampering the normal duty of the Panchayat affairs

(c) If so who are those Officers and how long they are on such leave

(d) Whether it is a fact that some posts are lying vacant due to the transfer or for going on leave in the said A. P. ?

(e) If so, what are the posts lying vacant and for how long ?

(f) Whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps for filling up the said posts without further delay ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchyat and Committee Development replied :

641. (a)—A list is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) & (c) – The Accountant of the Block had to be granted leave from 12th July 1967 on account of his sudden illness. During his absence one L. D. Assistant of the A. P. was holding charge of accounts and cash work, The Accountant died on 17th March 1968. The vacancy will now be filled up in the regular way.

d) & (e) The posts of Extension Officer Industries has not been filled up since 22nd July 1967 as Government decided not to recruit any more Extension Offiecr, Industries. One post of Gram Sevika has been lying vacant since 6th February 966. It has not been possible to fill up this vacancy due to shortage of trained personnel

(f) – The post of Extension Officer, Industries will not be filled up in the near furture. The work of this Officer will have to be managed by other officers of the Industries Department working in the Sub-division. The vacant post of Gram Sevika will be filled up as soon as a trained personnel is available.

Re : Allocation of fund for construction of Veterinary Dispensary during Stage I period of Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat

Md MATLEBUDDIN asked :

*642 Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state

(a) What is the total allocation of fund both from Community

Development Project and Anchalik Panchayat made available for the construction of Veterinary Dispensary and for the expenditure of relating to Veterinary during Stage I period of the Dalgaon-Sialmary Anchalik Panchayat and Development Block ?

(b) What are the different schemes undertaken and approved by the Anchalik Panchayat for the expenditure out of the said allocated fund ?

(c) When are the schemes approved by the Anchalik Panchayat ?

(d) What is the total amount expended for the construction of the Veterinary Dispensary and the fencing around the said Dispensary ?

(e) What are the different kinds of medicines that have so far been purchased since 1965 upto date and the costs thereof ?

(f) What is the total amount of Grants so far received from the Government since 1965 upto-date ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

642. (a)—The sanction of fund from Community Development Budget is made against the head "Animal Husbandry and Agricultural Extension" and not specially for construction of Veterinary Dispensary and Veterinary medicines. The allocation is made both for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Programme, the schemes for which are prepared at the block level according to local condition However, the position from the A. P's Budget is below—

	A. P. Fund	C.D. Grant
	Rs.	Rs
1960-61	Nil	Nil
1961-62	2.619	Nil
1962-63	2.6 9	30,`74.00
1963-64	6,058	6,098.00
1964-65	5 000	25,000 00
1965-66	1,000	43,748.00

This does not give the picture of actual expenditure.

(b) The following schemes were approved and taken up. Construction of Veterinary Dispensary, purchase of Veterinary drugs and instruments, distribution of bulls, distribution of poultry and hatching eggs.

(c) Schemes for the period from 1963-65 out of Community Development Fund allocation was approved by the Anchalik Panchayat on 11th August 1963. Scheme for the period from 1965-67 for unspend fund) was approved by the Sub-Committee of the Anchalik Panchayat on 27th December 1965. Schemes for 1965-66 from Anchalik Pancnayat Fund was approved by the Anchalik Panchayat on 8th January 1966.

Schemes for 1967-68 was approved by the Anchalik Panchayat on 24th October 1967.

(d)—The total amount is Rs. 12 727.67 as below

Dispensary Building	Rs. 7,238.67
Chowkidar's Shed	Rs. 3.097 00
Fencing	Rs. 2,392.00
	Rs. 12,727.67

(e)—The list of medicines, etc, is placed on the Table of this House As regards total cost, the informations have not yet been received and are being collected.

(f) Rupees 80,748·0 ·.

Re : Enquiry Report of the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

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

a) What is the Enquiry report of Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat as submitted on the enquiry held by the Director of Panchayat on 17th May 1967 ?

(b) What are the serious and illegal activities detected so far by the said enquiry for which the B.D O. and the Anchalik Panchayat President have been put under suspension ?

(c) Whether there is any further enquiry will be necessary in that connection ?

(d) If so, whether the same has already been started and completed ?

(e) If so, the result thereof ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

643 (a) A copy of report on the enquiry held on 17th May 1967 by the Director of Panchayat is placed on the Table of this House.

(b) The Block Development Officer placed under suspension on grounds of inefficiency and incompetency leading to waste and misuse of public funds.

The President, Anchalik Panchayat was placed under suspension for ordering irregular purchases of various articles from the firm which he (President) patronised and suggestive of Criminal intension aimed at personal gratification.

c & (d)—Further enquiries were conducted by the Assistant Development Commissioner and Executive Engineer (R.M.P.). Any more enquiry, if considered necessary, will be taken up.

(e) The further enquiry undertaken was with a view to verify certain facts.

Re : Training in Land Preservation

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

*644 Will the Minister in-charge of Education be pleased to state –

(a Whether it is a fact that Government is considering to send an Officer to America for taking training in land preservation ?

(b) If so, what is the basis of Selection ?

(c) Who were the other officers whose cases were considered before the selection was mand ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the selection of this particulr officer was made leaving out deserving senior most qualifled candidates ?

(e) If so, the reason therefor ?

(f) Whether the attention of the Government is drawn to the News item published in 'Dainik Asom' on 3 st August 967 under the Caption ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State. Education replied :

644. (a) State Government recommended the names of the following officers for training in land preservation under U.S A.I.D. Programme to Government of India for final selection—

(i) Shri Anandi Ram Barua.

(ii) Shri Niranjan Goswami.

(b) – The selection is made purely on merit as per terms and conditions of the advertisement.

(c —A list of officers is placed on the Table of the House.

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

(e) – Does not arise.

(f)—Yes, the news item has drawn the notice of the Goverment but in view of reply to (b) above, this does not arise.

Re : Homeopathy Board

Shri GOBINDA KALITA asked :

*645 Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any Homeopathy Board in Assam ?

(b) If so, how it has been constituted ?

(c) Who are the members of the present Board ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that some of the members are Alopathic Doctors ?

(e) If so, why Alopathic Doctors have been taken in the Homeopathic Board ?

(f) Whether Government will be pleased to take steps for opening of a Homeopatihic Section in the State Dispensaries ?

(g) Whether the Government will also be pleased to establish a Homeopathic College in the State ?

Shri Satindra Mohon Dev (Minister, Health) replied :

645. (a) Yes.

(b)—It has been constituted as per Section 3(2) of the Assam Homeopathic Medicine Act, 1955.

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

(d) Yes

(e) In view of sub section (2) (c) of section 3 of the Act.

(f) No.

(g)—No

Re : Amount for Execution of Water Supply Scheme

Md. MATLEBUDDIN Asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 14,000 was placed

at the disposal of the President, Vice-President and the Block Development Officer of the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat for the execution of some Water Supply Schemes ?

(b) If so, what are the works so far executed with said amount ?

(c) Whether any recommendation of the concerning Gaon-Panchayat President was obtained ?

(d) If not, why not ?

(e) Whether it is also a fact that the said authorities have spent Rs. 20,000 in place of the said fourteen thousand and for the excess amount no approval of the Anchalik Panchayat has so far been obtained ?

(f) If so, why ?

(g) Whether there was any resolution adopted by the Anchalik Panchayat meetings held on 20th April 1966 and 2 rd November 1966 for distribution of water supply budget for 1 966 67 ?

(h) Wheter an amonnt of Rs. 1,200 has been allotted to every Gaon-Panchayat for water supply works during the said period ?

(i) If so, whether the said allotted amount has been paid to ?

(j) If not, why ?

(k) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 1,20 has already been paid to Dhella Gaon Panchayat President without having obtained the necessay scheme and also prior to the execution of any work ?

(I) If so, why ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

646 (a)—Rupees 1 ,000 were placed at the disposal of the President, Vice-President and the Block Development Officer for purchase of medicines and for other important works but the amount

was paid for installation of the tube-well and making tanks in different G Ps, this was in addition to Rs 36,000 placed for water supply schemes.

(b) A list of works is placed at the Table of the House.

(c)—Recommendations of some of the G. Ps were obtained but not in all cases.

(d) The Anchalik Panchayat President did not think it to be necessary.

(e)—Rupees 28,958.75 P. has been spent. There is no approval of the Anchalik Panchayat for the excess amount spent.

(f)—Reasons are not known to the Government. Further enquiry is being made.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—Yes

(i)—Payment was made only to two G Ps, namely Dhula and Kalyan which were given Rs. ,200 and Rs.400 respectively.

(j)—Because of the expenditure incurred in excess of Rs, 4,000, more fund will be necessary to allot Rs. ,20 to each G. P. The distribution to G Ps has been deferred till the funds are obtained.

(k) Yes

(l)—It was ordered by the President of Anchalik Panchayat

Re : Fishery at Katapara

Shri Autul Chandra Goswami asked :

*৬৪৭। মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ত বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) এই লাওখোৱা আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়ত আৰু উন্নয়ন খণ্ডই কাঠপাৰাত এটি মীন মহল খন্দাইছিল নেকি ?

(খ) যদি সঁচা হয় কিমান টকা খৰচ কৰা হল আৰু বৰ্ত্তমান মীন মহলটোৰ অৱস্থা কেনে ?

(গ) লাওখোৱা আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তে যোৱা ৫ বছৰত কোন কোন গাওঁ সভাত কিমান কিমান বাসায়নিক সাৰ বিতৰণ কৰিছে ?

(ঘ) এই কথা সঁচা নে যে অনেক পৰিমাণৰ বাসায়নিক সাৰ বিভিন্ন গাওঁ সভাৰ গুদামত বা অফিচত মুকলিভাৱে পেলাই থোৱা হৈছে ?

(ঙ) লাওখোৱা আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তে ৫ বছৰত কিমান টকা ক্ষুদ্ৰ জল সিঞ্চনত খৰচ কৰিছে। এই কথা সঁচানে যে উক্ত পঞ্চায়তে ক্ষুদ্ৰ জল সিঞ্চন আচনিত খৰচ কৰা অনেক টকা কাম নোহোৱাকৈ দিয়া হৈছে ? এই বিষয়ে একটি বিতং তদন্ত কৰা হবনে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

646. (a) – No.

(b) – Does not arise.

( ) and d)—A statement showing distribution of fertilizers during the last 5 years to the Gaon Panchayats within the Lawkhowa Anchalik Panchayat is laid on the Table of the House.

(d)—The balance quantity of fertilizers lying with the Gaon Panchayats has been shown in column 10 of the statement. Government are enquiring in what condition the balance stock of fertilizer in hand has been kept

(e)—The amount spent on minor irrigation works during the last five years is given below :

Year	Amount Rs. P.
1962-63	25,559.33
1963-64	62,696.61
1964-65	28,399.61
1965-66	17,603.52
1966-67	24,187.99

Government have no information if any amount has been paid without taking up any work. A departmental audit has been taken up. On receipt of the report Government will consider further action.

Re : Utilisation of conditional grants by the Batadrava Anchalik Panchayat

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*648. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and C.D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Batadrava Anchalik Panchayat under the Nowgong Mahkuma Parishad, utilised a conditional Government grant of Rs. 17, 452 for manufacturing R. C. C. Rings for well ?

(b) Whether there was any approved scheme for this work ?

(c) If so, what was the scheme ?

(d) Whether tenders were invited for manufacture of the R. C. C. Rings of the scheme ?

(e) If so, the names of the tenderers with their respective rate ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the work was ultimately entrusted to a certain member of the Anchalik Panchayat on remuneration ?

(g) What was the total number of R. C. C Rings manufactured by the member ?

(h) What was the average manufacturing Cost of each R. C. C. Ring ?

(i) Whether the R. C C. Rings have been properly utilised ?

(j) If so, the places of utilization of the rings with the number of rings utilised at each place ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

648. (a) and (b) The scheme for Rs. 23,264 (Rs. 17,452 Government grant + Rs. 5,812 as public contribution) was approved by the Sub-Committee of the Anchalik Panchayat and submitted to Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong in April 1960 for sanction. The Deputy Commissioner released the Government grant of Rs.17,452. The relevant resolution of the Anchalik Panchayat and Deputy Commissioner sanction to the scheme have not yet been made avoidable as reported in last audit instructions have been issued by Government to the Local Officers, to submit the papers.

(c)—A copy of the scheme is placed on the Table of the House The scheme was prepared to install 23 nos. of ring wells at the rate of 42 rft each ring well. But as the water level in the selected places was found to be within 20 to 30 rft the Anchalik Panchayat decided

to install more ring wells and thus 32 ring wells were installed in place of 23.

(d)--No.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Yes.

(g) Six hundred and forty nos. (840 rft).

(h) The average cost of manufacture per rft. was Rs. 16.80.

(i) Yes.

(jj The list is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Execution of Water Supply Scheme by the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

*649. Will the Minister, Community Development and Panchayat be pleased to state--

(a) What are the difrerent categories of Water Supply Scheme executed during the years 1965-66 and 1966-67 within the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat area ?

(b) Where are the works located and the amount spent for each work ? (A list of works with the names of places and amount spent may be placed on the table of the House).

(c) What are the budgetted amounts for the years 1965-66 and 1966-67 for the water supply works of the said Anchalik Panchayat ?

(d) Whether the total amount as budgetted has been completely utilised during the said years ?

(e) If not, why not ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

649. (a) Construction of Ring-wells, Tube-well, Drinking Water Tank and repairs thereof.

(b) List placed on the table of the House.

(c) For 1965-66 Rupees 9,000.
For 1966-67---Rupees 7,346.80 P.

(d) Yes.

(e) Does not arise.

Re : Deficit system of grant to the High Schools of Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*650. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state---

(a) How many High Schools of Golaghat Subdivision are receiving deficit system of grant ?

(b) The names of those High Schools ?

(c) How many Venture High Schools are getting permission to open Class VII and VIII and Class IX and X in the Golaghat Subdivision ?

(d) How many Venture High Schools are not getting permission to open Class VII and VIII ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some competent High School like Hitiakhawa, Nahoroni, Negriting, Sankardeb, Duhuti Mukh, Muhuramukh Bon Kochpather and Harmochandra Goswami High Schools are not getting permission to open Ciass IX and X ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that Binkual Miri High School.

Koroini High School, Amorsarmel Girls' High Schools have not been given permission to open Class VII & VIII ?

(g) Whether the Government will be pleased to take a thorough enquiry into these and give permission to open classes to these schools ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

650. (a) Twenty-one High Schools.

(b) A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) 2 (two) Venture High Schools are permitted to open Class VII and VIII and 4 (four) High Schools have been allowed to open Classes IX and X.

(d) 5 (five) High Schools have not yet received permission to open Classes VII and VIII.

(e) It is not a fact that all the Schools mentioned are competent to get permission to open Class IX and X. Some of the Schools, as referred, were inspected by Inspector of Schools and could not be recommended for permission, while one found suitable was already recommended for permission. The particulars of the Schools are as follows :--

(f) Hatiakhowa High School---Inspector of Schools and Director of Public Instruction, Assam could not recommend the School in 1967 for permission to open Classes IX and X due to low standard of Instruction.

(2) Naharuni High School - The School was Departmentally recognised upto Class VIII only in 967 This year the School will be inspected

(3) Neghriting High Scool—The School could not be recommended for permission to ope Classes IX and X due to too poor standard of Instruction

(4) Sankardev High School - Recommendation for permission

to open Classes IX and X already received and forwarded to the Board of Secondary Education, Gauhati for necessary action.

(5) Dusutimukh High School – This year the School will be inspected for consideration of permission to open Classes IX and X.

(6) Mohuramukh High School—The School is being inspected and suitable action will be taken on the strength of the Inspection note shortly.

(7) Borua Kachupathar High School—The School will be inspected this year for consideration of permission to open Classes IX and X.

(8) Pandit Hemchandra Goswami High School—Last year the School was departmentally recognised upto Class VIII. The School will be inspected this year for consideration of permission to open Classes IX and X

(f)—It is not a fact that permission to open High School Classes in Binkual High School and Karaini High School has been refused Permission to open High School Classes in both the Schools was accorded in 1977.

Amar Sarma Memorial Girls' High School was inspected twice But the School could not be given permission to open High School Classes as it is not considered to be deserving one.

g) – Department has alredy taken necessary action on the matter.

Re : Teachers serving under the State Elementary Education Board Majuli

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGU asked :

*৩৫১। মাননীয় শিক্ষা মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে

(ক) মাজুলী ৰাজিক প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা মণ্ডলৰ অধীনৰ স্কুল সমূহত যোৱা ১৯৮ চনৰ পৰা ৯৩৬ চনলৈকে অস্থায়ী পদত কাম কৰি অহা প্ৰবেশিকা

পাচ প্রশিক্ষ প্রাপ্ত আৰু প্রশিক্ষণ প্রাপ্ত (Matric With T. T.) শিক্ষক সকলৰ নাম আৰু তেওঁবিলাকৰ অহঁতা ?

(খ) উক্ত শিক্ষক সকলৰ কোন কেইজনক ১৯৬৬-৬৭ চনত স্থায়ী ভাবে কিম্বা নিয়মিত পদত কোন ভিত্তিত মকৰল কৰা হ'ল।

(গ) ওপৰোক্ত ধৰণে অস্থায়ী পদত থকা যি সকল শিক্ষকক কামৰ পৰা অব্যাহতি দিব লগা হ'ল তেওঁবিলাকৰ নাম অহঁতা আৰু অব্যাহতি দিয়াৰ কাৰণ সমূহ ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

651. (a), (b) & (c)—Three lists showing the names of teachers are placed on the Table of the House.

Re : National Scholarship

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

*৬৫২। Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(ক) অসমৰ বেলেগ বেলেগ পর্যায়ৰ ছাত্র-ছাত্রী সকলৰ কাৰণে মুঠ স্কলাৰছিপ National scholarship) ৰ সংখ্যা কিমান ?

(খ) বি, এ মহলাত ইয়াৰ সংখ্যা কিমান ?

(গ) কি নীতিৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি এই (National scholarship) বিলাক দিয়া হয় ?

(ঘ) আমাৰ ৰাজ্যত ১৯৬৬-৬৭ আৰু ১৯৬৭-৬৮ চনত এনে কিমান ছাত্র-ছাত্রীয়ে এই (National scholarship) পালে ?

(ঙ) অসমৰ বাহিৰত পঢ়া আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ কিমান ছাত্র-ছাত্রীয়ে ১৯৬৬-৬৭ আৰু ১৯৬৭-৬৮ চনত এনে স্কলাৰছিপ পাইছে তাকো জনাবনে ?

(চ) অসম ৰাজ্যত আৰু ৰাজ্যৰ বাহিৰত এনে নেচনেল স্কলাৰছিপ পোৱা এই দুই বছৰৰ ছাত্র-ছাত্রীসকল কোন কোন ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

652. (a) (i) H. S L. C ... 129
(ii) H. S. S. L. C. 8
(iii) P. G. 65

(b) - Sixty five.

(c) - (i) Sixty per cent or more marks in the University or Board's Final Examination.

(ii) Must be Indian National.

(iii) Must pass the above final examination from the Board of Secondary Education, Assam or Gauhati University or Dibrugarh University.

(iv) The total yearly income of parents must not exceed Rs. 6,000.

(d) -

	1966-67	1967-68
H. S. L. C.	139	88
Higher Secondary S. L. C.	10	3
Post-Graduate	8	16

(e) —1966-67 ... 9

1967-68 8

(f)—A list of National Scholarship Holders of last two years is placed on the Library Table.

Re : Amount Spent on purchase of machineries by P. W. D. (R and B.)

Shri DHARANI DHAR CHOUDHURY asked :

*653. Will the Minister, P. W. D (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount spent by the P. W. D. (R and B.) Wing on purchasing various machineries within the last 7 years ?

(b) How many machines are utilised in works and how many of them are sitting idle ?

(c) What are the prices of the unutilised machineries ?

(d) What are the maintaining costs of idle machines per year ?

Shri ALTAF HOSSAIN MAZUMDER [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. and B.)] replied :

653. (a) – Rupees 43,65,000·00 (From 1960-61 to 1966-67).

(b)—Except the list of machines shown in the statement at column 3 (A statement is placed in each Members table) Other machines purchased have been utilised and are now in work Rs.4,61,534·00.

(c) – Rupees 8,000·00 per year.

Re : Sorbhog Town Committee

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

*654. Will the Minister, Municipal Administration be pleased to state –

(a) When the Sorbhog Town Committee was constituted ?

(b) The total income and expenditure till March, 1967 since the constitution of this Town Committee ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that practically no improvement of the Town has been made by this Town Committee ?

(d) Whether light posts have been installed within the Sorbhog Town ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that there was huge wastage of the construction of the drainage system at the Sorbhog Bazar ?

(f) What are the projects taken up by the said Town Committee from its inception ?

(g) Whether the accounts of this Town Committee has ever been audited ?

(h) If so, when ?

(i) If not, why not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Mjnister) replied :

654. (a) – The Sarbhog Town Committee was constituted on 3rd January. 1962.

(b) The total income and expenditure from 1962 to 3lst March, 1967 is Rs.1,34,483·05 and Rs. 1,14,741.50 respectively.

(c) According to the information available, the Town Committee has undertaken several items of improvment, a list of which is placed on the Table of the House.

d – No. Light posts have been installed for kerosene lamps as the State Electricity Board has surveyed the town for electric supply and has taken up the work regarding the installation of main line and substation, etc. The installation of electric light posts will be taken up after the Electricity Board's plan is implemented.

(e) – No. However, it has been reported that a portion of the drain constructed in the bazar area collapsed and the contractor has been instructed to reconstruct the damaged portion at his own cost. The payment has also been held up.

(f) The hon. Member may refer to reply to (c) above.

(g) Yes.

(h) In the year 1964.

(i) Does not arise.

Re : Purchase of Tools and Implements by the Dalgaon. Sialmari A. P.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

*655. Will the Minister, Panchayats be pleased to state -

(a) The total amount spent in the purchase of Tools and Implements by the Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat during 1964 to 1967 ?

(b) Whether these purchases are made with the approval of the Anchalik Panchayat ?

(c) If not, when the Anchalik Panchayat has approved of the said purchases ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Anchalik Panchayat has not authorised anybody for the above purchases ?

(e) If so, why ?

(f) If not, by which meeting and who was authorised ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat & C. D.) replied :

655. (a) Total amount spent on purchase of tools and Implements from 1964 to 1967 in Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat is as follows—

1964-65	Rs. 11,685·25P
1965-66	Rs. 76,017·81P
1966-67	Rs.1,00,618·09P
	Total 1,88,321·15P

(b), (c), (d , (e) & (f) – On enquiry, it has been found that in some cases approval was obtained, in some cases approval was not obtained but disposal and distribution was approved and in some other instances irregularities have been noticed. A statement based on the recent enquiry is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Annual Income of Gaon Panchayats under Bilasipara Anchalik Panchayats

Shri GIASUDDIN AHMED asked :

*656. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and C. D. be pleased to state—

(a) The annual income from all sources of each of the Gaon Panchayats under the Bilasipara Anchalik Panchayat Dhubri Subdivision ?

(b) The amount of grant or subsidy in kind or cash in each of the said Gaon Panchayat received from the Government for Agricultural Development in their respective areas during the last financial year ?

(c) How many power pumps were placed at the disposal of the Bilasipara Anchalik Panchayat for Irrigation purpose ?

(d) Whether these power pumps are in order ?

(e) If not, what measures have been taken to repair them ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that some of these power-pumps were lent to contractors on payment for the purpose of draining out water for construction of culvert, etc, on the National High Way ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA [Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.] replied :

656. (a)—A statement for the Panchayat financial year 1966-67 has been placed on the Table of the House.

(b) No Government grant or subsidy was given to the Gaon Panchayat for agricultural development. Such grants were received by the Anchalik Panchayat and spent by them directly on scheme drawn up by the Anchalik Panchayat.

(c) Eight numbers of 5 H.P. Pumps were purchased in 1963 and 2 Nos. of 10 HP Pumps in March, 1964.

(d) Five pumps are out of order at present.

(e) The pumps were repaired in 1966-67.

(f) No.

Re : Expenditure Incurred for repairing of the Residences of the Ministers

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

*৬৫৭। মাননীয় গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) অসমৰ মন্ত্ৰীসকলৰ কাৰণে ব্যৱহাৰ হোৱা চৰকাৰী আৰু ভাৰাদি লোৱা ঘৰ কেইটাত চলিত বছৰটোত মেৰামতি কৰোতে কোনটো ঘৰত কিমান খৰচ হ'ল ?

(খ) মন্ত্ৰীসকলৰ এই ঘৰবোৰত কোন মন্ত্ৰীৰ কোনটো ঘৰত দুৱাৰ খিৰিকি, আইনা, চকি, মেজ, চুণতেল, কাৰপেট বদলোৱা আদিত ভাগভাগকৈ কিমান খৰচ হ'ল ?

(গ) এই খৰচবোৰ কমাৰ কিবা উপায় আছিল নে ?

(ঘ) যদি আছিল, তেন্তে কিয় তেনে উপায় অবলম্বন কৰা নহ'ল ?

Shri ALTAF HOSSAIN MAZUMDER [Minister of State, P.W.D. R. & B.] replied :

657. (a)—A statement showing the expenditure is placed on the Table of the House.

(b) - Same as in (a) above.

(c) - There is no scope to reduce expenditure,

(d) - Does not arise.

Re : Required qualifications for the Headmaster of a M.E. School

Shri ABALA KANTA GOSWAMI asked :

*658. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) What is the minimum qualification required for the Headmaster of an aided M. E. School ?

(b) Whether the Government propose to constitute Divisional Committee for selection of Headmasters for aided M. E. Schools ?

(c) If so, when the same will be constituted ?

(d) Whether there is any underqualified Headmaster working as such in the circle under the D. I. of Schools, Gauhati ?

(e) If so, the reasons thereof ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

658 (a)—The minimum qualification of a Headmaster in a aided M. E. School should be I. A , I. Com., I. Sc. (Old course) or T. D. C Ist part passed.

(b) Yes

c) The Board has already been constituted and the sitting of the Board for selecting Headmaster of the Aided M. E. Schools, was held from 28th February, 1968 to the 2nd March 968 and the result of the same will be announced in due course.

(d Yes. (A list is placed on each Member's Table).

(e) Allowed to continue as Headmaster in an Aided M. E. School temporarily till the selection of the Headmaster by the Divisional Selection Board.

Re : Rural Electrification Scheme

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA asked :

*659 Will the Mininster-in-charge of Power (Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government has taken up a scheme for Rural Electrification and selected some Anchalik Panchayat Areas for implemeting the scheme ?

(b) If so, the names of those Anchalik Panchyats and the total amount sanctioned for the same ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA [Minister-in-charge, Power (Electricity)] replied :

659. (a) Yes.

(b) – A list of villages proposed to be electrified by June 1968 is placed on the house of the table. The estimated expenditure for electrifying the villages is being worked out and the expenditure will be met out of the provision of Rs. 60 lakhs approved for Rural Electrification during 1968-69 and Rs. 70 lakhs during 1967-68.

Re : Rehabilitation Scheme for the Migrants of East Pakistan

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked :

*660. Will the Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation, etc. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have undertaken Rehabilitation Schemes for the migrants of East Pakistan ?

(b) If so, the total number of agricultural scheme undertaken in Assam (Please state district-wise).

(c) What is the total number of agriculturist migrant family that can be rehabilitated during the financial year 1967-68 upto 1968-69 ?

(d) The total acres of land allotted to the new migrant family in the State ?

(e) What amount is sanctioned for the rehabilitation Scheme during 1967-68 in the State of Assam including non-agriculturist ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

660. (a)—Yes The State Government have agreed to undertake rehabilitation Schemes for the benefit of about 12,000 families of new East Pakistani migrants who have entered the State since 1st January, 1964.

(b)—The rehabilitation of these migrants in the agricultural sector has been attempted in the Garo Hills, Goalpara, Kamrup, Darrang, Lakhimpur and Cachar district. The schemes undertaken in each district showing the name of the subdivision, the name of the scheme number of the families to be rehabilitated in the scheme, the number of families already sent to rehabilitatiou sites and the number of families in the process of being sent to rehabilitation sites are placed on the Table of the House.

(c)—So far 7509 agriculturist families have been sent to the rehabilitation sites and it is expected that about 1,000/1,500 families will be sent to the Rehabilitation sites within the financial year 1968-69.

(d)—About 18,740 acres.

(e)—An amount of Rs.77·85 lakhs has been provided in the Budget of 1967-68. It is expected that the entire expenditure will be spent within the year. The expenditure upto 31st January 1968 was Rs. 51,97,009.

Re : Hearing of appeals by the Transport Authority

Shri JOGEN SAIKIA asked :

*661 Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of Appeals and revisions

cases heard by the State Transport Authority for the last 3 years till 3rd December, 1967 district -wise ?

(b) What is the reason of retaining this Department in Shillong while other component bodies such as Revenue Board, Labour Tribunal, etc., have already been located at Gauhati for the convenience of the general public ?

(c) Whether Government propose to take any action in this regard ?

(d) If so, to what extent and in what manner ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport, replied :

661. (a)—A Statement is placed on the table of the House.

(b) – The Commissioner of Rural Development and Agricultural Production and Special Secretary to the Govrnment of Assam, Agriculture Department being the ex-officio Chairman and the Inspector General of Police, Assam and the Chief Engineer, P. W.D. (R. and B.) being the ex-officio Members and the Commissioner of Transport, Assam being the ex-officio Secretary of the State Transport Authority, the office of the Secretary, State Transport Authority has been retained at Shillong for administrative convenience.

(c &(d)—Do not arise in view of reply to Q. 7 (b) above.

Re : Enquiry Commission

Shri GOVINDA KALITA asked :

*662. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government constituted an Enquiry Commission to enquire into the causes and nature of collapse of the following bridges ?

(i) Longai Bridge at Patharkandi.

(ii) Longai Bridge at Lowairpoa.

(iii Dwarika Bridge at Sibsagar.

(vi) Dhansiri Bridge at Mile 157 of National Highway 37.

(v) Matijuri Bridge at Hailakandi.

(b) If so, whether the Commission has submitted its report in the meantime ?

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the said Report in the House ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware that the collapses to the bridges were due to corrupt practice of officers of Government ?

(e) If so, have they been taken to book for proper punishment ?

(f) What expenses were incurred by Government for the construction of the above bridges and also in the clearance of collapses and reconstruction thereof ?

Shri ALTAF HOSSAIN MAZUMDER [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied :

662. (a) - Yes.

(b) - Yes.

(c), (d) & (e)--The report is under consideration of the Government. The explanations of the Officers who were held to be prima facie responsible for lapses, were called for. Most of such

explanations have been received and they are being studied to see what further action and in which cases is called for. After Government have come to final conclusions on the action to be taken the question of placing the Report before the House will be decided.

(f)—Reply is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Managing Director of State Warehousing Corporation

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

*663. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that due to misbehaviour and ill-treatment of the Managing Director, Assam State Warehousing Corporation a large number of employees had been compelled to resign from service ?

(b) If so, their names stating the period of service rendered, with date of resignation and causes of resignation since 1965 to date ?

(c) How many employees of the Corporation have been discharged by the said Managing Director since 965 ?

(d) Their names mentioning period of service rendered by each and the reasons for such discharge since 1965 ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that all the employees of the Head office in a deputation brought certain serious complaints against the Managing Director to the notice of Chairman for redress ?

(f) If so, what are the grievances of the employees and what steps have since been taken to redress their grievances ?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

663. (a) No. In this connection attention of the Hon'ble Member is drawn to the answar to Starred Question No. 201 replied in the last Autumn Session of the Assembly 967.

(b)– Since the inception of the Assan Warehousing Corporation some of the employees have resigned due to various reasons and mostly due to getting of alternative appointments with better prospects. A statement giving their particulars is furnished at Annexure 'A'.

(c) & (d)—The employees whose services are not required, could be discharged under the rules of the Corporation after giving due notice. A statement giving particulars of such employees is furnished at Annexure 'B'.

(e) & (f) Some employees of the Corporation met the Chairman on 30th August. 1967 in deputation. They complained of ill treatment and of having been compelled to work till late hours The Chairman explained to them that their representation was too general and necessary action could only be taken on receipt of specific complaints with concrete instances.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answer is corrected on the table)

Re : Preparation of local programmes for Ministers

361. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) By which authority or authorities the local programmes of the Ministers are chalked out ?

(b) Whether the local M.L. As are consulted in chalking out the programmes ?

(c) If not, why ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

361. (a)—Generally, the local programmes of the Minister, when on tour, are chalked out by the Deputy Commissioner or the Subdivisional Officer as the case may be in consultation with the local M.L. As.

(b)– Yes.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Visit of Dhing Constituency by the Minister, Agriculture

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

362. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge, Agriculture, Assam has visited the Dhing Constituency twice on 1967 68 upto 11th February, 1968 ?

(b) If so, what were the purposes of his visit ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

362. (a) – Yes, the Minister, Agriculture visited Dhing on 28th October, 1967, 10th February, 1968 and 11th February, 1968

(b) – On 28th October, 1967, the Minister went to Dhing for opening the Dhing Co-operative Central Bank in capacity as Minister for Co-operation. On 10th February, 1968, the Minister went to Dhing for attending a meeting of the District Congress Committee and on 11th February, 1968, the Minister went for attending a Public meeting.

Re : Relief measures for the Indo-Pak Border people

Shri MATHIUS TUDU asked :

363. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state what are the relief measures taken by the Government to case the economic strain of Indo-Pak Border people in the State ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

363 Rice transport subsidy schemes.

2. Test relief : and

3. Border relief ; transport are some of the special schemes undertaken to give relief to the border people in the Hill Districts. Various industrial schemes like Cement factory at Cherrapunji, Nangalbibra Scheme in Garo Hills and processing of fruits have also been taken up for utilisation of the resources of the border.

Re : Depriving from giving Vote by the Indian Citizens

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

364. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that quite large number of adult Indian Citizens permanently resident in Assam were deprived of their voting at the last General Election due to non-inclusion of their names in the Electoral Rolls ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether they will be deprived of their right to vote similarly at the coming Panchayat Election also ?

(d) If not, whether the Government has arranged for inclusion of their names in the Electoral Rolls before the ensuing Panchayat Election ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

364. (a)&(b) Government have no specific information, but it is possible that the names of some adult Indian Citizens may have been omitted from the Electoral Rolls through inadvertance or through omission on their part to bring the facts to the notice of the Electoral Registration Officer concerned in time.

(c)&(d)—Under Section 8 of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959 (Assam Act XXIV of 1959), the Electoral Roll of the Assam Legislative Assembly prepared under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950 can only be used as the list of voters for Gaon Sabhas formed under the Assam Panchayat Act.

If the name of a person does not appear in the Aesembly Electoral Roll, he cannot be included in the list of voters for Panchayat elections unless Section 8 of the Assam Panchayat Act is amended

Re : Licensed dealers for Arms and Ammunition in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

365. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) How many licensed dealers for Arms and Ammunition are there in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) Who are they and their headquarters ?

(c) What quantities of Arms and Ammunition have been imported by these dealers during the periods 1960 to 1967 ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

365. (a)&(b)—There are 7 licensed Arms and Ammunition dealers in Dibrugarh Subdivision.

Their names and headquarters are as follows :-

1. Md. Azizulla & Sons, Panch Ali, Dibrugarh Town.

2. Shri Surja Kumar Bezbaruah, South Amolapatty, Dibrugarh Town.

3. M/s Rai Sahib Gangaram Choudhury & Sons, Sadiya.

4 Shri B. Guha Roy of M/s N. K. Ghose, Margherita.

5. Md. Abdulla & Sons, New Market. Dibrugarh Town.

6 Shri Gopal Chandra Barua. South Amolapatty, Dibrugarh Town.

7. M/s Bharat Hardware & Co., Tinsukia.

(c)—The informations are being collected

Re : Number of Murder cases in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri JALAL UDDIN AHMED asked :

366. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) The number of murder cases registered Police Station-wise in Barpeta Subdivision during the period of 1st January, 1964 to 29th February, 1968 ?

(b) The number of cases charge sheeted Police Station-wise during the same period ?

(c) The number of persons arrested case-wise ?

(d) The number of cases which resulted in conviction.

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

366. (a)—Barpeta P.S. ... 20 cases.
Patacharkuchi P.S. ... 7 ,,
Baghbor P.S. ... 23 ,,
Tarabari P.S. ... 2 ,,
Sorbhog P.S ... 11 ,,

(b)—Barpeta P.S. ... 13 ,,
Patacharkuchi P.S. ... 6 ,,
Baghbor P.S. ... 15 ,,
Tarabari P.S ... 2 ,,
Sorbhog P.S. ... 4 ,,

(c)—Barpeta P.S.—

(1) Case No. 5 (5)64 ... 1
(2) ,, ,, 18 (8)64 ... 11
(3) ,, ,, 19(9)64 ... 4
(4) ,, ,, 14(1)65 ... 6
(5) ,, ,, 24(4)65 ... 3
(6) ,, ,, 16(6)65 ... 4
(7) ,, ,, 7(8)65 ... 8
(8) ,, ,, 36 9)65 ... 7
(9) ,, ,, 29(11)65 ... 1
(10) ,, ,, 32(1)66 ... 8
(11) ,, ,, 8(3)66 ... 2

(12) Case No. 18(6)66 3
(13) ,, ,, 20(8)66 2
(14) ,, ,, 7(12)66 1
(15) ,, ,, 9(3)67 9
(16) ,, ,, 13(7)67 5
(17) ,, ,, 9(9)67 3

Patacharkuchi P.S.—

(1) Case No. 7(6)65 6
(2) ,, ,, 8(7)66 2
(3) ,, ,, 3(9)66 1
(4) ,, ,, 14(3)67 1
(5) ,, ,, 4(4)67 9
(6) ,, ,, 7(7)67 3

Baghbor P.S.—

(1) Case No. 5(1)64 13
(2) ,, ,, 5(4)64 1
(3) ,, ,, 2(8)64 10
(4) ,, ,, 5(8)64 3
(5) ,, ,, 4(11)64 1
(6) ,, ,, 2(3)65 1
(7) ,, ,, 1(5)65 1
(8) ,, ,, 1(2)66 2
(9) ,, ,, 4(8)66 7
(10) ,, ,, 6(8)66 1
(11) ,, ,, 1(10)66 2
(12) ,, ,, 3(10)66 2
(13) ,, ,, 5(10)66 5
(14) ,, ,, 3(12)66 1
(15) ,, ,, 3(4)67 1
(16) ,, ,, 1(7)67 3
(17) ,, ,, 3(7)67 10
(18) ,, ,, 1(1)68 2

Tarabari P.S.—

(1) Case No. 2(10)65 5
(2) ,, ,, 6(10)65 9

Sorbhog P.S.—

(1) Case No. 6(9)65 ... 3
(2) ,, ,, 12(11)65 ... 5
(3) ,, ,, 11(2)66 ... 4
(4) ,, ,, 4(3)66 5
(5) ,, ,, 8(9)66 1
(6) ,, ,, 12(11)66 ... 6
(7) ,, ,, 11(5)67 11
(8) ,, ,, 8(5)67 5
(9) ,, ,, 4(1)68 2
(10) ,, ,, 2(2)68 2

(d —5(Five).

Re : Visit of Cultural Troupes in Assam from 1964 to 1968

Shri PHANI BORA asked :

367. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many cultural parties from outside States visited Assam under the Inter-State Exchange of Cultural Troupes from the year 1964 to 1968 and the name of these Parties ?

(b) Where and how many cultural shows were displayed by them in different parts of the State from 1964 to 968 ?

(c) Whether gate money was collected for the shows ?

(d) What was the total amount collected in the above shows ? (Please give the figures year-wise from 1964 to 1968) .

(e) What was the total expenditure incurred for arranging these shows by the State Government from 1964 to 1968 ?

(f) How many cultural shows were arranged by the Department from 1964-68 ?

(g) Name of the placcs of their performances ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

367. (a) - Four Cultural Troupes from outside the State visited Assam under the Inter-State Exchange of Cultural Troupe from 1964 to 1968.

They are as follows :—

(i) Nrithodaya—Madras, 1964.

(ii) Sangeet Natak Acadamy—Mysore, 1965.

(iii) Sangeet Natak Acadamy—J. and K., 1966.

(iv) Sangeet Natak Acadamy—Rajasthan, 1967.

(b —

(i)—Madras Troupe - 7 shows, at Gauhati, Shillong, Maligaon, Sibsagar and Dibrugarh.

(ii) Mysore Troupe—6 shows at Silchar, Shillong, Golaghat, Jorhat, Tinsukia and Nowgong.

(iii) J. and K. Troupe 7 shows at Nowgong, Shillong, North Gauhati, Mangaldai and Gauhati.

(iv Rajasthan - 7 shows at Diphu, Kokrajhar, Nalbari, Gauhati and Shillong.

(c) Yes. Gate money was collected at Re. 1 per head as prescribed under the rules except for shows intended for entertainment of Troupes.

(d)

	Rs.
1964	5 407.00
1965	2,645.00
1966	3,812.75
1967	4,384.00

(e) No expenditure was incurred by the State Government in arranging these shows.

(f) Seventy five Cultural shows were organised by the Department during 1964-65.

(g)—

Places	No. of shows
Borjhar	2
Baltola	1
Barnihat	1
Barangabari	1
Bihpuria	1
Barpeta	1
Calcutta	1
Dergaon	1
Digboi	1
Diphu	1
Dergaon	1
Dibrugarh	1
Gauhati	26
Golaghat	1
Haflong	1
Industrial State Gauhati	1
Indian Refinary Ltd.	2
Jatia Military Camp	1
Kajuguri	1
Jowai	1
Khanapara	3
Mangaldai	2
Maligaon	2
North Lakhimpur	2
Nalbari	1
Nowgong	1
Palasbari	1
Panbari	1
Panigaon	1
Patsala	1
Rangiya	1
Shillong	8
Sanchari Military Camp	2
Sibsagar	1
Tura	1
Total	75

Re : Creation of R. and B, and F. C. and I. Wings of Public Works Departments

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

368. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) When the R. and B. Wing and F. C. and I. Wing of the Public Works Department were created first ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Public Works Department comprising of R. and B. and F.C.I. Wings has been made into two independent Departments ?

(c) If so, what are the reasons for doing so ? When this has been given effect to ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Officers in the rank of Executive Engineers and above of the erstwhile P.W.D. have been allotted to the two newly created Departments, viz., Roads and Buildings and Flood Control and Irrigation Departments ?

(e) If so, on what basis or considerations the Officers were allotted to these two Departments ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Officers of both the Wings of the erstwhile P.W.D. were considered together for the purpose of confirmation, seniority, promotion and for filling up vacant posts of the two Wings ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the Officers of one Wing were transferred to the other Wing and vice versa on promotion or without, whenever required for the purpose of filling up vacant posts ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that due to the allocation of Officers as asked in question (d) above some senior Officers have been debarred from their claim for promotion ?

(i) If so, who are those Officers ?

(j) Whether Government consider these Officers of the erstwhile P.W.D. fit to serve in either of the two newly created Departments after the separation ?

(k) If not, why not ?

(l) Whether it is a fact that the Assam Engineering Service Association have submitted ropresentation to Government protesting against such arbitrary allocation of Officers and other matters ?

(m) Whether it is a fact that some members of A E S. Association waited upon the Minister, F.C. and I. Department recently ?

(n) If so, the result thereof ?

(o) What steps Government propose to take to redress the grivances of the effected officers ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

368 (a)&(b) – Public Works Department in Assam was created in the year, 1880 when there was no F.C. and I. Wing. F.C and I. Wing was created in the year, 1914. On the recommendation of the E. and D. Advisory Committee, the F.C. and I. Wing was separated from R. and B. in January, 1956 in order that the F.C. and I. Wing may grow up as a self contained and specialised organisation as in other States of the Indian Union. Complete separation of the two Wings was decided by Government in June, 1965

(c)—For efficient administration. Since 6th August, 1965.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Suitability of the Officers for work in either Wing, their earlier experience in respective Wings and the avoidance of any serious dislocation in either Wing were the main criteria to form the basis.

(f)—Yes, only at the level of the Executive Engineers and

above prior to the final allocation of officers in both the Wings.

(g) - Inter-transfer of officers between the Wings were made only in exceptional cases when there was dearth of qualified and experienced Officers in a particular Wing to fill up vacant posts of that Wing.

(h)—As a result of separation, a few senior officers in either Department may have their promotions deferred in their respective Departments. No officer is debarred from promotion as such, but as officers of one Department are debarred from promotion in the other Department, they may have to await a little longer for their turn in their respective Departments when their juniors in the other Department may have promotions earlier

(i) - At present there is one Officer in the F.C. and I. Wing whose Juniors have been promoted as Superintending Engineer in the R. and B. Wing. He is Shri B. N. Gogoi. His promotion is, however, possible in the F.C. and I. Wing, where there are posts of Superintending Engineer.

(j) - Not necessarily.

(k) – Adequate experience and knowledge of works in particular Wing are desirable for efficient service in that Wing.

(l) – A representation from the Assam Engineering Service Association has been received.

(m) - Yes

(n)and(o) - The matter is under examination of the Government.

Re : Government Employees who are permit holders of Baby Taxi Tourist Taxi or City Bus in Benami

Shri ROMESH MOHAN KOULI asked :

369. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that there are some non-gazetted State Government employees in Shillong who are permit holders of baby taxi, tourist taxi or city bus in benami and are doing side-business ?

(b) If so, who are they and whether they have obtained permission from their Appointing authority for doing such business in addition to their official duties ?

(c) Whether Government is aware of the fact that there are some State Government employees-both gazetted and non gazetted in Shillong who are running shops and doing other business like agencies in various commodities, insurance agencies, etc., in benami ?

(d) If so, who are they and whether they have obtained permission from the Appointing Authorities to be engaged in such private business ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to make a thorough probe into the whole matter in the greater interest of administrative efficiency ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

369. (a)—Government have no such information.

(b) - Does not arise.

(c)—Government have no information.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Government will definitely enquire into the matter if specific cases are brought to their notice. No Government servant can, except with the previous sanction of the Government, engage directly or indirectly in any trade or business or undertake any other employment under Rule 12 of the Assam Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965. Any 'benami' business by the Government servants,

whether gazetted or non-gazetted officers, as mentioned at Questions (a) and (c) above, will violate the Conduct Rules and the Government servants concerned will be liable for actions, if any such case can be proved. Specific information or allegation, if any, in this regard are looked into by the Govrnment and the Vigilance Commissioner through the Anti-Corruption Branch.

Re : Suspension of Shri Durgeswar Sarma, Revenue Shiristadar of Tezpur

Shri BISHNU PRASAD RABHA asked :

370. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Shri Durgeswar Sarma, Revenue Shiristadar, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Tezpur was suspended for temporary misappropriation and defalcaion of a huge amount of Government money sanctioned for flood affected persons and some educational instutions from time to time since 1962 ?

(b) If so, when the misappropriation was detected and money recovered ?

(c) Whether departmental proceedings were drawn up ?

(d) If so, what is the result thereof ?

(e) Whether this case was sent to the Vigilance Commissioner for examination before final orders were passed ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the said Shri Sarma has been reinstated ?

(g) Whether it is also a fact that after retirement in January, 1966, he was granted extension of service and is in service till date ?

(h) Who is the competent authority to grant extension of services of Revenue Sheristadar ?

(i) Why extension was granted to him ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

370. (a)—Shri Durgeswar Sarma, Revenue Shiristadar, D. C's office, Tezpur, was placed under suspension for alleged temporary misappropriation and defalcation of Government money and also violation of financial rules and negligence of duty.

(b)—No misappropriation was detected, but it was an alleged case of misappropriation suspected by Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, on 6th July, 1965. The charge regarding misappropriation of Government money by Shri Sarma could not be established in the enquiry conducted for departmental proceedings against him which has since been completed, and, therefore, the question of recovery of money from him does not arise.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—None of the charges drawn up against Shri Sarma was established except that he was found guilty of negligence of duty. He was, therefore, re-instated by the Commissioner of Plains Division who is the concerned appointing authority as well as the disciplinary authority after reprimanding him for negligence of duty.

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Shri Sarma attained the age of 55 years on 11th January, 1966. But as the proceedings drawn up against him were pending, he could not be permitted to retire on that date and he was retained in service till the termination of the proceedings. After finalisation of proceedings he was re-instated in the post of the Revenue Sheristadar by the Commissioner on 9th January, 1968. No order allowing him extension of service beyond 55 years of age as per the general practice in this regard, followed hitherto, have been passed so far and the matter is under consideration.

(h)—The appointing authority, i.e., the Commissioner of Division is competent to grant extension of service to Revenue Sheristadar. But, according to procedure observed in this regard, the Commissioner does so with the approval of the prescribed Screening Board.

(i) The first extension beyond 11th January, 1966 had to be granted, under rules, for finalisation of the proceedings. Further extension on re-instatement now, is under consideration.

Re : Proposal for light tax by Gauhati Municipality

Shri GOVINDA KALITA asked :

371, Will the Minister-in-charge of Municipal Administration be pleased to state--

(a) Whether it is a fact that even in spite of the failure of Gauhati Municipality in giving the minimum amenities to the public in point of roads, drains, sanitation, etc., there is a proposal for light tax ?

(b) If so, whether Government is aware that this has caused great resentment among the public ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

371. (a) The proposal for levy of taxes has been received.

(b) There is no reason why this should cause resentment among the public. As a matter of fact, no such representation has been received.

Re : General Election of Gauhati Municipality

Shri GOVINDA KALITA asked :

372. Will the Minister-in charge of Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government propose to hold the General Election of Gauhati Municipality ?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

372. (a), (b) & c) No decision has so far been taken in this regard.

Re : Voters' list of Sorbhog Town Committee

Shrimati PRANITA TALUKDER asked :

373. Will the Minister, Municipal Administration be pleased to state –

(a) Why due publicity was not given for preparation of the Voters' list by the Sorbhog Town Committee ?

(b) Whether all the eligible persons have been included in the Voters' list ?

(c) If not, why ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

373. (a) - According to the reports received, due publicity was given regarding preparation of the Voters' list as required under the rule.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Present Deputy Director of Housing

Shri ROMESH MOHAN KOULI asked :

374. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the present Deputy Director of Housing before his appointment as such was holding the post of Upper Division Assistant in a Department under the Chief Secretary at the time of his selection for A.C.S. Class II ?

(b) Whether after appointment to A.C.S., Class II on probation, he was allowed to undergo training in Survey and Settlement at Jhalukbari ?

(c) If so, for what period ?

(d) Whether unlike other recruits in A.C.S. Class II, the said officer was allowed to undergo the Survey and Settlement training for the shortest period as a special case so as to enable him to take charge of the post of Deputy Director of Housing at the earliest possible opportunity ?

(e) What is the extra-remuneration drawn by the said officer as Deputy Director of Housing on his grade pay as A.C.S-Class II ?

(f) Whether prior to the posting of the present Deputy Director of Housing, the said post was lying vacant for a pretty long

time as no officer in A.C.S. Class II was found suitable for assuming such higher responsibility ?

(g) Whether the present Deputy Director of Housing himself dealt with the proposal for filling up the post of Deputy Director of Housing in his capacity as Upper Division Assistant in a Department under the Chief Secretary ?

(h) Whether the said proposal for filling up the post was deliberately kept pending by the said officer in his capacity as Upper Division Assistant on an understanding from the Chief Secretary, for such time till he was selected for A.C.S. Class II ?

(i) Whether Government is aware that while the said officer had been working as Upper Division Assistant, certain adverse remarks were made in his Character Roll by the then Joint Secretary to Government in the Appointment Department but the same were expunged by the Chief Secretary even without inviting a representation from the said officer for expunging the same.

(j) Whether Government is aware that the cases of only a favoured few serving in a Department under Chief Secretary in particular and in other Secretariat Departments in general are taken up for consideration for A.C.S Class II by the Selection Committee ?

(k) Whether Government is aware that this process of selection for A.C.S. Class II from among limited known few without inviting applications from all eligible Government employees has given rise to great discontenment and bitterness among the State Government employees ?

(l) Whether Government is aware that the manner and circumstances in which the post of Deputy Director of Housing was kept vacant for a long time and subsequently filled up by a fresh recruit in A C.S. Class II have created a sense of great discontentment and frustration among the senior members of A.C.S. Class II ?

(m) Whether Government will be pleased to probe into the matter and ensure in the larger interest of administration that no undue favour is shown to anyone in the matter of selection, appointment and posting causing great discontentment and frustration among others in the same service ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

374. (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) For a period of 3 months.

(d)—No.

(e)—The officer draws the special pay of Rs. 150 per mensem on his grade pay as A.C.S. Class II officer, as provided under the Assam Services (Revision of Pay) Rules, 1964.

(f)—The post of Deputy Director of Housing was lying vacant for the period from 4th December, 1962 to 5th November, 1963 as no A.C.S.-II officer could be spared for the assignment at that time. The Superintendent of the Office of the Director of Housing was allowed to officiate as Deputy Director of Housing from 6th November, 1963 to 25th March, 1964 till the services of the present incumbent was made available for taking over with effect from 25th March, 1964.

(g)—No. The proposal for filling up the post of Deputy Director of Housing from the Town and Country Planning Department was first dealt with in Appointment Department under the Chief Secretary on 6th April, 1963, but it was not dealt with by the present incumbent in the post of the Deputy Director of Housing even though he was in the Department at that time as an Upper Division Assistant only and was not taken in the A.C.S. Class-II till then, The Appointment Department under the Chief Secretary ultimately agreed to the appointment of the present incumbent for the post only on 16th March, 1964 at the instance of the Town and Country Planning Department when this officer was not in the Department at all as he joined the A.C.S.-II on 22nd October, 1963.

(h)—No. As the officer was not dealing with the proposal at any time as Upper Division Assistant, the question does not arise. The proposal was pending as the Revenue Department which was requested to spare an officer from the Sub-Deputy Collectors for the post, could not readily spare any officer.

(i)—While expunging remarks in this case by the Chief Secretary is not a fact in any case it would not be proper to disclose any entries made in the Character Rolls of officers.

(j) - It is not a fact

(k)—Government have no such information. There is no question of inviting applications from Government employees for appointment to A.C.S. Class II by selection according to Rule 6 read with Rule 4(I) (b) of the Assam Civil Service (Class II) Rules, 1962.

(l)—Government have no such information. Ths post was, however, not kept vacant, as mentioned in reply (h) above, for filling it up by any particular officer. It remained vacant as no officer was readily available during the period.

(m)—The facts and records relating to this matter have been examined and it has been found that no undue favour has been shown to any one. In fact, such selections to A.C.S II is made in consultation with the A.P.S.C. and the Selection Committee is also presided over by the Chairman or a Member of the A.P.S.C. and the selections are made according to Rules on the basis of elegibility and merit. When a selection is involved, many are likely to be rejected and only a few are chosen. There can be no genuine reason for discontentment and frustration for any one because of such selection process.

Re : Establishment of an out post at Kharmuja in Goalpara Subdivision

Shri MATHURA MOHAN SINHA asked :

375. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state

(a) Whether there is a proposal to establish an outpost at Kharmuja under Goalpara Subdivision ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the land for the said outpost had already been selected for the purpose ?

(c) If so, when it will start functioning ?

(d) If not, why ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

375. (a)—Yes, there is a proposal to establish a Watch Post at Kharmuja.

(b)—Yes, but the land has been found to be under encroachment.

(c)—As soon as the land becomes available free of encroachment necessary constructions will be made and it will then start functioning.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re - Infiltration from Pakistan into Assam

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

376. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The respective number of fresh entries and re-entries from East Pakistan to Assam ?

(b) Whether all of them belong to the minority community ?

(c) Whether these entries were recorded by the Check-Post at the borders or detected by the interior agencies ?

(d) Whether the Government will set up an enquiry to find the administrative weakness and loopholes responsible for these entries and rectify these with a view to stopping recurring entries ?

(e) Whether the Government will also review the services of the Border Security Forces and the Check-posts at the borders ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

376. (a) and (b)—Since 1963 upto February, 1968, a total number

of 11,194 cases of illegal entry by Pakistani infiltrators belonging to majority community in East Pakistan were detected in the State. Of them 9597 were cases of fresh entry and 1,597 of re-entry of persons earlier deported from the State.

During the same period 2,00,739 persons belonging to the minority communities in East Pakistan also entered into the State. Of them 16,367 entered with migration certificates and others without any valid travel documents. There is no information of any of these persons of minority communities in East Pakistan being re-entrants.

(c)—The infiltration of the members of the majority community in East Pakistan being clandestine they always avoid check-posts. Out of 11,194 such illegal entries, 2,673 were detected at the border at the time of entry and the other 8,521 were detected by the interior agencies after their entry into inland.

The refugees who came with migration certificates were recorded at the respective check-posts and those who entered without travel documents through regular as well as irregular routes also mostly reported their arrival at the nearest post at or near about the border. After the recent restrictions on the entry of refugees without migration certificates possibility of a few of them not getting their entries recorded anywhere cannot be ruled out.

(d)--No such weakness or loopholes in the system of making entries in Check-Post has come to notice of Government to conduct an enquiry.

(e)—There is no such proposal at present.

Re : Recommendation of Diwakar Committee on small News Paper.

Shri PREMODHAR BORA asked :

377. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What steps have been taken by the Government to implement the recommendation of the Diwakar Committee on small Newspaper ?

(b) Whether the Government has proposed to give financial assistance to small newspapers ?

(c) Whether the Government have taken up any housing scheme for working journalists in Assam ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware of a publication named "Sangwadik" in Assam a fortnightly published from Tinsukia ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that said paper was not given any advertisements by the Government although advertisement were given to some other papers which were not included in the approved list ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the journal was not even favoured with special Republic Day display advertisement ?

(g) If so, the reasons therefore ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that this paper recently published a series of letter revealing deep rooted corruption in this Information and Public Relation Department ?

(i) If so, what steps have been taken to punish all these corrupt officials ?

(j) If not, why ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

377. (a)—Some of the recommendations of the Diwakar Committee on small newspapers, such as releasing advertisements, issuing news, feature and photographic service inclusion of representative of small newspapers in conducted tours, providing transport facilities to the representatives for important publicity coverage are being implemented. The question of implementing other essential recommendation is under consideration of Government.

(b)—No.

[c]—No.

[d] Yes, under publication since January, 1968.

[e]—Yes. This paper has not been given any advertisement. Papers which are not in the approved list were not given any advertisement.

[f]—Yes.

[g]—They never applied for it.

[h] Yes, they published some allegations of corruption against the Directorate of Information and Public Relations Department.

[i]—Government considered the allegations to be false and maliciously motivated and have decided to institute a criminal case against the author, Editor, Printer and Publisher of the newspaper.

[j]—Does not arise in view of reply to [i] above.

Re : Occupation of lands in Janji Tea Company and Gavaru-Parbat Tea Garden

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that some peasants have been occupying the scattered lands of the Janji Tea Company and the Gavaru-Parbat Tea Garden ?

[b] If so, what is the area of these lands ?

[c] Whether the occupants have prayed for formal settlement of the lands with them ?

[d] Whether it is a fact that the Land Acquisition Department surveyed the lands early in 1964.

[e] If so, whether the Government has taken steps for acquisition and settlement of these lands with the occupants ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister of Revenue] replied :

378. [a]—Yes. Peasants of about nine surrounding villages occupied about 3,056 bighas of land of Janji Tea Company and the Gavaru-Parbat Tea Garden.

[b]—Three thousand and fifty-six bighas.

[c]—Some occupants submitted applications for settlement.

[d]—Yes.

[e]—The land was not requisitioned as there was no surplus land of the Garden under 1 : 2 Formula.

Re : Shortage of water for cultivation in Barsala Mauza

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS asked :

379. Will the Minister-in-charge, P.W.D. (F.C. and I.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that thousands of bighas of land in Barsala Mauza (Tezpur Subdivision) lie fallow for want of water every year ?

(b) Whether the Government is aware that every year the public of Barsala used to construct a bund across the Marnadi at Gariapathar for irrigation purpose but due to a rush of flood water the bund is washed away and thousands of bighas of land remain fallow ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer submitted Plan and Estimate for the construction of the Gariapathar bund ?

d) Whether the Government will be pleased to take early steps for the construction of the bund so that a huge area may be brought under cultivation ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

379. (a)—A part of Barsala Mauza outside the command of Barsala Irrigation Scheme does not get adequate water for cultivation.

(b)—This Department is not aware of any bund made by public across Marnadi at Gariapathar.

(c)—No.

(d)—One scheme, *viz.*, Sirajuli Irrigation is under investigation which may bring under command a major part of this Mauza.

Re : Total length of abandoned dykes in Assam

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

380. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (E. and D.) be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total length of the abandoned dykes in Assam ?

(b) Whether all the abandoned dykes have still been of any use ?

(c) If not, whether the Government will release the lands covered by those abandoned dykes for settlement with deserving persons ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, P.W.D., Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied :

380. (a) - About 15 miles.

(b) Yes.

(c)—Land of unused dykes may be released in certain cases where there are no prospects of reusing it on further shifting of the river.

Re : Inadequate water supply in South Salmara Mauza for Culitivation

Shri MOHI KANTA Das asked :

381. Will the Minister of P.W.D (F.C.I.) be pleased to state –

(a) Whether the Government is aware that thousands of Bighas of lands in South Barsala Mouza in Tezpur Subdivision remain fallow every year for inadequate water Supply ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the local Engineer of the Department submitted plan and estimate for the construction of Sirajuli Bund for Irrigating the vast area which remains always fallow due to scarcity of water ?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to take up construction of the Sirajuli Bund, so that a huge fallow area may be brought under cultivation ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

381. (a)—It is a fact that a portion of South Barsala Mouza outside the command of the Barsala Irrigation does not get adequate water for cultivation.

(b)—At present investigation and preparation of estimate for Sirajuli Irrigation Scheme at a higher place, so as to include more command including a part of Barsala Mouza is under way.

(c) The scheme will be taken up, if it is found technically feasible and funds become available.

Re : Irrigation system in the State

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

382. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E and D) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government has been successful in providing Irrigation in the State ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that lack of irrigation has been one of the root causes of under production and shortage of food in Assam ?

(c) Whether the Government is contemplating any emergent scheme for adequate and large-scale irrigation in the State ?

(d) If so, whether the Government will include canal irrigation from the Brahmaputra and its tributaries and estuaries in the State ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY : (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control, etc) replied :

382 (a)—Yes, successful to a great extent.

(b) To some extent lack of irrigation facilities is a cause for the under production of food crops in some areas.

(c) Yes, irrigation schemes medium and minor have been and are being taken up according to availability of funds.

(d) Canal irrigation from river Brahmaputra is not a feasible proposition. However a few irrigation scheme in subtributaries of Brahmaputra have been taken up and a few are under investigation.

Re : River eroded families of Barpeta Subdivision

Shri JALALUDDIN AHMED asked :

383. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state –

(a) Whether Government is aware that about 2,500 families of villages Kharki, Lehi, Salmara, Loharapara, Alirpam, Aligaon, Syepur, Dharmapur, Soulkhowarjhar, Mominpur, Ramapara, Chapara, Dhakshin Pachim, Deuldi, Bhangi Khowa, and Alupatirchar of Mandia and Baghbar area of Barpeta Subdivision being eroded by the river Brahmaputra are living on the dyke and on the nearby "Char" under great hardship ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that no arrangement up till for now distribution of the land for their rehabilitation has been made either by the local authority or by the Land Advisory Committee ?

(c) Whether Government contemplate to rehabilitate the erosion affected people ?

(d) If so, when ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

383. (a)—Lands of 1,353 families of villages Kharki, Lehi, Salmara, pathar, Laharapara, Aligaon, Aligaonpan, Syedpur, Dharmapur Sakhowarjan, Maminpur, Ramaparapam, Chapari, Dakshin-Deuldi, Pachim Deuldi, Uzirorochar (Bangikhowa), Alupatichar (Majorchar), Matharnga, Kapahtali villages of Mandia, Bagribari and Baghbar

Mouzas have been eroded during the last five years. Out of these 1,353 families, only 38 families are residing on the Bahari-Baghbar-Brahmaputra Dyke at Sargaonpam village. Allotment of lands to these 38 families are being made in the Gobindapnr dereserved portion. Another 72 families are also found residing on the old abondoned Dyke. Most of them are not deserving to get land. The cases of the deserving persons are under consideration of the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta.

(b)—All possible arrangements have been made for providing land to the families rendered landless by the erosion.

(c) & (d)—Government will continue its efforts to rehabilitate deserving erosion affected families subject to the availability of land.

Re : Distribution of land to river eroded and flood affected people

Shri BISHNU PRASAD RAVA asked :

৩৮৪। মাননীয় বাজহ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে—

(ক) গবাখহনীয়া, বান পানী আদিত স্থানান্তর হোৱা লোকৰ মাত্র ২।৩ বিঘাকৈ মাটি দিয়া কথাটো সঁচানে ?

(খ) যদি সঁচা, ইমান কমকৈ কিয় দিয়া হৈছে ?

শ্রীমহেন্দ্র মোহন চৌধুৰী (বাজহ মন্ত্রী) ৰ উত্তৰ :

৩৮৪। (ক) আৰু (খ)—যথেষ্ট মাটি নথকা বাবে কিছুমান অঞ্চলত ২।৩ বিঘাকৈ বস্তিৰ কাৰণেহে দিয়া হৈছে। খেতিৰ কাৰণে সাধাৰণতে ৪ বিঘাৰ পৰা ১০ বিঘা পর্য্যন্ত দিয়া হৈছে।

Re : Allotment of land by Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Sibsagar

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

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

(a) Whether some amount of land was recommended by the

Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Sibsagar for establishment of Bakharbangena High School, Mahmora High School and Deodubi Hari Mandir ?

(b) Whether the said land was finally settled and communicated to the institutions ?

(c) If the reply is in the negative whether Government will be pleased to expedite the same ?

Shri MOHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) to replied :

385. (a)—Yes. The Land Settlement Advisory Board, Sibsagar recommended for allotment of lands to Deodubi Harimandir and Bakharbangena M. E. School.

(b) & (c)—Government order for allotment of land to Deobubi Harimandir has already been issued and possession of the land has also been handed over to the President, Deodubi Sarbajanin Hari Mandir.

As regards Bakherbangena M. E. School formar proposal from S.D.O. is awaited.

Re : Holding of land under Ceiling Act

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked.

386. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that any single landholder cannot hold more than 150 bighas Khiraj periodic patta land under the Ceiling Act ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Nagrijuli Tea Estate has possessed 1,500 bighas in Dag No. 2 of periodic Khiraj land patta No. 1 ?

(c) Whether Government propose to acquire the surplus periodic Khiraj land of Nagrijuli Tea Estate under the Ceiling Act ?

(d) If so, when ?

(e) If not, why ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

386. (a)—Yes, unless such lands are exempted from the operation of the Ceiling Act under Section 2 of the Act.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d) – Yes, if surplus land is found after verification which is still going on.

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

Re : Acquisition of land by Government after application of Fixation of Ceiling Act

Rani MANJULA DEVI asked :

387 Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) The area of land acquisitioned by the Government after application of Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act (Please state number of bighas in each district) ?

(b) The number of landless cultivators or agricultural labourers provided with land thus acquired under this Act ?

(c) The number of acquisition cases still pending under this Act ?

(d) The number of applicants for land awaiting disposal (All the figures to be shown separately district-wise) ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that Government made a survey to find out the total area of land in each district that may be available under this Act, for the settlement with landless cultivators ?

(f) If so, the time that may be required to acquire the total area ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

387. (a)—The area of the land so far acquired is given below –

(i)	Nowgong	3,719 Bighas
(ii)	Lakhimpur	13,278 ,,
(iii)	Darrang	53,542 ,,
(iv)	Sibsagar ...	2,117 ,,
(v)	Goalpara	7,217 ,,
(vi)	Kamrup	88,420 ,,
(vii)	Cachar	35,964 ,,
	Total ...	2,04,257 ,,

(b) Three hundred and one.

(c) Three hundred and forty-nine.

(d) – (i) Nowgong ... 35

(ii) Lakhimpur 162

(iii) Darrang 1,929

(iv) Sibsagar ... 33

(v) Goalpara ... 57

(vi) Kamrup 376

(vii) Cachar ... ... Nil

(e)—No such survey had been made under this Act.

(f) – Does not arise in view of (e) above.

Re : Allotment of land to the Town people in Dag No. 92 under Balijana Circle

Shri BENOY KRISHNA GHOSE asked :

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

(a) How many town people are allotted land in Dag No. 92, village Baladmari under Balijana Circle ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that many of them have lands in the town

(c) Whether it is a fact that in some cases both father and son have been allotted lands in the said Dag No. 92 though they have permanent houses in the town ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

388. (a)—No land has yet been allotted in Dag No. 92 of village Baladmari under Balijana Circle.

(b) and (c)—Do not arise in view of replies to (a) above.

Re : Allotment of land to Government employees in Dag No. 92 under Balijana Circle

Shri BENOY KRISHNA GHOSE asked :

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

(a) How many Government Employees have been allotted land in Dag No. 92 of village Baladmari under Balijana Circle ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that some of them are no longer at Goalpara ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that many of them have lands in the town or elsewhere within Goalpara District either in their own name or in the names of their sons/daughters or wives ?

(d) If so, whether the Government proposes to revise the said allotment ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

389. (a) - No land has yet been allotted in Dag No. 92 of village Baladmari under Balijana Circle but it is proposed to be allotted to four Garo families.

(b), (c) and (d) - Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Re : Cultivable land with Cultivators in the State

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

৩৯০। বাজহ বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে -

(ক) অসমৰ বিভিন্ন জিলাৰ প্ৰকৃত খেতিয়কৰ হাতত ধান খেতিৰ উপযোগী কিমান মাটি আছে ? (বিঘা আৰু জিলা অনুপাতে)

(খ) অনা খেতিয়কৰ হাতত তেনে মাটি কিমান আছে ? জিলা অনুপাতে

(গ) চাহবাগান আৰু আন শিল্পানুষ্ঠানৰ অধিকাৰত তেনে মাটি কিমান আছে ? জিলা অনুপাতে।

(ঘ) অসম চিলিং আইন বলবৎ হোৱাৰ পাছত চাহবাগানৰ অধিকাৰত থকা (ফ্ৰি) চিম্পোল বাদে) তেনেধৰণৰ কিমান মাটি অধিগ্ৰহণ কৰি চৰকাৰৰ অধীনলৈ অনা হল আৰু খেতিয়কৰ মাজত বিতৰণ কৰা হ'ল ?

শ্ৰীমহেন্দ্ৰ মোহন চৌধুৰী (বাজহ মন্ত্ৰী) উত্তৰ :

৩৯০। (ক) আৰু (খ)—এই তথ্যবোৰৰ কাৰণে কোনো সমীক্ষা কৰা হোৱা নাই।

(গ)—চাহবাগানৰ অধিকাৰত থকা মাটিৰ পৰিমাণ—

গোৱালপাৰা	৮৪৮ একৰ।
কামৰূপ	৩০,৩৬৮ একৰ।
নগাঁও	৪৫,৩৫৪ একৰ।
দৰং	২,১৬,১২৬ একৰ।

শিৱসাগৰ		৩,২৫,১৪৯ একৰ।
লক্ষিমপুৰ	... ...	৩,১৫,৮৫৬ একৰ।
কাছাৰ	...	৩,৪০,৫৪৬ একৰ।
	মুঠ ..	১২,৭৪,৩১৭ একৰ।

অইন শিল্পানুষ্ঠানৰ অধিকাৰত থকা মাটিৰ কোনো তথ্য সংগ্ৰহ কৰা হোৱা নাই।

(ঘ) মুঠ ১৫,৪৮১ বিঘা মাটি চাহবাগান বোৰৰ পৰা অধিগ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে। তাৰ ভিতৰত কিমান F. S. Grant আছে তাৰ সুকীয়া তথ্য ৰখা হোৱা নাই। উপৰোক্ত অধিগ্ৰহণ কৰা মাটিৰ ভিতৰত ৮,০৮৮ বিঘা বিতৰণ কৰা হৈছে যোৰহাট মহকুমাত।

Re : Allotment of land for Cultivation in Golaghat Subdivision by S. D. O.

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

৩৯১। মাননীয় ৰাজহ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে—

(ক) যোৱা ১৯৫৫ চনতে গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ অন্তৰ্গত ৰৰপাথাৰ মৌজাৰ চকলি নাহৰবাৰী, ৰৰচাপৰি আদি অঞ্চলত মুঠ কিমান লোকক গোলাঘাট A. S. O. মহোদয়ে চৰকাৰী মাটিত খেতি কৰিবলৈ নিৰ্দ্দেশ দিছিল ?

(খ) এই অঞ্চলত এনেদৰে খেতি কৰা খেতিয়ক লোকসকলৰ পৰা তজুবাহি খাজনা লোৱা সঁচানে ?

(গ) যদি সঁচা, তজুবাহি খাজনা লগোৱাৰ হুকুম কেতিয়া দিয়া হৈছিল আৰু কেতিয়াৰ পৰা বলবৎ কৰা হ'ল ব', তজুবাহি আদায় কৰা হৈছে ?

(ঘ) এইদৰে খেতিকৰি থকা ১০১ জন খেতিয়কক ১০২৬ বিঘা মাটিৰ পৰা অসম ৰাজহ আইনৰ ১৮(৩) ধাৰা অনুযায়ী ১৯৬৪ চনৰ নবেম্বৰ মাহত উচ্ছেদ কৰা কথাটো সঁচানে ?

(ঙ) যদি সঁচা, ইয়াৰ কাৰণ কি ?

(চ) A. S. O. ই বন্দোৱস্তী দিয়া খেতিয়কৰ এইদৰে যি সকল খেতিয়কক উচ্ছেদ চৰকাৰে কৰিলে সেই সকলক পুনৰ সংস্থাপন দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে কৰিবনে ?

শ্রীমহেন্দ্র মোহন চৌধুরী (রাজহ মন্ত্রী) উত্তর দিব ঃ

৩৯১ (ক) তেনেকুৱা কোনো নির্দেশ দিয়া হোৱা নাছিল।

(খ) আৰু (গ) - নহয়।

(ঘ) ১৯৬৪ চনত ১০২ জন লোকে চকলি নাহৰবাৰী আৰু বৰচাপৰি গাওঁ ৯১১ বিঘা তিনি কাঠা ১৭ লেচা মাটি বিনাঅনুমতিত বেদখল কৰিছিল। সিহঁতৰ উচ্ছেদৰ কাৰণে বেদখলী কেছ চলোৱা হৈছিল। চকলি গাওঁৰ বেদখলকাৰিবোৰে বেদখলী কেছ শেষ কৰা আগতে দখল এৰি দিয়ে। বৰচাপৰি আৰু নাহৰবাৰী গাওঁ বেদখলকাৰীক ১৯৬৪ চনতে উচ্ছেদ কৰা হয়।

(ঙ) তেওঁলোকে বিনাঅনুমতিত মাটি বেদখল কৰিছিল। তাৰোপৰি বন্দবস্তি পাবৰো তেওঁলোক যোগ্য নাছিল।

(চ) পুনৰসংস্থাপনৰ বাবে বেদখলকাৰীৰ আইনত কোনো স্বত্ব নাই।

Re : Prayer for land by landless people of Hailakandi

Shri TAZAMUL ALI LASKAR asked :

৩৯২। মাননীয় ৰাজহ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহপূৰ্ব্বক জানাইবেন কি—

(ক) বিগত ১৯৬৭ ইং সনে হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমা শাসকৰ নিকট কতজন ভূমিহীন কৃষক জমিৰ জন্য আবেদন কৰিয়াছিলেন ? সৰকাৰে এই ব্যাপাৰে কি সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ কৰিয়াছেন ?

(খ) হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমায় কতজন ভূমিহীন কৃষক আছেন ?

(গ) সৰকাৰ এই ব্যাপাৰে কোন সাৰ্ভে কৰিয়াছেন কি না ? না কৰিয়া থাকিলে কি কাৰ্যকৰী পন্থা অবলম্বন কৰা হইতেছে ?

(ঘ) সৰকাৰ অবগত আছেন কি না যে বিগত কয়েক বৎসৰ আগে কাটলীছড়া থানাৰ কোন কোন অঞ্চলে কিনসংখ্যক লোকৰ মধ্যে চা বাগানে ৰিক্লেইমেশন কৰা জমি বিলি কৰা হয়াছিল। পৰবৰ্ত্তী কালে ঐসব ভূমিপ্রাপকদেৰ কেউ কেউ জমি অন্যৰ কাছে আইনকো ফাঁকি দিয়া বিক্রয় কৰিয়াছেন ? এই সম্বন্ধে যত যাথার্থ তথ্য নিয়া সৰকাৰ কি ব্যৱস্থা অবলম্বন কৰিতে পাৰেন ?

(ঙ) হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমার যাহাদের জমি দেওয়া হইয়াছিল তাহারা প্রকৃত ভূমিহীন কি না? এই সম্বন্ধে সরকার কোন তথ্য পূর্ব্ব হইতে সংগ্রহ করিয়াছিলেন কি না?

(চ) না করিয়া থাকিলে ইয়ার কারণ কি?

শ্রীমহেন্দ্র মোহন চৌধুরী (মিনিষ্টার, রেভিনিও) উত্তর:

৩৯২। (ক)—১৯৬৭ ইং সনে ভূমি পত্তনের জন্য সর্ব্বমোঠ ১৯৪ খানা দরখাস্ত পাওয়া গিয়াছিল। এই সকল দরখাস্তের মধ্যে ১৬৬ খানা দরখাস্তের তদন্ত চলিতেছে, ২৭ খানা দরখাস্ত নামঞ্জুর হইয়াছে এবং ১ খানা দরখাস্তের উপর জমি দেওয়া হইয়াছে।

(খ) জরিপ নাকরা পর্য্যন্ত ইহা বলা সম্ভবপর নহে।

(গ) না। ভূমিহীন কৃষকদের ব্যক্তিগত সমস্যা তাহাদের নিজ নিজ দরখাস্তের উপর বিচার করা হয়।

(ঘ) কতক জমি অধিগ্রহণ করিয়া উদ্বাস্তু ও অন্যান্যদের মধ্যে বন্টন করা হইয়াছিল। কিন্তু যাহারা এই জমি পাইয়াছেন তাহাদের মধ্যে কেহ এই জমি বা ইহার কোন অংশ অন্যের নিকট বিক্রয় করিয়াছেন কি না তাহা সরকারের জানা নাই। এই বিষয় কোন লেখ্য প্রমাণ বা নির্দ্দিষ্ট অভিযোগ নাই। এই বিষয় পুনরায় তদন্ত চলিতেছে। তদন্তের পর যথাবিহিত ব্যবস্থা অবলম্বন করা হইবে।

(ঙ) পত্তনের উপযোগী ভূমি সাধারণতঃ ভূমিহীন অথবা যাহাদের অতি সামন্য ভূমি আছে তাহাদের মধ্যে বন্টন করা হয়। হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমায় পূর্ব্বেও এই নীতি অনুসারে ভূমি বন্টন করা হইয়াছে।

(চ) পূর্ব্বোক্ত প্রশ্নের উত্তরের জন্য এই প্রশ্নের উত্তর নিপ্রয়োজন।

Re : Landless peasants in Darrang District

Shri BISHNU PRASAD RAVA : asked :

৩৯৩। মাননীয় রাজস্ব মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে—

(ক) দৰং জিলাত মাটিহীন কৃষকৰ সংখ্যা শতকৰা কিমান?

(খ) দৰং জিলাত এতিয়ালৈ কিমান মাটি বিতৰণ কৰা হ'ল ?

(গ) ইয়াৰে কিমান মাটি মাটিহীন খেতিয়কক দিয়া হৈছে ?

শ্রীমহেন্দ্র মোহন চৌধুৰী (ৰাজহ মন্ত্রী) উত্তৰ দিছে :

৩৯৩। (ক)—মাটিহীন কৃষকৰ জিলাওৱাৰী তথ্য সমীক্ষা হোৱা নাই।

(খ)—১।৭।১৯৫৮ ইংৰাজী তাৰিখৰ পৰা ২,৮১,৮৬৪ বিঘা মাটি বিতৰণ কৰা হৈছে।

(গ) আটাইবোৰ মাটি মাটিহীন খেতিয়কক দিয়া হৈছে।

Re: Nagrijuli Tea Estate Land

Shri MONESWAR BORO asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that about 500 bighas of periodic patta land belonging to the Nagrijuli Tea Estate is under the possession of the cultivators of village Khatarbari ?

(b) Whether these lands had been reclaimed and have been cultivated by the local landless cultivators of village Khatarbari since 30 years ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Settlement Officer, Tamulpur Circle had issued Rayatari Kacha Khatians Patta to the said cultivators in 1960 (on 12th May, 1960) ?

(d) If so, what is the total number of such Rayatari Kacha Khatian Patta ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup District has enquired into this matter ?

(f) If so, what is his report regarding this land ?

(g) Whether the State Revenue Minister had visited the Nagrijuli Tea Garden land during 1967 (on 12th May, 1967) ?

(h) If so, whether report had been submitted by him before the Government regarding this land ?

(i) If not, why ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

394. (a)—No. Approximately 2½ bighas of periodic patta land belonging to the Ledo Tea Company which is locally known as Nagrijuli Tea Estate are under the possession of some people of village Khatarbari.

(b)—It cannot be ascertained now if reclamation was done by landless cultivators of Khatarbari village 30 years ago.

(c —The field Chitha of the land does not indicate that any Rayatari Kacha Khatian was issued to any people of Khatarbari village on the basis of their occupation of the land of the said Tea Estate as tenants.

(d —Does not arise.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup reported that though some land of Nagrijuli Tea Estate was in occupation of 11 families of Khatarbari village for

a period of about 25 years and some land under occupation of 9 families of the said village for about 12 years no Rayatari Khatian could be issued to them as the occupants could not establish their right of occupation by producing any document.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—No report appears to have been received in the concerning Department.

(i) Does not arise.

Re : Illegal and for cible occupation of land by N. E. F. A. Administration in Jonai

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

395. Will the Minister, Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is fact a that the N. E. F. A. administration in Jonai illegally and forcibly crossed the State boundary and occupied a vast area of the State ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that some people of the N. E. F. A. area destroyed the forest plantation at Jonai ?

(c) If so, what steps are taken in this behalf ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister-incharge, Forests) replied :

395. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes. Some Adi people of N. E. F. A. encroached and destroyed some plantation in Gali Reserve Forest in the Jonai area.

(c)—In the area falling inside Assam the encroachers have been evicted.

Re : T. A. Bills of Second, Third and Fourth Grade employees in Tahsil Department of Goalpara District.

Shri KABIR CHANDRA ROY PRADHNI asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a preferential treatment in the matter of T. A. Bills between the Second Grade and Third Grade and Fourth Grade employees of the State in Goalpara District specially in Tahsil Department ?

(b) Whether any T. A. bills of those employees are still pending for payment ?

(c) If so, what is the total number and what is the total amount ?

(d) The reasons for non-payment of those T.A. Bills ?

(e) When these amounts will be paid to those officers ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

396. (a)—There is no preferential treatment in the matter of T. A. Bills between Grades in question. Bills are paid according to allotment of fund headwise.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Three hundred and seventy-one numbers amounting to Rs. 14,095.

(d)—For want of adequate fund.

(e)—Bill will be paid next year on receipt of fund.

Re : Issuing of pattas by Government to non-tribal people within Tamulpur Tribal Belt

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked :

397. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have issued some pattas to some of the non-tribal people within the Tamulpur Tribal Belt ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to cancel those pattas ?

(c) If not, why ?

(d) If so, when ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

397. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)&(d)—A patta cannot be cancelled if it is lawfully issued to non-tribals who are permanent resident of the Belt or belong to categories of protected classes. A patta can be cancelled only if it is found to have been issued to person not protected under the Rules of Tribal Belt. When such cases are detected, the local officers can take action to cancel the patta.

Re : Complaint against the Principal, Kasturba Labour Women Training Centre, Nazira

Shri PROMODE CHANDRA GOGOI asked :

398. Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the public have lodged complaint against the Principal of the Kasturba Labour Women Training Centre, Mazenga, Nazira in the Sibsagar District ?

(b) If so, what were the allegations ?

(c) What actions have been taken by the Government in this regard ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge, Labour) replied :

398. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The allegations are that the husband of the Principal has been staying with her and interfering with the administration of the institution. There was counter allegation against Shri Lila Kotoky, Office Assistant of the Centre. These were that he attends office only 10/12 days of/in the month Embazzles money on false bills. Permits Chowkidar to build a house in the compound in return for free milk. Sells thatch of the eompound for his benefit. Was imprisoned in criminal case. Used parts of Cycle of the Centre in his own Cycle. Took away ration from the Centre of August. Formed groups. Fomented letters against the Principal.

(c) The allegations were duly enquired into but there was no evidence to substantiate the charges against the Principal or her husband. The Principal has since resigned the post on personal grounds and it has been accepted with effect from 7th March, 1968. She has also left the Welfare Centre.

Re : Supply of Cereal to Tea Garden Labourer

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

399. Will the Minister-in-charge, Labour be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that supply of cereal is a part of wage of the Tea Garden labour force ?

(b) Whether the managements of the tea gardens supply rations to the casual labourers ?

(c) If not, whether any cash was paid in lieu of cereal to them ?

(d) If cereal is not supplied and cash also is not paid what step Government have taken ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge, Labour) replied :

399. (a) - Yes

(b) There is no uniform practice. In some gardens ration is supplied, if claimed, according to availability.

(c) - Payment of cash compensation is also not a standing practice. Cash Compensation has been paid under a bilateral agreement.

(d) No such claims have been received.

Re : Utilisation of last year's Budget

Shri PREMADHAR BORA asked :

400. Will the Minister-in-charge of Finance be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the full budget allocation of the last budget was utilised ?

(b) If not what is the total amount of surrender out of the last budget ?

(c What is the percentage of the surrender out of the total allocation ?

(d) What is the percentage of the budget allocation representing the pay, allowances and honorarium, etc., for the Officer/staff of the Government ?

(e) Which department is heading the list of surrender ?

(f) What steps have been proposed to check such an unrealistic budget allocations in future ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge of Finance) replied :

400. (a)—No.

(b)—Rupees 17,00,36,008 were surrendered out of the total gross Budget allocation of Rs. 2,20,80,07,051 for the year 1966-67.

(c)—7.7 percent.

(d)—Percentage of Budget allocation representing the Pay and allowances and Honoraria of Government servants works out as follows :—

(i) 7.06 per cent of the total gross Budget allocation.

(ii) 9.3 per cent of the net total expenditure.

(iii) 15.1 percent of the total gross expenditure of Revenue Account.

(iv) 9 per cent of the total net expenditure on Revenue Account.

(e)—In that year the maximum surrender was by the Supply Department.

(f)—The Budget allocation is done on the basis of Demands supported by materials made by different Departments. The estimates of the different Departments in the circumstances cannot be called unrealistic. Surrender takes place due to many factors like exercise of economy inability to complete some schemes due to various factors, lesser purchase of commodities by the Supply Department on Trade Account, etc. However, all Departments have repeatedly been asked to be more realistic in preparing their Budget estimates.

Re : Free Studentship for the Students of other Backward Classes upto Pre-Matric Stage

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

401. Will the Minister, T.A.D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that free-Studentship upto 25 per cent was granted to the students of Other Backward Classes in Pre-Matric Stage ?

(b) What is the number of Schools receiving such benefit in the Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(c) The names of five Schools which drew the highest amount ?

(d) What is the Matriculation results of those schools named in (c) above during the last 3 years ?

Shri CHATRA SING TERON (Minister-in-charge, T.A. & W.B.C.) replied :

401. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Fifty-seven High Schools and 58 M. E. Schools in the Subdivision received such benefit.

(c) - 1. S. D. Phukan Girls' High Schools, Charing.

2. Dhitaipukhuri High School.

3. Banmukh High School.

4 Tantia High School.

5. Konwarpur High School.

(d) Matriculatition results of those Schools during 1964 to 1966 are as under :

Name of Schools	Year	No. of Students sent up	No. of Students passed.
1	2	3	4
1. S. D. Phukan Girls' High School	1964	24	7
	1965	28	18
	1966	18	4
2. Dhitaipukhuri High Schoal	1964	23	7
	1965	19	5
	1966	14	7
3. Banmukh High School	1964	48	28
	1965	54	22
	1966	11	9
4. Tantia High School	1964	12	4
	1965	34	5
	1966	10	7
5. Konwarpur High School	1964	45	25
	1965	48	14
	1966	23	17

Re : Post Matric Scholarships for other Backward Classes Students

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

402. Will the Minister-in-charge of T.A.D. be pleased to state -

(a) The number of students from other backward classes receiving post-matric scholarships during the year 1967-68 ?

(b) The amount involved in this connection ?

(c) What is the number of students from other Backward Classes who received Pre-matric freeships during 1967-68 ?

(d) The amount involved in this regard ?

(e) What is the number of students from Tea labourers and ex-Tea Labourers receiving Post-matric Scholarships during the year 1967-68 ?

(f) The amount involved in this regards ?

(g) What is the number of students from Tea and ex-tea labourers receiving Pre-matric freeships in schools in 1967-68 ?

(h) What is the amount involved ?

Shri CHATRA SING TERON (Minister, T.A.D.) replied :

402. (a) - The figures relating to the awards of scholarships during the year 1967-68 are under compilation and it is not possible to state the accurate number of students. The information will be supplied to the Hon'ble Member later

(b) – An allocation of Rs. 18.00 lakhs was made for scholarships to the students of O.B. Cs.

(c) & (d)—The free studentships are granted by the Inspector of Schools and the exact number and the amounts will be communicated to the Hon'ble Member after compilation of the figures to be received from various Inspectors of Schools. The amount involved is Rs. 8.12 lakhs.

(e) & (f) - No separate statistics regarding the grant of scholarships to the students from Tea labourers and ex-Tea labourers is maintained. There was, however, a budget provision of Rs. 1 lakh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for grant of scholarships to such students during the year 1967-68.

(g) & (h) – It is not possible to state the number of students as separate statistics for the students from Tea and ex-tea labourers are not maintained.

Re : Protection of the Tea Garden of the Assamese People

Dr. BHUPEN HAZARIKA asked :

403 Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state—

(ক) অসমীয়া মালিকৰ সৰু সৰু পুৰণি কলিয়া বাগিছা সমূহৰ অৰ্থ নৈতিক নিৰাপত্তাৰ বিষয়ে চৰকাৰে কি কি ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লৈছে ?

(খ) আজিকালি অৰ্থ নৈতিক ফালৰ পৰা সম্পৰ্কীয় কৰিবলৈ চাহ খেতিৰ কালিৰ পৰিমাণ নিম্নতম ১০০০ একৰ ধাৰ্য্য কৰা কথাটো সঁচা নে ?

(গ) যদি সঁচা, তেন্তে ভোলাগুৰি চাহ বাগিচাৰ মুঠ ৭৪০ একৰ মাটিৰ ২০ একৰ মাটি এন. এফ, ৰেইলৱেয়ে কাটি লৈ যোৱাৰ পিচত মাটিৰ অভাৱ হোৱাত বন বিভাগলৈ অতিৰিক্ত মাটিৰ বাবে কৰা দৰখাস্ত আজিও অৱহেলিত হৈ পৰি আছে কিয় ?

(ঘ) উক্ত অসমীয়া বাগিছাখনে ১।১২।১৯৬৭ তাৰিখে কৰা আৰু ১২।১২।১৯৬৭ তাৰিখে মেপ সহ কৰা দৰখাস্ত চৰকাৰে যথাক্ৰমে ৫।১২।১৯৬৭ আৰু ১৫।১২।১৯৬৭ তাৰিখে পাইছেনে, যদি পাইছে তেন্তে তাৰ কি ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লৈছে ?

Shri BISWADAV SARMA (Minister of Industries) replied :

৪০৩। (ক)—অসমীয়া মালিকৰ সৰু সৰু চাহ বাগিছা বিলাকৰ অৰ্থ নৈতিক নিৰাপত্তাৰ কাৰণে অসমত চাহ বাগিছাৰ মালিক সকলৰ মাজত দুখন সমবায় সমিতি গঠন কৰা হৈছে। এখনৰ নাম "ইষ্ট ইণ্ডিয়া টি প্লেণ্টাৰ্চ সমবায় সমিতি," যোৰহাট আৰু আনখনৰ নাম "অসম টি প্লেণ্টাৰ্চ সমবায় সমিতি." শিলং দুয়োখন সমবায় সমিতিয়েই আসাম কো-অপাৰেটিভ এপেক্স বেঙ্কৰ পৰা শতকৰা ৮ টকা হাৰ সুদে ধন ধাৰলৈ নিয়ে আৰু সমবায় মেম্বৰ, মালিক সকলক শতকৰা ৯ টকা হাৰ সুদে ধন ধাৰলৈ দিয়ে। এনে পদ্ধতিকেই অসম চৰকাৰে অসমীয়া চাহ বাগিছাৰ মালিক সকলক আৰ্থিক সাহায্য দি আহিছে।

(খ)—নহয়।

(গ) - চৰকাৰে উল্লিখিত দৰখাস্ত যথাবিহিত ভাবে পৰীক্ষা কৰি চালে, কিন্তু বন উন্নয়নৰ পৰিপ্ৰেক্ষিতে আবেদন মঞ্জুৰ কৰিবলৈ বিবেচনা নকৰিলে।

(ঘ)—"গ" উপ-প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰৰ সন্দৰ্ভত এই উপ-প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰ দিবলগীয়া নহয়।

Re : Compensation given by Assam State Elect icity Board

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

404. Will the Minister, Power (Electricity) be pleased to state –

(a) Whether the Assam State Electricity Board has referred the matter of Shri Mazu Phukan and Shri Chandra Ram Baruah of Deodhai Gaon Godhulibazar Mauza. Sibsagar Sub division, relating to the compensation of crops damaged by 66 K V transmission of line from Gargaon to Mariani, to the local Revenue Authority as replied in unstarred question No. 300 on 30th March 1966 in the floor of the Assembly ?

(b) Whether any settlement regarding payment of compensation, is made ?

(c) If not, whether the Government will be pleased to expedite the payment ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA [Minister-incharge, Power (Electricity)] replied :

404. (a)—Yes. The case was referred to the S. D.O. (Civil), Sibsagar.

(b) – All attempts to settle the case by paying compensation to Shri Mazu Phukan and Chandra Ram Baruah at the rate fixed by the Deputy Commissioner were made. But the party declined to accept the compensation at the rates fixed by D. C. The Board long ago deposited Rs. 3.5 lakhs at the disposal of the D. C. when the land was occupied.

(c) – The matter is subjudice at present.

Re : Death of persons from Electrocution

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

405. Will the Minister-in-charge of Power (Electricity, be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of persons specially in rural areas have met with deaths from electro cution by touch with the high tension electric wires that are passing through the rural areas ?

(b) If so, what is their number (please state the number Sub-division-wise) ?

(c) What steps the Government have taken as precautionary measures to educate the public of rural areas about the danger and grave risk from touch of these high tension wires ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA [Minister-in-charge of Power (Electricity)] replied

405. (a) & (b)—As per records available 7 fatal electrical accidents occurred since May 1966 in the rural areas as below.

Kampur	...	...	1
Golaghat	...	...	1
Silchar	...	...	1
Lukwa	...	...	1
Nazira	...	...	1
Jagiroad	...	...	1
Mawphlang	...	...	1

(c)—All electrical lines are constructed by observing all the safety measures envisaged under the provisions of the Indian Electricity Act and the Rules made thereunder. Such lines are also examined and certified for energisation by the Electrical Inspector, Government of Assam. Further such lines are not charged without notifying in the local newspapers and the local officers invariably bring the above aspect to the knowledge of the local people Very often a tom tom is also used to notify energisation of lines in villages through which the lines travel.

Re : Electrification to Abhayapuri and Bongaigaon

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA asked :

406. Will the Minister-in-charge of Power (Electricity) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the electrification to the Abhayapuri and Bongaigaon town will be made ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Government gave assurance in 1967 that electrification will be made to Bongaigaon very soon ?

(c) If so, why there is so much delay in this regard ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA [Minister-incharge of Power (Electricity)] replied :

406. (a)—Abhayapuri has already been electrified in 1963 and the electrification of Bongaigaon is under progress.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—There was some delay due to non-receipt of some materials which has been received in the meantime. It is expected that electrification of Bongaigaon can be completed during 1968.

Re : Electrification of Thelamara area of Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

407. Will the Minister-in-charge of Power (Electricity) be pleased to state –

(a) Whether the Government is aware of persistent public demand for electrification of Thelamara area in Tezpur Subdivision ?

(b) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to introduce the scheme of rural electrification in the area ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister-in-charge of Power Electricity), replied :

407. (a) & (b) – The representation for extension of electricity to Thelamara has been received from the owners of two rice mills at Thelamara. After necessary Investigation it is found that it is not economical to extend 8 miles lines at Boards cost to electrify Thelamara.

So an estimate was submitted to the owners of the two rice mills to which we have not yet received any response.

Re : Half voltage electrification is ward No. 1 of Abhayapuri Town

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA asked :

408. Will the Minister-in-charge of Power (Electricity) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Ward No. 1 of Abhayapuri town, District Goalpara is supplied with half voltage of electric current ?

(b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to supply full voltage of electric current to that ward ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister-in-charge of Power Electricity) replied :

408. (a) - No, Assam State Electricity Board has not introduced high voltage distribution system at Abhayapuri, so slight under voltage is not very unlikely but it cannot be *half voltage under any circumstances.*

(b)—The matter is being looked after.

Re: Export of Goods like Tea

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

409. Will the Minister Industries be pleased to state.

(a) Whether after devaluation, the export of goods such as tea from Assam is increasing ?

(b) The export of tea from Assam before devaluation, i. e. from June to December, 1965 and

after devaluation in 1966-67 in the corresponding period ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister, Industries) replied :

409. (a)—Government has no information how much quantity of tea from Assam was exported after devaluation since Northern India as a whole is taken as one unit. Following devaluation of Indian Rupee on 6th June, 1966 exports of tea from North India declined to 134.5m Kg. in 1966 from 151. 2m. Kg. in 1965. There has, however, been a substantial improvement in the export of tea from North India in 1967 which is 170. 9m. Kg. as compared to the previous two years of 1965 and 1966 as given below :—

Year	Figures in m. Kg. Export of Tea from North India
1965	151·2
1966	134·5
1967	170·9

(b) Export of tea from Assam are not separately available. But export of tea from North India during period June-December, 1965, 1966 and 1967 are given below

Year (June-December)	Figures in m Kg. Export of tea from North India
1965	112·6
1966	96·2
1967	122·6

Re : Import of G. P. Sheets

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

410. Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

(a) The quantities of G. P. Sheets imported to this State during the lisencing period ending 1965 ?

(b) Whether these Sheets have been lifted by the State dealers in time ?

(c) If not, the reasons thereof ?

(d) How these G. P. Sheets have been disposed ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA, (Minister of Industries) replied :

410. (a)—During the licencing period ending 1965, Assam Small Industries Development Corporation, Gauhati received 289 m. tons of G. P. Sheets.

(b)—Yes. No time is lost in lifting the materials after obtaining intimation of allocation and delivery details from Mineral Metal Trading Corporation, which is a Government of India undertaking.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Galvanised Plain Sheets are issued to SSI units against allocation made by the Director of Industries.

Re: Benefits for Political Sufferers

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

411. Will the Minister-in-charge of Political Sufferers be pleased to state—

(a) What benefit other than pensions and Industrial loans are granted to political sufferers ?

(b) How many landless political sufferers have been provided with lands ?

(c) How many unemployed political sufferers have been employed in suitable jobs ?

(d) Whether the children of political sufferers are allowed free education at any stage of education ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the All Assam Political Sufferer's Association has submitted a Memorandum of their demands and grievances to the Government for their consideration ?

(f) If so, what steps the Government have taken to meet the demands of the political sufferers ?

Shri ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister-in-charge, Political Sufferers) replied :

411. (a)—(1) Scholarships to the children.

(2) Settlement of land if otherwise eligible.

(b)—Available figures of political sufferers specifically described as such at the time of consideration for settlement of land are—

1.	North Lakhimpur	... ...	3
2.	Karimganj	... ...	6

3.	Hailakandi	...	16
4.	Nowgong	...	1
5.	Sibsagar	...	12
6.	Barpeta	...	17
7.	Golaghat	...	Nil
8.	Diphu	...	Nil
9.	Haflong	...	Nil
10.	Tezpur	...	55
11.	Goalpara	...	3
12.	Silchar	...	20
13.	Jorhat	...	Nil
14.	Kokrajhar	...	3
15.	Aijal	...	Nil
16.	Lungleh	...	Nil
17.	Tura	...	Nil
18.	Jowai	...	Nil

Figures from other Subdivisions are awaited.

(c)—Figures have been called for.

(d)—There is no provision for imparting free education specially to the children of the political sufferers. There is, however, provision for the grant of special scholarships under the Rules for Award of special scholarships to the children of political sufferers.

(e) & (f)—Yes, it is under examination.

Re : Industrial loan for Political Sufferers

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

412. Will the Minister-in-charge of Political Sufferers be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of Political Sufferers—who were given Industrial Loans since the initiation of the scheme ?

(b) What was the total amount involved ?

(c) How many applications for such loans are pending now ?

(d) When these applications are going to be disposed of ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to expedite disposal of the application for Industrial Loans from Political Sufferers ?

Shri ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR (Minister, Political Sufferers) replied :

412. (a) Two hundred and ninety-nine.

(b)—Rs. 21,32,000 (Rupees twenty-one lakhs thirty-two thousand).

(c) Twenty-three applications.

(d) & (e)—In the current financial year subject to clarification received from the applicants.

Re : Percentage of Tribal People in Panidihing Mauza in Sibsagar District

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

413. Will the Minister for Tribal Area Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether 99 per cent of the inhabitants of Panidihing mauza in Sibsagar are Tribal (Plains) people ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the public of the said mauza are agitating for establishment of a dispensary or a Medical Sub-Central place ?

(c)—What step Government have taken for Medical facilities to relieve their sufferings ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON [Minister-in-charge, Tribal Areas and (W.B.C.) replied :

413. (a) According to the information available the percentage of Plains Tribals to the total population in the area is 26.24.

(b) There is a demand from the public to this effect.

(c) At present it is not contemplated to set up any dispensary, as there is an existing dispensary at Dihingmukh and also because of shortage of funds and medical staff.

Re : Conversion of Nalbari Sub-Centre into State Dispensary

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS asked :

414. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is fact that the public of Nalbari under Jalah Anchalik Panchayat represented to Government to convert Nalbari Sub-centre into State Dispensary ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said Sub centre was running on the grant of Jalah Anchalik Panchayat ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Grant of the Anchalik Panchayat has been discontinued ?

(d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to take up the matter at the early date ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health replied :

414. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d)—In view of paucity of fund and non-availability of medical staff it is not possible to take any action towards this and at present.

R: : Dispensaries running without Doctor in Goalpara District

Shri KABIR CHANDRA ROY PRODHANI asked :

415. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) The names and addresses of the dispensaries running without doctors in the district of Goalpara ?

(b) The number of Government subsidised Dispensaries and the grants sanctioned to them in the last financial year ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied :

415. (a)—The following State Dispensaries in Goalpara District are running wi hout doctors :—

Subdivision	Serial No.	Name of Dispensaries
Dhubri	1.	Mobile Dispensary
	2.	Kazigaon ,,
	3.	Moterjhar ,,
	4.	Futkibari ,,
	5.	Tipkai ,,
Kokrajhar	6.	Dotoma Leprosy Pilot Project.
	7.	Patakata State Dispersary
	8.	Subhaijhar ,, ,,
	9.	Borobazar ,, ,,
	10.	Bosgaon ,, ,,
	11.	Deosree Forest Dispensary
	12.	Garubhasa State Dispensary.
Goalpara	13.	Majgaon ,, ,,
	14.	Kushdhowa ,, ,,
	15.	Srijangram ,, ,,
	16.	Baida ,, ,,

(d) – There are 98 Alopathic and 65 Ayurvedic Government Subsidised Dispensaries in the State. The following grants were sanctioned to each during the financial year 1966-67.

A. Alopathic Dispensaries—

Rs. 100 p. m. for the Doctor.
Rs. 500 per annum for medicines.
Rs. 200 per annum for repairs to Buildings.

B. Avurvedic Dispensaries—

Rs. 80 p. m. for Ayurvedic Physician.
Rs. 400 per annum for medicines.
Rs. 100 per annum for repairs to Buildings.

Re : Budget provision for purchase of medicines

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

16. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) What was the last year's budget provision of money for purchase of medicines for treatment of patients under the dispensaries and hospitals ?

(b) Whether there has been any surrender of such money from the last financial year ?

(c) If so, what factors are responsible for this surrender ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied :

416. (a)—Rupees 33,30,000.

(b)—Yes. Rs. 2,18,355 was surrendered.

(c)—Due to non-receipt of bills from the Firms in time, non-receipt of bills from the Medical Stores Depot, Gauhati and non-receipt of pre-audit bills from the Accountant General, Assam.

Re : Number of outlying Dispensaries in the State

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

417. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) What is the number of outlying dispensaries in Assam ?

(b) What was the Budget allocation of money for repair and renovation of their dispensing buildings and quarters for the financial year of 1967-68 ?

(c) What amount of it has been utilised ?

(d) Whether there has been surrender of any amount of money from this head ?

(e) If so, what are the grounds of this surrender ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied :

417. (a)—444 outlying Dispensaries.

(b)—Rs. 2,60,000.

(c)—Out of sanctioned amount of Rs.2,44,000 a sum of Rs. 2,18,355 has been utilised.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—An amount of Rs. 16,000 was surrendered for non-receipt of plans and estimates. Another amount of Rs. 5.683 out of the sanctioned amount of Rs. 2.44 lakhs, has also been surrendered by Civil Surgeons. Actual reason for surrender not yet known and reports have been called for.

Re : Nurse Training Centre at Golaghat Civil Hospital

Shri SONESWAR BORA asked :

৪১৮। মাননীয় স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে—

(ক) গোলাঘাট নগবব চিভিল হস্পিটেল থনত কিছুদিন ধবি নার্চ প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র এটা থকা কথাটো সচানে ?

(খ) এই নার্চ প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্রটো উঠাই দিয়া হ'লনেকি ?

(গ) যদি হ'ল, কিয় উঠাই দিয়া হ'ল।

(ঘ) গোলাঘাট চিভিল হস্পিটেলব নার্চ প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্রটো পুনব খোলাব ব্যৱস্থা চবকাবে কবিবনে ?

(ঙ) গোলাঘাট চিভিল হস্পিটেলত আজিলৈকে মেটাবনিটি কেন্দ্র এটা খোলাব ব্যৱস্থা চবকাবে কিয় কবা নাই ?

(চ) অনতি পলমে এই অভাব পূবণ কবিবলৈ চবকাবে ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লবনে ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV Minister in charge, Health) replied :

418. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Yes, as the Advisory Council for Schedule Castes who approved the plan schemes relating to Schedule Castes did not feel any necessity of continuing the Scheme.

(d)—Matter will be examined.

(e)—Separate Maternity Centre is not required as the same facilities have been provided in the Civil Hospital and 6 Aux. Nurse Midwife/Midwives posted for the purpose.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re : Number of 4th Grade Employees in the Shillong Civil Hospital

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

419. Will the Minister, Health be plased to state—

(a) The number of 4th Grade Employees in the Shillong Civil Hospital ?

(b) How many of those people have been made permanent ?

(c) What are the amenities extended to them ?

(d) What is the length of service required to make them permanent ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied :

419. (a)—46.

(b) – None.

(c)—Free quarters as per as available and liveries are provided to those who are eligible.

(d)—Five years as per pay committee recommendation, 1956 subject to availability of permanent post.

Re : Dearth of Medicines in various State Dispensaries and Medical out-centres in the State

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

420. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that in most of the State Dispensaries and Medical out-centres of the State, there is dearth of Medicines ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the indents of medicines that were submitted by some Civil Surgeons in September, 1967 have not been complied with uptil now ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that there are no medicines except Sulphaquanidine and Entero Quinal tablets in Dumduma (Tezpur) State Dispensary and indent of medicines submitted in September, last has not been complied with uptil now ?

(d) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to enquire into such dismal State of affairs and take effective steps for the availability of the medicines in the dispensaries and medical out-centres of the State ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister in-charge of Health) replied :

420. (a) Yes, in some dispensaries.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Action has already been taken for issue of approved list of medicines for the year 1967-68 and 1968-69. Necessary instructions also have been issued permitting Indenting Officers to purchase necessary medicines from other approved firms approved by the Purchase Board if the Medical Stores Depot takes too long to supply the same.

Re : Registration of land within Tribal belts for Non-Tribal people

Shri MOTILAL NAYAK asked :

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

(a) How many bighas of lands have been registered under sale deeds in Assam to persons not entitled to get lands within tribal belts and blocks since 1947 ?

(b) Will the Government cancel those registration deeds ?

(c) What action the Government will take against the Sub-Registrars who violated this rule ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Registration) replied :

421. (a), (b) & (c)—Information is being collected and will be supplied to Hon'ble member.

Re : Establishment of New Dispensaries in the State

Shri MATHIUS TUDU asked :

422. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to atate—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government have stopped establishing new dispensaries in the state ?

(b) If not, what is the present position in this regard ?

(c) Whether there is any special consideration for establishing dispensaries in backward areas ?

(d) If not, why ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister-in-charge of Health) replied

422. (a)—No.

(b)—Already 457 dispensaries have been established in the State and during the Fourth Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 5.05 lakhs for the Plains areas and Rs. 29 85 lakhs for the Hills areas have been allocated and the establishment of new dispensaries will depend on the grant made available annually out of the plan allocation.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Basis of Grants to State Dispensaries

Shri MATHIUS TUDU asked :

423. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any basis for giving grants to the State dispensaries ?

(b) If so, what are they ?

(c) What is the amount of grant sanctioned to each of the following dispensaries in 1965-66 and 1966-67 ?

(d) What is the daily average number of patients treated in the year 1966-67 in these dispensaries ?

(d) In how many of these above stated dispensaries maternity wards are attached ?

(f) Whether the Government will be pleased to sanction maternity wards at each of the above dispensaries where there is none ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHON DEV (Minister in-charge of Health) replied :

423. (a)—Yes.

(b)—(i) Grant is allotted district wise from the Directorate of Health Services to the Civil Surgeons who, in turn, allots the same to the medical institutions under their control according to the necessity of each hospital/ dispensary. (ii) Money is allotted on the basis of previous year's expenditure and work-load of each hospital/dispensary by the Civil Surgeon within the fund allotted to him.

	1965-66 Rs.	1966-67 Rs.
(c)— (i) Tamarhat State Dispensary ..	8,000 (Approx.)	5,000 (Approx.)
(ii) Jaraguri State Dispensary ..	5,000 (Approx.)	3,000 (Approx.)
(iii) Patakata State Dispensary ...	5,000 (Approx.)	3.000 (Approx.)
(iv) Bhowraguri State Dispensary ..	7,000 (Approx.)	2,800 (Approx.)
(v) Gossaigaon State Dispensary ...	10,000 (Approx.)	5.000 (Approx.)

Bosgaon Dispensary is a Forest Dispensary and is under the management of Forest Department.

(d)—(i) Tamarhat State Dispensary ... 108·9
(ii) Jaraguri State Dispensary ... 21·7
(iii) Patakata State Dispensary ... 10.8
(iv) Bhowraguri State Dispensary ... 69.3
(v) Gossaigaon State Dispensary 145 1

(e) —None.

(f)—Government has not received any proposal in this connection.

Re : Control price of essential Commodities in the State –

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government has control over the prices of essential commodities in the State ?

(b) If so, whether the Government has been effectively enforcing the price control all over the State ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that the prices of different essential commodities have been rising by leaps and bounds in the State ?

(d) If so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Minister, Supply) replied :

424. (a) –Yes, on some commodities like imported wheat products, gram and gramdal, vanaspati, levy sugar, ordinary taxtiles i. e ordinary dhuti, saree, drill, shirtings and long cloth. Some commodities like jute, paddy enjoy price support.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Prices of some non controlled commodities showed rising trend but now prices of some of them are showing downward trend.

(d)—It is not possible to fix ceiling prices of all essential commodities as many of them are imported to the State from outside. Prices depend on several factors but if prices go up due to hoarding Government may requisition stock after promulgating relevant order issued under Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Re : Supply of Food-stuff to Bhutan Government by the State

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked :

425. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to State—

(a) Whether Assam Government have supplied food-stuff (specially rice, dal, flour, etc) to the Bhutan Government ?

(b) What is the total quantities of food-stuff supplied to the Bhutan Government since 1962 up-to-date ?

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Minister, Supply) replied :

425. (a) – Yes,

(b)—The information is furnished as under :

Commodity	Quantity supplied (in quintals)
Rice	15984·31
Dal	23'41·50
flour	14611·50
Atta	13544·50
Suji	1458·00
Sugar	554·00
Paddy	275·00

Re : Central Workshops for repairing State Buses

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

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

(a) What is the number of Central Workshops for repairing the State Buses ?

(b) Where have they been established ?

(c) What is the pattern of Staff maintained in each of these Work Shops ?

(d) Whether there is any arrangement for repair in each of the Bus Stations ?

(e) If so, what is the arrangements ?

(f) If not, why ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

426. (a) & (b)—There is one Central Workshop at Gauhati. In addition to this, there are two Divisional Workshops one at Jorhat and the other at Tezpur besides regional workshops at Shillong, Silchar, Dhubri, Nowgong and Dibrugarh for repairing the State Transport Vehicles.

(c)—The following categories of staff are maintained in the Work Shops.

The Central Work Shop is under the Chief Automobile Engineer and the Divisional Work Shops are under the Divisional Engineers. The regional work shops at Shillong and Silchar are under the Assistant Engineers. The Work Shops at Dhubri, Nowgong and Dibrugarh are under the Forman-in-charge.

All the Work Shops are provided with the following artisans : —

(1) For man Machine.

(2) Machine Ist Grade.

(3) Machine 2nd Grade.

(4) Machine 3rd Grade (Senior).

(5) Machine 3rd Grade (Junior).

(6) Electrician

(7) Painter.

(8) Carpenter.

(9) Car-Washers

(10) Time-Keeper.

(d) & (e) – In addition to the Central Work Shop, Divisional Work Shops and regional work-shops, there are maintenance centres attached to all important stations and Sub-stations with technical staff for doing running and all minor works.

(f) Does not arise.

Re : State Transport bus Service from Thelamara to Tezpur

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS asked :

427. Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state –

Whether the Government is aware of the persistent demand of the public for running a State Transport Bus Service from Thelamara to Tezpur touching on the way important localities such as Ulubari, Basbera, Khelmati and Chagali Asat ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

427. Yes. A service from Dhekiajuli to Tezpur touching on the way important localities, such as Ulubari, Khelamati et ., is already there. Moreover there is another service from Dhekiajuli to Tezpur via the Lower Gabharu Crossing. In view of this, Government do not consider it necessary to introduce a service from Thelamara to Tezpur.

Re : Corruption charges against the present D.T.O . Nowgong

Shri KEHORAM HAZARIKA asked :

428. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there are some charges of corruption against the present D.T.O. of Nowgong ?

(b) Whether it is fact that enquiry is going on agaist him for the said charges ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that the D.T.O. Nowgong is harrassing the Bus Owners in various ways in the matter of renewing the Bus permits, etc ?

(d) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary steps to do away with the harrassment of the D.T.O. ?

Shri ARABIN KUMAR CHODHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

428. (a) There are some allegations against him relating to the period of his holding office as D.T.O., Jorhat.

(b)—The allegations are being enquired into.

(c)—No. Government have not received any such complaint against the D.T.O , Nowgong.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : State Transport Service

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

429. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the State Transport Service has been incurring loss ?

(b) If so, what was the amount of loss during the last financial year ?

(c) What factors are responsible for loss ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Government has been contemplaing to change over the State Transport Service to a Corporation ?

(e) If so, what factors have prompted the Government to conplate so ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State, Transport) replied :

429. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The principal factors which have influenced Government decision on this question are :—

(i) In addition to bringing about greater co-ordination in services Corporations are essential for moblising the internal resources needed for the continuous expansion of Road Transport Undertaking and for measuring and enforcing standard of efficient management. Corporation would have much greater autonomy in the management and operation of commercial services, in the use of internal resources and in mobilising resources for future development than is normally obtained in the case of departmental undertakings. The Road Transport Corporations Act, 1950 under which Corporations are set up provides conciderable scope for Corporations to function on commercial lines and enables them to take and emplement decisions speedily without being tied down by rigid procedured.

(i) The Planning Commission did not allocate any fund for financing road transport projects made in the State's Five Year Plans owing to a Corporation not having been formed in this State according to the policy laid down by the Government of India.

Re : State Transport Organisation

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

430 Will the Minister-in-charge of State Transport be pleased to state –

(a) When the State Transport Organisation was set up ?

(b) What is the total number of employees of the Organisation ?

(c) Whether the Organisation is running with profit or with loss since its inception ? (Please state the financial position year-wise since inception) ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

430. (a) – On 16th January 1948.

(b) - 3,947

(c) – The Organisation is running with profit since its inception. Net profit earned by the organisation year-wise is shown below :

	Rs.
1947 48	23,182.00
1948-49	3,17,361.00
1949-50	12,79,489.00
1950-51	15,59,754.00
1951-52	15,35,680.00
1952-53	15,72,879.00
1953-54	16,81,509.00
1954-55	20,05,364.00
1955-56	23,83,247.00

	Rs.
1956-57	30,18,403.00
1957-58	31,26,479.00
1058-59	28,95,510.00
1959-60	20,20,407.00
1960-61	20,83,891.00
1961-62	11,77,702.00
1962-63	8,39,730.00
1963-64	9,15,531.00
1964-65	5,71,141 00
1965-66	6,73,750.00
1966-67	3,25,075.00

Re : Dhekiajuli-Barsala Bus Service

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

431. Will the Minister-in-charge of Trnnsport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the persistent public demand for extension of State Transport Bus Service from Dhekiajuli to Barsala in the Tezpur Sub-division ?

(b) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the public demand and extend State Transport Service from Dhekiajuli to Barsala ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

431. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Due to paucity of funds it is not possible to nationalise the Dhekiajuli Barsala route presently so as to introduce State Transport Services thereon to the exclusion of private operators.

Re : Assam State Transport Carrying charges of goods along Shillong-Gauhati Road

Shri ROMESH MOHAN KOULI asked

432. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state –

(a) To what extent the Assam State Transport carrying charge for goods along Gauhati-Shillong Road, at Rs. 1·25 paise per maund has affected the rise in prices and ever all conditions of the economy in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills ?

(b) Whether the Assam State Transport has any monopoly for the Transport of goods along other parts of the National Highway ?

(c) What are the special reasons that induced Government of Assam to make the carriage of goods only along the Shillong-Gauhati Road sole monopoly of the Assam State Transport ?

(d) What is the Government reaction to offer by reputed transport Organisations and companies to carry goods along the Gauhati-Shillong Road at very much reduced rates even to the extent of 50 paise per maund ?

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Minister of State for Transport) replied :

432. (a) The rate of carrying charge at Rs. 1 25 paise per maund has been inforce since the State Transport took over monopoly of operation on the Gauhati-Shillong route from M/s Commercial Carrying Company in 1949. While there has been rise in prices of all commodities since taking over and the monopoly of goods service by the Transport Department, there has been no rise in freight charge for goods on this route. The freight of Rs. 1.25 paise maund has not borne any effect on the rise in prices of commodities and overall conditions of economy of the Khasi and Jaintia Hills District.

(b) No.

(c)—Prior to the State Transport taking over monopoly on Gauhati-Shillong route M/s Commercial Carrying Company were the monpoly operator on this route. The State Transport took over the monopony right from this Company and since then the Department is operating goods service on this route.

(d)—No reliable party has offered to carry goods at 50 Paise per maund. In view of operational cost of Motor Vehicles having gone very high during recent times as a result of increase in cost of vehicles, fuels, spares, etc., the rate of 50 Paise per maund is uneconomic to any operator and no operator can offer this, rate assuring at the same time continuity of service over a long period of time as the Transport Department have been doing since 1949.

Re : Road from Bihuguri to Tal Gabharughat

Shri BISHNU PRASAD RAVA asked :

৪৩৩। মাননীয় গড়-কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্ৰহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) বিহুগুৰি হাইস্কুলৰ সন্মুখেদি যিটো বাস্তা বিহুগুৰি অঞ্চলৰ মাজেদি তল গাভৰু ঘাট পাইছেগৈ, সেই বাস্তাটো নেচনেল হাইওৱে কৰিবলৈ সংশ্লিষ্ট কৰ্ত্তৃপক্ষই লৈছেনে ?

(খ) যদি সংশ্লিষ্ট কৰ্ত্তৃপক্ষই লৈছে, তেন্তে সেই নেচনেল হাইওৱেৰ নিৰ্ম্মাণ কাৰ্য্য কেতিয়াৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ হব, জনাবনে ?

শ্ৰীআলতাফ হুছেন মজুমদাৰ গড়-কাপ্তানি বিভাগৰ বাজ্যিক মন্ত্ৰীয়ে উত্তৰ দিছে ঃ

৪৩৩। (ক)—তেনে কোনো প্ৰস্তাৱ নাই।

(খ)—প্ৰশ্ন নুঠে।

Re : North Lakhimpur Kamalabari Road

Shri PREMADHAR BORA asked :

434. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D, (R. and B.) be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that the North Lakhimpur-Kamalabari Road is the life line of communication from the point of defence and development ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this road is the main link road to maintam the life line of communication with the South Bank of Brahmaputra and the rest of the country ?

(c) If so, what steps have been taken to improve the condition of the road ?

(d) Whether Government have any scheme to construct bridge over the Subansiri and Khabuli within this road ?

(e) If so, when the construction works of the bridges are expected to be started ?

(f) Whether the Government will be pleased to replace the present private ferry in the Neamati-Kamalabari service route by Government ferry immediately ?

Shri ALTAF HOSAIN MAZUMDER (Minister of State, P.W.D. (R. and B.) replied :

434. (a)and (b)—The North Lakhimpur-Kamalabari Road is considered to be an important one in that area from the point of view of communication.

(c)—The matter is under consideration at present.

(d)—Yes, the question is under investigation.

(e)—After completion of investigation and selection and arrangements of funds.

(f)—There is no private ferry by the name of "Neamati-Kamalabari". There is, however, a ferry by the same name and it is a Government ferry under the management and control of P.W.D. (R. and B.)

Re : Compensation for land acquisitioned for the construction of Sapekhati-Pithaguri Road

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI asked :

৪৩৫। মাননীয় কড়-কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) ডিব্রুগড় মহকুমাৰ সাপেখাতি-পিঠাগুটি আলি নিৰ্ম্মাণ কৰোতে যিসকল লোকৰ মাটি অধিগ্রহণ কৰিছিল, সেইসকল লোকক ক্ষতিপূৰণ দিয়া হ'ল নে ?

(খ) যদি দিয়া হ'ল, কিমান টকা দিয়া হ'ল, আৰু কাক কাক দিয়া হ'ল, তাৰ সম্পূৰ্ণ নাম সহ লিষ্ট দিব নে ?

(গ) যদি দিয়া নাই, কি কাৰণে দিয়া হোৱা নাই, আৰু কেতিয়ালৈ দিব অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে ?

Shri ALTAF HOSSAIN MAZUMDER (Minister of State, P.W.D. (R. and B.)] replied :

435. (a)—It appear that no land acquisition was made.

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

(c)—The matter is under correspondence with Revenue Authority.

Re : Taking over of Ghatuaulubari L.B. Road

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

436. Will the Minister, P.W.D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that there is a persistant demand from public of Naharbari Mouza (in Tezpur Subdivision) for taking over Ghatuaulubari L.B. Road (5 miles) as this is the artory road of the mauza serving about 10 thousand population and passing through about 20 villages ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Panchayat concerned is unable to maintain the road properly ?

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to take over this road immediately ?

Shri ALTAF HOSSAIN MAZUMDER [Minister of State, P.W.D. (R. and B.)] replied :

436. (a) - No such demand appears to have been recived from the public.

(b) – No comment from this Department.

(c) The question will be taken up for consideration by the Subdivisional Sub-Committee put up by the Assam Road Communication Board.

Re : Batadrava-Balikatia Road

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

437. Will the Minister, P.W.D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state –

(a) Whether it is a fact that there have been two breaches on the Batadrava-Balikatia Road ?

(b) If so, what are the respective length of these breaches ?

(c) In which year these breaches occurred ?

(d) Whether the Government has arranged for repair and construction of bridge at these breaches ?

(e) If so, when these will be done ?

Shri ALTAF HOSSAIN MAZUMDER [Minister of State, P.W.D. (R. and B.)] replied :

437. (a)- Yes.

(b) Ninety feet and 60 feet respectively.

(c)- In the year 1965.

(d)—The first breach has already been repaired and the estimate for construction of bridge at the second breach is in process of sanction.

(e)- This will be done as soon as the fund can be arranged

Re : Outlet across the Western Embankment of Gabru River

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

438. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (F.C. and I.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that every year huge quantity of accumulated water inundates the Barbil Pathar and Barbil and other villages in Naharbari Mouza (Tezpur) for want of an outlet across the western embankment of the Gabru River ?

(b) Whether the Government is also aware that the local Engineer of the Department after visiting the area assured the affected people that an outlet would be constructed across the Gabru Embankment for taking out the accumulated water from the affected area and submitted a scheme to the Government ?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to take early steps for construction of the outlet so that sufferings of the people and huge loss of crops may be avoided ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

438. (a)--A local depression near Borbil Pathar on the western side of Gabru right embankment is affected by stagnation of rain water during heavy rainy seasons.

There are two sluice gates just above this depression across the western embankment of Gabru river.

(b)—The officer of the department inspected this site and a tentative proposal for sluice culvert was drawn up but it was found that the construction of the sluice gate will not be economical as the area to be drained is very small.

(c)—Temporary pipe outlet will be provided at this place during next rainy season and in the meantime detailed hydrological observation will be carried on two revied if a permanent sluice culvert can be provided here to benefit other area also.

Re : Acquisition of cultivable land under Zamidary land Acquisition Act

Shri KABIR CHANDRA ROY PRADHANI asked :

439. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state –

(a) What is the total area of cultivable land acquired under Zamidary Land Acquisition Act ?

(b) What was the total revenue of that area of land given by the tenants to the Zamidars and what is the total revenue at present collected by the Government ?

(c) Whether Government is collecting Revenue at a higher rate ?

(d) If so, why ?

Shri RANENDRA BASUMATARI (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

439. (a) – Till now in all 16·73 lakhs acres including both cultivable and non-cultivable lands have been acquired under Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Act 1951. No separate record of cultivable land acquired under this Act has been kept.

(b)—No separate record of rent for cultivable lands is maintained.

(c)—No, unless as per proviso of section 4(6) of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaries Act, 1951, any person is found to be holding any land rent free or at a specially low rent, in which case rent not exceeding the prevailing rate of rent of similar land in the neighbourhood is assessed.

(d) – Does not arise in view of replies to (c) above.

Re : Bamboo Bridge on Burikhamar Ghat under Gobardhana A. P.

Shrimati PRANITA TALUKDAR asked :

440. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat be pleased to state –

(a) Whether the bamboo Burikhamar bridge on the Burikhamar Ghat under Gobardhana A. P., Kamrup was constructed during the Financial year, 1966-67 ?

(b) If not, why the full payment was made ?

(c) Who made the payment ?

(d) Whether the Government will be pleased to enquire the matter and take necessary steps in this regard ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

440. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Only a L. S. payment of Rs. 400 was made against the estimated cost of Rs. 3,330 for the bridge.

(c)—Payment was made by the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Gobardhana A. P.

(d)—The matter will be further enquired into.

Re : Excess payments made for Pilot Project works under Gobardhana A. P.

Shrimati PRANITA TALUKDAR asked :

441. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayats be pleased to state—

(a) Whether excess payments were made in some Pilot Project works during the year 1965-66 under Gobardhana A. P. against the sanctioned schemes ?

(b) If so, why payment was not made for works done in 1964-65 although works were completed ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to take steps for payment of the works done in 1964-65 ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

441. (a)—No.

(b)—There is no outstanding bill for payment for works done in 1964-65.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Onion-Seeds supplied to Dalgaon Sialmari A. P.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

442. Will the Minister of Panchayat and C. D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that some quantity of Onion-Seeds was supplied to the Dalgaon Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat during the year 1965 66 ?

(b) If so, what is the total quantity and from what sources purchased ?

(c) What is the total amount for the said purchase ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Onion Seeds supplied were not germinated ?

(e) If not, in way the seed were utilised ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the said Onion Seeds purchased have not been approved by the Anchalik Panchayat at its Sub-Committee meeting held on 29th October, 1966 ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (State Minister, P. and C. D.) replied :

442. (a) – Yes.

(b)—Two hundred and eighty kgs. were purchased from Gauhati Nursery on 8th December, 1965.

(c)—Rupees 2,660·00.

(d) Government have no such information.

(e)—Eighty kgs. and 195 kgs. were distributed to President, Dhula G. P. and President Bihudia G. P. respectively, 5 kgs. were shown as shortage.

(f)—No. The Agricultural Sub Committee meeting of the A. P. held on 29th October, 1966 expressed the opinion that loss occurred because of non-realisation of Rs. 2,660·00 from the Gaon Panchayats for untimely supply of onion seed.

Re : Bamboo Bridge on Burikhamar Ghat under Gobordhana A.P.

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

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

(a) Whether a bamboo bridge was constructed across the Burikhamar ferryghat within Gobordhana Anchalik Panchayat last year ?

(b) If not, why full payment on this account was made ?

(c) Whether Government enquire into this matter and take action against the persons found to be at fault ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH NAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C D.) replied :

443. (a —Yes.

(b) - An amount of Rs 400 was paid against the total estimated amount of Rs. 3 33^. The payment was made on L. S basis.

(c) —The matter will be further enquired into.

Re : Construction Work under Batadrava A.P.

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

444. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and C.D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a certain member of the Batadrava A.P. in the District of Nowgong during the period of 1960-62 accepted contract works on remuneration with conditional Government grant ?

(b) What were the rate of remuneration and the total amount of remuneration paid to these members for the works ?

(c) Whether any member of an Anchalik Panchayat can accept contract work deriving pecuniary profit from it ?

(d) If not, whether necessary action has been taken against this member ?

(e) Whether all other members of the A. P. have been held jointly responsible for clear violation of the provisions of the Panchayat Rules by them in this regard ?

(f) If not, why ?

(g) Whether any member of this A. P. has still been accepting contract work under it deriving pecuniary profit ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, P. & C. D.) replied :

444. (a)—One member was engaged for supervision of construction all works of ring wells executed departmentally by the Anchalik Panchayat on payment of remuneration under the drinking water supply scheme for which grant was sanctioned by Government.

(b)—The member was paid at Rs. 80 per completed ring well. The total amount paid was Rs. 2,240.

(c)—No, as per Section 17(5) read with Sections 16 (1) (e) and 149 of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959.

(d), (e) & (f)—An enquiry was made. Government will come to a decision after consulting the Examiner of Local Accounts, Assam.

(g)—No.

Re : Sugar Crusher Machine of Gobordhana Development Block

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a sugar crusher machine was bought at loss of Rs. 1,500 (Rupees fifteen hundred) by the Gobordhana Development Block ?

(b) If so, why the B. D. O. sold it in auction at Rs. 50 (Rupees fifty) only without any order of the Government ?

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

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

445. (a)—A sugarcane crusher was purchased at a cost of Rs. 1,979·50 from the Gobordhana Anchalik Panchayat fund.

(b)—As the sugarcane crusher was lying in a dilapidated condition the Anchalik Panchayat meeting held on 26th August, 1967 decided to sell the sugarcane crusher in public auction and a committee formed by the Anchalik Panchayat sold it at Rs. 50 to the highest bidder.

c) An enquiry is being made.

Re : Construction work of Pilot Project from Dahlepara to Bogulemari of Kamrup District

Shrimati PRANITA TALUKDAR asked :

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

(a) What amount had been sanctioned for construction of Pilot Projects work done from Dahlepara to Begulemari in D. C. Bonushi Mouza, Kamrup District ?

(b) Whether works have been completed ?

(c) If not, why not ?

(d) Whether the work will be extended upto Chanda mari ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

446. (a)—An amount of Rs. 27,536 was approved as Government expenditure against the total estimated cost of Rs. 36,381 on the Scheme.

(b)—The work is almost completed.

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

(d)—The bund starts from Fewrakhowa upto Chandamari.

Re : Construction of Roads in Tipling Mouza under Tengakhat A. P.

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked:

447. Will the Minister for Panchayat and C. D. be pleased to state—

(a) How many roads were constructed in Tipling Mouza in Dibrugarh Subdivision under Tengakhat A. P. during the period 1965/1919 under Pilot Project Scheme ?

(b) Whether these roads have been completed ?

(c) If not, whether Government propose to complete this roads ?

(d) If so, when ?

Shri DEVENRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat) replied :

447.(a)—Out of 7 projects sanctioned 3 projects which were for roads fall within Tipling Mouza. In this Mouza, 2 projects were completed in March 1964. The third project which was a road from Fakial to Makum via Haveda Bahadur was completed in March 1966.

(b), (c) and (d)—The three projects sanctioned for Tipling Mouza involved earthwork only. The sanctioned projects have been completed.

Re : Qualifications required for the L. D. Assistant in Anchalik Panchayats

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

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

(a) What are the qualifications required for appointment of L.D. Assistant in Anchalik Panchayats ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that one non matriculate was appointed as L. D. Assistant in the said Gobardhana Panchayat and

was promoted to be an U. D. Assistant by violating rule 109(1) and sub-clause II of pages 1157 and 1158, *Assam Gazette*, May 12 965 ?

(c) If so, why ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA [Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development] replied :

448. (a)—Educational qualification required for direct appointment as L.D. Assistant is Matriculation or the School Final Examination/ Higher Secondary Examination or Examination of equivalent standard recognised by the Government.

(b)—Yes. But the question of violation of rules in this case does not arise, firstly, because the incumbent is an Ex-R. P. employee and he was absorbed as L. D. Assistant first and then promoted and not appointed directly. Secondly, the rules referred to have not yet been finalised.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Cinema Operators for Different Development Blocks

Shri SAILEN MEDHI asked :

449. Will the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that some Cinema Operators are posted in different Development Blocks without arranging any equipments for Cinema Shows ?

(b) If so, the names of the Blocks ?

(c) Whether it is also a fact that there are no Agricultural Engineers or Mechanics in some of the Blocks ?

(d) If so, the names of such Blocks ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to give proper training to those Cinema Operators, who are posted in different

blocks in agricultural mechanism and then utilise their talent in developing agriculture ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

449. (a)—No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) – There are no Agricultural Engineers or Mechanics at the Block level There are six Mechanics under Community Development Scheme for the State for looking after vehicles only.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e) – The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Re : Misappropriation in Kukurmara Gaon Panchayat

Shri ZAHIRUL ISLAM asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the cash book, voucher file, etc. of the Kukurmara Gaon Panchayat in the Dhubri Subdivision, were seized by the Internal Auditor for misappropriation of Fund and fictitious account ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said Gaon Panchayat has drawn an amount of Rs. 3,075 from the Mankachar Anchalik Panchayat on 26th May, 1966 as grant in-aid for construction of building for "Kukurmara Nari O-Sishu Kalyan Samity" ?

(c) Whether the scheme and estimates were approved in the Gaon Panchayat meeting ?

(d) If so, the date of approval ?

(e) Whetherr sanction was obtained from the Gaon Panchayat

for expenditure under the said scheme as required under Government letter No. PDDA/17/62/18, dated the 30th November 1962. Part II before implementing the scheme ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs 200 was paid to a daughter of the Mankachar Anchalik Panchayat President on 1st July, 1966 out of this particular Grant as an advance ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the said amount was lying with her till the date of audit, i.e., 1st December. 1967 ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that another amount of Rs. 300 was paid to the sister-in-law of the said Anchalik Panchayat President on 23rd November, 1967 i.e., on the day of enquiry by the S.D.P.O. as an advance ?

(i) If the replies of the above questions referred to in (f) to (h) are in affirmative, why and under what authority the said amount were paid to them ?

(j) What action Government propose to take against the President as well as the Secretary of the Gaon Panchayat for this unauthorised expenditure ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

450. (a)—Cash book, voucher, guard file, etc., of Kukurmara Gaon Panchayat were seized by the Internal Auditor in 1967.

(b)—Yes.

(c)and(d)—The Mankachar A. P. approved the scheme and estimate on 24th October 1964. It is not known if the Gaon Panchayat's approval was sought for.

(e)—Sanction for the expenditure was obtained from both the Gaon Sabha and the Gaon Panchayat.

(f)—Yes, the amount of Rs. 200 was paid out of this grant to the Secretary, Kukurmara Mahila Samity, who happened

to be the daughter of the President of Mankachar A. P. on 1st July, 1966 for purchasing building materials for Mahila Samity building.

(g)—No.

(h)—Yes, the sum of Rs. 300 was paid to the next elected Secretary of the Kukurmara Mahila Samity, who happened to be the daughter-in-law of the President of Mankachar A. P. on 23rd Navember, 1967 for purchase of building materials.

(i)—The said amounts were paid to the Secretary of Kukurmara Mahila Samity for execution of construction work of the Samity building as per terms and conditions of an agreement furnished to Mankachar A. P. at the time of receiving the grant-in-aid.

(j)—Government will take appropriate action if any irregularity is brought to their notice in Audit Report.

Re : Repair of Bridge under Gobardhana A. P.

Shri MATILAL NAYAK asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the repairing works of the bridge at the Meyangpora-Bonesgobori road under Gobardhana Anchalik Panchayat was completed by the people and some order of the B. D. O. of the said block in 1966-67 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the bill was passed and the amount was paid to the President of the G. P. before June, 1967 with signature of the Secretary, G. P. and the B.D.O. ?

(e) If so, why the amount, has not yet been paid to the persons who worked on the bridge ?

(d) Whether Government will enquire into this matter ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat P. and C D.) replied :

451. (a)—The Anchalik Panchayat accorded approval for repair of the road including the bridge and the work order was given to the President, Bahbari Gaon Panchayat

(b) The amount was released to the President, Bahbari G. P. and he was asked to pay the amount to the persons who had done the work.

(c) The President of Bahbari G. P. is not satisfied with and the work so the payment has been held up by the President.

(d)—Not at the moment.

Re : Third and Fourth Grade Employees under Panchayat and C. D Department

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

452. Will the Minister-in-charge Panchayat and C. D. pleased to state –

(a) What is the total number of 3rd Grade and 4th Grade employees under the Panchayat and C. D. Department all over the State ?

(b) How many of them were absorbed from the Local Boards ot the State ?

(c) Whether all the have so long been full-fledged Government employees ?

(d) Whether the Government is contemplating to convert all of them into Semi-Government employees ?

(e) If so, why ?

(f) Whether it is the first step towards retrenchment ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C D.) replied :

452. (a) - Four thousand nine hundred and thirteen - 3rd Grade.
One thousand two hundred and ninety-nine 4th Grade.

(b) - Three hundred and fifty-one.

(c) - No. Only III are full-fledged Government employees.

(d) & (e) - There is no such proposal. On formation of Sub-divisional Cadre for the Panchayat Employees, the Employees of the Panchayats and Mahkuma Parishads up to the Sub-divisional level will come under the said Cadre.

(f) - Does not arise.

Re: Distribution of properties of Local Boards and Rural Panchayats

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

453. Will the Minister for Panchayat be pleased to state -

(a) Whether the properties of Local Boards and Rural Panchayats were distributed ?

(b) If not, what is the position ?

(c) How long it will take to finalise ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

453. (a), (b) & (c) - Some of the immovable properties of the erstwhile Local Boards have already been distributed to the respective Mohkuma Parishads from whom the full particulars were received.

Some immovable properties of Ex-Local Board have also been taken over by Public Works Department and some others, e g., Health and Vety. buildings were transferred to concerning Departments Almost

all the immovable properties of Rural Panchayats have been taken over by the Anchalik Panchayats or Gaon Panchayats.

Orders for remaining Subdivision will be issued as soon as the full particulars are received from the concerning Subdivision.

As regards the cash assets of the Ex-Local Boards and Rural Panchayat orders will be communicate as soon as possible.

Re : Formation of Gaon Sabha Tea garden areas

Shri TAZAMMUL ALI LASKAR asked :

৪৫৪। মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ৎ বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহোদয় অনুগ্রহ পূর্ব্বক জানাবেন কি ?

(ক) সরকার জানেছেন কি না যে চাবাগান হইতে শ্রমিক প্রতিনিধি অঞ্চল পঞ্চায়েতে নেওয়ার ব্যাপারে বর্ত্তমানে নমিনেশন প্রথা চলে আছে। যাহার ফলে শ্রমিকরা তাহাদের সাধারণ নাগরিক অধিকার হইতে বঞ্চিত হইতেছে। আগামী পঞ্চায়েৎ নির্ব্বাচনের পূর্ব্বে এই অগণতান্ত্রিক প্রথা তুলিয়া দিয়া কাছাড়ের সমস্ত চাবাগানকে গাঁও পঞ্চায়েতের অন্তর্ভূক্ত করার কোন পরিকল্পনা সরকারের আছে কি না ?

(খ) না থাকিলে সরকার আর কতদিন এই অগণতান্ত্রিক প্রথা চালুরাখিয়া শ্রমিকদের নায্য নাগরিক অধিকার হইতে বঞ্চিত রাখিবেন ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

454. (a) & (b) There are no Gaon Sabhas in the Tea-garden areas but these areas are within the jurisdiction of the Anchalik Panchayat concerned. At present under the provisions of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959 (Assam Act XXIV of 1959) as amended, members are nominated to the Anchalik Panchayat by the State Government from unrepresented areas e.g., tea-garden areas, etc. Government have been for quite sometime examining the question of the formation of Gaon Sabhas in the tea-garden areas of not only Cachar but all over the Plains Districts of Assam. In fact, instructions have already be issued either to (i) tag to the nearest Gaon Sabha or form new Gaon Sabha in tea garden areas where ex-tea garden labour live over which the management has got no statutory liability to provide amenities, and

(ii) areas where there is settlement of people such as requisitioned, relinquished lands and areas over whom the management has got no statutory responsibility to provide amenities. The question of formation of Gaon Sabhas in the tea-garden areas where plantation labour live and where the management is statutorily required to provide amenities requires further examination. The provision for nomination will continue for the present.

Re : Fishery Tank near Dalgaon-Sialmari Anchalik Panchayat

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

456. Will the Minister for Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) At what price the Fishery Tank near the Dalgaon-Sialmary Anchalik Panchayat Headquarter has been purchased and when purchased ?

(b) Whether there is any resolution of the Anchalik Panchayat meeting authorising some one for the purchase of the said Tank ?

(c) If so, who are the persons so authorised for the purpose ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Technical Approval from the Fishery Department has not been obtained when the said Fishery Tank was purchased ?

(e) If so, why ?

(f) What is the income so far derived from said Fishery since the purchase was made and from what source ?

(g) What is the total expenditure made so far in connection with maintenance and improvement of the said Fishery Tank ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that the records concerning the said Fishery Tank are not avilable in the office ?

(i) If so, why and since when the records are missing ?

(j) Whether it is a fact that the said Fishery Tank is not free from encumbrances ?

(k) If so, what are those encumbrances ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State. Panchayat (P. and C. D.) replied :

446. (a)—The tank with the adjoiniog areas and the horticulture garden on its bank with two thatched houses was purchased on 5th December 1963 at Rs. 20,000.

(b) and (c)—In it meeting held on 19th July 1963 the Anchalik Panchayat decided to purchase the property at Rs. 20,000. A Purchase Committee was subsequently formed with the following members :—

Shri Nousad Ali Khalifa, President, Anchalik Panchayat.

Shri Sarat Chandra Sarma, Vice-President.

Shri Ali Hussain.

Shri Hazi Nasimundin.

Shri Matur Rahman.

Shri Tankeswar Saikia.

Shri Jainal Abddin

Shri Abejuddin Ahmed.

Shri Jabaruddin Ahmed

(d) and (e)—The Deputy Commissioner, Darrang accorded his approval and issued sanction on 5th November, 1963 to the Fishery Scheme including purchase of a tank of the Dalgaon Sialmari Development Block and issued specific sanction on 22 nd November 1963 for expenditure out of Community Development Schematic Fund for Rs. 9,600 to the purchase of the tank. The balance amount of Rs. 10,400 was provided out of Anchalik Panchayat budget. The santioning orders, dated 5th November, 1963 said that the Scheme had the approval of the District Departmental head. It does not appear that formal advice of the Superintendent of Fisheries, Darrang

was obtained in fixing the valuation of the Fishery tank before purchase.

(f) (i)—Rupees 222 during 1966-67 as sale proceeds of fish, and

(ii)—Rupees 75 during March, 1968 as sale proceed of betel nut.

(g)—Rupees 4,586.25 in 1964-65.

Rupees 385.00 in 1965-66.

Rupees 6,171.00 in 1966-67.

(h) - No.

(i) – Does not arise.

(j) and (k)—The owner of the property cleared his liability to the Fishery Department before it was purchased by the Anchalik Panchayat. There was no other encumbrance upon the property.

Re : Repair of Veterinary Sub-centres in Goburdhana Anchalik Panchayat

Shrimati PRANITA TALUKDAR asked :

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

(a) How many Veterinary Sub-centres were repaired as per resolution of the Gobordhana Anchalik Panchayat during the Panchayat financial year 1966-67 ?

(b) Whether work was distributed to the lowest bidder ?

(c) Whether the works were done according to the plan and estimate ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

457. (a) and (b) – The Howly Veterinary Sub-centre was repaired in 1966-67. The work of repairing of this centre was given to a local bidder. Govt. have called for information if he was the lowest bidder.

(c) – Yes, as per plan and estimate prepared by the Block Overseer.

Re : Jeep Car of Bhurbandha Development Block

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

458. Will the Minister, Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Bhurbandha Development Block under the Nowgong Mahkuma Parishad had a jeep car under the Number ASN—933 ?

(b) In which year the car was condemned ?

(c) In which year the valuation of the condemned jeep was fixed ?

(d) What was the valuation of the car ?

(e) What parts of the vehicle remain now ?

(f) Whether the remaining parts of the jeep include the engine also ?

(g) If not, where the engine has gone ?

(h) What will be the present valuation of the remaining parts of the jeep ?

(i) Why the vehicle was not sold in auction immediately after it was declared condemned ?

Shri DEVEDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

458. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The vehicle was beyond economic repair and so its value was assessed by a Valuation Committee with a view to arrange its disposal in 1965.

(c) The valuation of the jeep was fixed in the year 1965.

(d)—Rupees 1,354.

(e)—The following parts of the jeep still remain :—

(i) Body.

(ii) Radiator.

(iii) Spring four sets.

(iv) Steering.

(v) Wheel disc. 4 Nos.

(vi) Tyre and Tube.

(f)—No.

(g) The engine has been fitted to another Government Vehicle No. ASN—2 under the disposal of Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong.

(h)—Rupees 540 approximately.

(i) An enquiry will be made to ascertain the causes and to fix responsibility.

Re : S. I. of Schools of Bijni Circle

Shri KANDARPA NARAYAN BANIKYA asked :

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

(a) Whether the Present S. I. of Schools of Bijni Circle is serving in this circle for the last 12 (twelve) years ?

(b) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to transfer him from that circle to somewhere else at an early date ?

(c) If it is not so, will Government take necessary action so that he may be transferred in no time ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

459. (a)—Yes.

(b)—He has already been transferred to Kokrajhar East vide Inspector of Schools, Dhubri's order, dated 26th March, 1968.

(c) – Does not arise.

Re : Grade Fourth Employees of the Government Aided Middle English School

Shri TAZAMMUL ALI LASKAR asked :

৪৬০। মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয় অনুগ্রহ পূর্বক জানাবেন কি—

(ক) সরকার অবগত আছেন কিনা যে সরকারের সাহায্য প্রাপ্ত মধ্য ইংরাজী বিদ্যালয়ের চতুর্থ শ্রেণীয় শিক্ষকরা মাত্র ১৫/২০ টাকা মাহিনাতে কাজ করতেছেন ? ইহার প্রতিকারের জন্য সরকার কি ব্যবস্থা করিতেছেন ?

(খ) মধ্য বঙ্গ বিদ্যালয়ের চতুর্থ শ্রেণীয় শিক্ষকেরা কি হারে বেতন পাইতেছেন ?

(গ) মধ্য ইংরাজী ও মধ্যবঙ্গ বিদ্যালয়ের চতুর্থ শ্রেণীয় শিক্ষকদের বেতনের মধ্যে কোনও বৈষম্য আছে কি না ? থাকিলে ইহার প্রতিকারের কি ব্যবস্থা করা হইতেছে ?

(ঘ) হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমার মধ্য ইংরাজী বিদ্যালেয়ের চতুর্থ শ্রেণীয় শিক্ষকেরা কি হারে বেতন পাইতেছেন স্কুল অনুযায়ী তাহাদের হিসাব কি ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

460. (a), (b), (c) and (d)—There is no Fourth Grade teachers in the M. E and M. V. Schools in the State.

Re : Construcion of Monuments

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

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

(a) Whether there was a proposal to construct a monument at a centre place for perpetuating the memory of those who laid their lives for the Freedom of the Country in the various movements started by Mahatma Gandhi ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the monument was to be constructed at Gauhati where names of the Swahids of Assam would be engraved ?

(c) If so, what is the stage at which the proposal stands ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

461. (a) and (b)—Yes.

(c)—A sum of Rs. 5,88,000 has so far been sanctioned to the trustees to erect memorials at Gauhati and the work is entrusted to State P. W. D.

Re : Jugal High School of Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Jugal High School of Tezpur Subdivision is situated in a most backward area among Backward Classes people ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Schools, N. A. C. recommended deficit grant to the School as the School fulfilled all necessary conditions. ?

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to sanction deficit grant to the school ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

462. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. Inspector of Schools, D. D. C. Tezpur recommended the School for dificit grant. But due to the paucity of fund the School could not be considered this year for deficit grant. The School has fulfilled some of the conditions as required.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Mahmora Venture, Dosang Rajabari Venture and Gargaon High Schools

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

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

(a) Whether there are 3 Venture High Schools, namely Mahmora Venture High School in Mahmora Constituency and Dosang Rajabari Venture High School and Gargaon High School Thowra Constituency ?

(b) When these Schools were started ?

(c) Whether departmental officers inspected these Schools ?

(d) Whether those Schools were granted recognition ?

(e) If not, what steps Government propose to take ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

463. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Mahmora Venture High School was started in 1963, Gorgaon Venture High School was started in 1965. With regard to the date

of starting of Dosang Rajabari Venture High School, Government have no information.

(c)—No. The Schools have not been inspected.

(d)—No. The Schools were not granted recognition. The question of granting recognition to these Schools does not arise, as the Schools have not yet received permission to open High School Classes. The sponsors of the School started the Schools without prior permission from the Inspectorate. It is necessary to have prior permission from the Inspectorate to start a new High School.

(e) These Schools will be inspected this year.

Re : Sanction of Building Grants, Storm-damage Grant for L. P. & M. V. Schools of Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

464. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state

(a) What is the total amount sanctioned as building Grant, Storm-damage Grant towards, M. V. Schools L. P., in 1964 65, 1965 66, 1966-67, 1967-68 of Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) Whether the amount sanctioned in 1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66, was fully paid to the Schools and if not what is the amount yet to be paid ?

(c) Who is the distribution officer of such grants and who supervise the Schools in respect of utilisation of the money for the purpose ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

464. (a)—Total amount sanctioned as building grant for the year :—

	L. P.	M. V.
1964-65	59,600	12,000

		L. P.	M. V.
1965-66	... ...	88,150	16,500
1966-67	... ...	1,08,100	14,200
1967-68	... ...	35'000	3,000

As stormdamage grant

1964-65	... ...	24,800	500
1965-66	... ...	12,100	1,200
1966-67	... ...	Nil	Nill
1967-68	..	39,000	8,000

(b)--Amount sanctioned in 1963-64 and 1964-65 respectively had fully paid. Amount sanctioned for the year 1965-66 Rs. 16,693·95 yet to be paid.

(c) The Assistant Secretary, State Board for Elementary Education, Sibsagar is the distributing Officer of such grants Circle. Sub-Inspector of Schools supervise the progress of the works subject to the supervision of the Assistant Secretary.

Re : Number of employees in the Social Education Wing of Education Department

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

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

(a) What is the number of employees in the Social Education Wing of the Education Department throughout the State ? (Please state category-wise separately).

(b) In which year this Wing was bifercated from the Education Department ?

(c) What are their functions ?

(d) Whether the Wing is parmanent ?

(e) If the reply is in the negative what steps Government have taken to make the Wing permanent ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State for Education) replied :

465. (a)—The number of employees in the Social Education Wing of the Education Department is as below :—

1.	State Social Education Officer ...	1
2.	District Social Education Officers ...	11
3.	Editor for the Social Education Journal ..	1
4.	Social Education Organisers ...	161
5.	Lady Social Education Organisers ...	120
6.	Sub-Inspectors of Schools ...	15
7.	Assistant Sub Inspectors of Schools	31
8.	U. D. Assistants ...	2
9.	L. D. Assistant and Typists ...	32
10.	Tour Peons ...	338
11.	Office Peons ...	13
12.	Contingency Menials (Night Chowkidar and Mali). ...	2
13.	Cinema Operators ..	37

(b) The Social Education Wing is an integral part of the General Education and was never bifercated.

(c)—The main functions of the Social Education Wing are :-

(i) to create awareness in the minds of the mass people ;

(ii) to prepare the people psychologically for effective participation in all developmental activities of the country ;

(iii) to liquidate illiteracy and to organise follow-up for functional literacy ;

(iv) to organise community institutions as the nerve centres for all developmental activities including accleration of food production, family planning, applied nutrition, citizenship training, civil defence, etc.

(d) Government have already decided to make the Wing permanent, but the order to this effect has not yet been issued as a proposal for reorganisation of the Wing is now under consideration of Government.

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

Re : Establishment of a Musium at Sibsagar

Shri BHADRESWAR GOGOI asked :

৪৬৬। মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে—

(ক) আহোম টাইভাষাব বিভিন্ন পুথি আৰু কলা-কৃষ্টি সংবক্ষণব বাবে শিৱসাগব পাট-সাকোঁত এটা মিউজিয়াম পাতিবলৈ লোৱাব বিষয়ে চবকাবে জানেনে ?

(খ) যদি জানে, এই মিউজিয়ামটোব বাবে চবকাবে বিশেষ অনুদান আগবঢ়াইছেনেকি ?

(গ) যদি নাই বঢ়োৱা, এটা শকত অনুদান দি এই মিউজিয়ামটো গঢ়ি তোলাত চবকাবে সহায় কবিবনে ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied

৪৬৬। (ক) হয়, জানে, ।

(খ) এতিয়ালৈকে আগবঢ়োৱা হোৱা নাই ।

(গ) এনে ধৰণব বিষয় সমূহব অভিজ্ঞতা থকা সকলব মত অনুসৰি এনে এটা মিউজিয়াম নতুনকৈ গঢ়ি তোলাতো যুক্তিসঙ্গত নহয় বুলিহে ভবা হৈছে, কিয়নো পুথি আৰু কলা-কৃষ্টি বিষয়ক আহিলাপাতি একে ঠাইতে সংগ্রহিত হলে অনুসন্ধিৎসু আৰু

গৱেষণাৰত লোকসকলৰ পক্ষে সকলো ফালৰ পৰা সুবিধাজনক হয় আৰু সেই সম্পদসমূহৰ সংৰক্ষণৰ সুব্যৱস্থাও সম্ভৱপৰ হয়।

গুৱাহাটীত থকা অসম চৰকাৰৰ "বুৰঞ্জী আৰু পুৰাতত্ত্ব বিভাগে" এই কাম কৰি আহি আছে। এতেকে আৰু অধিক সংখ্যক কৃষ্টিমূলক সম্পদ, পুথি-পাঁজি আদি এই অনুষ্ঠানতে যোগ দি এই শিক্ষা আৰু গৱেষণামূলক অনুষ্ঠানটি শকত আৰু চহকী কৰি তোলাটোৱেই উচিত বুলি বিবেচনা কৰা হৈছে।

Re : Tea Garden L. P. School taken over by Government

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

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

(a) How far the proposal for taking over L. P. Schools of Tea Gardens of Assam by the Government has been implemented ?

(b) What is the total number of such Schools ?

(c) How many have been taken over uptil now ?

(d) Within what period Government have proposed to take over all the Tea Garden L. P. Schools of the State ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

467. (a)—The proposal for taking over L.P. Schools of Tea gardens of Assam by the Government has been implemented in the districts of Cachar and Sibsagar.

(b) and (c) - Total number of Schools :

	No. of Schools	No. of Schools taken over	Balance
Cachar –			
Silchar Subdivision Hailakandi Sub-division. Karimganj Sub-division,	130	112	18
Sibsagar –			
Golaghat Jorhat Sibsagar	189	155	34

(d)—Government decided on 29th November, 1965 to take over all the Tea Garden L. P Schools in the State in a phased programme In view of this question of taking over within a definite period does not arise

Re : Government Publication of "Mithapath"

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

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

(a) Whether it is fact that the Government has published a beginers' book named "Mithapath" in Assamese ?

(b) What number of copies of the book has been published under the 1st edition ?

(c) What is the total requirement of the book in the State ?

(d) Whether the book has already been introduced in school ?

(e) Whether it has been made compulsory ?

(f) Whether the Government is aware of any number of primary schools which have not yet introduced this book ?

(g) If so, what measures the Government contemplates against these schools ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

468. (a)—Yes, Name of the book is Kuhipath and not Mithapath.

(b)—Ten lakhs copies of Kuhipath Part I was published in the first edition.

(c) The estimated number is 3 lakhs.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes. Kuhipath Part I is the only prescribed book for class, 'A' in Assamese.

(f)—Government will enquire into this and see that the book is introduced in all schools.

(g)—Action will be taken against the defaulting teachers, if any.

Re : Higher Secondary School between Tezpur and Orang

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

469. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is no Higher Secondary School in the vast area between Tezpur town and Orang the boundary of Mangaldai ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Managing Committee of the Bihaguri Government High School which falls within this area had submitted several representations to the Government for converting the institution in to a Higher Secondary School ?

(c) Whether the Government is aware that this School is one of the oldest institutions of the kind in the State and possesses the necessary staff and conditions entitling to get such a status ?

(d) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to convert the school into a Higher Secondary ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

469. (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, it is one of the oldest School in the State. As regards staff and condition of the school, necessary information are being called for from the Inspector of Schools.

(d) In view of (c) above, it is difficult to suggest any reply. The Scheme for conversion of High Schools into Higher Secondary Schools was kept in a abeyance in 1966 67 and also in view of limited ceiling allotted to Education Department adequate fund could not be provided under the scheme in the current financial year 1961-69.

Re : Number M. V. and M.E. Schools in Nalbari Sudivision.

Dr. BHUMIDHAR BARMAN asked :

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

(a) How many M. V. and M E. Schools are there under Nalbari School Subdivision ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that one Deputy Inspector of Schools there is not suffcient for inpection and management of the schools smoothly over and above his duty as Assistant Secretary for State Board of Elementary Education ?

(c) If so whether Government propose to appoint an additional D. I. therefor better management and inspection of the schools there ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

470. (a) There are 90 M. E. and 55 M V. Schools in the Nalbari Civi Subdivision.

(b)—The pressure of work has markedly increased for transferl of a good master of schools from Rangiya D. I. Circle to Nalbari after creation of the Nalbari Subdivision. The question of creating a post of A. D. I. for Nalbari is under examination.

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

Re : Overseas Scholarships for the students of other Backward Classes

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

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

(a) What is the number of other Backward Classes students receiving Overseas Scholarships—for higher study abroad within the period from 1960 and 1967 ?

(b) What are their names ?

(c) What are the subject of study for which they have been sent abroad ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

471. (a) to (c)—In absence of reservation for the candidates belonging to the other backward classes in the State Overseas Scholarship Scheme, their cases are considered along with general candidates other than Scheduled Castes and Tribes and hence Government do not maintain their record individually.

Re : Sangit Vidyalay at Bongaigaon

Shri MATHURA MOHAN SINHA asked :

472. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that there is a Sangit Vidyalay at Bongaigaon ?

(b) Whether Government had received any petition from the institution for its recognition and grant-in-aid ?

(c) If so, whether Government will be pleased to give recognition and grant-in-aid to the said Institutions ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

472. (a)—Yes.

(b)—(1) An application for Financial Assistance received.

(2) This Department is not concerned with the recognition of such institutions.

(c)—Assam Sangit Natak Academy distributes grants to such Institutions.

Re : Venture Colleges in the State

M. SHAMSUL HUDA asked :

473. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state –

(a) The number and names of the Venture Colleges in the State—

(b) The names of such colleges receiving non-recurring grants with amounts ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

473. (a)—Government do not keep any official record of Venture Colleges which have not yet been affiliated to the University even for P. U. Course upto session 1967-68

(b)—Following such colleges have been given a non-recurring maintenance grant at Rs. 4,000 each during the current year for their temporary affiliation upto Ist year of T. D. C. Arts Section :—

1. Ramkrishna Nagar College, Karimganj.
2. Janata College, Kabuganj.
3. Tyagbir Hem Barua College, Jamagurihat.
4. Tezpur College.
5. Marrigaon College.
6. Dhing College
7. Naharkatia College.

Re : College at Gohpur, Biswanath College and Jamuguri College in Tezpur Subdivision

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government is aware that a College has been started at Gohpur in Tezpur Subdivision ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Gauhati University has recognised and affiliated this College ?

(c) If so whether the Government will be pleased to sanction adequate Grant-in-aid for the running of the institution ?

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

(a) What is the number of students reading in Biswanath College ?

(b) Whether any Grant-in-aid has been sanctioned to the said College ?

(c) If so, what is the amount ?

(d) Whether any building grant has been sanctioned ?

(e) If so, what is the amount ?

(f) If not, whether the Government will be pleased to sanction a building grant to the Institution ?

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

(a) When the Jamuguri College was started ?

(b) Whether it was affiliated to the University ?

(c) Whether any Grant-in-aid has been sanctioned ?

(d) If so, what is the amount ?

(e) Whether any building Grant has been sanctioned ?

(f) If so, what is the amount ?

(g) If not, whether the Government will be pleased to sanction an adequate amount as building grant to the Institution ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

474. (a) & (b)—Government have no official information at present.

(c)—No, in view of the present policy of Government not to encourage starting of new Colleges.

475 (a)—Three hundred twenty-six students.

(b) & (c) The College is in receipt of deficit grant. The average deficit grant per month is Rs. 4,123.

(d)—No. But a non-recurring grant of Rs. 4,000 for furniture and books has been sanctioned for the current year.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—No.

476. (a) & (b)—Tyagbir Hem Barua College, Jamugurihat was started

on 12th July, 1963 and it has been permitted by the University to open 3rd Year Class of the Three Year Degree Course in Arts.

(c) & (d)—Yes, an amount of Rs. 8,000 has been sanctioned to the College during the current financial year for general maintenance

(e)—No.

f) Does not arise.

(g)—Not during 1967-68.

Re : Purchase of Studio Equipments

Shri PHANI BORA asked :

477. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government will be pleased to furnish a detailed list of Studio equipments purchased with their cost item-wise ?

(b) Who are the supplying firms ?

(c) What were the condition of the equipments at the time of taking delivery from the supplying firms ?

(d) Whether they were in perfect working condition ?

(e) Who tested these equipments ?

(f) Who had authorised them to test these equipments ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that some old, second hand, outdated and reconditioned Studio equipments have been purchased by the Government for installation in the film studio ?

(h) If so, what are these equipments and what are the cost involved item-wise ?

(i) What are the reason for purchase of such old and outdated equipments for a modern studio ?

(j) Who selected these second hand equipments to run the modern type of film studio ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

477. (a) & (b) A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Sound.

(d) Yes.

(e) Shri Krishna Gopal, Technical Adviser. Dr. Bhupen Hazarika and the Director of Information and Public Relations jointly inspected the major equipments before purchase.

(f) State Government on the recommendation of the Purchase Board.

(g) Yes, only two equipments of the Sound System.

(h) (i) Optical Film Recording equipments ... Rs. 45,000.00

(ii) Magnetic Recording equipments ... Rs. 35,000.00

(i) These equipments had to be imported from U. S. A. The Government of India regretted to sanction requisite foreign exchange and therefore, the Purchase Board decided to select these two items as they were available within India. Besides, these equipments were necessary within 1967.

(j) The Purchase Board constituted by Government

Re : T. A. and D. A. drawn by the individual officer of the Information and Public Relations Department

Shri PHANI BORA asked :

478. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state –

(a) What is the total amount of T.A. and D.A. drawn by the individual officer of the Information and Public Relations Department from 1965 to 1968 (till date) year-wise ?

(b) What is the total amount of T. A. and D. A. drawn by the Director and the Joint Director of the said Department from 1965 to 1968 till date year-wise separately ?

(c) Whether the Department vehicles were used for touring ?

(d) If not, why not ?

(e) Whether their personal cars were used for the purpose ?

(f) Whether the services of Government drivers were utilised for driving their personal cars on tour and T. A. and D. A. drawn paid from Government account ?

(g) If so, what is the total amount of T. A. and D. A. drawn by the drivers from 1965 to 1968 till date year-wise ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD HALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

478. (a)—A list is placed on the table of the House.

(b)—The total amount is as follows :

		Rs. P.
Director—1965	... ...	2,636·15
	1966	5,577.35
	1967	7,598·23
	1968	1,007·41
Joint Director—1965	... ...	1,261·36
	1966	1,102·93
	1967	1,317·95
	1968	620·46

(c)—Yes, whenever available.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Yes, personal cars were used for official tours when departmental vehicles were not available.

(f)—Yes, occasionally the services of Government drivers were utilised for driving their personal cars on tours but no travelling allowances was paid to the drivers on such occasions except daily allowance.

(g)—The total amount of D. A. drawn by the drivers from 1965 to 1968 is shown below :

Year	Amount of D. A. Rs. P.
1965	7·50
1966	115·00
1967	159·50
1968	40·00

Re : Memorial submitted to Chief Minister by the Koch-Rajbongshi-Kshatriya Sanmilan of Kokrajhar

Shri KABIR CHANDRA ROY PRODHANI asked :

479. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state ?

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Koch-Rajbangshi Kshatriya Sanmilan of Kokrajhar submitted a Memorial to the Chief Minister during his last tour in Kokrajhar Subdivision requesting him to consider certain grievances ?

(b) Whether it is also a fact that the Chief Minister assured them of his assistance to consider the grievances ?

(c) If so, what were the grievances and the result of consideration ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

479. (a) — Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The main demand put forth in the memorandum received on 16th January, 1968 at Kokrajhar is that the grievances in the earlier memorandum submitted by the Koch-Rajbangshi-Kshatriya Sanmilan in June, 1967, should be attended to. The demands put forth in the memorandum and action taken so far as follows :

(1) Representation in all Government Bodies—

It has been decided that the representatives of the community may be given nomination in the Block Level Advisory Committee in the Blocks in which the population of the community is predominant and if they fail to get adequate representation through the normal course. The development (Panchayat and Community Development) Department has called for suggestions from the Deputy Commissioner concerned and suitable action will be taken.

(2) Undertaking of Socio-economic survey of the communtiy—

This has been taken up by the Statistics Department and the report will be ready after sometime.

(3) Steps for publication of history and culture of the Community—

It has been decided to assist publication of book dealing with history and culture of the community.

(4) Scholarships—

The students from the community are being given scholarships under the Scheme for grant of scholarships to the students of other Backward Classes.

(5) Reservation of quotas—

It is not possible to accept this demand as the community-wise reservation of quotas is not in accordance with the general policy.

Re : Number of Venture L. P & M. V. Schools in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

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

(a) What is the number of Venture L. P. & M. V. Schools in Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) Whether majority of schools were started 3/4 years back ?

(c) Whether those venture schools will be taken over within this financial year ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

480. (a)—There are 35 Ventures L. P. and 6 Venture M. V. Schools in Sibsagar Subdivision. A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(b)—Yes.

Subject to availability of funds this will be considered in due course.

Re : Number of officers in the Directorate of Publicity

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

481. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of officers in the Directorate of Publicity in the State ?

(b) What are their designations ?

(c) What steps they take to give wide publicity in major works of the Government ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

481. (a) 52.

(b)—A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(c)—The officers use the various media of communications such as printed publicity, visual publicity (exhibition) (press photography), audiovisual publicity (films), song, drama and dance, rural broadcasting (radio), advertisements and talks.

Re : Total Number of News Papers in the State

Shri KABIR CHANDRA ROY PRODHANI asked :

482. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education be pleased to state—

(a)—What is the total number of news paper in Assam ?

(b) What are the names of those papers ?

(c) Whether advertisement from Government are published in all the news papers of Assam ?

(d) Whether the Government has given any financial help to some of those papers directly ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied.

482. (a) –46 (Fourty-six).

(b)—A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(c)—No.

(d)—No.

Re : Receiving help from Government by Political Sufferers in Hailakandi Subdivision

Shri TAZAMUL ALI LASKAR asked :

৪৮৩। মাননীয় নির্য্যাতিত রাজনৈতিক কর্ম্মী বিষয়ক মন্ত্রী মহোদয়, অনুগ্রহ পুর্বক জানাবেইন কি—

(ক) হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমায় কতজন নির্য্যাতিত রাজনৈতিক কর্ম্মী সরকার হইতে জমি ও অন্যান্য সাহায্য পাইয়াছেন ? তাহাদের নাম ও ঠিকানা কি ?

(খ) কি বিবেচনার উপর তাহাদের সাহার্য্য দেওয়া হইয়াছে ? তাহারা যে যথার্থই নির্য্যাতিত তাহার তথ্য সরকার কি ভাবে নিরপন করিলেন ?

(গ) নির্যাতিত ব্যক্তিরা যাহারা এখনও সরকারের সাহার্য্য পান নাই, তাহাদের না পাওয়ার কারণ কি ?

(ঘ) নির্যাতিত ব্যক্তিদের সাহায্য দেওয়ার ব্যাপারে হাইলাকান্দি জিলা কংগ্রেস কমিটির কর্ম্ম কর্ত্তারা কোনও পক্ষপাতি মূলক আচরন করিয়াছেন কি ?

(ঙ) হাইলাকান্দি মহকুমায় আর কোন কোন নির্যাতিত কর্ম্মী সরকারের সাহায্য পাওয়ার আশায় আছেন তাহাদের নাম কি কি ? এতদিন পর্য্যন্ত তাহাদের না পাওয়ার কারণ কি ?

Shri ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR (Minister-in-charge, Political Sufferers) replied :

483. (a)—A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(b)—On the recommendations of the Subdivisional Advisory Board for Political Sufferers, Hailakandi.

(c)—The Political Sufferers who have not applied for Government assistance or whose cases have not been recommended by the Subdivisional Advisory Board cannot be considered for any relief.

(d) - No such allegation has been received.

(e)—Some cases are pending with the Subdivisional Advisory Board for Political Sufferers, Hailakandi for necessary, scrutiny etc. Full particulars of the cases are awaited.

Re ; The names of the persons from whom lands were acquired for construction of Bund in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

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

(a) The names of the villages of Tipling and Fakial Mouza in the Dibrugarh Subdivision from where land is acquired for construction of bund on the northern side of the Buredihing river ?

(b) The year in which the required lands were acquired ?

(c) What are the areas of land acquired for this purposes ?

(d) How many people were affected in this matter ?

(e) Whether compensation for land and crops were paid to the affected people ?

(f) If so, the amount paid to whom village-wise ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

484. (a)—Under Fakial Mouza—

Villages—1. Tipam Fakial,

2. Teoki Block.

3. Teoki Block N. C.

4. Monmoi Block.

5. Tipam Gaon.

6. Ushapur Gaon.

7. Ushagaon lst portion.

8. Ushagaon 2nd portion.

Under Tipling Mouza—

Villages – 1. Digboimukh Bamungaon.

2. Naharkatia Bamungaon.

(b) In the years 1966 and 1967.

(c)—405B-2K-10Ls.

(d)—Two hundred and twenty-six persons excluding Naharkatia Bamungaon.

(e) Yes, in some cases.

(f) A statement showing the amount paid to each affected person village-wise is placed in the Library Table.

Re : T. A. drawn by the Officers and Staff of Dalgaon-Sialmari A.P.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN asked :

485. Will the Minister, Panchayat and C D. be pleased to state—

(a) What is the amount of T. A drawn by the B. D. O., the Extension Officers and other Subordinate Officers of the Dalgaon Sialmari A. P. and Development Block during the lasl 3 (three) years ? (to be shown separately).

(b) What is the amount of T.A. drawn so far by each of the members of the said Anchalik Panchayat since 1964 up-to-date ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some of the T.A. bills have not been totally paid to the members ?

(d) If so, why ?

Shri DEVERDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

485. (a)—Travelling Allowance drawn by Extension Officers and other Subordinate Officers of the Dalgaon-Sialmari A.P. and Development Block during the last three years is as follows :—

		Rs. P.
(i) Travelling Allowance drawn from A.P. establishment.	1965-66	796.17
	1966 67	974.30
	1967-68	1,046-50
(ii) Travelling Allowance drawn from C.D. establishment.	1965-66	12,376.13
	1966-67	14,261.95
	1967-68	10,448.01

The amount of T. A. drawn by B.D.O. is not readily available

(b) - The information for the period from 21st April 1965 to 27th December 1965 is furnished in a statement placed on the Table of the House.

The expenditure on T. A. and D. A. of A. P. members was Rs. 1,128.96 from 21st April 1965 to 27th December 1965 and Rs. 941.46 from January 1966 to 30th August 1966. Information relating to other periods drawn by each member is being collected.

(c) and (d)- Yes. T. A. could not be paid to concerned A.P. members for the period from 26th October 1966 to 30th June 1967 as the members did not submit bills prefering claims for T.A.

Re : Number of Agricultural Co-operative Societies in the State

M. SHAMSHUL HUDA asked :

486. Will the Minister of Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) What is the number of Agricultural Co-operative Societies in Assam ?

(b) How many of them have acquired Government lands ?

(c) Whether all Agricultural Co-operative Societies of the State having settlement of Government waste land were formed of real cultivators and agricultural labours ?

(d) Whether the Government is aware of any Agricultural Co-operative Society of rich people and well-to-do peasants having settlement of Government lands ?

(e) If so, how the Government propose to regularise them ?

(f) The names and addresses of the Agricultural Co-operative Societies of Nowgong having settlement of Government lands ?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

486. (a) - The number of Co-operative Farming Societies in the State is 386.

(b)—Two hundred and fifty-one.

(c) Yes.

(d) No No such instance has come to the notice of the Government as yet.

(e)—Does not arise in view of the reply to sub-question (d) above.

(f) - The names and addresses of Co operative Farming Societies of Nowgong are given in the list is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Possession of land by S. D. C., Kanungoo and Mandals of Tamulpur Circle

Shri MANESWAR BORO asked :

487. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the S. D. C., Kanungoo, and Mandals of Tamulpur Settlement Office have possess land in their names within the Tamulpur Circle ?

(b) If so, the total bighas of land possessed by each officer since 1947 and upto date within the Tamulpur Circle (Give their names and dag number of the land separately year-wise) ?

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Revenue) replied :

487. (a) - Only 18 Mandals and one Kanungoo of Tamulpur Circle hold land in their names within the Tamulpur Circle. S. D. O., Tamulpur does not hold land in this Circle.

(b)—The information is given in a statement which is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Exhibitions arranged by Information and Public Relations Department

Shri PHANI BORA asked :

488. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many exhibitions were arranged by the Department of Information and Public Relations inside and outside the State from 1964 to 1968 and on what subject ?

(b) Name of the places of the exhibitions so arranged with the cost involved year-wise from 1964 to 1968 for each exhibition ?

(c) Whether outside artists and workers were engaged for preparing various exhibits ?

(d) If so, what was the cost involved ?

(e) What was the total amount spent for arranging exhibitions from 1964 to 1968 year-wise ?

(f) What is the total amount of assets now lying in the stock of the Exhibition Wing ?

(g) Whether there is any discrepancy in stock ?

(h) If so, when it will be accounted for ?

(i) How much money has been spent by the Department in putting up the Assam Tableau and Folk Dance in New Delhi during the Republic Day Celebration, 1968 ?

(j) The expenditure separately for the Tableau and Folk Dance ?

(k) What is the total strength of the Exhibition Wing of the Department ?

(l) What are the duties and functions to be performed by them ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

488.(a)—During the period in question 65 Exhibitions were held of which 6 were outside the State.

(b)—A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, only for lettering of captions.

(d) - Cost of lettering was Rs. 2,027.66 P.

(e)—The total amount for arranging exhibitions from 1964 to 1968 are shown below :—

	Rs. P.
1964-65	58,000.00
1965-66	30,000.00
1966-67	10,000.00
1967-68	6,000.00

(f) - The total value and assets lying in the Exhibition Wing will be approximately Rs. 65,000.00.

(g) - Yes, some discrepancies were pointed out by the Public Accounts Committee relating to the World Agriculture Fair held in New Delhi in 1959.

(h)—The matter is under consideration of the Public Accounts Committee.

(i)—Assam Tableau : Rs 6,659.55 P., Folk Dance : Rs. 5,258.29P.

(j)—The total expenditure as shown in (i) above

(k)&(l) - (i) Exhibition Officer (Sr.) 1 No. He is in-charge of the Exhibition Wing and is responsible for planning and organising exhibitions.

(ii) Art Adviser—1 No. He assists the Exhibition Officer in planning and organization of exhibitions.

(iii) Artist—2 Nos. They prepar and display exhibits.

(iv) Modeller – 1 No. He prepares models for exhibitions.

(v) L. D Assistant—1 No.

(vi) Poen—2 Nos. Attend to clerical and establishment duties.

Re : Documentaries and News reels produced by Government

Shri PHANI BORA asked :

489. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state

(a) How many documentaries and news reels have been produced by the Government from 1964 to 1968 year-wise ?

(b) What were the lengths of each picture and the cost involved ?

(c) How the expenditure was met ?

(d) How much raw films of different types and sizes were purchased by Government ?

(e) How these were utilised and accounted for ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the payment for editing processing, dubbing of background music and commentaries were made by one officer at Calcutta ?

(g) If so, who is the officer ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

489.)a) – 1964-65 Nil

1965-66	Documentaries	Three.
	News reel	One.
1966-67	Documentaries	Two.
	News reel	One.
1967 68	Documentaries	Two.
	News reel (under production)	One.

(b)—

	Documentary	Length	Cost
	1	2	3
(i)	A Tale of Caterpillar (English and Assamese).	433.43 metre	Rs. 10,000.00
(ii)	Green Gold of Assam (English and Assamese)	588.82 metre	Rs. 10,000.00
(iii)	Sonali Dhananir Sadhu (Assamese)	457.00 metre	Rs. 7, 69.88
(iv)	Ashar Rengani (Assamese).		
(v)	Taichung (Assamese & Bengali).	683.00 metre	Rs. 29,225.00
(vi)	Jute Cultivation (Assamese)		
(vii)	Sugarcane Cultivation (Assamese).	under production.	

(c)—The expenditure involved in the production of the films was met out of the appropriate provision in the budget in respect of the following Departments :—

(a) Directorate of Information and Public Relations.

(b) Apex Marketing Society.

(c) Directorate of Agriculture.

(d)—35 mm Picture Negative	...	15860 metre.
Dupe Negative	..	305 metre.
Sound Negative	...	6405 metre.
Positive	...	31,066 metre.
16 mm Positive	...	4,270 metre.

(e)—As per list placed on the Table of the House.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—The Films Officer attached to the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (Shri Nip Barua).

Re : T. T. Passed Teachers in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri BHUBANESWAR BARMAN asked :

৪৯০। মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কবি জনাবনে—

(ক) বৰপেটা মহকুমাত টি, টি পাচ কৰা (১৯৬২ চনৰ পৰা ১৯৬৭ চনলৈ) কিমান জনক শিক্ষকৰ পদত নিয়োগ কৰা হ'ল ? আৰু কিমান জন এতিয়ালৈ বাকী আছে ?

(খ) শিক্ষকৰ নিয়োগৰ ক্ষেত্রত কি নীতি অৱলম্বন কৰা হয় ?

(গ) ১৯৬২ চনৰ পৰা আজিলৈ নিয়োগ কৰা শিক্ষক সকলৰ টি, টি পাচ কৰা আৰু চাকৰীত নিয়োগ কৰা প্রত্যেকৰ চন কি ?

(ঘ) টি, টি পাচ কৰা শিক্ষকক চাকৰী নিদিয়াকৈ অন্য কোনো শ্রেণীৰ লোকক কিমানক আজিলৈ চাকৰী দিয়া হল ?

(ঙ) বাকী থকা টি, টি পাচ কৰা সকলক কেতিয়া চাকৰীত নিয়োগ কৰিব ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

490. (a)—255 T. T. passed candidates were appointed and 456 T.T. passed candidates are yet to be absorbed.

(b)—The Elementary Education Board has laid down four categories for selection of candidates.

(i) Basic Trained.

(ii) Matric T. T. passed.

(iii) Normal failed.

(iv) Non-Matric T. T. passed and Matriculates.

(c)—A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(d)--Matriculate Normal failed		1
Normal failed		16
Matriculate		21
Matric and Jr. Basic Trained	...	20
Jr. Basic Trained		12
Non T. T. relieved teacher	...	47
	Total	117

(c)—The remaining candidates will be appointed if and when suitable vacancies occur and if higher qualified candidates are not available.

Re : Number of Venture H. E. and M. E. School in Goalpara District

Shri MATHURA MOHAN SINHA asked :

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

(a) How many venture H. E and M. E. Schools are now running in the Goalpara District (Piease give the names Subdivision-wise and the date of starting) ?

(b) Wherther all these schools have ever been visited by the In peting staff. ?

(c) How many of them had fulfilled the required conditions for departmental recognition ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that there are some

schools which and received departmental recognition, but Grants-in-aids were not received ?

(e) If so, whether Government will be pleased to give grants-in-aid to those schools ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

491. (a)—As per statements (one for High and another for M. E. Schools) placed on the Table of the House.

(b)—Inspected and permitted to start from the date shown against each the Schools.

(c)—2 (two) in Dhubri, 1 (one) in Goalpara and 6 (six) in Kokrajhar Subdivisions have fulfilled the conditions for recognition in respect of M. E. Schools.

(d)—(I) The adhoc recurring grants to all rechgnised High Schools in Goalpara Subdivision have since been sanctioned, (II) Regarding question of recurring grants to the recognised M. E. Schools is still under consideration.

(e)—Does not arise in view of the replies to (d) above.

Re : Rural Electrification Scheme

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

492. Will the Minister-in-charge of Power (Electricity) be pleased to state—

(a) What are the names of rural areas where rural electrification scheme has been proposed to be extended—

(b) What are the principles for the selection of electrification ?

(c) What is the programme adopted by the Government for electrification of rural areas in the State ?

(d) Whether there is any committee for selection of rural areas for electrification ?

(e) If not, who makes the selection ?

(f) Whether the Government is aware that some important rural areas as Thelamara, Borsala, Khelmati, Sirajuli Singri, etc., of Tezpur Subdivision which are more or less small townships have not yet enjoyed the benefit of the scheme ?

(g) Whether the Government will be pleased to include these areas in the list of schemes for rural electrification ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA [Minister-in-charge of Power (Electricity)] replied :

492. (a)—A list of rural areas proposed to be electrified by lst June, 1968 is placed on the Table of the House

(b)—The selection is made on basis of proxity of grid power, i. e., economical consideration and also having agricultural pumping potentiality and other load prospect and availability of funds.

(c)—A sum of Rs. 60 lakhs has been earmarked for rural electrification in the State during 1968-69. It is proposed to electrify 135 villages by June, 1968 and schemes for electrification of more rural areas is under examination.

(d) & (e)—Such schemes are fianalised by the Board in consultation with the Agricultural Department and local officers. The schemes are then sent to Government of India for acceptance.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—These can be included provided the schems proves economical and funds are available.

Re : Government grants for Tribal institutions in Tezpur Subdivision

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

493. Will the Minister-in- charge, of T.A and W.B.C. Department be pleased to state—

(a) What are the Tribal instituions including schools which received grants under Art. 275 of the Constitution in Tezpur Subdivision during the year 1967-68 (Please show the amount of grant sanctioned to each of these institutions.)

(b) What was the total amount of grants allotted in the Budget for 1967-68 for the welfare schemes in regard to Plains Tribals in the State ?

(c) What is the principle of distribution of these grants ?

(d) What was the allotment of such grants Subdivision-wise during year 1967-68 ?

(e) Whether there is any Tribal Advisory Committee in each Subdivision of the State ?

(f) If so, what are their function ?

(g) Who are the members of the Tribal Advisory Committee in Tezpur Subdivision ?

Shri RANENDRA BASUMATARY (Minister of State, T.A.D.) replied :

493. (a)—The scheme for giving grant-in-aid under Art. 275 of the Constitution to non-Government. Secondary Schools for improvement and expansion in the plains districts of Assam has been dropped during the current year 1967-68 due to paucity of funds and hence no grant-in-aid has been sanctioned for schools in Tezpur Subdivision. A list of Middle English School and Higher Secondary Schools with Tribal enrolement in Tezpur Subdivision receiving grant-in-aid to compansate the loss of fee income is placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Total allocation on grants for different purposes for Plains Tribal Areas during 1967-68 was as follows :

(1)	Cultural activities	Rs 25,000
(2)	Welfare works	Rs. 1,62,930
(3)	Self-help schemes	Rs. 50,000
(4)	Rural Water Supply	Rs. 60,000

(c) The distribution is based on the percentage of Plains Tribal people in the particular Subdivision to the total Plains Tribal population of the State.

(d) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The Committee is Advisory in nature and its function is

to advise the Deputy Commissioner / Subdivisional Officer on all matters regarding the Development Programmes and Welfare Schemes of Plains Tribal people of the Subdivision and help Deputy Commissioner / Subdivisional Officer in distribution of Government grant in Plains Tribal Areas for the Welfare of the Plains Tribals.

(g)—A list of members is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Allegation against the President and Secretary of Kukurmara Gaon Panchayat

Shri ZAHIRUL ISLAM asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the allegations made by member of the Kukurmara Gaon Panchayat in Dhubri Subdivision against the President and the Secretary of the said Gaon Panchayat were enquired into by the S. D. P. O., Dhubri on 23rd November, 1967 ?

(b) If so, what are the findings of the enquiry ?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to place the findings of the enquiry on the Table of the House ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that on requisition by the S.D.P.O., Dhubri a special audit by the Government internal auditor was held for the said Gaon Panchayat ?

(e) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the audit report before the House ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister of State, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

494. (a) - Yes.

(b)and(c) - A copy of the enquiry report is place on the Table of the House.

(d) Yes.

(e)—A copy of the audit report is being called for ?

Re : Import licence for G. P. Sheets

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

495. Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government received any application for import licence for G. P. Sheets ?

(b) If so, when and from whom ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister of Industries) replied :

495. (a)— Yes.

(b)—A list placed on the Table of the House

Re : Conference convened by Chief Minister

Shri PROMODE CHANDRA GOGOI asked :

496. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister, convened a conference in Shillong on the 1st July, 1967 to discuss the issues of land acquisition, employment of the local peoples, Second Refinery in the public sector closer to the oil fields ?

(b) If so, what were the decisions arrived at in the said conference ?

(c) Whether any step have been taken by the Government to implement the decisions of the conference ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister,) replied :

496. (a)—Yes.

(b)and(c)—A note is placed on the Table of the House.

Re : Shelter for Destitute Women and helpless widows in the State

Shri MATHIUS TUDU asked :

497. Will the Minister, Social Welfare be pleased to state

(a) Whether there is any scheme for the shelter for destitute Women and helpless widow in the State ?

(b) If so, how many shelters are there in the State and what places ?

(c) Total number of inmates in each such shelters at present ?

(d) What are the activities done in such shelter for the Welfare of the inmates ?

Shrimati PADMA KUMARI GOHAIN (Minister of State, for Social Welfare) replied :

497. (a)—Yes.

(b)—There are three such shelters in Assam, one each of Jalukbari, Nowgong and Silchar.

(c)—At present there are 59 inmates at Jalukbari (35 women and 24 children) 68 at Nowgong (43 women and 25 children) and 1032 at Silchar (41 old and infirmmen, 443 orphan children, 548 women).

(d)—The able bodied inmates of the homes are gettting training in various crafts, such as, tailoring, knitting and embroidary fancy leather bag making, doll making, etc., for their future gainful employment in the society.

Condensed course of education is also there in the Homes upto the Matric standard.

(ক) হয়, আছে।

(খ)—অসমত তিনটা এনে আশ্রয় গৃহ আছে। গুৱাহাটীৰ জালুকবাৰীত, নগাওঁত আৰু কাছাৰৰ শিলচৰত এই গৃহ কেইটা বৰ্ত্তমান।

(গ)—জালুকবাৰীত ৫৯ গৰাকী (৩৫ গৰাকী মহিলা আৰু ২৪টা ল'ৰা-ছোৱালী) নগাওঁত ৬৮ গৰাকী (৪৩ গৰাকী মহিলা আৰু ২৫ টা ল'ৰা-ছোৱালী) আৰু শিলচৰৰ গৃহত ১০৩২ গৰাকীক আশ্রয় দিয়া হৈছে। শিলচৰৰ গৃহত আশ্রয় লোৱা ১০৩২ গৰাকীৰ ভিতৰত ৪১ জন বৃদ্ধ আৰু কৰ্ম্ম শক্তিহীন পুৰুষ আৰু ৪৭টা ল'ৰা ছোৱালীও (মাউৰা, ঘাটমাউৰাকে ধৰি) আছে। (৫৪৮ গৰাকী মহিলা ৪১ জন পুৰুষ (বৃদ্ধ আৰু কৰ্ম্ম শক্তিহীন) আৰু ল'ৰা-ছোৱালী ৪৪৫ টা মঠ ১০৩২ গৰাকী মাউৰা ঘাটমাউৰা ইত্যাদি।

(ঘ)—ভবিশ্যতে এই মহিলা সকলে যাতে নিজৰ জীৱিকাৰ পথ মুকলি কৰি এটি সুস্থ আৰু সম্মনিত জীবন যাপন কৰিব পাৰে সেই উদ্দোশ্যে এই গৃহ বিলাকত আশ্রয় লোৱা কৰ্ম্মক্ষম মহিলা সকলক বোৱাকটা, ফুলতোলা, চিলাই শিক্ষা, উলৰ কাম আৰু চামৰাৰ ধুনীয়া বেগ তৈয়াৰ কৰা আদি বিভিন্ন শিল্পৰ প্রশিক্ষন দিয়া হয়। ইয়াৰ উপৰিও প্রবেশিকা খাপৰ পাঠ্যক্রমৰ শিক্ষা দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থাও ইয়াত অন্তভূক্ত কৰা হৈছে।

Re : Missamari M. E. School

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS asked :

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

(a)—Whether Government is aware that the Missamari M E. School is the only institution catering English Education in the whole of Missamari Mouzah ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the said school had to be shifted to Garubandha from Missamari proper when the school building was acquired for defence purpose ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Government sanctioned Rs. 5,000 for construction of the school building at Garubandha ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that only a sum of Rs. 2,500 was paid to the school and the balance of Rs. 2,500 has not yet been paid for which the building could not be completed up till now ?

(e) Whether the Government will be pleased to sanction the balance of Rs. 2,500 to the school so that the building may be completed ?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State, Education) replied :

498. (a)—There are two M. E. Schools within Missamari Mouza catering for English Education namely :—

(1) Missamari M. E. School.

(2) Jiagabharu Government Senior Basic School.

(b)—Government have no specific information except that during November, 1962 the army occupied the building of the Missamari M. E. School and after that Refugees had to be accommodated there.

(c)—No. Government sanctioned Rs. 2,500 only in one instalment.

(d)—The question of the payment of the balance amount does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re : Police Outpost at Sepon and at Moran

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

499. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that one Police Outpost was sanctioned at Sepon ?

(b) Whether the said Outpost has its own houses ?

(c) Whether some land was given by the Sepon T. E. for the said Outpost ?

(d) How long it will take to construct the houses ?

500. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Moran Outpost is upgraded to Police Station ?

(b) In which year the proposal was finally drawn ?

(c) Whether the construction works of the Police Station was started ?

(d) If not, when the same will be started ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

499. (a)—Yes

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—It is expected to start the construction work within the next financial year.

500 (a)—Yes.

(b)—In September, 1964.

(c)—No.

(d)—It is expected to start the work within the next financial year.

*Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minster) : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the House is aware of the tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, the great Negro Leader of the Civil Rights Movement and an ardent exponent of Non-violent Resistance for solving the Negro problem in America. While Dr King was participating in the Negro movement in Memphis, Tenneassee, he was shot in the neck by a white assassin on the balcony of a hotel where he was staying on the night of the 4th April, 1963. Dr. King was 39 at the time of his death

Born in Atalenta in Georgia on the 15th January, 1929, Dr. Martin Luther King had his education in Boston and obtained the B.A. degree from the Morehouse College at the age of 19. Subsequently, he attended the Crozer Theological Seminary and received his Ph. D. Degree from the Boston University in 1955. He had been responsible for founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was the Chief exponent of non-violent militancy against racial discrimination. He came to India in the fiftees to study Mahatma Gandhiji's philosophy of Non-violence which he used as the basic weapon in the Negro struggle against segrigation since 1955 and achieved spectacular success.

A great leader of pease, Dr. Martin Luther King raised his voice against America's involvement in Vietnam war as he believed that this involvement retarded the progress of the Negro Civil Rights Movement and diverted America's resources which were so very essential for tackling domestic problems. The glorious role played by Dr. King in hastening the passage of the President's Civil Rights Bill by the Congress in July 1964 is being regarded as a Congress in Jnly 1964 is being regarded as a turning point in the history of Civil Rights struggle in America In recognition of his unique peace efforts, he was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.

With his passing away it is not only American who has lost a great champion of human liberty but mankind a great peace maker. Let us pay our respectful homage to the memory of the great apostle of peace. May his soul rest in peace.

*Speech not corrected

★Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Dr. Martin Luther King is dead. He has gone the way all others have gone. One day everyman dies. According to our philosophy death afterall is a stage of life and therefore in his death of his leaving the body behind is nothing of a great surprise. But the surprise of all surprises is that in that country which is known as a country of democracy he has been assassinated by a hirelings of race arrogance and capitalist exploitation. Sir, in this also he is not without company. Lord Krishna himself was assassinated by the Archary Ved. Jesus Christ was also crucified. Mahatma Gandhi was similarly assassinated. In American itself Abraham Lincholn who had fought for the liberty of the coloured people there who had in bearing the torch against slavery was assassinated. Even a moderate liberal President like John F. Kennedy was assassinated in that country. In this world it appears that those who come with massage for the poor are generally not spread. However, we cannot to-day in these days express our rot or encourage. we can only express our grief like Rabindranath Tagore. Martin Luther himself thought and practised in life

Even those who poisoned the atmosphere and even those who are prepared to do all sorts of violence are pardoned by such great souls so dead Jesus Christ when he was crucified he prayed for those who have committed crime by saying pardon Father. Therefore all that we can say is that by his death Dr. Martin Luther King may be victorious in his struggle against racial arrogance so prevalent in America. The Capitalist class which is not only debarring the people of America itself but it is bringing ruin throught the World, viz., in Vietnam, South Korea and elsewhere. Those debacles may be crushed and defeated and then the victorious march of the liberty loving people of the World will be achieving, then only the death of Dr Martin Luther King will be borne and then there will be properly remembrance and homage for his memory. With these few words, Sir, I associate myself with the sentiment expressed by the Chief Minister and we also similarly condole his death. His soul may rest in peace. He may be victorious.

*Speech not corrected

Shri PHANI BORA—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, কালি ৰাতিপুৱা মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিঙৰ হত্যা কাণ্ডৰ ৰাতৰি পাই সচাকৈয়ে মৰ্মাহত হলো। এই মহান নেতা জনক হত্যা কৰি মৃত্যু ঘটোৱাত তেখেতৰ প্ৰতি সন্মান জনায় মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে যিটো শোক প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে সেইটোৰ প্ৰতি আৰু তেখেতৰ আত্মাক সন্মান দেখুৱাবলৈ অনা প্ৰস্তাৱৰ সৈতে মোৰ ঐক্য মত প্ৰকাশ কৰো। মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিং যে আমেৰিকাৰ নিপীড়িত ঘৃণীত আৰু নিষ্পেষিত সকলৰ মুক্তিৰ যুজাৰু আছিল সেয়ে নহয়। তেওঁ সমগ্ৰ পৃথিবীৰ নিপীড়িত নিষ্পেষিত লোকৰ মুক্তিৰ প্ৰচেষ্টা আগবঢ়ায় নিয়াৰ কাৰণে জীৱন পণ কৰিছিল। তেওঁৰ এই শান্তি প্ৰচেষ্টাক স্বীকৃতি দি ১৯৬৪ চনত শান্তিৰ নবেল বটা প্ৰদান কৰা হৈছিল। তেওঁ আমেৰিকাৰ সাম্ৰাজ্যবাদী পুঁজিপতি আৰু জাতি বিভেদকামী নীতিৰ ঘোৰ শত্ৰু হিচাপে পৰিগণিত হৈছিল। সেয়ে নহয়; তেওঁ উপনীবেশবাদী শক্তি বিলাকে যি নতুন ৰূপ লৈছে তাৰো শত্ৰু হিচাপে ঠিয় হৈছিল। Vietnam ত আমেৰিকান সাম্ৰাজ্যবাদীৰ বিৰুদ্ধে আৰু প্ৰেচিডেণ্ট জনচন নীতিৰ বিৰুদ্ধে যি জনমত গঢ়ি উঠিছিল সৌ জনমত গঠন হোৱাত মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিঙৰ অৱদান আছিল। নিগ্ৰো হিচাপে তেওঁ ভাবিবলৈ বাধ্য। কাৰণ ইমান দুৰত নি আমেৰিকাৰ শিশু সকলক জুইত ফৰিং পেলোৱাৰ দৰে পেলাইছিল। এই কাৰ্য্যৰ প্ৰতিবাদ কৰোতে জন নেতা হিচাপে তেওঁ ন্যায় কাম কৰিছিল। সেই কাৰণে তেওঁক নিষ্পেষিত জনতাৰ নেতা আৰু মানবতাৰ নেতা হিচাপে গণ্য কৰিছিল। আমি জানো এই ঘৃণনীয় কাৰ্য্যক কোনেও প্ৰশংসা নকৰে। এই মানৱ শত্ৰুবোৰক কোনেও ক্ষমা নকৰিব। ক্ষমা কৰা উচিত নহব। মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিং আজি আমাৰ মাজত নাই যদিও আমেৰিকাৰ নিগ্ৰো সকলৰ মাজত নাই যদিও তেওঁ যি মুক্তি যুজৰ নেতৃত্ব কৰিছিল পৌৰোহিত্য কৰিছিল সেই মুক্তি যুজৰ যুজাৰু সকল আগুৱাই যাব আৰু জয়যুক্ত হব। এই খিনিকে কৈ মই মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিঙক হত্যা কৰি অকাল বিদায় দিয়াত তেওঁৰ আত্মাৰ প্ৰতি শ্ৰদ্ধা জনায় আৰু পৰিয়ালৰ প্ৰতি সমবেদনা জনায় মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীয়ে দাঙিধৰা প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰিছো।

Shri LAKSHYA DHAR CHOUDHURY—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় বিশ্ববৰেণ্য নেতা আজীবন মানৱ সেৱাত ব্ৰতী আৰু নিপীড়িত জনতাৰ মুক্তি সংগ্ৰামৰ নেতা মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিঙৰ হত্যাত শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলী জনোৱা প্ৰস্তাৱটো মই সৰ্বান্তঃকৰণে সমৰ্থন কৰিছো। এই জনা জন নেতাৰ হত্যাৰ লগে লগে বিশ্বত যি অপুৰণীয় ক্ষতি হল তাৰ সম্যক পূৰণ অনতি পলমে হব নোৱাৰে। কিন্তু তেখেতৰ জীৱন যি কামত ব্ৰতী হৈ আছিল সেই ব্ৰত তেখেতৰ মৃত্যুৰ পিচতো তেখেতৰ সহকৰ্মী সকলে নিশ্চয় আগুৱাই নিব। বৰ্ণ বৈষম্য দুৰ কৰাত তেখেতে আজীৱন সেৱা কৰিলে আৰু

সেই সেৱাৰ সৌদর্য্য তেখেতৰ হত্যাই ম্লান কৰিব নোৱাৰে। ইয়াকে কৈ মুখ্য মন্ত্রীয়ে দাঙি ধৰা শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলীৰ প্রস্তাৱটো সর্বান্তঃকৰণে সমর্থন কৰিছো।

M. SHAMSUL HUDA —উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিঙৰ আকস্মিক হত্যাত যিটো শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলীৰ প্রস্তাৱ দাঙি ধৰিছে সেই প্রস্তাৱ সমর্থন কৰি কওঁ যে আমেৰিকাত নিস্পেষিত পদদলিত জনতাৰ নেতাজনক হত্যা কৰি সমগ্র জগত খনক দেখুৱাই দিলে পুজিবাদী শক্তিৰ ক্ষমতা। এই হত্যাৰ মূলতে থকা কেইটামান কথাৰ বিষয়ে কওঁ। প্রথমতে আমেৰিকাৰ 'নিগ্র' সমস্যাৰ শ্রেষ্ঠ নেতা ডাঃ মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিংৰ হত্যাকাণ্ডত আমি মর্ম্মাহত হৈছো। এই হত্যাকাণ্ডৰ ভিতৰত আমেৰিকাৰ সাম্রাজ্যবাদী শক্তিটোৰ নিহিত বহস্য ইয়াত সোমাই আছে। 'নিগ্র' সকলৰ চিভিল ৰাইট মুভমেণ্ট প্রসঙ্গত ডাঃ কিংৰ ভূমিকা গুৰুত্বপূর্ণ আছিল। প্রেচিডেণ্ট জনচনৰ অহা নির্ব্বাচনত তেওঁ কনটেষ্ট নকৰাৰ নাটকীয় ঘোষণাৰ পিচতেই আমি বহুতো কথাই ভাবিছিলো—ভাবিছিলো ভিয়েটনামৰ যুদ্ধৰ থাপানৰ কথা। কিন্তু তাৰ পিচতেই এই হত্যাকাণ্ডই পৰিস্থিতিৰ বেলেগ ৰূপ দিলে। তেখেত আছিল শান্তিৰ নেতা আৰু শান্তিৰ মাজতেই এই হত্যাকাণ্ডই তেখেতক পৃথিবীৰ পৰা আতৰ কৰিলে। তেওঁৰ যি আদর্শ সেই আদর্শ আৰু তেখেতে বাছিলোৱা শান্তি পূর্ণ অভিযানৰ প্রতি আমি বিপ্লবী কমিউনিষ্ট পার্টিৰ তৰফৰ পৰা শ্রদ্ধা জনাইছো।

Shri ATUL CHANDRA GOSWAMI—আমেৰিকাৰ 'নিগ্র' নেতা ডাঃ মার্টিন লুথাৰ কিংৰ হত্যাকাণ্ডই পৃথিবীৰ সমগ্র জনসাধাৰণৰ অন্তৰত বেদনাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিছে। এই কথা সচা যে আমেৰিকাৰ পুজিবাদৰ প্রেৰণাত এই হত্যাকাণ্ড সংঘটিত হৈছে আৰু ইয়াৰ পৰিণাম হিচাবে যি আদর্শ হৈ উঠিছে সেইটো পৃথিবীৰ পৰা মুচি পেলাব নোৱাৰি। এই আদর্শ ই বিশ্বৰ সকলো কলা লোকৰ অনুপ্রেৰণা যোগাওক। বিৰোধী দলৰ নেতা সকলৰ লগতে মইও এই মহান নেতা জনৰ অকাল বিয়োগত শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলি আগবঢ়াইছো আৰু কামনা কৰিছো যেন পৃথিবীৰ জনসাধাৰণক তেখেতৰ আদর্শ অনুপ্রানিত কৰিব আৰু তেখেতৰ আত্মাই চিৰ শান্তি লাভ কৰে।

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER—Dr. Martin Luther King, a great champion of non-violence in the civil rights struggle was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 1929. He received his B.A. Degree from Marchanse College and received his Ph.D. from the Boston University in the year 1965. In 1957, he founded in his home city of Atlanta the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an activist civil rights organization. In 1959, he visited India and paid glowing tributes to the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and his methods of non-violence. In 1964, he was

awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts for peaceful solutions to racial problems in the United States. Dr. King was also the President of the Montgomery Improvement Association. He was also the founder and leader of the National Association for the Advancement of colored peoples. He also received numerous awards for leadership of the Montgomery Movement. I whole-heartedly associate myself with what has been said about this great man by the Leader of the House. the leaders of the opposition and other Members and offer our respectful homage to the departed soul I now request the Hon. Members to rise up in their seats and observe one minute's silence in prayerful reverence to the memory of his departed soul.

(The house stood up and observed one minute silence).

Announcement by the Deputy Speaker –Question position during the Budget Session, 1968.

Yes, now I announce the question position of this session. The total number of admitted starred question was 750 of which replies have been received of 663; the number of Unstarred Questions admitted was 550 of which answers of 500 have been received. As regards the Short Notice Questions, of the 12 Short Notice Questions admitted all the 12 have been replied. As regards the Starred Questions, Hon. Members know, the replies to all Starred Questions remaining unanswered on the last day of the session, will be sent to the Hon. Members by post.

Re : WHEAT POSITION IN THE MANGALDAI SUB-DIVISION

SHRI HIRALAL PATWARY - May I know from the hon. Supply Minister about the wheat position in the Mangaldoi Subdivision ? On a previous occasion I drew the attention of the Supply Minister to non-delivery of wheat in Mangaldoi. The House will remember that only on the other day also I drew the attention of the House to the fact that wheat had not been delivered to Mangaldoi since November last. Quite a

number of representations were submitted to Government in regard to this matter and now I have found that many representatives including the Chairman of the Mangaldoi Town Committee have come to Shillong to meet the Minister and represent their grievance about it. This shows that the position of wheat supply for Mangaldoi Subdivision has assumed a serious proportion and unless something is done immediately it may lead to some unt ward situation. I would therefore like to know from the Hon Supply Minister whether the quota of wheat allotted for Mangaldoi has been delivered.

SHRI RAMESH CH. BAROOA (Minister Supply)—Sir, the hon. Member, Shri Patwary was good enough to alert me about this about 20 minutes ago. Therefore, the information that I could gather shows that in January, 68, the Mangaldoi Subdivision was allotted 200 bags of maida, 200 bags of Ata and 40 bags of Suji. For February, 68, 400 bags of maida, 300 bags of atta and 40 bags of Suji was allotted. But for March, the allotment has gone a little down.

SHRI HIRALAL PATWARY—Sir, Government has allotted wheat quota from Calcutta since November. Now, will the Hon'ble Minister, Supply make an enquiry as to why this quota has lapsed and whether this lapsed quota will be supplied to the Mangaldoi Subdivision.

SHRI RAMESH CH. BAROOA—Sir, these are not wheat but the wheat products

Complaint of Breach of Privilege by Shri Shamsul Huda against the Frontier Times.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—I have received a complaint of breach of privilege from Shri Samshul Huda today.

M. SAMSHUL HUDA—Under Rule-159 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly, I beg hereby to give notice that I wish to make a complaint of a breach of privilege against the Newspaper – Frontier Times for misrepresenting my speech in the issue of the Fron-

tier Times dated the 22nd February, 1968. The fact of the matter is that on the floor of the House while participating in the debate on the Governor's Address in connection with the Gauhati disturbances, I had on the 21st February 68 criticised the Government of India as well as the Government of Assam. The said Newspaper however reported my speech in such a manner as though I had criticised only the Government of India and held the brief on behalf of the Government of Assam. This is a complete distortion of my speech, and has lowered me in public esteem and has interfered with my free-functioning as a member of this Assembly. Thus it is a flagrant commission of to breach of privilege of a member of this House by the said Newspaper

I beg, therefore, pray that my complaint be sent to the Committee of Privileges for an appropriate action.

A copy of the said Newspaper is attached herewith. The Paper in the page-4 under the caption 'Debate on Governor's Address in Assembly' has stated among other things "Mr. Samshul Huda said in taking part in the debate that the Gauhati disturbances were pre-planned by the Central bureacracy in order to blackmail the Government of Assam". I never said that it was in order to blackmail the Government of Assam. Thus it is a complete distortion of speech.

MR. DY. SPEAKER - I held that it is a fit case to be referred to the Committee of Privilege. Under Rule- 62 I refer the complaint to the Committee of Privilege to report during the next session as the Assembly.

Re : Strength of the Gauhati Medical College

SHRI BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) – Hon'ble Member wanted me to check the bed strength of the Gauhati Medical College. So I have checked up the position which is as follows :

Branch	No. of Beds
Medicine	200 Beds
Surgery	190 ,,

Branch	No. of Beds
E N T	32 Beds
Eye	32 ,,
Maternity & Gynaecology	61 ,,
Pediatric	25 ,,
Psychiatry	3 ,,
V. D. & Dermatology	20 ,,
Cardiology	6 ,,
Orthopaedics	24 ,,
Paying Ward	26 ,,
Infectious Disease	30 ,,
Students' Sick Room	6 ,,

The Maternity Ward which was at Ulubari has been shifted from there.

Re : The State Malaria Officer ; Procurement and Supply of medicine ; Letter from the Railway Ministry and Govt. Stipendiary leaving for Pakistan.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : I have promised also to the House similar information with regard to the State Malaria Officer. With regard to that, a Note was submitted to the House and that has been circulated. On Health and about the procurement of supply and the procurement of medicine, a complete note including a list of the approved tenderers has been placed on the table of the House, With regard to the Railway Minister's letter, a note with regard to survey has also been placed on the table of the House. About the Karimganj, the teacher who has left for Pakistan, the following informations have since been collected :- ' Government selected Shri Faruq Ahmed Choudhury for award of State Overseas scholarship on 31.3.1965. His brother Shri Tofique Ahmed Choudhury left for Pakistan on 21.6.65. At the time of selection of Shri Faruq Ahmed Choudhury therefore the consideration of defaction of his brother to Pakistan did not arise.

The Assurance Committee has finally accepted the Government's view that no legal action could be taken against Shri Tofique Ahmed Choudhury as no offer of post could be made to him on completion of his studies in I.I.T., Kharagpur

on a Government scholarship. The Assurance Committee observed that whenever any scholarship is awarded, Government should also endeavour to offer suitable employment to such scholars. This has been taken note of by Government.

As regards defaction of Shri Faruq Ahmed Choudhury, who was a lecturer of Cotton College and his father, Shri Abdul Malik Choudhury, who was an Assistant Teacher of Karimganj Government Higher Secondary School, Government regret that this should have at all happend. Shri Faruq Ahmed Choudhury drew his salary from 5.5.67 the date which he joined Cotton College on return from abroad till 31.1.68 and went on casual leave for 5 (five) days from 12.2.68 and overstayed his casual leave for which his explanation was called for by the Principal of Cotton College. By that time, Shri Faruq Ahmed Choudhury had already left stealthily on the night of 20.2.68 leaving an unsigned letter of resignasion for the Principal, Cotton College, Gauhati. His father, Shri Abdul Malik Choudhury, and mother Khudesa Khanun also exchanged their immoveable properties at Karimganj for Rs. 30 000/- with Shri Nitya Bhusan Das and Nirmolendu Das of village Dullallamullapara, P. S. Balaganj, District Sylhet on 24.2.68 by a registered document and both husband and wife with their daughter left stealthily for Sylhet on the night of 27.2.68. Shri Abdul Malik Choudhury had earlier sent a Post Office Savings Bank Pass Book showing an amount of Rs. 5,000·06 p to his credit in the account with a letter of authority to Government for withdrawal of this amount and adjust it against any dues on account of the Overseas Scholarship of his son Faruq Ahmed Choudhury.

The letter is not dated but evidently, it was sent after 24.2·68 on which date he had deposited an amount of Rs. 4,900 in that account in the Post Office at Karimganj and left on 27.2.68 It has been ascertained that there has been no withdrawl from this account without Government orders. The Pass Book is with Government and steps are being taken for withdrawl of the amount to credit it to Government against the amount recoverable from Shri Abdul Malik Choudhury as a security for Overseas scholarship of his son, Shri Faruq Ahmed Choudhury. Instructions have also been issued to freeze any other amounts that may be lying to the credit of both Shri Abdul Malik Choudhury and Faruq Choudhury.

I regret to say that at the time Question was discussed on the floor of the House on 4.4.68 (the day before yesterday) Government had no information whether Faruq Ahmed Choudhury had drawn his arrear salaries from 5.5.67 onwards. In view of the fact A.G. had raised objection to the extraordinary leave of Faruq Ahmed Choudhury for the period of studies abroad and declined to issue Pay Slip, it was presumed that Faruq Ahmed Choudhury was not able to draw his salary. It has now been ascertained from the A. G. that he had later issued the Pay Slip. It has also been ascertained from the Principal, Cotton College, Gauhati by phone that on the authority of that Pay Slip Shri Faruq Ahmed Choudhury drew his salary from 5.5.67 to 31.1.68. He must have drawn his salary earlier in February before he left on casual leave on 12.2.68 and then left with the intention of going away which was not known to us. If any misstatement was made that he had not drawn his salary on this presumption, the mistake is regretted.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH : Sir, on what leave he has gone ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : He has gone on extraordinary leave.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH : How could he draw his pay on extra ordinary leave ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA : He has not drawn the pay for the period going on extraordinary leave, but he has drawn his pay for the period he was in service before going on leave. The Accountant General first refused to give him the pay, but later on he allowed him to draw his salary.

Re : Prposed Re-organisation of Assam

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আজি আমাৰ মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ পৰা এটা কথা জানিব বিচাৰো—অসম পুণৰগঠনৰ বিষয়টোত সমগ্ৰ অসম তথা অসমবাসী গভীৰ ভাবে জৰিত আছে—ই অসমবাসীৰ জীৱণ মৰণ সমস্যা। গতিকে এইটো অসমৰ কাৰণে ভয়ঙ্কৰ গুৰুতৰ বিষয়।

এই বিষয়ে, শেহতীয়া যিটো পৰিস্থিতিৰ উদ্ভব হৈছে সেই বিষয়ে অসম চৰকাৰৰ প্লেন কি ? কেন্দ্ৰীয় গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে যিটো প্লেন দাঙি ধৰিব, বাজ্যিক চৰকাৰে তাকেই

মানি লবনে, অন্য ধবণব stand লব ? মেহতা কমিটিব আলোচনাব সময়ত বিবোধী দলব সদস্য সকলক মতা হৈছিল—তাব পিচত অন্য পবিস্থিতিব উদ্ভব হৈছে—আৰু তাব পিচব পবা বিবোধীদলক কোনো কথাই জানিব দিয়া হোৱা নাই। পিচব পবিস্থিতিব যি দায়ীত্ব, সেইটো অকল চবকাবে লৈছে। বিবোধীদলব সেই দায়ীত্ব নাই। কিন্তু তথাপি বিবোধী দলব ইয়াত কর্ত্তব্য যথেষ্ট আছে। সেই কাবণে মুখ্যমন্ত্রীব পবা আমি জানিব বিচাবো যে বর্ত্তমান চবকাবব stand কি ?

*Shri Dulal Chandra Barua – উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, বর্ত্তমান অসম পুনব গঠন সম্পর্কে যিটো পবিস্থিতিব উদ্ভব হৈছে, সেই বিষয়ে আমাব ভৈয়ামব জনসাধাবণব মনত নানা প্রতিক্রিয়া হৈছে—সেই কাবণেই আমি আমাব ফালব পবা এটা গুপ্ত শোচন কবি তাত সকলো দলে বহি এটা আলোচনা কবি আমাব ভবিষ্যৎ কার্য্য পন্থা এটা স্থিব কবাব কাবণে প্রস্তাব দিছিলো। কিন্তু চবকাবে সেইটো নকবি সকলো দায়িত্ব নিজব গাত লৈছে—তাব পিচত আমি গম পাইছো যে মেব ২৩ তাবিখে কেন্দ্রীয় গভর্ণমেণ্টে এই বিষয়ে এটা চুবান্ত সীদ্ধান্ত লব। সেই বিষয়ে ইয়াব প্রার্লিয়েমেণ্টবী পার্টিতো আলোচনা হৈছিল বুলি গম পাওঁ। পাহাবী নেতাসকলব লগত পুনব এই বিষয়ে আলোচনা হব লাগে বুলিও এটা সিদ্ধান্ত লৈছিল। কিন্তু তাব পিচত শ্রীউইলিয়মচন চাংমাই যি বিবৃতি দিলে, তাব পবা অনুমান হল যে আৰু আলোচনা নহয়।

আৰু এটা কথা আমি ইতিমধ্যে শুনিছো, বোলে মুখ্য মন্ত্রী চলিহা ডাঙবীয়ালৈ প্রধান মন্ত্রী মহামান্যা ইন্দিবাজীয়ে এখন চিঠিও দিছে তাত আমাব অসম চবকাবেই ভুল কবিছে বুলি লিখিছে। কিন্তু এই পুণব গঠনটো এটা অসমব জনসাধাবণব জীবণ মবণব সমস্যা। বাইজে তেখেত সকলব ওপবতে বাজ্যব ভবিষ্যৎ এবি দিছিল। আগতে বিবোধীদলব সদস্য সকলক আলোচনাব অংশ দিছিল কিন্তু তাব পিচত বর্ত্তমান পবিস্থিতিব বিষয়ে এই ফালব সদস্যসকলে কোনো ভু নাপায় পিচত চবকাব পক্ষব তিনিজন মন্ত্রীয়ে গৈ গুপ্ত আলোচনা কবি আহিছে কিন্তু তাব কোনো ফলাফল নাপালে। এতিয়া দেশব ভবিষ্যৎ সম্পর্কে জোব পুবি হাত পালেহি। আমি জানো, সেই চিন্তাত আপোনালোকে বাতিও উজগেবে থাকিব লগীয়া হৈছে।

আমি ডেকা মানুহ—আমাব জ্ঞান এতিয়াও পবিপক্ক হৈ উঠা নাই। সেই কাবণে মুখ্য মন্ত্রীব পবা আমি জানিব বিচাবো যে এটা বিষয়ত সদনব কি কর্ত্তব্য। তেখেত সকলে ভালকৈ জনা উচিত যে এইটো তেখেতসকলবে গাইগুটিয়া

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কথা নহয়। আমি জানো, আৰু বাইজেও উপলব্ধি কৰিছে যে নীতিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত আপোনালোকে পদে পদে ভুল কৰি আহিছে। আৱন্তণীৰে পৰা এতিয়া এনে এটা অবস্থা আপোনালোকে কৰিলে যে কোন দিনা অসম, ভাৰতৰ মানচিত্ৰৰ পৰা লুপ্ত হৈ যায় কব নোৱাৰি। এতিয়া মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কওক—আমাৰ প্ৰতিনিধি সকলৰ প্ৰতি তেখেত সকলৰ বাণী কি? তেখেত সকলৰ মাজতে আলোচনা কৰি শেষ কৰিবনে আমাৰ বিৰোধীদলকো আলোচনাৰ ভাগ দিব? যদি পাহাৰী নেতা সকলে আৰু আলোচনা নকৰে, তেন্তে কেন্দ্ৰীয় গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে যি সিদ্ধান্ত কৰে, তাকো মানি লব নেকি? আৰু মহামান্যা দেবী তুল্যা, সুন্দৰী আমাৰ প্ৰধান মন্ত্ৰী গৰাকীয়ে তেনেকৈৰা চিঠিপত্ৰ দিয়া হয় নেকি? আমিও বাইজৰ আগত বিবৃতি দিব লাগিব—আপোনালোকে এই স্বৰ্গত পাত্ৰ লিকাচো লৈ Security force লৈ বহি থাকিব। আমাৰতো নাই আমি অনভিজ্ঞ লোক আপোনালোক বিজ্ঞ লোক গতিকে মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীয়ে কিছু দিহাপৰামৰ্শ আমাক দিলে সুখি হম।

*SHRI BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) - Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I have nothing to report in addition to what I have reported to the House on my return from Delhi. I have also received no letter from the Prime Minister. I am now checking up if any letter has come yesterday. I will check up and inform the House. The question of reorganisation is so important a matter which, I believe, should not be decided without a reference to the House and moreover the Constitutional provision is also very clear. The Assembly has to be consulted in case of any modification of the Constitution. Therefore, whether it is in the Constitution or not, the subject itself is so important that there can be no question of deciding anything at least from our side whithout taking the House into confidence, without taking into confidence the Hon'ble Members who took interest in the matter, who have discussed this matter and who have also given a lot of thought on the subject. So far we are concerned, we think that it will be good for all of us.—both hills and plains—if we succeed in arriving at a formula which will be acceptable to all of us. That effort we are to continue; but we have not been able to make any headway in that regard yet, yet I do not say that we have given up any such idea of having discussion I cannot tell the House anything more than this at the moment.

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SHRI DULAL CHANDRA BARUA –This is a very good idea. Now that the Chief Minister has expressed his views the views of the people of Assam is also known to them, now can we request the leaders of the A.P.H.L.C , the Secretary and the Chairman whatever their political faith might be, by considering the future of their sons and daughters to have such a discussion. Afterall what is the harm in having a discussion.

SHRI HIRALAL PATWARY—Sir, I would like to know what is the Government's stand - whether any bill for re-organisation will be placed in Parliament alone, or the bill will come up here for discussion.

SHRI BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA –Sir, the Constitutional provision is that in case of an amendment to the Constitution, so far as a State is concerned, the State Assembly has to be consulted. The Hon'ble Members are aware that while Nagaland was separated the State Assembly was consulted ; but that does not mean that the State Assembly's views are binding in any way on the Parliament but the consultation provision, I suppose, is there in the Constitution.

SHRI DULAL CHANDRA BARUA But that is the last stage, Sir. That will be the last straw in the camel's back. Our view was that the Mehta Committee's recommendations were the best but with that the Hill leaders have dis-associated Now our question is, what is the latest stand taken by the Government of Assam in this regard.

SHRI BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA This was explained more than once before, and, today in a question like this how can I explain such an important matter.

SHRI HIRALAL PATWARY – Sir, we would like to know categorically what is the latest stand of the Gaverment. This is our claim and as representatives of the people this is our right to ask for it. Sir, in Maharastra for a smaller dispute Shri C Deshmukh resigned. We are ready to resign from the Assembly if in the State's interest we are to do, and if we are to consult the friends from the Hills and Plains in a camera meeting we are ready for that. But we do not know the basis. The Party in power has made it a party issue.

SHRI BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)—I have not been able to follow Shri Patwari's question. His whole point seems to be whether the Government would resign. I personally consider this to be the least important part of the whole thing The most important part is to evolve something by discussion or otherwise which will be acceptable to both sides and which arrangement will allow people of both Hills and Plains to live in peace and progress. That is the most important question. So, resignation or no resignation these are very un-important matters. Government stand as we have said before, we believe in integrated set-up with regional autonomy. But what will be the form of it we cannot say. However, we believe that is necessary from the point of view of defence and security as well as development. But to reduce that idea to a concrete proposal, that is the question.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua - I think the Chief Minister has misunderstood me. Sir, certain quarters have propagated that even the Chief Minister has given his written consent before the 13th January Communique. That propaganda is going on. What is the Chief Minister's view in this regard. Sir, we are fully convinced that in order to envolve a formula, as I have already said, the leaders of both sides should be present to discuss the issue. But yesterday a press statement was issued by the Chairman of A.P.H.L.C, Capt. Sangma ruling out any such discussion on this Therefore, when both the leaders are present here (we are only small fries) and it is up to them to find out an agreed solution If they fail to discuss the matter, to sit round the table, then the Govt. of India will take certain measures. Therefore, before that, will Government take some concrete steps at least to find out a forum for discussion so that an amicable solution is found out which may be acceptable to both sides, as imposition of any decision cannot be accepted. We do not like to create any enmity between the hills people and the plains people—we cannot allow to create any enmity between them. So, we request that both sides should sit and find out certain forum for discussion before coming to a final decision.

Re : Voting of Demand for Grants

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, before taking up the next Item, I want to say one thing. Now, Sir, without any disrespect to you, I am

sorry to say that yesterday an unprecedented thing has taken place in this august House in respect of vote on demands for grants. And you were kind enough to follow the rules that after 1.30 A.M. almost all the grants were guillotined. Up to that extent it is within the rules. After all whatever decision you took, we are to abide by it But yesterday, even the Appropriation Bill has been guil lotined ; it is unprecedented in this august House. This will create a very bad precedent. I should say, without casting any aspersion on the Chair, after all we could have discussed the Appropriation Bill to-day also. There is no hard and fast rule that it should be discussed only on the same day. As these things will remain in the proceedings of the House, it is a very serious matter and it will be very difficult on the part of the hon. Members to function. Therefore, we want to have a clarification on this matter whether you are going to revise that ruling or your observation. If it is allowed to continue as it is, it will be difficult for Members of this august House to function properly. As regards guillotining of grants, it is alright. But in respect of guillotine, even the Appropriation Bill, it is a serious matter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker – I am giving the clarification

Shri Debeswar Sarmah – On a point of order. What is all this goin on ? Under what procedure it is going on Do I understand that the hon. Member asked for an undertaking from the Chair that the Deputy Speaker does not give such ruling in future. How the Deputy Speaker is going to clarify the ruling. The ruling was given yesterday and the whole matter is fiinished. On the agenda of the House to-day no such item appears. What is the procedure that we are following ? (Voices from Opposition – Zero hour) What is the meaning of Zero hour ? We do not find anything like Zero hour in the rules. Zero hour does not convert this Assembly into a Gaon Panchayat Mel. This Assembly functions under the Rules of Procedure.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua – The hon. Member may consider himself as Gaon Bura ; we are not considering ourselves as Gaonburas !

Shri Debeswar Sarmah – I think it is up to the Chair to give proper ruling. How some hon. Members can stand like that.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua – If the hon. Member considers himself as a Gaonburas or Bhagat, it is up to him. But we are asking clarification from the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—

I quite appreciate the feelings expressed by hon. Members. I may be permitted to explain the circumstances which led me to dispose of expeditiously the matter before the House. General discussion on the motion began after 10 A.M. and continued till 11·30 A.M. At this moment, some members pointed out that the House was at Zero hour. So I had to take recourse to Rule 144(3) and put every question necessary to dispose of all the outstanding matters in connection with the demands for grants. There was no proposal for extending the time further or for sitting of the Assembly after lunch. As there was enough discusstion of the motion for about one and a half hour and as there was no indication that the House should sit longer before lunch or after lunch, so, with a view to expeditiously dispose of the matter within the zero hour the Appropriation Bill was passed by voice votes within the shortest possible time after 11·30 A.M. as it was a Zumma Day. I have not the least intention to debar any member from his right of speaking on any matter before the House. Aa a matter of fact, I have been trying my best to give maximum opportunity to the honourable members to participate in any discusstion. It is only under peculiar circumstances in which I was placed as stated above that I had to dispose of the matter expeditiously. I hope such circumstances will not arise and this will not be treated as a precedent in future.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah—Mr. Deputy Speaker, is it a confession that you acted illegally yesterday ? What is this explanation ? Whether or not you acted legally or illegally—if you acted legally, you cannot debar a member from speaking. A member has a right to speak on the Bill and you cannot stop him because there was dearth of time and the Chair has no right to curtail it. What is the implication of this explanation unless it is by the consent of the House under the rule ?

Mr. Deputy Speaker—I have already said that voice votes were taken and the Bill was passed legally. As regard time, it has been given one and a half hour's time for general discussion. Therefore, I think there was no necessity to continue further discussion on the Appropriation Bill. Therefore, it was passed by voice votes.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah—That does not mean that you guillotined it !

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya I do not know why the matter has been made rather more complicated. Some of us thought that the Bill was guillotined and the grievance was that in a hurry the Bill was guillotined. And you have been pleased to say that what was guillotined was not the Bill but the demands for Excess Grants. What you have said, if I have followed you correctly, that you have in your wisdom, thought what was to be discussed has already been discussed when the excess demands for grants was discsused. Therefore, in view of the fact that it was a Zumma Prayer Day, you thought there was nothing new which would come for discussion. So, you took the voice vote. So, you just cleared the misunderstanding in the minds of some hon. Members that the Bill was guillotined. We have taken it in that way that it was not guillotined.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah - I object to this seeking clarification from the Chair.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : If some Member is not as clear as the hon. Member, what can be done ? Afterall some people may require more clarifications and some others may require less. Some may understand things quickly and others may understand less quickly. Now probably the matter is quite clear and therefore, let us not waste our time.

Calling Attention to A matter of urgent Public Importance—Suffering of Arrested People.

Shri Lakhyadhar Choudhury : Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Chief Minister under Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly to the news item published in the Dainik Asom, dated the 12th March, 1968 under the caption "আটক কৰা লোকৰ দুৰ্গতি"

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha, (Chief Minister) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, 23 persons suspected to be anti-social elements and 12 others accused persons were arrested by Gauhati Police on the afternoon of 8th March, 1968 and in the morning of 9th March, 1968 respectively, All the arrested perons were taken to Gauhati Court at 11.30 A. M. on 9.3.68. Before the Court staff could produce these persons before Magistrate after writing custody warrant and other relevant papers, the Magistrate left the Court as it was a Saturday. The arrested persons were brought back to the Thana but at the instructions of the City Deputy Superintendent of Police the Court staff produced them before the District Magistrate and got them remanded to jail custody. Before taking them from the Thana they were given food as usual. No complaint of any ill treatment by Police was made by any of these arrested persons before the District Magistrate.

After the disturbances on 26.1.68 the whole of Gauhati Town has been divided into several sectors for the purpose of more effective maintenance of law and order. Mobile wireless vans are also provided and various other measures to improve the police administration are being undertaken. Along with these, the question of removing some of the common lapses like delay in sending F.I.R. to Court, non-supply or inadequate supply of food to arrested persons while in police custody etc., are also being looked into.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : There are other calling attention notices also. But according to the procedure followed in this House where several calling attention notices have been included in the order paper

on the last day of a session, the Minister may make a brief statement in respect of the first notice. In respect of the other notices, statements may be laid on the table by the Ministers concerned.

Laying of the Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Orde 1966 under Section 8(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

SHRI BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA. Chief Minister—Sir, I beg to lay the Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies Order, 1966 under Section 8(2) of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1950.

Laying of the Report of the Assam Spun Silk Mills Ltd., 1966-67.

SHRI BISWADEV SARMA—Sir, I beg to lay the Report of the Assam Spun Silk Mills, Ltd., for the year 1966-67.

Laying of the Fifth Annual Report (1966-67) of the Assam Small Scale Industries Development Corporation Ltd., Gauhati.

SHRI BISWADEV SARMA—Sir, I beg to lay the Fifth Annual Report (1966-67) of the Assam Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd., Gauhati.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER—Now, item No. 9. I think it is in progress

SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY—Sir, before we resume discussion on the subject I want to submit one thing and I would beseech the hon. Members to give careful consideration to what I say. Sir, an amendment to the motion of consideration of this Bill has already been tabled to refer the

matter to the Select Committee and the Select Committee will report by 31st of May, 1968. That amendment I propose to accept, and if that motion is adopted by the House, the House will get ample opportunity to discuss the Bill clause by clause in greater detail. Now, we have already taken a lot of time in discussing the consideration motion of this Bill. Therefore, I would request the hon. Members particularly the leaders of the Opposition to consider whether the discussion on this Bill can be put off to a later date and the Bill is sent to the Select Committee. After the Select Committee reports, it can again be discussed and that will expedite matters, and we can also get enough time of discuss other items in the agenda.

*SHRI GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, while I appreciate the spirit in which the hon. Minister has made his submission I cannot accept it. But I do not just like to line up with the venerable Member there and say that this House should not be converted into some sort of *'Gaonbura Mel'*. I do not like to make such a remark but then I want to say that certain procedures have been laid down and certain rules are there, and therefore, it will probably be meet and proper that we do not take the House in a light-hearted manner. We do not just make the rules and procedures almost meaningless things. May be that some hon. Members may hope to move some amendments.

SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY—Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury has already moved his amendment formally.

SHRI GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA—Has he ? (Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury—Yes). Then there are three motions before the House. One motion is that the Minister has asked the House to consider the Bill, one hon. Member has asked the House to agree to refer the Bill for eliciting public opinion thereto—that is also moved—and another hon. Member has suggested still a third course, that is to say, he wants that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for scrutinising. Therefore, there are three motions before the House. But just now I have heard the hon. Minister. He has changed

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his opinion now. Previously he thought that the House will take the Bill into consideration and come to the next phase, because in the Order paper we find that he wants us to consider the Bill, he wants us to consider the Bill clause by clause and he wants us to have the Bill passed. That is what we find in the Order paper Now it appears that he has changed his mind and he wants us to agree with one of the amendments. Probably he has reason for that. Even when the Bill is sent to the Select Committee, the entire House will not be there. Some Members of the House will be there and even if that Motion be passed it will be probably helpful if the Members of the Select Committee bear in mind how the different Members of the House view the Bill or what are their observations regarding the Bill is For example I am not there in the Select Committee but I have my views about the Bill. I have seen the Bill. They may have something to say and they may question about the Bill. But not only that why should we think that there are two motions. As a matter of fact there are still another motion and that motions is that the Bill in the form it has come is one which cannot be done proper justice even by a Select Committee. The matter is so very important and the form in which it has been brought and the content which has been put in the Bill are such that this cannot be cured even within the scope of Select Committee This being a the matter of National importance because by this Bill a new thing is sought to be there in Assam Which in the history of Assam was never found.

SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Forest)—Sir, my submission was otherwise. I quite appreciate the points raised by Shri Bhattacharjee that Members who will not be in the Select Committee so that they can be benefitted from the feelings expressed by other hon. Members so that they can take these things into consideration. My submission was that the Bill will come after the Select Committee has gone through it and after eliciting public opinion it will come before this House for consideration. And at that time we will get opportunity to discuss it. Therefore, Sir, may I suggest to the hon. Members to curtail the discussion at this stage and allow the motion to refer the Bill to the Select Committee.

That was my submission.

SHRI GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA—That is one aspect of the matter. As I said, Sir, at the very beginning let us not confuse that there is only one motion before the House and let us remember that there are 3 motions and there are things to be said against each. Now the point is that why should we remain silent and why should we not discharge our duties before the Select Committee goes into it. That will be breach of trust. Because here we have been sent by our constituents, by the people to discharge certain duties and responsibilities and all these things we are doing at the cost of public money. To-day a bill has come to be sent to the Select Committee—the Select Committee will have sessions after sessions and then at a time we begin a series of general discussions and then again it is sent to the Select Committee. In this way there may be long time and greater expenditure made. Afterall I have no account. The every day the Assembly sits, there is a lot of expenditure and similarly for the session of the Select Committee also there will be expenditure. Therefore that aspect of the matter is to be taken into consideration. Afterall we have got a very long list of business of this House and we are tired and they are eager to go through the business. I quite appreciate the reason when it is said that it is an attempt of brain wash particularly in the present climatic condition of the country. Therefore, the best course will be if there are different legislative sessions. So far the Budget, it should be a Budget Session so that we may do proper justice to that aspect of the matter. So far as these legislations are concerned it will be better to have another session. Now, when we are paid by the people to discharge our duties and function properly we cannot avoid our responsibility, simply because the list of the Business of the House is long. That will be a breach of trust. So, let us not waste much time on this point. Sir, with regard to approach I feel this is necessary because again and again these questions may come up and it is good that this has come up to day and when it is referred to the Select Committee or whether it will be sent to the Select Committee without general discussion before it goes to the Sellect Committee. This is first question. In my humble way I like

to answer it. My suggestion is that the Members of the Select Committee should go posted with the general opinion of the House (Voice : hear, hear). So far as the Bill is concerned this is not the general opinion of the Government, but probably it is the opinion of the Minister-in-charge who pilots the bill. But I think it is in the best of things and in the spirit of demociacy if the Members of the Select Committee could know that this is the trend of the thought of the House, and this is the type of mandate the House has sent to us and they can apply their minds properly. Therefore, it is not proper to send any Bill to the Select Committee without some sort of mandate from the House.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) : So far as I understand Sir, the Bill, when it is sent to the Seleet Committee that was after discussion while the principles of the Bill were accepted and the details are yet to be worked out. So, I like the House sends it to the Select Committee.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : I am very grateful in placing in better English. Anyway the spirit is to be accepted. The Select Committee cannot go beyond this. Now, another aspect is, that other proposals the hon. Minister who moved for eliciting public opinion he has not withdraw nor the Minister accepted it. Of the two alternatives he has favoured one and disfavoured another. If the hon. Minister agrees to send the Bill for eliciting public opinion then I sit down here. If the Minister in-charge agrees to that proposition without adding a single sentence I sit down now.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, referring the Bill to the Select Committee and sending the Bill for eliciting public opinion has very thin difference. Therefore, I think on that account Shri Bhattacharjee may withdraw his objection (Laughter).

Mr. Deputy Speaker : The House Stands adjourned.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, if Mr. Bhattacharrjee can finish it within five minutes then he may be allowed to finish it.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : If he agrees to my proposition I finish just now and if he does not agree I shall take, Sir, a few hours.

ADJOURNMENT

The House then adjourned for lunch till 2 P.M

AFTER LUNCH

Announcement by the Deputy Speaker—The result of election to the Assam Road Communication Board.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Result of Election to the Assam Road Communication Board. It is known to the august House that a Motion was moved by Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar, Minister of State, P. W. D. (R & B) on 18th March, 1968 for Election of four Members to the Assam Road Communication Board from Shillong, Lungleh, Jowai and Tura Sub-Divisions and the Motion was duly adopted by House.

The Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly invited applications from intending candidates by two circular letters but no such application was received by the Assembly Secretariat. Those Subdivisions will continue to remain vacant.

The Assam National Parks Bill, 1968

*Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the reason why I want the Bill to be circulated for eliciting public opinion among others is that the very approach in the Bill appears to me to be a faulty The approach appears to be one

some sort of improvement of the sanctuary. In other words it is what the bill seeks to dao appears to me to be not actually a National Park but an improved sanctuary. There is a great deal of difference between a National Park and a Sanctuary. We all know that the jungle is not a zoo where animals to are confined within a place which can be taken in one nock. The jungle is not even a sanctuary, as our Kaziranga at present is. Where professionally for development showing animals to tourist is fairly well organised trade. Of course in our Kaziranga it is not developed It is not a fairly organised trade. However, even in a well developed sanctuary it is only a fairly well organised trade as much as wild life watching is not tourist scene showing. Worth seeing wild life in the real jungle is a sports like and its scales are as important as in a game of ticket. A sport is arduous and dependent crack as rock climbing as demanding of courage and as there is a big game hunting. From the history we see even in the ideas of our ancient. Here in Assam our Kaziranga that can be developed not only as a spot place for that special species of animal one horn rhinoceros but for the different stages of development. Sir, the everybody is know that these 'Dasha Abatar' is nor only means 'Nritya' but also song accompanying it. That ,Dasha Abatar' It is in fact that Dasha Abatar' we can bring to the National Park after the park is made. You will see that according to the solid concept of creation there was a dilute. There was nothing in land, in rock and in jungle. Then in that water gradually life began to grow. But it took million of years from liquid to solid.

The first solid that actually had life was the fish. The first *avatar* was fish ; that was the first stage of life." (sanskrit sloka)

SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY Sir, he has started from the creation of the world. How long will he take to come to Kazironga ?

(A Voice - Will you please fix a time-limit ?)

SHRI GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA I shall myself fix a time-limit. In Kazironga you can make some such spots where you can show the first *avatar*, fish in different colours and

*Speceh not corrected

in different sizes, to the tourists. That ought to have found a mention in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. Then, you come to the second stage of development of life, when life was mostly in water and sometimes on land That was the second stage of development represented by *kurma* (sanskrit sloka). You can also make a show of that. Then the third stage was mostly allowing in mud, gradually leaving water and trying to be on earth ; that was *baraha*. The next stage was partly man and partly animal – *narasingha*—and so on. I need not take the time of the House by describing all the ten *avatars*. My point is in this park you can show all the ten *avatars* representing different stages of development of life. (Shri Kamakshya Prosad Tripathy – This we accept). If this is accepted a lot of my labour is done. I need not take much more time. I only beg to submit one thing. There is a mistaken impression in many quarters that rhinoceroes are a peculiarity of Assam. This is wrong. The one-horn rhino may be a peculiarity of Assam, but rhinos are found in Nepal, Bengal and Bhutan. So, when we develop a national park we should see that we can make it a safe place for a vast and varied wealth of wild life, not only animals but also birds, reptiles, etc. we can have rhinos, wild elephants, various kinds of deer, and other animals. If you propose to do that you shall have to see that areas are properly demarcated. But here in this Bill curiously enough it has been stated that the notification will specify "as nearly as possible the situation and limits of the area". I do not understand any reason why this is to be specified "as nearly as possible". On the other hand, when we come to clause 8, we find that in the official gazette it shall have to be definitely specified. These two things appear to be inconsistent and I hope some kind of consistency will be brought in this matter.

Then, Sir, when we make a national park we shall have to make a complete departure from the idea of a zoo or even a sanctuary, because in a zoo the man is free and the animals are in cages In a sanctuary also the animal is under some sort of limitation. If and when you make a national park it should be remembered that national park is a place where the animal is free and the visitor, the man, is under limitations. I hope I need not elaborate this point. For example you have

got not one but two national parks in Bihar, one at Hazaribagh and the other at Palamau. As you enter the Hazaribag national park, which is at a distance of 16 miles from the Hazaribag town, you will see some notice-board which reminds you that a bird in the bush is worth two in hand. Why ? because the bird in the bush is free while the bird in hand is in bondage. Then you will find a sign-board where it is written that wood is good but tree is better This is a reminder to you that trees also are to be well-protected. You may have the luck to see a sambur or a barking deer grazing un concerned near your car or the proud peacock that may be there basking in the sun and unconcerned as to the presence of man. How can that be ? That can be only because there is no molestation whatsoever and this freedom from molestation not only for birds and beasts but also for trees has become possible only because boundaries are properly demarcated, the area is vast and there is proper protection. Unfortunately, our experience about the Kaziranga game sanctuary is very sad. If this National Park is to be only edition of the improved version of the sanctuary, then the purpose will not be served. Because we ought to know that the man is the deadliest of all animals and there is no wonder that the dear tries to keep him away from the reach of man. Now if we are to actually keep it as a National Park, we shall have to keep it safe this deadliest of animals. If you want to do that, then I will have to repeat the pleas that I made the other day that you should see that the living ones, be they fish or animals or birds, may have a place of refuge not only in winter but also in autumn and rainy season. As I said the other day, during the rainy season the lower areas of the lower area of the present sanctuary itself become uninhabitable for the animals and they come to the drier place for refuge. But unfortunately that side is full of poachers and not yet protected Therefore should therefore be all attempts and efforts made on the

part of the Government to see that the District Council of the Mikir Hills is persuaded to part with some area which has falled within the Mikir Hills. I think it will be better to come with the Bill thereafter when the demarcation of the boundary will be known not only to the executive Government but the boundary will also be known to this Legislature and in the Bill itself it will be incorporated. This is necessary because of many factors. Because, sometimes, I do not whether my memory is helping me correctly, but so far as my memory goes, in this House there were certain suggestions that some area of the present Kaziranga Game Sanctuary should be opened for settlement for some people who were already there. There are some people within the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary and that these people should be settled.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury (Minister, Forest)—On a point of clarification, Sir, actually inside the Sanctuary there is no occupation of any people, but there are some just outside which is called the buffer area.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya—Yes, in the outer-ring of the Sanctuary which is known, as the hon. Minister says, as the buffer area there are some people. This buffer area itself is a danger for the Kaziranga Sanctuary. Because the poachers take full advantage of this buffer area and treating it as the cover do all the mischiefs. Now if you really propose to improve the sanctuary it is essential to make the sanctuary free from these poachers. This is a matter which should be seriously considered. This is a matter about which the opinion of the people should also be taken. Because unless and until you can carry the people with you,

unless they are consulted and convinced that this buffer zone should be freed from habitations, then there will be objection from these people if they are evicted forcibly. In that case not only will the Government be blamed, but also the opposition will also be blamed, because we shall pass the Bill If we do so then they will say that they prefer animal to us human beings and they want to evict us to make room for, to provide some dwelling place for certain animals. So it is essential to take the public opinion first, to take the people into confidence first. We know, Sir, on the floor of this House itself there was some criticism when once a proposal was mooted to establish a sanctuary in probably western part of Nowgong. (Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathy, Minister, Finance—Sir, this Sanctuary has been accepted by the consensus opinion of Assam). Yes, this sanctuary has been accepted by the people of Assam but that is along with the buffer area which area is the shelter, the cover for the poachers. What I am saying is that if you simply say that there are poachers, some rich and some powerful people including some belonging to the ruling party but they are beyond our reach, well that will not help. Because simply money does not help them to poach, they need some cover, some sheltered protection, and that so called buffer area is used as shelter and protection by this poachers. This I think is very dangerous. If you want to make it a national park you should acquire that so-called buffer region. That is a vital matter which cannot be done by this by only passing the Bill becausing this a question which involves tackling the people. So this is one of the reasons why I want the Bill to go for eliciting public opinion. I do not like to take

any more time of the House, and with these few observations for the time being and leaving the rest to others I conclude my speech.

Mrs. Pranita Talukdar—Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move following amendment to the amendment moved by Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury, M.L.A. on the Motion for taking into consideration of the Assam National Parks Bill, 1968.

"That the Assam National Parks Bill, 1968 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members :

1. Minister-in-charge
2. Shri Narayan Chandra Bhuyan, M.L.A.
3. Shri Sarat Chandra Goswami, M.L.A.
4. Shri Narendra Nath Sarma, M.L.A.
5. Shri Dhani Ram Rongpai, M.L.A.
6. Shri Ratneswar Konwar, M.L.A.
7. Shri Durgeswar Saikia, M.L.A.
8. Shri Golok Chandra Patgiri, M.L.A.
9. Shri Dulal Chandra Barua, M.L.A.
10. Shri Atul Chandra Goswami, M.L.A.
11. Shri Rahimuddin Ahmed, M.L.A.
12. Shri Kamini Sharma, M.L.A.
13. Dr. Suren Chandra Das.

Seven Members to form the quorum and the Report to be submitted by the 15th June, 1968.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya—How can the name of Shri Dulal Barua be there ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury (Minister, Forest)—Sir, the names were collected from the Whips of

the respective parties. (A voice from Opposition—We did not give Shri Dulal Barua's name).

Shri Rathindra Nath Sen—Instead of entering into any controversy over this matter, the name of Shri Barua may be replaced by somebodyelse's name.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury (Minister, Forests)—Let us keep this name vacant and fill it up later on with the consent of the leaders of the parties.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—All right, we will make adjustment.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya—That name may be kept vacant.

Mr. Dy. Speaker—Yes.

* Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : বাজহ মন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াই যিখন অসম জাতীয় উদ্যান বিল (১৯৬৮) আনিছে—সেইখন সময়োপযোগী হোৱা নাই আৰু এইবিল জনমতৰ সাপেক্ষেহে আলোচনাৰ কাৰণে আহিব লাগে। এই সম্পৰ্কত, শ্ৰীযুত শৈলেন মেধি ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লব লাগে বুলি প্ৰস্তাব আনিছে—সেইটো মই সমৰ্থন কৰো। আমাৰ ৰাজ্যখনেই এখন 'পাৰ্ক'ৰ নিচিনা। ইয়াত ওখ নীলা পাহাৰ; সেউজীয়া বন-জংঘল আছে আৰু তাৰ মাজেদি সৰু বৰ নৈ উপনৈ বৈ গৈ বিশাল ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰৰ লগত লগ লাগিছে। পাহাৰৰ পৰা ওলোৱা সৰু বৰ নদী আৰু তাৰ বুকুৰ ওপৰেদি বাগৰি বাগৰি অহা নানা ৰং বিৰঙৰ শিল বিলাক পানীত ঠেকা খাই খাই যি মনোমোহা দৃশ্য কৰে—সি অতুলনীয়। তাৰ পিচত, এই ৰাজ্যত কিছুমান শুকান নদীৰ বুকুৰ নানা ৰংবিৰঙৰ শিলগুটি, পৰিষ্কাৰ বালিত বদৰ জিলিকনি পৰি জিল মিলাই উঠা দৃশ্যই অসমক প্ৰাকৃতিক উদ্যানত পৰিণত কৰি ৰাখিছে। তেনেকুৱা উত্তৰ কামৰূপৰ মতঙা নৈৰ মনোমোহা বুকুৰ নানা বঙৰ ঘৰণীয়া সৰু বৰ শিলৰ দৃশ্য ভৰি আছে—

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury : আপুনি বিলখনৰ পৰা আতৰি গৈছে।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : এই বিলাক আমি ৰক্ষা কৰিব পৰা নাই। (এই বিলাক প্ৰাকৃতিক সম্পদ আমি ৰক্ষাও কৰিব পৰা নাই—আৰু কামতো

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লগাব পৰা নাই। আজি গুৱাহাটীৰ উমানন্দ যত ঠিয় দিলে গধূলিৰ আগমনিত পশ্চিম আকাশৰ দূৰ-দিগন্তত সূর্য্যাস্তৰ দৃশ্যই ব্রহ্মপুত্রৰ বুকুত প্রতিবিম্ব তুলি যি দৃশাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰে—সেই উমানন্দ ৰক্ষা কৰিব পৰা নাই। সেইদৰে অঞ্চাক্রান্ত কিমান মনোৰম কিমান অতীত বুৰঞ্জী তাত সোমাই আছে সেইবিলাক ঠাইলৈ আমি মন দিব পৰা নাই। অথচ কাজিৰঙাৰ একশিঙীয়া গড়ৰ ৰক্ষাৰ কাৰণে, 'পার্ক' নামত এখন বিল অনা হৈছে। ইয়াৰ বাহিৰেও ইয়াত নানা ধৰণৰ ইতিহাস প্রসিদ্ধ বিল, পুষ্কৰিণী ভৰি আছে যত পদুম, ভেটফুল আদি নানা ধৰণৰ প্রাকৃতিক ফুল বনে আবৰি আছে। পাহাৰৰ মাজত শিল-ঝৰণা আছে: ওপৰত 'পাইন' গছ নানা ৰকমৰ জীৱজন্তু তাৰ ভিতৰত আছে বনৰীয়া সৰু মেথন, পশু, সাপ, চৰাই আছে ডাঙৰ ডাঙৰ সাপ বিলাক মাৰি বোলে ঘিউৰ লগত তাৰ তেল ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে।

(এটি স্বৰ: নেচেনেল পার্কৰ লগত ইয়াৰ সম্বন্ধ কি? অনা এটি স্বৰ: সম্বন্ধ আছে—সাপ বনৰীয়া জীৱ-জন্তু সকলো বনত থাকে)

Mr. Dy. Speaker --You confine your self to the provisions of the Bill.

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma: --গতিকে মই এই কথাই জোৰদি কৰ খুজিছো যে এই বিলখনৰ কাৰণে জনমত আহ্বান কৰিব লাগে। জীৱ-জন্তু ৰক্ষাৰ বা ভ্রমণ বিলাসী সকলৰ আকর্ষণৰ কাৰণে বাজহ ব্যয়ৰ প্রয়োজন নে অনাহাৰ আৰু অৰ্দ্ধাহাৰে জীৱন কটোৱা জনসাধাৰণৰ অৱস্থা টনকীয়াল কৰিবলৈ বাজহ ব্যয়ৰ প্রয়োজন সেইটো ভাবি চাবলৈ মই এই সদনক অনুৰোধ কৰিছো। আজি নগৰে-চহৰে নানা ৰকমৰ উশৃঙ্খলতাৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছে সেইবিলাক চৰকাৰে সমাধান কৰিব পৰা নাই অথচ জীৱ-জন্তুৰ ৰক্ষাৰ কাৰণে পার্ক কৰিব খুজিছে। ইয়াৰ কাৰণে বহু মাটি সোমাই যাব --। ভূমিহীন খেতিয়ক সকলক চৰকাৰ ভূমি সমস্যা সমাধান কৰি দিব পৰা নাই। (সময়ৰ সংকেট)

Mr. Deputy Speaker - Whether you are opposing the Bill or supporting it ?

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma: সেই কাৰণে মই কও, এইবিল সদনৰ এই অধিবেশনত পাৰ হব নোৱাৰিব আৰু ইয়াৰ কাৰণে জনমত লাগিব। কাৰণ প্রথমতে চৰকাৰে জনসাধাৰণৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগিব তাৰ পিচতহে জীৱ-জন্তুৰ কথা। জনসাধাৰণৰ সাধাৰণ অৱস্থা যদি ভাল কৰিব নোৱাৰে তেন্তে বিলাসী সকলৰ আমোদ-প্রমোদৰ স্থান ইয়াত হব নোৱাৰে। এই বিলখন জন-সাধাৰণে বিচাৰ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে পঠাই দিব লাগে কি পদ্ধতিত আমি জন্তু জানোৱাৰ

ওপৰত গুৰুত্ব দি টকা খৰচ কৰিব বিচাৰিছো। এই চিলেক্ট কমিটিটো জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ ওপৰত হব লাগিব। জন্তু জানোৱাৰৰ ৰক্ষণৰ দায়িত্ব আমি পালন কৰিব লাগিব। কিন্তু ইয়াক কৰিবলৈ গৈ মানুহক মাৰি জন্তুক ৰক্ষা কৰিব নালাগে। কি পদ্ধতিত আমি জন্তু জানোৱাৰ ৰক্ষা কৰিব লাগে তাৰ আঁচনি তৈয়াৰ কৰিব লাগে। আঁচনি প্ৰস্তুত কৰি জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লওক। কিন্তু আপোনালোকে যদি ভাবে জনসাধৰণৰ মতামতৰ প্ৰয়োজন নাই আৰু বিলখন পাচ কৰি লয় তেনেহলে জনসাধাৰণ বিক্ষুব্ধ হব। জনসাধাৰণক বিক্ষুব্ধ কৰি যাতে কোনো আইন পাচ কৰা নহয় তাৰ কাৰণে মই চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ কৰিছো। জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লৈ তেনেকুৱা আইন পাচ কৰিব লাগে যাৰ দ্বাৰা জনসাধাৰণৰ উপকৃত হব। এই বিলে খেতিয়কক উচ্ছেদ কৰিব বিছাৰিছে আৰু এইখন বিল পাচ হলে মহা অন্যায় কৰা হব। এই বুলি মই এইবিলৰ বিৰোধিতা কৰিছো।

M. Shamsul Huda : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অসম নেচনেল পাৰ্কৰ বিলত মই আৰু শৈলেন মেধী ডাঙৰীয়াই এটা সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাব দাঙি ধৰিছো যে এই বিলখন জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ কাৰণে পঠাব লাগে। এই সংশোধনী কিয় ডাঙি ধৰিছো মই চমুকৈ আলোচনা কৰিম। কাৰণ সময়ৰ খুব অভাৱ আৰু এই বিষয়ে আটাইখিনি কথা কবলৈ হলে অন্ততঃ দুই ঘণ্টামান সময় লাগিব। কাৰণ বিলখন হৈছে নতুন বিল আৰু বিষয়ে বহুতো গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ কথা আছে।

Mr. Dy. Speaker : You are repeating the same thing.

M. Shamsul Huda —উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়। এই বিলখন সম্পৰ্কে জনসাধাৰণৰ মত গ্ৰহণ কৰিব লাগে। কাৰণ ইয়াৰ নাম দিয়া হৈছে Assam National Park Bill, 1968। এই নামটোৰ কাৰণে মই নিজেও আচৰিত হৈছো যে ইয়াক Assam National Park বিল ১৯৬৮ কিয় কোৱা হ'ল। অসম খন এটা নেচন নহয়। গতিকে, এই নেচনেল শব্দটো কোন ভিত্তিত ৰখা হ'ল। Theory of nation মতে যদি আমি চাওঁ হ'ক A nation is a people having an independent Govt inhabiping a definite territory ইয়াত people আছে আমি দেখি আছো। মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় বাকীখিনি ইয়াত কেনেকৈ হ'ল মই নিজে বুজিবলৈ টান পাইছো।

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury :—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়। নেচনেল পাৰ্ক বিলত এইখিনি বুজাই দিয়া হৈছে। Sir, under Clause 2, sub clause (7) the definition of the "National Park" is given. So, there is no need to explain it again.

M. Shamsul Huda : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়। মই সেই কাৰণে কৈছো যে বিলখন জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ কাৰণে পঠাব লাগে। কাৰণ অসম খন এটা nation নহয় যদিও ইয়াত people আছে আৰু territory আছে।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad. Tripathi (Minister) : Sir, may I point out one thing. Sir, today's Assam Tribune it is stated that filibustering is going on in the House. Sir, for the interest of the House, I request the honourable members that we should the give impression that no filibiustering is going on inside the House. Sir, if some honourable member starts talking for two hours on Dasabatar and some other about the natural beauties of Assam and the other again wants two hours to start talking about the theory of nation etc. how can we avoid this sort of filibustering ?

M. Shamsul Huda : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়। গতিকে এই ফালৰ পৰা দেখা যায় যে.....

M. Dy. Speaker : There are only two points one for sending the Bill to the Select Committee and the other for sending the Bill for eliciting public opinion. So, the hon. Members should confine their speech on these two points only.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chowdhury (Minister, Forest) : Sir I woul like to draw your attention to Rule 288 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly which read follows :- At the appointed hour, in accordance with the time limit fixed for the completion of a particular stage of a Bill or a motion, the Speaker shall, unless the debate is sooner concluded, forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of all the outstanding matters in connection with that stage of the Bill or the motion. So, Sir, You can fix time of the Speaker.

M. Shamsual Huda :—এইটো Assam National Park নহয়। ইয়াত আৰু এটা প্ৰশ্ন আহিছে যে এই বিলৰ তলত আছে যে নেচনেল পাৰ্ক বিলটো কোন কোন জিলাত প্ৰয়োগ হব। নেচনেল পাৰ্ক নামত কোৱা হৈছে কিন্তু দেখা যায় Clause (II) আছে ঃ It extend to the district of Goalpara, Kamrup, Nowgong, Darrang, Sibsagar, Lakhimpur and Cachar.

নেচনেল পাৰ্কৰ অৰ্থ যদি এইটো হয় Assam Part of Indian Nationl Park তেনেহলে Forest মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে ইয়াক Assam Part of National Park নাম দিব লাগিছিল। এইখিনিতে আৰু এটা প্ৰশ্ন হ'ল। এইখন বিল কিয় ৬ খন জিলাত প্ৰয়োগ কৰিব খুজিছে? Autonomus districts—Khashi Hills, Garo Hills ইত্যাদিত কিয় প্ৰয়োগ নহব? সেই বিলাক জিলাত India ৰ ভিতৰত আহে। National Park বুলিলে তাত প্ৰয়োগ নহব কিয়? clause I, subclause 2 ৰ অনুসাৰে, অসমত যদি National Park হয়, অসমৰ বন বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী আৰু বিত্ত মন্ত্ৰীয়ে মূৰ জোকাবিছে যদি Park হয় তেন্তে অকল ৬ খন জিলাত কিয় আৱদ্ধ থাকিল? লগতে মিকিৰ পাহাৰৰো অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত নকৰিলে কিয় তেখেত সকলে হয়তো কব যে মিকিৰ পাহাৰলৈ সম্প্ৰসাৰণ কৰিব নোৱাৰি কাৰণ আমাৰ হাতত কিন্তু ...

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury (Minister, Forest)—Sir, another reason for not including the Hill Districts is that generally a national park can be created only in a Wild Life Sanctuary. As there is none and there is no possibility of having any in the Autonomous Districts, therefore, these areas have been excluded.

M. Shamsul Huda : মহোদয়, এইমাত্ৰ মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কলে যে wild life Sanctuary মাজত হে কৰিব পাৰে। ইয়াতে আৰু এটা কথা আছে—সেই অঞ্চলটো আমাৰ Parkৰ লগত মিলিত হব পাৰে নে নোৱাৰে তাৰ বাবেও জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লব লাগে।

মিকিৰ পাহাৰ আমাৰ লগত আছে—গতিকে এইখন কিয় বাদ দিয়া হৈছে? ইয়াৰ পৰাই অনুমান হয় যে পাহাৰী ৰাজ্যৰ লগত অসম চৰকাৰৰ প্ৰেমে শেষ সীমা পাইছে—এজোৰা ডেকা গাভৰুৰ মাজত যেতিয়া প্ৰেম হয়, আৰু যেতিয়া প্ৰেমে শেষ সীমা পায়, তেতিয়া বিয়া নাপাতি ৰব নোৱাৰে, এই ক্ষেত্ৰত তেনে ধৰণৰে কথা হৈছে। বহুত Stateত বহুত ঠাইত commit কৰি আহিলে নিদি উপায় নাই।

মিকিৰ পাহাৰলৈ বনৰীয়া হাতী, বাঘ আদি নানা জন্তু বিচৰণ কৰিবলৈ যাব—মন্ত্রীয়ে ধৰি ৰাখিব পাৰিব নে ? যেতিয়া বাঘ যাব, তেতিয়া আৰু নেওলত ধৰিলে খাই নেপেলাব নে ? (হাঁহি) (গোলমাল) গতিকে, তেনেকৈ বাধা দিব পৰা নহব। তেনে ক্ষেত্রত, মিকিৰ পাহাৰক বাদ দিয়া নিতান্ত অনুচিত হৈছে। সেইখন একেবাৰে কাজিৰঙাৰ contiguous area। গতিকে হাতী, বাঘ আদি তাৰৈ নোযোৱাকৈ ৰাখিব নোৱাৰে। সেইকাৰণে আমি এতিয়াই কথাটো পৰিষ্কাৰ কৰি কৈছো যে এই বীলখন জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ কাৰণে পঠাব লাগে। (গোলমাল.....)

মহোদয়, মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কব যে মিকিৰ পাহাৰক অন্তর্ভুক্ত কৰিব নোৱাৰি—কাৰণ তাক বাধা আছে ; তাত District Council আছে—মই কওঁ যে এতিয়াই অন্তর্ভুক্ত কৰি, তাৰ Dislrict Council আৰু জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লব লাগে। নহলে হাতী পলাব - মিকিৰ পাহাৰলৈ গলে, তাৰ লোকসকলে খেদি নিব—আৰু তেতিয়া আনিবলৈ গলে যুদ্ধ লাগিব। গতিকে সকলো অঞ্চল ইয়াত সোমাব লাগে।

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury—সকলো খুটিনাতি বিবেচনা কৰিবলৈকেই Select Committeeলৈ এই বিলখন দিয়া হৈছে—

M. Shamsul Huda আপোনালোকে আমাক বঞ্চিত কৰিব খুজিছে যদি কওক—যদি এই বিল Select Committeeলৈকে পঠাব বুলি ধৰা হয়, তথাপিও আমি যদি আমাৰ মতামত নিদিওঁ তেন্তে Select Cammitteeয়েই বা কিহৰ পৰা বিচাৰ কৰিব ? (A voice : Select Committeeয়ে আৱশ্যক মতে নানা লোকৰ মতামত লব পাৰিব।) গতিকে তাৰ কাৰণে আৰু এটা শ্লোচণ বহিব লাগিব।

এইবিলাক নকৰি এই বীল প্রথমতে প্রতিনিধি সদস্য সকলৰ মতামত সমূহলৈ বাইজৰ মতামতৰ কাৰণে পঠাব। (এনেতে বেল বাজে)

ইয়াতে আৰু এটা কথা আছে - এই বীলত দিছে—যে National Park হব—আজি এই কেইখন জিলাত য'তে ত'তে National Park কৰিব পাৰে নে নোৱাৰে ? It shall entend to the districts of Goalpara, Kamrup, Nowgong, Sibsagar and Cachar. Application *of this Bill* when it will become an Act—in respect of determining the bounderies of the National Park—It shall entend to the whole Assam আৰু Determinationৰ ক্ষেত্রত Chief Conservator of Forestয়ে কব · (হাঁহি.....Noise.....)

ইয়াত দেখা যায়, এই বিলৰ তলত এটা ডাঙৰ ষড়যন্ত্ৰ লুকাই আছে। এইটো হৈছে খেতিয়ক বিৰোধী ষড়যন্ত্ৰ। (হাঁহি)—ৰাজহ মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কৈছে মানা বিজাৰ্ভত এটা পাৰ্ক কৰিব। যত খেতিয়কৰ মাটি আছে—যত VGR, PGR আছে····· (গোলমাল)

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury—নতুন পাৰ্ক কৰিবলৈ কোনো বিধান এই বিলত ধৰা নাই। নতুনকৈ কৰিব লগা হলে আমাৰ বনাঞ্চলত হব পাৰিব।

M. Shamsul Huda—Manual অনুসাৰে Wild Sanctuary কৰিব পাৰে—কেবল তাত হাতী, গড়, বাঘ ঘুৰি ফুৰিব—এখন PGRৰ হয়তো কোনোবা এটা ফালে খেতিয়কৰ মৰাপাট থাকিব—তাত বাঘ সোমাব—তাত তেওঁলোকে গৈ কব যে এইখিনি National Parkৰ ভিতৰত আছে।

এই আইনৰ দ্বাৰা আপোনাকে National Parkৰ নামত মানুহক বিজাৰ্ভ আদিৰ মাটি দিয়াৰ পৰা বঞ্চিত কৰিবলৈ সুবিধা পাব। হাতীগড়তও কেইটামান গড় পৰ সোমাইছেহি। তাকেই National Park বুলি কবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিব আৰু মানুহে এই PGR আদিত মাটি বিচাৰি দাবী কৰাৰ মুধা মাৰিব।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—We have surrendered our time to him. On our behalf he will speak.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—What about our time?

Mr. Deputy Speaker—At the second ring of the bell you should try to conclude. There are two proposals, one is for eliciting public opinion and the other is that the Bill be sent to the Select Committee. Therefore, you should confine yourself to one of them. Therefore, I want to fix a time limit so that at 3.30 P.M. the debate will be closed. After that the Minister will reply. According to Rule 288(1) whenever the debate on any motion becomes unduly protracted, the Speaker may, after taking the sense of the House, fix a time limits for the conclusion of discussion on any stage or all stages of the Bill or the motion, as the case may be. So, I want to fix a time limit at 3.30 P.M.

Shri Promode Chgndra Gogoi :—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিলত আলোচনা কৰাৰ অধিকাৰ আমাৰ আছে যদিও হুদা ডাঙৰীয়াই বিলখন study কৰিছে কাৰণেই আমি আমাৰ সকলোখিনি সময় তেখেতকে কবলৈ দিছোঁ।

At 3.30 P.M. I fix the time limit and within that time the debate will be closed. Of course, hon. Members will get another chance to discuss the Bill after the Select Committee's report comes or the public opinion is received.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen - I think everything will be rationalised. Is there any chance to discuss the Bill if we continue in this way. Everybody is speaking and even if 10 minutes is given, a lot of time will be taken. Which amendment is to be accepted. So, whether there is any scope of our keeping other Bills pending sine die along with this ? (Voices – No.) Then the fact remains that everything is to be taken up at a time. If that is the rule, then through you I would request that as there are still 5 or 6 other Bills, time should be fixed so that hon. Members may get a scope for discussion. There are important Bills also But because of the time limit they are not being discussed. So, I think only a few members may take part.

Mr. Deputy Speaker – So, the rule is 'as the appointed hour, in accordance with the time limit fixed for the completion of a particular stage, unlss the debate is sooner concluded, the Speaker shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of all the outstanding matters in connection with the stage of the Bill or the motion.

M. Samshul Huda – গতিকে উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়ে আলোচিত clause টোত যি কোৱা হৈছে সেইটো পৰিস্কাৰ হোৱা নাই। সেই কাৰণেও বিলখন জনমতৰ কাৰণে দিব লাগে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury - I am sorry that the hon. Member is all long misguiding because there is no question of taking out animals escaping from the National Park The provision of the Bill is that all the animals, reptiles, birds, insects, trees and other things of National Park should be preserved. But if any one escapes from the National Park, then there is no provision in the Bili for that reptile from the place where it escapes.

M. Shamsul Huda : National Park ৰ পৰা ওলায় অহা জন্তু যদি আন ঠাইত মৰা হয় তেতিয়া এই Pannel provision টো প্ৰযোজ্য হব নে নহয় ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury—Preservation of Rhino Act, বুলি'যি আইন আছে সেই মতে যি কোনো মানুহে যতে ত'তে গড় মাৰিলেই আইন মতে দণ্ডনীয় হব।

M. Shamsul Huda : গতিকে এতিয়া বিলখন গ্ৰহণ কৰাৰ আগতে এইবিলাক কথা ঠিক কৰিব লাগে। Penalty ৰ যি ব্যৱস্থা ৰখা হৈছে সি অতি সামান্য। ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা জীৱ জন্তু সংৰক্ষণ কৰাৰ উপায় নাই। মই বিলৰ পৰা পঢ়ি শুনাইছো : Wherever contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or any rules thereunder (page 7) shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend, *may extend* and not shall extend to two years ; এইটো চুমাহো হব পাৰে। ইয়াৰ বাহিৰেও আৰু কথা আছে to two years or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees or with both. গতিকে জেল হলে দুবছৰ আৰু জৰিমানা হলে দুশ টকা। অথবা দুয়োটা একে লগে দিব পাৰে। এইবিলৰ মালিক মন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই নিজেই তেখেতৰ ভাষণত কৈছে যে গড় এটাৰ দাম অসমৰ ভিতৰত ৩০ হাজাৰ টকা আৰু বাহিৰত এক লাখ টকা গতিকে, চুমাহ জেল খাই এক লাখ টকা পালেনো কি লোকচান আছে? গতিকে, যিটো শাস্তিৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে সি অতি সামান্য হৈছে। ইয়াত যি may শব্দটো আছে তাৰ দ্বাৰা বহুতো দোষী সাবি যাব।

আকৌ Sec. 18 ত আৰু কেইটামান কথা আছে এই Section 18 ত কৈছে : and any court trying such contravention may, if it thinks fit, and in addition to any sentence which it may impose for such contravention, direct that any animal or product or part thereof, in respect of which the contravention has taken place, and any weapon, trap, net boat, vehicle, animal or other equipment used in committing any such offence, shall be confiscated. ইয়াত কৈছে নাও, জাল আদি ধৰিছে। যদি হাতী এটা মাৰে তাৰ বিনিময়ত টুলুঙা নাও এখন জব্দ কৰি চৰকাৰৰ কি লাভ হব। এই section টো খুব light হৈছে। সেই কাৰণে জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লৈ এই বিল কৰা উচিত। মই National Park কৰাৰ বিৰোধিতা কৰা নাই। কিন্তু permanent কৰিব লাগে nothing Ad-hoc should be done. কাৰবাৰ ব্যৱসায় জনিতাৰ্থ কৰিবৰ বাবে বা খেতিয়কৰ স্বাৰ্থৰ খাটিৰত এই বিল আনিবলৈ বিচাৰিছে। যি খন বিলত জনসাধাৰণৰ ভবিষ্যতৰ কাৰণে ভাগ্য নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ কৰিব সেই বিলৰ আলোচনাত বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী থাকিব লাগে। তেখেত ওলাই গল ইয়াৰ objects and reasons ত কৈছে যে (at page 92 the Bill) : World famous Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary is the home of the rare species known

as the Great Indian one-horned rhinoceros, of which there are nearly 400 according to the census carried out by Mr. Juan Spillet in 1967.

আমি কব লাগে Forest বিভাগে কি কবিছে। অৱশ্যে গড় বিলাক census কৰা সম্ভৱ নহয়। তথাপিতো তাব কোনো এটা উপায় চিন্তা নকৰাকৈ বিল খন পাচ কৰাত আগৰুৱা। আনকি Project report এটাও নাই। যোৱা ১০ বছৰত গড় কিমান বৃদ্ধি হ'ল, বাঘৰ বৃদ্ধি বা সাপৰ বৃদ্ধি, ভালুক, পহু, মহ, নানান চৰাই আদিৰ একোটা report তৈয়াৰ কৰিব লাগে। তাকে নকৰি মাত্ৰ wild life নাম দি বিল খন আনিছে আৰু কৈছে বিদেশী ভ্ৰমণকাৰী আহিব। দেশৰ মুদ্ৰা লাভ হব। গতিকে National Park কৰিবৰ কাৰণে Conservator of forests ক মাটি দিব লাগে। আনহাতে বানপানী নিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ কাৰণেও মাটি দিব লাগে। তেনেহলে, মানুহৰ বাবে মাটি নাইকিয়া হব। কিছুমান মানুহৰ forest ৰ ওচৰত মাটি আছে। সেই মাটি acquire কৰিব লাগিব। কিছুমান মাটি acquire কৰিব নোৱাৰিবও পাৰে। কেতিয়াবা conservator of forests এ ইচ্ছা কৰিলেই যাৰে তাৰে মাটি লব পাৰে National Park ৰ কাৰণে লাগে বুলি। এই গোটেইবোৰ কথা চাই বিলখন জনমতৰ কাৰণে পঠায় দিয়াৰ আৱশ্যক।

ডেপুটী স্পীকাৰ চাৰ, এইটো বৰ ডাঙৰ কথা হৈছে যে এখন নেচনেল পাৰ্ক কৰিব। বাজ্যখনৰ বিভিন্ন ঠাইৰ হাবি-জংগলত জীবজন্তু ঘুৰি ফুৰিছে। মেলা-ভাবে গড়ো চৰি ফুৰিছে। এইবিলাকক কি কৰিব--; এই জন্তুবিলাকক খেদি আনিব লাগিব আৰু একে ঠাই কৰিব লাগিব। তেনে কৰিবলৈ হলে - নেচনেল পাৰ্কৰ কাৰণে বহু মাটিৰ প্ৰয়োজন হব। সেই মাটি খেতিয়ক সকলৰ পৰা অধিগ্ৰহণ কৰিব লাগিব। তাৰ মানে নেচনেল পাৰ্কৰ নামত আকৌ কিছুমান ভূমিহীন লোক কৰিব খুজিছে।

(সময়ৰ সংকেত)

সেই কাৰণে মই কওঁ—এই বিল, জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ পিচতহে ইয়াত আনিব পাৰিব।

(সময়ৰ সংকেত)

মোৰ আৰু অলপ কথা আছে—সময় লাগে।

(Interruption)

Mr. Deputy Speaker : The debate must be closed at 3.30 p.m.. No, it was given to understand that on his behalf Mr. Huda will speak and he has been speaking so long. About 4 hours we have taken up till now.

M. Samsul Huda : এই বিলখন সময়োপযোগী হোৱা নাই। এতিয়া এই বিল আনিলে ভবিষ্যতে অর্থ সংকটৰ সন্মুখীন হব লাগিব। তেনেহলে চাওক, এই বিল আইনলৈ গলে - যেহেতু ইয়াৰ তেনে কোনো আচনি নাই ভবিষ্যতে কি হব ? ইয়াৰ Financial implication বহু দূৰলৈ যাব। অকল আইন কৰিলেই নহব ; বিদেশী ভ্ৰমণ বিলাসী সকলৰ বিলাসৰ আহিলাপাতিৰ কাৰণে খৰচ আছে। সেইবিলাকৰ কাৰণে কত কিমান অর্থ প্ৰয়োজন হব তাৰ স্কীম নাই। গতিকে এই বিলখনক বিল বুলি কব নোৱাৰি।

[এটি স্বৰ: খাঙ হে হৈছে ? .....]

গতিকে এই বিলখন জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ কাৰণে পঠাব লাগে আৰু তাৰ পিচতহে এই সদনৰ আলোচনাৰ কাৰণে আহিব।

*Shri Soneswar Bora : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিলৰ দ্বাৰাই যিখন ৰাজ্যৰ জাতীয় উদ্যান কৰিবলৈ বিচাৰিছে তেনে ধৰণৰ উদ্যান হলে—'খাৰ, পিৰ, ফুৰ্ত্তি কৰা'ৰ আদৰ্শৰ হে হব। এই কাৰ্য্যৰ কাৰণে অজস্ৰ টকা লাগিব। নেচনেল পাৰ্ক কৰিবলৈ হলে বহুতো আৱশ্যকীয় সা-সুবিধা, আহিলাপাতিৰ প্ৰয়োজন হব যেনে :—হেলিকপ্টাৰ, বিভিন্ন ধৰণৰ মেচিন, নাও, হাতী, গাড়ী আদি। অকল জীৱজন্তুৰ কাৰণে কৰিলেই নহব। অজস্ৰ টকা, পয়চা লাগিব। অসমৰ কাৰণে, এইটো ভাবিব লগীয়া কথা। আজি আমাৰ ইয়াত অর্থ সংকটৰ নামত বহুতো জনকল্যাণ মূলক কাম কৰিব পৰা নাই ; নিৰক্ষৰৰ সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধি হৈছে—খেতিৰ কাৰণে খেতিয়কৰ মাটি নাই। এই সমস্যা বিলাক সমুখত ৰাখি 'জাতীয় পাৰ্ক' কৰিবলৈ হলে নিশ্চয় এই বিলখনৰ ওপৰত ৰাইজৰ মতামত লাগিব। কাজিৰঙাৰ গুদামৰ পৰা গুদাম ভাঙি—মিলিটেৰীয়ে বনৰীয়া মহৰ শিং যদি লৈ গৈছে...

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই বিলাক কথা ইয়াত প্ৰাসঙ্গিক হোৱা নাই।

Shri Soneswar Bora : এই বিলাক কথা ভালকৈ বুজিবাজিহে কৈছো ; এনেয়ে কোৱা নাই। জাতীয় পাৰ্কলৈ পৰিণত কৰিলে - গাড়ীঘোৰা, হেলিকপ্টাৰ আদি নালাগিব জানো ?

(সময়ৰ সংকেট)

Mr. Dy. Speaker : পাৰ্কৰ কথা কওক।

★Speech not corrected

Shri Soneswar Bora : এই প্রসঙ্গত বহু কথাই আছে; টেক্‌চৰ কথা আহিব; মাটিবাৰী অধিগ্রহণ কৰিব লাগিব। বাজহৰ ধন ব্যয়ৰ কথা আহিব। সেই কাৰণে মই কও এই বিল, আইনত পৰিণত হব নোৱাৰে--আৰু ইয়াৰ কাৰণে জনমত আহ্বান কৰিব লাগে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury(Minister) : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিলখন পাচ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে আজি দাঙি ধৰা হোৱা নাই। এই বিলখনৰ সম্পর্কে বহুত দিনৰ পৰা আলোচনা হৈ আছে। এই বিষয়ে ১৯৬১ চনৰ পৰা আলোচনা হৈ আছে। ১৯৬৪ চনত এই বিলখনৰ সম্পর্কে চৰকাৰে সিদ্ধান্ত লৈছিল যে ভাৰতবর্ষত যি চাৰিখন নেচনেল পার্ক আছে ...

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াই কলে এই বিলৰ সম্বন্ধেই ১৯৬১ চনৰ পৰা আলোচনা হৈছে।

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Order, order মই কৈছো যে তেখেতে কৈ যাব আৰু পিছত আপোনালোকে কিবা clarification লাগিলে কব পাৰিব।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই সম্পর্কে আমাৰ যি Indian Board of Wild Life আছে তাৰ আলোচনা আদি হৈছে। আৰু সেইমতে আমাৰ ইয়াত বহুতো সভা সমিতিত ১৯৬১ চনৰ পৰা এই বিষয়ে আলোচনা চলি আছে। ১৯৬৪ চনত Indian Board of Wild Life মহীশূৰত ১০—১২ ডিচেম্বৰ তাৰিখে যি অধিবেশন হৈছিল তাত সিদ্ধান্ত লোৱা হৈছিল যে গোটেই ভাৰতবর্ষত যি চাৰিখন নেচনেল পার্ক আছে সেইবিলাকৰ নাম হল—

১। বাৰবেট নেচনেল পার্ক - উত্তৰ প্রদেশ
২। কংহা নেচনেল পার্ক মধ্য প্রদেশ
৩। শিবপুৰী নেচনেল পার্ক—মধ্য প্রদেশ
৪। হাজৰিবাগ—বিহাৰ

এই বিলাকৰ বাহিৰে আৰু দহখন ভাৰতবর্ষত তেনেকুৱা পার্ক গঢ়ি তুলিব লাগে।

১। মানস	—	অসম
২। কাজিৰঙা	—	অসম
৩। জলধাপাৰা	—	পশ্চিমবঙ্গ
৪। পেৰিয়াৰ	—	কেৰালা
৫। জয়ঠামন্দ	—	ৰাজস্থান

৬। চম্বিচকা	—	বাজস্থান
৭। তাৰবা	—	মহাৰাষ্ট্ৰ
৮। বঙ্কীপুৰ	—	মহীশূৰ
৯। মধুমালাই	—	মাদ্ৰাজ
১০। জীৰ	—	গুজৰাট

অসমত মানস আৰু কাজিৰঙা এই দুখনৰ কথা recommend কৰিছিল ১৯৬৪ চনত । তাৰ পাছত কেনেকুৱা ভাবে নেচনেল পার্ক হব লাগে সেই বিষয়ে আমালৈ এটা মডেল বিল পঠিয়াইছিল । সেইখন মডেল বিল ১৯৬৪ চনত আমাৰ চৰকাৰক দিছিল । সেই মডেল বিল সম্পৰ্কে তেতিয়াৰ পৰা আলোচনা হৈ আছে । আৰু আলোচনাৰ পাছত বিশেষজ্ঞ সকলৰ পৰামৰ্শ মতে এইখন বিল সদনত দাঙি ধৰা হৈছে ।

উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিলখনৰ সম্পৰ্কত কিছুমান কথা মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে উত্থাপন কৰিছে । কিছুমানে কৈছে যে যতেততে নেচনেল পার্ক কৰিলে খেতিয়ক মানুহক মাটিৰ পৰা বঞ্চিত কৰা হব । এইটো ভিত্তিহীন কথা । এইটো বিল মানস আৰু কাজিৰঙাত প্ৰযোজ্য হব আৰু তাৰ বাহিৰে ক'তো নহয় । গতিকে সেই আপত্তি ইয়াত উঠিব নোৱাৰে । মাননীয় সদস্য হুদাই কৈছিল যে ইয়াৰ নামটো "পার্ক অব নেচনেল পার্ক" হব লাগে । ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা কোনো অর্থ হয়নে নহয় এই কথা ইংৰাজী ভাষাৰ বিশেষজ্ঞ সকলে কব পাৰে । আমি হলে তাৰ অর্থ বুজা নাই । গতিকে আমি ভাবো "পার্ক অব নেচনেল পার্ক" নাম দিয়াৰ কোনো অর্থ নহয় । তাৰ পিছত আমাৰ নেচনেল পার্ক বিলখনৰ বিষয়ে এটা সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাব গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে আৰু সেইমতে বিলখন এটা চিলেক্ট কমিটিত দিয়াৰ প্ৰস্তাব গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে । ইয়াৰ উদ্দেশ্য আছে আৰু তাৰ অর্থ হৈছে চিলেক্ট কমিটিৰ সভ্য সকলে মডেল বিলখনৰ আহিত আমাৰ যিখন বিল কৰা হৈছে তাত যদি কোনো ভুল থাকে তেনেহলে সেইটো শুদ্ধ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে । এই বিলখন জনমত লোৱাৰ কাৰণে পঠাব লাগে বুলি কিছুমানে কৈছে । চিলেক্ট কমিটিয়ে ৩১ মে'ৰ ভিতৰতে ৰিপৰ্ট দিব লাগে । গতিকে চিলেক্ট কমিটিৰ হাতত যথেষ্ট সময় থাকিব আৰু প্ৰয়োজন হলে এই বিলখনৰ সম্পৰ্কত যিবিলাকে মতামত দিয়া উচিত তেনেকুৱা লোকৰ সাক্ষী-বাদি লৈ আৰু কোনো কোনো ক্ষেত্ৰত লিখিত অভিমতো গ্ৰহণ কৰিব পৰা যাব । এইবিলাক লোৱাৰ পিছত বিলখন বিবেচনা কৰি সিদ্ধান্ত লোৱা হব । গতিকে জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লোৱাৰ কথাটো বিলখন চিলেক্ট কমিটিত দিয়াত পূৰ্ণ হব ।

এইবিলাক লৈ পিচত যদি কমিটিয়ে বিবেচনা কৰে যে বীলৰ কিবা এটা বিষয় জনসাধাৰণৰ স্বাৰ্থৰ প্ৰতিকূল, তেতিয়া Select Committeeয়ে তাৰ যথোপযুক্ত ব্যৱস্থা কৰাত বাধা নাই।

সেই কাৰণে মই অনুৰোধ কৰো, আৰু আপোনাসকলৰ দৃষ্টিগোচৰ কৰো যে যিবিলাক বনৰীয়াজন্তু আছে চৰাই-চিৰিকটি আৰু কীটপতঙ্গ আদি যাবতীয় যিবিলাক আপুৰুগীয়া বস্তু আছে, সেই সকলো বিলাক National Parkত সংৰক্ষণ কৰা হব।

এই ধৰণৰ পাৰ্ক জাতীয় স্বাৰ্থৰ কাৰণে প্ৰয়োজন—এই বীলৰ অন্তৰনিহিত উদ্দেশ্যটো মই সংক্ষেপে আপোনালোকক জনাও। যদি আমি এনেকৈৰা বীল এখন পাচ কৰো, আপোনালোকেও জানে যে এখন Wild Life Sanctuary আমাৰ কাজিৰঙাত থকা বুলি যদি পৃথিবীত Publicity কৰিব পাৰো, ই সমগ্ৰ পৃথিবীৰ মানুহক আকৰ্ষণ কৰিব। আৰু ইয়াৰ জৰিয়তে আমাৰ ৰাজহ বৃদ্ধি হোৱাৰ সম্ভাৱনা আছে। ইতিমধ্যে, ভাৰতবৰ্ষৰ কিছুমান ৰাজ্যত যথেষ্ট পৰিমাণে ভ্ৰমণকাৰী সকলৰ পৰা যি ৰাজহ পায় তাৰ দ্বাৰা অৰ্থনৈতিক ক্ষেত্ৰত যথেষ্ট সহায় হৈছে।

আজি ইয়াত কোৱা হৈছে, যে মানুহৰ কাৰণে সাধাৰণ যি ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগে, তাকেই কৰিব পৰা নাই। পশুপক্ষী ৰক্ষা কৰিবলৈ ইমান টকা খৰচ কৰা হব নে নহয় সেইটো প্ৰশ্ন কৰিছে। এইখিনিতে মই নিজে কৰো—মানুহ অকল ভাতকাপোৰ লৈয়ে বাচি থকা নাই। সেইটো অকল পশুপক্ষীৰহে প্ৰবৃত্তি—মানুহৰ পশু প্ৰবৃত্তিৰ বাহিৰেও কিছুমান সূক্ষ্ম প্ৰবৃত্তি আছে—তাৰ কাৰণেই মানুহ পশুতকৈ উচ্চ, আমোদ, উৎফুল্লতা, অনুসন্ধিৎসু, বিচাৰবুদ্ধি আদি মানুহৰ আপুৰুগীয়া প্ৰবৃত্তি—মানবতা আৰু পশুত্বৰ এই হল সীমাৰেখা—মানুহৰ মনে বিচাৰে এই সূক্ষ্ম প্ৰবৃত্তি বিলাকৰ আধাৰ—গতিকে এই সূক্ষ্ম প্ৰবৃত্তিৰ ৰক্ষণাবেক্ষণৰ কিছুমান আধাৰ আমি তৈয়াৰ কৰিব লাগিব। আমাৰ পৰিকল্পিত National Park, তেনে ধৰণৰে এটা সামগ্ৰী—যাতে তেনে ধৰণৰ মানুহ আমাৰ ইয়ালৈ আহিব পাৰে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : অকল বিল পাচ কৰাই নহয় তাৰ লগতে আমাৰ কেনে ধৰণৰ পশুপক্ষী আছে তাৰো এটা ব্যাপক প্ৰচাৰ হব লাগিব। সেই বিষয়ে তেখেতে কৈছে যে আমাৰ দিল্লীত যি Emporium আছে, তাৰ লগতে এটা মিউজিয়াম কৰিব লাগে। তাত দুই চাৰিটা rare specie জীৱন্তভাবে চাব পৰা ব্যৱস্থা থাকিব লাগে আৰু সেইটো ব্যৱস্থাৰ

কাৰণে ঘৰ নিৰ্মাণ কৰিব লাগে সেইটো কথা ঠিক—অন্যান্য ৰাজ্যই তেনেধৰণৰ অনুষ্ঠান কৰিছে—হাইদৰাবাদৰ তেনে এটা museum আছে। সেই ঠাইৰ যিবিলাক জন্তু, সেইবিলাক Staffing কৰাৰো ব্যৱস্থা আছে। আমিও তেনে এটা মিউজীয়াম কৰিবলৈ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিম। মই দীঘলীয়া বক্তৃতা নকৰো—মই অনুৰোধ কৰিছো যে এই বিল সোনকালে পাচ কৰিব লাগে। এই বিল Select Committee টো গলেও যাতে পলম নহয় তাৰ কাৰণেও মই অনুৰোধ কৰো। শ্রীশৈলেন মেধি, শ্রীহুদা আৰু শ্রীমতী প্রণীতা তালুকদাৰে জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ কাৰণে যি প্রস্তাৱ উত্থাপন কৰিছে, সেইটো উঠাই লবলৈকো মই অনুৰোধ কৰো।

*Shri Hiralal Patwary—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অসমৰ ভাষা আইন পাচ হোৱাৰ আজি প্রায় ৮ বছৰ হল। এই আইন হোৱাৰ পিচত চৰকাৰে যিকোনো আইন অসমীয়া ভাষাতে উত্থাপন কৰিব লাগে। সকলো ৰাজ্যতে আমি তাকেই দেখিছো। বৰ্ত্তমান যিখন বীল মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে আনিছে, সেইখন অকল ভৈয়ামৰ জিলাকেইখনৰ কাৰণে আনিছে। এইক্ষেত্রত এই বিল ইংৰাজীৰ মাধ্যমত অসমৰ কোনো যুক্তি দেখা নাই। এই বিল কিয় অসমীয়া ভাষাত অনা নহল?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury—ইংৰাজী ভাষাত বিল অনা প্রথা বহু দিনৰ পৰা চলি আছে। ইংৰাজী ভাষাত বিলখন অনাটো পিচত অসমীয়া আৰু অন্যান্য ভাষাত তাৰ তৰ্জমা প্রকাশ কৰা হয় এই বিলো পাচ হোৱাৰ পিচত যাতে সৰ্ব্বসাধাৰণে তাৰ মৰ্ম্ম বুজিব পাৰে তাৰ ব্যবস্থা কৰিম।

SHRI HIRALAL PATWARY—অসমীয়া ভাষাত এই আইনখন উত্থাপন কৰাৰ পিচত, নানা ভাষাত তৰ্জমা কৰিলে আমাৰ আপত্তি নাছিল ১৯৬০ চনতে ভাষা আইন পাচ হল। এই বিল যেহেতু ভৈয়ামৰ জিলাকেইখনতে প্রযোজ্য হব ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে অসমীয়া ভাষাৰ মাধ্যমত বিল আনি ভাষাত তৰ্জ্জমা দিলে আমি ভাল পালোহেঁতেন।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury—আমাৰ এই সদনৰ কিছুমান অসুবিধা আছে। ইয়াত কিছুমান সদস্য আছে যি অসমীয়া বুজি নাপায়। সেই কাৰণে বিল বিলাক ইংৰাজী ভাষাত প্রস্তুত কৰা হয়। তথাপি ইংৰাজী ভাষাতে বিল বিলাক প্রস্তুত কৰিলেও বিলৰ অসমীয়া ভাষালৈ তৰ্জ্জমা কৰিবলৈকো স্থিৰ কৰা হৈছে।

*Speech not Corrected

Shri Kaminimohan Sarma – আমি বুজি পোৱাৰ কাৰণে ইংৰাজী ভাষাত বিলখন আনিলেও লগে লগে অসমীয়া ভাঙনী এটা আমাৰ দিব লাগে আৰু ইয়াৰ কাৰণে অসমীয়া লৈ তৰ্জমা কৰাৰ লোক যদি কম আছে তেন্তে অসমীয়ালৈ তৰ্জমা কৰিব পৰা লোক নিয়োগ কৰিব লাগে।

Shri Mohidhar Pegu—মহোদয় বিলখনৰ এটা clause ত কৈছে ....

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaoudhry – এই বিলৰ clause by clause আমি এতিয়া আলোচনা কৰা নাই। বিলখন select committee লৈ পঠোৱা হব যেতিয়া তেতিয়া আৰু সমালোচনা কৰাৰ সুবিধা পাব।

Shri Atul chandra Goswamy – এতিয়া কথা হল, তেখেতে তেখেতৰ বাজেট ভাষণত Additional Tax নলগাও বুলিছিল ওত ত'ত যৎসামান্য লৰচৰ কৰাবহে কথা আছিল এতিয়া কথা তাৰ বিপৰিতহে। মোৰ পাঞ্জাবীটো যদি ১২ ইঞ্চিৰ ঠাইত ৩০ ইঞ্চি কাপোৰ লগা হয় সেইটো যৎসামান্য লৰচৰ নেকি ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—এইখন বিল নানি যদি ordnance কৰি ট্যাক্স অনা হলে, এই কথা খাটিল হেঁতেন এতিয়া এইখন বিল অনা হৈছে কথা হ'ল, এই বিলখন গ্রহণ কৰিব পাৰে নহলে সদনে আগ্রাহ্য কৰিব পাৰে সেইটো সদনৰ ইচ্ছা।

Mr. Deputy Speaker—I put the question ; that the Assam National Park Bill, 1968 be circulated for the purpose of eliciting public opinion .. by 30th June, 1969. (The Motion was put to vote and the vote was taken after the members for and against the Bill stood up on being asked to stand up by the Deputy Speaker).

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The Motion is lost.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—When the voting is going on, nobody should be allowed to come inside the House. This is the procedure I raise this objection because this is a very important matter.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury—Sir, the general practice is that when the Division bell is rung, after that, doors should be locked so that nobody can enter into the House. There is no provision, I think, to turn a member out, if a member comes inside the House in the midst of voting. The only procedure is that their vote should not be counted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—I shall enquire why the doors were kept open I put the question. The question is that the Assam National Parks Bill, 1968 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members :—

1. Minister-in-Charge.
2. Shri Narayan Ch. Bhuyan, MLA.
3. ,, Sarat Ch. Goswami, MLA,
4. ,, Narendra Nath Sarma, MLA,
5. ,, Dhani Ram Rongpi, MLA,
6. ,, Ratneswar Konwar, MLA,
7. ,, Durgeswar Saikia, MLA,
8. ,, Golak Ch. Patgiri, MLA,
9. ,, Bhadra Kanta Gogoi, MLA,
10. ,, Atul Ch. Goswami, MLA,
11. ,, Rahimuddin Ahmed, MLA,
12. ,, Kamini Sarmah, MLA,
13. ,, Dr. Suren Chandra Das.

Seven Members to form the quorum and the Report to be submitted by the 15th June, 1968.

(The motion was adopted)

This Amendment is accepted.

The Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ; Motion moved. The question is that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Motion moved. There is no amendment. The question is not the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

(The motion was adopted)

The Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968.

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Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi, (Minister, Finance) : Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : The motion moved.

There is an amendment. Shri Lakhyadhar Choudhury.

Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury : উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আজি সদনত যিখন Betting Bill আনিছে তাত কেইটামান আসোঁৱাহ থকাৰ কাৰণে এই সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটো আনিছো । প্ৰথম কথা হৈছে চিনেমা, যাত্ৰা আদিৰ টিকেটৰ fractionটো round figure কৰি জনসাধাৰণৰ ওপৰত tax বঢ়োৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে । বাটাৰ জোতাৰ মূল্য যেনেকৈ ৯৭ পয়ছা বা ৯৮ পয়ছা কৰে সেইদৰে চিনেমাৰ টিকটৰ মূল্য ৯৬ বা ৯৭ পয়ছা কৰিছে যাতে বাকী পয়ছা কেইটা লাভ হয় । মানুহক আমোদ লাগে কিয় ? যেতিয়া অশান্তি লাগে, যেনেকৈ আজি আমাৰ অশান্তি লাগিছে, তেতিয়া চিনেমা, যাত্ৰা আদি চায় মনটো পাতলায় । কিন্তু সেই আমোদৰ কাৰণে যদি ইমান বেচি tax দিব লাগে তেতিয়া অশান্তি বাঢ়িবহে নকমে । যিবোৰ অবৈতনীক অনুস্থানত অভিনয়, কৃষ্টি প্ৰদৰ্শনী আদি হয় তাৰ ওপৰতো যদি tax লগায় তেন্তে সংস্কৃতি দিশত বাধা জন্মে । অভিনয় কৰা সকলে সংস্কৃতিৰ কাৰণে নিজে খৰচ কৰিও কৰে । কিন্তু কিছুমান কথা আছে

যেনে limited seat, contingency expenditure আদিৰ কাৰণে টিকট কৰিব লাগে। কিন্তু এইদৰে tax লগোৱাৰ কাৰণে টিকটৰ পৰিবৰ্ত্তে Invitation Card কৰি তাৰ এটা মূল্য লোৱা হয়। এইদৰে কৰিবলৈ বাধা কৰাত আজি জাতিটোক বিপথগামী কৰি পেলাইছে। মোৰ এনে অভিজ্ঞতাও আছে যে tax বিভাগৰ অফিচাৰে গৈ কয় যে আজি ১০খন আগৰ seat দিব লাগিব নহলে tax দিব লাগিব। এনেবোৰ আজি সকলো সমাজতে হৈছে। সকলো অভিজ্ঞতা মোৰ আছে নিজে চিনেমাৰ Producer, প্ৰযোজক আৰু অভিনয় কৰিছো। আজি চিনেমাবো দুৰ্যোগৰ দিন আহিছে। এনে সময়ত বিত্ত মন্ত্ৰীয়ে মানুহৰ আৰ্থিক অৱস্থা বুজিও নুবুজি এই tax লগাইছে। আজি অসমীয়া ছবি নিচেই কম। প্ৰথম কথা গুৱাহাটীৰ পৰা গোৱালপাৰালৈকে এই ছোৱাত কোনো ছবি ঘৰ নাই। উত্তৰ পাৰতো যি নটা, ২৯টা Centreৰ ভিতৰত মাত্ৰ ৭টাতহে অসমীয়া কালছাৰ চলে বাকীবোৰত নচলে। আজি মানুহে সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান কৰিবলৈ গৈ দুৰ্নীতি অৱলম্বন কৰিব লগা হৈছে।

ছবিঘৰবিলাকৰ ওপৰত যি show tax আছিল তাক শতকৰা দুশগুণ বঢ়োৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থা হৈছে। এনেদৰে tax লগালে অসমৰ ছবিঘৰ বিলাক অনতিপলমে বন্ধ হৈ যাব। পোনতে এই টেক্স আছিল ২ টকা নে ২½ টকা। তাৰ পিছত হল ৫ টকা, তাৰ পিচত হল ১০ টকা। এতিয়া ৩০ টকাৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ তুলিলে। ই সাংঘাটিক আৰু মাৰাত্মক প্ৰস্তাৱ। তিনিবাৰকৈ দিনটোত ছবি দেখুৱা হয়। একোটা হলে দিনত ৯০ টকা দিবলগীয়া হব। ছবিঘৰবোৰ চলি থাকিবলৈ হলে হয় টিকটৰ হাৰ বঢ়াব লাগিব নতুবা হলে চোৱাং কাৰবাৰ চলাব লাগিব। দুয়োটাই সমাজৰ কাৰণে দুৰ্ভাগ্যজনক। এতেকে এই প্ৰস্তাৱ নাকচ কৰিব লাগে। ...চিনেমা হল বিলাকে কাম কৰিব নোৱাৰে। উত্তৰ লক্ষীমপুৰত সূৰ্য্য চিনেমা আছে—কিন্তু টৰিং। আইন মতে হব নোৱাৰে। টংলা, ঢেকিয়াজুলি আদিত স্থায়ী চিনেমা হল আছে; টৰিং চিনেমাও যায়। এই হলবিলাকক কোনোবকম ৰক্ষণা-বেক্ষন দিব পৰা নাই। হিন্দী চিনেমা বৃদ্ধি হৈছে। অসমত ফিল্ম ষ্টুডিও কৰাৰ পিচত—চৰকাৰে এনে বিল অনাটো উচিত হোৱা নাই। এই ষ্টুডিওত যিবিলাকে ফিল্ম কৰিবলৈ আহিব, তেওঁলোকৰ ওপৰত ৰামটাঙোন পৰিব। মই নিজে জানো—মোৰ "নিমিলা অক্ষ" ফিল্মখনত ৪৫ হাজাৰ টকা খৰচ কৰি ১৫ হাজাৰ টেক্স দিব লগা হৈছিল আৰু ৮ হাজাৰ টকা লাভ হৈছিল। তাত চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা আমোদ কৰ বেহাই দিয়া নাই।

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* Speech not corrected

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—ফিৰাই দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা হৈছে।

Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury—ভাল কথা। কিন্তু তেখেতৰ সংশোধনীত এই কথা নাই। গুৱাহাটীৰ নাট্যকাৰ এজন জেললৈ যাবলগীয়া হৈছিল। টেক্সৰ কাৰণে, অসমৰ ষ্টুডিওত অসমীয়া বা ঠলুৱা চিনেমা নিৰ্মিত নহব। কাৰণ 'হল' বিলাকে অসমীয়া ছবি চলাব নোখোজে। কাৰণ ব্যৱসায় হিচাবে অসমীয়া ছবিয়ে হিন্দী ছবিৰ ফেৰ মাৰিব নোৱাৰে। হিন্দী চিনেমাত বেচি percentage দিব নালাগে; সেই কাৰণে হলবিলাকে হিন্দী ছবিক অগ্রাধিকাৰ দিয়ে। এই দৰে হলে অসমীয়া ছবি গা কৰা টান হব। চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা অসমীয়া ছবিক উৎসাহ উদ্দীপনা দিয়া দৰকাৰ। এই মৰ্ম্মে মই বিত্তমন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ কৰো।

তাৰ পাচত আমোদ কৰ ফুটবল খেলাতো হৈছে। ইয়াৰ কাৰণে কৰ্ম্মচাৰীও ৰাখিব লাগে। ইয়াতো খৰচ আছে। লৰা-ছোৱালী বিলাকৰ কৰ নোহোৱাকৈ চাবলৈ দিব লাগে। নহলে তেওঁলোকে চাব নোৱাৰে। আৰু খেলা চাবলৈ আৰু শিকিবলৈ চৰকাৰে সুবিধা দিব লাগে। এই কাৰণে চৰকাৰৰক মই এই কথাকে কও যেন এই আমোদ কৰৰ বিষয়ে চিন্তা কৰি এইবিলাক যেন বেহাই দিয়ে।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : আমোদকৰ সম্পর্কত শ্রীযুত চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব আনিছে সেইটো মই সমর্থন কৰো। অসম ৰাজ্যত অসমৰ শিল্পকলা, কৃষ্টি সংস্কৃতিৰ অৱস্থা একেবাৰে নিম্নগাপত পৰি আছে। জন-সাধাৰণৰ আর্থিক অৱস্থা বেয়া কাৰণে, আমাৰ প্রয়োজনীয় আমোদ প্রমোদ যিনিবো আমাৰ মানুহে সুবিধা লব পৰা নাই। সকলোৱে এই কথা জানে যে আমাৰ ৰাজ্যখন কৃষি প্রধান ৰাজ্য আৰু তাৰ কৃষক জনসাধাৰণে গোটেই বছৰ হাড়-ভঙা পৰিশ্রম কৰি কৃষিৰ কামত ব্যস্ত থকা কালছোৱাৰ মাজতো যি অলপ আজৰি পায় সেই আজিৰ সময় ছোৱাত আমোদ প্রমোদ কৰিব খোজে। সেইদৰে সকলোৰে কাৰণে আমোদৰ প্রয়োজন। লৰা-ছোৱালী বিলাকে অসমীয়া চিনেমা চাই তাৰ মাজেদি উপকৃত হব পাৰে আৰু তাৰ কাৰণে প্রয়োজনীয় ধৰণৰ চিনেমা হব লাগে আৰু তাৰ ওপৰত আমোদ কৰ বেহাই দিব লাগে। তাৰ পিচত যিবিলাক 'চিনেমা হল' আছে সেইবিলাক যি ধৰণৰ হব লাগিছিল সেই ধৰণৰ হোৱা নাই! তাৰ পিচত, বঙিয়াৰ পৰা ভূটানৰ সীমালৈকে এই ৩৪ মাইল দূৰত্বৰ ভিতৰৰ বিৰাট অঞ্চলটোত আমোদ প্রমোদৰ স্থান নাই। বঙিয়াৰ পৰা বৰপেটালৈও প্রায় ৬০ মাইলৰ ভিতৰত অন্য কোনো প্রকাৰৰ

ব্যৱস্থা নাই চিনেমা আদি চাবৰ কাৰণে ৩৬ মাইল অতিক্ৰম কৰি গুৱাহাটীলৈ আহিব লাগে। আমাৰ বঙিয়াৰ পৰা গুৱাহাটীলৈ ৩৬ মাইল দূৰ। এইখিনিৰ ভিতৰত কোনো চিনেমা হল নাইবা আমোদ প্ৰমোদ ভবন নাই। আমাৰ দেশত কিছুমান ভ্ৰাম্যমান থিয়েটাৰ আছে আৰু এই ভ্ৰাম্যমান থিয়েটাৰৰ পৰা গাওঁয়ে ভূয়ে গৈ জনসাধাৰণৰ আমোদ প্ৰমোদ অলপো ব্যৱস্থা হয়। এই ভ্ৰাম্যমান থিয়েটাৰ আৰু চিনেমা বিলাকৰ ওপৰত যদি টেক্চ লগোৱা হয় তেনেহলে ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা জনসাধাৰণে লৰা-ছোৱালীক লৈ অলপো শান্তি পাবলৈ চাবলৈ গৈছিল আৰো টকা ভৰিব লাগিব। আন কালে ভ্ৰাম্যমান থিয়েটাৰ বিলাক যি সাহায্য দিয়া প্ৰয়োজন চৰকাৰৰ ফালৰ পৰা এতিয়ালৈকে দিয়া হোৱা নাই। আৰু বিভিন্ন স্কুল কলেজত আমোদ প্ৰমোদৰ ওপৰত এনেকৈ টেক্চ লগুয়াৰ অৱস্থা অৱস্থাটো এতিয়াও আমাৰ অহা নাই। ৰৰঞ্চ এইবিলাক উন্নত স্তৰলৈ নিয়াৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে যি সাহায্য দিয়া উচিত আছিল নিদিয়াৰ ফলত এই বিলাক উন্নতশীল হব পৰা নাই। গতিকে ইয়াৰ টেক্চ আৰো কমাই দিব লাগে। সাধাৰণ মানুহে চিনেমা চোৱা হ'ক। থিয়েটাৰ চোৱাৰ কাৰণে হ'ক তেওঁলোকে উপযুক্ত ব্যৱস্থা লব পৰা নাই। আমাৰ এখন অসমীয়া studio হৈছে। অসমত যিখন studio হৈছে তাৰ যোগেদি অসমীয়া জনসাধাৰণৰ ভাষা কলা-কৃষ্টি সমৃদ্ধি শালী কৰাৰ অনুষ্ঠান হৈছে। এই অনুষ্ঠানটো উন্নত হব লাগে আৰু অসমীয়া কথাছবি মানুহে দেশখন গঢ়ি তোলাৰ কাৰণে দায়িত্ব লব লাগিব। আমাৰ এই অনুষ্ঠানটো উন্নত কৰিব লাগিলে অসমত যিবিলাক চিনেমা হল আছে তাত অসমীয়া কথাছবি দেখুৱাবৰ ব্যৱস্থা বাধ্যতামূলক কৰি দিব লাগে। হিন্দী ৰাষ্ট্ৰ ভাষা হলেও হিন্দী আমাৰ মানুহে বুজিব নোৱাৰে।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—মাননীয় সদস্যই নাজানে নেকি যে হিন্দী কথাছবি বিলাক ইণ্ডোনেচিয়া, মালয় ইত্যাদি দেশত বেচি চলি আছে।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma—চাৰ, মই কব বিছাৰিছো যে হিন্দী ভাষা জানি-লেহে জনসাধাৰণে হিন্দী কথাছবি বুজিব পাৰে। আমাৰ দেশত হিন্দী শিক্ষাৰ উচিত ব্যৱস্থা নাই। এতিয়াও বহুত স্কুলত হিন্দী শিক্ষক নাই। গতিকে মই কব খুজিছো অসমৰ প্ৰতিখন চিনেমা হলত অসমীয়া কথাছবি দেখুৱাৰ কাৰণে তাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগে। সেই কাৰণে মই কৈছোঁ যাতে টেক্চ আৰু লগোৱা নহয়। আৰু লাগিলে জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ লব লাগিব। আজি সাধাৰণ মানুহক আৰু টেক্চ দিবলৈ উপযুক্ত অৰ্থনৈতিক অৱস্থা নহয়। আৰু টেক্চ লগাবলৈ হলে আমি চিন্তা কৰিব লাগিব তেওঁলোক আৰ্থিক অৱস্থা সচ্ছল হৈছে নে নাই।

Mr. Deputy Speaker - তেনেকুৱা কোনো সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱ নাই।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma - চাৰ, মই তাকেয়েই কব খুজিছো যিটো মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীলক্ষ্যধৰ চৌধুৰীয়ে কৈছে। এইটো টেক্চ যদি লগোৱা হয় তেতিয়া হলে জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লব লাগিব। মাননীয় বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীয়ে ঘাটি বাজেট দাঙি ধৰিছে আৰু জনসাধাৰণে আৰু দিব পাৰে নে নাই আৰু এই ক্ষমতা জনসাধাৰণৰ আছে নে নাই এইটো কথ বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অসম চুকে-কোনে থকা মানুহৰ অৱস্থা জানে আৰু সেই কাৰণে আজি ৰাজনৈতিক ক্ষেত্ৰত উচ্চ পৰ্য্যায়ত উঠিছে। তেখেতে জানে আৰু টেক্চ বঢ়াই দিবলৈ অসমত ঠাই নাই বুলি ঘাটি পূৰণৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা ।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury - I want to draw attention to Rule 157 (page 90) of our Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business that In addition to the powers exercisable under these rules, the Speaker may exercise all such powers as are necessary for the purpose of the timely completion of all financial business including allotment of time for the disposal of various kinds of such business, and where time is so alloted, he shall, at the appointed hour, put every question necessary to dispose of all the outstanding matters in connection with stage or stages for which time has been allotted. Sir, if things go on like this, the other financial Bills will suffer.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua - Sir, ...

Mr. Deputy Speaker - He is on drawing my attention.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua - If they feel boring and if they think that because of our trying to make adjustment in a proper way it is some sort of harassment to them, then we will continue the debate till 12 Oclock to-night.

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma - চাৰ, মই এক মিনিট কম।

Mr. Deputy Speaker - আপুনি এক মিনিটত শেষ কৰক।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma - মই কৈছো, চাৰ, আমোদ-প্ৰমোদ টেক্চ ঢাইৰ দিলে জনসাধাৰণ অতিষ্ঠ হব। টেক্চৰ বোজাৰ ওপৰত আৰু বোজা দি জন-

সাধাৰণক জুলুম যদি কৰা হয় তেনেহলে ঘোৰ অন্যায় হব। সেই কাৰণে মই টেক্‌চৰ বিৰুদ্ধে কৈছো। আৰু এটা কথা অসম সাংস্কৃতিক ক্ষেত্ৰত নিম্নস্তৰত আছে আৰু এই টেক্‌চ লগালে আমাৰ সাংস্কৃতিক ব্যৱস্থাৰ মূলত কুঠাৰাঘাত কৰা হয়। এই বুলি মই ইয়াৰ বিৰোধিতা কৰিছো।

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Sir, my point of order is that neither in the Governor's address nor in the Finance Minister's speech it was mentioned that new taxes would be imposed. But in this Bill it is seen that though Government is not proposing new tax, they are enhancing the existing tax which amounts to new tax. Sir, according to the original Act there was only a tax of Rs. 10/- but in the amended Bill they are proposing to enhance it to Rs. 30/-which amounts to new tax. Both the Governor and the Finance Minister categorically said that there would be no new tax but now they have come with a proposal to enhance the tax herefor, this is out of order. Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : Sir, in my Budget speech at page 38 I said "I have proposed a few marginal adjustments here and there and with that end in view in the current session I will submit for the approval of the House a few measures, and the result will be financially extremely insignificant." (Some hon. Members from the Opposition rose at a time to speak). Sir, is this the way the hon. Members hear the reply ? The hon. Member has made a point of order and the Minister is entitled to reply. But so sooner the Minister starts giving reply, the hon. Members start speaking. Sir, as I have said, in my Budget speech I said that there would be certain marginal adjustments and the result will be very insignificant compared to Rs. 13 crores deficit. Have I proposed any new tax ? I have proposed only certain marginal adjustments.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Taxation is one thing and marginal adjustment is another. If an existing tax is increased by even 1·/. then it is to be considered a new item of taxation. The Minister may make administrative adjustments but financial adjustments he cannot make because he did not mention it in the Budget speach.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi ; The hon. Member did not listen to me. I said that in my Budjet speech I proposed certain

marginal adjustments here and there and I said "with that end in view in the current session I will submit for the approval of the House a few measures."

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua :—Sir, the word "taxation" is not there and therefore he cannot bring this Bill. Any increase in the existing taxes would be considered a new tax and additional tax. Therefore, if he would have mentioned in this Budget speech that there would be new taxes, we would not have any objection, but since he did not mention it in the Budjet speech nor the Governor mentioned it in his address, we cannot allow it. Sir, as you must have seen, even in the newspaper which published the Finance Minister's Budget speech did not mentien about taxation. Therefore, I fully agree with the contention of my friend Shri Patwari that it is out of order, however the Finance Minister may try to convince us.

Shri Hiralal Patwary :—Sir, just now the Finance Minister has said that it is a marginal adjustment. But it is not a marginal adjustment, it is an additional tax. If it would have been a conversion from old coin to new coin then it would have been marginal adjustment or if it would have been conversion from litre to gallon then also it would have been marginal adjustment. But it is a clear enhancement of a tax which should be considered to be a new tax. He is proposing to enhance the tax from Rs. 10/- to Rs. 30/- per show. According to the new rates will be as follows :—

Licensed capacity of the Cinema Hall	Addl. Tax for every show excluding the amount of tax payble under this Act.
	Rs.
400 or less	10/-
401 to 600	15/-
601 to 800	20/-
801 and above	30/-

Sir, I do not know how many Cinema halls will fall under that category but the amount of additional tax will be very heavy. This is not marginal adjustment. The original provision was only Rs. 10/- or 10% whichever is less. But according to the present

amendment it will never be less but almost in all cases it will be more and the maximum is Rs. 30/- which is a considerable increase. Sir, additional tax if we calculate then Sir, it will come to a huge amount and moreover what will be the effect of this Of course that will be said in due course of discussion. What will be the effect of new and additional tax I will say later on. This will indirectly come from the pockets of the poor people. They will realise this in the form of increasing the rate of ticket, so this is double taxation. Sir, my whole contention is this that it is absolutely an additional taxation. This is my point of order on which I want your rulling Sir

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) : The hon. Member of Members have not quoted a single article of the constitution or the section or clause of our Rules and Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly. They have not pointed out under what section this is out of order. Now, the rights of taxation cannot be ruled out by implication. There must be a clause in the Article of the Constitution or in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly, and then only the taxation measures can be ruled out. This was validly introduced by the Sanction of the Governor. The same Governor has permitted this bill to be introduced in this House.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Then it is absolutely wrong.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : No the point of order must be suggerted by an instance of article of the Constitution or a valid rule in our Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House. Only then it can be ruled out. Not a single instance was suggested. By implication to suffer that Finance Bill can ruled out this is extraordinary. I have not heard it anywhere. The second is that the Minister did not mention in his speech, this is a moral question and not a point of order. In relevant section of my speech I told that I will bring in certain marginal adjustments. Now, I have not brought in a new tax measure. What it is – it is a marginal adjustment to a tax which is already existing. Therefore. to say that I have brought in a new measure of taxation is not correct. The third

point is that at least in one case I have been wrong namely an increase from Rs. 10 to Rs. 30 this cannot be a marginal adjustment this is a new measure of taxation. On this point I beg to submit that at present supposing a house which has a capacity of 200 seats and another has a capacity of 400 seats, how do you justify that these two houses should be placed in equal footing. Please answer that. It has been brought to our notice that it is inequitous provision of law that two house completely different in capacity are saddled with same burden. Therefore, they have advised me to introduce this measure with regard to the sitting capacity. Taking advantage of this model system they are building houses with various sitting capacities. Therefore, the whole situation is changed, and hence the tax should be depended upon sitting capacity. For this reason these adjusments have been brought forward.

Shri PROMODE CHANDRA GOGOI মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় পাটোৱাৰী চাহাবৰ point of order টো পৰিষ্কাৰ কৰিব খুজিছো। বিত্তমন্ত্রীয়ে বাজেট বক্তৃতাৰ সময়ত কৈছিল Amusement Tax ৰ কথা কিন্তু বিলত লেখা আছে - Additional tax in every show excluding the amount of the tax payable under this act." এই আইনৰ অধীনত যি টেক্স চিনেমা মালিকে দিব লাগে তাৰ ওপৰত আৰু কৰ লগোৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থা হৈছে। তেখেতৰ ব্যাখ্যাটো সঠিক হোৱা নাই। ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণ আলোচনাৰ সময়ত বিত্তমন্ত্রীয়ে কৈছে এইবাৰ নতুন টেক্স লগোৱা নহব। এইটো adjustment নহয় ৰবং এই এটা new tax

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The Finance Minister is shifting from one point to another. On the question of point of order he read out his own speech and he said that this is not a new tax, but sometime to-day he told that this is a new tax.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : This is absurd.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, the Finance Minister jumped over the rules. No less than a person than the Finance Minister have commited to the House that there would be no taxation. Therefore, how he can say that there is no provision. But that score he cannot over come the

You will find Sir, as he has committeed to this House there will be no additional taxation. only marginal adjustments will be there then how he can do this. It is not the question of 20 rupees. It is completely a new and additional tax. "Additional tax in every show excluding the amount of the tax payable under this Act". If there is mere adjustment then how can there be additional taxation. It is not one or two rupees it is twenty rupees. When the any hon. Minister give his speech we accept it as correct He expressed his opinion that there would be no additional taxation.

Now I say whatever may be the rules this is not our look out. I should say that this is disastrous to the democracy. There should not be any additional taxation only in the name of adjustment.

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় বাজেট বক্তৃতাৰ ২৯ পৃষ্ঠাত वित्त मन्त्रीয়ে পৰিস্কাৰকৈ লিখিছে যে চলিত বছৰত কৰ বঢ়োৱাৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ নাই ; তেনেকৈ কোৱাৰ পিচতো এতিয়া আকৌ অদল বদল কৰিবলৈ প্ৰস্তাৱ কৰিছে। এইটো কেনেকৈ হব পাৰে ১০ টকাৰ পৰা ৩০ টকা কৰিছে। তেখেতে যিটো ভাষণ সদনত দিছিল তাৰ পৰা আঁতৰি গৈছে। সেই কাৰণে শ্ৰীপাটোৱাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ point of order গ্ৰহণ কৰিব বুলি আশা কৰিছো।

Mr. Deputy Speaker—It cannot be a point of order. A point of order shall relate to the interpretation or enforcement of these rules or such Articles of the Constitution as regulate the business of the House and shall raise a question which is within the cognizance of the Speaker. A point of order may be raised in relation to the business before the House at the moment. So I do not find anything which has violated any rules of the Constitution or Rules of the House. "quotation of the Finance Minister's speech".

"I have proposed a few marginal adjustments here

and there. Here he said that additional tax payable under this Act and it appears from the discussion here that formally thatt he Minister has said there has been increased in the tax from 10 to 15, 15 to 20, 20 to 30. He said that it is a marginal adjust ment and not a new tax and that tax has been increased to Rs. 30. Therefore it is a matter whether the marginal adjustment means also the additional tax.

Shri Dulal Ch. Barua—The Bill provides an increase amount of 200% tax over the original tax payable under this Act. That is something new taxation.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—It is a question in which I cannot give my cognigence. They said that the marginal adjustment means additional taxation. It is the increase of tax over the previous one and the Hon. Member said that it absolutely a new tax. It is a question of appreciation. It is not for me to give the ruling, rule 300 which does not come for my congnigence. You can vote against. You can vote against it but we are not presently concerned with the meaning of Mr. Choudhury.

Shri Hiralal Patwari—May I request you Sir, to send these things to the Attorney General for clarification. Because I have personal knowledge about this, what is called marginal adjustment and what is called additional taxation and what is called new thing. If we find out rules and procedure in support of my point of order then I think the Hon. Finance Minister will agree to this is a new tax. But just now our Finance Minister said that this is a marginal adjustment and then he came to the constitutional point of rules and procedure and

something like that. My submission to this Sir that this should be sent to the Attorney General for his advice.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—In this regard I want to say that this is an interpretation this is not a question of law. This is a question what is marginal adjustment and what is additional taxation. It is not for him to decide Generally he decides the question of law.

M. S. Huda—Sir we want to send this thing before the Advocate General or the Legal Expert of the State whether this is a marginal adjustment or whether it is an additional taxation and this should be decided accordingly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Marginal adjustment and the additional taxation these words which are found in the dictionary. As the Hon. Members want that this matter should be sent to Advocate General to interpret what is the meaning of additional taxation and what is the meaning of marginal adjustment the Hon. Member may please see these words from the dictionary. This is not concerning the law.

M Shamsul Hada - উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় এই কথাটো Advocate General বা Legal expert ক দিয়াব কাবণে কৈছোঁ। কাবণ বিত্ত মন্ত্রীয়ে বাজেট বক্তৃতাত কৈছিল adjusment আৰু এতিয়া কৈছে Additional তাব পিচত কৈছে এইটো নতুন tax নহয়। কিন্তু চাবলাগিব what will be the effect. যদি marginal adjustment আৰু additional ব ভিতবত অতিবিক্ত কব দিবলগীয়া নহয় তেতিয়া নধবো। কিন্তু এতিয়া অতিবিক্ত কব দিবলগীয়া হৈছে। সেই কাবণে it is not only a matter of interpretation but of legal implication also.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : I am of the opinion that it is not a matter of point of order but it is question of interpretation only. Because whenever there is marginal adjustment, there may be small adjustments here and there there might be some increase here and some decrease there. Therefore I think no useful purpose will be served by entering into a controversy on this point by maintaining that by merginal adjustment it is proposed to increase the rate of taxation.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, may I submit one thing ? Although this party in power very often refers to rules and procedure and also to laws, I am sorry to note that in this particular case they are bent upon flouting those very rules and procedure. Now the question is whether it is actually a new thing for us : that may not be governed by the Rules of Prodedure and Conduct of Business of the House or by the Constitution. But then our rules of business or the procedure of the conduct of business in this House is not something unalterably static. It is we who make them to suit the exigencies of circumstances and conditions varying from time to time. Now the question is when the Hon. Finance Minister and the Hon. Governor in their two very learned speeches delivered to this House solemnly assured this House that no additional taxation will be levyed, now by back door method the Government is going to tell us "give us these taxes." It is completely a new thing although you want to say that it is neither additional taxation nor it is a matter involving any point of order and therefore you are reluctant to send this matter to the Advocate General for clarification. If that is so, that what form will it take ? Will it take the form of a breach of privilege. This Government by their previous announcements solemenly made in this House are inexorably committed to the position that no new tax will be levyed. This being the position, now the question is whether they will go back upon their own words and by pass the August House ? Another point that is to be considered in this connection is whether this additional tax will be considered as extra tax on the same commodities or it will cover new commodities. These points cannot be brussed over merely by saying that this is a matter of interpretation only or of opinion only. We want a clarification on these points if possible from your Sir, or else the matter may be

referred to the Advocate General for clarification and the Bill be kept pending for the next session of the House.

Mr. Deputy speaker: What I meant to say is that it is a question of interpretation of facts and not a legal matter. Therefore I refrain from sending it to the Advocate General.

Shri Phani Bora—Sir, may I beg to request you kindly to listen to our point of view also before coming to a final decision so that we can also in our humble way help you arriving at a correct conclusion on the points raised. Sir, I agree with my friend Shri Barua that it is an additional tax and there is no scope for any different interpretation about it It is a fact that both the Governor in his inaugural speech in this session of the House as well as the Finance Minister in his Budget speech said that no additional taxation was contemplated and in one place the Finance Minister said that in order to cover up the deficit certain adjustment might have to be made, and that can be interpreted of course in various ways, such as that adjustment may be made by curtailment of some expenditure to save some which may then be put back. But by no stretch of imagination anybody can come to the conclusion that there will be increase of tax on any account. Now if the Finance Minister wants us to believe that it is only a marginal adjustment and it is not additional taxation. Sir, that any common man will understand. What is merginal adjustment ? If something goes to the left of the mergin, or something goes to the right, then by adjusting both the result should remain the same. But now is it so ? It is not so. If for example, the rate of revenue collected from the peasants per bigha is say Re. 1 and if we collect one rupee per bigha and if in the name of merginal adjustment we increase the rate say one anna or two annas per rupee per bigha, then will it be called marginal adjustment or it will be called additional taxation ? Is it proper or is it right from any point of view to do it ? If it is done, will it not be called an attempt to resort to taxation by back-door method. Well if it is so, then let us clearly say that it is and in this way we want to increase the tax. Let it be said so and then it can be discussed that way. But now here it is clearly an additional taxation and

an additional income. So if our argument cannot satisfy you, Sir, we would like to call in the help of some legal expert to convince us. And who can be the appropriate authourity to do so ? Sir, we have not accepted the interpretation of the Finance Minister as correct. You could have accepted our point of view and stated that it is not correct. But you have not done so. If you do not do so then of course it may be referred to the Advocate General to give the correct interpretation on the point at issue so that the House is in a position to discuss this matter as it is.

*Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) : Mr. Deputy Speeker, Sir, I heve heard the hon members. I do not know to which portion of the Governor's speech they are referring to. The Governor in his speech did not refer to any financial bills. He said "in addition to the usual financial Bills, the following legislative measures" would be placed before the House. I have, therefore, not been able to follow to which part of Governor's speech they are referring to.

Shri Phani Bora : We are saying that nowwhere in the Governor's speech any indication was given about any additional taxation.

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha : I an coming to that. So far as the Governor's speech is concerned, it is not the practice to make any observation about taxation measures. These are revealed only by the Finance Minister in his Budget speech. Now, let us come to the Finance Minister's speech. If we read only one line of it we get one picture but if we read the whole paragraph, the position is better understood. This is what he said : "I am extremely unhappy to present before the House a Budget with an overall deficit of Rs. 13,82 lakhs. It will be appreciated that this is the cumulative result of deficits during the lcst few years. Having regard to the ratio between receipts and expenditure and deficits in the last few years the current year's deficit is nothing unexpected. I find no means to cover this deficit. There is hardly any scope for additional taxation.

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I have proposed a few marginal adjustments here and there With that end in view, in the current session I will submit for the approval of the House a few measures. But the result will be financially extremely insignificant".

So, this is very clear ; what he means by this adjustment, is that he has not been able to suggest any additional taxation worth the name and, therefore, whatever he is proposing will bring very small result. That is why he says he will be coming before the House for that. That is my interpretation .

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, if the adjustment was for one or two rupees on the basic rate of taxation we would have nothing to say. but the difference is twenty rupees. May I know whether the Chief Minister will consider this as additional taxation ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha : Even after this adjustment the resources that will be raised will be very insignificant in proportion to what is needed.

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi : The Hon'ble Finance Minister assured the House that there would be no additional taxation, but by this Bill be he is imposing additional taxes

Mr. Deputy Speaker : —He meant additional taxation on new matter.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua :—May I draw the attention of the Chief Minister to clause 3, where it is stated "additional tax for every show excluding the amount of tax payable under this Act". This is additional taxation.

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha : – As you said, Sir, it is a question of interpretation—how one takes it. Having read the paragraph I have found no inconsistency.

*Shri Hiralai Patwary—Sir, if the Government wants to cover the deficit by imposing additional taxation, that is a separate matter. But here the Fingnce Minister assured the House that

there would be no additional taxation, only marginal adjustment. Marginal adjustment means small adjustment of income here and a small adjustment of loss there to strike a balance. The Hon'ble Chief Minister read out from the Finance Minister's speech, where it has been categorically stated that there will be no additional taxation. If he had stated at the beginning that it would be necessary to raise additional revenue, the House could have applied its mind to it. But in the name of adjustment if he, say, raises land revenue from one rupee to three rupees, that means a 300% increase, can this be called marginal adjustment ? We have to see that justice is done to the people. You increase the tax on amusement by 25% to-day and then 50% to-moraow, who will bear the brunt of of this increase. It is the consumers to whom the burden will be shifted by the cinema owners. Nowadays the people are cinema-minded though I do not personally support cinema. The Madras High Court gave a Ruling that cinema was teaching peopie how to commit dacoities. I may not like the cinema, but that is irrelevant here. The point is that marginal adjustment and additional taxation are quite different things. The finance Minister could have told us beforehand that the needed more money and then, as I said before, we could apply our minds to it. But as it is, Sir, in all equity and justice this should be referred to the Advocate-General for his opinion for the furure guidance of this House.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury - Sir, I beg to submit one thing. All the arguments that have been advanced in this connection are whether this Bill proposing certain additional taxation can be brought before the House as this Bill had no mention either in the Governor's Address or in the Finance Minister's speech ; but assuming that the Finance Minister goes beyond what he has stated in his budget speech, is there anything to show in any law that the matter cannot be brought before the Assembly? Therefore, Sir, suppose he has categorically stated in his speech that some measure would be brought in before the Assembly for the approval of the House so that we can get some money though it may be insignificant to adjust our deficit, is there anything to show that he cannot bring it before the House for the approval of the House ? If he brings a Bill—whether

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the Bill can be debarred from discussion of this House. That is the point, Sir. As the Finance Minister has already stated that there is no provision either in the Constitution or in our Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business about it. Therefore, the Finance Minister has appeared to present that Bill and to get that Bill passed by this House.

The Advocate General is appointed under Art-65 of the Constitution. It is clearly stated there, Sir, the Advocate General is only to advise on legal matters. Legal matter means anything which is in law. Where there is different interpretation, for the information of the Hon'ble Members, I want to read the Art. 65 'Art.-65(2) says—' it shall be the duty of the Advocate General to give advice to the Government of the State upon such legal matters and to perform such duties of legal character as they from time to time may refer to him by the Governor or to discharge the functions assigned to him by the Constitution or any other law, and if there is any dispute regarding any provisions of the law and if there is any difference in interpretation of the law, only to set the dispute at rest, the Advocate General should be called in and the matter is to be refferred to him for his views.' No part of law has been infringed. Therefore, Sir, the question of the Advocate General does not come in at all.

Shri Dulal Ch. Barua – Sir, on a point of clarification (Noise). Shri, the hon. Finance Minister said that there would be no additional taxation and we have accepted. Sir, this House has got a convention, and how this convention can be broken. How the Finance Minister can by-pass the convention of this August House and how he can misguide this August House. This is a serious point. He committed something to this August House, and he, during this Session, has adopted a back-door policy and he wants to get this Bill passed. Sir, the question of convention is also to be looked into. Sir, I am glad they are very loyal to laws and the rules and procedures ; but in the same way whether they can dishonour the convention of the August House.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathy Sir, there is no breach of convention. Only a point of order was raised and the point of order has been discussed. Now the debate should proceed. Now whether there can be any marginal adjustment without any additional increase; this the point I hold that there can be no marginal increase without any additional taxation. Therefore what I have done is absolutely correct. Now the discussion should proceed. If the Hon'ble Members think that it is too high, they have a right to throw it out. So, they should decide on merit.

Shri Phani Bora The point at issue is that whether this is an additional taxation. If the Finance Minister even now thinks that it is an additional taxation, let him say so.

Shri Kamakhoa Prasad Tripathy—I have never said so.

Shri Phani Bora : I am saying not only with regard to this but in regard to Kerosene and other Bills also, there is increase in taxation There also we are to say the same thing. Now once for all, let us be convinced that it is an additional taxation. It according to the Minister in charge of Law, if it is an additional taxation, there will be no discussion but let us hear it from you Let you say so.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : When did I say so ?

Shri Hiralal Patwary : You said that it was marginal.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : The point originally raised is that it was a new taxation. With that I replied that it was not a new taxation They are adjustments, and therefore it is additional I have proposed additional taxation but it is so insignificant and the consequences are so small that it is insignificant This is what I have said. Therefore, to say that there can be increase without any addition is begging the question I have not said anywhere in my speech that there would not be any increase.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Why he is going back from his own words ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : Noise ...

Mr. Deputy Speaker : He has said that there is hardly any scope for additional taxation.

Shri Kamakya Prasad Tripathi : That means—there is very little scope for taxation

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha : I think, on this matter, unfortunately, we have not been able to agree. Therefore, I suppose, we will take such decision as you think fit, Sir.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : We have discussed enough and we are not agreed as to the interpretation of additional tax and the marginal adjustment. While we are taking one subject, a point of order was raised and that was disposed of. As regards the point of order, according to the strict rule, I held it out of order. As already stated the point of order was related to the interpretation or enforcement of this rule or such articles of the Constitution as required for the business of the House. Whether this is an additional tax or it is marginal tax this does not affect any rules of the Assembly or the House Therefore I cannot accept that this is a point of order relating to the interpretation or enforcement of the Assembly rules or articles of the Constitution but I allowed a discussion so as to ascertain and appreciate the actual facts or information from the Minister. Where there is no agreement about what he has said in his budget speech and what he has now said. The Minister has said that it is a marginal adjustment though there has been no additional taxation This is an increase in Rs. 10/- which was fixed previously and it has been increased to Rs 30/-. The Hon'ble members in the opposition have not been able to appreciate the interpretation given by him and the Hon'ble Members have held that this is a new tax, and the Hon'ble Finance Minister has held that it is not a new tax Now this is a question of interpretation and appreciation. There is no rule or power for me to give any ruling on the question of interpretation of certain words whether in the budget or here. It is the question of appreciation by the individual members. Only as regards the application of legal points or interpretation of

Rules, I can give certain rulling. Therefore, I hope, the matter is closed because the discussion will not help us in arriving at any conclusion. Where there has been other important business before the House, therefore, I close the matter, and the motion that has been discussed, I will ask the Minister to speak on the motion

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, we are to bring going a privilege against the Finance Minister on three points.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathy : Sir, the hon Members in the Opposition have every right to bring privilege against me, but no scope should be given to discuss the matter today.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, If Govt. by force wants to impose additional taxation by adopting back door method they can easily do so. But, Sir, how can they say two things on two occasions. Once they said that there would be no additional taxation and now they have come with at fresh proposal for additional taxation. Sir, we seek your protection in this matter. Apart from that the rules should be honoured But the hon. Finance Minister even did not care do so. Even the honourable Chief Minister acted like "Dhamadhara" in this regard. There is 200 p.c. increase of additional tax Sir, will you say it to be an additional taxation ? How can we proceed in this manner if these things are not taken into account ? Similar thing is going on with regard to Kerosine also. His interpretation in this case also is not convincing at all. By doing so, the Finance Minister misguided the House. Sir, if the Finance Minister confessed his guilt, only then we will permit him to give his speech.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : You must agree to his interpretations. I cannot help. I have already explained my position. Now, I will ask the Minister to speak.

*Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi - মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, সদনক বিত্তমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে আশ্বাস দিছিল যে চৰকাৰে বৰ্ত্তমানে কোনো নতুন টেক্স নলগায়। কিন্তু দেখিবলৈ পাইছো মাননীয় সদনক বিত্তমন্ত্রীয়ে ভুল পথে পৰিচালনা কৰিবলৈ

*Speech not corrected

বিচাৰিছে। কিন্তু তেনে আশ্বাস দিয়াৰ পিছত নতুন টেক্স লগাবলৈ আইনত কোনো বাধা আছে নে নাই? এই সদনতে বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীয়ে বাজেট বক্তৃতা কোৱাত এই বছৰ নতুন কোনো টেক্স নলগায় বুলি কৈ সেই একে সদন চলি থকাৰ কালতে নতুন টেক্স লগাই যদি এইদৰে সদনক ভুল পথে নিয়ে তেন্তেহলে আমি কেনেকৈ এই সদনৰ মৰ্য্যাদা ৰাখিব পাৰিম?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister)—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to read out the lines from the Budget Sprech—"There is hardly any scope for additional taxation' - By saying this the Finance Minister did not say that there would not be any additional taxation.

Then again he said—"I have proposed a few marginal adjustments here and there. With that end in view, in the current session, I will submit for the approval of the House a few measures,"

(Inturruption)

Shri Phani Bora Sir, how it is a marginal adjustment? How to find out this marginal adjustment? and how to find out the additional resources? In one place one interpretation is given and in other place there is another interpretation. This will not do. In the Newspaper, it is published that our Finance Minister was not going to propose any additional taxation and this was liked by everybody, including the Cabinet Minister.

(Inturruption)

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi - We are going to do something. Now here there is an additional tax. It is true. But is should not be taken as it is. When I say that there is hardly any scope that means, there is little scope. We understood at that time that there is no additional taxation. It was difficult at that time to say that additional taxation would not come So, under the circumstances, I think it is illegal and incorrect to take it in this way.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. In Mr. A. R. Mukherjee's 'Parliamentary Practice in India' at page 253, it is said :

"The question of whether such a Bill is ultra vires would have to be decided, if occasion arises, in a Court of Law. In short, if the admissibility of a Bill depends upon some question of procedure, the Speaker will decide the point and give his ruling either for or against the Bill ; but if it depends upon some substantial question of law, the Speaker would not decide the question so as to prevent the Bill being introduced or passed. As has been expressed by Bourinot "The Speaker will not give a decision upon a Constitutional question, nor decide a question of law though the same be raised on a point of order or privilege."

Mr. Deputy Speaker I have already said that by application of the Rules of this Assembly or the Rules of Constitution coming of a bill cannot be prevented, but I cannot prevent a discussion. I only allowed the discussion just for clarification of certain matters. I have already closed the discussion. The question of interpretation, acceptance or non-acceptance that cannot deter the House from progressing in its business. I now ask Shri Tripathy to reply to the discussion. (Shoutings from the Opposition).

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) – Three points have been raised by Shri Choudhury. One point which he has raised is with regard ..(Shri Tripathy could not speak due to interferance)

...(Noise).....

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi – Sir, the hon. Member has made a statement about the amusement tax.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua Sir, there are other Members also who would like to take part in the discussion.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—(Uproar in the House nothing could be heard).

Mr. Deputy Speaker – I would fix 6 O'clock for the closure of the debate.

Shri Biswadev Sarma—Sir, we feel tired. Will you provide us tea. Will there be a break for tea ? We cannot continue like this. (Voices : 'No tea')

*Shri Atul Chandra Goswami—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আজি অসম বিধান সভাৰ কাৰণে আৰু অসমৰ ৰাইজৰ কাৰণে পবিত্তাপৰ কথা যে বিত্ত মন্ত্ৰীয়ে এই সদনত দিয়া বক্তৃতাৰ কথা দেখদেখকৈ বিৰোধিতা কৰিছে। ছিলভৰ Kelvin Cinema বোধকৰো বিত্ত মন্ত্ৰীয়ে জানে। তাত চিনেমা চালে গাত বিষ হয় কাৰণ Seat বোৰ বৰ বেয়া। এজন সদস্যই কৈছে চিনেমালৈ নগলেই হয়। অৱশ্যে তেখেতৰ কাৰণে নগলেও হব পাৰে, কিন্তু আটাইবোৰ মানুহ আমোদ নকৰাকৈ থাকিব নোৱাৰে। মই শঙ্কৰ চিনেমা চাইছিলো আৰু যেতিয়া টিকটৰ আধা ফালি নিদিয়ে তেতিয়া সোধাত কলে যে আমাক আকৌ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিবলৈ লাগে। গতিকে এতিয়া যি কৰ লগাইছে সেইটোও আকৌ মালিকৰ ঘৰলৈকে যাব ৰাইজৰ একো লাভ নহয়। সেই কাৰণে অসমৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ কাৰণে এই কৰ অতিৰিক্ত বোজা হব। যিবোৰ সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান আছে সেইবোৰক কৰ নেহাই দিবৰ বাবে শ্ৰীলক্ষ্যধৰ চৌধুৰীয়ে যি সংশোধনী আনিছে সেইটো সমৰ্থন কৰি কওঁ যে অসমত সাংস্কৃতিক জীৱন অক্ষুন্ন ৰাখিবলৈ হলে এই সংশোধনী গ্ৰহণ কৰা নিতান্ত আৱশ্যক।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua - Sir, in support of the amendment moved by the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Choudhury, I would like to make certain observations in respect of the bill. Sir, it is disappointing to note - of course that is my feeling, it may not be the feeling of the Chief Minister, the Finance Minister and other Ministers - that this Government is trying to kill democracy inch by inch both inside the House and outside. Inside the House they are trying to get the bill passed through the backdoor process. I, therefore, feel that democracy is in danger even inside the House not to speak of outside. It seems Finance Minister is jumping from one point to another. At the beginning he said there is no taxation—simply some minor adjustment. By some minor adjustments he is expecting to get certain amounts. His expectation is uncertain it is something like speculation to get something out of nothing. This proposed increase in the amusement tax, as said by Shri Choudhury, will breed corruption in the cultural life of the people. He has also rightly pointed out that just to avoid this tax many shows are being organised by different societies on card basis I can show you some such cards. In the same way this enhancement of additional taxation will be an additional taxation of 200 per cent increase. By doing so, the Finance Minister

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is going to kill cultural incentive of the people of Assam, and I know that those people who are now keeping the mobile cinema and other things will be heavily taxed. But the other people who are, for the last 21 years, evading the tax have escaped detection. The Hon'ble Finance Minister committed another breach of privilege of this august House when he has given assurance that proper measures would be taken in respect of gearing up the tax collecting machinery in the State. But till to-day, during this period so many things have happened in these cinema halls. These things are going on in full swing. We have brought a few cases to the notice of the Finance Minister and cases have been registered against certain cinema owners. But you will be surprised to hear that these cinema owners, because they consider themselves that they have purchased the entire Congress Government, do not care to give the explanation either to the police officials or other officials, and I know such things are going on almost everywhere through the State. Here in Shillong, the State capital and other places, the tax collecting machinery of the Govt. is in collusion with the tax evaders Sir, in respect of cinema tickets, the Govt. have fixed an amusement tax, and I find even here at page 2, penalty has been provided in the Bill. It seems that no proper attention has been given by the Finance Minister to punish the culprits. Here, he has fixed penalty but no conviction of those persons who indulge in evading the taxes. Sir, if the Finance Minister is very keen to gear up the tax collecting machinery or to punish the tax evaders and who are cheating the people regularly, why no penalty has been fixed in this penalty Clause for conviction.

And because of the inefficient tax collecting machinery, the Finance Minister has given scope for corruption Sir I have already mentioned on various occasions that there are so many huge arrears which are lying. But so far nothing has been done. So ultimately the whole burden of the tax will be imposed on the poor people. So, Govt. is trying to kill democracy not only inside the House by misleading the House but Govt. is also going to kill democracy by depriving the common people of their enjoyment. What right this Govt. has got to do so ? They will always speak a lot about socialistic pattern of society—they

will advocate for it at the time of difficulty and they will come forward with the help of even these criminals as they used to do. A criminal conspiracy is going on to kill democracy inch by inch. Therefore, I submit that certain measures which have been taken in respect of taxation will not produce anything rather the common people will be burdened with taxation. The Finance Minister has himself admitted that in respect of taxation, almost all the common people, the cultivators, the labourers are good pay masters. But in respect of big people they will evade the tax either this way or that way. But what steps Govt. has taken to stop this evasion by these big gunds from whom, the Govt is always taking annual or monthly subscription for party fund. Can the Finance Minister say that these people can deny when the police officials had been there, as one of my friends, has said that proper probe has been made. My esteemed friend, Mr. Bhupen Hazarika, has registered a case but when the police people came, the tax collecting machinery refused to come. The police went there and they have been insulted. What action Govt. has taken against those people who are found guilty or evading taxes. So, I consider that this penalty clause has given them scope for corruption through which the party in power will get more money in other to keep themselves in gadi. Therefore, I consider these two aspects very serious. The first aspect is that the Finance Minister is misguiding the House by giving the pretext this way or that way. They are our leaders, they are our guide, but they are themselves breaking the convention of this House. It is very regrettable that these very people are trying to kill democracy inch by inch. The second aspect it that they are not in a position to gear up their tax collecting machinery upto the mark and to detect the tax evaders. They are not in a position to do that, rather the tax collecting machinery is including in corruption. Point No. 3 is that the entire burden of this tax will fall on the common people and not on the cinema hall owners. Therefore, this Bill is meant for the cinema hall owners. We have seen the cinema owners will not pay anything out of the tax collected from the people. They will simply exploit the people. Therefore, I oppose the Bill and support the amendment moved by Shri Choudhury.

*Shri Sailen Medhi - এই বিলখনৰ ওপৰত যিটো সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাব অনা হৈছে সেইটো মই সমৰ্থন কৰো আৰু কওঁ যে, এই বিলৰ দ্বাৰাই চিনেমাৰ মালিক সকলক নানা ৰকমৰ বে-আইনী কৰাৰ সুবিধা দিয়া হৈছে। ইয়াত যিটো Progressive tax বোলা হৈছে—সেইটোত মই দুটা কাৰণত আপত্তি কৰিছো।

প্ৰথমটো হল বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই বাজেট বক্তৃতাত এই সদনত কৈছিল যে, জনসাধাৰণৰ ওপৰত কোনো নতুন কৰ নলগায়;—কিন্তু তাৰ পিচত নতুন টেক্চৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে।

দ্বিতীয়তে এই বিলৰ দ্বাৰাই, চিনেমাৰ মালিক সকলে বহুতো সুবিধা পাব যাৰ ফলত এহাতে চৰকাৰে পাব লগীয়া কৰৰ ওপৰত ফাকি দিব আৰু জনসাধাৰণৰ ওপৰত অত্যাচাৰ চলিব।

এই বিল চৰকাৰে পিচদুৱাৰেদি আনিছে। প্ৰথমতে চৰকাৰে জনসাধাৰণক জনাই ললে যে নতুন কৰ নলগায়—আৰু তাৰ বাবে চৰকাৰে বাঃ বাঃ ললে আৰু চৰকাৰে এই কথা কৈ এটা নাম কিনিলে। কাগজে পত্ৰই জনমত গঠন কৰিলে যে টেক্স নলগায়। এই কথা কৈ লোৱাৰ পিচত—

(সময়ৰ সংকেত)

আকৌ নতুন 'টেক্স'ৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে। ৪০০ টকা যিটো 'প্ৰগ্ৰেচিভ টেক্স' কৰিছে - সেইটো নিৰ্ভৰ কৰিব কিমান টকাৰ টিকেট বিক্ৰি কৰা হয় তাৰ ওপৰত। ইয়াৰ ঠাইত টিকেট বিক্ৰি হওক বা নহওক থুলমূল ভাবে দিব লাগে, যাতে টেক্স ফাকি দিব নোৱাৰে, দিবই লাগিব। চিনেমাৰ টিকট ৰাতিপুৱা বিক্ৰি কৰোতে এখন 'স্লিপ' দিয়ে আৰু পিচত টিকেট দিব বুলি কয় আৰু সেই 'স্লিপ'ৰ ওপৰতেই দৰ্শকক চিনেমা ঘৰলৈ সোমাবলৈ দিয়ে। ইয়াৰ ফলত আমোদ কৰৰ টিকেট থাকি যায়, কাৰণ টিকেট নিদিয়ে। এই 'আমোদকৰৰ' দাম দৰ্শকৰ পৰা লয় আৰু চৰকাৰে নাপায়। এই দুৰ্নীতি চিনেমাৰ মালিক সকলে কৰি আছে।

(সময়ৰ সংকেত)

কাযেই, যেতিয়া এই বিল মতে টেক্চ বঢ়াব, তেতিয়াও এই দুৰ্নীতি চলিব আৰু চৰকাৰৰ ৰাজহ আৰু কমিব। কাযেই এই বিল অনাটো যুক্তি সংগত হোৱা নাই আৰু মই এই বিলৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰো।

*Speech not corrected

MR. Deputy Speaker : Order, order. It is 6 P. M. and now the Minister will reply.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : Sir, there are three points which have been raised by the hon. Members. The first point is whether the amateur cultural shows can be exempted from taxation. Now under the existing law under Section 8(2) this power has been given to the State Government to exempt an entertainment or class of entertainments from the liability to pay tax. So, under this rule which gives Government power we already exempted amateur performances and also other performances when they are meant for religious, philanthropic and cheritable purposes. Therefore, that power is already there.

Secondly, there is provision for refund also in the same Act and under that provision we are collecting amusement tax on Assamese films and refunding a part of it to the Producers so as to give a fillip to the Assamese films. Our intention is to give a fillip to the Assamese film industry and for this reason we have set up a film studio in Assam. Our State Government is the first Government to set up a film studio in the State because we want to give a fillip to the Assamese film industry. The studio has been set up at Government cost. We are also giving refund of the amusement tax so that they make some capital also.

Shri Lakhyadhar Choudhury : It is a temporary measure.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : A film studio is not a temporary measure ; it is a permanent measure.

We are taking permanent measures to give fillip to the Assamese film industry, and for this purpose I had a talk with Mr. Chakraborty the other day. He told me that the system of refund is more acceptable because it gives producers some funds which help them to recoup the loss, if there is any or if there is no loss, to help them to get some capital, and with that intention Government is exercising that power.

Then, Sir, the next point was with regard to the 99 paise and all that sort of things. The hon. Members thought that I have raised the tax on this, but actually there is a reducition of one paisa because the hon. Members will see (Some hon. Members from the Opposition rose to speak). The hon. Members always find a grain of solt of what I say. Now, according to the old Act for less than one rupee 25/- tax which means that if it is less than one rupee the tax will be 25 paise but according to the new Bill for one rupee the tax is 25 per centum of such payment. Therefore, according to the old Act if it is 99p. then the tax is 25p. but now we have said that if it is 100 paise then the tax will be 25 paise. Therefore, there is a reduction of one paisa. It is obviously a reduction.

Shri Lakhyadhar Choudhury - আপুনি কৈছে যে আগতে ৯৯ পইচাত ২৫ পইচা আছিল এতিয়া ১০০ পইচাত ২৫ পইছা কৰাত কমাইছে এইটো কথা আমি ভালদৰে বুজি পোৱা নাই।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে এইটো বিষয়ে যি সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাব আনিছে তাৰ জবাব যদি মই নিদিও তেন্তে হলে অন্যায় কৰা হব। আমি আগতে ৯৯ পইচাত ২৫ পইচা টেক্স পাইছিলো এতিয়া ১০০ পইচাত ২৫ টকা নাম গতিকে আমি ১ পইচা কমহে কৰিছো।

M. Shamsul Huda – তেখেতে আমাক এইটো assuranc দিব পাবে নে যে চিনেমা মালিক সকলে সেই বুলি টিকেটব দাম কম কবিব।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—আমি চিনেমা going public ব সুবিধাব কাবণে fraction of a rupee ব হিচাপ মতে দিয়া টান। সেই কাবণে সেইটো কবা হৈছে।

দ্বিতীয় point হল per show ত ১০ টকাব ঠাইত ৫০ টকা কবাত আপোনা-লোকে আপত্তি কবিছে। এই বিষয়ে মই sinceraly কৈছো তাত আপত্তি কবি-বলৈ একো নাই। আমাব অসমত আগতে যিমান চিনেমা হল আছিল তাব প্রায় প্রত্যেকটোত ৪০০ মানুহব বেচি sitting accommodation নাছিল। এতিয়া re-inforced building হল আৰু সেই মতে হল বিলাকত বহুত মানুহ বহিবৰ সুবিধা হৈছে। আমাব নতুন নতুন হল বিলাকত বহুত sitting accommodution বাঢ়ি গল। মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে দৰ্শাব হলে ত্রিপাঠী ডাঙবীয়াক crucify কৰক কিন্তু ৪০০ চিটব ভিতবত যেতিয়া ১০ টকা আছিল এতিয়া ১২০০ চিট যেতিয়া হল ১০ টকা কেনেকৈ থাকিব পাবে সেই কথা বিচাব কবক। আগতে আমাব বহুতো হলত ৪০০ বেচি চিট নাছিল। এতিয়া technological প্রগতিব ফলত দহ হাজাব মানুহ এটা হলত বহিব পাবে আৰু তেনেকুৱা হল America ত আছে। অবস্থাব পবিবৰ্ত্তনব লগে লগে আমাক adjustment আৰুfinancial propriety ব কাবণে এইখিনি adjustment কবাত আমাক গালি দিলে সেইটো ন্যায় সঙ্গত নহব।

Shri Lakshyadhar Chwudhury—মোব কথা সেইটো যে Cinema Hall বঢ়াই দিব লাগে কথা হল ৫১ মাইলত ১০টা Hall কবক তেতিয়াও ট্যাক্স বাঢ়িব তথাপি এতিয়া যিকেইটা Hall আছে তাকেই বাখি, আন আমোদ নোহোৱা লোকে অকল আমোদ বিচাবি যায় ট্যাক্স বঢ়াই সেইকেইজনব ওপবত মাধমাব দিবলৈ বিচাবিছে কিয়?

Shri Kamakhy Prasad Tripathi এই ট্যাক্স বাইজব ওপবত নপবে বাইজব টিকেটব ওপবত এই ট্যাক্স বহোৱা নাই এই ট্যাক্স বহোৱা হৈছে Number of shows ব ওপবত। যিমানেই বেচি show হব, সিমান বেচি Tax মালিকে দিব লাগিব তেতিয়া মালিকব ওপবতহে ট্যাক্সব বোজা পবিব।

Shri Lakhyadhar Choudhiury—অর্থাৎ ইয়াব দ্বাবা আপুনি Matince show বন্ধ কবিছে?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi -ইয়াত মাননীয় সদস্যৰ ভয়ৰ কোনো কাৰণ নাই। ইয়াৰ কাৰণে যদি দেখো যে tax ৰ কাৰণে show উঠি গৈছে আমিতো আছোৱেই গতিকে তেতিয়াও Move কৰিব পাৰিব। তেতিয়া তাৰ যথাযথ ব্যবস্থা লব পৰা হব।

Shri Lakhyadhar Choudhiury—তথাপি আপোনালোকে Cinema Hall নবঢ়ায়।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—Cinema Hall মুখ্য মন্ত্রীয়েহে দিব ? অৱশ্যে গভৰ্ণমেণ্ট Policy হ'ল Cinema Hall বঢ়োৱা কমোৱা নহয়।

Shri Lakhyadhar Choudhury—আজি এইখন Bill withdraw কৰক আপোনালোকৰ বহুত আমোদ-প্রমোদৰ ঠাই আছে বা সুবিধা আছে আমাৰ অন্য একো নাই এইনৈৰেই একমাত্র আমোদৰ বাহানি ইয়াত Tax বঢ়ালে বহুতৰে নৈতিক অধঃপতন হব। এই বীল পাচ কৰিলে ১২ অনাৰ ঠাইত এটকা হব (Noise)

(এতিয়া সন্ধীয়া ৬-২০)

Mr. Deputy Speaker—I put the main question :

(1) That the new item No. (i) going to be substituted in section 3 (i)(b) of the principal Act shall be deleted.

(2) After new item No. (iii), the following shall be added as a proviso ; —

"Provided that amusement tax should not be imposed on any amateur cultural show, to give incentive to the cultural organisations".

The amendment moved by Shri Lakshya Dhar Choudhury is lost by 17 and 30.

The clause 2 forms part of the clause 3 and 4.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance)—I beg to move the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

Shri Hiralal Patwary—On a point of order, whether Governor's Message has been read out ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) –That comes in the introduction stage.

Mr. Deputy Speaker – The question is : Motion moved. The Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

(The motion was adopted).

The Assam Purchase Tax (Amendment) Bill 1968

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance)—I beg to move that the Assam Purchase Tax (Amendment Bill, 1968. be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker – Motion moved. The question is that the Assam Purchase Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) – Sir, there is no amendment. So I beg to move that the Assam Purchase Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker – The Motion is moved. The question is that the Assam Purchase Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

(The motion was adopted)

The Assam Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance)—I be to move that the Assam Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker – Motion moved The question is that the Assam Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was adopted).

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance)—Sir, there is no amendment. Therefore, I move that the Assam Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed

The Deputy Speaker – Motion moved. The question is that the Assam Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) Sir, I beg to move that the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Motion moved

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—Sir, there is an Amendment. I beg to move that in the proposed new item (iv)(a) going to be substituted in Section 3(1) of the Principal Act by sub-clause (1) of clause 2, the words "Three Paise per Litre" appearing in the right side, shall be substituted by the words "Two Paise per Litre".

(2) That in the proposed new item (iv) (b) going to be substituted in section 3(1) of the principal Act by sub-clause (1) of clause 2 the words "Two paise per litre" appearing in the right hand side, shall the substituted by the words "One paise per litre".

Sir, while moving mendment I would like to make only few observations. As you have seen, this is the same thing that has been adopted by the Hon. Finance Minister for this purpose alos. He said in his Budget Speech that some merginal adjustment will be made, but here it has been seen that he is trying to impose new tax on this lubricant. What I mean is that now-a-days kerosene is used by the common people and as a result the entire burden of this new measure will fall on the common people. (Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi, Finance Minister, May I clarify Sir. This tax is sought to be levyed only on white kerosene.) What I mean to say Sir is that in the rural areas the children have to use this white variety of kerosene for reading books Therefore the burdent will fall on the poor village people. Now-a-days the Hon. Ministers and most of the Hon. Members of that side of the House travel by motor cars and therefore it is quite natural for them not to feel the enormity of the miserable condition to which these poor people in the rural areas have been put to as a result of the spiralling rise of the essential commodities of life.

They are even unable to purchase even a litre of kerosene to enable their children to read. Therefore this enhencement will very adversely affect their economic condition which is even now very deplorable. Then again, the price of petroleum has also been sought to be increased. Petroleum as you know is subjected to double taxation - one by the State and the other by the Centre. The result is that the burden of taxation will be on the common people. Because as a result of this increase the motor owners will increase the rates of fares. Those who are even now in a position to maintain motor cars to them the burden of this new levy will be not so pronounced. They may manage to pay a little more without feeling any particular strain on their purse. Therefore by a measure of this sort only the common people will be hit harder. Therefore, I suggest that my Amendment be accepted. At the same time I would make it clear that we are not entirely against any taxation in view of the stringent economic position that the Government has to face. If my Amendment is accepted then the burden will fall not heavily on the poor section of the people and at the same time Government will also be in a position to make some extra earning. The common people are good pay-masters either the tax be direct or indirect. But I am sorry to observe that though this Government pay lip-sympathies to the common people, though the professed policy of the Government is to pull down the richer people and pull up the poorer people so as to crete a sort of equilibrium in the society, the effect of both these two levys will be contrary to their professed objective as the proposed measures are likely to off-set the balance very adversely in as much as the incidence of the taxes will fall heavily on the common people. One special feature of this new tax is that by enhencing the rate on kerosene, they are going to deprive the only one very poor amenity of the school going children in the rural areas - the amenity of reading under a clear light. Therefore I say that at the time of proposing any levy its effect on poor people should be carefully calculated. But this measure does not provide reason to believe that the Government have done any such calculation. I know that my Amendment will also not completely absolve the commo people from the burden of the incidence falling on their shou ders, but this is humble attempt at giving them sum relief, some

concession at least and at the same time by considering the present stringent financial condition of the State, some scope has been left to Government in the Amendment for bringing in some additional incame to the State exchaquer. Therefore, Sir, I hope by considering all these aspects Government will be pleased to accept my Amendment.

Shri Phani Bora—Sir I, take my stand to support the Amendment, and while supporing it, even at this late hour I must say that the Finance Minister even on this occasion also has failed to keep his promise not to go in for additional tax measures and thereby broke his promise that he had given in this House. But this is a very wrong thing on the part of the Finance Minister to do when our common people are very much suffering to-day. If we look at the economic condition of our people we find that generally the poor section of the people are getting more and more poorer and the richer section getting more and more richer.

To-day if we look at the economy of our country we find that generally the poor section of the people are getting poorer and rich section richer. Now, the proposal is to increase the tax on white kerosene by one paise. Sir, everybody knows that nowadays white kerosene is commonly used in every village. We find that there is hardly any demand for the red variety of kerosene, and the demand for white kerosene is increasing every day. By this taxation what is sought to be done is to scqueeze whatever is left in the hands of the common people. This was not expected of the Finance Minister in the present situation. I would not have objected to imposition of any kind of taxes on the kerosene dealers I mean the wholesellers bocuase during

the last few years the demand for white kerosene has increased so much that the wholesellers are making greater profit now. Instead of doing this, the Finance Minister is imposing this indirect taxation on the the common man. Sir, one may say that increase is only 1 naye paise, but 1 naye paise here and two naye paise there means that common people are squeezed out of whatever is left to them. This is very unfair in a State where the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer. You know, Sir, that without kerosene nobody lives to-day.

So, also with regard to petroleum. Though petroleum is produced in Assam the price of petroleum is higher here. In other petroleum-producing countries the price of petroleum is coming down but here the more you produce the more you pay. Of course, this is due to the method of pricing of petroleum. Our market is linked up with the imperialist market, with that or the foreigners the British and the Americans. The effect of increasing petrol prices will be to squeeze our people indirectd with the increase in price of petrol the priee of tickets in public service vehicles will rise and the burden of this rise will fallon the shoulder of the common man. Sir, the Finance Minister himself said that by these measures he would not get a large amount of money to cover his deficit. If the increase is not substantial then why squeeze the common man for nothing ? Therefore, Sir, I support this amendment and hope the Finance Minister will be reasonable enough to accept it and thereby show that he not only professes for the interest of the people but also act in their interest.

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : মাননীয় সদস্য শ্রীতুলাল বৰুৱাই যিটো সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব আনিছে সেইটো মই সমর্থন কৰিছো। মই কব খুজিছো যে পেট্রলৰ ওপৰত লগোৱা কৰৰ ভাৰ পৰিব জনসাধাৰণৰ ওপৰত : জনসাধাৰণ চলাফিৰা কৰাৰ বাহন হৈছে - 'বাচ' বিলাক। এই বিলাকৰ মালিক সকলে পেট্রলৰ দাম ১ পয়চা বঢ়ালে ভাৰা ১০ (দহ) পয়চা বঢ়াই, জনসাধাৰণক শোষণ কৰা আমি দেখি আহিছো। কেৰাচিন তেলৰ দাম এক পয়চা বঢ়াই দিওতে—দোকানী বিলাকে একপয়চাৰ ঠাইত ইচ্ছামতে বঢ়ায় আৰু গাঁৱলীয়া জীৱনত কেৰাচিন তেল অতি প্রয়োজনীয়। কেৰাচিন তেলৰ চাকি বা লেম্প জলাই লৰা-ছোৱালীয়ে পঢ়াশুনা কৰে। কাজেই এই কেৰাচিনৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ লগালে আমাৰ লৰা ছোৱালী বিলাকৰ শিক্ষাৰ মানদণ্ড কমি যাব আৰু পঢ়া শুনা কৰিবলৈ পয়চাৰ অভাবত তেল কিনিব নোৱাৰিব। স্কুলত ফেল কৰিব; নাম কটা যাব। এই বিলাক নানা ভাবে আহুকাল হব। কাজেই পেট্রলৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ লগোৱা মানে আওপকীয়া ভাবে জন সাধাৰণৰ ওপৰত জুলুম বৃদ্ধি হব। গাড়ীৰ ভাৰা বাঢ়িব।

(সময়ৰ সংকেত)

আৰু গাড়ীৰ মালিক সকলৰ পৰা টেক্‌চ আদায় কৰিবও নোৱাৰিব। সেই কাৰণে মই এই টেক্‌চ লগোৱা বিলখনৰ বিৰোধী। বিত্তমন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াই বাজেট বক্তৃতাৰ সময়ত ঘাটি বাজেট হলেও টেক্‌চ লগোৱা নহব বুলি কৈছিল। তেনেস্থলত যদি পেট্রলৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ লগোৱা হয়, তেনেহলে মন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ নিজৰ কথাই নৰব আৰু বাজেট উক্তিৰ মর্যাদা ক্ষুণ্ণ কৰা হব। কাগজে পত্রই ওলাই গৈছে যে, এই বছৰত কোনো ৰকমৰ নতুন টেক্‌চ লগোৱা নহব। পেট্রলৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ লগোৱা হলে তাৰ আনুষঙ্গিক বিলাকৰ দাম বাঢ়ি যাব।

(সময়ৰ সংকেত)

পেট্রলজাত অন্যান্য দ্রব্যসমূহ যেনে মম, ঘৰদুৱাৰত লগোৱা ৰং তেল আদিৰ দাম বাঢ়িব।

চাৰ, আমি দেখিছো ভাদ মাহত যেতিয়া খেতিয়ক সকলে দ ঠাইত খেতিৰ কামত লাগে দলনী পথাৰত যায় তেতিয়া জোকৰ কামোৰত তেওঁবিলাকৰ ভৰিত ঘা হৈ যায় যাতে ভৰিত জোকে ধৰিব নোৱাৰে তাৰ কাৰণে কেৰাচিন তেল লগাই পথাৰত কাম কৰি থাকে। এতিয়া যদি কেৰাচিন তেলৰ দাম বাঢ়ি যায় তেনেহলে খেতিয়কে কেৰাচিন তেল কিনিব নোৱাৰিব আৰু তেতিয়া হলে পথাৰত কাম কৰিব নোৱাৰিব। গতিকে কেৰাচিন তেল কিনিবলৈ খেতিয়কে টান পালে উৎপাদন নাবাঢ়িব গতিকে আমাৰ কথা হৈছে যে কেৰাচিন তেলৰ ওপৰত চৰকাৰে যি টেক্‌চ লগাবৰ কথা কৈছে তাৰ বিৰোধিতা আমি কৰিছো। আৰু শ্রীতুলাল বৰুৱাৰ সংশোধনী প্রস্তাবটো মই সমর্থন কৰিছো।

Mr. Deputy Speaker—I have fixed 7.10.68 for the debate and then the Minister will reply.

Shri Hiralal Patwary—Sir, in this Bill, Section-2 that is the amendment after the provision of Sub-Section-2, a new item has been brought by the Hon'ble Minister. Petroleum coke, petroleum gas and natural gas @ .07 p. per Rupee An on other production obtained, there is diversity of petroleum and other natural gas and there is .07 p. per rupee. In previous Sec-3 nothing was mentioned here is to what was the tax So previously, the Finance Minister said that was additional, and some how or other he has managed. That was additional marginal adjustment or something like that. But now it is absolutely a new item (i.e. .07 paise per rupee). Ofcourse, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, he may say that it is not in the Rules. not in the procedure and set is the Constitution. We are making Rules and we are amending the rules but we should be guided by certain principles and certain kind of assurances.

Mr. Deputy Speaker - I will give you opportunity to speak on that point I have ruled out the point of order. I cannot prevent the Government from introducing a Bill which goes against certain statements made. That is not within my jurisdiction. But I will give you opportunity.

Shri Soneswar Bora - মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অসমত এক কোটি ৪ লক্ষ মানুহৰ ভিতৰত অন্ততঃ এক কোটি মানুহে কেৰাচিন তেল ব্যবহাৰ কৰে। যেতিয়া আমাৰ বিৰাট জনসংখ্যাই কেৰাচিন তেল ব্যবহাৰ কৰে আৰু চৰকাৰে তাৰ ওপৰত টেক্চ বঢ়াবৰ কাৰণে আমি আপত্তি কৰিছো। তেওঁলোকে কৈছে যে চাফা কেৰাচীন তেলৰ ওপৰত টেক্চ বঢ়াব খুজিছে, ৰঙা কেৰাচিনৰ ওপৰত নহয়। কিন্তু অসমীয়া মানুহে দুয়ো ৰকমৰ কেৰাচিন তেল ব্যবহাৰ কৰে। গতিকে এই টেক্চে জনসাধাৰণক জুকুলা কৰিব। এইখিনিতে মোৰ এইটো কথা মনত পৰে, যিবিলাক সদস্যই এতিয়া ইয়াক সমর্থন কৰিছে তেওঁলোকেও স্বীকাৰ কৰিব যে মহাত্মা গান্ধীয়ে নিমখ আন্দোলন কিহৰ কাৰণে কৰিছিল। নিমখৰ ওপৰত টেক্চ নতুন নাছিল। তেখেতে এই কাৰণে নিমখৰ আন্দোলন কৰিছিল যে এইটো টেক্চ সৰ্ব্ব সাধাৰণ বাইজৰ ওপৰত পৰিছিল বুলি আজি আমাৰ ৯০ ভাগ মানুহে এক পইছা কৰি যদিও টেক্চ লগোৱা হয়

বিৰোধিতা কৰিব। গোটেই অসমত এই টেক্চৰ বিৰুদ্ধে জনমত গঢ়ি তুলিব। সকলোৱে আন্দোলন কৰিব। আৰু আন্দোলনকাৰী সকলে মন্ত্ৰীসকলক ঘেৰাও কৰিব আৰু সত্যাগ্ৰহ কৰিব আৰু মই নিজে তাত অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিম। এক দুই পইচা হ'ক কিন্তু প্ৰতিজন মানুহৰ ওপৰত এই টেক্চ লগোৱা হব আৰু সাধাৰণ মানুহে এইটো কেতিয়াও সহ্য কৰিব নোৱাৰে। আজি মই এই টেক্চৰ বিৰোধিতা কৰিছো আৰু এই সদনৰ পৰা কাইলৈ গৈ মই নিজে খাটাং কথা কৈছো, নিমখৰ আন্দোলনৰ দৰে অসমৰ ই মূৰৰ পৰা সিমূৰলৈ আন্দোলন খাড়া কৰিম। কাৰণ এই টেক্চ লগাই দিয়াৰ ফলত বাইজৰ কেৰাচিন তেলৰ দাম বাঢ়িব আৰু চৰকাৰে এইদৰে বাইজক জুকলা কৰাত কোনো ক্ষমতা নাই। জনসাধাৰণৰ প্ৰতিনিধি হিচাপে আমাৰ দায়িত্ব আছে আৰু এই কাৰণে আমি সদনত এই সংশোধনী দাঙি ধৰিছো। বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীয়ে আজি সদনত যি বিল আনিছে কেৰাচিন তেলৰ ওপৰত টেক্স বঢ়াবৰ কাৰণে এইটো উঠাই লব লাগিব।

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya—Sir, we are hungry and tired. We want some refreshment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—I have already said that we are going to arrange Jalajog. When it will be ready I will inform the House.

শ্ৰীহীৰালাল পাটোৱাৰী। আপুনি দুই মিনিট কব পাৰিব।

Shri Hiralal Patwary—মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়। মই যিটো point ৰ বিষয়ে কব খুজিছো সেইটো যদি Important বুলি বিবেচনা কৰে তেনেহলে মোৰ time ৰ ইমান restriction নকৰি অলপ বঢ়াই দিব।

চাৰ, বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে যে এক পইচা বঢ়াবৰ কথা। কিন্তু তাৰ দ্বাৰা কিমান লাখ টকা চৰকাৰে উপাৰ্জন কৰিব সেইটো কথা সদনে তেখেতৰ পৰা জানিব পাৰে নে ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—Total Estimate ৪ লাখ—

Shri Hiralal Patwary—মহোদয় এনেধৰণে এই বিল বিলাক অনাটো ৰৰ দুখৰ কথা আজি আমি বুজা নাই যে এই চৰকাৰে আমাৰ সমাজখন তথা ৰাজ্যখন কোন পিনে লৈ যাব খুজিছে। এনেকৈ এক পইচা, এক পইচাকৈ কৰ বঢ়াই

মানুহক বিষ দিব ধবিছে। আজি জনসাধাৰণৰ মাজত অসন্তুষ্টিৰ ভাবে দেখা দিছে—বিত্তমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে ভাবিছে, তেখেত চালাক—কিন্তু আজি গাৱৰ মানুহ তেখেততকৈও চালাক হৈছে। যি ট্যাক্সেই নবহা-ওক সকলোবে চাপ জনসাধাৰণৰ মুৰত পবিব। সেইকাৰণেই আজি অসমৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ মাজত বিদ্রোহৰ মনোভাব জাগি উঠিছে। ইয়াৰ পিচতো আৰু ট্যাক্স আনিলে বিদ্রোহ কবিবলৈ বাধ্য হব।

আৰু এটা কথা, এই Tax লগোৱা বিল বিলাক আজি একেলগে কিয় আনিছে? আজি দেৱ মাহ এনেয়ে বহি থাকিল আজি শেষ দিন, কোনো কথা কোৱাৰ সময় নাই আন কথা কলেই Out of order হৈ যায় এনে এটা মুহূর্ত্তলৈ এই Money Bill বিলাক পেলাই থোৱাৰ কি অভিপ্রায় থাকিব পাবে; শেষ দিনলৈ সকলোখিনি কিয় বান্ধি বাখিছে? এতিয়া চৰকাৰক কোনো পৰামর্শ দিয়াৰ সময় নাই খং কৰি কিবা কথা কম সেইটো হব Unparliamentary.

এক পইছা—এক পইছা কৰোতে কৰৰ বোজা ইমান হ'ল যে, বৃটিছৰ দিনতকৈ কৰৰ মাত্রা বেচি হ'ল। এইটো কথা আজি বিচাৰ কৰিবলগীয়া হৈছে যে বৃটিছশাসনৰ শেষত কিমান মানুহ ধনীহৈছে আৰু এই সমাজবাদী চৰকাৰৰ দিনত কিমান মানুহ ধনী হ'ল? এই চৰকাবে এনেকৈ ট্যাক্স লগাই দুখীয়া শ্রেণীক জৰিমনা কবিছে—আৰু ধনী শ্রেণীক আৰু ধনী কবিছে। এনেকৈ কংগ্রেছ চৰকাবে সকলোতে চালাকী কবি আহিছে। যদি Tax লগাব খোজে তেন্তে য'ত Production হয়, তাত Tax নলগায় কিয়- তাকে নকবি Distribution য'ত হয় তাত Tax লগাইছে।

গতিকে মোৰ কথা হল, যে বিত্ত মন্ত্রী ডাঙবীয়াই যদি পাবে যত তেল উৎপাদন হয় তাত Tax লগাওক —Distribution Centerত নহয়।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : দুটাৰ পৰা সাৰে সাতটালৈ বহি থকা অসম্ভব—১০ মিনিটৰ কাৰণে Adjourn কবিব লাগে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami—মহোদয়, আমি যেতিয়া আমাৰ দুখীয়া গাৱঁত স্কুল দিয়াৰ কথা কওঁ তেতিয়া আমাৰ বিত্ত মন্ত্রীয়ে কয় যে আমি দুখীয়া কেনেকৈ দিম—আজি কিন্তু মেকুৰী জোলোঙাৰ পৰা ওলাল—বগা কেৰাচিনৰ ওপৰত ট্যাক্চ লগাই আমাৰ বিত্তমন্ত্রীয়ে ধৃতৰাষ্ট্রই ভীমক মৰম কৰিবলৈ মাতি আনি মুৰ গুৰা কৰাৰ দৰে হৈছে। আমাৰ বিত্তমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কৈছে যে ইয়াত আমি প্রায় ৮ লাখ টকা পাম। মই কওঁ যে এই ৮ লাখ টকা নুতুলা কাৰণে যদি বাজ্য খন তললৈ যায় তথাপি ট্যাক্চ নলগাব। দুখীয়া ৰাইজৰ ওপৰত মাধমাৰ পৰিব। আজি অন্য দেশত দুখীয়া ছাত্রৰ কাৰণে স্কুলৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছে আমাৰ ইয়াত নাই। এতিয়া ৬ জন ছাত্র বহিব পৰা বেঞ্চ এখনত ১১ জন বহে। বঙা কেৰাচিন তেল জলালে লেম্পটো কলা পৰে, গতিকে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী গাৱঁত বগা কেৰাচিন জলাই এই ছাত্র-ছাত্রীসকলক মৰম কৰি এইটো ট্যাক্চ উঠাই লওক। দুখীয়া মানুহক এইখিনি উপকাৰ কৰক।

Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury : মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, বগা কেৰাচিনৰ ওপৰত ট্যাক্চ লগাবলৈ যি খন বিল আনিছে, সেইখন সম্পূর্ণ বাদ দিব লাগে।

বর্ত্তমান আমাৰ অসমত কয়লা, কেৰাচিন আদিৰ দাম আন আন বাজ্যতকৈ বেচি। এই কেৰাচিনৰ অভাবত বহুত সময়ত আমাৰ বাজ্যত হাহাকাৰ লাগিছিল। এতিয়াও এনে এটা অৱস্থা হৈছে যে গুৱাহাটীত এটা দাম হলে, সাতমাইল দুৰত তাৰ ১/৩ ভাগ বাঢ়ে কেৰাচিনৰ দামৰ কোনো control নোহোৱা হৈছে।

আমাৰ লোকসংখ্যাৰ শতকৰা ৭৫ ভাগ গাৱঁত থাকে। ইয়াৰ ওপৰত Tax লগালে সেই Tax তেওঁলোকৰ ওপৰত পৰিব। বিত্তমন্ত্রীয়ে ওপৰৰ মানুহৰ ওপৰতপৰিব। বিত্তমন্ত্রীয়ে ওপৰৰ মানুহৰ ওপৰত বহু Tax য়েই লগাব পাৰিলেহেতেন। কিন্তু তেখেতৰ আক্রোহ সেই দুখীয়া কেইটাৰ ওপৰতহে।

বর্ত্তমান আমাৰ বাজ্যত খৰিৰ অভাব। জনতা ষ্টোভত ৰান্ধি ভাত খোৱা মানুহ বহুতো আছে। গতিকে এই বগা কেৰাচীনত Tax লগোৱা কামটো নীতি বিগর্হিত হৈছে। এই Tax জনসাধাৰণৰ ওপৰত লগোৱাটোৰ মই ঘোৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰিছো।। নীতিৰ ফালৰ পৰা এই Tax খিনি Delete কৰিব লাগে। এই তেলৰ ওপৰতে আমাৰ ৭৫ ভাগ লৰা ছোৱালীৰ পঢ়া নির্ভৰ কৰিছে। কেৰাচিন তেল rare বস্তুৰ নিচিনা হৈছে। বর্ত্তমানে কেৰাচিনৰ মূল্যও আগতকৈ বহুত বাঢিল। আমাৰ বিত্ত মন্ত্রীয়ে আন বস্তু, যি দুখীয়া মানুহে ব্যৱহাৰ নকৰে

তাত টেক্‌চ লগাব পাৰিলে হেতেন কিন্তু তাকে নকৰি তেখেতে কেৰাচিনৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ লগাব খুজিছে। দেখিছো দুখীয়া মানুহৰ ওপৰতেই তেখেতৰ আক্রোশ বেচি। কেৰাচিন তেল আজি মধ্যবিত্ত মানুহে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে। জনতা ষ্টোভত ভাত বান্ধি খোৱা যথেষ্ট সংখ্যক মধ্যবিত্ত মানুহ আছে। সেইকাৰণে কও যে কেৰাচিন তেলৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ লগোৱাটো অন্যায় কথা। কেৰাচিন তেলৰ লেম্পৰ ওপৰত বহুতো লৰাছোৱালীৰ পঢ়া শুনা নির্ভৰ কৰিছে। তেখেতে মাত্ৰ এক পইছাকৈ প্ৰতি লিটাৰে বঢ়োৱাৰ কথা কৈছে। একপইছা দেখাত একো বেচি নহয় কিন্তু ইয়াৰ প্ৰতিক্ৰিয়া কেনে হব পাৰে সেইকথা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে ভাবি চোৱা নাই। গুৱাহাটী টাউনত যেতিয়া কেৰাচিনৰ দাম বঢ়লত ৫০ পইচা, তেতিয়াই ১৪ মাইল দূৰত প্ৰতি বঢ়লে হৈছিল গৈ পোন্ধৰ অনা। ইয়াৰ কোনো control কৰিব পৰা নাই। গতিকে টেক্‌চ বাঢ়িছে বুলি কৈয়েই পোন্ধৰ অনীয়া বঢ়ল ১।। টকা হবগৈ। চখৰ জিনিচৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ নলগায় কিয়? এতিয়া বতাহ আৰু ৰৌদ্ৰৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ লগাবলৈহে বাকী আছে। এই কেৰাচিনৰ টেক্‌চ পাচ কৰিলে আপোনালোকৰ অপযশ হবই, আমাৰো হব। সেইকাৰণে মই এই টেক্‌চ উঠাই দিবলৈ কৈছো।

M. Samsul Huda—মাননীয় বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীয়ে বাজেট বক্তৃতাৰ সময়ত এইবাৰ নতুন কোনো টেক্স লগোৱা নহব বুলি অঙ্গীকাৰ কৰিছিল। সেইটো তেখেতে ৰাখিব পৰা নাই। কংগ্ৰেছ চৰকাৰে গান্ধী বাদৰ কথা কয়, সমাজবাদৰ কথা আওৰায়; কিন্তু চাওক আজি যি বস্তুৰ ওপৰত টেক্স লগাইছে যি মন্ত্ৰী সকলক নাপায় গৈ। আনকি সেই টেক্স মধ্যবিত্ত মানুহকো নাপায়। এই টেক্স পাব সময়ৰ ছালচিগা ভিকহু নিৰীহ মানুহকেটাককে। টেক্স বঢ়োৱাৰ ফলত হব কি? মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কৈছে মাত্ৰ লিটাৰে প্ৰতি ১ পইচাহে বঢ়াইছে; কিন্তু প্ৰকৃত পক্ষে এই এক পইচাৰ সুযোগ লৈয়েই ৩ পইচা বাঢ়িবগৈ। তদুপৰি কৰ লগোৱাৰ এটা নিয়ম আছে। সেইটো হৈছে যে যেতিয়া কোনো নতুন কৰ লগোৱা হয় তেতিয়া জনসাধাৰণৰ কৰ দিয়াৰ ক্ষমতা আনে নে নাই, চাব লাগে। মই বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীৰ পৰা জানিব খোজো, আজি জনসাধাৰণৰ কৰ দিব পৰা ক্ষমতা আছে নে নাই? যদি কৰ পাৰে যে অসমীয়া জনসাধাৰণৰ নতুন কৰ দিব পৰা ক্ষমতা আছে তেন্তে মোৰ কোনো আপত্তি নাই। কিন্তু, বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীয়ে বাজেট বক্তৃতাৰ সময়ত নতুন টেক্স লগোৱা নহব বুলি কৈছিল। কিন্তু এতিয়া কৈছে আমাৰ টকা লাগে কাৰণে টেক্স লগোৱাটো সংগঠিত হৈছে।" কেৰাচিন টেক্সৰ মই ঘোৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰিছো।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi – চৰকাৰে Electric ৰ ওপৰত দুপইছা চাফা কেৰাচিনৰ ওপৰত এক পইছা আৰু বঙা কেৰাচিনৰ ওপৰত শূন্য পইছা টেক্চ লগাব খুজিছে। মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ ঘৰত বা জনতা স্তৰত বঙা কেৰাচিন নিশ্চয় ব্যৱহাৰ নহয়। শ্রীকামিনি শর্মা ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছিল খেতিয়কে ভৰিত লগোৱা কেৰাচিন কনৰো দাম বঢ়োৱা হৈছে কিন্তু তেখেত সকলৰে আন এজন সদস্যই কৈছে খেতিয়কে বঙা কেৰাচিনহে ভৰিত লগায়। গতিকে তেওঁলোকৰ দ্বাৰাই কথাটো খণ্ডিত হৈছে। এতিয়া আমি হিচাপ কৰি পাইছো যে শতকৰা ২৩ জন খেতিয়ক কৃষক বন্ধুৰা। তেওঁলোকে বঙা কেৰাচিন ব্যৱস্থাৰ কৰে, বাকীবোৰে বগা কেৰাচিন ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে। যোৱা বছৰ ধানৰ মোনে ১৭ টকা আছিল এতিয়া ২৫ টকা হৈছে। ১ লিটাৰে যদি ৪ দিন যায় তেনেহলে ৭ পয়ছা খৰচ হয়। তেনে হলে কেনেকৈ কয় অতিৰিক্ত কৰ বুলি ?

(Voices যিবোৰে ধান কিনিব লাগে সেইবোৰৰ অৱস্থা কি ?) যোৱা বছৰ ধানৰ মোনে ১৭ টকা আছিল এতিয়া ২৪ টকা হৈছে। গতিকে যি ৭ টকা বেচি পাইছে তাৰ বাবে ৭ পয়ছা বেচি খৰচ কৰিব লগা হৈছে।

Shri Phani Bora—এটা কথা স্বীকাৰ কৰিবনে যে বগা কৰাচিন সকলো খেতিয়কে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰে।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—দুখীয়া মানুহ যেনে আছে তেনেই থাকিব। আমি যি কৰিছো স্কুল কলেজক দিবৰ কাৰণে যি ৫০ লাখ টকা লাগে তাক কেনেকৈ সংগ্রহ কৰো কেৰাচিনৰ পৰা ৮ লাখ, বাকী আদায় ৬ লাখ আৰু বিক্রি কৰাৰ পৰা ১৩ লাখ পালে ২৭ লাখ টকা হয়। এতিয়া এই ২৭ লাখ টকা additional পালে স্কুল কলেজক দিব লগা ৫০ লাখ টকাৰ জোৰা মৰে।

Shri Phani Bora - যোৱা বছৰ ডেৰ কোটি লগালে এইবাৰ ৮ লাখ কৰ লগাইছে।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—আপোনাৰ পৰা লৈ আপোনাৰ কল্যাণৰ কাৰণে খৰচ কৰিম। চৰকাৰী নীতিৰ পৰিনাম স্বৰূপে যোৱা বছৰ ১৭ টকাৰ ঠাইত এইবাৰ ২৫ টকা পাইছে। যদি মোনে ৭ টকা পায় তাৰ পৰিবর্ত্তে ৭ পয়ছা দিলে কি লোকচান।

Shri Maneswar Boro—আগতকৈ খেতিয়কৰ অৱস্থা ভাল হৈছেনে ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—ভাল হৈছে। আমাৰ দেশত কাৰ মাটি নাই কিন্তু খেতি কৰে তাকো আমি খেতিয়ক বুলি ধৰো। তেনেকুৱা বিলাকৰ অৱস্থা ভাল হোৱা নাই। কিন্তু যাৰ মাটি আছে সেইবোৰৰ অৱস্থা ভাল হৈছে। মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ লগত মইও একমত যে পেট্ৰলৰ দাম সম্পৰ্কত কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰে আমাৰ অন্যায় কৰিছে। এটা কথা মই মাননীয় সদস্যসকলক কও তেখেত সকলে চাব—এক পইচা পেট্ৰলৰ দাম বঢ়ালে গাৰী ভাৰা বঢ়াব নোৱাৰে।

(বঢ়াই আছে ... বহুস্বৰ)

ভাৰ চৰকাৰে নিৰ্ণয় কৰে।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—ভাৰা চৰকাৰে নিৰ্ণয় কৰে বুলি সভাৰ অপলাপহে কৰিছে। মটৰৰ মালিক সকলে ভাৰা বঢ়াই লৈয়ে থাকে।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—সেইটো বাধা দিব লাগে।

(কেনেকৈ বাধা দিব লাগে ? ... বহুস্বৰ)

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma—চৰকাৰে যি ব্যৱস্থা কৰে সেইবিলাক মালিক সকলে নামানে। চৰকাৰে পেট্ৰলৰ দাম বঢ়ালেই মটৰৰ ভাৰাও বাঢ়িব আৰু তাৰ ফলত জনসাধাৰণ জুকলা হব।

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathy : মই কব খুজিছো যে, এক পইচা টেক্‌চ বঢ়ালেই কোনো মটৰ মালিকে ভাৰা বঢ়াব নোৱাৰে। এক পইচা বঢ়োৱাৰ ফলত তাৰ incidence হব .০০০১। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত ভাৰাৰ ওপৰত reflect কৰিব।

[অংকটো বুজিব নোৱাৰিলো..... এটি স্বৰ]

M. Shamsul Huda : মই এই কথা কব খুজিছো যে—পেট্ৰল বা পেট্ৰলজাত সামগ্ৰীৰ ওপৰত টেক্‌চ বেচি হলে মটৰ যাত্ৰী সকলৰ ওপৰত ইয়াৰ বোজাপৰিব। পেট্ৰল মিটাৰত যিমান তেল দেখুৱাই সিমান নুঠে। এইদৰেও শোষণ চলিব।

Shr Kamakhya Prasad Tripathy : সেই অভিযোগ লিখি দিলে তদন্ত কৰিব পৰা হব।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : পেট্ৰলৰ ভিতৰতো অপমিশ্রন (adultevation) হৈছে যাৰ ফলত মটৰৰ ইঞ্জিন সোনকালেই নষ্ট হৈ যায়—এই কথা চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Are you going to withdraw your amendments ?

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua From our side we have moved two amendments and another we have given via media

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Yes, Mr. Lakhyadhar Choudhury. also moved an amenment.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : That is out of order. ইয়াত এক পয়চা বঢ়োৱা হৈছে। সেইটো হয়টো কিবা এটা কৰিব পাৰে। কিন্তু originally যিটো বন্ধা আছে সেইটো একো কৰিব নোৱাৰি।

[এক পয়চাটো বাদ দিব লাগে..... এটি স্বৰ]

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Now I put the amendments. The question is that in the proposed new item (iv)(a) going to be substituted in section 3(1) of the Principal Act by Sub-clause (1) of clause 2, the words, "Three paise per litre" appearing in the right hand side, shall be substituted by the words "Two paise per litre".

That in the proposed new item (iv)(b) going to be substituted in Section 3(1) of the Principal Act by sub-clause (1) of clause 2 the words "Two paise per litre" appearing in the right hand side, shall be substituted by the words "One paise per litre".

That new item Nos. (iv)(a) and (b) going to be substituted for item (iv) in section 3(1) of the Principal Act by sub-clause (1) of clause 2 shall be deleted.

(The House divided)

Mr. Deputy Speaker—

Ayes	15
Noes	40

The amendment is lost.

Clause 3 and 4 form part of the Bill and preamble and the title do form part of the Bill.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister)—I move that the Bill be passed.

The Bill is passed.

Consolidated List of amendments to the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products, including Motor Spirit and Lubricants Taxation (Amendment)) Bill 1968 is passed.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—No Sir, there must be division.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—They are challanging, therefore, I request the Members to rise in their places. Now, this side.

Ayes	41
Noes	20

(The Bill is passed)

Now, I request the Hon. Members to go to Room No. 3 for tea and we will meet again at 8.10 P.M.

Re ; Proposed Re-organisation of Assam.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Took the Chair at 8.10 P.M.

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister)—Sir, this morning the Hon. Member, Shri Dulal Chandra Barua refferred to about some communication from the Prime Minister and I promised to check up if any news has come. I checked up. No communication from the Prime Minister on the Re-organisation issue has been received till today. About a rumour that a letter written by me accepting Re-organisation or 13th January Statement or so, I would like to inform the House that all those gossips are not correct. No letter has been written by me like that. As a matter of fact I had some correspondence with late Jawaharlal Nehru on the subject some years back. It was on a different line and it has nothing to do with this and no letter was written by me accepting 13th January statement or anything of that kind. Therefore I shall be glad if anybody produces any such letter.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance)—I beg to move that the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill. 1968, be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—The motion moved is that the Assam Finance (Sales Tax)(Amendment) Bill, 1968, be taken into consideration.

(The motion was put as a question and adopted)

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi—Sir, there is no amendment So I beg to move that the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1968, be passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—The motion moved is that the Assam Finance (Sales Tax)(Amendment) Bill, 1968, be passed.

(The Motion was put as a question and adopted)

The Assam Money Lenders (Amendment) Bill, 1968

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Co-operation)—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Money Lenders' (Amendment) Bill, 1968, be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Motion moved.

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Ataur Rahman—I be to move the following amendment to the Motion for taking into consideration the Assam Money Lenders' (Amendment) Bill, 1968.

"That the Assam Money Lenders' (Amendment) Bill, 1968 to be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members—

(1) Minister-in-charge Co-operation.
(2) Altaf Hussain Mazumdar—Minister of State, P.W.D.
(3) Shri Jogen Saikia, M.L.A.
(4) Shri Nakul Das, M.L.A.
(5) Shri Govinda Chandra Bora, M.L.A.

(6) Shri Lakheswar Das, M.L.A.
(7) Smti Pranita Talukdar, M.L.A.
(8) Shri Abala Kanta Goswami, M.L.A.
(9) Shri Maneswar Baro, M.L.A.
(10) Shri Matlebuddin Ahmed, M.L.A
(11) Shri Benoy Krishna Ghosh, M.L.A.
(12) Shri Kehoram Hazarika, M,L.A.

Seven Members of the Committee to form a quorum and the report is to be submitted by June 15, 1968.

Mr. Deputy Speaker - Motion moved. The question is that the Assam Money Lenders' (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members :

1. Minister-in-charge Co-operation.
2. Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar, Minister of State, P.W.D.
3 Shri Jogen Saikia, M.L.A.
4. Shri Nakul Chandra Das, M.L.A.
5. Shri Govinda Chandra Bora, M.L.A.
6. Shri Lakheswar Das, M.L.A.
7. Mrs. Pranita Talukdar, M.L.A.
8. Shri Abala Kanta Goswami, M.L.A.
9. Shri Maneswar Boro, M.L.A.
10. Shri Matlebuddin Ahmed, M.L.A.
11. Shri Benoy Krishna Ghosh, M.L.A.
12. Shri Kehoram Hazarika, M.L.A.

Seven Members of the Committee form a quorum and the report is to be submitted by June 15, 1968.

(The motion was adopted)

The Assam Agricultural University Bill, 1968

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Agriculture) – Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Agricultural University Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Motion moved. The question is that the Assam Agricultural University Bill, 1968 to taken into consideration.

(The motion was adopted)

Shrimati Lily Sengupta – Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following amendment to the Motion for taking into consideration of the Assam Agricultural University Bill, 1968.

"That the Assam Agricultural University Bill, 1968 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members : –

(1) Minister-in-charge, Agriculture
(2) Dandiram Dutta, Deputy Minister, Agriculture
(3) Shri Jogen Saikia, M.L.A.
(4) Shrimati Puspalata Das, M.L.A.
(5) Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar, M.L.A.
(6) Maulana Abdul Zalil Choudhury, M.L.A.
(7) Shri Ataur Rahman, M.L.A.
(8) Shri Puspadhar Chaliha, M.L.A.
(9) Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury, M.L.A.
(10) Shri Paramananda Gogoi, M.L.A.
(11) Shri Bhadreswar Gogoi, M.L.A.
(12) Shri Matilal Kanoo, M.L.A.
(13) Shri Mahidhar Pegu, M.L.A.
(14) Shri Kabir Roy Pradhani, M.L.A.
(15) Shri Govinda Kalita, M.L.A.
(16) Shri Giasuddin Ahmed, M.L.A.
(17) Shri Dulal Chandra Barua, M.L.A,

Seven members to form the quorum and the report to be submitted by 15th June, 1968

The Assam Urban Areas Rent Contro (Amendment Bill, 1968

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) – Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Urban Areas Rent Control (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Motion moved. There is no Amendment.

Shri Sailen Medhi – Sir, I want to put some observations on Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Act. In 7th Schedule of the Constitution the Union subjects have been very carefully defined and the Cantonment Areas have been included is the Union Subjects. Therefore it was necessitated that this Amendment

should come into the House to delete the cantonment areas from the Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Act. In making a Bill the August House should take into consideration very carefully in future that even in the Constitution itself in 7th Schedule the Union Subjects have been very carefully defined and the Cantonment Areas have been included in the Union Subjects. So without going to that formality the Bill was enacted and because of this bar the Amendment come into the House. Therefore, in future, if there is any Select Committee to take into consideration every aspect of the thing, they should consider whether it is according to the Constitution or whether it is within the ambit of the Constitution or not which we could have easily avoided, if we would have done this thing in proper time in a proper way. Therefore I put this observation before the House which the Minister be pleased to take note of it for future.

Mr. Deputy Speaker – Motion moved.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue)—I quite appreciate the point raised by my friend Shri Sailen Medhi. In this connection I beg to point out that under Art. 246 of the Constitution list 1 Union List item 3 it has been stated as follows : --

"Notwitstanding anything in clause (2) and (3), Parliament has exclusive power to make law with respect to any of the matters enumerated in List I in the Seventh Schedule (in this Constitution referred to as the "Union List".

"Notwithstanding anything in clause 3 Parliament, and, subject to clause (1), the Legislature of any State also, have power to make law with respect to any of the matters enumerated in List III in the Seventh Schedule (in this Constitution referred to as the "Concurrent List". Therefore, Sir, while enacting this law it was not out of order at all but from the Govt. of India there has been a certain reference made stating that the Parliament has already enacted the Cantonment (Extension of Rent Control Laws) Act, 1957, providing for the rent control to cantonment areas. Therefore they have requested us to consider whether the same provision would be necessary in the

State Act. also They therefore advised us to delete this provision from the State Act. In persuance of that direction given to us by the Government of India, by the Ministry of Home Affairs, this Bill has been brought in. Therefore I hope the House will have no objection to get the Bill passed.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—My point is that generally it is seen that at the time of bringing in such enactment before the House all these points are not considered.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury—I see his point. He wants that before bringing in such Bill, Government should properly look into all these aspects and proper advice should be taken in advance. I quite see to that, and Government takes note of the valuable advice given by the hon Member.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Is there any Amendment ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue)—No, Sir.

Mr. Deputy Speaker - Now I put the question. The question is that the Assam Urban Areas Rent Control (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—Sir, may I make a submission ? It seems all the Finance Bills have been passed by the House, and now the rest of the items, if the House has no objection, can be kept pending for the next session of the Assembly. I would like to suggest further, of course without meaning to cast any aspersion on the wisdom of the Business Advisory Committee, that the Budget Session should be meant for discussions of the Budget and other matters strictly ancilliary to it, and there should not be any Money Bill placed before the

House in that session. Because in course of a day it is simply impossible to discuss all these bills threadbare. Therefore, I request the Leader of the House that the programme should be fixed in such a way so that a separate session of the House may take into consideration all such bills. Because we are anxious to discuss these bills in all thoroughness so that we, specially young Members of the House, mny also learn something valuable and thereby collect experience for our guidance. From that point of view and also from the point of view of having sufficient time at our disposal to discuss these bills thoroughly my suggestion deserves favourable consideration of the House. Every time we find that bills are brought before the House at the eleventh hour and they are rushed through without adequate time being given for proper study and scrutiny. Now it is too late in the evening, and we are really sorry for having to detain the Hon. Members to such a late hour. but I hope they will appreciate my point of view I therefore suggest that in future the agenda should be fixed in such a way so that there may not be any difficulty in discussing the bills brought before the House by Government and would request Governuent to postpone discussion of the remaining bills if they are not very important, for the next session of the Assembly.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury (Minister, Parliamentary Affalrs) : Sir, in the matter of controlling the deliberations of the Business Advisory Committee and its decisions, Hon. the Speaker is the sole guide and authority. But so far as this Bill, the Assam Urdan Areas Rent Control (Amendment) Bill, 1968 is concerned, this Bill has been brought in persuance of a High Court Judgement. This Bill is also very inocucus In the original Bill the provision was that a lease-holder if he builds the house before five years of the expiry of the lease he shall not be eligible for ejectment. But if he renews the lease then what benefit he get against ejectment there is no mention Therefore the High Court has pointed out that that point should be clarified by an amending Bill Now, after amending See. 5 of the Principal Act as provided in the Bill a leaseholder renewing his lease after the expiration of the current lease will get the some benefit. This is the only thing we are going to do. Therefore I think the provision is non-controvertial and that it will give some benefit to the tenants.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury (Minister, Revenue)—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, So with Sir your permission I beg to move that the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Motion moved. The question is that the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury—Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Motion moved. The question is : the Assam Non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1968 be passed.

(The motion was adopted)

The Assam Borstal Institution Bill, 1967

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister)—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I fully agree with the hon. Member that it is not at all desirable to rush through any legislation. From our side, Sir, we will see, although I am not in the Business Advisory Committee, that the programme is suitably made to avoid any such heavy agenda on the last day. As regards the items of to-days business which could be put off for the next session, on examining the agenda I find that perhaps item No. 22 the Assam Borstal Institution Bill, 1967 is the one item which could perhaps be left over, and so I have requested my colleaque, the Minister in charge of Law not to move this Bill in this session. But as regards the other two items, these are important matters and that is why I beg to move them during this very session.

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister)—I beg to move that the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Autonomous Districts) (Amendment) Bill, 1968, be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Motion moved. There is no amendment.

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha—Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Autonomous Districts) (Amendment) Bill, 1968, be passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—The question is that the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Autonomous Districts) (Amendment) Bill, 1968, be passed.

(The motion was adopted)

The Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Amendment) Bill, 1968

Shri Chatrasing Teron (Minister, T.A.D.)—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Amendment) Bill, 1968, be taken into consideration.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—Motion moved. There is no amendment.

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Chatrasing Teron—Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Amendment) Bill, 1968, be passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—The question is that the Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Amendment) Bill, 1968, be passed.

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Kamakshya Prasad Tripathi :— Sir, this resolution was discussed in the last Session. If two States in India pass this resolution then the Government of India can pass a legislation on this. It is meant to give Government of India power to have estate duty on agricultural land also. They have already the power to have estate duty on non-agricultural land. Now, why this power is sought to be given to the Government of India ? The estate duty is collected when a man dies. When a person dies he may leave urban property and agricultural property and it is not possible to separate the two. It is, therefore, necessry to assess and collect estate duty on both urban and agricultural property by a sing agency. As you know, Sir, the estate duty on urban property goes to the Government of India and that on agricultural property comes to the State. Under the arrangement proposed, one authority will assess and collect the tax and two authories will share it. This will lead to economy also. It is a very innocuous resolution. This is already the practice, but since emergency has been withdrawn and all the Acts passed during emergecy will become invalid after six months, It is necessary to pass this resolution.

Shri Phani Bora :— In what way the State will be benefited ?

Shri Kamakshya Prasad Tripath :— Supposing a persons dies and he leaves urban property as well as rural property. If you have tow separate authoritis for assessment and collection you will have to put in two sets of persons. If there is one authority it will assess and collect the tax on both urban and rual property and distribute it to the Central and State Governments. This will save us the cost for assessment and collection. The Government of India agency will realise the tax on both urban and rural property and distribute it to the two authorities. But if the tax on urban and rural property is to be separately assessed and collected, it may also so happen that a person leaves agricultural property worth Rs. 25,000 and urban property worth Rs. 75,000. In that case, the Central Government will get tax and we will not get it, because property worth less than Rs. 50,000 is rat taxable. Therefore, a large number of such people will get out of the taxation limit and the State Government will lose. Therefore the advantages of a single authority doing it is (a) economy of expenditure on

assessment and collection and (b) bringing the assessees within the level of assessment. This is also the existing practice under Emergency regulations. Now that the Emergency has been withdrawn these will automatically lapse after six months. So, a new legislation is necessary. Hence this resolution.

Shri Phani Bora : Sir, I have attentively listened to the explanation of the Finance Minister. From his explanation this resolution appears to be innocuous one, but there are certain other things to be an taken into consideration. There is reference to Articles 249, 250 and 252 of the Constitution and by this resolution we are going to concede certain things to the Centre, Before doing it, we must see whether the provincial autonomy is impaired in any way and whether we are not encouraging a unitary system by concentrating more and more power in the hands of the Centre, at a time when demand for extention of provincial autonomy is being raised from all corners. So, this matter requires deep thought and study. I, therefore, suggest that we postpone consideration of this resoltion till the next Session of the Assembly, so that we may study the subject and give our considered opinion.

Shri Kamakshya Prasad Tripathi : I have no objection to its postponement.

Report of Privilege Committee

Shri Sailen Medhi : —Sir, it is provided by Article 252 of the Constitution that "if it appears to the Legislatures of two or more States to be desirable that any of the matters with respect to which Parliament has no power to make laws for the States except as provided in Articles 249 and 250 should be regulated in such States by Parliament by law, and if resolutions to that effect are passed by all the Houses of the Legislatures of those States, it shall be lawful for Parliament to pass an Act for regulating that matter accordingly, etc." So, even if we do not pass this resolution and if two other States pass it, the Parliament can enact an Act on this score. In that case, the Parliament will be in a position to implement that law in our State also. So, I think our State legislature

should not pass this resolution at this state, because wek now that even then Parliament will be able to enact the law if two other State legislatures pass such a resolution. I would, therefore, request the Finance Minister not to pass this rasolution now.

Shri Giasuddin Ahmed –I support the contention of Mr. Bora and Mr. Medhi and think that the resolution should be kept pending.

Shri Kamakshya Prasad Thipathi :—I have already said that I have no objection.

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha—Sir, Items Nos. 24,25 and 26 may also be postponed for the next Session. Since we could not pass them before 31st March there will be no harm in postponing them.

Report of the Privilege, Committee – Complaint by Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya against the Assam Tribune

Item No 27

Shri Phani Bora—Sir, I beg to move that the report of the Privileges Committee on the matter relating to complaint of Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya, M.L.A., against the "Assam Tribune", placed in the House on 4th April, 1968, be adopted.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Motion moved.

The question is that the Report of the privileges Committee on the matter relating to the complaint of Shri Gaurisnkar Bhattacharyya, M.L.A., against the "Assam Tribune" placed in the House on 4th April 1968, be adopted.

(The motion was adopted)

Presentation of petition relating to Tribal Belts and Blocks of the Goalpara District

Rani Manjula Devi : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present a petition under Rule 113 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker : The petition is referred to the petitions Committee under Rule 114.

ADJOURNMENT

The House was then adjourned at 8.45 P.M. Sine-Die.

U. Tahbildar
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly

Dated, Shillong
The 6 April, 1968.