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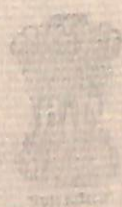
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Proceedings of The Sixth Session of the Assam
Legislative Assembly assembled after the
Fourth General Elections under the Sovereign
Democratic Republican Constitution
of India

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong,
at 10 a.m. on Thursday the 27th March 1969.

P R E S E N T

Shri Mohi Kanta Das, M. A., B. L., Speaker, in the
Chair, Nine Ministers, Four Ministers of State, Three Deputy
Ministers and Seventy three Members,

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Re : Land close to the Plains Tribal Hostel, Shillong

Shri Maneswar Boro asked :

306. Will the Minister, T.A.D. be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is a small plot of land close to the Plains Tribal Hostel, Shillong ?
- (b) If so, the reasons for not acquiring this plot of land for the purpose of construction of the Hostel Superintendent's quarter ?
- (c) When this plot of land will be acquired by the Government for the same purpose ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State, T.A. & W.B.C.) replied :

306. (a)—Yes.

(b) and (c)—Steps have already been taken under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 to acquire the plot of land for the Government Plains Tribal College Hostel Shillong.

Shri Maneswar Boro : চাৰ, মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ৰ ৩০৬ (b) আৰু (c) উত্তৰত কৈছে যে, মাটি acquire কৰাৰ step লোৱা হৈছে। কিন্তু মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব বিচাৰিছো যে ৩০৮ত তাৰিখে খাহিজয়ন্তীয়া পাহাৰৰ D.C ৰ পৰা এই মাটি সংক্ৰান্তত কিবা বিপৰ্ট পাইছেনে নাই ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, খাছি-জয়ন্তীয়া পাহাৰৰ D.C ৰে কি Report দিছিল সেইটো মোৰ হাতত নাই। কিন্তু Land acquire কৰিবলৈ যি ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগে সেই বিলাক কৰা হৈছে আৰু সেই অনুযায়ী Land holder অক Compensation দিবৰ ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা হৈছে।

Shri Moneswar Boro : এই কথাৰ মই প্ৰতিবাদ কৰিব বিচাৰোঁ। মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে আমাক mislead কৰিব বিচাৰিছে। প্ৰশ্নটোত সোধা হৈছিল—মাটি Acquire কৰা হৈছে নে নাই? খাছি জয়ন্তীয়া পাহাৰৰ D.C ৰে সেইটো Report দিছিল সেইটো মোৰ হাতত আছে আৰু এই Report টো T.A.D ৰ Under Secretary ক দিয়া হৈছিল। কিন্তু এতিয়া মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে সেই বিষয়ে নজনা বুলি কেনেকৈ কয়?

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : যিখন চিঠিৰ কথা উল্লেখ কৰিছে সেইখিন চিঠি মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে পাইছেনে নাই আৰু ২৩ আগষ্টত খাছি জয়ন্তীয়া পাহাৰৰ D.C ৰে Report দিছিল আৰু সেইমতে Land acquisition কৰা হৈছেনে নাই?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ Land acquisition কৰিবলৈ যি বিলাক proceedings কৰিব লাগে সেই বিলাক Revenue Dept দ্বাৰা কৰা হৈছে আৰু যি জন মাটিৰ মালিক তেওঁৰ objection দিয়া নাই। তেওঁৰ নামটো শ্ৰীমতী Lap Symteng আৰু যি জন মাটিৰ মালিকে objection দিলেও acquisition কৰাত কোনো বাধা নহ'ব।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে উত্তৰ দিয়া যে কিবা objection আছেনে নাই তেখেতে নাজানে। কিন্তু সা

গৰাকীয়ে কৈছে যে মাটিৰ owner নথকাৰ কাৰণে D.C য়ে clearance certificate দিছে আৰু D.C য়ে কোনো objection নথকাৰ পিছতো T.A.D মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কেনেকৈ এতিয়াও কৈছে যে তেখেতে এই বিষয়ে নাজানে। তেখেতে এইটো নেগুব লগাইহে মাত্ৰ উত্তৰ দিছে।

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মিনিষ্টাৰ পৰ্য্যায়ত এতিয়াও কোনো কাগজ পত্ৰ পোৱা নাই কিন্তু Current financial year ত Revenue Dept ত ২৮ হাজাৰ টকা compensation দি T.A.D Dept ক মাটিখিনি hand over কৰিব।

Shri Maneswar Boro : মই যিটো বিচাৰিছো সেইটো লাগে। মই চিঠিখন পঢ়ি দিছো তাত কোৱা আছে।

Quoted the letter No. TAD/REV/212 68/11 dt. 23.8.68. to the Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, P.W.D. (R&B) Wing Shillong. Acquisition of small plot of land at Laitumkhrach for the construction of plain tribal college hostel. I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. L. 14/5/(73)63/pt/47, dated 3.8.68 along with its enclosures in original from the D.C. K & J Hills Shillong and to say that this Deptt. have no objection to the proposed acquisition of land for the purpose in question....

Mr, Speaker : Already he has taken up the case.

Re : Visit of the Chief Minister to Plains Tribal Hostel, Shillong

Shri Maneswar Boro asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Assam has visited the Pl-ins Tribal Hostel, Shillong on the 14th February, 1968 ?
- (b) Whether it is also a fact that some grievances of the boarders were also placed before the Chief Minister ?
- (c) If so, what are their grievances ?
- (d) What steps Government has so far taken to redress their grievances ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State, T.A. and W.B.C.) replied ;

306-A. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The grievances of the boarders are :—

- (1) The present dining room is not commodious and suitable. The dining room needs rebuilding.
- (2) There is no common room.
- (3) There is no quarter for the Superintendent.
- (4) The fencing on the front side is under construction but there is no provision for fencing on the back side.

(5) There is no facility for indoor and outdoor games.

(d)—The following steps have been taken to redress the grievances :—

Administrative approval has been accorded and P.W.D. have taken up the following works in hand :

- (1) Common-room, Dining Hall and Additional accommodation to Boarders including water supply and electrification.
- (2) Kitchen and accommodation for Menials.

Land acquisition proceedings have been started to acquire a plot of land adjacent to the Hostel where a quarter will be built for the Superintendent in due course.

Shri Maneswar Boro : এটা প্রশ্নই হৈছে আৰু এটা আছেই। কিমান টকাৰ Estimate কৰিছে সেইটো জনাব লাগে, আৰু Hostel ৰ কাৰণে কিমান টকা খৰছ কৰা হ'ব সেই কথা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : Consolidated plan মতে ১ লাখ ১৭ হাজাৰ টকা। Current Financial year ত আমাৰ ৮০ হাজাৰ টকাৰ approval হৈছে সেই টকাৰে আমি common room dining-hall, water supply, electrification ইত্যাদি কাম চলাই আছো।

Shri Maneswar Boro : Building Construction ৰ কাম শেষ হ'বলৈ কিমান দিন লাগিব আৰু এই কাম Phase-wise কৰিবলৈ বিছাৰেনেকি।

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : ৮০ হাজাৰ টকাৰ ভিতৰত যিমান খিনি কাম হ'ব পাৰে সিমান খিনি কৰা হ'ব।

Re : Sanction for an over Bridge on Dhoda, Ali

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

*307. Will the Minister, P.W.D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Sita Sadhani Sobha of

Simaluguri (Sibsagar) made several representations to the Chief Minister to sanction an over bridge on Dhodar Ali at the crossing point of both the main line and the Simaluguri Moranhat lines ?

(b) If so, what steps Government propose to take ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer, N.F. Railway, submitted a proposal to construct such a bridge if the approaches are constructed by the State Government ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to take it up with the Railway authority ?

Shri Altarf Hossain Mazumder (Minister of State, P.W.D (R. & B.)] replied :

307. (a)—One such representation was recently received in this Department from the Secretary, Simaluguri Hita Sadhani Sabha on 18th February, 1969, i.e. after this question was admitted.

(b)—There is no chance of taking up this scheme during the 4th 5-Year Plan owing to limitation of funds.

(c)—No such proposal has been received from the Chief Engineer, N.F. Railways till now.

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

Shri Durgeswar Saikia : এই Over Bridge খন কৰা সম্পৰ্কত মানিগাওৰ N. E. F. ৰেলৰ chief Engineer এ এই কথা কোৱা

সচা নেকি যে যদি State Government এ Approach Road
টোৰ কাম কৰি দিয়ে এই দলংখনৰ কাম হব।

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, so far as the construction of overbridges on the railway tracks is concerned, that is the principle. The State Government has to construct the approach road and the bridge over the railway tract is done by the Railway. In this case, it appears that a letter which was written to the Chief Engineer, N. F. Railway by the Secretary, Simaluguri Hita Sadhani Sobha, the same reply has been given that if the State Government makes the approaches, the portion over the track would be done by the Railway. That is the agreed principle.

A Voice :— What is the proportion ?

Shri Durgeswar Saikia : ৪র্থ পৰিকল্পনাত এই কামৰ কাৰণে চাবভে
কৰি কিমান টকা লাগিব কৰা হৈছেনে ? আৰু যদি নাই কৰা, তেন্তে
Plan & estimate কৰিবনে ? সেইটো হিচাব কৰি কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰকো
অৰ্থ সাহায্য খুজিবনে ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : As I have said, so far as this State is concerned, there are a good number of places where overbridges are necessary. We are proceeding according to the intensity of the traffic. From that point of view, we do not find any chance of this scheme being taken up.

Re : Representation for construction of Chakalaghat Road

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma asked :

*308. Will the Minister of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Public of Northern side of Missamora, Dergaon and Rongamati Mouza mostly Plain tribals Miri and Scheduled casts people submitted representation for construction of Chakalaghat road from Chakalaghat of Galabil upto Sumonigaon from the Tribal grant ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Minister, P. W. D. visited Chakalaghat with the questioner to see the importance of the road ?

(c) Whether the road was already given priority ?

(d) Whether the department propose to expedite construction of the road in this financial year ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar [(Minister of Stat., P.W.D (R. & B.)] replied :

308. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes:

(c) & (d)—The road was given the 4th priority by the Plains Tribal Advisory Council. But it is reported that on the 13th March, 1969, the hon.member has himself cancelled the road in question from the list,

Hence the question of taking up the road does not arise.

Shri Narandra Nath Sarma : এই বাস্‌টাটো অমম সমবায় চেনি—
কললৈ কুহিয়াৰ অনাৰ কাৰণে একমাত্ৰ বাস্‌টা। এইকথা অসম
সমবায় চেনিকলৰ কতৃশক্ষয় চৰকাৰক জনাইছিল। গতিকে এই
বাস্‌টাটো শিল্পৰ ক্ষেত্ৰৰ টকাৰ পৰা লোৱাৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে কিবা ব্যৱস্থা
কৰিবনে ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mozumdar : Sir, at the moment I
have no representation in my hand. There may be
some representations from other places also. So far
as this road is concerned, the position is what I have
just now stated.

**Re : Raising the Rate of Cycle Allowance for
Section Assistants**

Shri Durgeshwar Saikia asked :

*309 Will the Minister P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the rate of Cycle allowance admissible
to the Section Assistants has been raised by the Government
and if so, since when ?

(b) Whether the P. W. D. was advised by the Accountant General, to
pay the same to them ?

(c) Whether the local authorities were directed to allow the increased
rate of allowance ?

(d) If so, whether the Section Assistants were paid accordingly ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury [Minister, P. W. D. (F. C. & I.)]
replied :

309. (a) —Yes, with effect from 1st September 1967 (vide Government orders, dated 1st May 1968).

(b)—No, Accountant General's authority is not necessary.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, but a few Divisions have not paid due to non-receipt of Government orders presumably lost in transit.

Shri Durgeshwar Saikia : কিমান ডিভিজনত এই Enhance rate দিয়া হোৱা নাই ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই সম্পৰ্কত মোৰ হাতত বহুতো টেলিগ্রাম আছে আৰু সেইবিলাকত Executive Engineer এ বকুলিয়া Division ৰ বাহিৰে সকলোতে দিয়া হৈছে বুলি কৈছে ।

Shri Durgeshwar Saikia : কি rate দিয়া হৈছে ৫ টকাটোনে ৭৫ টকাটো ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : নতুন Enhance rate তাৰমানে ৭৫০ পইচা ।

Re : Confirmation of Posts of Section Assistants

Shri Durgeshwar Saikia asked :

*310 Will the Minister, P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the E. & D. Department has confirmed some posts of Section Assistant in 1968 ?

(b) If so, the number ?

(c) Whether the number of posts confirmed was communicated to the Superintending Engineers & Executive Engineers ?

(d) What is the basis of selection for confirmation ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury [Minister, P. W. D. (F. C. & I.)
replied :

310. (a)—Yes, with effect from 1st February 1968.

(b)—Two hundred posts.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Seniority-cum-efficiency.

Shri Durgeswar Saikia : কিমান দিনৰ আগতে Executive engineer সকললৈ Communicate কৰা হৈছিল ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : যেতিয়া মই order টো দিয়া হৈছিল তেতিয়াই Communicate কৰা হৈছে।

Shri Durgewar Saikia : ঘিলামৰা দিভিজিয়নৰ Executive Engineer লৈ এই order বিলাক Communicate কৰা হোৱা নাই মিনিষ্টাৰে কৈছে যেতিয়াই order হৈছে তেতিয়াই পঠাইছে। কিন্তু ৯ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী লৈকে পঠোৱা হোৱা নাই। মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে জনাবনে কোন তাৰিখে এই order টো পঠোৱা হৈছিল।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : সেই তাৰিখটো মোৰ হাতত নাই। চাই চিতি পিচত দিব পৰা হ'ব।

Shri Mohidhar Pagu : Section Assitant মানে কি ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : আগৰ ৰোড, মহাবাৰ।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : এই যে confirmation বিলাক কৰা হৈছে District wise কৰা হৈছেনেকি? আৰু তাৰ খৰৰ Executive Engineer লৈ দিয়া হোৱা নাই কিয়?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই বিলাক District Establishment ৰ post মই ভাবো এই বিলাক District wise কৰা হৈছে।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : এই কথা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জানেনেকি যে ২০/২২ বছৰ এই মহাবাৰ বিলাকক confirm কৰা হোৱা নাই। চৰকাৰে এই মানুহ বিলাকৰ নাৰ্য্য প্ৰাপ্যৰ পৰা কিয় বঞ্চিত কৰিছে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই বিলাক আগৰ work Charge ৰ মানুহ আছিল। গতিকে আগৰ সেই নীতি পৰিবৰ্ত্তন কৰি ২০০ মানুহক confirm কৰা হৈছে!

Industrial Tour for some Youngmen of Assam in June, 1968

Rani Manjula Devi asked :

*311. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government arranged an Industrial Tour for some youngmen of Assam sometime in June, 1968?

(b) Whether there was a proposal for sending 12 youngmen from Goalpara District for another Industrial Tour as no man from Goalpara was included in the last June tour?

(c) If the reply to the above be in the affirmative, what steps were taken by the Government to implement the proposal so far ?

(d) If not, why not ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Industries) replied :

311. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—It has been arranged with the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, New Delhi to undertake the tour in places like Delhi, Punjab, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore, Ferozabad and Ludhiana. They are expected to leave soon.

(d)—Does not arise.

Shrimoti Rani Manjula Devi : When these youngmen will return from their industrial tour, will Government provide them facilities for starting small-scale industries ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : All the facilities will be given.

Shri Biswanath Upadhyaya : How many of these youngmen have started industries and what types of industries have been started by them ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : They are going soon, and this question will arise only after they come back.

Shri Mohidhar Pegu : এই মানুহবিলাক 'টেকনিকেল পাৰচনেল' নে 'লে মেন' ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : এইবিলাক টেকনিকেল পাৰচনেল নহয়। যি যাব খুজিছিল তেওঁলোককে পঠোৱা হৈছে।

Shri Pitsing Konwar : যিসকল যুবকক Industrial Tour ত পঠোৱা হৈছিল তেওঁলোকৰ নাম আমাক দিব পাৰেনে।

Shri Biswadev Sarma : এই মানুহবিলাকৰ নাম মোৰ হাতত নাই।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : May I know whether the scheme taken up by Government is a permanent scheme or a temporary one ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : There is no question of permanent or temporary. Our difficulty in Assam is that there are no entrepreneurs. We have, therefore, decided to send our youngmen on these tours with the expectation that they would set up small scale industries in various places as and when necessary.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : On what basis the names of these young man have been selected ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : That is on application.

Shri Hiralal Patwari : May I know from the Hon'ble Minister as to how many persens have been included from the Darrang District ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir, the break-up is not with me. They are mainly from Goalpara.

Shri Hiralal Patwari : Sir, in question (b) it has been asked about Goalpara. My question is whether anybody is included from Darrang ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I think there is none from Darrang.

Shri Hiralal Patwari : Whether the Minister will consider the persons from Darrang if their applications are sent ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Yes.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether there was any application from Plains Tribal Community or from Scheduled Caste Community ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I think they are ; but we do not select person on the basis of caste creed or community because it depends on the entrepreneurs' ability. As per the list there are Plains Tribal people also.

Mr. Speaker : Please place the list on the Library Table.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Yes, Sir, that will be done.

**Re : Das Commission award to the Primary M.E.
and M.V. School Teachers**

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

*312. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government have not yet paid the Das Commission award i.e. D.A. to the Primary, Middle English and Middle Vernacular School Teachers till this date inspite of their representations to the Government in various forms ?

(b) If so, why there is so much delay in implementing the award ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State for Education)

replied -

312. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise in view of reply to (a).

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, the Minister of State, Education in his reply to (a) has stated 'No'. May I know whether award has been given to the primary Teachers ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : Sir, the question was, whether it is a fact that the Government have not yet paid the Das Commission award. And my reply is, 'No'.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether the same benefit has been given to the Middle English School Teachers and Middle Vernacular School Teachers ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : Yes.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Sir, is it a fact that Government, in paying Das Commission's award, has created difference between Government employees and non-Government officials, i.e., Government has given Das Commission's award including other benefits to its employees but the primary Teachers have been deprived of those benefits which are given to the Government employees ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : Sir, in the Das Commission's Award, this ex-gratia of 6/- is not included and Government officials, particularly, the lowest two categories have been awarded this ex-gratia of Rs. 6/ and not to non-Government institutions or non-Government employees.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, whether same treatment has been meted out to the Junior and Senior Basic School Teachers in respect of giving this award ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : The Junior and Senior Basic Teachers who are under the State Board, have got the same facilities as were given to the Primary Teacher.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : What steps the Government have taken to give T.A. to the Office Assistants and IVth Grade employees of Secondary Schools which has been long-pending with the Government ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : Sir, T.A., with regard to the office Assistants, they are getting it but as regards the IVth Grade employees, it is under consideration.

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : ইয়াৰ আগৰ ছুটা pay Committee ত L.P স্কুলৰ শিক্ষক আৰু চৰকাৰী L.P স্কুলৰ শিক্ষকৰ ভিতৰত কিবা বৈষম্য বখা হৈছিলনে ? যদি বখা নাই তেনেহলে এইবাৰ কিয় বখা হ'ল ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : চৰকাৰী L.P স্কুলৰ শিক্ষক সকল হৈছে চৰকাৰী বিষয়া আৰু বাকীবোৰ নহয় ।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : ইয়াৰ আগতে যি বিলাক pay Committee চূপাৰিচ হ'ল তাত কিবা বৈষম্য বখা হৈছিল জানো ? যদি নাই হোৱা তেনেহলে 'দাসকমিচন' বা Ex-gratia ৰ বেলিকা কিয় বৈষম্য বখা হ'ল ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : মই আগৰ উত্তৰতেই কৈছো যে চৰকাৰী বিষয়াৰ কাৰণে 'দাসকমিচন'ৰ লগতে Ex-gratia ত আছে কিন্তু বেচৰকাৰীৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত Ex-gratia নাই ।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : ইয়াৰ আগৰ ছুটা pay Committee

ত L.P স্কুলৰ শিক্ষক আৰু চৰকাৰী L.P স্কুলৰ শিক্ষকৰ ভিতৰত কিবা বৈষম্য বখা হৈছিলনে ? যদি বখা নাই তেনেহলে এইবাৰ কিয় বখা হ'ল ?

Shri Syed Ahamed Ali : চৰকাৰী L.P স্কুলৰ শিক্ষকসকল হৈছে চৰকাৰী বিষয়া আৰু বাকীবোৰ নহয়।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : ইয়াৰ আগতে যি বিলাক Pay Committee চুপাৰিচ হ'ল তাত কিবা বৈষম্য বখা হৈছিল জানো ? যদি নাই হোৱা তেনেহলে 'দাস কমিচন' বা Ex-gratia ৰ বেলিকা কিয় বৈষম্য বখা হ'ল ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : মই আগৰ উত্তৰতেই কৈছো যে চৰকাৰী বিষয়াৰ কাৰণে 'দাস কমিচন'ৰ লগতে Ex-gratia ও আছে কিন্তু বেচৰকাৰীৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত Ex-gratia নাই।

Shri M.A. Musawwir Choudhury : May I know from the hon. Minister whether the benefits of the Das Commission award is given to the Teachers of the Senior Madrasa, Titled Madrasa and the Sanskrit Tools?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : Sir, these fall under the category of special institutions and so, we have not yet extended these benefits to the employees of these institutions.

Shri M.A. Musawwir Choudhury : Why the special institutions are not included for the benefits of the Das Commission's award ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : Because it is not included in the Das Commission's recommendation.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Is it a fact that the Government has removed the difference between Government and non-Government Teachers in 1961 and afterwards three times they have given the same benefits to the Primary Teachers also—first in 1961, second, in 1963, third, in 1964 and 4th in 1965 and in this case also the Hon'ble Minister has given assurance to the deputationists on 23rd February, 1967 when agreement had been made between the Government and the Teachers but now the Government has curtailed these benefits which had already been awarded ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : Sir, in this regard I have already given a long statement, the other day.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Is the Government aware that if the demands of the Teachers are not met then it will have a serious repercussion in the State and more particularly the President of the All Assam Primary Teachers' Association is going to fast until the demand is met ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : In this case, I believe the Hon'ble Member himself is the President of the Association.

Re - Number of science Degree College in each Subdivision

Shri Benoy Krishna Ghose asked :

*313. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Science Degree Colleges in each Sub-division of the State ?
- (b) Whether there is a Science Degree College in the Goalpara Subdivision ?
- (c) If not, whether Government propose to open one such College at Goalpara this year ?

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

313. (a)	Dhubri Subdivision	1
	Kokrajtar „	1
	Barpeta „	2
	Nalbari „	1
	Gauhati „	6
	Mangaldoi „	1
	Tezpur „	1
	North-Lakhimpur Sub-division	1
	Dibrugarh „	3
	Sibsagar „	1

Jorhat	,, ...	1
Golaghat	,,	1
Nowgong	,,	1
Shillong	,,	4
Silchar	,, ...	1
Karimganj	,,	1
Hailakandi	,, ...	1
Total		28

(b)—No:

(c)—Goalpara College started Science Section with effect from 1966 Session. This Section has been granted affiliation by the Gauhati University upto 1st year degree course from the Session 1968-69.

Re : Nomination of Members of Assam Co-operative Sugar Mill

শ্রীসোনেশ্বৰ বৰাই সুস্থিছে :

#৩১৪। মাননীয় সমবায় বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

- (ক) অসম সমবায় চেনিকলৰ পৰিচালনা সমিতিৰ সভ্য কেতিয়া মনোনীত কৰা হৈছিল ?
- (খ) উক্ত কমিটিৰ সভ্য মনোনয়ন সমবায় আইন আৰু চেনিকলৰ উপবিধি সাপেক্ষে কৰিছিল নে ?
- (গ) চেনিকলৰ উপবিধিৰ ১৯ (১) (ক) মতে যি সাত জন খেতিয়ক সভ্য বচা হ'ল তেখেতসকল প্রকৃত খেতিয়ক নে ?

- (ঘ) পৰিচালনা সমিতিৰ সভ্যসকলৰ কোনজনে কিমান পৰিমাণৰ কুহিয়াৰ বৰ্ত্তমানলৈকে চেনিকলত যোগান ধৰিছে ?
- (ঙ) উপবিধিৰ ১৯ (১) (ঙ) মতে যি ৬ জন সভ্যক সমবায় সমিতিসমূহৰ পৰা মনোনীত কৰা হৈছে, তেখেতসকল সংশ্লিষ্ট সমিতিৰ দ্বাৰা নিৰ্ব্বাচিত নে ?
- (চ) সংশ্লিষ্ট সমিতিত উক্ত ৬ জন লোকে কিবা বিষয় বাবলৈ থকাৰ খবৰ চৰকাৰে জানে নে ?
- (ছ) উক্ত পৰিচালনা সমিতিৰ কিমানজনৰ কিমান টকা চেনিকলত খিলাপী আছে ?

সমবায় বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী, শ্ৰীলক্ষ্মী প্ৰসাদ গোস্বামীয়ে উত্তৰ দিছে :

৩১৭ (ক)—প্ৰথম বাৰৰ কাৰণে ১৯৫৫ চনত পৰিচালনা সমিতি গঠন কৰা হয়।

(খ)—হয়।

(গ)—হয়।

(ঘ)—যোৱা ২ বছৰে তলত লিখা সভ্যকেইজনেই মাত্ৰ চেনিকলত কুহিয়াৰ যোগান ধৰি আছে—

(১) শ্ৰীমলীন মহন্ত—১৭'১৯ কুইণ্টল (১৯৬৭-৬৮)।

(২) শ্ৰীমেঘৰাজ উপাধ্যায়—৬৯২'৪২ কুইণ্টল (১৯৬৭-৬৮)।

(৩) শ্ৰীঅভয় কলিতা—৩৭৯'১১ কুইণ্টল (১৯৬৬-৬৭)।

(ঙ)—হয়।

(চ)—হয়। তেখেতসকলে তলত লিখা মতেৰে বিষয় বাব বৰ্ত্তমানে লৈ আছে—

(১) শ্ৰীটংকেশ্বৰ বৰুৱা, মেনেজাৰ, মাজিকুচি গোঁহাইগাওঁ কৃষিপাম সমবায় সমিতি।

(২) শ্ৰীধৰ্মেশ্বৰ বৰুৱা, সভাপতি, জনমঙ্গল কৃষিপাম সমবায় সমিতি।

(৩) শ্ৰীডিম্বেশ্বৰ নেওগ, সভ্য, আদৰ্শ কৃষিপাম সমবায় সমিতি।

(৪) শ্ৰীগোপাল নাথ, সভাপতি, কৃষিপাম সমবায় সমিতি।

(৫) এজন শিৱসাগৰ কেন্দ্ৰীয় সমবায় বেঙ্কৰ মনোনীত সভ্য।

(৬) এজন অন্যান্য সমবায় সমিতিৰ মনোনীত সভ্য (এতিয়া খালি আছে)।

(ছ)—শ্রীৰবীন্দ্ৰনাথ শৰ্মাই ভ্ৰমণ-বানচৰ আগধনৰ বাবদ লোৱা মাত্ৰ

২১,৩৬৫.০৫ পইচা দিবলগীয়া হৈ আছে।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : তেতিয়াহলে, চাৰ, এইটো matter for Privilege motion.

ঘোৰাবছৰ এনেকুৱা প্ৰশ্নৰ প্ৰসঙ্গতে উত্তৰ দিছিল যে ভ্ৰমণ বানচ দিবলগীয়া নাই। আজি কেনেকৈ কব পাৰিলে যে এই সদস্যই টকা দিবলৈ আছে?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : Privilege Motion অনাৰ অধিকাৰ আছে। পিছে প্ৰশ্নটোত সুধিছে থকাৰ খিলাপী কোন আছে? আৰু ভ্ৰমণবানচৰ আগধন নিয়া পৰিশোধ কৰিবলৈ কোন বাকী আছে? এতিয়া চেনীকলে কৈছে ভ্ৰমণ বানচৰ আগধন পৰিশোধ কৰিবলৈ বাকী আছে। আৰু শ্রীশৰ্মাই কৈছে যে সেইটো বেছিকৈ ধৰা হৈছে। তেখেতে সেই বিষয়ে দৰ্খাস্তও দিছে আৰু যদি দিব লাগে তেওঁ নিশ্চয় দিব লাগিব।

Shri Du'al Chandra Barua : এই টকা কোন চনৰ পৰা বাকীপৰি আছে।

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : আজি ১১ বছৰ মান আগতে আমাৰ দৃষ্টিগোচৰ হৈছে।

Shri Dula! Chandra Barua : মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব বিচাৰো যে— Specific purpose ত দেখুৱাই টকা Advance বিচাৰিব পাৰে। সেইটো কোন চনত কিমান টকা আৰু কোনে নিছিল?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : চাৰ, চেনিকলৰ টকা পোনপটীয়া ভাৱে নাযায়। সদস্যসকলে যেনেকৈ ভ্ৰমণ বানচ আদি Advance নিয়ে ঠিক তেনেকৈ আৰু তেনেধৰণে চেনিকলৰ পৰাও নিয়ে। অৱশ্যে

Advance নিয়া টকাৰ পৰিমাণ অধিক হৈছে বুলি চেনিকলেও কৈছে আৰু এই কথাটো ১৯৬৭ চনতে আমাৰ হাতলৈ আহিছে। সেই সময়ত যি বছৰেকীয়া অধিবেশন বহিছিল তাত এই বিষয়ে গুণগোল হৈছিল। তাৰ কাৰণে Enquiry Committee কৰি দিয়া হৈছে। মাননীয় সদস্য-জনে চেনিকলৰ কৰ্তৃপক্ষক জনাইছিল যে যিখিনি নিয়া হৈছে, সেইখিনি ২১,৩৬৫.০৫ পইচা নহয়, তাতোকৈ কম হব।

Shri Hiralal Patwary : সদস্যজনৰ নাম কি ? তেও কোন Party ৰ মানুহ ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : ইয়াত Party ৰ কোনো কথা নাই। Boardৰ সদস্য হিচাবে কথা-বতৰা বিলাক কোৱা ভাল।

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sirkar : এইটো কথা সঁচা নে মাননীয় সদস্য-জনে টকাৰ হিচাবত বেমেজালিৰ কাৰণে দিব পৰা নাই।

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : সেইটো মই কৈছো। সদস্যজনৰ দেনা পাওনা আছে। সেইকাৰণে এই টকা পৰি আছে।

Shri Soneswar Bora : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, চেনিকলৰ General Manager এ এতিয়াও আগধন লৈ আছে নে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : এইটো মই সঠিক কব নোৱাৰো। গৱৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ তৰফৰ পৰা সেই টকা আদায় কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে। যিহেতু তেওঁলোক চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰী। এই সম্বন্ধে সঠিক তথ্যপাত দিব নোৱাৰি।

Shri Hiralal Patwary : এই টকাটো কোনে মঞ্জুৰ কৰে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : Board এ মঞ্জুৰ কৰে। Board ৰ হিগবৰ কিছু কথা আছে। যেনে সময়ে সময়ে তেওঁলোকৰ ভ্ৰমণ বাৰ্চৰ

নিৰীখৰ সাল সলনি হয়। আৰু সেই সম্পৰ্কে শ্ৰীধৰ্ম্মানন্দ দাসৰ সভাপতিত্বত এই কথা বিলাক পৰীক্ষা কৰিবলৈ এটা অনুসন্ধান কমিটি কৰা হৈছে আৰু সেই কমিটিয়ে অনুসন্ধান কৰি আছে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : ধৰ্ম্মানন্দ দাসৰ সভাপতিত্বত গঠন কৰা এই অনুসন্ধান কমিটি কেতিয়া পতা হৈছে আৰু কি কি অনুসন্ধান কৰিবলৈ দিয়া হৈছে আৰু কি পালে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : এইখিনি মই এতিয়া দিব নোৱাৰিম। নিশ্চয় পিচত দিব পৰা হ'ব। মুঠতে এতিয়াও সেই কমিটিত অনুসন্ধান চলি আছে, শেষ হোৱা নাই।

Shri Hiralal Patwari : এই বিধান সভাৰ পাঁচবছৰ কালৰ ভিতৰতে এই অনুসন্ধান শেষ হবনে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : পাঁচ বছৰৰ ছুবছৰ গলেই ! তাৰ আগতেই দিব লাগিব।

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma : এই প্ৰশ্নটো সম্পৰ্কে মোৰ ছুধাব কব লগা আছে। এইটো ভুল ভাৱে লোৱা হৈছে। যিহেতুকে মই সভাপতি আছিলো আৰু অসমৰ ভিতৰে বাহিৰে চেনি কলৰ বিষয়ে নানা কথা অধ্যয়ন কৰিবলৈ গৈছিলো। তাৰ বাবে কেতিয়াবা কেতিয়াবা দুই এশ টকা Advance লৈ আহো। সেই হিচাবে এই টকা বিলাক adjust হোৱা নাছিল। মই সেই সম্পৰ্কে লিখি দিছো। অৱশ্যে কোন তাৰিখে সেই টিঠি দিছো মোৰ মনত নাই। যদি দৰকাৰ হয় মই দিম। যোৱা বাৰ মোৰ বেমাৰ হোৱা সময়তে মই জনাইছো যে আপোনালোকে মোক মোৰ হিচাব খিনি পৰিস্কাৰ কৰি দিয়ক আৰু মই কিমান টকা দিলে হিচাবটো পৰিস্কাৰ হ'ব, সেই কথা জনালে মই সেই টকা দি দিম। মই এই খিনিও লিখি দিছিলো যে মোৰ দেনাৰ পৰিমাণ জনালে মে মাহৰ ভিতৰতে মোৰ দিবলগীয়া টকা খিনি দি দিম।

Re : Upgrading of the Dhemaji Administrative
Unit into a Civil Subdivision

Shri Romesh Mohan Kouli asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government propose to imiplement the proposal of upgrading the present Dhemaji Administrative Unit' to a Civil Subdivision ?
- (b) If so, when and if not, why ?
- (c) Whether the Government is aware of the acute difficulties faced by the public as well as by Government officials of Dhemaji area for want of a Sub-Treasury Office, a State Bank and a Sub-Jail there ?
- (d) If so, when do the Government propose to establish these offices ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

315. (a)—The proposal is under active consideration of Government.
- (b)—At present, steps are being taken to strengthen the Dhemaji Administrative Unit.
- (c)—Yes.
- (d)—As early as possible.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kouli : As the question of establishing a Civil Sub Division at Dhemaji is a long pending one

may I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether this Administrative Unit will be upgraded into a Civil Sub-Division by the next year-1970 ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : The target date cannot be announced at the moment. It is under the active consideration of the Government desire that a separate Sub-Division in the name of Subansiri sub-Division should be created in the Dhemaji area.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kouli : ধেমাজী মহকুমাৰ সোণাৰী অঞ্চলটো সংলগ্ন কৰি ৰখাৰ কাৰণে তাৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ বহুতো অসুবিধা হৈছে। সেই কাৰণে ইয়াক অতি সোনকালে পূৰ্ণ পৰ্যায়লৈ নহলে নিম্ন পৰ্যায়ৰ মহকুমালৈ ৰূপান্তৰিত কৰা আৱশ্যক বুলি চৰকাৰে নাভাৰে নে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এইটো কথা বিবেচনা কৰি থকা হৈছে। সোৱণশিৰীত মহকুমা খুলিবলৈ সিদ্ধান্ত লোৱা হৈছে। সেইটোত ৰাইজৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা কিছুমান আপত্তি বিপত্তি উঠাৰ কাৰণে এতিয়াও হোৱা নাই। ধেমাজী Administrative Unit টোক শক্তিশালী কৰিবলৈ সকলো প্ৰকাৰৰ ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে।

Shri Duala Chandra Barua : ধেমাজী Unit টো পূৰ্ণ পৰ্যায়লৈ ননা কাৰণে কিছুমান কামৰ এনেকি Triplicacy হৈছে। তাৰ লগতে মই জানিব পাৰিছো যে এইটোৰ আলমলৈ আমাৰ ধেমাজীক ডিব্ৰুগড় মহকুমাৰ লগত সংলগ্ন কৰিবলৈ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে। অতি সোনকালে সেই Unit Subdivision লৈ ননালৈকে বৰ্তমান ঘিলামৰা বৰদলনী আদি মৌজা ডিব্ৰুগড় মহকুমাৰ লগত সংলগ্ন কৰি ৰখাত ৰাইজৰ যে কামৰ নানা অসুবিধা হৈছে সেইটো চৰকাৰে জানে নে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই বিষয়ে এটা সিদ্ধান্ত লোৱা হৈছিল। কিন্তু এতিয়া বাইজৰ তৰফৰ পৰা কিছুমান স্বাৰক পত্ৰ আহিছে। সেই স্বাৰক পত্ৰ বিলাক পৰীক্ষা কৰি সেই বিষয়ে সিদ্ধান্তত উপনীত হোৱাত অলপ দেৰি হৈছে। আৰু অতি সোনকালে সেই বিষয়ে সিদ্ধান্তত উপনীত হব পৰা হব।

Shri Romesh Mohan Kouli : এই Unit টোক পূৰ্ণ মহকুমা পৰ্য্যায়ত ৰূপান্তৰিত নকৰাৰ কাৰণে ঘিলামৰা, বৰদলনী, ঢকুৱাখানা আৰু মাছখোৱা এই ৪খন মৌজাৰ মানুহে কাম কাজৰ কাৰণে ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ অফিচ বিলাকত হাজিৰ হোৱাত অসুবিধা হয়। এই অসুবিধা দূৰীকৰণৰ কাৰণে এজন চিৰস্থায়ী Judicial magistrate ক দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : সেই বিলাক ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে।

Sir, the following steps have been taken to strengthen the Administrative Unit :

(1) A judicial lock-up is to be constructed at Dhemaji for under terial prisoners. The Home Department is taking necessary steps in consultation with the I.G., Prisons.

(2) The State Bank of India authorities have been requested for opening up their branch at Dhemaji and they are making assessments and they will inform us when a final decision is taken.

(3) Steps for construction of hutments and Circuit House are also being taken.

(4) The Hon'ble High Court have been requested to post a whole-time Magistrate at Dhemaji. The A.P.O., Jonai, has already been designated as E.A.C., Jonai, to fall in line with the general administration of the State.

(5) The Revenue Department have vested necessary revenue powers to Special Officer and E.A.C. at Dhemaji for quick disposal of revenue matters relating to revenue administration of the area.

(6) The P.W.D. authorities have been requested to improve the road conditions in the area especially between Kulaganj to Sonarighat and from Silapathar to Ramdhan.

(7) The Postal authorities have been requested for the improvement of Postal and tele-communication system in the area.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : চাৰ, এইটো শুনি ভাল পাইছো যিহেতু পিচ পৰা অঞ্চলত চৰকাৰে সকলো খৰণৰ সুবিধা আগবঢ়াব বিচাৰিছে মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয় নিশ্চয় জ্ঞাত যে সেই অঞ্চল বহুতো ক্ষেত্ৰত গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ অঞ্চল। সেই বিলাকত সুযোগ সুবিধা চৰকাৰে অতি সোনকালে দিব বুলি আশা কৰিব পাৰোনে আৰু পূৰ্ণাঙ্গ মহকুমা হবনে?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : চাৰ, এইটো এটা পূৰ্ণাঙ্গৰ পৰ্য্যায়ৰ মহকুমা কৰাৰ চেষ্টা বিবেচনাধীন।

Shri Hiralal Patwary : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, শিক্ষাৰ যি ৮টা বিভাগৰ

কথা লৈ আজি ৪ বছৰে সমালোচনা চলি আছে তাৰ সোনকালে কিবা এটা ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : এইটো বিবেচনা কৰি চোৱা হব।

Shri Govinda Chandra Bora : ঢকুৱাখানা, বৰদলনী ঘিলামৰা আৰু মাছখোৱা এই ৪ টা মৌজা ডিব্ৰুগড় মহকুমাৰ লগত লগ লগোৱাৰ কথা লৈ বাইজৰ আপত্তি দৰ্শোৱা স্বত্বেও কোনো ব্যৱস্থা কৰা নাই নেকি ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : এইটো বিবেচনা হৈ আছে।

Re : Sponsoring of Co-operative Joint Farming Societies

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma : asked :

*316. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that for the purpose of growing more food and to give employment to the cultivators and unemployed youth, the Government are sponsoring some Co-operative Joint Farmings Societies and Pilot Farmings in Assam as per Central Government advice and assistance ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that some unscrupulous persons have received the authorised amount of Rs. 11,000 by forming of Co-operatives though in fact they have done nothing ?

- (c) If so, what step Government propose to take to stop such mal-practice ?
- (d) Who is in-charge of Farming Societies in Co-operative Department and whether Government convened the meeting of the Advisory Board of Farming in 1967 and 1968 ?

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

316. (a) —Yes.

- (b)—No such information has come to the notice of the Department as yet.
- (c) Whenever such instances come to the notice of Government the Department will take necessary action against the persons at fault.
- (d)—One Joint Registrar is placed in charge of the Farming Co-operatives. Government convened the meeting of the Advisory Board on Farming in 1967,

Shri Narendra Nath Sharma : এনেকুৱা কৃষি পাম বৰ্ত্তমান কিমান আছে আৰু সেই বিলাক কেনে ধৰণৰ ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : কৃষি পামৰ সংখ্যা বহুত বেছি হৈছে। বৰ্ত্তমান ৩৮৯ খন তাৰে ৩৭৩ খন plains districts ৰ ১৬ খন Hills districts ৰ। কোন খন কোন ধৰণে চলিছে তাৰ এটা মোটামোটি হিচাপ দিয়া হ'ল। Out of 393 in the plains districts 188 societies pilot and non-pilot have been assisted under

the Farming scheme up to 1967-68. Thus it will appear that 192 societies are yet to get this benefit. Out of 192 societies 60 are not functioning and the remaining are in dormant condition for want of adequate financial and technical guidance.

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : যি কেইখন Society ক ১১ হাজাৰ টকাকৈ দিয়া হৈছে সেই কেইখনৰ ভিতৰত ১০ খন মানৰ বৰ্ত্তমান কি অৱস্থাত আছে তাৰ এটা বিৰ্পোট আনি আমাৰ সদন চলি থকাৰ ভিতৰতে মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে সদস্যসকলক অবগত কৰিব নে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : যিমানখিনি সম্ভৱ হয় দিম।

Shri Phani Bora : ১১ হেজাৰ টকা পোৱা Farming নগাওঁ জিলাত কিমান খন আছে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Gorswami : এতিয়া সঠিক কব নোৱাৰো।

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury : এই Farming বিলাকক Technical guidance দিয়াৰ কিবা ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে নে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Gorswami : Technical guidance আচলতে আমাৰ Assistant Registrar বিলাকে সেই Societies বিলাক কেনে ধৰণে চলিব পাৰে তাৰ সম্বন্ধে দিহা-পৰামৰ্শ দিব লাগে।

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : নগাওঁ জিলাৰ কিছুমান মাটি থকা মানুহে চৰকাৰী মাটি লৈ আকৌ সেই মাটিৰ দাম দেখুৱাই Joining farm ৰ মেম্বাৰ হয়, chairman হয়, এই বিলাকৰ খবৰ চৰকাৰে ৰাখিছেনে নাই ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Gorswami : এই বিলাকৰ খবৰ মই দিব নোৱাৰোঁ ।

যিহেতু Registrar ক তাৰ কাৰণে খবৰ ৰাখিবলৈ দিয়া হৈছে আৰু তেনেকুৱা কোনো অভিযোগ পালে Registration cancel কৰা হ'ব । যি বিলাক cancel কৰা নাই তাৰ কিছুমানক ১১ হাজাৰ টকাকৈ দিয়া হৈছে ।

Shri Hiralal Patwary : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় মই মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব খোজোঁ যে যি বিলাক society ক ১১ হেজাৰকৈ টকা দিয়া হৈছে তেওঁ বিলাকে তাৰে নিজৰ ঘৰ বনাইছে নে অন্য কিবা কৰিছে তাৰ কিবা খবৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে ৰাখিছেনে ?

(No Reply)

Shri Shamsul Huda : মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে নগাওঁ জিলাৰ ১১ হাজাৰকৈ টকা পোৱা Farming Co-operative কেইখন আছে তাৰে ২/৪ খনৰ নাম কবনে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : মই গোটেই অসমৰ লিষ্টখন দিম । তাৰ ভিতৰত নগাওঁৰ কেইখনো পৰিব ।

Shri Akram Hossain : গাওঁ বিলাকত মাটি থকা মানুহে চৰকাৰী মাটি লৈ উভয় নামতে Farm কৰিছে সেই কথা মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই অনুসন্ধান কৰি সদনত জনাবনে ?

Shri Lakshmi Parsad Goswami : নিৰ্দিষ্টকৈ ক'ব নোৱাৰিলে মই উত্তৰ দিব নোৱাৰোঁ কাৰণ বৰ্ত্তমান সঠিক উত্তৰ দিয়াটো কঠিন ।

Shri : Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : নগাওঁ জিলাত লৰা ছোৱালীৰ নামত

মাটি লৈ সেই মাটি দান দেখুৱাই Specific case দিছে তাৰ কোনো Action লব নোৱাৰে নেকি ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : L.S.A. Board ৰ মেম্বাৰ সকলে মাটি পট্টন দিওঁতে কি আছে কি নাই চাই দিব। যদি কিবা তেনেকুৱা বেনামী মাটি কৰবাত আছে মই নাজানো কাৰণ কোনো সঠিক খবৰ নোপোৱাকৈয়ে সেই লিষ্টখনৰ ভুল বুলি ধৰি লব নোৱাৰো।

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : নগাঁও জিলাৰ কপিলীপাৰ Join Framing ৰ Chairman আৰু মেম্বাৰৰ নামত কিমান বেনামী মাটি আছে চৰকাৰে জানিব পাৰিছেনে নাই ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : এই বিলাক অনুসন্ধান কৰি সঠিক উত্তৰ দিব পৰা হ'ব।

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma : চৰকাৰৰ এনেকুৱা পৰিকল্পনা আছেনেকি যে, নিবহুৱা শিক্ষিত ডেকাক কৃষি পাম কৰিবৰ কাৰণে কিবা ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব বা যি বিলাক শিক্ষিত লৰাই কৃষিপামত লাগিছে তেওঁলোকক যান্ত্ৰিক সা-সজুলি দিয়া হৈছে ? আৰু কিমান লৰাই এনে কামত লাগি আছে ?

Seri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : কিমান শিক্ষিত লৰাই কৃষি পামৰ কাম কৰিছে ক'ব নোৱাৰো। কিন্তু আনটোৰ প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰত ইয়াকে ক'ব পাৰো যে তেনেকুৱা কোনো আঁচনি এতিয়ালৈকে চৰকাৰে লোৱা নাই।

Re : Audit Branch under the Examiner of Local Accounts, Assam

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

*317. Will the Minister-in-charge of Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is an Audit Branch under the supervision of the Examiner of Local Accounts, Assam, Gauhati to examine the expenditure and accounts of various Departments?
- (b) If so, whether Government has been receiving the audit reports of the local auditors timely?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that though some Departments were audited long before, the audit reports did not receive any attention of the Government for which no timely action could be taken in this regard?
- (d) If so, what are the reasons for such delay?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) replied :

317. (a)—The entire Organisation under the Examiner of Local Accounts is meant for audit of accounts relating to Municipal Boards, Town Committees, other Local Bodies, Institutions receiving grants-in-aid from the Government and such other funds and Government Departments as may be allotted for audit by the Organisation of the Examiner of Local Accounts.

(b) and (c)—The procedure is that the Audit Reports by the Local Auditors are submitted to the office of the Examiner of Local Accounts where they are scrutinised either by the Deputy Examiner of Local Accounts. or by the Examiner of Local Accounts

After their scrutiny and acceptance in most cases the Audit Reports are sent back to the audited Institutions or offices for correction of accounts, for furnishing explanation and for other actions as may be directed. When the Audit Report reveals anything serious a copy is simultaneously sent to the Government Department concerned. After the audited Institution make corrections, give explanations and carry out the other directions, copies of finished Audit Report are sent to the Institutions or Offices concerned with copies to the Government Department concerned. As over 6,000 Institutions and Offices are audited annually, on occasions there had been delay in scrutinising the accounts by the Examiner or the Deputy Examiner as the two persons are unable to cope with so many accounts. As such, on occasions there had been delay in follow-up action. But no such delay has led to inability of any Government Department to take action where necessary.

(d)—As explained above occasional delay is caused by the inadequacy of number of Officers who have to scrutinise the Audit Reports of the Local Auditors.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, the Hon'ble Minister has stated that after scrutiny by the Deputy Examiner of Local Accounts or the Examiner of Local Accounts, these reports have been sent back to the auditors and if they find that the reports are correct, they

are sent to the Government. May I know whether it is a fact that even when these perfect reports have been furnished by the Examiner of Local Accounts for taking necessary action from the Government side, but for years together they are lying here in the Finance Department without any action ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : As I have said there has been delay mainly because the number of people to scrutinize is very few and recently we have taken a decision to appoint 8 Examiners and the appointments have not been completed. Once it is done, then the number of people to scrutinize the reports would be adequate and then we will be able to finish scrutiny of the reports quickly.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Is Government aware of the fact that the group of people who are examining the accounts of the Panchayats of the Jorhat Subdivision and the group which is examining the accounts of the North Lakhimpur Subdivision have sent the reports in the year 1962 pointing out many cases of misappropriation in different Blocks including the Jorhat Anchalik Panchayat, the Naoboisa Anchalik Panchayat, Jorhat Western Anchalik Panchayat and the Dhemaji Anchalik Panchayat where huge sums of money are involved and these had been referred to the Government for proper scrutiny and

for taking necessary action, but no action has so far been taken ? Is Government also aware that by keeping these things for years together no effective action can be taken against those people who have misappropriated the Govt. money for which the local bodies are becoming ineffective to serve the people in a better way ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : I agree with the hon. Member that delay defeats justice, and particularly in the matter of misappropriation delay always hides the evidence. So, I agree with the hon. Member and I will look into the matter and take necessary action.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : মাননীয় মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব পাৰানে যে, এই Audit কৰিবলৈ যোৱা লোকসকলৰ মাজত ভয়ানক দুৰ্নীতি সোমাইছে ? এই কথাটো চৰকাৰে ভাবেনে আৰু যদি ভাবে, এনেধৰণৰ দুৰ্নীতি দূৰীকৰণৰ কাৰণে কি কৰিছে ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister Finance) : Audit ত দুৰ্নীতি সোমোৱা কথাটো ইমান দিনে শুনা নাছিলো । আজিহে শুনিবলৈ ।

Shri Hiralal Patwary : মই যদি চৰকাৰক audit ত দুৰ্নীতি সোমোৱাটো জনাও তেন্তে তাক দূৰ কৰিবলৈ কেনেধৰণৰ চৰকাৰী যন্ত্ৰ আছে আৰু চৰকাৰে কেনেধৰণৰ ব্যৱস্থা লব জনাব নে ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi : মাননীয় সদস্যই মোক জনালে মই বৰ উপকৃত হম । আৰু তাৰ ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা হব ।

Re : Nimati Kamalabari Riverghat on the Brahmaputra

শ্রীমহীধৰ পেগুৰে সুধিছে :

*৩১৮। মাননীয় পৰিবহন বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) নিমাতী কমলাবাৰী পাৰঘাটটো যে ওপৰ অসমৰ ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰৰ উত্তৰ আৰু দক্ষিণ পাৰৰ অন্যতম প্ৰধান জলসংযোগ পথ, এই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰ অৱগতনে ?

(খ) এই সম্পৰ্কে চৰকাৰ সজাগনে যে বৰ্তমান উক্ত ঘাটত যাত্ৰীবাহী মাৰনাও নাই, অথচ এখন মাত্ৰ গুটীয়া যাত্ৰীবাহী নাও চলাই থকাৰ ফলত উভয় পাৰৰ সামৰিক আৰু বে-সামৰিক যানবাহন পাৰাপাৰ কৰা সম্পূৰ্ণ বন্ধ আছে আৰু বেৱেল গুটীয়া নাও চলোৱাৰ বাবে সৰ্বসামৰণ যাত্ৰী, বিশেষ-
বত লৰা-তিৰোতাৰ পক্ষেও একৰকম দুৰ্গম হৈ পৰিছে ?

(গ) যদিহে ওপৰৰ (ক) আৰু (খ) প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰ ইতিবাচক হয়, তেন্তে উক্ত পাৰঘাটৰ আত্মকাল গুচাবলৈ পৰ্যাপ্ত পৰ্য্যায়ৰ কি ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে হাতত লবলৈ স্থিৰ কৰিছে ?

(ঘ) নিমাতী কমলাবাৰী পাৰঘাটত দুখন পূৰ্ণ পৰ্য্যায়ৰ ইঞ্জিনচালিত ইম্পাতৰ নাও দিয়াৰ আৱশ্যকতা চৰকাৰে অনুভৱ কৰেনে ?

(ঙ) এইয়া কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰাৰ আগতে মধ্যকালীন ব্যৱস্থা হিচাবে দুখন পূৰ্ণ পৰ্য্যায়ৰ মাৰনাও দিয়াৰ বন্দৱস্ত কৰিবনে ?

ৰাজ্যিক পৰিবহন বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী শ্ৰীপ্ৰবীন কুমাৰ চৌধুৰীয়ে উত্তৰ দিছে :

৩১৮ (ক)—হয়।

(খ)—উক্ত ঘাটত বৰ্তমান চৰকাৰৰ মাৰনাও আছে ; কিন্তু নদীৰ পানী বাম হোৱাৰ কাৰণে মাৰনাও চলাব পৰা নাই। ইয়াৰ ফলত সামৰিক

আৰু বেসামৰিক যানবাহন পাৰাপাৰ হোৱাটো বন্ধ আছে। যাত্ৰী পাৰাপাৰ হবৰ কাৰণে গুটীয়া নাৱৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে। গুটীয়া নাও সদায় যাত্ৰী পাৰাপাৰ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে আৰু যুৰীয়া নাও যানবাহন আৰু মালবস্তু পাৰাপাৰ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে ব্যবহৃত হয়। এনে স্থলত যাত্ৰী পাৰাপাৰ হোৱাত একো অসুবিধা হোৱা নাই।

(গ)—ফেৰী চলাচল কৰা পথটো উন্নত কৰাবৰ কঠিন আৰু ব্যয়বাহুল্য। প্ৰত্যেক বছৰেই এই পথ বাম হৈ ফেৰী চলাচল কৰাত অনেক অসুবিধা কৰে। এই বছৰ পথ জৰীপৰ কাম হাতত লোৱা হৈছে। অহা বছৰত বেদ্দেল (Bandalling) আদিৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰাৰ চিন্তা কৰা হৈছে।

(ঘ)—হয়, কৰে।

(ঙ)—যেতিয়াই যুৰীয়া নাৱৰ পথটো চলাচলৰ বাবে উপযুক্ত হব, তেতিয়াই মাৰনাও চলোৱা হব।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : On a point of order, Sir. Yesterday we have found that these ferry ghats are included in the P.W.D. budget and practically P.W.D. is the authority for the conduct of the ferry ghats and only now we find that these have been handed over to the Transport Department. How this subject can come under the Transport Department ?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : Six major ferries are under the Transport Department.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether budget is from the Transport Department ?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : Yes.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Yesterday, we have found in the budget that the ferries have been included in the budget of the P.W.D.

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : The P.W.D. have got some ferries—let me reply first.

Shri Mohidhar Pegu : মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে যে, যিহেতু তাত মাৰনাও নাই আৰু যি থিনি আছে সিও কেৱল Relief আদিৰ কাৰণেহে তাত বখা হৈছে; অথচ যাত্ৰীবাহী মাৰ নাও নাই। সেই কাৰণে তাত যাত্ৰীবাহী মাৰ-নাও দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : তাত মাৰ-নাও আছে। কিন্তু পানীৰ অসুবিধাৰ কাৰণেহে সেই খন চলাব পৰা নাই।

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

Re : Public representation against construction of a Cinema House at Police Bazar, Shillong

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya asked :

1. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have received representations from the public against the construction of the Cinema Building being built by M/s. Kanairam Bajrang Rai of Police Bazar, Shillong against the permission obtained by one Shri Sorjen Singh Khongphai alleging alteration of the steps contrary to the approved plans and raising a platform of the size of about 8'×12' opposite to the Government Country Liquor Shop nearby?

(b) Whether Government are aware of the existence of a spring water from which the people of the locality fetch their drinking water from a part of the said spring about 15' to 20' below the said Cinema Building ?

(c) Whether Government is aware of the fact that when rain water is collected like a pool in the upper part of the place where it has rocky foundation it sieves itself through the small crevices in the rocks and comes out in the lower level and in the said Cinema Hall a septic tank on the upper level of the said rocky foundation has been built thereby polluting the said drinking water of the spring ?

(d) Whether in view of the building being constructed beyond the approved plan, endangering public safety by raising platform and narrowing the road and polluting drinking water of the poorer sections of the people, Government propose to take appropriate measures against the wrong-doers and lawbreakers before granting any Cinema showing licence ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) replied :

1. (a)—Yes, recently a representation, dated 22nd January, 1969, from Shri S. Wallang and others was received by the Deputy Commissioner, U. K. & J. Hills. It is learnt from the Chairman, Shillong Municipal Board that the steepness of the Police Bazar steps was also

objected to by some of the citizens who wanted alteration of the same in the interest of public convenience and safety. The Shillong Municipal Board after obtaining expert opinion executed alteration of the steps.

The building has been constructed as per approved plan with some minor essential modification inside.

- (b)—There is a natural spring by the side of the rivulet from where people collect water and also wash clothings. The spring is about 150 ft. away from the Municipal drain in which the septic tank pipe opens. This Municipal drain being a pucca one, there is no question of pollution of spring water by the septic tank of the newly constructed cinema hall. The septic tank has been constructed in accordance with the plan sanctioned by the Shillong Municipal Board and according to the latter's satisfaction.
- (c)—There is actually a rocky foundation through which spring water percolates and this rocky foundation is also at a distance of about 150 ft. from the septic tank. There is no chance of pollution of percolating water by the septic tank.
- (d)—The building has been constructed according to the plan approved and there is no danger to public safety or pollution of drinking water.

In view of the facts stated above the question of taking appropriate measures against the party concerned does not arise.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Whether it is a fact or not that quite a large number of public institutions and individuals including, among others, the Secretary to the Bishop of Shillong, Secretary, Ramkrishna L. P. School, Secretary, Mawkhar Presbyterian church, Pastor, Mawkhar Church, Chairman, Church Committee, All Saints Church, Shillong, Head Master, Khasi Pnar Academy, Headmistress, K. & J. Presbyterian Girls' High School, St. Joseph Parish, Mawkhar, St. Joseph's High School, have submitted a representation to the Government against the Government's proposal of starting a Cinema Hall in front of a liquor shop much to the inconvenience of the pedestrians passing by that lane and nearabout an unofficial brothel thereby polluting the character of the younger people ? Whether such a strong representation was submitted by all these religious, educational and public institutions to the Government ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, from all the papers I have at my disposal I do not find anywhere that a representation as mentioned by the hon. Member, Mr. Bhattacharjee, was received by Government. Most probably that representation was submitted to the D. C.

Shri Gourisankar Bhattachayya : No, no. It was submitted to the Chief Minister.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : But I do not find that representation in the file.

Shri Gourisankar Bhattacharyya : If I give a duplicate of the representation will the Government enquire into it and take proper steps ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Surely.

Shri Gourisankar Bhattacharyya : Whether the Government is aware of the fact that a Press statement was issued by the then Chairman of the Shillong Municipal Board that the Cinema Hall has been constructed in violation of the plan approved by the Municipal Board as required by law and that this Cinema Hall has encroached upon at least 6 ft. of land and that there has been violation of the stipulation that no alteration would be made in the steps going down from Police Bazar to Umsohson to create inconvenience to the members of the public ? Whether Government is aware of this Press statement issued by the then Chairman of the Shillong Municipal Board who had issued the 'No Objection Certificate' and who has now represented to the Government that the Cinema Hall has been constructed by the firm in violation of the terms of the 'No Objection Certificate' ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : I have got only a copy of the representation that was submitted to the

D. C. by Shri S. Wallang. I am sorry that I miss the Press statement which has been mentioned by my friend Shri Bhattacharjee. If a copy of the Press Note is also given, I will make an enquiry.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : I will give a copy of the Press Statement issued by Mr. B. Barch, former Chairman of the Shillong Municipality. The Press statement is dated February, 1968.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Re : Falling of Naljora river at the Sorbhog Beel

Shrimati Pranita Talukdar asked :

215. Will the Minister, in-charge of P.W.D. (F.C. & I.) be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of the fact that the Naljora river is about to fall at the Sorbhog beel in Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this is due to the diversion of the water of the Beki river towards the Naljora river at Mathanguri ?
- (c) Whether the Government propose to divert the water of the Naljora river to the Beki river at Mathanguri ?
- (d) If so, when ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury [Minister, P.W.D. (F.C. & I.)] replied :

215. (a)—There is no likelihood of the river Naljora falling into the Sorbhog beel at this stage.

(b)—Does not arise.

(e)—As the Naljora river is about 15 miles down stream of Mathanguri, the question of diverting the same river to Beki at Mathanguri does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

**Re . Extension of Bolajan embankment upto
Ultekhanda P.W.D. Ghat**

Shrimati Pranita Talukdar asked :

216. Will the Minister of P.W.D. (F.C. and I.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Bolajan embankment will be extended upto the Ultekhanda P.W.D. Ghat ?

(b) If so, when ?

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

216. (a)—There is no such proposal with this Department at present.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Expenditure incurred for construction of temporary bamboo bridge on Jaha Canals

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury asked :

217. Will the Minister of Flood Control and Irrigation be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total expenditure incurred for construction of temporary bamboo bridge on Jaha canals at Jaha village and temporary footpath over Satikur at Mahkholi village ? (Figures to be shown separately and year by year expenditure from the beginning of excavation of the canals).
- (b) What is the cost incurred for construction of permanent timber bridges on the canals ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware of the suffering of the users of the Road from Bagal Road to Bagihati for want of a wide bridge in Satikur at Mahkholi village ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to construct two timber bridges on the two canals to provide traffic facilities ?

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

217. (a)—Nevertheless Jaha and Satikur channels were first excavated in the year 1948-49 and 1956-57 respectively, bamboo bridge across these channels were constructed since the year 1960-61 and 1963-64

respectively. Year-wise expenditure for temporary bamboo and foot bridges across the sites are furnished below—

(i) Temporary bamboo bridge at Jaha village :

			Rs.
1960-61	...	...	788.00
1961-62	...	...	...
1962-63	...	...	440.00
1963-64	...	...	...
1964-65	...	...	1,500.00
1965-66	...	..	1,600.00
1966-77	...	...	1,200.00
1967-68	...	...	992.00
1968-69	...	..	3,929.00
Total	...	...	10,449.00

(ii) Temporary foot-path on Satikur at Mahkhli village :—

		Rs. P.
1963-64	....	162.00
1964-65	....	993.00
1965-66	....	493.00
1966-67	...	690.00
1967-68	....	459.00
1968-69	....	979.00
Total	....	3,776.00

(b)—An expenditure of Rs. 81,000 was incurred in construction of timber bridges across Jaha channel at places other than Jaha village and Satikur.

(c)—Yes, inconvenience to some extent is caused to the local people.

(d)—The matter is under active consideration.

Re : Number of Printing Presses in Assam

Shri Durgeswar Sikia asked :

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

(a) The number of Printing Presses in Assam ?

(b) The number of persons working in these presses ?

(c) Whether their pay scale has been fixed and if so in which year and if not, what steps Government have taken so far ?

(d) Whether any amenity is provided under the law and if so, what are these amenities ?

(e) Whether amenities sanctioned are implemented by the different Press Owners ?

(f) Whether the Bonus Act included the Press Workers too ?

(g) Whether payment of bonus was made to the workers in the Presses ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that Press workers generally get only Rs. 50 and Rs. 60 as pay per month ?

- (i) Whether Government propose to consider revision of the pay scale and other amenities to Press Workers also ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Labour) replied :

218. (a)—Twenty-nine.

(b)—The total number of employees is 1, 367.

(c)—No minimum wages have been fixed, but employment in printing press has been added to the Schedule for the purpose of fixation of Minimum Wages under the Minimum Wages Act. Necessary steps have already been taken for constituting a committee under Section 5 of the Minimum Wages Act for the purpose of fixing minimum wages. As regards employees in the Government presses all of them are on fixed scales and the last revision of pay was made in 1964.

(d)—The amenities provided under the Factories Act with respect to Printing Press are the followings :

Washing facilities—(under sec. 42) Facilities for sitting (under sec. 44) First Aid appliances (under sec. 45) Canteens (under sec. 46) Shelters, rest rooms lunch rooms (under sec. 47) Creches (under sec.48)

(e)—Washing facilities, sitting facilities and first aid requirements are fairly well provided in all the presses as required under sections 42,44 and 45. Shelters, rest rooms, lunch rooms are also provided in both the Government Presses where the provisions are applicable. But the Canteen of approved type has not yet

been provided in Assam Government Press, Shillong. However, funds for construction of Canteens in both the Presses have already been provided in the P.W.D. Budget.

(f) Yes.

(g) Bonus in the private presses is being paid as per provisions of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965. As regards Government Presses the Payment of Bonus Act is not applicable to Government non-commercial organisation. As such the question of giving bonus to the workers does not arise.

(h) The information with regard to private presses is not readily available and is being collected. As regards Government Presses the reply is negative. After the revision of Pay scales in 1964 a Press employee of the lowest category gets pay and allowances at the rate of Rs. 127.50 per month excluding overtime allowance and winter allowance.

(i) As replied above to question (c), steps are being taken for constituting a committee under section 5 of the Minimum Wages Act for fixing minimum wages of the employees employed in private presses. And as regards the employees in Government presses the question does not arise. The question of revising the amenities to the press employees only does not arise as the same are provided in the Factories Act which is applicable to all other categories of employees.

Re : Headquarters of the Deputy Commissioner of Taxes of the Sales Tax Enforcement Branch

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

219. Will the Minister, Finance, be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Headquarters of the Deputy Commissioner of Taxes of the Sales Tax Enforcement Branch are still located at Shillong ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Gauhati has registered the largest number of cases of sales tax evasion ?

(d) If so, whether for better utilisation of his services Government propose to shift the Headquarters of the said officer to Gauhati ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) replied :

219. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Deputy Commissioner of Taxes has to assist the Commissioner of Taxes also in other matters and has to remain in-charge when the Commissioner is out on tour. Furthermore, enforcement work pertains to all Districts of the State. As such, the Deputy Commissioner dealing with the enforcement work has to have his headquarters in Shillong.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No, for reasons stated against (b) above.

Re : Rupees 6,000 stolen belonging to the Tamulpur Anchalik Panchayat in 1968

Shri Maneswar Boro asked :

220. Will the Minister of Panchayat, etc., be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a sum of about Rupees six thousand belonging to the Tamulpur Anchalik Panchayat was stolen in 1968 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that both the block Development Officer and the Cachier were in-charge of the cash belonging to the Block ?
- (c) If so, whether the Government have found any or both of them responsible for the said theft case ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that two office peons have been suspended by the authority in that regard ?
- (e) If so, on what grounds they have been suspended and why the B. D. O. and the Cashier have not yet been suspended till today ?
- (f) Whether the Government, propose to withdraw the suspension order on the two office peons forthwith ?
- (g) If not, why ?

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

220. (a) — Yes. A sum of Rs. 5,612.97 was stolen and not Rs. 6,000.

(b) — Yes.

(c) — Responsibility for the theft case will be known on the result of police investigation of the case. But departmental action is being taken against the Block Development Officer and Cashier for negligence.

(d) — Yes.

(e) — The two peons were suspended as both of them were arrested by the Police. Prima-facie the case is not such as would necessitate suspension of the B. D. O. and the Cashier. However, show-cause notice has been served to the Cashier and Government is considering drawal of proceedings against the Block Development Officer.

(f) — No.

(g) — The matter is still under Court enquiry. Pending decision of the court withdrawal of suspension does not arise.

**Re : Compensation for Acquisition of Land for
National Highway from
Sorbhog to Simalaguri**

Shrimati Pranita Talukdar asked :

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

- (a) When the compensation for lands acquired for the National Highway from Sorbhog to Simalaguri under Barnagar circle will be paid ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that compensation in this connection have been paid in respect of some villages of the said circle ?
- (c) If so, when the same will be paid in respect of other villages ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue)
replied :

221. (a) — Compensation in full in respect of land acquired for the National Highway will be paid when the stage for making payment is reached in individual case.

(b) — Yes.

(c) — As in (a) above.

**Re : Pashim Barnagar High School in Barpeta Sub
division damaged by Storm**

Shrimati Parnita Talukdar asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the Pashim Barnagar High School in Barpeta Subdivision was completely damaged by storm this year ?

- (b) What was the value of the damage caused by the storm to the School ?
- (c) Whether the Government propose to pay the entire amount of reconstruction of the High School ?
- (d) If so, when ?

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

222. (a)—Yes.

(b)—About Rs. 1·00 (One lakh) (as per plan and estimate submitted by the Secretary of the School).

(c) & (d)—Rupees 5,500 has been sanctioned so far to this School for construction of the building as a non-recurring grant. Due to paucity of funds, Government is not in a position to pay the whole amount. However, this School will be given some more grant in addition to the amount already sanctioned, if funds permit, during the year 1968-69.

Re : Ghilaguri M.E. School under Goalpara Subdivision and at Golakganj

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

223. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether Ghilaguri M.E. School under Goalpara Subdivision and another of the same name at Golakganj

under Dhubri Subdivision were started in the same year ?

- (b) The grant made to the above two Schools for the last five years? (to be shown separately for each of the School)

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

223. (a)—There is one M.E. School with the name Ghilaguri M.E. School under Goalpara Subdivision. The school was started in 1962 as a Venture School. There is no Ghilaguri M.E. School at Golakganj under Dhubri Subdivision.

(b)—Ghilaguri M.E. School under Goalpar Subdivision is receiving an ad-hoc grant of Rs. 100 P.M. with effect from 1st September, 1966.

**Re : Government Quarters for Gazetted Officers
in Dibrugarh Subdivision**

Shrimati Lily Sen Gupta asked

224. Will the Minister, P.W.D. be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Government buildings in the Dibrugarh Subdivision available for accommodating Gazetted Government officers ?

(b) The number of such Government officer living in the rented houses ?

(c) The amount of rent paid by them monthly ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder (Minister of State, P.W.D.
(R. and B.)] replied :

224. (a)—The number of Government buildings meant for Gazetted officers under Dibrugarh Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) Division in Dibrugarh Subdivision (Civil) is 129 only.

(b)—The Public Works Department is not in a position to state the number of Government officers living in rented houses because of the fact that there are certain Departments having Departmental quarters for the accommodation of their Gazetted officers. Besides, there may be some officers of Gazetted rank living either in their own houses or in the houses of their relatives.

(c)—The amount of rent paid monthly by Gazetted officers occupying Government accommodation within Dibrugarh (Roads and Buildings) Division in Dibrugarh Civil Subdivision is approximately Rs. 7.052.00 only.

(The amount strictly relates to those Gazetted officers occupying Government quarters borne in the book of the Public Works Department only).

The amount of rent paid by the Gazetted officers living in rented houses cannot be worked cut for the reasons stated against (b) above.

Re : Unstarred Question No. 211 relating to over-bridge at Furkating Railway Junction of Golaghat Subdivision replied on 26th March 1969.

Shri Soneswar Bora : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, কালিৰ Unstarred Question ত যিটো ২১১ নম্বৰ প্ৰশ্নটো Print কৰিছে, সেইটো এটা অদ্ভুত আৰু কিয়ুত কিয়াকৰ প্ৰশ্ন আৰু মই নিলিখা নোসোধা কথা তাত যোগ দি মোৰ প্ৰশ্নটোত প্ৰকৃতপক্ষে অৰ্থ নোহোৱা কৰি পেলালে। প্ৰশ্নটো এইদৰে Print কৰাত প্ৰশ্নটোৰ লগতে মোকো এটা জন্তুৰ দৰে প্ৰকাশ কৰিলে। মই অৱশ্যে প্ৰশ্নটোৰ জৰিয়তে ফৰকাটিং বেল জংচনত বেল আলিৰ ওপৰে যোৱা গৰকাপ্তানী আলিটোৰ ওপৰত এখন অভাববিজ সাজিবলৈহে প্ৰশ্নটো দিয়া হৈছিল। মোৰ প্ৰশ্নটো এনে ধৰণৰ বেলৰ লোহাবেয়া বা কাঠবেয়া হৈছে এনেধৰণৰ নাছিল। গতিকে এই প্ৰশ্নটো ইয়াৰ পৰা একেবাৰে উঠাই দিব লাগে আৰু মোৰ প্ৰকৃত প্ৰশ্নটো পুনৰ উত্থাপন কৰিব লাগে।

Mr. Speaker : এইবোৰ কালিৰ প্ৰশ্ন। আপোনাৰ এইটো যদি ভুল হৈছে তেন্তে পাছত মোক লগ কৰিব আৰু প্ৰশ্নটো চাই শুদ্ধ কৰিব লাগিব।

Re : Concentration of Pakistani Troops in the borders

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, yesterday I have brought the notice of the hon. Minister for concentration of troops in the Assam and Pakistan border and to obtain information and to give a report before the House ? I want to hear from the Minister about it ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) : Unfortunately, the Chief Secretary is ill

and he is confined to bed. I contacted him over phone and he said that he could not obtain the information. So, he could not prepare the note. Therefore it may be stayed over for tomorrow.

Re : Hunger strike at the Jorhat Engineering College

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, may I draw the attention of the Education Minister to the resolution submitted to the Chief Minister during his visit on 6.11.68 regarding the proposed hunger strike to be started by the students of the Jorhat Engineering College from 7 A. P. on 28.3.69. I simply draw the attention of the hon. Education Minister to take necessary steps even by contacting the Principal of the College so that before resorting to strike something could be done.

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali, (Minister) : If the hon. Member hand over the telegram, I will contact the Principal and take necessary action.

Voting on Demands for Grants

Demand No. 55—"50-Public works" etc (Excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant).

Demand No. 50—"50-Public works, etc (Tools and Plant and Establishment).

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar (Minister of State P.W.D (R & B) : Sir, yesterday, I had the occasion to say

that the honourable members have drawn the attention of the Government to some problems relating to this Department. I may further add that there is substance in many of them. Sir, one allegation that has been made against the P.W.D. is regarding restoration of flood damages. I agree that there is substance in it. The honourable member has got the right to know and it will be fair on the part of the Govt to apprise the position so that they can appreciate the difficulty of the Department. Sir, you are fully aware that Assam is having recurring floods almost in every year and the P.W.D is one of the victims of these floods. In the year 1967-68, the Department made an assessment that a sum of Rs. 1,15,01,621-00 would be necessary to restore the flood damages. But inspite of our best efforts we could only get Rs. 49 lakhs allotted during the year. I do not say that the Revenue Department has neglected. I am fully aware and all the members also are aware that there is limitation of funds and even the amount we got in the year 1967-68 was highly insufficient.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, yesterday, I have brought some specific instances regarding misuse of public money by the Government in the name of flood damage repairing grant in Majuli wherein I have said within two months—June and July, Rs. 4 lakhs have been spent for flood damages. Sir, may I know what action the Government has taken about it?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : I am coming to that. So, Sir, the position stands as now is that in the year 1967-68 we were in need of about one crore of rupees to restore the roads damaged by floods. But inspite of our best efforts, we could not get more than Rs. 49 lakhs. As a result, the damages of the road could not be repaired up to the extent. And again in the year 1968-69, we are in need of about Rs. 1,22,65,000 for restoration of the roads damaged by subsequent floods. So the amount was needed just to restore the road up to the standard that was before the floods. Sir, you will be surprised to know that we could manage to get Rs. 25 lakhs only from the Revenue Department. Sir, we have a estimated budget of Rs. 1,22,65,000 but how within Rs. 25 lakhs the P.W.D. could restore all the roads ? I agree that the grievance is genuine, but with only this Rs. 25 lakhs how a miracle and magic can be done. In the month of October some flood damages have been caused and the matter was investigated by the Central Committee of the Government of India team and an addittonal amount of Rs. 55 lakhs has been sanctioned for general areas. Formal allotment of the above amount has been received by this Department only on 15.3.69. So, Sir, you know flood damage is a gigantic problem from the point of view of money also. So, I agree that we have not been able to do as much to be done for shortage of funds. I hope the honourable members will appreciate the position.

One of the honourable members drew the attention of Govt about allocation of Dibrugarh Civil Sub Division. The allotment was not up to the extent. Sir, as regards allotment of money under the normal plan provision we have followed a policy. Yesterday, honourable member Shri Saikia from Dibrugarh has explained the position. There is nothing to discriminate against any Sub Divisions. Honourable member Shri Dulal Ch. Barua has referred to the report of the Enquiry instituted by the Bridge Enquiry Commission. Sir, the Bridge Enquiry Commission has submitted its report to the Government and the Political Department is taking the necessary action.

Now, Sir, Mr Cinza has drawn the attention of the Government regarding activities of the P.W.D. in the Mizo Hills. Sir, since the outbreak of Civil Commotion in the district all P.W.D. works had been suspended. Only few works being carried out in Aijal Town and Lungley Town. It had been considered not safe to carry out works in the interior of the districts when the disturbance was on and works had to be suspended. Sir, to overcome that difficulty now we are putting more people and more attention is given to carry out possible works there. Only few works were being carried out. Sir I am announcing in this House that some of our officers without protection have gone into the interior with the risk of their lives. I must convey my thanks to them.

Actually, some Mizo people also appreciated that some of our officers without caring for their life are going to the interior of the Mizo hills for maintaining the road communication properly. For the last six months the situation in the Mizo hills has improved to a certain extent and I can submit that the following roads which have been totally blocked for the last two years have been open to traffic about two months' back.

- 1) Aijal Selling Champhai Road
- 2) Aijal Thenzawl Road (part of it was opened)
- 3) Lungleh—Longtalai Road
- 4) Lungleh - Demagiri roads.

More roads are being taken up to open by clearing land slides, petty cutting and repairing the damages. Sir, you are well aware of the fact that hill-side roads unless these are maintained properly recurring land slides block the roads frequently during the monsoon. Now, we have taken up the following road constructions (continuation of the previous schemes).

- 1) Selling-Tuivalwehhua road
- 2) Serchip-Thenzawl road
- 3) Lungleh-Longtlai Road
- 4) Lungleh Demagiri Road.

Some new roads to the Protected P. P Villages are

also being taken up at Verengte, Bawktlang etc. Sir, the hon'ble member has referred to that we are lacking in machineries there in the Mizo hills. Recently some machineries like road rollers and trucks were sent to the District for the P. W. D. works and we are trying to reinforce them. Sir, I can submit the list of the roads where the work is in progress so far as Aijal is concerned. These are as follows :—

- 1) Improving certain station road at Aijal
- 2) Metalling and blacktopping remaining length of Aijal town Road
- 3) Metalling and black topping Aijal-Lungleh road
- 4) Improvement of approach road to brach Police line at Aijal
- 5) Improvement of Aijal town
- 6) Improvement of Aijal Chaltlang Road.

We are also working in Lungleh—Saiha Tuipung. We are improving also Lungleh Town Road and the construction work of Lungleh-Thenzawl Road is also in progress.

Yesterday one of the hon'ble members said that if the P. W. D. is unable to execute the work let it be given to Border Roads. I can say for the information of the hon'ble member that the money Border Roads required for construction of a road is much more. If

we are given one-fifth of it probably we would have been able to construct it.

So, Sir, it would not be correct to say that we are not giving due importance to the Mizo District. All our endeavours are there to improve the road conditions of that district. It is absolutely necessary both from the Civil and Military points of view and also for the restoration of normalcy there.

Yesterday the question of Architect was raised by hon'ble member, Shri Barua. So far Assam P. W. D. is concerned there is no Chief Architect in P. W. D. But there is only one Architect and Asstt. Architect who is assisting him. The present Architect is Shri M. C. Hatikakoty and his qualification is Diploma in Architect, Kala Bhavan, Baroda. The post of this Architect was advertised through the A.P.S.C. and Shri Hatikakoty was appointed as Architect on the recommendation of the APSC. Prior to his appointment as Architect, he worked in different places in the capacity of an Archi-tect. Sir, yesterday one hon'ble member said that somebody committed suicide for not getting the post of Architect, I find that this is not the correct position. For want of time I do not want to dilate on this point any more.

Next, Sir, as regards the point raised by hon'ble member, Shri Barua that the local contractors in P.W.D. are being deprived in getting contract works,

I can assure the House that I am equally concerned that local people should get preference. But I find at times the local people, the very term is confusing. It is sometime used in the restricted sense that the people of indigenous origin are termed as Assamese or local people. By local people, as far as I can mean and also I think the hon'ble member wants to mean, that those people living in Assam and whose interest is identical with the interest of Assam also:

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya: Those people who have been living in Assam and have identical completely with the interests of Assam—they are local people.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar: So, Sir, there are some people we find that they did not belong to Assam, they come and settle there, acquired property and living generation after generation. If they come and register themselves as contractors we cannot debar them. Unless the law of the land is changed it cannot be done. P.W.D. is to go by the competition. Engineers cannot discriminate in this case. Works are given on competition. If there is any specific complaint in any Division that the case of the local contractor has been overlooked or unfavourably considered definitely we can look into the comparative statement and if an officer is found to be neglecting the legitimate demand or the legitimate claim of the

local contractors certainly he should be brought to book. I fully agree that it is our duty to see that the local people get some work.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : A point of clarification, Sir. Sramik Bahini has been formed in all the places by the purely local people and by the local labourer and it is found most the Sramik Bahinis have been deprived of getting allotment of works. The interest of the local people will be served only when the Sramik Bahinis are given preference in the matter of allotment of works.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, I am coming to the question of Sramik Bahinis also. Before coming to that question I would like to refer to the suggestion made by some hon' ble member that why the works could not be split up to a very small amount. Sir, I have also examined if this can be done.

But Sir, there are certain nature of works which cannot be split up into small works, because ultimately it will not be efficient, instead it will be more inconvenient. There are certain types of works which cannot be broken into small units. There is classification of contractors for doing various contract works. Sir, it has already been said that if any particular case is brought to the notice of the Govt. or to the Deptt. concerned certainly we will examine thoroughly and take suitable action to that effect.

Sir, hon. Member Shri Barua has referred to certain things about flood damage at Majuli, the information I have collected to that effect is being placed before the House. Few letters in the shape of complaints were received by the Executive Engineer, Jorhat in June and July, 1968, from the public of Majuli, alleging misappropriation of public money amounting to more than Rs. 200,000 by departmental officers of Majuli during last flood of 1968. Executive Engineer Jorhat and Superintending Engineer Jorhat made an inquiry into the matter on 11th and 12th July and 18th and 19th September, 1968. The Executive Engineer has already submitted his inquiry report to the Superintending Engineer, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat. But the report of the Executive Engineer and the final inquiry report from the Superintending Engineer has not yet been received in this Deptt. It is reported by the Superintending Engineer that he has called for certain information from the Executive Engineer Jorhat and on receipt of the same, the final report will be submitted to this Deptt. with his comments. It is however reported by the Executive Engineer, that investigation has revealed some irregularities in respect of either excess or less utilisation than quantity actually purchased. Recoveries is therefore, being calculated out from departmental staff. But the departmental staff responsible for irregular utilisation is

being given chance to defend themselves before effecting the recovery. However, until the report from the Superintending Engineer is received and it is examined in this Deptt. it is difficult to ascertain, to what extent the allegations are true or what other irregularities have been committed. After receipt of Superintending Engineers report, which is expected soon, these things will be examined and actions will be taken, if necessary against persons at fault. It may be also mentioned here, that during 1968, intensive flood occurred in Majuli and heavy damages were done to P.W.D. Roads, as well as, embankments. Roads in Majuli are made of sandy soil and almost in all cases breaches occurred not due to overtopping, but due to percolation and under mining. At the points at which percolation occur the embankment fails and therefore such points have to be protected with available materials like bamboo palisading walls and by placing gunny bags/cement bags filled with earth in numbers, to prevent possible breaches. In Majuli during last flood, such nature of works were carried out extensively, sometimes round the clock by the departmental staff, along with local people. Under such circumstances, irregularities or malpractices cannot be ruled out. As I have already said as soon as we will receive the report action will be taken in the light of the report. Now Sir, Mr. Premadhar Bora has referred to the diversion of

fund from North Lakhimpur to Tezpur-which I think is not correct. The correct position is, the Revenue Deptt. intimated vide their letter No. RLB. 14/64/(P)/86 dt. 12.8.68 that the resettlement operation at North Lakhimpur already advanced to a great extent and as such there was no necessity to construct the proposed buildings at North Lakhimpur. The amount was thus re-appropriated at their instance for purchase of a Refugee market at Tezpur for housing the office of the Settlement Officer, Darrange District. Now, Sir, the P. W. D. execute works in respect of various Departments. In course of the debate it was pointed out by the hon. Members that a sum of Rs. 112 lakhs was surrendered. But this is not the correct position. An amount of Rs. 57.7 lakhs was surrendered to D. G. B. R. during 1967-68 due to late sanction of some schemes. After I became the Minister of this Deptt. I can say, that it has been my endeavour not to surrender any money, especially the Government of India's money. But there are certain difficulties which cannot be avoided, for example last year probably same sanctions came on 18th or 19th of March from the Government of India and it was difficult for us to spend the money. How can we spend the money in such circumstances? So, naturally some surrender had taken place. Our endeavour is that no money should be surrendered

Sir, I am sure that in future things will improve to a great extent,

Sir, some hon. Members have raised some points about the Dak Bungalows and others because every often they visit it. I myself was thinking in that line. The maintenance of the Dak Bungalows are the responsibility of the D. C. and D. C's office is generally maintaining them as best as is possible.

Yesterday hon. Members, Shri Sen raised a point regarding Shri Karter Singh Bharaj, contract overeer with the idea that I should touch it in my reply. This is about his dismissal from service, Shri K. S, Bharaj was placed under suspension in the year 1961. After drawing up Departmental Proceedings he was removed from service. On appeal to the High Court, the Divisional Bench set aside the removal order of this Office. As such this Deptt, revoked the order of removal and the file has been submitted to the L, R, for his advice as to how we are to proceed in this matter. Now, Sir, reference have been made that the department gave a circular that no transfer should be made of the Sectional officers. I would like to give the correct position. During the early part of the year 1968 there was great demand for Subordinate Engineers for Hills Division which was constituted,

As there was no scope of appointment of new Subordinate Engineers, some adjustment had to be made some staff from one Division was posted to another Division and that had to be made to cope up with the demand of other Divisions and, moreover, Subordinate Engineers were transferred primarily after 1/2 years of experience from one place to another place and some transfers were done by the Addl. Chief Engineer and this action had no malafide in it. That was the position. Now, about the transfer of the Subordinate Engineers one thing I found after I became Minister. That Subordinate Engineers are transferred right from Shillong from one section to another section. I thought it was not a very correct procedure. But sometimes the Subordinate Engineers even go to the Dealing Assistants and through him put up names for orders. But I feel that transfers of Subordinate Engineers within Division should be left to the Executive Engineers. For transfer from one Division to another the Superintending Engineer will be competent like the Chief Engineer. The top-most officers Addl chief Engineers also can do it when they feel the necessity. There are other factors also which have to be taken into consideration. The Subordinate Engineers sometimes run upto Shillong for getting a better posting. I however have tried to stop it. I shall give one instance, Sir, to show how sometimes we are to face embarrassing situa-

tion. One day I was surprised to find one Hon'ble Member accompanied by one Subordinate Engineer entered my room. I was really annoyed because in this way discipline cannot be maintained but in this case I had to politely ask the Hon'ble Member, 'you ask this man to withdraw from my room', and if you have got anything we can discuss. Now, this thing has been stopped. I agree that the Subordinate Engineers should not come and make a camp here to get transfer from one section to another section. I am thankful to the Hon'ble Members that a reference of this has been made.

Sir, time is short and it will not be possible to refer to all the points raised by the Hon'ble Members.

Sri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : You have not said anything about Sramik Bahini.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : About Sramik Bahini, this was started with a very good idea but unfortunately, though it was started with a good idea, some undesirable thing crept in. This matter was also discussed in the Sramik Bahini Advisory Committee where the Hon'ble Members have taken keen interest. Shri Saikia and Hon'ble Members from the Opposition, Shri Barua and Shri Bhattacharyya have given some suggestions and in the light of

these suggestions we are proceeding but Sir, unless some leading public in the local areas become alert, it becomes very difficult for an Executive Engineer to verify all the names and at times it is also not possible. Besides, also there are various backdoor methods. I have asked my officers that when we have got reason to believe that a Sramik Bahini is not genuine or there is reason to believe that it is not properly functioning then it should be scrapped but what happens is that our labour people are educationally backward and a person who is slightly more educated takes things out of them and he becomes the master in the Sramik Bahini. We are trying to improve things but in actual effect difficulties arise in every sphere. We have found that large number of Sramik Bahinis have been recommended by public representatives. Sir, there is a tendency for many of us that when we become public representatives, whenever a person from our Constituency comes with an application, we write recommending this application. There are of course Hon'ble Members who can resist this tendency but many of us cannot resist it.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : I think the Minister himself signs his files without any knowledge of the contents but the Hon'ble Members do not.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, the Hon'ble Member

may be an extraordinary person but I am not.

As I was saying, Sir, at times we also cannot resist the tendency and cannot refuse face to face but this tendency is not desirable. So, Sir, if we look at it from various angles, some improvement might have to be done yet.

Sir, Hon'ble Shri Barua has said that the new Additional Chief Engineer and others have not done as expected of them but I am happy to say that the new staff is doing their best and with the cooperation of all concerned we shall be able to improve things, if not much, at least to some reasonable extent and I am thankful to the Hon'ble Member for their participation in this debate and with these words, Sir, through you I would request the mover of the Cut Motion to withdraw the same.

M. Shamsul Huda : What about the Technical Audit suggested by me ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, some Hon'ble Member, I forget his name, suggested some Advisory Board. Even if you put as many bodies as you want, they will not ultimately be of very much help. Sir, we have seen the fate of so many Technical Advisory Boards and non-technical Advisory Boards also. But I do not quite understand what my friend Mr. Huda means by Technical Audit. The Plans and Estimates

are examined by technical men and different people examine them from different point of view ; therefore I do not quite understand what he means by Technical Audit.

In R. C. C, and other works the Mohurar remains present when the mixture is made and there are also supervisory staff like the Sectional Officer. Besides, the S. D. O. and the Executive Engineer also are there to make casual supervision.

Shri Shamsul Huda : I am asking about inflated estimates.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, after all we are to go by estimates that are given by Engineers and these estimates are checked at various levels. Supposing an estimate is prepared by a Sectional Officer, it goes to the S. D. O. From there it goes to the Executive Engineer and then it goes to the Superintending Engineer and is processed in this way. But if it is argued that one item can be dropped from one estimate to reduce it from an estimated amount of Rs. 30,000/—to Rs. 20,000/—, I would say it cannot be done. There are difficulties. From a whole thing an item cannot be excluded.

With these words Sir, I beseech through you, the Hon'ble Members to withdraw the cut motion.

Mr. Speaker : Now the reply is finished. I put the Cut Motion.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Anyone and it may be taken as read.

(After a pause)

Mr. Speaker : The Cut Motions not being pressed, I put the main question.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Both Grant No.55 and Grant No.56 may be taken together.

Mr. Speaker : The question is that a sum of Rs.16,19,31,100 be granted to the Minister in charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "50-Public Works, etc.

(Excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant)

The question is that a sum of Rs.2,96,54,600 be granted to the Minister in charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the 31st day of March, 1970 for the administration of the head "50-Public Works, etc. (Tools and Plant and Establishment).

(The motions were adopted)

Demand No. 57—"53-Ports and Pilotage"

Mr. Speaker : Now Grant No.57. Mr. Chaudhury ?

Shri Probin Kumar Chaudhury (Minister of State, Trans-

port) : On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.35,54,700 (Rupees thirty-five lakhs, fiftyfour thousand and seven hundred), be granted to the Minister-in charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the Administration of the head "53-Ports and Pilotage"

Mr. Speaker : There is no cut motion. I put the main question that a sum of Rs.35,54,700 (Rupees thirty-five lakhs, fifty-four thousand and seven hundred , be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the Administration of the head "53-Ports and Pilotage".

(The motion was adopted).

Demand No. 58—"57—Road and water Transport Schemes A— Road Transport—1—working Expenses"

Shri Prabin Kumar Chaudhury (Minister of State, Transport) : On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 2,48,17,300 (Rupees two crores,forty-eight lakhs, seventeen thousand and three hundred), be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the adminis-

tr ationof the head "57— Road and Water Transport schemes-A-Road Transport-1-working Expenses".

Mr. Speaker : Th Grant No. 58 is moved. Any Cut Motion Mr. Bhattacharyya ?

*Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Yes Sir, I move my Cut Motion. Sir, I wish the Finance Minister was present while I spoke on this subject because, I would like, prima rily to confine myself to the receipt side of the matter. Sir, you will see that there has been a fall in the financial receipt of the Road Transport Organisation. I refer to page XV of the Memorandum which will show as compared to 57,89,000 of financial receipt under the State Transport Organisation, in the coming year what is expected is only 41,50,000. So there has been shown a downward trend and in this Budget demand has been raised in comparison with the previous year under the "Working expenses". In the previous year—1956-66 the gross receipt was 2,3,30,000/— Last year it was 2,42,93,000 and this year the gross receipt is expected to be 2,69,25,000. In other words, while the gross receipt has been shown increasing the money that will come to the State as receipt, that has dwindled. We are getting greater gross but we are actually giving to the state a smaller net. That is the position. There must be

some snag some where that inspite of increased volume of traffic and increase in gross earning, why can we not give more money to the State Exchequer ? There must be wrong somewhere and it is where I wanted Finance Minister to listen so that he takes a note of it any tries to find out the snag. Sir, I am trying to show a few reasons or rather few loopholes for which quite a big amount of money does away and in that connection the paritcular head "Working Expenses" may be referred to. But a proper appreciation of the subject is possible only when this head—"Working Expnese" is considered in the context of the Capital Outlay and also Pool Transport. So the Grant No.58 may properly and adequately be studied only in relation to Grant No.82 and 52 when we get more or less the present picture of the State Transport Organisation (at this stage the Speaker vacated the Chair and the Deputy Speaker occupied it). I am not going to deal with the two grants ; I shall make reference in the context of the present grant.

Sir, first thing is, for running such an Organisation what is necessary ? First thing necessary is, a proper and efficient Directorate. Now, with all respect to the present Director of the State Transport, whoever he may be there, is neither efficient nor mindful of the public money. I am not going to deal with the matter of purchase of vehicles. We

have got probably more than a thousand vehicles under the State Transport. We have also quite a good number in the State Pool. I have said on various occasions that it is more economical to have only few types of vehicles because that minimises the problem of spare parts and also minimises the storage. It also helps our operators for a specialised training. If there be many types of vehicles then naturally there are difficulties on this account and yet we find instead of diminishing the number of types of vehicles, the present Directorate has, of late, increased the number of types and makes. That is one drainage. The second is, I know of a few firms of motor parts of Gauhati at least and a few here at Shillong. They are making a huge profit by doing business with the State Transport and all these business is not fare. Now what happened ? Our storage of spare is defective. There are some parts which are unnecessarily lying there for years and yet there are others which we do not get which ought to be there in abundance. Moreover, though this Government is running this line of business for so many years, it appears they have learnt nothing. Uptil now they do not know what might be the probable requirement of, say, tyres. As you know Sir, if Government purchase tyres on its own account from the manufacturers, and Government can, then tyres could be procured at a much lower

price ; but if it is to be purchased through certain agents that too at short notice then additional amount are to be paid. Sir, the manufacturers do not keep the particular types of tyres ready to be supplied on demand, they require sufficient notice. Therefore, if we want to have tyres at the cheapest price then we should be able to, if we need tyres for say 1972, give orders even now. Then only we may be sure of getting the full supply. But what happens ? Our State Transport Directorate cannot come to a decision with regard to its probable requirement even after one year, not to speak of three years hence. I am only giving one instance—but tyre is not all. This is why in the matter of purchase we are draining out lakhs of rupees more. Then there is lot of pilferage. I know of a few cases, though it will be difficult to prove, where bad or defective parts are kept in the store and the good ones are taken away with complicity of some people there, and some of these cases were detected and some of them came up, but somehow or other for reasons not known to me, in most of these cases the culprits could escape. If there would have been a properly equipped, properly guarded and fenced Central workshop then the vehicles could have been kept in tip-top condition. The present workshop at Gauhati is only an apology for a central workshop. So far as the maintenance centre there is

concerned, that also is not up to the mark. I need not take much of the time in these things. Anybody having any interest in the State Transport would agree with him that our transport Vehicles are the most ill-managed, and their maintenance is worst. If anybody keeps a vehicle, the Minister himself so far as his individual vehicle is concerned, let him see how he maintains it. Let him compare his maintenance with the maintenance of 1000 vehicles under the charge of the State Transport. The man in charge must have conscience ; so he should ask his own conscience and try to find a reply from his own conscience whether it is proper to sit in charge of a department to neglect the maintenance side of these money-giving fleet of vehicles. While so far as his own vehicle is concerned, he could not be so complacent or cannot be so callous. Therefore, those who sit in charge of public funds ought to be more careful. Yesterday some news appeared in the newspaper that one State Transport Goods-truck driver robbed money from a passenger. That itself shows one of the loop-holes in the State Transport Organisation. Are the State Transport Goods trucks are meant for carrying passengers ? This is one instance of carrying passengers in goods trucks. When you are to examine a big can of rice whether that is properly boiled or not, you need not pick up every single rice to see whether

it is properly boiled or not. By picking up one single rice you can see how well-cooked the whole can of rice: Sir, this is a regular feature of the State Transport Department vehicles. The trucks not only carry men they also carry goods, and what do they do thereby? They resort to corruption. The Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents themselves do it. I know many officers; if he is in Shillong he gets his vegetables, fuel and other things through the State Transport vehicles; if he is at Gauhati he gets it from Shillong. These things always go on. The other day I was sitting in a State Transport First Class car, one Assistant Superintendent who did not know me was asking one of the drivers who was perhaps cleaning a vehicle at that time to take the vehicle to the Minister's house to deliver some papays. Whether the Minister purchased them or it was a present I do not know. After all it is papay (Amita) may be the Minister purchased them. Afterall why should a State Transport Vehicle should be sent to deliver the papays in the Minister's house. I was not there for long, so I did not see it being taken but I heard driver being asked to go to the Minister's house with some Amitas. The point is why should the driver go? I know of State Transport Superintendent who goes to his house and whose family goes about in State Transport vehicles: Afterall the rhino is there, and, there-

fore, nobody can miss that sight. In other words these Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents and so on are not properly Superintending the interest of the State. I do not say all, but there is quite a number. At any rate this is what is happening. Then another thing. From Gauhati something to come to Shillong—the truck is to carry 150 maunds. It would be seen that the freight charged is for 100 maunds or 120 maunds although the load carried actually is 150 maunds; the freight for the remaining is distributed between the businessman and the officers, and such a thing did take place in the Garikhana godown—the famous Garikhana godown case; that case is still pending. I need not possibly remind the Minister. He knows it. Does he not know it? It may be that it has not been brought to the notice of the Minister. May be that case is still pending in the lower level even up till now. But at least we, who keep some information, know it. That concern involves several takhs of rupees. That was detected by the Audit. At any rate, I personally feel that the matter has been suppressed even by the Minister—a matter which was detected by the Audit.

Sir, with regard to the type of vehicles, I said that I myself was associated in the commissioning of a particular type of vehicle which was generally

known as "Super Express". Now, that has, instead of being the Super Express, become the 'sucker Express' which sucks the blood of the poor. Because at that time it was promised that this particular type of vehicle would be used only for two purposes. One for very long journey from Shillong to Tinsukia or from Shillong to Dibrugarh so that those who take long journey may go with some comfort. We consider our old gentleman like Mr. Chaliha—he also urged for it—and we feel that this old gentleman probably will find a lot of difficulty in taking long journeys in the ordinary buses. The Minister said that these would be used for tourists in order to attract them. Now, what we find, except during the Assembly session, all the Super Buses running in the Gauhati-Shillong Road come four-fifth empty. If there be an audit of the few Super Buses that have been running from the date of inception up till now on the Gauhati-Shillong Road, it will be found that it is a dead loss. One day I brought to the notice of the Minister and asked him "can you not do away with it, it is a heavy drain on public money". He said "there are through passengers of the railway and so on. So there was difficulty". I said that difficulty was there previously—even then that difficulty did not arise. Why now. "It is because you have introduced the Super Bus that difficulty has come. At any rate, I feel that this Super Bus at least on the Gauhati-Shillong Road cannot be run

profitably. It is running at a loss. However, an account may be made with regard to that.

Sir, there are other items. But I do not want to take much more time of the House. Therefore, I say that the Minister is one who had experience in this transport business because he himself had personal transport business, he had the knowledge and experience of keeping a fleet. So we expected that because of his personal experience, he would improve things. But as I read the figures the things have not improved. With all apology—let it not be misunderstood that I am making a personal attack on the Minister. Sir, I have with me a copy of the "Frontier Times". This is the property of the Minister or whatever may be apparently, in reality this is the property of the Minister. Everybody knows it—may be legally apparent, but the reality everybody knows. Be that as it may, the people associate the Minister with this paper. Even if it is not—let us take that it is not associated with the Minister or even that he is associated with it very wrongly the fact is there. Now, I present to the Finance Minister an issue of this Frontier Times dated October 9. I would request him to glance through Page 4. Sir, you will find the whole Page 4 is Transport advertisements. Now this is only one instance. In this paper you will see, at the page 4 which I have marked with red pencil that advertise-

ments from the Directorate of Transport were published for two posts, viz, the Deputy Director (Financial) and Chief Accounts Officer and Public Relations and Labour Welfare Officer. In the same paper it is curious to see that the advertisements, although they were made under the signature of the same officer and from one and the same Department, these were published as two different advertisements with two different insertions requiring almost double space in the paper and naturally involving the Government in an extra, and I should say, wasteful and avoidable expenditure. Because generally we find that the advertisements made by the A. P. S. C. or Union P. S. C. for various categories of posts under one advertisement simple by mentioning the qualifications, and pay scales of different posts against each category of posts. Now, in this particular case you will find that the application forms have been copied almost verbatim. It could be minimised if it could be mentioned only once for both the posts and the application form will remain the same—that would mean adding only two or three lines. Now, we have seen that instead of having the thing done in four columns, it has taken seven columns. Let the Finance Minister examine it and see whether it is fair. Whether it is fair, whether it is not even more unfair than going to attend some Sradha ceremony and drawing T.A. because on way an L. P. School was peeped into. This is to be looked into.

Now, I have got many more instances but for the time being I do not propose to present all these things because after all Minister knows that many things may be done. I would request the Minister not to be nervous. I would rather certify that these things are not known to the Minister. Let it not be taken that I am casting an aspersion on the Minister or I am making the Minister liable for these. It may be that there may be some thief—there may be some such weakling and corrupt officer who, in order to placate the Minister to use the word of my friend, Mr. Patwary—in order to oil the Minister with first class lubricant—in other words, even to oil a particular part of the Minister with first class lubricant may even without any knowledge of the Minister and without any information to him, do this. But I would say that the.

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : Sir, that word is unparliamentary ?

Shri Gaurisanker Bhattacharyya : Which word is unparliamentary ? (Laughter). The Minister may be very sensitive and he may jump up when a particular part is touched. But the thing is that I have not mentioned any particular part, I have not mentioned it. What I say is this. That this may be done by somebody even without any knowledge of the

Minister. But the Minister should see that these things do not happen particularly when this is happening in a paper where his name is associated. That is what I have said. That is the sum and substance of my bringing this matter to this House.

I have some other matters but for the time being I do not propose to discuss them. I should only like to draw the attention of the Minister to a few other sides of the picture. For example, you will find that the capital outlay of the State Transport has increased. In other words, our investment has been more. How is it that in comparison with the previous year our investment has increased but the return has been less? Second thing is this that there has been also a tremendous increase in the pool transport, and we all know that the fleet or pool transport is not always rationally used and the pool transport vehicles are the worst maintained vehicles. There are a lot of break-downs and there is a lot of wastage and these things should be avoided. And this you can avoid only with the willing co-operation of the working people. Now it has so happened that the expectation from the recognised Union of this Transport Organisation has not been fully fulfilled. On the contrary, here it is seen that the Government is showing some amount of discrimination in this matter. Here there is another union and this union was

formed as early as in 1963. Sir, on a particular day last year or year before last I was in the Minister's Chamber when the then president of the Union approached the Minister and represented why this Union should not be given recognition. The Minister said that he had not yet received the comment of the Labour Department concerned. I understand that the comment has already been sent long ago and the Labour Department itself has recommended that all the conditions have been fulfilled by this Union and that there is no bar to its recognition. But so as to manipulate the affairs this Union has not been recognised because this is not a kept organisation. In other words, it appears that some people in the Directorate and some people in the working organisation are hand in glove with and by their combined conspiracy the Department is not being able to give the profit that it ought to give.

Another aspect of the matter is this—of course I am saying it in support of the Minister, sometime we compare the running expense of the State Transport with private organisations. It is not always fair. My own experience of the hard lot of the passengers travelling in private buses is that though it is written that the capacity is 32 passengers, I have seen that they carry double the passengers, and because of the fact that the system of ticket

not being there they do take the fare and also the tax from each of them but at the time of paying the tax to the Government they pay tax only for 32 passengers. So to that extent the Finance Minister is cheated. There are also many lines which over-lap the monopoly line of the State Transport. It is true that always the State Transport buses do not run to full capacity and even if they run full capacity, they cannot run with an over-fulfilled capacity. Therefore, it is not always fair to compare the State Transport vehicles with private vehicles. When one bus can carry an entire family why a fleet of 1,000 vehicles of the State Transport Department cannot give several crores of rupees to the State exchequer. I am not going to make that extra demand on the Minister. I also know that the State Transport authority cannot be a hard task master as a private operator might be. We shall have to pay adequate pay, allowances, leave etc., to our workers because after all in a welfare State we cannot do without that. Now, having done the part of the Department's duty to the workers it should be seen that they also fulfil their part of the duty, and it should be the duty of the Union, particularly when it is having the monopoly right and only one union has been given recognition they should see that the workers give better service. If this is not possible or done then

there are many people who want to convert the State Transport organisation into a corporation. We from our side, we have been opposing this trend because we have seen the swindle made by the Corporation like the State Electricity Board. We know that by converting the State Transport Organisation into a Corporation it will not improve matters as has been proved by the performance of the State Electricity Board. In order to defeat this trend at least the State Transport organisation should give an example of efficient running of commercial undertaking, particularly in view of the fact that, if not cent percent, almost cent percent of the employees are local people, and we always say that our local people should be employed in the industries and everywhere. If the performance of our local people be not of a very high order particularly after the experience of so many years then people will say 'what will you do with the local people': To employ local people means running the organisation inefficiently. Therefore, the Minister should be able to persuade the staff working to run it efficiently. But, Sir, as I said the other day, everybody knows that if the head runs amuck, the parts will run helter skelter. If rotting starts, it starts at the head. In the State Transport organisation, it seems rotting has already started the head and I think it should

be cured at the head office and the organisation should be brought under proper order, to the best possible efficiency and it should not only not be corrupt and chaste but it should be above suspicion like Ceasar's wife.

With these few words I commend my cut motion for the acceptance of the House.

ADJOURNMENT

The House then Adjourned for Lunch till 2.P M

(AFTER LUNCH)

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এই ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লোৱাৰ পিচত মাদ্ৰাজ, মহাৰাষ্ট্ৰ, পঞ্জাব, কেৰেলা আদি প্ৰদেশত ৰেল পৰিবহন বিভাগে যথেষ্ট উন্নতি কৰিলে। আমাৰ পৰিবহন বিভাগেও ৰেল পৰিবহনৰ লগত ফেৰ মাৰি লাভাংশ তুলিব পাৰে যে, হিচাপে মই উল্লেখ কৰিব পাৰো অসমৰ super bus ৰ উজনিৰ পৰা নামনিলৈ আৰু নামনিৰ পৰা উজনি অসমলৈ superbuser ব্যৱস্থা কৰিলে। তেতিয়া ৰেলওয়ে বিভাগে ভয় খালে। তেওঁলোকে ভাবিলে যাত্ৰীসকল super bus ত যোৱাৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ ইয়াত লোকচান হ'ব আৰু সেই কাৰণে এটা প্ৰস্তাৱ দাঙি ধৰিছে এখন বেগী ট্ৰেইন গুৱাহাটীৰ পৰা তিনিচুকীয়ালৈ চলাব ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হ'ব। কিন্তু দুদিনৰ পাচত দেখা গ'ল যে ট্ৰেইনৰ যাত্ৰী বাঢ়িলহে। গতিকে তেওঁলোকে সেইটো proposal এৰি দি অজুহাত দেখুৱালে যে উত্তৰ বঙ্গ আৰু গোৱালপাৰত বানপানী হোৱাৰ বাবে এই প্ৰস্তাৱ ল'ব পৰা নাই। কিন্তু প্ৰকৃততে super bus দিয়াৰ পিচতো চৰকাৰে দেখিলে যে এই যাত্ৰীৰ সংখ্যা ৰেলত যোৱা যাত্ৰীতকৈ কম হ'ব। সেই অৱস্থাত ৰেল বিভাগে এই প্ৰস্তাৱ এৰি দিবলগীয়া হল। আমি দেখিছো যে আন আন প্ৰদেশৰ পৰিবহন বিভাগে ৰেল পৰিবহন বিভাগৰ লগত প্ৰতিযোগিতামূলক চেষ্টা চলাইছে কিন্তু আমাৰ পৰিবহন বিভাগৰ শিথিলতাৰ কাৰণে কি মটৰ পৰিবহন, কি নৌ পৰিবহন, কি ৰেল পৰিবহন একোতে উন্নতি হোৱা নাই। আজি পৰিবহন বিভাগটো ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয়কৰণ কৰা হৈছে। প্ৰায় বহুতো ক্ষেত্ৰতেই এতিয়ালৈকে বোধকৰো ২ হাজাৰ মাইলবো বেছি আমাৰ বাট পৰিবহনৰ তললৈ অনা হৈছে। তাৰ ফলত আজি এটা কথা প্ৰথমে দেখিবলৈ পাওঁ যে আমাৰ অন্যান্য ৰাজ্যৰ তুলনাত আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ ৰাজধানীলৈ অহাৰ সুবিধা কম। আমাৰ ৰাজধানীলৈ একমাত্ৰ মটৰ পৰিবহনৰ বাহিৰে আন কোনো ব্যৱস্থা নাই। সেই কাৰণে আমি দেখিবলৈ পাইছো যে আমাৰ মটৰ পৰিবহন বিভাগে মটৰৰ সংখ্যা যথেষ্ট বঢ়াই দিছে। আৰু মটৰ সুবিধা বঢ়াৰ বুলি প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতি দিছে। এই খিনিতে মই এটা কথা উল্লেখ কৰিছো যে আমাৰ পৰিবহন বিভাগটো ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয়কৰণ কৰাৰ আগতে আমাৰ শিলং গুৱাহাটী ৰাষ্ট্ৰটো Commercial Carring Company

আৰু Private Carring Companyৰ হ'তত আছিল। সেই কোম্পানীয়ে আমাৰ পৰা লোৱা ভাৰা বিষয়ে মই কব নোখোজে। অৱশ্যে আজি আমাৰ ইয়াত ভাৰা বেছি হৈছে এইটো ঠিক কাৰণ তেতিয়াৰ তুলনাত আজি বস্তু-বাহানিৰ দাম যথেষ্ট বাঢ়িছে। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত মই কব খুজিছো যে যুদ্ধৰ সময়ত petrolৰ দাম যথেষ্ট বাঢ়ি যোৱাতো চাৰ চাদুল্লা চাহাবৰ পৰিবহন বিভাগৰ ভাৰাৰ নিৰিখ বঢ়া বন্ধ কৰি দিছিল কাৰণ ই জনসাধাৰণৰ মনত সামান্য হলেও প্ৰতিক্ৰিয়াৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিব আৰু সেই প্ৰতিক্ৰিয়াৰ ফলত অসমৰ বিপদ আহিব পাৰে। সেই কাৰণে petrolৰ ৰিবেটৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছিল আৰু ভাৰা যাতে কোনো বকমে বাঢ়িব নোৱাৰে তাৰ ব্যৱস্থা ৰাখিছিল। কিন্তু আমি দেখিছো ভাৰা বঢ়োৱাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত আমাৰ চৰকাৰে যি নীতি লৈছে তাৰ বিষয়ে মই দুটামন পৰামৰ্শ আগবঢ়াব খুজিছো। আগতে আমাৰ তৃতীয় শ্ৰেণীৰ ভাৰা ৩টকা আছিল এতিয়া ৩ টকাৰ ঠাইত টকাত '১০ টকাকৈ টেক্স লগাই ৩'৩০ কৰিছে। তাৰ পাচত ১৯৪৮ চনৰ জুলাই আগষ্ট মাহৰ পৰা ৪'১৫ টকা হল। আকৌ upper classত ৬'০৫ৰপৰা ৫'০০ টকালৈ কমাই দিয়া হয়। আমাৰ জনসাধাৰণ সাধাৰণতে তৃতীয় শ্ৰেণীতহে যায় আৰু ধনীক শ্ৰেণীতহে upper classত যায় কিন্তু দুখীয়া জনসাধাৰণৰ ভাৰা কমাই নিদি ধনী সকলৰহে ভাৰা কমাই দিছে। আনহাতে পশ্চিমবঙ্গত ট্ৰামৰ ভাৰা মাত্ৰ ০৩ টকা বঢ়াই দিয়াতো বন্ধ কৰিবলৈ বাধ্য কৰোৱা হৈছিল যদিও তাত চৰকাৰৰ লোকচান হৈছিল। কিন্তু জনসাধাৰণৰ সুবিধাৰ কাৰণেই এই কাম কৰিছিল। সেই কাৰণেই মই জনসাধাৰণৰ যাতায়তৰ সুবিধা হোৱাৰ বাবে তৃতীয় শ্ৰেণীৰ ভাৰা কমোৱাতহে জোৰ দিছো আৰু মন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিলো।

মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰী গুৰু চাৰ্ঘ্য ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে আৰু বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই বাজেটত দেখুৱাইছে যে ১৯৬৭-৬৮ চনত আয় হৈছিল ১কোটি ৯৬ লাখ টকা ব্যয় হৈছিল ২কোটি ১৮ লাখ ৭২ হাজাৰ টকা আৰু ১৯৬৮-৬৯ চনত আয় হৈছিল ২ কোটি ৪৬ লাখ ৯৩ হাজাৰ টকা আৰু ব্যয় হৈছিল

২কোটি ৪৬ লাখ ৩৭ হাজাৰ টকা ইয়াত দেখা যায় যে ১২ লাখ ৬৭ হাজাৰ টকা ১৯৬৭-৬৮ চনত ব্যয় লোকচান হৈছিল আৰু ১৯৬৮-৬৯ চনত ৩ লাখ ৪৪ হাজাৰ লোকচান ভাৰি বৰগীয়া হৈছিল। যিটো পৰিবহন বিভাগৰ দ্বাৰা বাজহ বৃদ্ধি হোৱাৰ কথা আছিল। বাস্তৱীয়কৰণ কৰি বাজহ বৃদ্ধি কৰাৰ কথা আছিল সেই বিভাগ বাস্তৱীয়কৰণ কৰাৰ ফলত লোকচানহে হৈছে। যিখিনি লাভ অন্যান্য বহুত কৰিছে সেইটো খৰচৰ তুলনাত নিতান্ত নগন্য আৰু এটা কথা মই বিতমন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিব খুজিছো যে, অৰ্থৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এই বিভাগৰ বহুতো বেমেজালি দেখা গৈছে। Accountant Dy Accountant, Internal Auditor Auditor আদি বহুবিলাক post creat কৰিছে। হিচাব পত্ৰ পৰীক্ষা কৰি এওঁলোকে টকা পইছা যাতে অপচয় নহয়, তাৰ কাৰণে চেষ্টা কৰিব। কিন্তু এওঁলোক থকা স্বত্বেও ১৯৫৬-৫৭ চনত এক কোটি টকা Audit objection এই ট্ৰেন্সপৰ্ট বিভাগত হৈছে এইটো বৰ দুখৰ কথা। তাৰোপৰি ১৯৩৭ চনত Audit সম্পৰ্কত Audit fee ৪২ হাজাৰ টকা দিব লগা হৈছে, কিন্তু কি কাৰণে দিব লগা হৈছে আমি বুজি নাপাওঁ আৰু এইটো বাজেটতো উল্লেখ কৰা নাই। ১৯৬৬ চনৰ বাছৰ হিচাবত দেখা যায় ৪৭১ খন passenger bus আছে তাৰে ৪১৯ খন চলে বাকীখিনি গেৰেজত পৰি আছে আৰু ট্ৰাকৰ সংখ্যা ৯৯১ খন। ইয়াৰো গড়ে ১৯ খন মান কাৰখানাত পৰি আছে। এতিয়ালৈকে যিবিলাক বাছ চলি আছে তাৰ ভিতৰত বেছিভাগেই কাৰখানাত পৰি থাকে আৰু কেইবাখন First class ৰ ভিতৰত সবহাগেই কাৰখানাত পৰি থাকে। আৰু বহুতো First class গাড়ী বিভিন্ন বিষয়া সকলে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে। মুঠতে ২৫ খন মান First class গাড়ী বাষ্টাত চলে। তাতে তিনিজনকৈ হলে ৭৫ জন যোৱা হয় আৰু তিনিটা ট্ৰিপত যাব ২২৫ জন আৰু Tourist বিলাকত যদি ৪জন কৈ ধৰা হয় তেতিয়াহলে ১৫০ জনত কৈ বেছি হয়। এইটো হলে av. rage এটা এটা ট্ৰিপত ৫০ জন First class passenger হয়। এই দৰে লোকচানৰ মান্তা বৃদ্ধি কৰে আৰু ইয়াৰ পৰা বুজা যায় যে এই গাড়ী কিছুমান অন্য উপায়েৰে চলায়। তাৰ পাচত Super

Bus বিলাকৰ সম্পৰ্কত মই কব খুজিছোঁ যে এই বিলাক লাইনত দিয়াৰ লগে লগে বাইজৰ যাতায়তত সুবিধা হ'ব বুলি সকলোৰে ভাবিছিল আৰু এই বাছ মুকলি কৰিছিল শ্ৰীযুত ভট্টাচাৰ্য ডাঙৰীয়াই যি বৰমে আমি আশা কৰিছিলো সেই বৰমে হোৱা নাই, আনকি বেল কোম্পানীয়েও ভয় কৰিছিল যে এই super bus হোৱাৰ লগে লগে বেলৰে বিভাগতো Passenger কমি যাব কিন্তু দুখৰ কথা এই super bus হোৱাৰ লগে লগে আমাৰ ভাৰা upper ত ৩২'৮০ পইছ। আৰু Lower ত ২২'৭২ পইছাৰ ঠাইত ৪০'২৫ পইছালৈ উঠিব ইয়াৰ ফলত আগেয়ে যি বিলাক যাত্ৰী Lower class ত যাব পাৰিছিল এতিয়া ভাৰা বৃদ্ধি হোৱাত যাব নোৱাৰা হ'ল আৰু সেই দৰে super bus ৰ passenger কমি আহিল। ১৯৬৮ চনৰ ২৭ আগষ্ট তাৰিখে গুৱাহাটী ডিব্ৰুগড় ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় যাত্ৰী আছিল ২২ জন মাত্ৰ আৰু ৯, ১৯, ২৩ আৰু ২৬ আগষ্টত এজনো যাত্ৰী নাছিল। এইদৰে super ত যাত্ৰী কমি আহিছে। তাৰ পাচত চৰকাৰে হুকুম দিলে যে ইয়াত দুটা শ্ৰেণী কৰিব লাগে, তেন্তে ২০ টা upper class কৰি ১২ টাহে Lower class কৰিলে। যাৰ ভাৰা আগৰ upper class ৰ সমান।

তাৰ পাচত চিন্তাত এইটো দেখা গৈছে যে, চিন্তাৰ পৰা যাবলৈ ২/৩ খন বাচ দিছে কিন্তু টিকেট নাই। তাৰ পাচত এটা দুটাকৈ super bus ৰ টিকেট Issue কৰে এইদৰে এখন বাছ ভৰ্ত্তি হোৱাৰ পাছত আন এখন দিয়ে। আৰু ভাৰা বেছি লৈ যাত্ৰীক বিপদত পেলাইছে। আৰু এটা কথা যে এই super bus ৰ body তৈয়াৰ কৰোতে ১ লাখ টকা খৰচ হৈছে আৰু এনেকুৱা এটা কাৰখানা গুৱাহাটীত তৈয়াৰ কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে কৰা নাই।

(সময়ৰ সঙ্কট)

দুৰ্নীতিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এই বিভাগৰ বিভিন্ন শাখাত দিনক দিনে দুৰ্নীতিৰ পৰিমাণ বাঢ়িছে। এখন গাড়ী নীলাম দেখুৱালে কিন্তু সেই টকাটো Recieved হোৱা নাই। সেইদৰে বিভিন্ন Station ত টকাৰ বেমেজালি

হৈছে আৰু চিলঙত ১লাখ ৩০ হাজাৰ টকাৰ কোনো হিচাপ নাই। এই টকা বিলাক নোহোৱাৰ তদন্ত চলিছিল, কিন্তু কি হল কি নহল একো গম নাপালোঁ। জালুকবাৰী station ত ৬৫০০ টকা লোকচান হৈছে। ইমান বিলাক Auditor থকা চহেও যদি ৰাজ্য খনৰ বিভিন্ন stationত এইদৰে লোকচান হবলগীয়া হয় তেনেহলে ইমান বিলাক Auditor থকাৰ কোনো মূল্য নাই। এই বিলাক বেমেজালিৰ চৰকাৰে ক্ষীপ্ৰভাৱে তদন্ত কৰিব লাগে। এই বিলাক বেমেজালিৰ সম্পৰ্কত বহুতো খবৰ বাতৰি কাকততো প্ৰকাশ হৈছে আৰু জন সাধাৰণৰ মাজত আলোড়ন সৃষ্টি কৰিছে যে চৰকাৰে দুখন বিদেশী দামী মাৰ্চিদেচ বেঞ্জগাড়ী কিনিছে একোখনৰ দাম ৮১/৯০ হেজাৰ তাৰে এখন মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীয়ে লব আৰু এখন বিদেশী Touriest ৰ কাৰণে বুলি চৰকাৰে কৈছে। অতি আচৰিত কথা যে এই দামী গাড়ী বিলাক কিনিছে হয়, কিন্তু ইয়াৰ part বিলাক ভাৰতত পাবলৈ নাই আৰু গাড়ী বেয়া হলে তাৰ part কিনিবৰ বাবে বিদেশৰ পৰা আনিব লাগিব আৰু ইয়াৰ বাবে Foreign Exchange দিব লাগিব। এইদৰে ২ লাখ টকা খৰচ কৰি দুখন গাড়ী কিনাৰ কোনো যুক্তি নাই। সেই কাৰণে মই কওঁ এই Transport বিভাগৰ টকা পইছাৰ বেমেজালিৰ সম্পৰ্কত এটা পূৰ্ণ পৰ্য্যায়ৰ তদন্ত চলাব লাগে। পৰিবহন বিভাগে যিবিলাক পথ লৈছে সেই বিলাকত নিজৰ ঘৰ নাই। শিলচৰৰ যিটা ঘৰত Transport office চলি আছে সেই ঘৰটোৰ দুৰৱস্থাৰ কথা নিশ্চয় কাছাৰৰ সদস্যসকলে কৰ। এই বিভাগৰ Central workshop টো ছিলঙত পতা কথা আছিল। ১৯৫৪ চনতে তাৰ কাৰণে মিটাৰ ফেঞ্চৰীৰ ওচৰত মাটি লৈছিল আৰু কৰ্মচাৰী সকলৰ বাসস্থানৰ পৰিকল্পনাও আছিল। কিন্তু সেই পৰিকল্পনাৰ কাৰ্য্যকৰী পহ্লা আজিও চৰকাৰে হাতত লব পৰা নাই আৰু তাৰ কাৰণে এটি ভীষণ সমস্যাৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছে।

শেষত মোৰ অফিচৰ সম্পৰ্কে এটা প্ৰশ্ন আছিল। ১৯৬৮ চনৰ ১২ মাৰ্চত। Vigilenge কমিচনে Enquiry ও কৰিছিল কিন্তু কিয় ৯ বছৰে এজন Assistant ৰ নাম N. L. Das এতিয়ালৈকে Seniority fixed কৰানাই যদিও মন্ত্ৰীয়ে হব বুলি কৈছিল।

১০/১২ বছৰ পাচতো তেওঁৰ Seniority fixation নহ'ল আৰু মানুহজন Retired হৈ গুচি গল। এই কৰ্মচাৰী বৃন্দৰ পাবলগীয়া মৰ্যাদা বা দাবী আওকান কৰা হৈছে। এওঁলোকৰ এটা ব্যবস্থা কৰি আমাক সন্তোষিত কৰিব বুলি আশা কৰিলো। ইয়াকে কৈ মই কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰিলো।

A. N. Akram Hussain : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই এই কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰি দুয়াৰমান কব খুজিছো।

এই পৰিবহনটো এনেকুৱা হৈছে যে এখন গাড়ী অৱশ্যে যোৱাৰ পিচতে গাড়ী বেয়া হয় আৰু বেলেগ এখন গাড়ী মাতি যাবলগীয়া হয়। পৰিবহন মানে পৰি পৰি যোৱাটোকে ইয়াত বুজাইছে। যাত্ৰীসকলে তেজপুৰৰ পৰা গুৱাহাটীলৈ আহিব লাগিলে বহুত ক্ষেত্ৰত আধা বাস্তা পোৱাৰ লগে লগে গাড়ী বেয়া হয় আকৌ অন্য এখন গাড়ী গৈ যাত্ৰীবিলাকক লৈ আহে। গতিকে এইবিলাক দুঃস্থ দুৰ কৰিবলৈ মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে চকু দিব লাগে।

Transport বিভাগটোৰ বেমেজালী সম্পৰ্কে মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে বহুত কৈছে মই আৰু পুনৰাবৃত্তি কৰিব খোজা নাই। মাথোন কেইটামান কথা কব খুজিছো। Transport Deptt ৰ Casual Hand ত কামকৰা ৮ শ জন যুৱকৰ কি ব্যবস্থা কৰিলে নাজানো। এই হতাশাগ্ৰস্ত Casual Hand ত কাম কৰা যুৱক সকলক Permanent কৰাৰ ব্যবস্থা এই বিভাগে কৰিব লাগে। তেওঁলোকৰ এই খেলিমেলি অৱস্থাৰ ওৰ পেলাব লাগে আৰু ব্যক্তিগত কাৰণত চাকৰীৰ পৰা খেদাৰ ব্যবস্থাটো দূৰ হব লাগে।

তাৰ পিচত ড্ৰাইভাৰ আৰু কন্ডাক্টৰ সকলে দৈনিক ভাট্টা কিমান পায় তাতে মন্ত্ৰীসকলৰ এদিনৰ চিগাৰেটৰ খৰচেই নহয়। তেওঁলোকে দিনৰ দিনতো যুৰিফুৰি আৰু ইমান কম দৰ্মহা পায় যে দুবেলা দুমুঠি ভাত খোৱাৰ কাৰণে সদায় চিন্তা আৰু এওঁলোকৰ দৈনিক

ভাট্টাটো কম হোৱা কাৰণেই তেওঁলোকৰ মাজত দুৰ্নীতি সোমাইছে। গতিকে তেওঁলোকৰ ভাট্টাটো বৃদ্ধি কৰিব লাগে।

তাৰ পিচত Super Bus সম্পৰ্কে বহুত কথাই কোৱা হৈছে। মই মাত্ৰ তাৰ Radio টোৰ সুমধুৰ কণ্ঠস্বৰৰ কথাহে ক'ব খুজিছো। Radio বিলাক কি হ'ল? কলৈ গ'ল? যদি প্ৰয়োজনেই নাছিল তেনেহলে এই বিলাক কিয় অপব্যয় কৰা হ'ল?

দক্ষিণ পাৰে গুৱাহাটী ধূপধালৈ যিবোৰ বজাৰ বাচ যাত্ৰা তাত ভিৰ খুব বেছি। আৰু মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে সেই বাচবোৰৰ কথা জনেও কিন্তু তাত টিকেট দিয়াৰ কোনো ব্যৱস্থা নাই।

মন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়া বা State Transport ডিবেষ্টৰ ছিলং মটৰ ষ্টেচনলৈ গৈছেনে নাই ক'ব নোৱাৰো। এই ষ্টেচনটো ইমান লেতেৰা আৰু Bath Room লৈ যোৱা মানে নৰকলৈ যোৱা যেন লাগে। বিশ্রামঘৰটোৰ কথাই নাই। যদি ৰাজধানীৰ মটৰ ষ্টেচনটোৱেই ইমান লেতেৰা হয় যিটো মন্ত্ৰী আৰু ডিবেষ্টৰৰ চকুৰ আগতে থাকে তেনেহলে দুবৰ Station ৰ দুৰত্বৰ কথা নক'লেও বুজিব। তেওঁলোকে লাভ কৰি দেখুৱাইছে ভাল কথা কিন্তু লগতে মন্ত্ৰীসকলৰো কিছু সুবিধা হয় সেইটোও চাব লাগে। কৰ্মচাৰীসকলৰ দৰ্শনহা আৰু দৈনিক ভাট্টা কিছু বেছি কৰি দিব লাগে যাতে তেওঁলোকে ভালদৰে চলিব পাৰে।

ডিবেষ্টৰ চাহাবৰ দৰ্শনহা বৰ বেছি ধৰা হৈছে। আমাৰ দেশত এই দুৰ্বল অৰ্থনৈতিক অৱস্থাত তেখেতক ইমান বেছি দৰ্শনহা দিব নালাগে। যোৱা বছৰ তেখেতৰ দৰ্শনহা আছিল ১ হেজাৰ ৩০৯ টকা। এই বছৰতও একে থাকিব লাগে তাৰ বৃদ্ধি কৰিব নালাগে।

*Shri Hiralal patwary : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই এই কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰি কেইটামান কথা ক'ব বিচাৰিছো। এই

গোটেই অসমৰে কথা যদিও মই North side পৰা কৈছো। ১নং হৈছে উত্তৰ পাৰে যিবিলাক বাচ দিছে সেই বিলাকৰ অৱস্থা ভাল নহয় আৰু বৈমাত্ৰিক ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিছে বুলি অনুমান কৰিছো। দ্বিতীয় কথা হৈছে সেই Bus বিলাকত Ticket কৰা নিয়ম নাই। আমি বঙাপৰাৰ পৰা ৮ জন মানুহ আহিছিলো কিন্তু Ticket দিয়া নাই। মই Supdt কোৱাতহে Ticket দিলে। Panpur ৰ পৰা যিখন Bus চলে আমাৰ বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ সমিতিত তাতো টিকেট দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা নাই। টংলাৰ পৰা বাচ নাই কিন্তু ওদালগুৰীৰ পৰা আছে। টংলাৰ পৰা থকাহেতেন লাভ বেচি হনহেতেন। চৰকাৰে য'তে হাত দিয়ে ত'তেই লোকচান। যিটো কাৰবাবত ৫ কোটি টকা Invest কৰিছে তাত লাভ হৈছে মাত্ৰ ৬ লাখ টকা অৰ্থাৎ শতকৰা ২ ভাগ। এই শতকৰা ২ ভাগ লাভ কৰি মটৰৰ কাৰবাৰ টিকি থাকিব পাৰেনে? তাত লাভ হৈছে আমাৰ ৬ লাখ টকা ১'৭১%। ২% Spirit tax দি ব্যৱসায় কৰিব পৰা হয় নেকি? তেখেতৰ নিজৰে অভিজ্ঞতা আছে। ইয়াত ২০% লাভ দিব লাগে। এইটো গবৰ্ণমেণ্ট লক্ষ্য কৰিব লাগে। আৰু এটা কথা হল মাজবাটৰ কথা। ঢেকীয়াজুলিৰ পৰা মাজবাটলৈ এটা বাস্তা আছে। বৌটৰ পৰা মাজবাদলৈ up down কৰা গাড়ীখন বাতিপুৱাই এৰে। বাতি থাকিব লগিয়া হলে ১০০/১০০০ টকা খৰচ হয়। কিন্তু সেইটো নকৰাৰ ফলত ১৫০০ ৰ টকা খৰচ হৈছে। আৰু এটা কথা উদালগুৰীৰ পৰা টংলালৈ বঢ়াইদি অৰ্থাৎ Subdivisional Head quarter আৰু Commercial Head quarter একেলগে ৰাখিব লাগে। সেইটো কৰিব বুলি আশা ৰাখিছো।

*Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State, Transport): Mr. Speaker Sir, Mr. Bhattacharjee while moving this cut Motion said that the net profit of the State Transport is reduced. It is a fact that the net profit is reducing year by year and especially last year we had to give 10 lakhs of rupees on the

*Speech not corrected

recommendation of the Das Commission to the employees. Sir, we have since 1948 upto 1963 invested on State Transport about 4 crores 2 lakhs out of which we have gained not profit of 3 crores 1 lakh 46 thousand and indirectly we are paying to the State Govt an interest of 99.43.844 Sir, we have at present 3,950 employees in the State Transport Organisation. Sir, when the State Transport is not purely a Commercial organisation then we had to take over certain routes as nationalised routes. There are certain uneconomic routes for example, Silchar-Aijal, Shillong-Silchar and Nowgong—Dibrugarh routes. Our total collection from Silchar—Aijal—Lungleh is only Rs. 1,000 but we are maintaining a huge staff. We had to do it by way of offering public utility service and amenities to the travelling public. Sir, moreover the profit of the state Transport is decreasing because the price of the spare parts, the price of the lubricants etc. are increasing day by day, and thereby our profit is reducing day by day Sir, I am glad to inform the House, I do admit that there were some misappropriation as the conductors are not behaving properly, that recently we introduced a mobile squad and by that we have collected about Rs. 20 lakhs extra than the last year. This year we are expecting at least Rs. 18 lakhs as net profit from the State Transport. The profit could have been higher if there were no leakage. There are complaints that the conductors are not issuing the tickets and we are trying to tighten these leakages as far as possible.

I am sure the House will agree with me that apart from being a public utility service, the State Transport has been

rendering immense services to the State particularly at times of Emergency such as the Naga Hill operation, Chinese aggression, Mizo Hills disturbances and the refugee rehabilitation at Matia. From time to time the State Transport is also to meet heavy demands from the police and Army authorities in connection with maintenance of law and order. I will certainly admit that there is much room for improvement in the working of State Transport Undertaking, and we are fully seised of this problem and various measures are under contemplation of Govt. for raising the standard of efficiency of this organisation.

Sir, Mr. Bhattacharjee has raised a point regarding Super-Express service. I would like to give the House some figures of the period 7.8.68 to 10.2.69. Gauhati to Dibrugarh our earning is 7,85,604, Shillong to North Lakhimpur 2,40,608, Gauhati to Tinsukia 3,34,141 and Shillong to Sibsagar 1,50,406. Sir, So far as Gauhati-Shillong line is concerned, we have reduced the fare from Rs. 8.80 to Rs. 6.60. Now though the people are demanding for more Super Express vehicles, we are not in a position to provide more. Now a days, again there is illegal taxi service and private cars carrying passengers but since the introduction of the Super Express buses people in more numbers are travelling in these buses.

Sir, there is another point regarding recognition of State Transport Union. The criterion of recog-

gnition of Union is, when there are several Unions in one industry or establishment, the one with the largest membership should be recognised.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Who has fixed the criterion ?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : Let me read it please.

The two Unions of the State Transport organisation viz, State Transport workers' Association Gauhati and Assam State Transport Workers' Union, Shillong were registered on 7-5-52 and 23-1-64 respectively. From the return submitted by the State Transport Workers' Association, Gauhati, the total membership was 1720 on 28-10-65 whereas that of the State Transport Workers' Union had the total membership of 657 at the time of its registration. The State Transport Workers' Union having lesser membership does not possess the criterion for recognition.

The question of recognising the Assam State Transport Workers' Union, Shillong was referred to the State Evaluation and Implementation Committee for their advice whether this particular Union can be recognised. It may be recalled that the State Transport Workers' Union has their membership from the Southern Assam Division only of the State Transport. The State Evaluation and Implementation Committee took a decision which is reproduced below ,

"The Committee discusses the issue and sticks to the previous decision taken on 5th June, 1961 in respect of "Local area" and does not find any ground to recommend the recognition of the Assam State Transport Workers' Union by the Management of State Transport, Assam in Southern Assam Division".

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : On a point of clarification, Sir, I remember clearly about this Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee was set up in the year 1961 but there was no sitting and the Government also did not take the approval of this House for constitution of such kind of a Committee. Therefore, this Committee actually has got no jurisdiction to decide such kind of issue. If a Committee is to decide the fate of a Union then this Committee is to be constituted under certain rules which rules must be approved by this august House and more so in accordance with the Labour Acts. When certain Union has fulfilled all the conditions it is discriminatory and illegal on the part of the Government not to recognise that Union. By violating the provision of the Labour Rules the Government is violating the provisions of the Constitution. I would like to mention here Sir that I have been called upon to take the Presidentship of the organisation and I, on behalf of the Union will not recognise the locustandi of

the Evaluation Committee. Moreover, Sir, in the last Committee the Secretary of the rival Union has been made a member which is not legal and this has been done by the support of the party in power and in spite of a note of dissention the Secretary of the rival Union has been appointed only to fulfil their political aims and these things are going on. Therefore, it is an ultimatum to the Government that whatever explanation the Minister can give we are not going to accept it. The Court of law is there and we are going to take recourse to the Court of Law.

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury ; Sir, hon. Mr. Barua is at present the President of the Union but last year he was not the President of that Union. The President was then Mr. Maham Sing and he came forward and said that they are trying to amalgamate the two associations and therefore nothing could be done. We could not do anything at that time.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Sir, I raised the matter and it appears that either I could not explain myself properly to make myself understandable to the Minister or the Minister has not been able to catch the point. Let us consider it my misfortune that I could not make myself clear. What I said

was that in the Assam State Transport Organisation there are two Union—one Union is with its headquarter at Gauhati which claims that it has got its membership throughout the entire organisation and has got a larger number of membership and there is another Union which is primarily, though that also claims to be a Union for the whole organisation, uptill now its membership is primarily confined to the southern Division and so far as the employees of the southern Division are concerned, the membership of these employees belong to this latter Union, i. e., near about 99%, almost the entire body of the workmen of the southern Division belong to this Union. Now, that Union, which is registered at Gauhati have not, or barely have only 1% of the membership of this region. Therefore in all fairness, the Minister without resorting to unfair labour tricks, according to the principle accepted by the Tripartite Labour Conference ought to have given recognition immediately to the Southern Region. That at least could have been done and, as a matter of fact, so far as my personal knowledge and information goes, the Minister was considering it. At that time, by the way, I was present here, and he told me that they were seeking the advice of the Labour Department. Then the Labour Department gave its advice and the advice is that the Union is entitled to get

recognition as a matter of police of course—there is no law with regard to the recognition of the Union either by the Central Government or by the State Government.

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) :
That is Trade Union Act.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : No, there is no provision with regard to this in the Trade Union Act. According to the Trade Union if these are to be registered then let both the Union be registered. In law they exist. Whether the Department says that these 90% of the employees of the southern Division exist or it says they do not exist, law admits both in their existence.

Then one Evaluation Committee was formed. Was this Committee appointed by the Labour Commission ? No. Was it appointed by this House ? No. Then who constituted this Committee ? The accused is the Judge ! The accused has arrogated itself to the role of the Judge ?

The accusation is that you and the Department are behaving partially with the Association in committing corruption. You are taking the lion share and giving the minor share to these people. You are giving I.N.T.U.C a fare deal but I.N.T.U.C is not the only Trade Union in India. There are

other Trade Unions in this country and you cannot in this manner be discriminatory and if you do so you will do it to your peril. If you discriminate with an independent Trade Union you will see the "Tamasa". After all to stop the machine it is not necessary to remove all the bolts and nuts; removing of one bolt is enough. If you do not act according to principle of membership of the Association then let both the Unions be allowed to compete and see who does better in working and serve the State through competition and if you are satisfied with the membership of the other Division then recognition should be given to the other Division. But at least in an Association with 90% of membership you will not grant recognition that cannot be tolerated. You spoke of Maham Singh who was the president of the Association last year and the same people tried to send him to the Rajya Sabha. Negotiation was started with Maham Singh that when he was the President of the Association he should try to amalgamate both the Unions. Because Maham Singh wanted to sell the Union to the Minister he was pushed out of the Union and he has been removed from the Presidentship. Anybody who wants to sabotage the cause of workers, more so being the president of the Union by being purchased by the employer he will face the fate of Maham Singh. I do not want

to raise all these things. I most humbly said that when the Labour Department advised that according to the policy of Government of India and the Govt. of Assam this Union is entitled to get recognition in the Southern Division why there should be discriminatory policy. If you continue to do it the history will have its own course.

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : Sir, the Evaluation Committee was duly constituted by the Labour Department of the Government of Assam. So their decision is.....

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : That is out dated and we are not going to hear it. We do not recognise the very locustandi.

Shri Prabin Kumar Chaudhury : The Committee agree that the term 'Local Area' appearing in item 6 of the criteria for the recognition of Unions should mean for State Electricity, P.W.D., State Transport and River Steamer Companies operating throughout the State of Assam. Sir, as I said this could not be given effect to because of the report of the Evaluation Committee. We thought to consider their case but they came forward and wanted to amalgamate themselves. This is why nothing could be done at that time.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : It is your creation. You put

one man their to persuade our workers. It is the verdict that has been given by our workers,

Shri Prabin Kumar Chaudhury : Giving of recognition is the right of the management. We wanted to consider their case for giving recognition

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : On political reason. But how long you will keep their mouth closed ?

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : If you want co-operation you will have it ; if you want confrontation you will have that also.

Shri Prabin Kumar Chaudhury : It is to my advantage to divide and rule.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Yes, provided when both of them are recognised. But when one is kept Unoin it cannot be there. After all for a kept there is a special consideration than a legally married w. fe.

Shri Prabin Kumar Chaudhury : Sir, Mr. Barua has also raised one point that our v hicles are not properly maintained. I admit it that our vehicles are not being maintained properly as they ought to have been maintained. But recently we have introduced some servicing stations in the State Viz : at Gauhati. Jorhat and Tezpur. We are also going to open more such stations in the St te in other districts

also' Sir, I do assure the House that henceforth we expect that the vehicles will be maintained properly and if they fail to do so proper action will be taken against the officer or officers concerned.

Sir, regarding the urinals and latrines. I have also personally seen them. It is a fact that these are not properly maintained. So about 10 days ago I asked the Director to instruct all the Station Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and the Stations I/c to keep their urinals and latrines in proper order. I also further asked to make it known to all concerned that any lapse on their part to keep the urinals and latrines in proper order will earn adverse remarks in their character rolls.

Sir, I am sorry to give my personal explanation on one point that has been raised by Mr. Bhattacharyya regarding use of State Transport car for delivering some papaya to my house. Sir, at that time I was ill and I was in the hospital. I do not know the actual position. Somebody might have sent them in a State Transport car...

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Sir, I do not mean it. My point was why a Transport car should go, if the minister has taken it like this I apologise.

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : Sir, Shri Akram Hussain, Hon'ble Member, has stated that enhanced trip

allowances are not given to the drivers and conductors. It is a fact. Whatever amount is given at present is not adequate. I shall consider this matter of increasing the trip allowances provided Finance do agree. Because they are not getting adequate allowances sometimes they do mischief by not issuing tickets.

Shri Sailen Medhi, Hon'ble Member, has raised one point regarding purchase of two imported vehicles. Sir, these vehicles were purchased from the State Trading Corporation. One of them is for the Chief Minister. The State Trading Corporation agrees to sell such imported cars only for the use of the Chief Minister and for foreign tourists and V. I. Ps. Sir, the car that was so long being used by the Chief Minister was purchased in the year 1963. This car is now not in a good condition, sometimes it gives trouble, and, therefore, one of the imported cars was procured for the Chief Minister. Sir, by purchasing these imported cars in the long run we will be benefited. How? We have compared the cost of maintenance of Ambassador cars with that of the imported cars and the cost of maintenance of these cars is less. We have seen that Ministers are changing cars every two years. Within five years the Ministers are to be provided with $2\frac{1}{2}$ Ambassador cars the cost of

which is Rs.50,000/— or more. The last car that was purchased for the Chief Minister was in 1963, that means the imported car gave service for five years. The average cost of maintenance of Ambassador cars is Rs. 5000/—.

Shri Sailen Medhi : Sir, the Minister has stated that only the Chief Minister is entitled to foreign cars but we know that other Ministers were also using foreign cars. The hon. Minister has also one such car.

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury : The recent policy of the Government is that only the Chief Minister is entitled to a foreign car. The other foreign car had been purchased for the V. I. PS, and foreign tourist when such foreign tourists come to Assam. Sir, I do not want to take much time of the House as hon. Member are anxious to go over the other grants.

As regards North Bank, we have since introduced Super Express buses from North Lakhimpur to Shillong. This service is giving us good return. As regards the dilapidated condition of some buses in certain routes, we will certainly see to replace them, if possible.

Shri Bhattacharjee has mentioned about the Porntier Times. I was the editor of the paper, but when I have taken over the Ministry I have rest-

gued from the editorship of that paper. Sir, we give advertisements not to the Frontier Times alone but to all other papers.....

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : That further strengthens my argument. If it would have been one paper it would have been wastage of Rs. 500/— if it is advertised in five papers the gross wastage would have been Rs. 25,000/—. My contention was when one classified advertisement can do why there should be two advertisements by the same authority. In one and the same advertisement both could have been covered as they are covered by the Assam Public Service Commission, the Union Public Service Commission not to speak of other organisations; When one advertisement would have sufficed why two advertisements. If it would have been in more than one paper the wasteful expenditure would have been all the more.

Shri K. N. Hossian : পৰিবহন বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ উত্তৰ প্ৰসঙ্গ।
এই গাড়ী বিলাক মাত্ৰ আঢ়ৈ বছৰ চলে। এই গাড়ীবিলাক কি
গাড়ী? আমি শুনাত নতুন বুলি শুনিছো দেখোন।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : তেতিয়াহলে সকলো মন্ত্ৰীলৈ একো
একোখন অনাই লওক। আপোনালোকে তেনেকুৱা গাড়ী আনিলে
১৯৭২ চনলৈ আমাৰহে সুবিধা হ'ব।

(সদনত হাঁহিব বোল উঠে)

Shri A. N. Akram Hossain : মই Supper bus ৰ বেডিঅ' বিলাকৰ
কি হৈছে জানিব খুজিছো।

Mr. Speaker : সেইবোৰ আমাক নানাগে।

Now, I put the question. That the total provision of Rs. 2,48,17,300 under Grant No. 58, Major head "57.—Road and Water Transport Schemes.—A.—Road Transport—1—Working Expenses" at pages 387-397 of the Budget be refused i.e. the amount of the whole grant of Rs. 2,48,17,300, do stand refused.

(The cut motion was lost).

I put the main demand. That a sum of Rs. 2,48,17,300 (Rupees two crores, fortyeight lakhs seventeen thousand and three hundred) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "57.—Road and Water Transport Schemes—A.—Road Transport 1—Working Expenses".

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 64. 71—Miscellaneous (I—Expenditure on Account of State Prisoners and Detenus, Miscellaneous Gifts and Presents and Miscellaneous and Unforeseen Charges, etc.) "

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : (Minister, Revenue) :

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 4,89,100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous (I—Expenditure on account of State Prisoners and Detenus, Miscellaneous Gifts and Presents and Miscellaneous and Unforeseen Charges, etc.)"

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. There is no cut motino. I put the question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 4,89,100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head '17—Miscellaneous (I—Expenditure on account of State Prisoners and Detenus, Miscellaneous Gifts and Presents and Miscellaneous and Charges' etc.)"

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 71. "71—Miscellaneous (VIII—Miscellaneous and Unforeseen Charges)."

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) :

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 30,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in cours of

payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous (VIII—Miscellaneous and Unforeseen Charges.)"

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. I put the question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 30,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous— (VIII—Miscellaneous and Unforeseen Charges)."

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 72. - "71 Miscellaneous-IX Civil Defence."

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) :

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 30,05,100, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970 for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous -IX-Civil Defence."

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved: There is no cut motion. I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 30,05,100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will

come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970 for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous—IX—Civil Defence".

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 74—"77—Extraordinary Charges."

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) :
Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 1,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "77—Extra-ordinary Charges."

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. There is no cut motion. I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 1,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "77—Extra-ordinary Charges."

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 81—"103 Capital Outlay on Public works—Outside the Revenue Account"

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar (Minister of State, P.W.D) :
Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the

Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 6,47,74,200, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head '103-Capital Outlay on Public Works-Outside the Revenue Account'.

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. The cut motion is not moved. I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 6,47,74,200, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head '103-Capital Outlay on Public Works Outside the Revenue Account',

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 82—"109-Capital Outlay on Other Works Outside the Revenue Account"

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar (Minister of State, P.W.D. :

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 54,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "109—Capital outlay on Other Works Outside the Revenue Account",

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. There is no cut motion I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 54,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "109—Capital Outlay on Other Works Outside the Revenue Account".

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 83- "114-Capital Outlay on Road and Water Transport-A-Road Transport"

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State, Transport) : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 91,14,400, be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "114 Capital Outlay on Road and Water Transport Schemes-A-Road Transport".

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. There is no cut motion I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 91,14,400 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration

of the head "114 Capital Outlay on Road and Water Transport Schemes-A-Road Transport".

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 87-"Q-Loans & Advances, etc. (I-Loans to Municipal Corporation and Municipalities)".

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 52,20,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970 for the administration of the head "Q-Loans and Advances, etc. (I-Loans to Municipal Corporation and Municipalities)".

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. The hon. members do not move the cut motions. I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 52, 20,000, be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head 'Q-Loans and Advances, etc. (I-Loans to Municipal Corporation and Municipalities)'.

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 96-Q-Loans and Advances, cet (X-Housing Loans)

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) : Mr,

Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 13,48,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "Q-Loans and Advances, etc. (X-Housing Loans)".

Mr. Speaker: The motion is moved. The cut motion is not moved. So, I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 13,48,00, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "Q-Loans and Advances, etc. (X-Housing Loans)".

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 102—"Q-Loans and Advances, etc.

(XVI-Miscellaneous Loans and Advances)"

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 2,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "Q-Loans and Advances, etc. XVI-Miscellaneous Loans and Advances)".

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. There is no cut motion, I put the question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 2,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the 31st day of March 1970, for the administration of the head "Q-Loans and advances etc. (XVI Miscellaneous Loans and Advances)"

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 22—"27—Scientific Departments"

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Industries) ; Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 17,63,300, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration "27—Scientific Departments".

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. No cut motions will be moved. I put the main question. The question is that a sum, of Rs. 17,63,300, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970 for the administration of the head "27—Scientific Departments".

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 37—“35—Industries—II—Cottage Industries”.

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Industries) : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 63,51,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970 for the administration of the head “35—Industries—II—Cottage Industries”.

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. They are not moving the cut motions. I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 63,51,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head “35—Industries II—Cottage Industries”.

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No.34—“35—Industries—III—Major Industries”

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Industries) : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 3,10,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head “35—Industries—III—Major Industries”.

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. They are not moving the cut motions. I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 3,10,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "35—Industries—III—Major Industries".

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 78—"96. Capital Outlay on Industrial and Economic Development (I—Investment in other Commercial and Industrial Undertakings)".

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Industries) : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 1,97,43,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970 for the administration of the head "96—Capital Outlay on Industrial and Economic Development—(I—Investment in other Commercial and Industrial Undertakings)".

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved. There is no cut motion. I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 1,97,43,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which

will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "96 - Capital Outlay on Industrial and Economic Development—(I - Investment in other Commercial and Industrial Undertakings)".

(The motion was adopted).

Demand No. 80 '96—Capital Outlay on Industrial and Economic Department (—III—Other Miscellaneous Undertakings)

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 35,08,300 be granted to the Minister-in charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head— "96—Capital Outlay on Industrial and Economic Development— [III—other Miscellaneous Undertakings]"

Mr. Speaker : The motion is moved.

•Shri Dula! Chandra Barua : I want to move my cut motion. That the total provision of Rs. 35,08,300 under Grant No. 80, major head '96—Capital Outlay on Industrial and Economic Development

(III - Other Miscellaneous Undertakings)", at page 446 of the budget be refused, i. e. the amount of the whole grant of Rs. 35,08,300, do stand refused.

Sir, while moving my cut motion under this particular head, I want to make certain serious observations. Sir, it is not only to-day or during this period of the Assembly but on many occasions I have brought to the pointed attention of the Govt. the affairs that are going on under this Industries Department in the name of industrial development. Here, in the provision, it has been shown as share capital to the Small Scale Industries Corporation and to the Marketing Corporations Ltd and so on. Now, this amount which was given to the Small Scale Industries Corporation is to give incentive to the local industrialists and also to help in respect of employment and to bring some sort of balance in the economy to this economically backward State. But utter frustration has come not only to the minds of the hon. Members of this august House but to the entire people of the State. These things are going on in the Industrial Development Corporation casting a gloomy picture. Sir, in this connection, I like to mention a few of the instances though we do not want to go into the details of the matter. But in the last September-Session of the Assembly, one hon. Member of this side, Mr. Govinda Kalita, has brought to the

pointed attention of the Government about the misuse of the raw materials in the raw materials depot in the Small Scale Industries Development Corporation. In reply to that our Minister was kind enough to assure this House that proper enquiries will be made in the entire affairs and the Govt. will see that no such kind of affairs or such kind of recurrence takes place. But all the assurances have gone into the wilderness and our hopes and aspirations that we derive from such assurances have been frustrated totally, and from this we have come to know that no effective steps so far have been taken by the Government to stop such kind of recurrences. Sir, in my budget speech, I have pointed out that.....

*Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir, the hon. Member was not present in the House when I was replying to the Budget debate. Then I had clearly said that a Special Audit has been appointed by the Auditor General to go into these affairs and some cases have also been referred to the Vigilance Commissioner. Unfortunately the hon. Member was not present at that time.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : May I draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the fact that the anomalies which have been pointed out were not only published

in the newspaper but these were also brought to the notice of the Audit. Therefore, it is no use sending another Audit Party to conduct audit. I will give you an instance how the Audit has confirmed these things. If a thing is examined by the Accountant General there cannot be any doubt on the part of the Government about the reality of facts. Sir, as I have already said, the loss in the store during the year ending the 31st March, 1968 amounted to Rs. 1 crore and five thousands and again in the months of November,—December, 1968 about 200 tones of B.P. seeds costing about Rs. 39, 360 were lost. The Corporation has asked one of his Directors to go into the whole matter. But the Officer in charge of the Store happens to be a relation of particular high-up and therefore, an enquiry which could not have been completed in three months has been completed in half an hour, which means that no enquiry has actually been conducted. Now the entire responsibility they want to shift to another man who has taken over charge of the stock very recently. The former officer-in-Charge who was responsible for this loss has also destroyed the earlier charge report. The present man whose name is Mohan Nath is a very innocent man and I know him personally.

Again Sir, I do not know whether the Minister has replied to another matter and that is with regard

to the taking over of the Green View. It is quite mysterious because without making any assessment of the liability and property this has been taken over by the Managing Director and an agreement was signed between the Managing Director and the so called owner of the Green View. The person with whom the agreement has been entered into is not the real owner. Sir, when the proposal for taking over the project came the Board took a decision in its 30th meeting that the Managing Director should first make an assessment of the liabilities and assets of the firm and submit a report to the Board. But inspite of that it has been taken over with effect from 1.4.68 without making any assessment and in violation of the provision of Clause 105 of the Articles of Association. It has been said that even till 31st October, 1968 no assessment was made. My point is about the legality of the deal. If the Government wants to take it over, we have no objection but the point is that why it should be taken over without making an assessment of the assets and liabilities of the firm. I have been told that nearly Rs. 24 lakhs we will have to pay to the owner.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir, I have replied in detail to this point when I was replying to the Budget debate but unfortunately the hon. Member was not present. I said that Rs. 3½ lakhs would be required

to pay because we have taken over only the management and not the property. If we would have taken over the property then we would have to pay Rs. 24 lakhs. What is the illegality in it ?

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : It is wholly illegal because they have taken it over without following the procedure laid down by the Board. They have taken it over without assessing the assets and liabilities. Even a blind man would not buy a thing without first assessing its valuation

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I have already said, we are not contemplating to take over the property ; we have only taken over the management.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : What is the agreement ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : We have never entered into any agreement to take over the property. We have only taken over the management and so we are to pay them Rs. 3½ lakhs.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Produce the agreement to the House.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : How can I produce the agreement now ? I am not a God to know that the hon. Member would demand it. If the hon. Member demand it in writing, I will certainly produce it.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : There cannot be a question like that you are not a God. We demand it as a matter of right and you must produce it before the House. We want the agreement between the Managing Director and the so called owner of Green View.

Now, Sir, coming to another aspect of the beautiful management of the Board, I would say that we have actually a very high hope about the projects that have been taken up by the Board with the share contribution from the Government. Sir, as I have already said on many occasions, this Board has become a Board of failure. Sir, due to faulty execution of the then Managing Director the Jex Board factory at Tinsukia had incurred a heavy loss and inspite of our repeated demands to the Governmen to take action against the persons who are responsible for such a heavy loss to the public exchequer, no action has been taken and about the loss that we have incurred the Minister knows it himself and about the loss we incur, the honourable Minister knows himself. I demand that for such kind of high-handedness, it is desirable that these officers must be brought to book.

Sir, Government have started another factory. It is Veneer Match Factory. Inspite of good weather and favourable market conditions, this factory has totally failed. Most probably the honourable Minister is not aware of this fact.

Sir, an advance of approximately 6,78,000 has been paid by the Corporation to M/S. Kusalini Match Factory in Calcutta in the year 1965 for galvanising plant, but it has not yet been realised.

Shri Biswadeb Sarma : Sir, may I know from the honourable member what is the amount advanced to M/S Kusalini ?

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : It is nearly 6 lakhs 78 thousands.

Sir, there is another factory of Alluminium Factory named Phiros & Co. It has been done by the then Managing Director Shri Adhikari. The Chairman of the Board (Mr. Kataki) had asked the Director not to do so. On 6.5.64 he wrote a letter to extend the date that we should not give monopoly to this particular Company but they have ignored it and they have given it to M/S Phiros & Co. They said that it has been taken over by the Corporation. This has been done without assessing the assets and liabilities. A huge loss was incurred. It has been reported that on the day of the Inauguration, our Minister in charge of Industry (Mr. Tripathy) was also present. The Chairman, Lt. Col. G. P. Das instead of representing SIDC he has represented ASCO, but as per rule he has not do so. Now, in this connection, I want to draw the pointed attention of the honourable Minister, because we

have seen that he is very keen to develop the industries in many ways.

Now, Sir, here, serious anomalies have taken place. ASCO was examined by the Chartered Accountant Mr. Mazumdar. The provision was Rs..... Sir, the loan machinery was not shown in the balance sheet of the Company on 3.6.68. So, the profit of Rs. 28,568 shown in the balance sheet was not correct. It was short of Rs. 1.32 which is twice the amount of Rs. 1,78,432. It has not shown the interest of the Corporation loan. M/S ASCO & Co. have also taken loan as payment, but at the time of preparing the balance sheet, the interest was not taken into consideration. It comes to to the total loss of the Corporation at the present stage to the tune of Rs. 4,50,337.45 P instead of Rs. 3,84,29.47 P. That is why the whole point is that at the time making the assessment two representatives were there from the side of the Corporation—Managing Director and one Mr. Shri K. P. Barua—to represent the Company. Though the Chairman and the Managing Director of the Company representing that Company were there—just to imagine what wrong trick they have played about the wrong assessment just to get gain out of it.

Now, Sir, coming to another factor—I think the honourable Minister will not misunderstand me—as the representatives of public we must see, without

considering our relation outside where the Minister is also a representative of public, that we are to deal with the facts. There are so many other anomalies that have been packed up. Now, regarding a very important factor I want to Point out here about a giant project—the Cachar Textile Industries Project.

(A Voice : I have not heard of such project)

Now, the funniest part of thing is that the Mill is running and it is being run by a person i. e., whose honesty is in question. Here, I think, I should give the past career of this gentleman because the Minister is not aware of it. This gentleman was first a Central Govt. employee. He had some bad records there. Moreover he is not a technical expert. Then he has been taken to our Cooperative Department as Cooperative Officer or so. Then what happened ? In the Cooperative Deptt he misused Govt. money to the extent of Rs. 20,000 at the first instance. Then in another case in the same Department he misused about Rs. 2,392/—; Proceedings was drawn up against this officer and some way or other he managed to escape from impending danger with the help of the then Managing Director of the Corp., Shri Adhikari. Now, he got the promotion to higher rank of the Managing Director in the scale of Rs. 1000-1800. Now, I think, he is drawing nearly two thousand

rupees inclusive of all allowances. This was objected to by the then honest Chairman and I must tell you, Sir, that these are the things for which the Chairman had to resign. He had to resign in protest of all these things. So, I wonder how Govt. can put such a man to such a position. Another thing, Sir I would like to mention here that the then Chairman also opposed to the appointment of Shri Nabis to a post carrying a salary of Rs. 3,000/—for which Shri Nabis was misfit. (Bell ring) Then, Sir, Govt. could understand that something fishy is going on in the project. So, they deputed some officers to verify the stock and other of that project. On enquiry they found the stock excess and it was also found that this man has been fined by the Central Excise Deptt for mis-using or blackmarketing the cloth produced by that Mill. Again a re-enquiry was made to this effect by the Joint Director (Admn) and he had found it correct and again on third enquiry the stock was found excess. That means first enquiry report has been established without any doubt. Now, again it is seen that very recently this gentleman is applying bad practice and selling out the Govt. produced cloth for his own benefit. I am told again he has been detected and the case has been referred to the Govt, by the Central Excise Deptt. It is seen that there is discrepancy in the matter of production of cloth to the extent of 24, 87, 766.5 meter.

Nearly 80,009.79 metre leaves room for reasonable doubt of misappropriation. This has been proved beyond doubt. Now, again it is seen that one Calcutta firm ordered for certain clothes. Now, what happened? Instead of sending them the exact design they wanted, he sent some other design. Now this Company has refused to take the delivery of the cloth. Result is that we shall have to incur a heavy loss. Another instance is that from Kanpur a order was given for tiffin basket to be made by the Bamboo Mill. The baskets have been prepared and sent to Nagpur by pasting a wrong level. The general procedure is that the things produced are to be examined by one of the Inspectors of the Govt. But in this case it was not done. Now, the firm who ordered for it has refused to take the baskets thereby incurring a heavy loss of Rs. 2.4 lakhs to the State exchequer. I am told the total loss will come to about 6 lakhs of rupees.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : How the loss will come to 6 lakh ? The cost of the goods would be two lakhs of rupees.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : You shall have to take into consideration as all the factors of production plus transportation cost and the Company will surely file a suit. So, all these will amount to 6 lakhs of rupees.

So, Sir, this is way how public money is spent. We are giving money to get some result out of it. But practically we are getting nothing.

The Managing Director of the Corporation appointed by the Govt. is not having a good background, I must tell. While he was the Chief Automobile Engineer S. T. he misappropriated a huge sum of money and a case was pending against him. With the help of one Shri Barua he escaped from the case. This gentleman was there while he was in the State Tra-

sport and now again this gentleman is there again with him in the ASIDC. Now, I have been reported, subject to correction he was servicing in the Transport Department. I have been told that while this gentleman was an incumbent in a Deptt. of the Govt. of India he was driven out for such kind of mal-practice I actually had a high esteemation about him. I draw the attention of the Minister that all the raw materials and documents have been destroyed by him. When there is doubt about the integrity of a man I do not know how can be retained.

Now Sir, the constitution of the Board is very disappointing and you will find Sir, that there is relationship, favouritism, nepotism and all 'isms' creeping in the matter of appointment. All the posts are occupied by their relatives and employees are not in a position to survive. Sir, I have said that justice is totally lacking and justice is not expected from the Deptt. A man who has been giving the last drop of blood for the organisation had to suffer a lot. If I am really a peoples' representative and if I cannot protect the rights and privileges of the people than I consider myself unfit to be a representative. So, I demand an independent inquiry to be constituted with limited members of this August House and go into the working of the Corporation and submit a report on this. With these observations I commend my cut motion.

Shir Lashyadhar Choudhury : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ

মাননীয় সদস্য শ্রীত্বলাল বৰুৱাই উত্থাপন কৰা কৰ্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো মই সমৰ্থন কৰিছোঁ। কাৰণ আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ আশা ভৱষাৰ স্থল হল এই উদ্যোগ বিভাগ। কিন্তু এই উদ্যোগ বিভাগত আমি যথেষ্ট বেমেজালি দেখা পাইছোঁ আৰু উদ্যোগৰ শিতানত এই বাৰ Plan বে সৈতে প্ৰায় ৫/৬ কোটি টকা ব্যয় কৰিছে। আজিৰ প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমূহীয়া হিচাবে

আহিছে। কিন্তু প্রত্যেকটো কথা ভাগ ভাগ কৰি ভালদৰে খবচিমাৰি আলোচনা কৰিব পৰা হলে, হয়তো আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ কিছু উপকাৰ হ'লহেঁতেন।

মই এই থিনিতে কব বিচাৰিছোঁ যে, বৰ্তমান আমাৰ উদ্যোগ মন্ত্ৰীজন নতুন মন্ত্ৰী। প্ৰথম বাৰ যেতিয়া আমি এই সদনত বক্তৃতা দিছিলোঁ তেতিয়া চৰকাৰে হয়তো ভাবিছিল আমি বিৰোধী সদস্য যেতিয়া সচা-মিছাই চিঞৰিছে—। কিন্তু আচলতে সেইটো নহয় আমি যিখিনিৰ কাৰণে চিঞৰিছিলোঁ। সেইখিনি প্ৰকৃততে সত্য আৰু সেই-বিলাক কথা কাগজে-পত্ৰেই বা আলোচনী বা হিচাব পত্ৰৰ বহী বিলাকতো প্ৰকাশ পাইছে। কিন্তু এইবিলাকত যদি তেখেতে ভালকৈ চকু দিলেহেঁতেন তেতিয়াহলে আজিৰ যিটো **Audit Report** ওলাইছে তাত কোনো ভুল ভ্ৰান্তি নহ'লহেঁতেন। এইবিলাক কথা ১৯৬৭ চনৰ গৰ্ভনৰ ভাষণতেই আমি উল্লেখ কৰিছিলো।

উদ্যোগ মন্ত্ৰীয়ে যদি আমাৰ কথা শুনি আমাক নেদেখুৱায়ো নিজে ভালকৈ লেকাম ধৰিলেহেঁতেন তেন্তে অসমৰ আজি দেৱলীয়া অৱস্থা নহ'লহেঁতেন। সেই কাৰণে মই কব বিচাৰিছোঁ যে **Associated Industry** চৰকাৰে নিজে লব লাগে। উদ্যোগ ক্ষেত্ৰত যি ৬৪ কোটি টকা সমূহীয়া ভাৱে ধৰিছে সেই কাৰণে এইটো ৰাজ্যৰ কাৰণে বৰ গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ এতেকে কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱৰ সীমাৰ ভিতৰতে আৱদ্ধ নাথাকি মই অলপ বহলাই আলোচনা কৰিব বিচাৰো।

তাৰ পাছত **Minaise Industry** যিটো আছে তাত একেবাৰে—**Industry Dept** এ নিজে **Negociation** কৰি ২০ বিঘা মাটিৰ দাম বিখাই ৫০০ টকাকৈ লবলৈ **Associated Industry** ৰ স্তুবিধা কৰি দিছে। সেই সময়ত **Mr. Tribedi** এইবিলাকৰ **Secretary** আছিল। এইটো কথা মই কবলৈ বাধ্য যে **Associated Industry** ৰ মাটি বিক্ৰি হৈছে আৰু চৰকাৰৰ **Industry Dept** এ এই বিষয়ে সহায়তা কৰিছে।

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Associated Industry য়ে যে মাটি কিনিছে তাত আমাৰ কি কৰিব লগীয়া আছে।

Shri Lakshdhar Choudhury : এই মাটি উদ্যোগ প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ কাৰণে গভৰ্ণ-মেণ্টৰ পৰা লৈছিল। তাত গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ আছে। চৰকাৰৰ ২৩ লাখ Rallis & Co তিনি লাখ আৰু কোম্পানীৰ ১২ লাখ। কিন্তু সম্পূৰ্ণ Control কৰিছে শ্ৰীজাতিয়া পৰিয়ালে। ইয়াৰ লগতে মই এইটো কথা কব খুজিছোঁ। বহুতো Industry হৈছিল, এইবিলাক এতিয়া নাই। এইবিলাকৰ এতিয়া কি হৈছে কি নহৈছে মইটো নাজানোৱেই আমাৰ Industry মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়েও নাজানে। এইদৰে Industrial Estate ত নামা বকমৰ উদ্যোগত লোকচান হৈছে। তাৰ পাছত বদৰপুৰ Textile বিভাগতো লাভ মুঠেই হোৱা নাই, কিন্তু লোকচান হৈছে ৫০ হেজাৰ। এইদৰে Matches ৰ কাৰণে ৭৭ হেজাৰ টকা লোকচান হৈছে তাৰ পাছত কোম্পানীয়ে য'ত মিটাৰ ফেক্টৰী কৰিছিল সেইটো বন্ধ কৰি দিছে। এইদৰেই বিভিন্ন উদ্যোগ বিলাকত চৰকাৰে সাহায্য দিয়া স্বত্বেও লোকচান দেখুৱাই আহিছে আৰু সেইবিলাক বহুতো উদ্যোগত যিবিলাকৰ ১৯৬৬ চনত Sign Board উঠিছিল এতিয়া সেই বিলাক আৰু নাই। তাৰ ভিতৰত গুৱাহাটীত এটা Arun Industry ক ১ লাখ টকা দিছিল। সেইটোৰ নাম গোন্ধ গুৱাহাটীতটো নায়েই পৃথিৱীত আছে নে নাই মোৰ সন্দেহ।

Shri Biswadev Sarma : (Minister) এই টকাটো কোনে দিছিল?

Shri Lakshdhar Choudhury : এই টকাটো চৰকাৰে দিছিল আৰু আপুনি ১৯৬৬ চনৰ জুন আৰু জুলাই মাহৰ উদ্যোগ বাতৰিত চালেই পাব পৃষ্ঠা ১০/১৪ M/s হৰলালকা Plastic Company ক ১ লাখ টকা দিছিল চৰকাৰে National Trading Company ক Milk-Powder কৰিবৰ কাৰণে ৯৫,৫০০ টকা আৰু Malt Extract and grease proof paper ৰ তৈয়াৰ কৰিবলৈ আৰু

প্রায় ৫ হেজাব - মুঠ ১ লাখ টকা দিছিল। কিন্তু এইবিলাক Company ক চৰকাৰে আৰু এতিয়া নেপায়। এইবিলাক Company এতিয়া একেবাৰেই হবলুকি গৈছে।

তাৰ পিচত আৰু এটা কথা associated Industry উপযুক্ত স্থানীয় লোক নাই বুলি—এই উদ্যোগত বিশেষ কামত আগ কৰিব পৰা নাই বুলি কৈছে। কিন্তু কথা সচা নহয়—। Associated Industry U.K. ত Business Management ৰ প্রশিক্ষণ লৈ অহা Mr. P. C. Boro; শ্ৰীৰমেশ দাস;—Textile graduate; শ্ৰীচেতিয়া, Chemical Engineer; শ্ৰীশইকীয়া, Spinning Master; দত্ত আৰু দে ক কামৰ পৰা খেদি দিছে। এইদৰে প্রায় বিলাক যোগ্যলোককে কামৰ পৰা খেদাই দিলে। এই বিষয়ে মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে নিজেই অনুসন্ধান কৰিব পাৰে।

উদ্যোগ আৰু বিদ্যুৎও এজন মন্ত্ৰী হাততে আছে। এটা ডুবিলেই আনটোৰো অৱস্থা কাটিল হৈ যাব। গতিকে এটাৰো যাতে বিপৰ্য্যয় নহয়— তাৰ এটা ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব আৰু।

তাৰ পিচত আৰু এটা কথা হৈছে—আমাৰ কিছুমান সৰু সৰু মানুহৰ পৰাও বহুত ডাঙৰ কথাও জানিব পাৰি, Industrial Estate ত বাহ-বেতৰ কাৰখানা আছে এটা। তাত S. I. D. C ৰ বহুতো মাল পৰি আছে। ২/১ খন গাড়ীও এনেয়ে পৰি উৰলি যোৱাৰ নিছিনা হৈছে। বিশেষ একো কামত অহা নাই। গতিকে তাৰ পৰা যিবিলাক টকা অপব্যয় হৈছে সেইবিলাক যেন ৰাইজৰ টকা বুলি ভাৱে

Bamboo Cane উদ্যোগৰ কেইজনমান বহুৱাক অফিচাৰে আজি ১২ বছৰে Suspend কৰি ৰাখিছে। তেওঁলোকক মাহে ১০ টকাকৈ দি আছে। গুৱাহাটীৰ নিছিনা এখন জেগাত তেওঁলোকনো কেনেকৈ চলিব পাৰে? আনফালে ৰাইজৰ ৰাজহৰ পূজিতো বৰকৈ আঘাট পৰিছে। বাজেটত Director Dy. Director আদি বহুত Post দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা ৰাখিছে। আমাৰ মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে কিন্তু সদায় Expert ৰ কথা কয়, কিন্তু তাত হলে Expert ৰ কাৰণে Provision ৰখা নাই কিয়? Expert ৰ ব্যৱস্থা উদ্যোগত থাকিবই লাগিব।

এজন ডেকা কৰ্মচাৰীৰ কথা জানিব পাৰিলো যে তেওঁক হেনো কেইমাহমান হ'ল Suspend কৰি থৈছে। সেই কৰ্মচাৰী জন গলে দেশৰ কাৰণে ভৱা মানুহ। উদ্যোগৰ বিষয়ে আমিও তেওঁৰ পৰা ভালেমান কথা জানিব পাৰিছো। এইজন মানুহক এনেকৈ Suspend কৰি থোৱাটো ঠিক হোৱা নাই। এসময়ত বহুত থলুৱা লোকে উদ্যোগ কৰিবলৈ মাটি বিছাৰিছিলো। —কিন্তু মাটি নেপালে।

আমাৰ মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীভূপেন হাজৰীকাকৈ কৈছে—এজন ডিবেক্টৰে হেনো বহুত টকা খালে। মোৰ কোৰ্টিল্যৰ এটা কথাৰ মনত পৰিছে—যে বজাৰখন চুবলৈ পালে খাবও পাৰি। যেনেকৈ ময়দা মাৰিলে তাৰ কিছু অংশ হাততো লাগি থাকিবই। ধন খাবৰ মন থাকিলে খাওঁক—কিন্তু পেটৰ অস্থি হোৱাকৈ খাব নেলাগে। তেওঁতো আমাৰ নিজৰে মানুহ। হলেও তেওঁ এইটো ভাল কৰা নাই। এতেকে এই বিষয়টো আপোনি অলপ বিবেচনা কৰি চালে ভাল পাম।

ভাৰি চালে সচাকৈয়ে দুখ লাগে যে, আজি যিখন দেশত ১২/১৩/১৪ বছৰীয়া ছোৱালীয়েও গা ঢাকিবলৈ এডুখৰি কাপোৰ নেপায়, ছবেলা-দুয়ুটি খোৱাৰ যোগাৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰে সেইখন দেশৰে ৰাজ-ভঁড়ালৰ ধন এনেকৈ খৰচ কৰাটো বৰ দুখৰ কথা হব। আশা কৰো চৰকাৰে এইবিলাকৰ সংশোধন কৰিব।

এই থিনি কৈয়েই মই মোৰ কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰিলোঁ।

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister Industries) : Sir, Shri Dulal Chandra Borua has raised some points also during the budget discussion which were replied to in detail. Now, with regard to the raw material depot under the Small Industrial Development Corporation, I have already mentioned last time that shortages were there as well as some discrepancy in keeping the accounts also were there. Therefore, I

I have already stated that we have requested the Accountant General to have a special audit and after the report of this special audit is made available we will take necessary action in the matter.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether it is the Auditor General or the Accountant General ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Accountant General.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, the Accountant General has already enquired into and submitted a report. I request the Minister to go through the new audit report and there is no need for further special audit.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir, the special audit is quite different from the usual audit. Special audit means Special audit.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : That was special audit. After the matter was raised here in the Assembly, I do not know at whose instance, it may be at the instance of the Minister, Industries, a special audit was carried out.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir, there is a Board. The Board, on receipt of certain complaints had started an enquiry by themselves but when the hon. ble Members raised the point that they have no confidence

on these people. Therefore, I have in my own initiative requested the Accountant General to have a special audit done in this matter and on receipt of the report of the Accountant General I shall take necessary steps. On certain other [complaints on Jack Board industry I have sent the complaint to the Vigilant Commissioner and on receipt of his report departmental action will be taken against those who are found responsible.

With regard to Green View Product, we are only taking the management of this concerned which will entail an expenditure of about $3\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs of rupees. Recently one team came from Bulgaria and finalised a project based on pineapple. They assured us of purchasing the production of this project. There are other countries, outside India who are interested in it and there is expected to be good profit. I can assure the Hon'ble members that there will not be any investment which will not bring a good dividend out of this investment.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, I think I could neither make it understandable to the Minister nor did the Minister follow what I meant to say. I have no objection to take over this industry. My whole contention is, there was no so much hurry to override the Corporation rules. Why without taking the consent of the Board such taking over and handing over should take place ? Why the Mana-

giving Director should make such an agreement keeping the Board behind when there was no earlier assessment before taking over the Management ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I do not know of any agreement as the Hon'ble member has referred to. If there was any agreement prior to the decision of the Board, I shall enquire into it and I shall place it in the House. The Board once decided to take over the management. We have got large number of orders from outside the country and we are naturally interested in it.

Sir, regarding the Badarpur, Textile Unit I do not know about the charges level against this officer. My information is that Shri Patwari was not fined by the Central Excise Department and that the fine was due to be paid by him.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : I throw a challenge on it. He was fined twice. First Rs. 25/—and that has been referred to by the Corporation also. Secondly he was fined Rs. 150/—. My whole contention is the officer who has adopted such kind of corrupt practices which was proved by the Excise Department beyond doubts, how there can be such kind of denial from the Minister ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : When the Hon'able member has

raised some pending cases of misappropriation by this officer I shall have to enquire into it. But I am told that he was not fined as alleged by the Hon'ble member. However, when the matter has been brought to my notice I shall see to it.

Now with regard to the behaviour of the Chairman ...

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, may I draw the attention of the Minister to the Excise Department letter numbering 4/DIV/SIL/CE/67, dated 12.2.68 regarding his fine. Sir, I demand that the officer who has given wrong information to the Minister should be punished.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Yes. Now Sir, with regard to the taking over of Alluminium Conductors Company, it has been complaint that we have given over this profitable concern to private individual. But Sir, on enquiry I came to know that this licence was given in the name of the Government. But at that time it was given to some private individual. Now it is run by Small Industrial Development Corporation. The Units of the Electricity Board and other such concerns in the State require a huge number of conductors. With the rural electrification schemes the demand will further accelerate. According to the Govern-

ment policy for requirements of such conductors by them they will have to purchase from the State: Therefore, on the strength of the Government policy we have to take over the private concern by the Small Industrial Development Corporation and that will prove the proposition of our Corporation. With regard to the behaviour of the Chairman of the S. I. D. C., I do not know that he supported a private Company. He is a responsible man with experience and very respectable man also. Anyway, when it has been brought to my notice I will look in to it

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : For information of the Hon'ble Minister I may tell him that it seems the officers are misguiding him. The Co-Operative Department letter No. CHP. 10/61/224, dated 19.1.67. There is another amount of Rs. 21,000/—

Shri Biswadev Sarma : (Minister, Industries) : As I have already said Sir, I shall enquire into the matter, with regard to.....

Shri Lakshyadhar Chaudhuary : আৰু এটা কথা হ'ল, LIC ৰ বাকীখিনি বৈ গ'ল বোলে, ঠগাইও গ'ল বুলি ফিৰোজে কৈছে। আপুনি পাইছেনে নাই কব নোৱাৰো।

Shri Biswadev Sarma : As I have already said in the Special Audit all these things will come up and if

there is any lapse on the part of the officer certainly we will take action against him.

With regard to Galvanised Plant, I am sorry my information is not here. I shall have to find out. As you know, Sir, the Small Industrial Development Corporation have not got the quota of zinc. But they are going to manufacture G. C. I. Sheets in Assam very shortly. (Voice : not in our life time) I think in our present life time of the House we shall be able to manufacture it.

With regard to the audit objections referred to by the Hon'ble members, Sir, I shall look into the matter. As I have said special audit has been ordered and everything will come up in the audit. After that I shall take steps in the matter.

Now the hon. members made serious allegation that some of the important documents were destroyed. That is a very serious matter, I admit. I of course, fail to understand how the Hon'ble members could come to know it. I shall look into the matter.

Sir, Shri Nabish was appointed long ago. He was appointed as Technical Advisor to the Corporation. But he is no longer there and I am sorry, under what circumstances he had to be taken. But now he is not there for a long time. With regard to the constitution of the Board what the Hon'ble Member meant I do not know.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : It is one family affair. Sir, I am telling these things just to help you.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I welcome it.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : By appointing that gentleman as General Manager you are adding fuel to the fire. You please enquire.

Shri Biswadev Sarma - I shall look into it. Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury made certain observations regarding Minakshi Industries. I do not see any wrong if the Departmental officers give some assistance as sought for. The Hon' ble Member says something about Milton Moore. This is a news to me. Please give me that book so that I can find out. Regarding Kiron Industries I do not know if they have taken one lakh. If they have taken Government will realise it. I do not find any industry like Kiron Industries.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : I have been reported that it is owned Jointly by your present Managing Director and the out-going Managing Director.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Regarding the affairs of the Bamboo Mill, 12 workers were involved in assaulting a senior employee. There is a criminal case pending in the Court.

Shri Lakshya dhar Choudhury : As far as I know the case had been withdrawn.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, with due apology to the Minister I want to say that unless he comes with real facts he should not speak of guess work. A galaxy of officers are sitting here to furnish him with informations. If the Officers fail to give him the correct information the officer responsible for giving incorrect information should be taken to task.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : What is the incorrect information. I am not supposed to know everything in the world.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : He does not know about the fate of the case—it is a case of 2/3 years.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : All the cases started at Gauhati do not come to me.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The officer who informed the Minister should have also informed about the fate of the case.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Whatever information I have in my possession I have given to the House. If more information is required I will give it provided I am given the chance. If all on a sudden the Hon'ble Member wants information about Milton Moor

I cannot supply it. Mr. Barua is unnecessarily generating head in himself. If there is a verdict from the Court the verdict may not come to the office of the corporation. There are so many ifs and buts. If the Hon'ble Members are interested in the Court's verdict, and if Court's verdict is in the office why we should find fault with the officers. There is a convention in the House that if the Hon'ble Members want information from the Minister in course of cut motions they can give notice. I cannot give the information off hand.

Sir, the other day I promised Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury to inform him about the qualifications of the Director-in-charge of Assam Ayurvedic Products. He is a diploma holder from the Ayurvedic M ha Vidyalaya, Jaipur. Diplomas obtained :

(1) Ayurved Sastri

(2) ... Acharjee

(3) ... Bisarad.

He also obtained the degree of Master of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery from Govinda Sundari Ayurvedic college, Calcutta. From Lahore (Pakistan) he obtained the Fellow of Ayurvedic Reasearch Institute.

As regards Dal'a, my information is that no a sing'e pie is spent for purchase a Dalda for the manufacture of Chavanpras. If the Hon'ble Mem-

bers want to know the composition of Chivanpras, I am prepared to give the list. (The Minister read out one of two names when Members said that they do not want it)

Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অতদিন ধৰি আৰম্ভ কৰা চৰকাৰী ক্ষেত্ৰত এইবিলাকৰ যোগেদি সকলো Industry List হেৰাই গৈছে। লিষ্টখন মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে উলিয়াই দিব পাৰিবনে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : ২০ বছৰৰ আগৰ Industry ৰ কথা মই কেনেকৈ কম।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : Industry ৰ মন্ত্ৰীয়ে ২০ বছৰৰ আগৰ কথাও কব পাৰিব লাগিব। সেইটো কব নোৱাৰিলে কেনেকৈ হব ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : ২০ বছৰৰ কথাটো এতিয়া কেনেকৈ কম।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : খবৰ লব লাগে।

M. Shamsul Huda : মানুহ কেইজনহে Temporary হব পাৰে কিন্তু Deptt বা office টো Temporary নহয়। মানুহে অহা যোৱা কৰিয়েই থাকিব পাৰে—কিন্তু Deptt টো সদায় একে ধৰণেই থাকে।

Shri Biswadev Sarma : আপোনালোকে যদি এই কথা বিলাক জানে আৰু এনেকুৱা বহুতো আছে সেইবিলাক জনালে আমি চাম।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে এনেকুৱা এটা Deptt অধিকাৰী, যাৰ নাম নুশুনাকৈয়ে Industry হৈ আছে।

Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই চ্যাৰন গ্ৰাছ জন্ম হওঁতে দালডাৰ জন্মই হোৱা নাছিল। এতিয়া কৰিবাৰে দালডা দি হৈ চ্যাৰন গ্ৰাছ বনাইছে।

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : আজি কালি দালডা বাদ দি
গাহিবি আৰু গৰুৰ তেলৰ (লাৰ্ড) দিছে নেকি ?

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : এইবোৰ কিহৰ নাম । গৰুৰ নাম নেকি ?

Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury : দালডা ইয়াতে কিনিব নোৱাৰে,
যদি দালডা ইয়াতে কিনি তেন্তে জেইল হ'ব, কাঁটী হ'ব।

Shri Biswadev Sarma : (Minister) এই Project ৰ দ্বাৰা দালডা
কিনি চাৰন প্ৰাচ কৰাৰ কোনো আৱশ্যক নাই।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : এই Project ৰ কোনো কাম নাই।
মাত্ৰ মন্ত্ৰীৰ চিকিৎসাৰ কাৰণেহে কৰিছে।

Shri Biswadev Sarma : (Minister)—বিৰোধী পক্ষৰ কেইবাজনো সদস্যই
কৈছে যে কলিকতালৈ যাওঁতে শ্ৰীমইনুলহক চৌধুৰী, শ্ৰীলক্ষ্যধৰ চৌধুৰী
আৰু কেইবাজনো সদস্যই এই ঔষধ খাইছে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : চাৰন প্ৰাচত দালডা আছেনে নাই'
সেইটো আমি পৰীক্ষা কৰি চাব পাৰোঁনে নোৱাৰোঁ ?

(No Reply)

Mr. Speaker : Order, order please. It is now 1630 hours and I will
guillotine the grants.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : May I submit one thing Sir ?

(Voices—Time is up)

Yes, I know the time is up and I know they will object to
this. The question is that you have fixed in consultation with
the Business Advisory Committee, to-day as the last day for
demands for grants and you know that all the grants will
be guillotined to-day. Tomorrow is Friday and this time the
budget has been placed very late although we have proposed

earlier that the budget should be placed earlier and more days should be allotted for demands for grants. Now, we are not getting sufficient time to deal with the subjects. We do not know whether it will be possible instead of guillotining all the demands to-day, to fix up a few hours tomorrow for voting on demands.

(Voices —No, no,)

I am not submitting to you but to the Speaker, Sir, what I have submitted can be taken into consideration as tomorrow is Friday. So, instead of guillotining all the grants, specially grants on Education which many hon. Members are interested to speak, if it is possible at least two hours may be allotted for this purpose tomorrow.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, the provision is very clear.

Sub rule (3) of Rule 144 says that "on the last day of the days so allotted, at 4.30 P.M. or at 11.30 A.M., if it is a Friday, the Speaker shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of all the outstanding matter in connection with the demands for grants,....."

Mr. Speaker : Tomorrow, you can speak on the subject not discussed.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Alright, if they want it like that. As my leader has already told yesterday that we are becoming rope-tied ; we are simply throwing ropes on the Minister. However, whatever it may be, I want that you will kindly consider what I have placed before you. Otherwise we have another ten days, we will bring it in a different form.

Mr. Speaker : All these things are known to the hon. Members and in the Appropriation Bill, there is scope for discussion of subjects not discussed. Now, I put G

The question is that a sum of Rs 35,08,300 be granted to the minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "95—Capital Outlay on Industrial and Economic Development—(III—Other Miscellaneous Undertaking.)"

The Grant is passed,

Demand No. 92 "Q-Loans and Advances, ect,— IV-Industrial Loans.)"

Mr. Speaker : Instead of reading all the grants, I will cut short.

The question is that a sum of Rs. 5,01,00 be granted to the Minister-in-Charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head 'Q-Loans and Advances, etc (IV-Industrial Loans)'

(The Motion was adopted)

Demand No. 93.—' Q-Loans and Advances, etc (XII.—Loans to Electricity Board.)"

Mr. Speaker : The question is that a sum of Rs. 5,17,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1970, for the administration of the head "Q-Loans and Advances, etc (XII-Loans to Electricity Board.)"

(The Motion was adopted)

Demand No. 23 "28 Education"

Mr, Speaker : The question is that a sum of Rs. 21,23,60,200, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come

in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head '28-Education.'

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 24. "28-Education—E-Technical Education."

Mr. Speaker : The question is that a sum of Rs. 67,21,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "28. Education—E-Technical Education."

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 51. "39 Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisation

(X—Preservation and Translation of Ancient Manuscripts.)"

Mr. Speaker : The question is that a sum of Rs. 75,400, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "39—(Miscellaneous, Social and Development Organisation (X—Preservations and Translation of Ancient Manuscripts.)"

Shri Hiralal Patwary : On a point of order, Sir.

(Voices—No. point of order, now)

The hon Members opposite are not the judge ; they have no right to say whether the point of order is right or wrong. I challenge them.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : When the Speaker is on his legs, how can the hon. member raise a point of order?

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Only the hon. Speaker can judge whether I am right or wrong. They have no right to say whether the point of order is right or wrong. Sir, I have examined the whole budget and I did not find in it those items on which I am speaking. These items have not been shown and the demands are being guillotined, I want to know how that problem will be solved when these items did not find place in the memorandum and in the budget itself, and new items are now sought to be guillotined. How the problem will be solved. That is my point for order.

Mr. Speaker : The rule is very clear that no point of order can be raised during the time of guillotine.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, in addition to what Mr. Patwary said. As you have the authority, you can do that. But the question is different. In the general budget all these things have been shown in the memorandum and in the main budget. But there are certain items and new schemes which have not been shown in the budget and also in the memorandum. What about them ?

Mr. Speaker : All these points should have been raised before the guillotining. But at the time of guillotining all these objection that new schemes and other works are not there cannot be raised. The point of order regarding the points raised here is out of order.

Demand No.51.—That a sum of Rs. 75,400, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970, for the administration of the head "59—(Miscellaneous, Social and Development Organisations—(X—Preservations and Translation of Ancient Manuscripts)"

(The motion was adopted)

Demand No. 69

"71.—Miscellaneous—) VI— Advances Technical
Training and Scholarships etc.)"

Mr. Speaker : I put grant No. 69. The question is that a sum of Rs. 5,52,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1970 for the administration of the head "71.—Miscellaneous—(VI— Advances Technical Training and Scholarships etc.)"

(The grant was passed)

The question is that Grant Nos. 94, 20, 28, 30, 31, 32, 36, 43, 53, 66, 79, 90, 91, 95, 100, 101, 25, 26, 27, 63, 89, 6, 7, 61, 68, 93, 3, 67, 70, 85, 16, 29, 33, 15, 47, 1, 5, 18, 38, 39, 40, 41, 60, 65, 86 and 99 be passed. (For details See Appendix—I)

(All the grants were passed)

Presentation of a petition from Shri Mohit Phukan of Assam State Primary Teachers' Association

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, I beg to present the petition of Shri Mohit Phukan, Assam State Primary Teachers' Association under Rule 105 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly in regard to the Elementary Education Bill, 1968. The contents of

the petition will speak for itself about the merit of the petition.

Mr. Speaker : The petition is referred to the Committee on Petitions. Now, calling attention, Shri Rothindra Nath Sen:

**Calling Attention to A Matter of Urgent Public Importance—Tragic death of Peskar
Nikhilesh Roy**

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen : Mr. Speaker, Sir, under Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I beg to call the attention of the Chief Minister and Minister incharge of Excise, Assam, on an urgent matter of great public importance with reference to the news item published in Karimganj Weekly Jugashakti dated 7th March, 1969 with the caption "The Tragic Death of Peskar Nikhilesh Roy". Sir, on 1st March, 1969 a Dinner was given in Karimganj Government Dak Bungalow by one Excise Inspector which was attended by some Government Grade III staff and a few country liquor shop lessees, wherein drinking of liquor has been wreckless and random. The party forced one Shri Nikhilesh Roy, Peskar of S. D. O. 's Court to drink wine, immediately this youngman aged only 30 lost his senses, the party put him on a kot in a Dak Bungalow

room, run the ceiling electric fan in full speed, lock the room from outside and left him alone in that closed room at the mercy at large, later who was found dead.

This not being a natural death this Calling attention has been sought for.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Parliamantery

Affairs) : Sir, on 28.2.69 night Excise Inspector Shri Dibyrndu chakeaborty arranged a dinner at Karimganj Dak Bungalow for the staff members of S. D. O.'s office, Karimganj and some others.

Shri Nikhilesh Chandra Roy, an Assistant of S. D. O's office was also in the dinner party. The following morning he was found lying in an unconscious condition on a bed inside a room of the Dak Bangalow. There was no mark of any injury or violence on his body. He was immediately removed to the Civil Hospital after giving medical aid in the Dak Bangalow. He died soon after arrival in the Hospital. As the death was suspected

to be not a natural one, an Unnatural Death case was registered and the dead body was sent for post mortem examination. The post mortem examination revealed that dath was due to Cardiacal respiratory failure as a result of acute pulmonary congestion. During post mortem examination digested and undigested rice with water

with smell of alcohol (country liquor) also found in the stomach of the deceased. The investigation of the unnatural death case has been taken up. The S. D. O., Karimganj has ordered magisterial enquiry into the matter. Senior Magistrate Shri I. Gupta is enquiring into the incident and it is expected the enquiry report from the Magistrate will be received shortly. It is indeed very unfortunate that such an incident had taken place in a Dak Bungalow. Necessary action against whoever is found to be guilty will be taken.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen : Sir, I have personal knowledge about this matter. The fact remains that this was a private party and so obviously the Government has nothing to do with it in so far as the Dinner party is concerned. But so far as the Dak Bungalow is concerned, Government has got certain responsibility. My whole contention is that since the unfortunate Excise Inspector who arranged the dinner party does not drink himself, I wonder how the lessees of the liquor shops could be there in the dinner party and supplied the drink and caused the death of this youngman: Why their licences have not been cancelled prior to any legal action is taken in the matter ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : I do not know whether the lessees were there or not. Even if

they attended the party, that cannot be their fault. Shri Nikhilesh Chandra Roy was a man of 31 and therefore, he should have known the consequence of over-drinking and so Government cannot take that responsibility.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Has any arrest been made ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : No, Sir.

ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly then adjourned for till 9 A. M. on
Friday, the 28th March, 1969.

Shillong

The 27th March 1969

U. Tahbildar,
Secretary,

Legislative Assembly, Assam

APPENDIX - I

Shri Jay Bhadra Hagier to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 5,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "Q-Loans and Advances etc—[VIII—Educational Loans]"

Demand No. 20

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 6,12,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "26 Miscellaneous Organisation—III weights and measures"

Demand No. 28

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 4,08,78,100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charge which will come in course of

payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "31 Agriculture"

Demand No. 30

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 24,37, 200 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head '32 Rural Development'

Demand No. 31

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 1, 71,5,600 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "33—Animal Husbandry"

Demand No. 32

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Grawami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs,

1,24,94,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head '34-Co-operation'

Demand No. 36

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 260,47, 200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "37-1-Community Development Projects, etc'

Demand No. 43

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 4,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "39-Miscellaneous, Social and Development organisation" Statistics—II—Vital Statistics Raingauge etc'

Demand No. 53

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 51,08,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "39-Micellaneous, Social and Development Organisation Micellaneous XII-Dairy Developement"

Demand No. 66

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 64,05,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1969 for the administration of the head '71-Miscellaneous-III-Grant-in-aid Contributions, etc.'

Demand No. 79

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 14,75,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "96-Captital outlay on Industrial and

Economic Development—[II—Investment in Co-operative Societies.]”

Demand No. 90

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 30,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head Q—Loans & Advances, etc.—[IV—Loans under Community Projects].”

Demand No. 91

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 17,62,300 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head “Q—Loans & Advances, etc. [V—Loans to Co-operative Societies.]”

Demand No. 95

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 20,30,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "Q-Loans & Advances, etc-[IX-tea garden land Utilisation Loans, G. M. F. Loans, Fishery Development Loans, etc.]

Demand No. 100

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 2,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "Q-Loans & Advances, etc-[IV-Loans to Panchayat Raj Institutions]"

Demand No. 101

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 4,65,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come

in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head 'Q-Loans & Advances, etc [XV-Loan for Development of Live-Stock Industries].'

Demand No. 25

Shri Chatrasing Teron to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 4,82,27,800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head '29 Medical.'

Demand No. 26

Shri Chatrasing Teron to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 2,43,98,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head '30-Public Health- I- Public Health.'

Demand no. 27

Shri Chatrasing Teron to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 90,82,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "30-Public Health-II-Public Health Engineering)"

Demand No. 63

Shri Chatrasing Teron to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 62,14,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "70-Forest-II-Soil Conservation."

Demand No. 79

Shri Chatrasing Teron to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam I beg Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "Q-Loans and Advances, etc. [II-I - Loans to Autonomous District Councils "etc"

Demand No. 6

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev to move;

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 21,18,800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "14 Satmps."

Demand No. 7

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev to Move:

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 7,01,300 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "15-Registration Fees."

Demand No. 61

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev to Move:

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 50,66,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "6 - Stationery and Printing."

Demand No. 68

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev to Move

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg,

Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 1,59,82,300 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "71 - Miscellaneous - V - Expenditure on Displaced persons."

Demand No. 93

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam. I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 89,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head 'Q - Loans and Advances, etc - [VII - Loans to Displaced Persons] :

Demand No. 3

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 40,87,600 be granted to the Minister - in - charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "10 - State Excise Duties."

Demand No 67

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah : to Move

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.13,00,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of

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March, 1969 for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous - IV - Expenditure on Issue of free Ration and Rice Concession, etc."

Demand No. 70

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 49,700 be granted to the Minister - in - charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous - VII - Scheme of Control of cloth and yarn."

Demand No. 85

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 15,05,95,900 be granted to the Minister - in - charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "124—Capital Outlay on Schemes of Government Trading."

Demand No. 16

Shri Mahendra Nath Hazarika to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 54,96,600 be granted to to Minister-in-charge to defray the

charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of march, 1969 for the administration of the head "22—Jails"

Demand No. 29

Shri Mahendra Nath Hazarika to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 26,36,300 be granted to the the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "31—Agriculture—II—Fisheries"

Demand No. 33

Shri Mahendra Nath Hazarika to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 82,51,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "315—Industries—I—Sericulture and Weaving."

Demand No. 15

Shri Abdul Matlib Majumder to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.

39,97,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "21—Administration of Justice."

Demand No. 47

Shri Abdul Matlib Majumdar to move:

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 58,78,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "39—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisation—Other Miscellaneous Organisation (VI—Directorate of Social welfare, etc.)"

Demand No. 1

Shri Kanakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 1,13,800 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "4—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax."

Demand No. 5

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 28,17,400 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "12—Sales Tax and 13—Other Taxes and Dufies."

Dmeand No. 18

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 1,27,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "26—Miscellaneous Department—I—National Savings Organisation."

D. mand No. 38

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg. Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 18,21,600 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of

payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "38—Labour and Employment—I—Labour."

Demand No. 39

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 3,91,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "38—Labour and Employment—II—Factories."

Demand No. 40

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 1,28,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "38—Labour and Employments—III—Inspector of Steam Boilers"

Demand No. 41

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 52,

89,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "38-Labour and Employment-1V-Employment and Training"

Demand No. 60

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 1,21,31,600 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head 65-Pensions and other Retirement Benefits-66-Territorial and Political Pensions and 120-Payment of Commuted value of Pensions"

Demand No. 65

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 93,95,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "71-Miscellaneous-II-Donations for charitable Purposes, Grant-in-aid and Contribution Special Commission of Enquiry petty Establishment etc".

Demand No. 86

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 1,00,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "125-Appropriation to the Contingency fund."

Demand No. 99

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi to move :

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 55,10,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1969 for the administration of the head "Q-Loans & Advances, etc-[XIII-Advances to Government Servants, Assam Financial Corporation, etc]

U. Tahbildar
Secretary.

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