

Proceedings of the First Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled under the Sovereign Democratic Republican Constitution of India.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 10 A. M. on Thursday, the 23rd March, 1950.

P R E S E N T

The Hon'ble Mr. Lakshesvar Borooah, Speaker, in the Chair, six Hon'ble Ministers and forty-one Members.

Oath of allegiance

The following Members were sworn in :—

- (1) Babu Kamini Kumar Sen.
 - (2) Shri Satindra Mohan Dev.
 - (3) Babu Ramesh Chandra Das Chowdhury.
 - (4) Babu Bidyapati Singha.
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Resignation from the Ministerial Position

Maulavi ABDUL HALIM asked :

56. (a) Is it a fact that recently all the Hon'ble Ministers submitted their resignations from the Ministerial Position to the Hon'ble Prime Minister ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state the reasons given by each of the Hon'ble Ministers for tendering their resignations ?

(c) Is it a fact that the resignation of Maulana Mahomed Tayyebulla was accepted singly ?

(d) If so, why ?

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI replied :

56. (a)—It is not a fact that all the Hon'ble Ministers tendered resignation.

(b)—The Hon'ble Ministers who tendered resignation, apparently gave the Chief Minister, the chance of retrenching the Ministry to the limit he thought desirable.

(c) & (d)—The Chief Minister is not bound nor prepared to state the reasons, why he accepted the resignation of Maulana Mahomed Tayyebulla, but considers that the spirit of sacrifice and the sense of public duty displayed by him deserves highest commendation of Government.

Trade Deadlock in Jowai Subdivision bordering Pakistan

Mr. LARSINGH KHYRIEM asked :

57. (a) Are Government aware—
- (i) that the people of Jowai Subdivision bordering Pakistan are now facing great hardship due to trade deadlock with Pakistan ;
 - (ii) that oranges, betel leaves, etc., of those people are left unplucked due to want of market ?
- (b) If so, what steps have Government taken to find out a market to relieve these hard pressed people from their present misery and woe ?
- (c) If the reply to question (b) above is in the negative, do Government propose to help them by giving half-free ration pending the solution of this problem ?

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI replied :

57. (a) (i)—Yes.

(ii)—A portion of the oranges, betel leaves, etc., the primary produce of those areas, had to be left unplucked due to want of markets following Pakistan's refusal to permit trading between our border areas and the adjoining regions of Pakistan.

(b)—Government have helped the producers to find alternative markets at Shillong, Gauhati, Calcutta and other places. Transport facilities were offered to the border people for bringing their produce from their areas to Shillong. The Dawki and Muktapur bazars, which had been virtually dead since the partition have been revived, and these markets have been brisk in orange and betel leaves trade.

(c)—In view of the answer to (b) this does not arise. However, Government have under consideration the question of undertaking test relief work in the form of road construction in the border areas where found necessary and the grant of agricultural loans to grove-owners.

***Mr. LARSINGH KHYRIEM :** With regard to (b) what kind of help is Government giving to the people ?

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI : The reply is there, Sir, and what kind of help has been given is already laid down ; transport facilities were offered to the border people for bringing their produce from their areas to Shillong. The Dawki and Muktapur bazars which were virtually dead since the partition have been revived and these markets have been brisk in oranges and betel leaves trade.

***Mr. LARSING KHYRIEM :** Most of these people are illiterate, they took oranges and betel leaves themselves to Tinsukia, Dibrugarh and other places in the Assam Valley. They found it very difficult to dispose of their produces there. Will Government depute for sometime a Marketing Officer to help these people ?

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI : The matter will be taken into consideration.

***Shri SATINDRA MOHAN DEV:** Do Government purchase the oranges and then sell them ?

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: No purchases have been made by the Government. It is only to help the people with transport facilities for trading.

Assamese system of treatment known as Asurik or Vaidya treatment

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR asked :

58. Are Government aware—

- (a) That the indigenous Assamese system of treatment popularly known by the name of *Asurik* or *Vaidya* treatment is rendering immense service to the rural population of the State ?
- (b) That the system is dying out mainly due to the indifference on the part of the educated section of the people as well as for the want of patronage from the Government ?

59. With a view to protect this useful system of treatment from extinction, do Government propose to take necessary steps for its preservation and as a preliminary step appoint a capable officer—

- (i) to prepare a comprehensive account of the system and to investigate into its merits and usefulness ; and
- (ii) to submit his recommendations as to how it can be preserved and spread in the country ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS replied :

58. (a)—The *Vaidya* treatment must be rendering service to rural population. Its magnitude has not been assessed.

(b)—Lack of Government support and indifference from intelligensia are sure to have an adverse effect on any system of treatment or its growth.

59. (i) & (ii)—The suggestion of the hon. Member will receive due consideration of Government.

Flood affected Mauzas of North Lakhimpur Subdivision

Srijut HEM CHANDRA HAZARIKA asked :

60. (a) Are Government aware of the devastations caused to the people of Bardalani, Gohain, Dhakuakhana Mauzas by the repeated floods from the Tarajan Suti of Chouldhowa river for the last two years ?

(b) Have Government taken any note of the damages caused to the sufferers of the above named Mauzas ?

(c) If so, what steps if any have been taken by Government to prevent further damages ?

(d) Will Government be pleased to state whether any attempt has been made to give relief to these flood affected people by making allotment of land to those whose landed properties have been made unfit for agricultural purposes ?

(e) If so, do Government propose to make an enquiry as to the area so damaged and made unfit for agricultural purposes by the floods from Tarajan-Suti ?

61. (a) Are Government aware that a large number of people in different flood affected Mauzas of North Lakhimpur who have been made extremely poor and whose plough-cattle also died during flood times are in extreme need of agricultural loan ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that for non-payment of agricultural loan by the people of Telahi and Kamalabari Mauzas, Government have not given any agricultural loan to the flood affected poor people of North Lakhimpur Subdivision for the purpose of purchasing plough-cattle ?

(c) If so, what measure, if any, Government propose to adopt with a view to help those unfortunate flood affected people who have lost their land and cattle as well ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

60. (a) & (b)—Some villages in these mauzas were reported to be affected by repeated floods causing some damages therein.

(c)—The matter is under investigation by the Public Works Department. It is reported that they have worked out a scheme and are examining its plan and estimate of cost.

(d)—Instructions have been issued so that flood affected cultivators may get special consideration in land settlement.

(e)—Enquiry and due relief are implicit in Rule 100 of page 197 of the Assam Land Revenue Manual.

61. (a)—Government have no definite information about the exact need of the affected people, but they have liberally granted amounts of agricultural loan for issue to the people as recommended by the local officers who are well acquainted with local conditions.

(b)—Government have no information.

(c)—Does not arise.

Police Costume Badges

Maulavi Md. MAKSED ALI asked :

62. (a) Is it a fact that since after the achievement of Independence and even after the inauguration of the Indian Republic, Government have not yet decided to change the Police Costume Badges in the State ?

(b) Are Government aware of the public feeling that our present Police Costume indicate that there is still foreign domination in India ?

(c) Do Government propose to change the existing Police Costume early ?

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI replied :

62. (a)—No, Government already took the decision to change the badges, buttons, etc., of the uniformed services in the Police on the 19th December 1949. The change is taking place gradually, due to the inability of the supplying agents to supply so many badges, etc., at a time. The new pattern badges and buttons will be issued as supplies become available.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise.

Drainage Scheme in Jorhat Municipality

Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN asked :

63. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether there was a Scheme to survey the laying out of drainage system in Jorhat Municipality ?

(b) If so, whether it has been taken in hand as yet ?

(c) If not, do Government propose to take necessary steps in this matter of crying needs of the rate payers ?

(d) Are Government aware that the Jorhat Municipality Water Works have no longer capacity to make adequate water supply to the town where population has increased many folds ?

(e) If so, do Government propose to take necessary steps to enlarge the Jorhat Water Works Scheme to serve the needs of regular water supply to the town ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR replied :

63. (a)—In June 1949, the Jorhat Municipal Board was to submit a rough drainage scheme but no such scheme has so far been received by Government.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The Jorhat Municipal Board will receive a loan of Rs. 50,000 from Government, before the closure of the financial year, for the improvement in the system of Water-Supply in the town.

***Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA** : May I know from the Government the estimated loan asked by the Jorhat Municipality from the Government ? What was the amount of loan asked by the Jorhat Municipal Board from Government for Water Works ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR : As far as I remember it was about two lakhs. The Government are not in a position at present to lend all the amount so fifty thousands have been granted this year just to start with the work.

***Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN** : What was the amount they wanted ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR : About two lakhs.

***Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA** : Do Government consider that these fifty thousands will be of any useful purpose ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR : It was granted only to start with the work. Two lakhs cannot be spent all at once.

Classification of "Tezpat" as Forest Produce

Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN asked :

64. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether "Tezpat" is classed as Forest produce ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Are Government aware that "Tezpat" trees are planted and grown by the agriculturists ?

(d) If so, what are the reasons for levying tax on this particular commodity ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA replied :

64. (a) & (b)—According to definition contained in Section 4 (b) (1), Assam Forest Regulation, "Tezpat" is a Forest produce when found in or brought from a Forest.

(c)—Some "Tezpat" trees are planted or grown by agriculturists.

(d)—No tax is levied on such "Tezpat."

Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN : In which part of Assam 'Tezpat' is found ?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : I do not know if 'Tezpat' is grown in any other parts of Assam. I take it that this particular question relates to the border areas where 'Tezpat' is grown or found in jungle within Forest reserve.

Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN : Is not the 'Tezpat' of the Khasi and Jaintia Hills found in the border areas ?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : I have already stated that in the border of Khasi and Jaintia Hills these 'Tezpat' trees are planted and in some places they are found in the forest reserves which are not planted by any individual ; and it is the Forest Department's property.

Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN : Is it not a fact that in this area 'Tezpat' is cultivated by the agriculturists ?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : Some are planted by the people in their gardens, but in case of forest reserve it is not planted by individuals, it is to be taken care of by the Forest Department.

Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN : Is it not a fact that tax is levied by Government on this 'Tezpat' ?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : In those cases where these plants are grown by individuals royalty is not charged.

Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN : Is it not a fact that all 'Tezpats' brought to the market are taxed ?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : No.

Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN : In view of the growing distress of the people living in the border, will Government see that no tax is levied on this commodity ?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : There is some 'Tezpat' grown in the State areas and before the merger of these States, they used to levy tax on 'Tezpat' grown in these States. But after the merger, I think, this question does not arise as no royalty is realised.

Settlement of tea garden lands with landless people

Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN asked :

65. (a) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the latest Circular to Deputy Commissioners as regards the Government proposals to settle tea garden lands with landless local people of the near villages ?

(b) Have the district authorities prepared such lists in every Sub-Deputy Collector Circle systematically in accordance with the Circular ?

(c) If so, how many cases of settlement were disposed of in every Sub-division upto the end of February 1950 and what is the total area of lands thus disposed of ?

66. (a) Will Government be pleased to state how many flood affected raiyats of Majuli in Sibsagar district applied for waste land, tea garden land or forest reserve land for settlement with them and how many of them got such lands during the last three years ending February, 1950 and their total areas ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state the total number of applications received from all districts affected by heavy floods up to the end of February, 1950 during last 3 years for lands and how many of them got such lands and their total areas ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

65. (a)—A copy of the Circular is placed on the Library Table.

(b) & (c)—Information could not be collected at such short notice.

66. (a) & (b)—Government have got no figures and considering the time and labour necessary in the task Government do not consider collection of such figures justified.

Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN : Is it not a fact that the flood affected people of Majuli long ago approached the Hon'ble Premier at Jorhat and he advised them to apply for lands by those who are flood-affected and submit their applications in the Tahsil office ; and would it not be possible for the Government now to know from the Tahsil Office how many applications they received by this time ? Probably that would have been possible. Am I to understand that it is difficult to bring the figures of so many applications that have been received up to this time in the Tahsil Office ? Was it not possible within the period of notice of the question to get the figures ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary) : It was not possible to collect the information. The question was received on the 17th or 18th of March last and it was not possible to get the figure in this short time.

Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN : Would it not be possible to ask the Tahsil Officer how many applications he received from these people ? A telegram would have brought that information within two days.

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary) : Figures are wanted for the last 3 years. A telegram will not be able to fetch these figures.

Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN : Am I to take it that Government will do it in good time and let me know the figures afterwards ?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary): No useful purpose will be served by collecting these figures except to enable the hon. Member to deliver a speech.

Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN: It is a serious thing from the point of view of the landless people. I know the Majuli people wanted the forms, but they were refused. They said that no forms were available in the Tahsil office and the people were asked to go to the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner's office also said that they had no such forms and they were asked to come afterwards. This is a vicious way how people are sent from one office to another and this is the reason why I want to know the number of applications that have been received.

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Probably my Friend has missed the point in putting this question. No form is needed in case of the flood-affected people, because we have issued instruction to the Deputy Commissioners, Subdivisional Officers and Sub-Deputy Collectors to receive any kind of application from such flood-affected people and settle land with them wherever available. If the land is not available in the respective circle or in the district itself, these applications are to be sent to other places such as North Lakhimpur after enquiry. It is possible that many of the applications were distributed by these officers to different places.

Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA: It is regrettable on the part of the Parliamentary Secretary to say that no purpose will be served by collecting such figures. Is it not the duty of the Government to collect such figures regarding the flood-affected people?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary): The duty of the Government is to settle land with the landless people and not to collect figures. Instruction has already been issued and a copy of the circular is already laid on the Library Table as wanted by the Questioner.

Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA: How Government know the number without ascertaining the figure?

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary): The Questioner wanted the figure for the last three years. But what is the use of collecting the figure for three years and supplying it to the hon. Member?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: I would make one point clear. There is some misconception in this matter. Government under the Land Revenue Regulation have no power of settlement. They can lay down certain policy but the power of settlement is actually vested in the Deputy Commissioner, Subdivisional Officer and Sub-Deputy Collector. Persons aggrieved by order of settlement can move the higher authorities against the order of the Settlement Officer. In the matter of land settlement Government have laid down certain policy and when any fact is brought to their notice that any officer is not carrying out the policy, in that case our enquiry is held and action, if warranted, is taken.

Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN: I know it is a fact that they have been refused registration because there is no form.

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: In case of flood-affected people, if they cannot specify the land no form is necessary; they can file application in ordinary cartridge paper. Form is needed only in such cases where they specify the land.

Srijut NILMANI PHOOKAN: Will Government please enquire whether these people were actually refused registration because of want of forms?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Registration is a different matter altogether.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: There is certain procedure. It is a different matter. Registration of application is one thing and registration is another thing.

Headquarters of the Dairy Development and Livestock office

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR asked:

67. Will Government be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 130(b) asked by the Questioner during the September Session of the Assembly, 1949 (*vide* Assembly Debates of 20th September at p.1040) and state—

(a) Whether the Government have finished consideration of the question of removing the Dairy Development and Livestock office from Shillong to Gauhati or to some other suitable place in the plains as promised?

(b) If so, what is the decision arrived at?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR replied:

67. (a)—No. A decision will be made shortly regarding the shifting of the Headquarters of Livestock office.

The Dairy Development Scheme will expire on 31st March 1950. So the office under this Scheme will cease to exist from that date. Hence shifting of Headquarters of this office does not arise.

(b)—Does not arise.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: Is it a fact that the Livestock Farm of Upper Shillong is under the control of the Director of Agriculture?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: Yes.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: Is it a fact that only the other four Livestock Farms at Khanapara, Barpeta, Jorhat and Dibrugarh are under the control of the Deputy Director of Livestock?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: The Director of Agriculture is above all although the Deputy Director of Livestock looks after these farms. But the Director of Agriculture is in direct charge of the Upper Shillong Farm.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: Government are still considering the question of shifting the office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Livestock, to Gauhati, but they have not yet been able to decide.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The hon. Member will please address the Chair.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: I am supposed to address the Chair to whichever direction I may be facing.

May I know, Sir, what is the difficulty in deciding this question when all the offices under the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Livestock, are in the Assam Valley?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: We are in search of accommodation at Gauhati for the office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Livestock. As soon as accommodation is available, I think a decision regarding shifting will be taken.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: In this connection will the Hon'ble Minister please let us know whether the Fodder, Dairy and Poultry Schemes have been amalgamated?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: The matter is still under consideration.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: Are Government going to place these Schemes under an independent officer or under the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Livestock?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: These are questions of detail which I cannot answer without seeing the records.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: In the interest of economy and efficiency in management should not all these Schemes be brought under the charge of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Livestock?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: Best attention is given for economising the departmental expenditure.

Sessa Bridge on Jaipur Road

Maulavi ABDUL HALIM asked :

68. (a) Are Government aware—

- (i) That the Sessa Bridge on Jaipur Road between Lahoal and Tengakhat in the district of Lakhimpur has been left in an unsafe condition for the past two and half years?
- (ii) That the lorries which ply on that road are stopped before reaching the bridge and are forced to unload whatever they were transporting over the bridge and reload the same over the other side?
- (iii) That there are regular Bus services plying in between Dibrugarh-Bordubi, Dibrugarh-Charali and Dibrugarh-Tengakhat?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on my letter, dated the 20th September 1949 addressed to the Hon'ble Minister, Public Works Department on the above subject?

(c) Do Government propose to complete this re-construction work before the beginning of the next rainy season ?

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

68. (a) (i)—As a result of earthquake in 1947 one of the arches of the bridge got badly cracked rendering it unsafe for through traffic.

(ii)—Yes, a restriction which had to be enforced for the safety of the public.

(iii)—Yes.

(b)—The Executive Engineer was asked to carry out temporary repair to the bridge or if this was not possible to provide suitable arrangements for crossing of traffic and to close the bridge if it was dangerous.

(c)—Complete re-construction of the bridge is not feasible in view of the present financial situation. But a timber decking on R. S. J. beams for 10 ton loading over the damaged portion is being put up and the work will be completed before the next rainy season.

Grievances of the inhabitants of certain villages in Gauhati Subdivision

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR asked :

69. Will Government be pleased to state whether they have received copies of certain resolutions adopted in a public meeting of the inhabitants of villages, Kaithalkuchi, Nakerbari, Nadala, Gamarimuri, Sathikuchi, Jari, Barbhag-Jari and others in Gauhati Subdivision, held at Kaithalkuchi on 23rd June 1949 under the presidency of Srijut Rajat Chandra Bharali which were sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, Sub-Deputy Collector, Nalbari and the Executive Engineer, Embankment and Drainage Department, Lower Assam Division containing certain grievances of the people and some suggestions for their redress ?

70. If the reply to the above question be in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Embankment and Drainage Department has considered the resolutions and examined the practicability of the suggestions made by the public ?

(b) If so, what steps do the Department propose to take for redressing their grievances ?

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

69.—No such resolutions have been received by Government.

70. (a) & (b)—Do not arise.

Raising of a Bund over the Fulguri Jan

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR asked :

71. Will Government be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 142 asked by the Questioner during the September Session of the

Assembly, 1949 (*vide* Assembly Debates of 20th September at page 1051) and state—

- (a) Whether the plans and estimates for the scheme for remodelling the *Bund* and closing the spill channel of the Fulguri *Jan* near Nalbari said to be under scrutiny has been by this time approved and sanctioned?
- (b) If so, what progress has been made in completing the job?
- (c) When was this scheme for raising a *Bund* over this *Jan* first approved and how many times the same gave way?

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

71. (a)—The reply is in the negative. The scheme has, however, been included under Grow-More-Food Projects for 1950-51 and submitted by the Agriculture (Food Production) Department to the Government of India for approval.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—The scheme was first approved in 1943-44. The *Bund* originally constructed has not given way. It is still standing in tact.

Scheme of reclaiming the low-lying lands South of Nalbari

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR asked:

72. Will Government be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.143 asked by the Questioner during the September Session of the Assembly, 1949 (*vide* Assembly Debates of 20th September at page 1051) and state—

What progress has been made in giving effect to the scheme of reclaiming the vast area of low-lying lands south of Nalbari and when the execution of the scheme is expected to be completed?

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

72.—The project has just been taken up under the Grow-More-Food Schemes and work is now in progress. It is expected to be completed within the year 1950.

Re-instatement in service of some assistants in the Secretariat and other offices at Shillong

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked:

73. (a) Is it a fact that the Government have reinstated in service some assistants of the Secretariat and other offices at Shillong who were deputed to Supply and Textile Departments during the war and were convicted of bribery and other charges?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state whether they were honourably acquitted of their charges?

(c) If not, will Government be pleased to state the circumstances in which the said Government servants were reinstated in their respective posts?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI replied :

73. (a)—Yes. One Maulavi Nawab Abul Hussain, an assistant of the Civil Secretariat, who was deputed to the Textile Department and one Srijut Ikshita Chandra Biswas, an assistant in the office of the Adviser to the Governor, who was deputed to the Supply Department, were convicted in the lower courts, on charge of accepting illegal gratification. But both of them were reinstated on acquittal by appellate courts.

(b)—Maulavi Nawab Abul Hussain was honourably acquitted on appeal by the Court of Sessions. In the case of Srijut Ikshita Chandra Biswas, the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court set aside the orders of conviction of the lower court without going into the merits of the case and acquitted him.

(c)—Does not arise.

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI: মই এইটো কথা মাননীয় মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব পাবোনে যে নিম্ন আদালতৰ বায় মতে শ্রীইক্ষিতা চন্দ্র বিশ্বাসৰ দুবছৰ সশ্রম কাৰাদণ্ড আৰু আঠ হাজাৰ টকা জৰিমাণা হৈছিল।

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: He was convicted in the Lower Court but acquitted by the High Court. কিন্তু নিম্ন আদালতৰ বায় গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে পোৱা নাই।

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI: মই বিশুদ্ধ সূত্ৰে জানিব পাৰিছো যে তেওঁ কলিকতা হাইকোর্টত আপিল কৰোতে, কলিকতা হাইকোর্টে অসম গভৰ্ণমেণ্টক বিচাৰ কৰিবলৈ দিয়া কথাটো সঁচানে?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: সেই কথা সঁচা নহয়। ফৌজদাৰী মোকদ্দমা গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে বিচাৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰে। কলিকতা হাইকোর্টে নিম্ন আদালতৰ লকুম set aside কৰিছিল।

Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY: I want to draw Government's attention to answer to 73(b). In view of the fact that the Hon'ble High Court acquitted these people and a huge sum has to be paid to them by way of arrears of pay, etc., though no corresponding services were obtained from them, may I know whether Government started any prosecution against those who were responsible for these unnecessary prosecutions against innocent officers?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Sometimes prosecutions are started in good faith. As a result of difference of opinion between the Lower Courts and the High Court persons accused are acquitted. Under such circumstances it is doubtful if action can be taken against officers, who initiated the prosecution in good faith.

Information re arrest of some M. L. As. and stoppage of some cars carrying M. L. As.

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to give information about some M. L. As. who were arrested. I have already given information about Maulavi Abul Kashem. Maulavi Syed Abdur Rouf, who was arrested, has since been released on bail. Maulavi Nazmal Haque has also been released.

On receipt of certain information from the Hon'ble Speaker, we instructed the Subdivisional Officers of Goalpara and Barpeta, and also the District Magistrate of Dhubri, to arrange for safe journey to Shillong of those M. L. As. who wanted to come to attend the Session, and we requested the Hon'ble Speaker to intimate the hon. Members to contact the Subdivisional Officers and the Deputy Commissioner concerned for the purpose.

Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY: Was Maulavi Syed Abdur Rouf arrested ?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Yes, but he has been released on bail now.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I received three letters from three hon. Members, *viz.*, Maulavi Syed Abdur Rouf, Maulavi Abual Majid Ziaosh Shams and Maulavi Ataur Rahman, on 12th March 1950, 13th March 1950 and 15th March 1950 respectively, requesting me to arrange for their safe journey to Shillong to attend the Assembly. There is a duty cast upon the Presiding Officer of the Assembly, whenever such information is received, to arrange for their safe journey to the place where the Assembly is sitting. Accordingly I immediately informed the Hon'ble Chief Minister, and in his absence, the Hon'ble Finance Minister, to arrange for their safe journey to Shillong, and I have received three letters from these hon. gentlemen to-day thanking the Government for providing facilities for their safe journey to Shillong but at the same time requesting me to grant them leave as their presence is necessary now in their localities. These letters with their request for leave will be disposed of according to the appropriate provisions of the Rules of the Assembly.

Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it seems that the situation in the country is still tense. I would like to draw the attention of Government to a serious matter. Only yesterday, State buses and cars that were running from Gauhati to Shillong were stopped on the way, and a bus damaged and some persons were injured. I do not know the motive of those people who stopped the buses. I understand that the car in which my hon. Friends Shri Satindra Mohan Dev and Babu Bidyapati Singha were travelling was also stopped. I think my hon. Friend will be able to give correct information as to how things happened. This is a serious situation, and I think armed guards should be provided for passengers travelling between Shillong and Gauhati and also in the trains.

Shri SATINDRA MOHAN DEV: Sir, I was coming by a State car yesterday and a crowd of about 15 to 20 people stopped our car near about Ulubari. I also saw that they stopped the car going ahead of us. But they let the cars pass.

Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY: Is it a fact that one of the buses was damaged ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHAN DEV: Yes, after we arrived at Nongpoh somebody reported to me that one of the buses was damaged.

(*A voice*—Where the bus was damaged).

Shri SATINDRA MOHAN DEV: Somewhere near Ulubari, I don't know the place.

Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY: Whether anybody was hit ?

Shri SATINDRA MOHAN DEV: Yes, someone had a scratch on his head.

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS: Government is aware of this incident, Sir, and we have asked the Deputy Inspector General to enquire into it. There is no question of damage of a bus ; as far as we know, one driver was slightly injured.

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: What I learnt about this was that 5 persons of whom two were Punjabies, one Sikh and two Deswalies wanted to stop a State bus to examine whether there was any Muslim passenger in the bus, but the driver did not stop it and speeded the bus but in this short time the driver was hit who received slight injury. This information has been given to the Deputy Inspector General and steps are being taken that such incidents do not occur again.

Shri SATINDRA MOHAN DEV: What about our safe return journey, Sir? I think, sufficient action should be taken so that we may return safely.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, apart from these hooligans who are stopping passenger cars in order possibly to take away the property of Muslim passengers who were coming to Shillong, I have got definite information that there is a batch of uniformed volunteers who search the passengers at Nongpoh and who wear badges with the insignia of "Desh Rakshak Samiti". May I know from the Government, if they know who these are and if they have been given any authority by the Government to search the buses and passengers at Nongpoh ?

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: I have no information of any such interference at Nongpoh. There is a Police Station at Nongpoh and at the time when the buses come and go constables are posted there on duty. I don't know whether this information offered by the hon. Leader of the Opposition is correct, but I shall ask the Deputy Inspector General to look into it.

Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA: On a point of information, Sir, I may say that there are some Home Guards who use the insignia of 'Desh-Raksha-Bahini' at Nongpoh who have been empowered by Government under the Assam Opium Prohibition Act in order to search any suspected passenger carrying opium. I think, about these Home Guards, the hon. Leader of the Opposition is referring to.

Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY: Another piece of information I can offer, Sir. Yesterday morning at Gauhati State Transport Station one Muslim passenger was attacked. He was saved by a Captain. Therefore, Sir, I think armed guards are to be posted at Gauhati State Transport Station.

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: I have no information about that, Sir.

Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY: I have got that information, Sir, from my friend Maulavi A. Halim, M. L. A. The passenger who was attacked is a relation of Maulavi Abdul Halim. He was travelling to Shillong.

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: I will enquire about it over the phone.

Result of the election to the Public Accounts Committee

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I shall now announce the result of election to the Public Accounts Committee. As a result of voting held on the 21st March, 1950, the following hon. Members are declared elected :—

1. Srijut Siddhi Nath Sarma ;
2. Babu Kamini Kumar Sen;
3. Mr. J. S. Hardman ;
4. Srijut Bhadra Kanta Gogoi ;
5. Srijut Gauri Kanta Talukdar ; and
6. Dr. Emran Husain Chaudhury.

Discussion of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Revenues of the State during 1949-50

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Now the next item is discussion, if any, of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Revenues of the State during 1949-50.

After a pause

As there is no discussion, I take up item No.3. i.e., Supplementary Demands for Grants.

Supplementary Demands for Grants

GRANT No I

(7—LAND REVENUE)

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,89,625, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"7.—Land Revenue".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.....Rs.25,14,100

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

(a) Survey, Settlement and Record operations—

(i) Assam Surveys—

				Rs.
1. General and controlling section	...	...	...	4,701
2. Reproduction Section	...	...	...	1,801
3. Survey School	...	...	...	970
			Total	7,472

(ii) Settlement Operations—

1. Pay of Officers...	...	...	...	1,017
			Total (a)	8,489

(b) Land Records—District Charges—

Pay of Establishment—				Rs.
1. Registrar Kanungos and Assistant Registrar Kanungos				1,67,893
2. Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...	13,243
Total (b)				1,81,136
Grand Total				1,89,625

The explanatory note* clearly shows why this Demand is asked for.

However, I may mention that the expenditure under (a)(i)-1 is required to meet the additional amount which is required to meet the leave salary of Mr. Creed, retired Director of Surveys, for 4 months and increased expenditure under Travelling Allowance of the Director who had to do extensive touring in connection with Indo-Pakistan boundary dispute.

(b)-1—The excess expenditure is due to drawal of arrear pay on account of the revision of pay of District Establishment.

2—The additional amount is required for payment of travelling allowance and honoraria to the Land Record Staff working for the Crop-cutting experiments on winter paddy in Assam. One-third of the expenditure will be recovered from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,89,625 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—'7.—Land Revenue'."

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: Will the Hon'ble Minister please let us have an idea about the scheme of Crop-cutting experiment which is proposed to be carried on in respect of winter paddy crop?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: By this Crop-cutting experiment figures are collected on scientific basis. The Director of Statistics selects certain areas at random and under his direct supervision data are collected regarding the production of food-crop per bigha after the paddy is harvested in the selected areas. The Director of Statistics comes to a definite conclusion regarding the average productive capacity of the land on the basis of the data collected.

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

(a) (i).—1. The additional amount is required to meet the leave salary of Mr. Creed, retired Director of Surveys for 4 months and increased expenditure under Travelling Allowance of the Director who had to do extensive touring in connection with Indo-Pakistan boundary dispute.

2 & 3.—The excess is due to drawal of arrear pay consequent on the revision of pay scales.

(a) (ii).—1. The additional amount is required to meet the salary of the Assistant Settlement Officer for the Cachar Re-Settlement operations. This officer was appointed after the budget estimates for 1949-50 were passed.

(b)—1. The excess expenditure is due to drawal of arrear pay on account of the revision of the scales of pay of the District Establishment.

2. The additional amount is required for payment of travelling allowance and honoraria to the Land Record Staff working for the Crop-cutting experiments on winter paddy in Assam. One-third of the expenditure will be recovered from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

This collection of statistics was formerly done by the Land Record staff but they were not very accurate. In order that accurate figures can be available the Director of Statistics carries out these works on scientific basis.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I put the question—

The question is:

“That an additional sum of Rs.1,89,625 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—‘7.—Land Revenue’.”

The question was adopted.

GRANT No.2

(9.—STAMPS)

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.1,211 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—“9.—Stamps”.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.....Rs.59,800

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

					Rs.
A.—Non-Judicial	...	...	...	...	1,211
				Total	1,211

The explanatory note* clearly indicates why this additional sum is necessary.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

“That a sum of Rs.1,211 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head—‘9.—Stamps’.”

There are no Cut Motions. I put the question.

The question is:

“That a sum of Rs.1,211 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—‘9.—Stamps’.”

The question was adopted.

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

The excess is due to larger sale of non-judicial stamps than originally anticipated.

GRANT No.3

(II.—Registration)

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Sir, in absence of my Friend Hon'ble Srijut Rupnath Brahma, who has gone to receive the High Commissioner of Pakistan, I beg to move this Motion.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.16,757, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"11.—Registration".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.....Rs.1,03,400

II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary demands will be accounted for by the Registration Department—

A.—District Charges—

					Rs.
1. Pay of Officers	...	...	...	...	900
2. Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	10,900
3. Contingencies	...	...	...	...	4,755
4. Grants-in-aid	...	...	...	...	202
Total					16,757

The explanatory notes* indicate the reasons why this additional sum is necessary.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.16,757, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"11.—Registration"."

There are no Cut Motions. I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.16,757, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head—"11.—Registration"."

The question was adopted.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

1 & 2.—The excess is due to drawal of arrear pay and allowances consequent on the revision of scales of pay.

3.—The increase is due to revision of municipal taxes of the Dhubri and Karimganj Sub-Registry Office buildings and printing of some essential forms locally.

4.—The increase is due to raising of contribution to the Khasi States from Rs.76 to Rs.139 during the year payable with effect from 1948-49.

GRANT No.4

(12.—Charges on account of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act)

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.5,639 (Rupees five thousand six hundred and thirty-nine) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"12.—Charges on account of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act."

					Rs.
Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	...	...	5,67,900
Sub-heads under which Supplementary grant will be accounted for:—					
					† Rs.
A.—Charges for collection	...	...	...	...	3,639
C.—Compensation to Local Bodies, etc.	...	...	...	...	2,000
				Total	5,639

The explanatory notes * explain the need of the demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs. 5,639 (Rupees five thousand six hundred and thirty-nine) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"12.—Charges on account of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act."

There are no Cut Motions. I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.5,639 (Rupees five thousand six hundred and thirty-nine) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"12.—Charges on account of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act. "'

The question was adopted.

GRANT No.5

(13.—Other Taxes and Duties)

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

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—The excess is due to (a) drawal of arrear and enhanced pay and allowances drawn under the revised scales of pay and (b) entertainment of a new establishment for the office of the newly created Regional Transport Authority at Tezpur.

C.—The grant of Rs.2,000 made to the Imphal Town Fund during 1948-49 could not be drawn by them, and has now to be met out of the Budget grant of 1949-50.

sum of Rs.5,120 (Rupees five thousand one hundred and twenty), be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head "13.—Other Taxes and Duties".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	1,99,600
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for :—	
	Rs.
A.—Collection Charges for Entertainment tax	5,120

The explanatory notes* clearly indicate the reason why this demand is necessary.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs.5,120 (Rupees five thousand one hundred and twenty) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"13.—Other Taxes and Duties".

There are no Cut Motions. I put the question.

The question is :

"That a sum of Rs.5,120 (Rupees five thousand one hundred and twenty) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"13.—Other Taxes and Duties."

The question was adopted.

GRANT No.6

(18.—B and 68-B—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works)

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.12,29,180 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head—"18—B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	15,40,700
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary demand will be accounted for :—	
18-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works—	
F—Establishment—	

	Rs.
(i) Pay of officers	22,800
(ii) Pay of Establishment	38,000
(iii) Allowances	30,600
(iv) Contingencies... ..	9,135
Total	1,00,535

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

The excess is due to increase in the sale of entertainment-tax stamps on account of increase in the number of Cinema Houses.

Rs.

68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works financed from Capital Revenues—			
Food Bonus Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes	...	1,56,995	
Grow-More-Food Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes		9,49,650	
P—Maintenance and Repairs	... ..	22,000	
Total		12,29,180	

The explanatory notes * indicate the reason why this sum is necessary.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

“That an additional sum of Rs.12,29,180 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—18-B and 68-B — Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works”.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I require some more explanation from the Hon'ble Minister. Under 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works an item is included as “Food Bonus Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes”. The Government should give us some intelligent explanation and not resort to abbreviations. At the bottom of the page, the explanation under “P” there are abbreviations like “F. D. R.” probably these mean—Flood Damage Repair work.....

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY: Sir, I will attend to that afterwards.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: The Food Bonus Scheme is not clear to me. What is that ?

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY: Sir, there is a Food Bonus Scheme. The Government of Assam receives a sum from the Government of India under this Scheme. We took up this Major Irrigation Scheme under Food Bonus Scheme.

The Hon'ble Srijit BIHSNURAM MEDHI: Sir, may I clear the point. For procurement of foodgrains in the Province, bonus per maund is received from the Government of India, and out of this grant, some schemes for production of more food-crops are taken up with the approval of the Government of India. Hence it is called Food Bonus Schemes.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

The details of the original works under various sub-heads subordinate to the Major head “18-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works” may be seen at Appendix D.

The explanatory notes for “F”, and “P” are as follows:—

F.—The additional requirement is mainly for the newly opened Tezpur Embankment and Drainage Division and Dibrugarh Embankment and Drainage Subdivision. The Dibrugarh Embankment and Drainage Subdivision started from January 1949 and the Tezpur Embankment and Drainage Division from March 1949. Budget demands were submitted in November 1948 and provision for this Division and the Subdivision could not be made in the Budget for 1949-50.

Arrear pay and allowances admissible to the staff according to revised scale of pay have also slightly increased the requirement.

P.—The completed portion of the Brahmaputra Bund near Desangmukh was breached by high flood during 1948-49. The gap left over in the bund at chainage 120 has also been badly eroded by continued flooding since 1946. These two items necessitated heavy F. D. R. work which had to be carried to completion to prevent recurring expenditure on flood damage to this bund.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Sir, unless the Food Bonus Scheme is clearly explained, it is very difficult for a Member like me to understand it, as I consider myself as an ordinary Member. Even the explanation which the Hon'ble Finance Minister has given us is not clear. I understand that the Government of India is granting us certain sums to encourage us to export rice and paddy outside Assam. If so, what is the amount of that Food Bonus the Government of Assam have got, either in the current year or what they expect to get next year under Food Bonus?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Sir, for export of foodstuff the Government of Assam gets Re.1 per maund of foodgrains and annas eight for procurement of foodgrains for distribution in the Province as bonus. Schemes for growing more food crops in the State can be undertaken by the State with the approval of Government of India out of this food bonus received by the State for procurement of foodgrains. These Schemes are in addition to the Schemes in connection with Grow-More-Food Schemes for which Government of India allotted 23 lakhs for the current year. The only condition imposed is that before any scheme is taken up under the Food Bonus Schemes it must receive the approval of the Government of India and it must be for the purpose of growing more food crops.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: What is the amount, Sir?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: It is not possible to give out the total amount just now.

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

The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.12,29,180 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"18.B.—and 68.B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works."

The question was adopted.

GRANT No.7

[25.—General Administration (N.E.A.)]

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.14,43,801 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head—"25.—General Administration (N. E. A.)".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	Rs.
			56,25,600

II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—

L.—Elections for Legislatures	...	...	...	Rs.
				8,20,000

M.—(a) Civil Secretariat:—

Rs.

1. Pay of Officers	45,816
2. Pay of Establishment	47,175
3. Allowances and Honoraria... ..	25,376
6. Cost of maintaining the accounts of Charitable Endowment Fund and Miscellaneous Trust Funds.	400
8. <i>Deduct</i> —Amount transferred to “85-A—Capital Outlay” on account of $\frac{1}{2}$ pay and allowances of Deputy Secretary, Textile and Assistant Secretary, Textile.	(—) 11,644
	<hr/> 1,07,123 <hr/>

S. General Establishment:—

1. Pay of Officers	63,453
2. Pay of Establishment	1,31,279
3. Allowances and Honoraria... ..	63,572
4. Contingencies	88,886
	<hr/> 3,47,190 <hr/>

T.—Subdivisional Establishment

... .. 19,692

U.—Other Establishment—

(a) Process-serving Establishment	60,711
(f) Provincial and District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board.	5,980
	<hr/> 66,691 <hr/>

V.—Discretionary grant by Heads of the Province—

(2)—Grant by the Hon'ble Ministers 185

X.—Works—

(a) Original Works	16,200
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Z.—Charges in England

... .. 66,720

Grand Total 14,43,801

The details are laid down in the Explanatory *Notes and so I do not propose to take the time of the House by reading them.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

L.—Due mainly to the preparation and printing of electoral rolls and cost of paper required for the purpose and partly to increase in the estimated total number of voters owing to the enrolment of refugees and payment of high rates for printing of electoral rolls. Half the actual total cost is payable by the Government of India which will be recovered in 1950-51.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.14,43,801 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head "25.—General Administration (N. E. A.)".

There is no Cut Motion. I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.14,43,801 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head "25.—General Administration (N. E. A.)".

The question was adopted.

No.8

(27.—Administration of Justice)

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,65,250, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head "27.—Administration of Justice".

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

2.—Due mainly to increased expenditure for temporary establishment entertained to cope with increased volume of work.

3.—Due mainly to increased expenditure under "Dearness Allowance", "Travelling Allowance of Officers" and "Winter Allowance".

6.—Due to increase in the number of funds for which Comptroller maintains the accounts.

8.—This represents transfer of $\frac{1}{2}$ pay and allowances of Deputy Secretary, Textile and Assistant Secretary, Textile to "85-A.—Capital Outlay, etc".

S. 1.—Due to introduction of revised scales of pay, and also due to pay of Special Officer Mikir Hills.

2.—Due to introduction of revised scales of pay, entertainment of temporary establishment and provision for staff in the office of the Special Officer, Mikir Hills.

3.—Due to increased expenditure under "Dearness Allowance", "Cost of Living Allowance" and "Winter Allowances" and also due to "Compensatory Allowance" and "Travelling Allowance of Special Officer, Mikir Hills."

4.—Due to increased expenditure under "Maintenance of Pooled Transport", "Pay and Dearness Allowance of Contingency Menials" and also due to purchase and repairs of furniture, typewriters and Service Postage stamps.

T.—Due to introduction of revised scales of pay.

U(a). Due to introduction of revised scales of pay and also due to sanction of "Travelling Allowance" and "Daily Allowance" to process-servers in the rates as admissible to Fourth Grade Government Servants.

(f).—Due to increased scales of pay sanctioned for the Secretaries, D. S. S. A. Boards and their staff with effect from 1st April 1948 as laid down by the Government of India.

V.—Due to increased grants sanctioned by Hon'ble Chief Minister during the year.

X(a).—Due to construction of (i) Special Officer, Mikir Hills' Office, (ii) Basha and (iii) Staff quarters at Diphu.

Z.—Due to leave salaries of Officers on leave in United Kingdom and also to increased share of this Government of the cost of the High Commissioner's establishment, as reported by the High Commissioner,

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly— ...	7,85,000
II. Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for :—	
B.—Law Officers—	
(b) Legal Remembrancer—	
1.—Pay of officers ...	6,830
2.—Pay of establishment ...	1,967
3.—Allowances and honoraria ...	1,722
	<hr/> 10,519
(c) Muffassil establishment—	
1. Pay of establishment ...	563
Contingencies ...	19,471
	<hr/> 20,034
Total ...	<hr/> 30,553
D.—District and Sessions Judges—	
1. Pay of officers ...	8,866
F.—Deputy Commissioner's Civil Court establishment ...	7,137
G.—Subdivisional Officer's Civil Court establishment ...	11,872
H.—Criminal Courts—	
1. Pay of establishment ...	12,627
2. Allowances and honoraria ...	7,514
3. Contingencies ...	86,023
I.—Pleadership and Muktearship examination charges ...	658
Total ...	<hr/> 1,34,697
Grand total ...	<hr/> 1,65,250

††The Explanatory Notes give the details. But I would draw the attention of the hon. Members to one item which covers an amount of Rs.86,023. It is due mainly to the increased expenditure under dearness allowances.

††EXPLANATORY NOTES

B. (b).—The excess is due to (1) payment of arrear retaining fees to Government Advocates, (2) expenditure in connection with temporary establishment of Legal Remembrancer for which no provision could be made in the original Budget and (3) increased expenditure on fees to Government Advocates.

(c).—The excess is due to (1) grant of retaining fees to Government Pleaders, (2) increase in the rate of fees of Government Pleaders from Rs.25 per day to Rs.32 per day and (3) increased expenditure in payment of fees to Pleaders other than Government Pleaders in litigations which increased in numbers.

D1.—Due mainly to the increase in the number of temporary officers.

F.—Due mainly to entertainment of temporary staff.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved.

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,65,250 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head "27.—Administration of Justice".

There is no Cut Motion. I put the question.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs.1,65,250 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

The Motion was adopted.

No. 9

(28.—Jails and Convict Settlement)

The Hon'ble Sri GOPINATH BARDOLOI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs 7,03,746, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head "28.—Jails and Convict Settlement".

					Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	...	...	10,41,600
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—					
Superintendence—					
1. Pay of officers	...	...	...	...	3,000
2. Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	462
3. Allowances and honoraria...	...	...	...	...	1,849
4. Other contingency...	...	...	...	...	400
Total	...	...	...	...	5,711
A.—District Jails—					
1. Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	35,000
2. Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...	...	6,900
3. Contingency	...	...	...	...	5,17,761
Total	...	...	...	...	5,59,661

G.—Due mainly to increased expenditure under "Remuneration to Copyists".

H2.—Due to introduction of revised scales of pay.

3.—Due mainly to increased expenditure under "Dearness Allowance".

4.—Due mainly to increased expenditure under "Diet and road money to witnesses" consequent on the increase in the number of cases.

I.—Due to an expenditure in connection with conducting the Pleadership and Muktearship examination.

B.—Charges for Police custody	...	...	...	27,592
C.—Contribution to other Governments for maintenance of long-term prisoners in—				
West Bengal, etc.	...	...	...	642
D.—Jail Manufactures	...	...	...	1,07,640
E.—Works—Original Works—				
(1) Original works—Jails	...	...	...	2,500
Grand total	...	...	...	7,03,746

Here also the details are laid down in the Explanatory Notes† and I do not propose to take the time of the House by reading them.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

“That an additional sum of Rs.7,03,746 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head ‘28.—Jails and Convict Settlement’.”

There is no Cut Motion. I put the question.

The question is :

“That an additional sum of Rs.7,03,746 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head ‘28.—Jails and Convict Settlement’.”

The question was adopted.

No. 10

(29.—Police)

The Hon'ble Sri GOPINATH BARDOLOI : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 11,96,212 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges

†EXPLANATORY NOTES

Superintendence.—This is a new expenditure incurred in connection with the appointment of Penal Reform Adviser and his staff which were not provided for in the budget.

A.—(1) Due to drawal of pay under revised scales of pay.

(2) Due to increased expenditure under dearness allowance.

(3) Mainly under ration due to increase in Jail population and for high price in dietary articles.

(4) Increase is due to increase in Jail population and also for high price of miscellaneous articles, service postage, etc.

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

C.—Due to debit raised by other Governments for maintenance of long-term prisoners which could not be foreseen for making provision in the budget.

D.—(1) Due to high price in raw materials and expenditure is increased for improvement of jail industries.

E.—(1) For construction of a new bamboo palisade in Karimganj jail.

which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950 for administration of the Head "29.—Police".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	68,70,500
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for :—	
A.—Superintendence—	
3. Allowances and Honoraria ...	9,481
B.—D.E.F.—District Police, Non-Excluded Areas—	
2. Pay of Establishment ...	8,19,306
4. Contingencies ...	93,004
C.—Police Training College—	
3. Allowances and Honoraria ...	3,197
G—Criminal Investigation Department—	
1. Pay of Officers ...	5,986
2. Pay of Establishment ...	8,659
3. Allowances and Honoraria ...	46,463
4. Contingencies ...	11,473
J.—Works—	
(a) Works—Original Works—	
1.—Police ...	1,78,839
(b) Works.—Repairs—	
1.—Police ...	18,418
(b) Rates and Taxes ...	1,387
Total ...	11,96,212

The details are laid down in the Explanatory Notes*.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. The excess is due to the inclusion of cost of passage of Mr. J. E. Reid, I. P. (on leave).

B—2. The excess is due to the drawal of arrear pay and also pay drawn at the enhanced rate due to revision of pay, increase in the strength of force.

4. The excess is due to the rise in prices of articles and to meet the cost of clothings of the Police force indented last year.

C—3. The excess is due to increase in the strength and also for the drawal of allowances at the enhanced rates.

G—1. The excess is due to the appointment of a Special Superintendent of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, after the submission of the Budget.

2 & 3. The excess is due to the drawal of arrear and enhanced pay and allowances on account of revision, increase in the strength of the force demand, and extensive movement of the Criminal Investigation Department.

4. The excess is due to the universal rise in prices of contingent articles, rise in prices of stationery, and increase in the strength. The movement of this Department was so extensive during the year that in spite of constant endeavours expenditure could not be reduced.

J. (a) The additional amount is required (1) for adjustment of Rs.59,449 sanctioned by Government last year for acquisition of buildings at Dergaon for Assam Police Battalion during the current year, (2) for construction of certain buildings of immediate nature at Dergaon for the Assam Police Battalion (Rs.80,000) as the Public Works Department could not take up the work although a provision of Rs.15,00,000 was made in their Budget, (3) for taking over the Fire Bri-

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.11,96,212 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for administration of the Head '29.—Police'."

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

The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.11,96,212 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950, for administration of the Head '29.—Police'."

The question was adopted.

No.11

(37.—Education—Non-Excluded Areas)

The Hon'ble Sri GOPINATH BARDOLOI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs.31,80,243 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the Head "37.—Education (Non-Excluded Areas)."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	1,18,14,800
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for:—	
C.—Direct grants to Non-Government Arts Colleges	22,613
F.—(a) Government Secondary Schools for boys ...	1,46,500
F.—(b) Government Secondary Schools for girls ...	2,000
J.—Government Primary Schools ...	82,000
L.—Grants to Primary Education Board ...	21,47,440
IV.—Special Education—	
O.—Government Special Schools and Colleges—	
(d) Technical Schools ...	3,000
(h) Development Schemes—	
9. Technical Education ...	3,00,000
R.—Works (Special)—	
Original Works—	
In-charge of Civil Officers ...	3,220
T.—Inspection ...	50,000
U.—Scholarships ...	10,000
V.—Miscellaneous—	
(c) Tex Book Committee charges ...	4,800
(d) Other miscellaneous charges—	
Development Schemes—Grants to Adult Social Education Scheme.	1,00,000

gade buildings at a total cost of Rs.39,390 for accommodation of a contingent of Assam Police Battalion stationed at Dhubri. This has been considered more economical than constructing new buildings.

(b) The excess is due to the repairs of departmental buildings damaged by storms and also to other departmental buildings and quarters which were essential.

(b) The excess is due to the payment of Municipal taxes of some newly constructed quarters

X.—Charges in England	...	...	Rs. 8,670
Total	...	...	31,80,243

The details are laid down in the *Explanatory Notes.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That an additional amount of Rs.31,80,243 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head '37.—Education (Non-Excluded Areas)'."

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

The question is:

"That an additional amount of Rs.31,80,243 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '37.—Education (Non-Excluded Areas)'."

The question was adopted.

No.12

(38.—Medical)

The Hon'ble Sri RAMNATH DAS: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,08,856 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head "38.—Medical".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... 35,92,300

II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—

A.—Medical Establishment—

(a) (i) Superintendence—

(1) Pay of Officers ... 3,875

Provincial Health Insurance Scheme under the Em-

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

C.—The excess requirement is due to the fact that the recurring maintenance grant, based on actual commitment fell short of the estimate.

F.—(a) The excess requirement is due to (1) revision of pay scales of all Officers of Assam School Service and Assam Lower School Service (Rs.1,43,000) and (2) Provincialisation of 4 Middle Vernacular Schools (Rs.3,500).

F.—(b) The excess requirement is due to revision of pay scales of Officers of Assam School Service and Assam Lower School Service.

J.—The excess requirement is due to revision of pay scales of Primary School Teachers.

L.—The excess requirement is based on actual requirement of grants during the current year to the Primary Education Board.

IV. O.—(d) *Technical School.*—According to the latest decision provision of Trs. 1 is to be made for contribution to the Don-Bosco Technical School, under "37.—Education" instead of under "Industries". A sum of Trs 2 represents Assam's share for the training of adult civilians at the Technical and Vocational Training Centre at Jorhat.

(h) *Development Schemes.*—The sum of Trs. 3,00 represents provision for "Technical Education" under Development Schemes for which no provision exists in the current year's budget.

R.—The excess requirement is for construction of a temporary thatched house for additional section of the Jorhat Normal School.

T.—The excess requirement is due to (1) creation of post of 2nd Inspector of Schools and his staff with office (Rs.10,500), (2) revision of pay scale of Officers of Assam School Service and Assam Lower School Service (Rs.39,500).

U.—The excess requirement is due to increase of value of scholarships tenable outside the Province by 50 per cent. The provision made for the purpose through the schedule falls short of the actual requirements.

V.—(c) The excess requirement is due to grant of remuneration to expert members of sub-committees at rates approved for specialist,

V.—(d) This represent expenditure on the Adult Education Scheme during the current year.

X.—The estimate is based on latest information received from the High Commissioner.

ployee's State Insurance Act—

Pay of Officers	2,060
Pay of Establishment	693
Allowances and Honoraria	1,559
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	4,312
Contingency	57
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	4,369
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B.—Hospitals and Dispensaries—

(a) (II) Ordinary dispensaries (Post-War Development Scheme)—

(1) Provincialisation of 5 District Hospitals	}	9,718
(2) Extension of the Reid Chest Hospital, Shillong		
C.—Grants for medical purposes		8,000

D.—Medical Schools and Colleges—

(a) (I) Medical Colleges	12,600
Examination fees and maintenance charge of the Calcutta Medical College.	16,600
(a) (2) Development Scheme (Post-War)—Further Education of <i>ex</i> -Service personnel.	57,561
(a) (II) Post-War Development Schemes—	
(I) Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	60,000

E.—Mental Hospital—

(a) (I) Mental Hospital, Tezpur—	
Pay of Establishment... ..	8,817
Contingency—Non-contract	16,752
H.—Charges in England	23,164
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	2,08,856
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The Explanatory Notes* explain the details for this demand.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—(a) (I) The additional amount is required for payment of leave salary of Colonel S. L. Bhatia, *Ex-Inspcct*or General of Civil Hospitals and Prisons, Assam to the Madras Government.

Provincial Health Insurance Scheme.—Due to extension of the terms of the post of the Health Insurance Officer and his staff.

B.—(a) (II) Due to the extension of the 25 bedded-ward in Reid Provincial Chest Hospital Shillong.

C.—For holding two eye-camps—one at Gauhati and the other at Silchar.

D.—(a) (I) Due to debit for 1948-49 being raised in the current year.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,08,856 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '38.—Medical'."

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

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,08,856 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '38.—Medical'."

The question was adopted.

GRANT No.13

(39.—PUBLIC HEALTH)

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 9,000 (Rupees nine thousand only) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head "39.—Public Health."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	30,14,200
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
	Rs.
F.—Works—Original Works by Public Works Department.	9,000
Total ...	9,000

The details will be found at Appendix D.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs.9,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950, for the administration of the head '39.—Public Health'."

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

The amount is required for expenditure in connection with the training of *Ex-Service* Medical Personnel in the Lake Medical College, Calcutta, fifty per cent. of the expenditure is borne by the Central Government.

(a) (II) Rupees 60,000 represents a part of Rs.1,50,000 sanctioned by Government for equipments of the Assam Medical College and the College Hospital. This Rs.60,000 is in excess of the total budget provision of Rs.8,61,147 both for College and Hospital.

E.—(I) Due to drawal of pay under revised scale.

Due to increase in price of dietary articles and for increased number of patients in Hospital.

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

The question is :

"That a sum of Rs.9,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the Head '39.—Public Health'."

The question was adopted.

No. 14

(39.—PUBLIC HEALTH)

The Hon'ble Sri RAMNATH DAS: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.63,386 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head "39.—Public Health".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	30,14,200
Additional amount now required	56,000
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
A.—Public Health Establishment—	
(a) (i) Superintendence and other Establishment—	
Pay of Establishment	56,000
H.—Charges in England	7,386
Total	63,386

The Explanatory Note *is there, Sir.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs 63,386 be granted to the Minister-in charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '39—Public Health' ".

There are no Cut Motions, so I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.63,386 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '39—Public Health'."

The question was adopted.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—The excess amount is due to the general revision of the pay scales of the staff sanctioned during the current year. Revised scales were sanctioned with retrospective effect from the 1st April, 1948 and so large amounts of arrear pay were drawn by the staff.

H.—The additional amount is required to meet the leave salaries of officers going on leave, cost of stores and publications which could not be foreseen while preparing the original budget.

No. 15
(40.—AGRICULTURE)

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,03,732 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head "40.—Agriculture".

	Rs.
Grant originally voted by the Assembly	50,58,900
II.—Sub-heads under which the additional amount will be accounted for—	
A.—Direction—	Rs.
Contingencies	46,300
C.—Experimental Farms—	
(a) Upper Shillong, Jorhat, Titabor, etc. Farms—Other non-contract contingencies.	2,825
(c) (1) Bokajan Sugarcane Scheme	11,000
D.—Agricultural Experiments and Research—	
(iii) (e) Crop-cutting experiments of winter paddy in Assam.	3,007
H.—Agricultural Demonstration and Propaganda including Public exhibition and fairs.	30,000
L.—Charges in England	10,600
Total ...	1,03,732

Explanatory Notes* are there, Sir.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,03,732 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '40.—Agriculture'".

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

C. (a)—The amount is required for shifting materials purchased from the Military Department from Barapani to Upper Shillong Farm.

C. (c) (i)—A provision of Rs.40,54,946 was made in the budget under "72.—Capital outlay on Industrial Development". But as no loan will be available from the Government of India, it has been decided to abandon the project. The existing Sugarcane Nursery has therefore been transferred to the Agricultural Department for crushing the existing sugarcane.

D. (iii) (e)—No provision could be made in the original budget as the decision to carry out the experiments was received late from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research will bear one-third of the entire expenditure on these experiments.

H. The additional amount is required (1) for implementing the Scheme for emergent Agricultural relief in Khasi and Jaintia Hills bordering East Pakistan (Rs.20,000); (2) for establishment of jute demonstration farms and supply of jute seeds to cultivators in Assam in order to increase the production of jute in the Indian Union. The details may be seen at Appendix 'A'.

L.—The additional amount is required for leave salaries of Mr. R. C. Woodford, retired Director of Agriculture, Assam.

There are no Cut Motions, so I put the question

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,03,732 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '40.—Agriculture.' "

The question was adopted.

No. 16

(41.—VETERINARY—NON-EXCLUDED AREAS)

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head "41.—Veterinary (Non-Excluded Areas)."

				Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	...	6,48,900
II.—Sub-heads under which the additional amount will be accounted for—				
A. Superintendence—				Rs.
Allowances and Honoraria	500
4. Contingencies	1,500
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	Total	...		2,000
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The Explanatory Notes* are there, Sir.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the Head '41.—Veterinary (Non-Excluded Areas).'"

There are no Cut Motions, so I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head "41.—Veterinary (Non-Excluded Areas)."

The question was adopted.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—The amount is required to meet the expenditure for Travelling Allowance of the Veterinary Investigation Officer.

4.—The amount is necessary to meet the expenditure of money order commissions for remitting pay and Travelling Allowance of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons and Veterinary Field Assistants.

No. 17

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

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.5,600 (Rupees five thousand and six hundred) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950 for the administration of the Head "42.—Co-operation—I—Co-operative Societies".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	6,50,300
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
H. Charges in England	5,600
The Explanatory note *explains the reasons for this demand.	

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That a sum of Rs.5,600 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '42.—Co-operation—I—Co-operative Societies.'"

There are no Cut Motions, so I put the question.

The question is:

"That a sum of Rs.5,600 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '42.—Co-operation—I—Co-operative Societies.'"

The question was adopted.

No. 18

(43.—INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES—I—SERICULTURE AND WEAVING—NON-EXCLUDED AREAS)

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a supplementary demand of Rs.18,552 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head "43.—Industries and Supplies—I—Sericulture and Weaving" "(Non Excluded Areas)".

	Rs.
I.—Grants originally voted	6,85,100
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grants will be accounted for—	
E(A) Training Organisation—	
I.—Farm Organisation (Non-Excluded Areas)—	
5. Works	18,552

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

The excess is on account of leave salary and deputation pay to be drawn in United Kingdom as reported by the High Commissioner for India.

The Explanatory *note explains the reasons for this demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That a supplementary demand of Rs.18,552 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '43.—Industries and Supplies—I—Sericulture and Weaving '(Non-Excluded Areas)'".

There are no Cut Motions, so I put the question.

The question is:

"That a supplementary demand of Rs.18,552 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '43.—Industries and Supplies—I—Sericulture and Weaving' '(Non-Excluded Areas)'".

The question was adopted.

No.19

(47.—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS--B--LABOUR)

The Hon'ble Sri OMEO KUMAR DAS: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.18,348 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the expenditure during the year ending on the 31st March 1950 in connection with the administration of the head "47.—Miscellaneous Departments—B—Labour".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	5,76,800
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
B —Labour.—Industrial Tribunal under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.	8,818
5. Grants-in-aid	9,255
E.—Provincial Statistics—	
(a) Raingauge charges	125
G.—Works—	
(b) Repairs—	
(2) Raingauge and Jute Statistics	150

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

The scheme for the establishment of Sericultural Farms at Mangaldai and Jowai at a cost of Rs 65,111 was sanctioned in 1947-48 but no expenditure could be made that year due to delay in land acquisition proceedings. In 1948-49 the said amount was revived and an expenditure of Rs.31,554 was incurred on the project.

This year work to the extent of Rs.18,552 has been carried out. As there is no provision in the current year's budget for the work which was anticipated to be complete last year, the Supplementary demand has been necessary.

The explanatory notes* explain the reason for this demand :

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs. 18,348 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the expenditure during the year ending 31st March 1950 in connection with the administration of the head "47.—Miscellaneous Departments—B—Labour'."

There are no Cut Motions, so I put the question.

The question is :

"That a sum of Rs. 18,348 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray the expenditure during the year ending on 31st March 1950 in connection with the administration of the head '47.—Miscellaneous Departments—B—Labour.'"

The question was adopted.

No. 20

(50.—CIVIL WORKS)

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.48,900 (Rupees forty-eight thousand and nine hundred) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head "50.—Civil Works."

				Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...			1,80,18,000
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—				
				Rs.
A—Original Works—(a) Buildings—Agriculture	...			23,000
D.—Grants-in-aid for Communications—				
Grants to Municipal and Local Boards for communications—				
3.—Grants to other funds—recurring	...	...		25,900
Total	...	...	...	48,900

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

B.—A large number of industrial disputes were referred to the Judge, Lower Assam Districts, who was appointed to constitute a Tribunal under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. But due to pressure of Work, the Judge could not cope with the work while the number of references began to increase. It was considered necessary, therefore, to create a whole-time Industrial Tribunal under the said Act for expeditious disposal of the cases.

As the expenditure was unforeseen and as the Industrial Tribunal was constituted in October 1949, no provision could be made in the Budget earlier. See Appendix A.

5.—The Government of India took up survey of the condition of the labourers engaged in Agriculture in the State of Assam. It was agreed that half the cost will be borne by the Government of India and the remaining half by the State Government. The sum of Rs.9,255 being the half of the total expenditure of Rs. 18,500 will have to be contributed by this Government. As the Scheme was launched in July, 1949 no provision could be made in the Budget earlier. See Appendix D.

E. (a)—The original grant proved inadequate to meet the expenditure for purchase of Raingauge apparatus which were urgently necessary.

G. (b)—This amounts is necessary due to high price of materials and Labour.

The Explanatory Note† is there, Sir.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs. 48,900 (Rupees forty-eight thousand and nine hundred) be granted to the Minister in Charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '50.—Civil Works'."

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I trouble the Hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department again to explain further than what has been given in the Explanatory Notes under the Grants to "other funds—recurring". I refer to item D of the Supplementary Demand. Now, in the demand itself the total amount is Rs. 25,900 ; in the Explanatory Notes it is said : "Owing to transfer of the up-keep and maintenance of the Tura-Damra Road from the Public Works Department to Garo Hills District fund grant-in-aid at Rs. 16,866 (recurring) with effect from 19th September 1948 has been sanctioned. Hence the provision". I would like to know when this transfer of the upkeep was made from the Public Works Department to the Garo Hills District Fund. In that case we will be able to see whether the entire amount is necessary.

***The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. NICHOLS-ROY :** Sir, I will not be able to give the exact date, but this was transferred to the Garo Hills District Fund for the upkeep and maintenance of the Tura-Damra Road.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : Sir, if the transfer is in this year then the entire amount will not be necessary.

***The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** Because this work has already done on the Tura-Damra Road.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : In the demand a sum of Rs.25,900 has been asked for. In the explanatory notes it is said that this grant is in aid to the Garo Hills District Fund and recurring. The House will be able to judge whether a sum of Rs.25,900 is necessary, or a lower sum will suffice. I think this demand is in excess of requirement.

***The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** It is said in the notes that owing to transfer of the up-keep and maintenance of the Tura-Damra Road from the Public Works Department to Garo Hills District Fund grant in-aid at Rs.16,866 (recurring) with effect from 19th September 1948 has been sanctioned.

†EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—Original Works—(a) Building—Agriculture—

Details may be seen at Appendix D.

D. Grants to other funds—Recurring—Owing to transfer of the up-keep and maintenance of the Tura-Damra Road from the Public Works Department to Garo Hills District fund grant-in-aid at Rs. 16,866 (recurring) with effect from 19th September 1948 has been sanctioned. Hence the provision.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Now I put the question.

The question is :

"That a sum of Rs.48,900 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head '50.—Civil Works'."

The question was adopted.

GRANT No.21

(52A.—Other Revenue Expenditure etc.)

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.50,202 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the expenditure during the year ending 31st March, 1950 in connection with the Electricity Development Staff under the head "52A.—Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Electricity Scheme."

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

II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—
Establishment charges—

					Rs.
(1) Pay of Officers	...	...	...	...	6,890
(2) Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	6,614
(3) Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	8,757
(4) Contingencies	...	...	...	...	27,941
Grand Total					50,202

The Explanatory Note* is there.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs.50,202 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the expenditure during the year ending 31st March, 1950 in connection with the Electricity Development Staff under the head '52A.—Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Electricity Scheme'."

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in this connection will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge be pleased to give the House some idea of the Umtru Scheme for the development of Hydro-Electric Power? What progress has been made in the execution of the Scheme?

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS : The other day in reply to a Cut Motion that was moved by my Friend, Dr. Emran Husain Chaudhury, I gave some idea of the progress of the Scheme, and if after that my Friend wants to have a further statement from me, I am prepared to make it.

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present we have a post-war scheme under the Electrical Adviser (Development) provided for under the head "63-B.—Expenditure on Post-War Development Scheme—47.—Miscellaneous Department" to continue the survey of various rivers and sites for development of Hydro-electric power in the State more particularly the Umtru Scheme. The head of expenditure needs a change following advice from the Comptroller and as such sums provided for under the aforesaid head have since been surrendered and a fresh supplementary grant under the new head is asked for.

The Umtru Scheme has been surveyed under the direction of the Quinc by our Electrical Adviser. The preliminary survey, for the collection of data such as the reading of the flow of water, selection of dam sites, power house, placing of pipe lines, etc., has been completed. To examine the result of this preliminary survey we have requested the Quinc to send their officers to come and see the site personally and give their final opinion after their examination and according to their suggestions Government will proceed with the scheme further.

Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA : What is the Quinc Scheme ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS : Central Water-Ways, Irrigation, Navigation Commission.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Now I put the question.

The question is :

"That a sum of Rs.50,202 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the expenditure during the year ending 31st March, 1950 in connection with the Electricity Development Staff under the head '52A.—Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Electricity Scheme'."

The question was adopted.

GRANT No.22.

(54-A.—Famine Relief and 54-B.—Transfer to Famine Relief Fund)

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,08,380 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950, for the administration of the head "54-A.—Famine Relief" and "54-B.—Transfer to Famine Relief Fund".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	1,00,000
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
(a) Relief Work	4,000
(b) Gratuitous Relief	4,380
B.—Transfer to Famine Relief Fund	1,00,000
Total ...	1,08,380

The Explanatory Note* is there.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,08,380 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950 for the administration of the head '54-A.—Famine Relief and '54-B.—Transfer to Famine Relief Fund'."

There are no Cut Motions.

I put the question.

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

(a) & (b).—The excess is due to the grant of adequate relief to the people in the distressed areas of the State and adjustment of some expenditure incurred last year in connection with the relief granted during that year.

B.—This amount is required for transfer to the Famine Relief Fund according to the Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Act, 1950,

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,08,380 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head—"54-A-Famine Relief and '54-B-transfer to Famine Relief Fund."

The question was adopted.

GRANT No. 23

(55.—Superannuation Allowances etc.)

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.3,06,172 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950, for the administration of the head—"55—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions, 83.—Payments of commuted value of pensions and 85.—Payments to retrenched personnel".

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	28,01,300
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
55.— <i>Superannuation allowances and pensions—</i>	Rs.
A.—Superannuation and retired allowances	1,50,000
B.—Equated payments of commuted value of pensions transferred from Capital (outside Revenue account)	2,058
D.—Gratuities—	
Ordinary Gratuities	10,000
E.—Pensions for distinguished and meritorious services or for political considerations.	500
H—Charges in England	1,05,160
83.— <i>Payments of commuted value of pensions—</i>	
Charges in England	44,400
K.— <i>Deduct—</i> Capital portion of equated payment out of revenue.	4,365
85.— <i>Payments to Retrenched Personnel—</i>	
<i>Deduct—</i> Payment out of Revenue	1,581
Total	3,06,172

The Explanatory note* is there.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs 3,06,172 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head—'55 Superannuation Allowances and Pensions, 83—Payments of commuted value of pensions and 85.—Payments to retrenched personnel.'"

There are no Cut Motions.

I put the question.

The question is : "That an additional sum of Rs.3,06,172 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1950 for the administration of the head—'55—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions, 83.—Payments of commuted value of pensions, 85—Payments to retrenched personnel'."

The question was adopted.

GRANT No. 24

(56.—Stationery and Printing)

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.8,449 (Rupees eight thousand, four hundred and forty-nine), be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950, for the administration of the Head—"56.—Stationery and Printing".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	7,68,400
II. Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
B. Discount on plain paper used with stamps ...	210
C.—Purchase of plain paper	1,000
D.—Government Press	410
E.—Printing at Private Presses	6,829
Total ...	8,449

*EXPLANATORY NOTE

A.—The excess is based on the progress of actuals.

B.—The excess is based on actuals.

D.—The excess is based on sanction and progress of actuals.

E.—The excess is based on sanction.

H. & 83.—Payments, etc.—

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

K.—Based on anticipated adjustment.

85.—Payments, etc.—Based on anticipated adjustment.

The Explanatory Note* is there.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs.8,449 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head—"56.—Stationery and Printing".

There are no Cut Motions.

I put the question.

The question is:

"That a sum of Rs.8,449 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head—"56.—Stationery and Printing". "

The question was adopted.

GRANT No. 25

(57.—Miscellaneous)

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.18,39,725 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head '57.—Miscellaneous".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.....Rs.70,26,000.

II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—

	Rs.
A.—Expenditure on State Prisoners and Detenus ...	10,250
C.—Donation for Charitable purposes	1,433
E.—Petty Establishments—	
(a) Circuit and Session's Houses	10,189
(b) Other petty establishments	1,628
H.—Rates and Taxes	3,114
K(a)—Miscellaneous and Unforeseen Charges—	
5—Miscellaneous Charges	3,47,157
K(b)—Miscellaneous and Unforeseen Charges—	
Development Scheme to be financed otherwise than	
from Provincial Revenues	50,910
L.—Transport Organization	4,673
M.—Expenditure on Bus Services—	
Section IV, Gauhati-Shillong Service	8,90,771
Section V, Jorhat-Dibrugarh Service	3,79,600
N.—Expenditure on Refugees	1,40,000
Grand Total ...	18,39,725

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

B & C.—The excess is due to increase in the sale of plain paper.

D.—For making payment of freight Bills of the newly purchased machines.

E.—The additional amount is required for payment of outstanding Contractor's Bills which could not be paid last year.

The Explanatory Notes* give the details. I would only draw the attention of the hon. Members to item M, which accounts for more than 12 lakhs of rupees. The explanatory note states that "the additional amount for operation of State Transport is required mainly for the following reasons:—

(1) There was no provision for revenue expenditure on operation of State Transport on the Jorhat-Sibsagar-Dibrugarh Routes in the budget for 1949-50 as this section of the route was taken up for operation long after the budget was voted by the Assembly, viz., from 1st October 1949.

(2) The amount originally estimated and voted by the Assembly was found insufficient in actual working. The strength of the fleet had to be increased to meet the growing demands of traffic on this route. Running expenditure, establishment charges, etc., had to be increased consequently".

This explains the major portion of the demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.18,39,725 be granted to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the Head "57.—Miscellaneous".

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: With regard to item A of the explanatory notes, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether this payment of compensation applies to the detenus under the Assam Maintenance of Public Order Act?

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—Due to payment of compensation to the Political sufferers and their families during their period of detention as security prisoners.

C.—The expenditure under this head is uncertain and an accurate estimate was not possible.

E(a).—Due to increased expenditure for purchase of furniture and other materials and increase in Municipal taxes.

H.—Due to increase in Municipal Taxes.

K(a).—Due to increased expenditure under "Rewards for the destruction of wild animals", "treatment of patients at Pasteur Institute" and also due to purchase and resumption of some buildings with land, such as, the "Firs", the "Dacca Cottage," the "Edge Hills", the "Oaklands", the "Stony Lands" and the "Meath Home", for accommodation of Hon'ble Ministers and Officers of the Government.

K.(b).—In 1948-49 an expenditure of Rs.50,910 was sanctioned for the purchase of fencing and pipe lines at Barapani by the Director of Agriculture from the Military Authorities. The Military Authorities passed on the debit for amount after the accounts for 1948-49 had been closed with the result that the amount could not be adjusted in 1948-49. The present demand is required to meet the debit for expenditure in the current year.

L.—The Additional amount is required for meeting a claim by the Director of Assam Transport for occupation of three rooms of the Assam Transport buildings and payment of garage rent and also to meet debits raised in respect of vehicles transferred from the Supply and the Public Works Department to form the pool of Departmental Staff Vehicles at Shillong.

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

(1) There was no provision for revenue expenditure on operation of State Transport on the Jorhat-Sibsagar-Dibrugarh Routes in the Budget for 1949-50 as this section of the route was taken up for operation long after the budget was voted by the Assembly, viz., from 1st October 1949.

(2) The amount originally estimated and voted by the Assembly was found insufficient in actual working. The strength of the fleet had to be increased to meet the growing demands of the traffic on this route. Running expenditure, establishment charges, etc., had to be increased consequently.

N.—Due to expenditure in the way of relief to the refugees who have come over to the State from East Bengal. The expenditure will be met from the grants from the Centre.

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: No, Sir. No compensation is paid these detenus. This only refers to pensions, etc., given to the political sufferers.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: With regard to K(b), will the Hon'ble Minister please enlighten us about the Barapani Scheme? What is the scheme?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: There is no scheme. An expenditure of Rs.50,910 was sanctioned for the purchase of fencing and pipe lines at Barapani by the Director of Agriculture from the Military Authorities. These materials were lying at Barapani.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.18,39,725 be granted to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950 for the administration of the head '57.—Miscellaneous'."

The question was adopted.

GRANT No.26

(64-C.—Pre-partition Payments)

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.15,000 (Rupees fifteen thousand) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950, for the administration of the head "64C.—Pre-partition payments."

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

II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—

	Rs.
64C.—Pre-partition payments	15,000

The Explanatory Note* below clearly indicates why the expenditure is required.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.15,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950, for the administration of the head '64C.—Pre-partition payments'."

The motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and adopted.

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

The expenditure relates to all pre-partition payments made or payable to the Government of East Bengal under the revised procedure for the allocation of pre-partition liabilities between East Bengal and Assam. This new head of account has been opened during the current year and hence no provision could be made in the original budget. The estimate is based on the actuals of current year. The aforesaid amount will be required to be paid to East Bengal during the year.

GRANT No.27

(71.—Capital outlay on schemes of Agricultural Improvement and Research)

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.3,50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950 for the administration of the head "71.—Capital Outlay on schemes of Agricultural Improvement and Research."

Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	...	Nil
				Rs.
I.—Grant now required	...	...	...	3,50,000
I.— Sub-head under which supplementary appropriation will be accounted for—				
Agricultural Experiment and Research—				
Agricultural Engineering Scheme—				
Mechanised Cultivation—				
				Rs.
1. Pay of officers	...	...	...	4,150
2. Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	38,000
3. Allowance and honoraria	...	...	...	16,100
4. Contingencies	...	...	...	2,78,750
5. K—Works	...	...	...	13,000
Total	...	...	...	3,50,000

The Explanatory Notes* explain the demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.3,50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1950 for the administration of the head '71—Capital Outlay on schemes of Agricultural Improvement and Research'."

The motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and adopted.

GRANT No.28

(82-B.—Capital outlay on Nationalisation of Road Transport)

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS : On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.8,39,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during

*EXPLANATORY NOTES

Provision for Agricultural Engineering Scheme (Mechanised Cultivation) was made under "40.—Agriculture—Grow-More Food Scheme." But the Government of India did not approve the Scheme as a Grow-More-Food Scheme and advised the State Government to finance it from loan money from the Government of India. The provision under "40.—Agriculture" is being surrendered and provision under proper head is now proposed. The excess over the original provision is necessary to adjust some of the value of tractors supplied by the Government of India in previous years and during the current year. The Government of India have been moved for a loan of Rs.4,17,000 for this purpose.

the year ending on 31st March, 1950 for the administration of the head "82B.—Capital outlay on Nationalisation of Road Transport."

				Rs.
Grant originally voted by Assembly	...	...	...	4,62,000
1. Additional amount now required	...	...	...	8,39,000
Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—				
Capital expenditure on Bus service—				
(1) Section IV—Shillong-Gauhati-Pandu route			...	4,78,000
(2) Section V—Jorhat-Dibrugarh route		...	...	3,61,000
Total				8,39,000

The Explanatory Notes * explain the demand.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved: "That an additional sum of Rs.8,39,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1950, for the administration of the head '82B.—Capital outlay on Nationalisation of Road Transport'."

Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA: Sir, if I remember aright, in the last September Session of the Assembly a Motion was adopted by the House for extension of State Transport to Gauhati-Goalpara Road. May I know why this road has not been taken up?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: How can this question arise? The hon. Member may seek clarification of any items of the explanatory notes.

Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA: The explanatory note under item (1) states "purchase of vehicles, etc., for the new route Jorhat-Sibsagar-Dibrugarh which was taken over for operation by State Transport on the 1st October 1949".

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: This refers to purchase of vehicles. How is the hon. Member's question connected with it?

Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA: But this is a connected matter, Sir. In the last Session a Motion was accepted by the House for taking over the Gauhati-Goalpara Road.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: That matter cannot be brought forward.

The question is: "That an additional sum of Rs.8,39,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1950, for the administration of the head '82B.—Capital outlay on Nationalisation of Road Transport'."

The question was adopted.

* EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

(1) Purchase of Vehicles, etc., for the new route Jorhat-Sibsagar-Dibrugarh which was taken over for operation by State Transport on the 1st October 1949.

(2) The expenditure is necessary on account of the Gauhati-Shillong route for taking over the assets of the Commercial Carrying Company both at Gauhati and Shillong and for purchasing extra vehicles which were required to cope with the increased traffic on this route.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : That finishes all Supplementary Demands.

The Assam Appropriation Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation Bill, 1950, and to move that this Bill be taken into consideration.

Now, in moving this Motion, I should like to read Article 204 of the Constitution of India, under which we have to move this Bill. On previous occasions under the Government of India Act no such Bill was necessary to be moved for authorising the Government to incur expenditure.

This Article 204 reads as follows :—

“(1) As soon as may be after the grants under article 203 have been made by the Assembly, there shall be introduced a Bill to provide for the appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of all moneys required to meet—

(a) the grants so made by the Assembly ; and

(b) the expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State but not exceeding in any case the amount shown in the statement previously laid before the House or Houses”.

The State Government are authorised to incur expenditure out of the Consolidated Fund only when the hon. Members of this House be pleased to pass this Bill.

I, therefore commend my Motion to the House for consideration.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

“That the Assam Appropriation Bill, 1950 be taken into consideration.”

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : As no hon. Member is taking part, I put the question—

The question is :

“That the Assam Appropriation Bill, 1950 be taken into consideration.”

The question was adopted.

The Assam Cement Control (Amendment) Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI : Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Cement Control (Amendment) Bill, 1950, and to move that this Bill be taken into consideration.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Was this Bill published in the Gazette ?

The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI : Yes, Sir, it was published in the Gazette.

The only remark that I can make in introducing this Bill and asking for taking it into consideration is that this Bill is in consonance with the Cement Control Order of the Government of India.

It may be recalled that last year the same Bill was proposed to extend for three years but it was also considered that the supply of cement might be in the meantime so abundant that the necessity of this measure would not be there and that it was ultimately decided to control only for one year. It has, however, been found that not only has this hope not been fulfilled but the greater difficulties

in obtaining cement due to various reasons, the most important of which is the transport question, it has not been possible to obtain even our requirements. The Bill has, therefore, become absolutely necessary for maintaining control and the period fixed for this is three years. I hope, after three years the situation of cement will improve and the principle of de-control might then be introduced with success.

With these words, Sir, I beg to move my Motion.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That the Assam Cement Control (Amendment) Bill, 1950 be taken into consideration."

As no hon. Member is taking part, I put the question.

The question is :

"That the Assam Cement Control (Amendment) Bill, 1950 be taken into consideration."

The question was adopted.

The Assam Contingency Fund Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : In the absence of any amendment, I may move the Motion.

I beg to move that the Assam Contingency Fund Bill, 1950 be passed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That the Assam Contingency Fund Bill, 1950 be passed."

As no hon. Member is taking part, I put the question.

The question is :

"That the Assam Contingency Fund Bill, 1950 be passed."

The question was adopted.

The Assam Land Revenue, Rent and Cess (Apportionment) Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : As there is no amendment to this Bill, I may move the Motion. I stated my reasons for moving this Bill at the time of introduction.

I beg to move that the Assam Land Revenue, Rent and Cess (Apportionment) Bill, 1950 be passed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That the Assam Land Revenue, Rent and Cess (Apportionment) Bill, 1950 be passed."

As no hon. Member is taking part, I put the question.

The question is :

"That the Assam Land Revenue, Rent and Cess (Apportionment) Bill, 1950 be passed."

The Motion was adopted.

**The Assam Ministers' (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill,
1950**

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: As there is no Amendment to this Bill, I beg to move that the Assam Ministers' (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 1950 be passed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That the Assam Ministers' (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 1950 be passed."

As no hon. Member is taking part, I put the question.

The question is:

"That the Assam Ministers' (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 1950 be passed."

The question was adopted.

The Assam Speaker's (Salary and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: There is no Amendment to this Bill, so I beg to move that the Assam Speaker's (Salary and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 1950 be passed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That the Assam Speaker's (Salary and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 1950 be passed."

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: As no hon. Member is taking part, I put the question.

The question is:

"That the Assam Speaker's (Salary and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 1950 be passed."

The question was adopted.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the present agenda is for three days, *i. e.*, 23rd, 24th and 25th March. If we proceed at the rate that we are going, there will be no business in the Assembly for the next two days.

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Sir, I think, as regards charged items, Supplementary grants are to be discussed by the Assembly on the 28th March, 1950. It will be better to finish up the whole matter.

Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Sir, it will be better to finish the whole agenda to-day so that we might get some rest or holidays.

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Sir, if the House agrees we can take rest on some other day.

The Assam Land (Requisition and Acquisition) (Amendment) Bill, 1950

Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no amendments to this Bill, I beg to move that the Assam Land (Requisition and Acquisition) (Amendment) Bill, 1950, be passed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That the Assam Land (Requisition and Acquisition) (Amendment) Bill, 1950, be passed."

I put the question.

The question is :

"That the Assam Land (Requisition and Acquisition) (Amendment) Bill, 1950, be passed."

The question was adopted.

The Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no amendment to this Bill, I beg to move that the Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1950, be passed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That the Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1950, be passed".

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

The question is :

"That the Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1950, be passed".

The question was adopted.

The Assam Special Courts Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no amendment to this Bill also, I beg to move that the Assam Special Courts Bill, 1950, be passed.

Sir, there is one clerical mistake. That may be corrected. At page 4 of the printed copy of the Bill, under clause 15, sub-clause (2) the word "in" appearing in the second line should be "an". That is the whole sub-clause should be read as follows :—

"(2) The State Government may direct a public prosecutor to present an appeal to the High Court from an order of acquittal passed by a Special Court".

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Motion moved :

"That the Assam Special Courts Bill, 1950, be passed."

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

The question is : .

"That the Assam Special Courts Bill, 1950, be passed".

The question was adopted.

The Assam Jute (Control of Prices) Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no amendment to this Bill, so I beg to move that the Assam Jute (Control of Prices) Bill, 1950, be passed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That the Assam Jute (Control of Prices) Bill, 1950, be passed".

I put the question.

The question is:

"That the Assam Jute (Control of Prices) Bill, 1950, be passed".

The question was adopted.

The Assam State Legislature Members' (Removal of Disqualifications) Bill, 1950

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no amendment to this Bill also, so I beg to move that the Assam State Legislature Members' (Removal of Disqualifications) Bill, 1950, be passed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Motion moved:

"That the Assam State Legislature Members' (Removal of Disqualifications) Bill, 1950 be passed".

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

The question is:

"That the Assam State Legislature Members' (Removal of Disqualifications) Bill, 1950, be passed."

The question was adopted.

Resolution re: Control and Regulation of Polishing of Rice grains (contd.)

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মোৰ প্ৰস্তাৱৰ বিষয়ে কবলগীয়া প্ৰায় আটাইবিশি কথৱা কোৱাই হৈছে। মাথোন এটা কথা কবলৈ বাকী আছে।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: আপুনি কালি বহুতো কলে, আপোনাৰ এতিয়া আৰু মাত্ৰ পাঁচ মিনিটহে সময় আছে।

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: মহাশয়, মোৰ বন্ধু শ্ৰীধৰণী বসুমতাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই মোৰ এই প্ৰস্তাৱটোৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰিছে আৰু তাৰ কাৰণ দেখুৱাইছে যে, যদি এই প্ৰস্তাৱটো গৃহীত হয় তেন্তে তাৰ দ্বাৰা আমাৰ লোকসংখ্যাৰ শতকৰা মাত্ৰ ৪ জনৰ অৰ্থাৎ নগৰীয়া লোক কেইজন মানৰহে উপকাৰ হব; বাকী ৯৬ জনৰ কোনো উপকাৰত নাহিব। মোৰ মতে কলৰ চাউল ধোৱা মানুহৰ সংখ্যা অসমত শতকৰা ৪ জন নহৈ বহু বেচি হব। তৰ্কস্বলত তেখেতে দিয়া সংখ্যা ঠিক বুলি ধৰিলেও মোৰ এই প্ৰস্তাৱৰ দ্বাৰা অন্ততঃ শতকৰা ৪ জনৰো যদি কিবা উপকাৰ হয়, তাত বসুমতাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ আপত্তিৰ কি কাৰণ থাকিব পাৰে?

(*A voice*—"বসুমতাৰী ডাঙৰীয়া" বোলাত আপত্তি আছে।)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: আপুনি 'বসুমতাৰী' ডাঙৰীয়া কোৱা বুলি তেখেতে আপত্তি কৰিছে?

[A voice—হয়, তেখেতে বসুমতাৰীহে (হাঁহি) বসুমতী নহয়]

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR : মহাশয়, তেখেতে শুনাত যদি ভুল কৰে তাৰ বাবে মই দায়ী নহওঁ। যি হওক, মোৰ এই প্ৰস্তাবৰ দ্বাৰা যদি আমাৰ দেশৰ শতকৰা চাৰিজনৰো কিবা উপকাৰ হয়, অথচ তাৰ দ্বাৰা বাকী ৯৬ জনৰ কোনো অনিষ্ট নহয়, তেন্তে তাক তেখেতে সমৰ্থন কৰি উদাৰতা দেখুৱাবলৈ কিয় টান পাইছে, মই বুজিব পৰা নাই।

মহাশয়, তেখেতে কৈছে যে, গাঁৱলীয়া মানুহে কলৰ চাউল নাখায়। তাকে দেখুৱাবলৈ তেখেতে কৈছে যে, তেখেত গাঁৱত থাকে; আৰু গাঁৱলীয়া মানুহে যে কলৰ চাউল নাখায়, সেইটো জানে। কিন্তু আমি দেখাত তেখেত গাঁৱৰ মানুহ হলেও গৰহ ভাগ সময় গুৱাহাটীত হৈ থাকে। মাজে সময়ে তেখেতে গাঁৱলৈ গৈ দেখা, গাঁও কেইখন মানৰ লোকে, কলৰ চাউল ব্যৱহাৰ নকৰিবও পাৰে। কিন্তু ইয়াৰ আগতে কেইজন মান উজনি অসমৰ সদস্য বন্ধুৱে কৈ গৈছে আৰু মোৰ নিজা অভিজ্ঞতাৰ পৰাও কও যে, আজি-কালি গাঁৱৰ বহুতেই কলৰ চাউল খাবলৈ আৰম্ভ কৰিছে।

মহাশয়, মই আশা কৰোঁ আমি মাননীয় পাৰ্লামেণ্টৰী চেফ্ৰেটাৰী চলিহা দেৱৰ পৰা এই বিষয়ে বহু কথা শুনিবলৈ পাম। তেখেতৰ সেই বিবৃতি শুনিলে আমাৰ বন্ধু বসুমতাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই মোৰ প্ৰস্তাবটো সমৰ্থন কৰিবলৈ টান নাপাব।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : মই সন্দেহ কৰোঁ যে সেই খিনি কথা কবলৈ সময় হব।

Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary) : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, শ্ৰীযুত গৌৰীকান্ত তালুকদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো প্ৰস্তাৱ ডাঙি ধৰিছে, সেই প্ৰস্তাৱটোত আমাৰ জাতীয় জীৱনৰ পক্ষে, বিশেষকৈ আমাৰ খাদ্য সম্পৰ্কে এটা বিশেষ প্ৰভাৱ আছে।

মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ, সকলোৱে জানে যে, ইতিমধ্যে এইটো বিষয়ে ভাৰত চৰকাৰে যিবিলাক আহাৰ সম্পৰ্কীয় অনুসন্ধান চলাইছে, তাতো এই বিষয়ে বিশেষ ভাবে বিবেচিত হৈছে। চাউল বেচিকৈ Polish কৰিলে যে, স্বাস্থ্যৰ পক্ষে বৰ অনিষ্টকৰ হয়, সেইটো আজি কালি প্ৰায় সকলোৱেই জানে।

প্ৰথমতে, চাউল বেচিকৈ Polish কৰাৰ ফলত চাউলত থকা বিশেষকৈ 'খ' খাদ্যপ্ৰাণ নাইকিয়া হয় আৰু তাৰ লগে লগে শৰীৰৰ পক্ষে আৱশ্যকীয় ভালেখিনি খনিজ পদাৰ্থ, যি বিলাক চাউলত থাকে, সেইবিলাকৰো অভাৱ ঘটে। উক্তৰ সকলৰ মতে, এই 'খ' খাদ্যপ্ৰাণ মানুহৰ শৰীৰৰ মাংসপেশী বিলাক আৰু স্নায়ু বিলাক সতেজ কৰি ৰাখিবৰ বাবে বিশেষ আৱশ্যকীয় বস্তু। মানুহৰ আহাৰত যদি এই 'খ' খাদ্যপ্ৰাণৰ অভাৱ ঘটে, তেতিয়া হলে 'বেৰিবেৰি' নামৰ এবিধ ৰোগত মানুহে ভুগিব লাগে, সেইটো হৈছে স্বাস্থ্য সম্পৰ্কীয় কথা।

দ্বিতীয়তে, আৰু এটা ডাঙৰ কথা এয়ে যে, বৰ্তমান দেশত আহাৰৰ যি অনাটন সেই অনাটনত যদি আমি বেচি পৰিমাণে চাউল Polish নকৰাকৈ সকলোৱে খাবলৈ লওঁ, তেন্তে আমাৰ বৰ্তমান আহাৰৰ শতকৰা প্ৰায় ১০ভাগ আহাৰৰ সংৰক্ষিত হব আৰু আমাৰ ভাৰতৰ যিটো আহাৰ সম্পৰ্কিত ঘাটী আছে সিও পূৰণ হব। কিন্তু এইকথা সকলোৱে উপলব্ধি কৰা স্বত্বেও যি পৰিমাণে সকলোৱে গ্ৰহণ কৰিব লাগিছিল সেই পৰিমাণে গ্ৰহণ কৰা হোৱা নাই আৰু তাৰ ফলত আমাৰ জাতীয় জীৱনৰ কিছু অনিষ্টও যে হোৱা নাই এনে নহয়।

বৰ্ত্তমানে যিবিলাক আইন আছে, সেই আইন অনুসাবে মিল বিলাকক চাউল Polish কৰিবলৈ বাধা দিয়া হৈছে। আমাৰ Assam Food Grain Control Order ত যিটো কথা উল্লেখ কৰা আছে, সেইটো মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ জ্ঞাতাথে মই পঢ়ি শুনাও।

Regulation 10 of the order says :

“No person shall subject paddy, parboiled or raw to any process of milling which will result in more than half the skin or cuticle being removed from the rice produced, whether such rice be in whole grain, broken grain or fragments.”

চাউলৰ কলবিলাকত যিবিলাক যন্ত্ৰ আছে, তাৰ ভিতৰত প্ৰধান দুটা হৈছে “হ’লাৰ আৰু চেলাৰ” যন্ত্ৰ। এই যন্ত্ৰ বিলাক ধানৰ জোখ অনুসাবে Adjust কৰি দিয়া হয়। কিন্তু আমাৰ মিলবিলাকৰ অসুবিধা হৈছে যে ধান বিলাকত সৰু ধান আৰু ডাঙৰ ধান মিহলি হৈ থাকে; এটা Adjustment এৰে চাউল একাৰি কৰি ৰাখিলে, ধানৰ পৰিমাণ বেচি হৈ থাকে সেই দেখি দুনাই দিব লগা হয় আৰু ফলত চাউল Over Polish হৈ যায়।

এই সমস্যাটোৰ সমাধান কৰিবলৈ, কি নতুন ও উপযুক্ত যন্ত্ৰ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিলে চাউলৰ খাদ্য-প্ৰাণী ভালকৈ ৰাখিব পাৰি অথচ চাউলতো ধান নাথাকে। ভাৰত চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা এজন বিশেষজ্ঞ নিয়োগ কৰিছে। সেই বিশেষজ্ঞই গোটেই দেশ ঘূৰি, প্ৰথমতে যিটো যন্ত্ৰ তেখেতে মিলবিলাকক ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিবলৈ কৈছে, সেইটো হৈছে, “Paddy shifter” যাৰ দ্বাৰা ধানবিলাক Grading কৰে। প্ৰথমতে ‘হ’লাৰ আৰু চেলাৰ’ যন্ত্ৰত দিয়াৰ পিচত, এই যন্ত্ৰেৰে ধান আৰু চাউল ভাগকৰে। বৰ্ত্তমান মিলবিলাকে গোটেই খিনি ধান “হ’লাৰ আৰু চেলাৰ” যন্ত্ৰত দিয়ে। প্ৰথমবাৰ বহু পৰিমাণে ধান থাকি যায়। সেই কাৰণে পুনৰায় তাক “হ’লাৰ আৰু চেলাৰ” যন্ত্ৰত দিয়া হয়। ফলত কিছুমান চাউল over polish হৈ যায়। কিন্তু এই নতুন যন্ত্ৰ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিলে বহু পৰিমাণে এই অসুবিধা দূৰ হয়।

যিহওক, ইতিমধ্যে আমাৰ প্ৰান্তৰ কিছুমান ‘মিলে’ সেই যন্ত্ৰ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিবলৈ আৰম্ভ কৰিছে। আৰু যিবিলাক বাকী আছে, সেইবিলাকেও সোনকালে সেই যন্ত্ৰ লব বুলি আশা কৰা হৈছে। সেইটো যন্ত্ৰ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিলে চাউলৰ উৎপন্ন শতকৰা বৰ্ত্তমানে পোৱা ৬২ ভাগৰ ঠাইত ৭০ ভাগ পোৱা হব বুলি আশা কৰিব পাৰি।

The Hon’ble the SPEAKER: মোৰ বোধেৰে আপোনাক আৰু কিছু সময় লাগিব ?

Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary): হয় লাগিব।

The Hon’ble the SPEAKER: আমাৰ মধ্যাহ্ন আহাৰৰ সময় হ’ল। তাৰ পিচত আপুনি প্ৰথমতেই কৰ।

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned for lunch till 1 p.m.

After lunch
Oath of allegiance

The following hon. Member was sworn in:—

(1) Prof. Nibaran Chandra Laskar.

Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary) (concl'd.): মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, ইয়াৰ আগতে মই চাউলৰ কলবিলাকত খাদ্যপূৰ্ণ বাখি ধান বনাত কিকি বিলাক অসুবিধা হৈছে—আপোনাসকলৰ আগত কৈছোঁ। সেইটো হৈছে—প্ৰথমতে, যন্ত্ৰবিলাকত যিখিনি অসুবিধা আৰু নতুন কি যন্ত্ৰ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিলে চাউল কমকৈ পৰিকাৰ কৰাও হ'ব অথচ ধানো নথকা কৰিব পৰা যাব সেইবিষয়ে ভাৰত চৰকাৰে এজন বিশেষজ্ঞৰ সহায় লৈছে। কিছু দিনৰ আগতে মই দিল্লীলৈ যাওঁতে ভাৰতৰ কৃষি আৰু খাদ্যবিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ক সেই বিশেষজ্ঞ জনক অসমলৈকো পঠাবলৈ বুলি অনুৰোধ কৰিছিলো আৰু তেতিয়া সেই বিশেষজ্ঞ জন প্ৰথমতে মাদাচলৈ যোৱাৰ কথা আছিল আৰু তাৰ পৰা ঘূৰি অহাৰ পিচত অসমলৈ অহাৰ কথা। কিন্তু এতিয়া তেখেত ঘূৰি আহিলনে নাই ক'ব নোৱাৰোঁ;—ঘূৰি আহিলে তেখেতৰ সহায়লৈ আমাৰ প্ৰদেশৰ চাউলৰ কলবিলাকত কি উন্নতি কৰিব লাগে বা নতুন কি যন্ত্ৰ-পাতি ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিলে আমি সেই ধৰণৰ চাউল তাৰ পৰা উলিয়াব পাৰিম সেই বিষয়ে আমি বিবেচনা কৰিম।

দ্বিতীয় অসুবিধা হৈছে—বখ সম্পৰ্কে। 'পলিশ' নকৰা চাউলবোৰ বেচি-দিনলৈ বাখিবলৈ টান হ'ব—কাৰণ চাউলবোৰ মলজি যায়—এইটোও এটা ডাঙৰ অসুবিধা। কিন্তু মোৰ বোধেৰে এই অসুবিধাৰ পৰা হাত সাৰিবলৈ বিশেষ একোটা নহ'ব—যদি আমি চাউল হিচাবে মজুত নকৰি, ধান হিচাবেই মজুত ৰাখোঁ আৰু আৱশ্যক অনুসাৰে আমি ধান বানি চাউল উলিয়াই লওঁ। এনে কৰিবলৈ একো বিশেষ টান নহয়। অৱশ্যে আমাৰ ইয়াত, Food Grains Control Order অনুসাৰে চাউল বেচি পৰিকাৰ কৰাটো নিষেধ—কিন্তু কেৱল আইন এখনৰ দ্বাৰাই এইবিলাক ব্যৱস্থা কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰি তোলা সহজ নহয়। কাৰণ ইয়াৰ অপকাৰীতা সম্পৰ্কে জনসাধাৰণে নিজেই উপলব্ধি কৰিলেহে হ'ব—আৰু যি সকলে এই সম্বন্ধে জানে তেখেত সকলে নজনা সকলক ভালকৈ বুজাব পৰাটোহে প্ৰথম কথা হৈছে। মোৰ এটা কথা মনত পৰিছে। ধানকল আইনৰ দ্বাৰা নিষেধ কৰিব লাগে বুলি কোনোৱাই কোৱাত কৰি গুৰু বৰীজ নাথ ঠাকুৰে পৰামৰ্শ দিছিল যে—মানুহ বিলাক পুতলাৰ দৰে হোৱা অনুচিত। কাৰণ সদায়, কোনো এখন আইনৰ দ্বাৰাহে আমাৰ খোৱাবোৱা আদি সকলো বিষয়ে আমি শাসন ৰিচৰা ভুল। আমাৰ প্ৰত্যেকেই আৱশ্যক বজি কোন বিষয়ে কেনেকৈ চলিব লাগে সেই বিষয়ে সেইদৰে চলিব পৰাটো মানুহ হিচাবে আমাৰ প্ৰধান কৰ্ত্তব্য। এতিয়া যি দৰে প্ৰস্তাৱক মহোদয়ে, ইয়াৰ অপকাৰীতা সম্পৰ্কে উপলব্ধি কৰি আমাৰ প্ৰধান খাদ্য চাউল বেচি পৰিকাৰ কৰাৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰিছে ঠিক তেনেকৈ আজি আমাৰ সাধু সমাজতো এটা দল আছে—যিটো দলে হয়তো অপৰিকাৰ চাউল ব্যৱহাৰ কৰাত সম্পূৰ্ণৰূপে বিৰোধীতা কৰে।

(A voice—শুনক শুনক।)

(A voice—সেইটো গৌৰবৰ কথা নহয়।)

সেই কাৰণে, সিবিলাকে, আমাৰ প্ৰত্যেকটো খাদ্যবস্তুৰে যিটো উপযুক্ত Food value আছে তালৈ ক্ৰমে পাহৰি যোৱাৰ নিচিনা হৈছে আৰু ফলত আমাৰ জাতীয় জীৱনত বহুতো অনিষ্ট বাঢ়িছে।

তাৰ পিচত মই আলোচনা কৰিব খোজে। আমাৰ দেশৰ চাউল-কল বিলাকৰ সম্পৰ্কে। আমাৰ অসমৰ নিচিনা সৰু প্ৰদেশ এখনত আজি কিছুদিনৰ আগলৈকে চাউল-কলৰ সংখ্যা আছিল ২৪৬ টা। হয়তো ইতিমধ্যে আৰু কেইটামান বাঢ়িছে। এই চাউল-কল বিলাকৰ capacity (উৎপাদিকা শক্তি) মহিলী প্ৰায় ৫২ হাজাৰ টন অথবা আটাইবিলাকে মিলি মাহে ৫২ হাজাৰ টন

চাউল বানিব পাৰে। যিখিনি চাউল বছেবেকত আমাৰ ইয়াৰ মানুহে খায়—তাৰ পরিমাণ যদি ১০ লাখ টন বুলি ধৰি লোৱা হয়—তেতিয়াহলে শতকৰা ৪০ ভাগৰো বেচি কলত বনা চাউল আমি ব্যৱহাৰ কৰো বুলি বুজিব লাগিব। গোটেই অসমৰ ভিতৰত উজনি অসমতেই চাউল-কলৰ সংখ্যা বেচি। এই চাউলৰ কলবোৰ হোৱাৰ পৰা দেশৰ কিবা এটা সমৃদ্ধি বৃদ্ধি হৈছে বা অনাটন দূৰ হৈছে বুলি মই নাভাবো। সেই কাৰণেই অসম চৰকাৰে এই বিষয়ে বহুত আগৰে পৰাই বিবেচনা কৰি আছে। আৰু আনফালে প্ৰায় সদায়েই নতুন নতুন চাউলৰ কল মঞ্জুৰ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰলৈ দখাত আহিবই লাগিছে। এনে অৱস্থাত এই সমস্যা সম্পৰ্কে কি কৰা উচিত সেই বিষয়ে অসম চৰকাৰে স্থবিবেচনা কৰি—যি সিদ্ধান্ত উপনীত হৈছে—তাক চৰকাৰৰ এখন Press Note ৰ দ্বাৰা বাইজৰ মাজত প্ৰকাশ কৰা হৈছে। Press Note খন হৈছে, এই—মই আপোনালোকক পঢ়ি শুনাও।

“It is hereby published for the information of all concerned that the number of rice mills already in existence in this State of Assam being surplus to the requirement, this Government is not disposed to grant any more milling licenses under the Assam Foodgrain Control Orders unless under very exceptional circumstances. Any person or party undertaking consideration of new rice mills without previous permission of this Government will do so at their own risk. This Government had some applications for granting milling licenses in hand which are under enquiry and necessary orders will be issued in due course on the merit of each case.”

এতিয়া চাউল কল সম্পৰ্কে মই যি আভাস দিলো সেই হিচাবে—আমাৰ প্ৰদেশত যিমান খিনি চাউল কল আছে সেই চাউল কলত যিমান বনা হয়—ক্ষমতা (capacity) তাৰ পৰা সহজে বুজিব পাৰিব যে শতকৰা ৪০ জন মানুহে কলৰ চাউল খোৱা হৈছে। আন ফালে—এই ‘মিল’ বিলাক প্ৰতিষ্ঠা হোৱাৰ লগে লগে আমাৰ গাঁৱলীয়া মানুহৰ অৰ্থোপাৰ্জকৰ এটা বাট বন্ধ হৈ গৈছে। আজি মই এই কথা উল্লেখ নকৰিলোহেতেন যদি অন্য এটা, ইয়াতকৈ বেচি উপাৰ্জক কৰিব পৰা, শিল্প আমাৰ জনসাধাৰণে ললেহেতেন। দুখৰ বিষয়, নেনেকুৱা সহজ আন এটা কৃষ্টিৰ শিল্প এতিয়ালৈকে আমাৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ মাজত নাই। মোৰ বিবৃতিৰ পৰা আশংক্যৰো এতিয়া মাননীয় এই পৰিষদৰ সদস্য সকলে বিশেষকৈ প্ৰস্তাৱক মহোদয়ে নিশ্চয় উপলব্ধি কৰিব পাৰিছে যে এই বিষয়টোৰ গুৰুত্ব সম্পৰ্কে চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা অলপো উদাসীনতা দেখুৱা হোৱা নাই আৰু এই বিষয়ে কেনেকৈ কি ব্যৱস্থা হাতত ললে—চৰকাৰে তাৰ সুসমাধান কৰিব পাৰিব তাৰেই চেষ্টাত আছে। আমাৰ অসম চৰকাৰৰ কথাৰূপেই নকও—ভাৰত চৰকাৰেও এই বিষয়ে মনোবোগ দিছে আৰু ইয়াক কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰি তোলাত যি বিলাক অন্তৰায় আছে সেই বিলাক অতিক্ৰম কৰিবলৈ যৎপৰোনাস্তি চেষ্টা কৰিয়েই আছে।

তাৰ পিচত চাউল কলৰ “কনিং” যন্ত্ৰ সম্বন্ধে দুখৰ কণ্ট। চাউল কল বিলাকত—চাউল পৰিকাৰ কৰিবলৈ যি ‘কনিং মেছিন’ ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে—সেইটো যন্ত্ৰ মই আগতে পঢ়ি শুনাৱা আইন অনুসৰি নিষেধ, তথাপি যদি কোনোৱে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰি আছে তেতিয়া হলে সেই বিলাক বন্ধ কৰিবৰ বাবে চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ উপযুক্ত ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগিব।

ইয়াকে কৈ মই, মাননীয় প্ৰস্তাৱক মহোদয়ক অনুৰোধ কৰো যে, যিহেতুকে চৰকাৰে তেখেতৰ প্ৰস্তাৱৰ বিষয়টিৰ গুৰুত্ব উপলব্ধি কৰিছে আৰু তাক কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰিবলৈ তাৰ উপযুক্ত ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিছে—তেখেতে যেন তেখেতৰ প্ৰস্তাৱটি তুলি লয়।

Srijut HALADHAR BHUYAN: মাননীয় সভাপতি মহোদয়, শ্ৰীযুত চলিহা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ জ্ঞাতাথে মই এটা কথা কওঁ যে—বহুত চাউল কলত এই ‘কনিং মেছিন’ এতিয়াও চলি আছে। মই Supply বিভাগৰ Deputy Director of Procurement ডাঙৰীয়াক আৰু অন্যান্য কৰ্মচাৰীক এই বিষয়ে বহুবাৰ কৈছো। তাৰ উত্তৰত তেওঁ বিলাকে কয় যে—

যি ঠাইৰ পৰা চাউলৰ order আহে সিবিলাকে সদায় Highly polish চাউল বিচাৰে। এই নিমিত্তেই 'কনিং' কৰিবলৈ বাধ্য হয়। আকৌ তেওঁবিলাকে কয় যে, তেওঁলোকে (যি order পঠায়) বিচৰা হিচাবে চাউল দিব নোৱাৰিলে, চাউল বিক্ৰি কৰিব নোৱাৰি। কাজেই 'কনিং মেছিনৰ' কাম চাউল কলত সদায় চলিয়েই আছে।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: তালুকদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়া, আপোনাৰ কব লগা আছে নিশ্চয়।

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা, মাননীয় শ্ৰীযুত চলিহা দেৱে যি বিবৃতি দিলে—তাত সুন্দৰ কৈ প্ৰকাশ পাইছে যে যি উদ্দেশ্য লৈ মই এই প্ৰস্তাৱটো উপস্থাপিত কৰিছিলো—সেই উদ্দেশ্যলৈ আমাৰ চৰকাৰ—উদাসীন হোৱা নাই আৰু সেই উদ্দেশ্যেৰেই বহু কাম কৰিবলৈ হাতত লৈছে বুলি জানি মই সন্তোষ পাইছো আৰু মই মোৰ প্ৰস্তাৱটো তুলি লৈছো।

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

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

*Resolution No. 28

Maulavi ABDUL HALIM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very important Resolution for the interest of the Dibrugarh people, which is also known to Mr. Speaker. But as the financial position of the Government is not satisfactory, I am not moving this Resolution for the present.

**Resolution No. 29

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: I do not want to move this Resolution.

***Resolution No. 31

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: I do not propose to move this Resolution also.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Resolutions Nos. 32-38 are in the name of Maulavi Abul Kashem who is not present.

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| *28 Maulavi Abdul Halim .. | .. This Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Assam do take immediate steps to remove the Government Girls' High School at Dibrugarh from its present site to central place of the town and to stop any further construction on the existing site of the said school. |
| **29 Srijut Gauri Kanta Talukdar .. | .. Having regard to the fact that considerable quantities of sugar are unnecessarily being used in preparation of sweet-meats in the State and that this causes to a great extent scarcity of sugar for other uses, this Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Assam do take suitable measures to control and regulate the use of sugar in preparation of sweet-meats. |
| ***31 Srijut Gauri Kanta Talukdar .. | .. In view of fact the that the indigenous Assamese system of treatment popularly known as <i>Asuric Chikitcha</i> or <i>Vaidya Chikitcha</i> which with its cheap and simple treatment is doing immense service to the rural population of the State is dying out due to neglect on the part of the educated section of the public and also |

Time for giving notice of Amendments to Bills

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Hon. Members know that the Assam Appropriation Bill, 1950 and the Assam Cement Control (Amendment) Bill, 1950 were introduced and the motion for consideration was carried. Hon. Members will be able to give amendments on these two Bills by tomorrow at 2 p. m. the latest.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 1-30 p. m. on Friday, the 24th March, 1950.

SHILLONG :
The 1st June 1950.

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly.

owing to indifference on the part of the Government, this Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Assam do take suitable measures to preserve this useful system of treatment from extinction and as a preliminary step do appoint a capable officer to investigate into its merits and usefulness, to prepare a comprehensive account of the system and to submit his report within a specified time together with his recommendations as to how the system can be protected from extinction and as to how it can be made more useful to the public.

**List of New Schemes accepted by Government for inclusion in the Budget for the year 1949-50
(Non-Excluded Areas—Voted)**

APPENDIX D

Statement showing the total amount included for New Schemes in the Budget for the year 1949-50
(Non-Excluded Areas—Voted)

Departments	Major head under which provision is required	Estimate of ultimate cost					Remarks
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Non-recurring	Recurring		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Education	37.—Education—L.—Grants to the Assam Primary Education Board.	..	21,37,468	..	21,37,468		
Medical (Public Health)	39.—Public Health—F.—Works—2.—Original Works by Public Works Department—Voted—Non-excluded Areas.	34,218	..	9,000	..		
Agriculture	40.—Agriculture—H.—Agricultural Demonstration and Propaganda.	1,55,000	..	10,000	..		
General ..	47.—Miscellaneous Departments.	8,818	..	18,073	8,818		
	50.—Civil Works	1,72,894	..	23,000	..		
Public Works Department..	68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage.	30,29,533	..	11,06,645	..		
Total ..		32,27,569	21,37,468	11,43,718	21,46,206		

Major, minor and Sub-head under which provision should be made	Nature of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost				Estimate of expenditure in 1949-50			Remarks
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	
1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9
37.—Education—Primary Education—L.—Grants to Primary Education Board.	Taking over of Primary Schools under Local Bodies and aided Primary Schools by the Primary Education Board.	Rs. ..	Rs. 21,37,468	Rs. 21,37,468		Rs. ..	Rs. 21,37,468	Rs. 21,37,468	The original provision proves short of the actual requirement of grants to the Primary Education Board for the following items:—
									1. Expenditure on Provincial Board. 2. Expenditure on School Boards. 3. Expenditure on Training Camps. 4. Expenditure on schools taken over from local bodies. 5. New schools taken over during the current year. A supplementary demand therefore is now necessary.

The tank will be taken over by Public Works Department for future maintenance after bringing it to Public Works Department standard. The annual grants to the Local Board will be suspended and the contribution of Rs. 2,000 made by the Temple Committee for improvement of water supply will be credited to Government.

Total—39.—Public Health—F.—Works.	34,218	..	34,218	9,000	..	9,000
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Major, minor and sub-head under which provision should be made	Nature of scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of expenditure in 1949-50			Remarks
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
40.—Agriculture— H.—Agricultural Demonstration and Propaganda (c) Jute Propaganda.	Scheme for jute demonstration farms and subsidised seed supply in Assam.	Rs. 1,55,000	Rs. ..	Rs. 1,55,000	Rs. 10,000	Rs. ..	Rs. 10,000	To increase the production of jute in Assam the Government of India have sanctioned Rs.85,000 for expenditure in connection with the jute demonstration farms and subsidised supply of jute seeds to cultivators during 1950-51. But as the jute sowing season is far advanced, it is urgently necessary to begin the work immediately, it is, as such, urgently necessary to sanction Rs.10,000 during 1949-50 as detailed below, so that this season may not be lost. The balance is proposed to be borne by the Government of Assam during 1950-51.
Expenditure during 1949-50—								
Demonstration		..			Rs. 5,000			
Subsidised seed supply		..			Rs. 5,000			
Total		..			Rs.10,000			

Major Head or Sub-head under which provision should be made	Nature of Scheme	Estimate of Ultimate cost			Estimate of Expenditure for the year 1949-50			Remarks
		Non-Recur- ring	Recur- ring	Total	Non-Recur- ring	Recur- ring	Total	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
47.—Miscellaneous Departments—B—Labour—Industrial Tribunal under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.	Provision to be made in the estimates in the year 1949-50.	8,818	Nil	8,818	8,818	Nil	8,818	Pay of Industrial Tribunal 1,066-11-0 × 4. Pay of Steno Typist 100 × 4 Pay of Lower Division Clerk 50 × 4 Pay of Two Peons 22 × 2 × 4 Travelling Allowance of the Judge, I. T. Travelling Allowance of the Staff Dearness Allowances Cost of Living Allowances 150 × 4 Contingency
								.. .. .. .. =1,250 =1,000 =175 =600 =750 8,818
							Total	..

Major head	Nature of the Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost	Estimate of Expenditure in 1949-50	
			Non-Recur- ring	Recur- ring
			Rs.	Rs.
47.—Miscellaneous Departments—B—Labour—5—Grants-in-aid.	Temporary	.. Not known	9,255	..

The Scheme for surveying the condition of labourers engaged in Agriculture in the State of Assam was taken up by the Government of India and a sum of Rs.18,510 is the total expenditure necessary till 31st March 1950. It was agreed to contribute 50 per cent. of the costs to the Government of India.

Major, minor and sub-head under which provision should be made	Name of work	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of expenditure during 1949-50			Remarks (Explanatory)
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
50—Civil Works	1. Construction of Seed farm buildings at Dalgaon.	Rs. 58,544	Rs. ..	Rs. 58,544	Rs. 10,000	Rs. ..	Rs. 10,000	Items 1 to 3:— The construction of Seed farm buildings is essential in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign.
Ditto ditto ..	2. Construction of Seed farm buildings at Kathiatoli.	57,350	..	57,350	3,000	..	3,000	
Ditto ditto ..	3. Construction of Seed farm buildings at Kahi-kuchi.	57,000	..	57,000	10,000	..	10,000	
Total Agriculture ..		1,72,894	..	1,72,894	23,000	..	23,000	

Major, minor and sub-head under which provision should be made	Nature of scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of expenditure during 1949-50			Remarks
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-recurring	Recurring	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
58-B.—N. E. D. Works—Food Bonus Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes.	1. Construction of a bund near village Kuruabahi and Mariabola in Gola-ghat subdivision.	34,853	..	34,853	13,995	..	13,995
	2. Drainage of Longsai area in Sibsagar sub-division.	1,55,757	..	1,55,757	1,43,000	..	1,43,000
(1) & (2)—A food bonus of not less than Rs.17,00,000 is likely to accrue to the State of Assam of which Rs.13,82,439 has already been credited to the Government of Assam. During the course of the year Government have decided to finance these two projects through Public Works Department. The schemes shown against items (1) and (2) are likely to yield 1,125 and 2,250 tons of food, respectively, annually on completion of the works.							
Total Food Bonus Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes.		1,90,610	..	1,90,610	1,56,995	..	1,56,995
Grow More Food Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes.	1. Survey of Panchnoi Irrigation Scheme.	2,436	..	2,436	150	..	150
	2. Survey of Training of Kakoi river.	1,800	..	1,800	150	..	150
	3. Survey for Restoration of Hatilong stream in North Lakhimpur.	1,360	..	1,360	150	..	150
	4. Survey for Drainage of low-lying area between Balijan and Brahmanjan.	1,600	..	1,600	150	..	150
	5. Survey for Control of flood and extension of bund Dhakuakhana Mauza.	1,504	..	1,504	150	..	150

6. Survey for Remodelling the Kallong embankment from Phuiguri to Malankata and Roha to Chaparmukh.	1,000	..	1,000	150	..	150
7. Survey for reconstruction of the Dimau bund from old A. T. Road to Naga Ali in Nitai-pukhuri Mouza.	300	..	300	150	..	150
8. Survey of Laruajan in Lakhimpur district and survey of Sessa river from its outfall to A. T. Road.	6,000	..	6,000	2,600	..	2,600
9. Alternative Irrigation Scheme at Kokrajhar.	2,39,400	..	2,39,400	50,000	..	50,000
10. Drainage of low-lying area South of Nalbari.	3,28,901	..	3,28,901	60,000	..	60,000
11. Improving the channel at Kaldiya.	72,888	..	72,888	8,000	..	8,000
12. Protecting the flood affected area of Kaliganj and Ratabari mouzas from flooding of the Kushiya.	2,30,074	..	2,30,074	15,000	..	15,000
13. M o r n o i Irrigation Scheme near Soota.	89,988	..	89,988	15,000	..	15,000

Items 1-20 :—Government have entrusted this Department to carry out the works in connection with Grow More Food Schemes. The incidence of cost is in the ratio of 2/3rd and 1/3rd between the Government of India and the State of Assam respectively.

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Nature of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of expenditure during 1949-50			Remarks
	Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
14. Sadharu Irrigation Scheme near Biswanath Charali.	Rs. 54,035	Rs. ..	Rs. 54,035	Rs. 16,000	Rs. ..	Rs. 16,000	
15. Diversion of Singaradi to her old course.	20,000	..	20,000	5,000	..	5,000	
16. Construction of a bund along Dikhu river in Raghubari and Khara Dharua village.	9,019	..	9,019	7,000	..	7,000	
17. Drainage and reclamation of Jokaisukh and adjoining mouzas.	5,33,692	..	5,33,692	30,000	..	30,000	
18. Drainage and flood control in Malow Pathar.	2,35,431	..	2,35,431	10,000	..	10,000	
19. Flood control measure in Kopili valley of Nowgong District.	10,00,000	..	10,00,000	7,30,000	..	7,30,000	
Total Grow More Food Schemes—Major Irrigation Schemes.	..	..	..	9,49,650	..	9,49,650	