

**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 1-30 P. M., on Friday the 24th March, 1950.

**P R E S E N T**

The Hon'ble Srijut. Lakshesvar Borooah, Speaker, in the Chair, six Hon'ble Ministers and forty two Members.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**STARRED QUESTIONS**

(To which oral answers were given)

**Scheme for the upliftment of backward people**

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI** asked :

\*9. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether they have prepared any scheme to implement the direction of the Central Government to uplift the backward people within the period of ten years ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state, Mouza by Mouza, the area brought under the scheme ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS** replied :

9. (a)—The hon. Member probably refers to Article 275 of the Constitution of India, under which the financial responsibility is undertaken by the Government of India to help the States (Provinces) to carry on welfare activities for the upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes and for the development of the Tribal and Scheduled Areas.

The schemes for the development of the Tribal Areas (Hills Areas) of the State and for the upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes therein have been prepared and submitted to the Government of India for their approval, as required under the provisions of the said Article 275. But the schemes for the upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes in the plains are under preparation and will be forwarded to the Government of India in time for their approval.

(b)—Does not arise.

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI** : May I know whether this Government feel it urgent for development the backward people so that there may not be any question of backwardness within a period of ten years.

**The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS** : I have already stated that the schemes are under preparation and will be submitted as early as possible.

**Subdivisional Agent for iron materials at Tinsukia**

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

\*10. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The name of the present Company or Firm appointed by Government as Subdivisional Agent for iron materials at Tinsukia in Dibrugarh ?



- (b) From when the Company or the Firm has been appointed as such ?
- (c) What quantity of iron material the Company or the Firm has brought up till now to this State since its appointment as Sub-divisional Agent ?
- (d) If the reply to question (c) above is in the negative, what steps have been taken by Government against the Company or the Firm?

**Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA** (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

10. (a)—Messrs. Choudhury Saraf & Co., Tinsukia.

(b)—From period I of 1949 allotment.

(c)—No intimation of the receipt of iron materials allotted to the party has since been received nor did the supplying firm complain of their not having effected payment of the value of iron materials allotted to them. The non-receipt of iron materials by the firm is partly due to the withholding of the indents of the supplying firm by the Iron and Steel Controller till the beginning of the period IV/49 allotment and partly due to the difficulty in transport which put a stop to the despatch of iron materials to Assam so long. This is not the only firm who has not received materials but there are many others as well. Steps however have now been taken to expedite despatch of iron materials to Assam via Assam Rail Link.

(d)—In view of the reply to question (c) above no step has been taken by Government against the firm.

### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

#### Interpretation of the meaning of the words "Immigrant" and "Undesirable"

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM** asked :

74. Will Government be pleased to explain in clear terms the words 'Immigrant' and 'Undesirable'.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI** replied :

74.—The question is somewhat vague. But if it refers to the terms used in a particular Act then their interpretation is a matter for courts.

#### Corrugated Iron Sheets supplied to the Police Department at Dibrugarh

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

75. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Corrugated Iron Sheets supplied to the Police Department at Dibrugarh for the roofing of quarters in different police stations in the subdivision during the years 1947-48 and 1949.

(b) How many bundles the Department used for the purpose ?

(c) The particulars of the quarters together with their sizes for which the Corrugated Iron Sheets were utilised ?

**Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA** (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

75. (a)—No Corrugated Iron Sheets were supplied during the year 1947-48. During the year 1948-49, 85 bundles of Corrugated Iron Sheets were supplied to the Police Department to construct Police Quarters.



(b)—The Department used all the 85 bundles and in addition about 300 bundles of second hand Corrugated Iron Sheets had to be procured on loan and purchased from others by the Police contractors to complete the work within the scheduled time of two months according to the terms of their contract.

(c)—A list showing the particulars of the quarters with their sizes for which the above Corrugated Iron Sheets were utilised is placed on the Library Table.

### Political Sufferers

**Srijut DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

76. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Political sufferers (i) alive and (ii) dead in Assam, district by district ?
- (b) How many of them are receiving aid from Government at present ?
- (c) What kind of aid do Government propose to give to the political sufferers ?
- (d) Are Government aware that a large number of such sufferers are men of either no means or inadequate means ?
- (e) What steps Government contemplate to take to find out suitable avenues of livelihood for these sufferers in recognition of their past sacrifices and sufferings in the cause of the country ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to constitute a Political Sufferer's Benevolent Fund out of State Revenues ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI** replied :

76. (a)—A copy of the Press Note issued on the subject is placed on the table.

### PRESS NOTE

*The 8th September 1948*

The Government of Assam have so far given relief to those (or their heirs or dependants) who suffered in life, limb or possession on account of active participation in the National Struggle for Independence under the Mahatma's leadership. These reliefs have taken the forms indicated below :—

- (1) Return of collective fines.
- (2) Return of moveable properties proved to have been seized during the struggle—such as guns, cycles, etc.—or adequate compensation in lieu.
- (3) Grant of allowances to those who were detained without allowance or without adequate allowance.
- (4) Gratuities to the families of those who were either killed or permanently maimed during the struggle.
- (5) Scholarships to deserving school-going dependants of the persons referred to in (4).
- (6) Reinstatement of persons who resigned or lost their services in the struggle.
- (7) Instructions to Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers to settle land with those sufferers who were agriculturists and had insufficient land.

There is a feeling among the sufferers that enough has not been done. Government have gone into the matter again and have decided upon the following forms of additional relief :—

- (i) In the case of those who lost their lives during the struggle—
  - (a) pensions of Rs.20 per mensem to widows (or helpless mothers) of such persons for life or till remarriage,



(b) scholarships to children of school or college-going age till 21/18 years in the case of boys/girls or earlier discontinuance of studies or in the case of girls marriage.

(ii) In the case of those who are permanently maimed or disabled and thereby deprived of earning capacity—a monthly pension of Rs.25 (according to the degree of actual disablement during the struggle) for life.

(iii) In the case of those who did not suffer in life or limb (or earning capacity due to disablement) and yet are without employment though physically and educationally qualified, Government are prepared to consider them for absorption in various development schemes according to capacity and ability and for this purpose to consider condonation of age to the extent of 5 years and waiving of application fees normally payable in those cases in which applications with fees are required to be submitted to Assam Public Service Commission.

A board consisting of Chairman, Assam Public Service Commission, the Hon'ble the Speaker, and the Chief Secretary (or his nominee) has been constituted in order to prepare a list of persons who were entitled to absorption in development schemes on the ground of consideration and preference for "sacrifice and suffering for the country's independence".

The Board met and decided that applications from Natives and Domiciled persons of Assam should be called for, giving necessary details which are capable of verification and the nature of employment sought or concession asked for. The following form is prescribed for the purpose and all applications should be in that form duly filled in, verified and signed by applicants.

Form of application for preference in regard to employment in development schemes on the ground of sacrifice and suffering in the National Struggle for Independence:—

- (1) Name in full and address—(also home subdivision).
- (2) Present age.
- (3) National movements in which active part was taken (1942 and previous movements, if any).
- (4) Nature of active part (leading to action on the part of Government (or its agents) private employer)
- (5) Action taken by Government (or its agents)—Officers' name should be mentioned. private employer—whose name and address should be given.
- (6) Loss suffered or damage sustained (also how it is arrived at).
- (7) Educational or technical qualification.
- (8) Experience of business or work—Nature and length of—.
- (9) Reference of 2 persons of integrity.
- (10) Relationship, if any, with any M. L. A. or officers of Congress Committees.
- (11) Nature of employment sought or concession asked for.

Applications in the above form duly completed should be sent to the Registrar, Civil Secretariat, Shillong, so as to reach him *not later than 15th October 1948.*

The Board will arrange for verification of the statements in the applications and for classifying the genuine cases deserving relief if possible in different classes of priority. The list when prepared will be submitted to Government who may then refer it to Public Service Commission or other appointing authorities for consideration in connection with recruitment to any of the posts in the Development Schemes.

S. P. DESAI,  
Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam.



The expression "Political Sufferers" is elastic. No census of "Political Sufferers" dead or alive has been taken.

(b)—The number of persons who have received pension or gratuities as dependents of persons who died during the national struggle or as persons who were permanently incapacitated is roughly 33.

(c)—In case of persons who did not suffer in life or limb, Government proposed to consider their employment subject to suitability in development schemes.

(d)—Unless the facts in each are specifically gone into it is difficult to say that a person's being without means is related to the part taken by him in national struggle.

(e)—The Press note indicates Government's intentions in the matter.

(f)—There is no such proposal.

#### **Nuisance caused by stray cattle in the towns**

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli** asked :

77. Will Government be pleased to state—

(i) If Government are aware that the stray cattle cause nuisance in the towns of Assam ?

(ii) If Government are aware that motorists and pedestrians stand the risk of accident on account of unrestricted movement of stray cattle in the town ?

(iii) If Government propose to enact some laws or amend the existing Municipal Acts restricting owners of cattle in towns from allowing cattle to roam on the public roads ?

**The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR** replied :

77. (i) and (ii)—Government have no definite information although such nuisance is not unusual.

(iii)—No. The existing law is considered sufficient.

#### **Development of roads in the tribal areas in Assam**

**Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN** asked :

78. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The amount of money granted by the Central Government for the development of roads in the tribal areas for the years 1948, 1949 and 1950 ?

(b) Whether Government propose to construct roads in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills district, in particular near the border areas and in the Mikir Hills ?

(c) Whether the whole amount available is to be spent before the end of the year 1950 ?

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

78. (a)—Apparently the areas specified in Part A of the table under paragraph 20 of the Sixth Schedule to Constitution of India is referred to.



No specific grant was made by the Government of India for development of roads in the Tribal areas in Assam during the Calendar years 1948 to 1950 but the following roads were taken up for improvement under the Post-War Development programme during 1947-48 and 1948-49, as also from other sources. The approximate expenditure upto end of 1949 is shown against each.

Naga Hills—1. Amguri-Mokokchong Rs.10,97,537.  
2. Kohima-Cheswezuma (Financed from Petrol Tax Fund) Rs.51,684.

Lushai Hills—3. Silchar-Aijal Rs.10,17,000.

Garo Hills—4. Tura-Bojengdoba Rs.5,46,677.

5. Medhipara-Phulbari-Tura Rs.18,17,464.

Mikir Hills—6. Mohendijwa-Diphu Rs.71,421.

Khasi and Jaintia Hills—7. Mawmluh-Phallibazar Rs.3,63,103.

8. Dawki-Muktapur Rs.1,37,188 (Financed from Provincial Revenue).

North Cachar Hills	} 9. Shillong-Silchar Rs.28,80,000	} Partially from grant from the Government of India and partially from loan.

A three year programme of Development Schemes including Road construction (1950 to 1953) for all the Tribal areas in Assam has been drawn up and submitted to the Government of India for their approval under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275(i) of the Constitution of India.

The road projects estimate to cost Rs.83,00,000 (including superintendence charges at 6 per cent.) in three years have been included in the programme and about Rs.15,00,000 shown as requirement for the first year 1950-51, which awaits orders of the Government of India.

(b)—Yes. Two roads, viz., Mawphlang-Balat and Dawki-Muktapur roads in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills and one road, viz., Mohendijwa-Diphu Road in the Mikir Hills have been included in the proposed three year programme. Proposals for improvement of the Mawmluh-Phallibazar road in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills as a Test relief work is also under consideration.

(c)—Replied under (a) and (b) above.

**Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN :** With regard to reply to Question 78(a), did Government of Assam send any scheme to the Government of India for the improvement and construction of roads in the years 1947, 1948 and 1949?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** Yes, Sir, Government sent several schemes to the Government of India during the years 1947, 1948 and 1949, but all of these were not schemes specially meant for tribal areas. Some of the schemes, of course, related to tribal areas as defined in the new Constitution of India.

**Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN :** With regard to (b), may I know what would be the approximate expenditure for completion of these roads?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** I can't say now what would be the expenditure for these roads but for the present the estimate for both the roads has been about 19 lakhs of rupees in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills as far as I remember.

**Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN :** What are the approximate mileages of these roads?



**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** Dawki-Muktapur road will be about 10 miles and Mawphlang-Balat Road about 45 miles.

**Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA :** Is there any work going to be undertaken this year on the Mahendijwa-Diphu Road ?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** Yes, some work will be undertaken during the coming year.

### **Prachin Kamrup Vaidya Sammilan**

**Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR** asked :

79. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether they have received copies of the resolutions adopted at the Second Annual Conference of the *Prachin Kamrup Vaidya Sammilan* at Belsor, mauza Dharmapur in the district of Kamrup on the 26th February, 1950 ?
- (b) If so, whether the resolutions have been taken into consideration ?
- (c) If the reply to question (b) above is in the affirmative, what Government propose to do with a view to comply with the requests of the conference ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS** replied :

- 79. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—These are under examination
- (c)—Does not arise.

### **Assam Medical College**

**Srijut MOTIRAM BORA** asked :

80. (a) Has the attention of Government been drawn to a report published in the "Assam Tribune" of 21st of January 1950, entitled "Assam Medical College"?

(b) Do Government propose to amend the rules to enable Assistant Professors of the Assam Medical College to become members of the College Council ?

81. (a) Is it a fact that there is a workshop for supply of electricity to the Assam Medical College and hostels ?

(b) If so, who is running the workshop ?

(c) Is it a fact that the management of the said workshop is going to be made over to a private concern ?

(d) If so, what is the name of that private concern ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS** replied :

- 80. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—It is under consideration of the Government.
- 81. (a)—Yes, there is a Power Station.
- (b)—Public Works Department.
- (c)—It is under examination
- (d)—The Dibrugarh Electric Supply Company Limited.



**Maulavi ABDUL HALIM :** With regard to 80(b), are Government aware that the Lecturers are included in the College Council but not the Assistant Professors ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS :** Yes, Sir.

**Maulavi ABDUL HALIM :** Will Government be pleased to take steps to have the Assistant Professors included in the College Council ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS :** I have already replied that the matter is under consideration.

### Jaipur Road from Tipling to Jaipur

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

82. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount spent by the Public Works Department on Jaipur road from Tipling Ghat to Jaipur during the years 1948 and 1949 ?
- (b) Quantity of stones or shingles collected for this portion of the road during this period ?
- (c) Quantity of stones or shingles used by the Department on this portion of the road during this period ?

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

82. (a)—Rupees 12,704 during 1948-49.

(b)—No collection was made.

(c)—One thousand and two hundred cft. of gravel collected for the first six miles of the road during 1947-48 was utilised during 1948-49.

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI :** With regard to 82 (b). মাননীয় মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে মোক জনাবনে ১২,৭০৪ টাকা কি কি কামত খৰছ কৰা হ'ল ?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** As the hon. Member has not asked for the items, I am unable to tell him now unless I look into the matter.

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI :** With regard to 82 (c). ১৯৪৭-৪৮ চনত কিছুমান পাথৰ গোটোৱা হৈছিল বুলি কৈছে আৰু সেই পাথৰ ১৯৪৮-৪৯ চনত খৰছ কৰা হৈছে বুলি কৈছে কিন্তু মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে মোৰ পৰা এইটো ধৰি লওক যে সেই আলিৰ ওপৰত এটা শিল গুটিও পৰা নাই। শিলৰ পৰিবৰ্ত্তে মাটি দিয়া হৈছিল। শিল চুৰি হ'ল আৰু কিছুমান এনেয়ে নষ্ট হ'ল। মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে এই বিষয়ে অনুসন্ধান কৰিবনে ?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** In regard to the collection of metals for this road, I shall make investigation whether such a thing has really happened. I have already written to the Chief Engineer to give me a report regarding this.

### Police Firings at Karimganj

**Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY** asked :

83. Will Government be pleased to state the number of persons killed and injured in the police firings on unruly mobs at Karimganj from January 1948 to the end of February this year ?



**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI** replied :

83.—Two persons were killed and three injured.

**Issue of Petrol Coupons to Srijut Nabin Chandra Phukan of Naharkatia**

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

84. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many gallons of petrol coupons were issued to Srijut Nabin Chandra Phukan of Naharkatia of Dibrugarh Subdivision, during the period from January, 1947 to December, 1949 last month by month ?

(b) The Number of Car or Truck for which these coupons were issued ?

(c) For what purposes so many coupons were issued to him ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS** replied :

84. (a) & (b)—

Month	Quantity Gallons	Vehicles No.
December 1947 ... ..	80	Any Vehicles.
March 1948 ... ..	40	Ditto.
April 1948 ... ..	30	Ditto.
May 1948 ... ..	30	Ditto.
October 1948 ... ..	50	ASL. 3244 (Jeep).
November 1948 ... ..	100	Ditto.
January 1949 ... ..	100	ASL. 3421 (Jeep).
November 1949 ... ..	30	ASL.4303 (Truck).

(c)—Rural upliftment work.

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI:** With regard to 84 (b), যিবিলাক গাড়ীৰ নম্বৰ ইয়াত দেখুৱা হৈছে, তেওঁলোকৰ আৰু car ৰ বাহিৰে private carrier গাড়ী private কামত ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিব পাৰেনে ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** পাৰে, any car.

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI:** মাহে এশ গেলন পেট্রল কিনিব পৰা ক্ষমতা উক্ত মানুহ জনৰ আছেনে নাই সেই কথা কুপন দিয়াৰ আগে বিবেচনা কৰা হৈছেনে ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** পেট্রল কিনিব পৰা ক্ষমতা আছেনে নাই সেইটো petrol rationing authority য়ে নিৰ্বাচন কৰে ; নিৰ্বাচন পেট্রল কি কাৰণে দৰকাৰ ।

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI:** মোৰ পৰা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জানি লওক তেওঁক ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে কোনেও গাড়ী দিয়া নাছিল । সেই অঞ্চলত গাড়ী চলাব পৰা আলি মাজ চমাইল, ইমান খিনি পেট্রল তেওঁ খৰছ কৰিলে ক'ত ?



**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** পেট্রল rationing authority এ অকল নাহবকটীয়াৰ কাৰণে পেট্রল দিয়া নাছিল।

**Maulavi ABDUL HALIM:** মই গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ পৰা এইটো কথা জানিব পাৰোনে যে সেই মানুহজনে পেট্রল অকল নাহবকটীয়া বাস্তাব কাৰণে নে আন বাস্তাব কাৰণেও পাইছিল ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** অকল নাহবকটীয়া বাস্তাব কাৰণেই দিয়া নাছিল।

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** ইয়াৰ তাৎপৰ্য্য এয়ে নেকি যে, যি পেট্রল দিছিল, সেই পেট্রল সেই বিলাক কামত ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা নাই ?

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI:** হয় সেই কামত ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা নাই। black market কৰিছে ; পেট্রলৰ গোলনত ৪৮ টকা কৈ বেচিছে।

**Prof. P. M. SARWAN:** May I know, Sir, whether petrol coupons can be used for any other vehicle against which such petrol coupons have not been issued ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** That is allowed, Sir.

**Prof. P. M. SARWAN:** But, that is not the case always and as far as I know, it is not allowed.

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** In cases where Petrol Rationing Authority finds that it is justified it is allowed.

**Prof. P. M. SARWAN:** Is there no fear of partiality being done ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** Full discretion is given to the Petrol Rationing Authority.

**Prof. P. M. SARWAN:** But, is there no check ?  
(No reply).

**Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA:** May I know, Sir, whether the gentleman in whose name the petrol coupons were issued is not an officer appointed for Rural Development work ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** I am not aware of that, Sir. I know only about the issue of petrol to this gentleman.

**Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA:** Then, any body can get petrol coupons, who applies for the same stating for "Rural Welfare Works" ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** Petrol coupon was issued in this case on the recommendation of the President or Secretary of the District Congress Committee and the purpose was stated in the application.

**Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA:** Is it allowed to issue petrol coupons without having the number of the car or vehicle ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** Yes, that is allowed.



**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI:** তেওঁ কংগ্ৰেছ সভাপতিৰ মৰ্থা পিন্ধি উক্ত পেট্ৰল কুপন কলা বজাৰত বিক্ৰি কৰিছিল, এই কথা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুসন্ধান কৰিবনে ? ১৯৪৯ চনত মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ ডিব্ৰুগড় জিলা সভাপতি আছিল ; তেখেতে কেতিয়াও Recommend কৰা নাছিল ।

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** What I have said is from the records, Sir.

**Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA:** Government has replied that petrol coupons were issued without ascertaining the number of car. I do not think that is allowed, Sir.

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** That is allowed, Sir.

**Srijut DANDESWAR HAZARIKA:** I cannot understand, Sir, how this can be allowed without submitting registration certificate of the vehicle ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** In such cases no registration certificate is needed, and the petrol coupons can be allowed for use in any car, as I said before, by the Petrol Rationing Authority.

**Prof. P. M. SARWAN:** Will Government enquire as to why the Petrol Rationing Officer, Jorhat refused to issue petrol coupons in another case ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** It is a separate question altogether, Sir. It cannot arise here.

**Maulavi ABDUL HALIM:** May I know whether Srijut Nabin Chandra Phukan is a Secretary of the Primary Congress Committee of Naharkatia ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** I have no information about that, Sir.

**Maulavi ABDUL HALIM:** Will the Hon'ble Minister please enquire into it ?

### Curtilment of the Session by one day

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** There are four Bills left to be finished. These are (1) The Assam Appropriation Bill, 1950, (2) the Assam Enhanced Police Disciplinary Powers Bill, 1950, (3) the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Bill, 1950, to be discussed clause by clause, and (4) the Assam Cement Control (Amendment) Bill, 1950. Besides presentation of the authenticated schedule of authorised expenditure and presentation of the Finance Account and Appropriation Report for 1947-48 are also remaining to be disposed of.

There are two Government Resolutions for discussion.

I think, the House can take up these to-day.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Is the House prepare to sit to-day for discussing the programme fixed for to-morrow?



**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** I think, Sir, we can present the Finance Accounts and Appropriation Report to-morrow.

**Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, my suggestion will be to curtail our Session by one more day: 28th March was fixed for non-official business, but as non-official business has already been finished we can end the Session on the 27th. So, matters which Government are prepared to take up either to-day or to-morrow we can deal with them so that the entire Monday will be left for the rest of the work.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** I think, Sir, the Resolutions can be moved to-day with the permission of the House.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The Hon'ble Ministers in-charge may kindly move them to-morrow. I think all those Government business can be finished in one hour. So let them be taken up to-morrow. I adjourn the House to-day.

#### Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A.M., on Saturday, the 25th March, 1950.

SHILLONG:

The 2nd June, 1950.

R. N. BARUA,

Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Assam.