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**Proceedings of the Second Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly  
assembled after the first General Election under the Sovereign  
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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A.M., on Saturday, the 20th September, 1952.

P R E S E N T

Shri Kuladhar Chaliha, B.L., Speaker in the Chair, seven Ministers, the two Deputy Ministers, one Parliamentary Secretary and seventy-eight Members.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS**

(To which answers were laid on the table.)

**T. B. Patients and T. B. Clinic**

**Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA** asked :

1. (a) Are Government aware that the number of T. B. patients are increasing day by day in the district of Cachar ?
- (b) Have Government taken any steps for checking the spread of T. B. disease both in the Urban as well as rural areas of the district ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
2. Do Government propose to start a T. B. Clinic attached to the Silchar Civil Hospital at an early date ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

1. (a)—There is no information as no T. B. survey has yet been undertaken in the Cachar district.

(b) & (c)—As a prophylactic measure against Tuberculosis infectious B. C. G. Vaccination has been introduced in Assam since 10th October 1949. Two B. C. G. teams are now operating in the State and another team has recently been sanctioned. B. C. G. Vaccination has been once done in all headquarter towns and Subdivisional headquarter towns, semi-urban areas and selected rural areas. When sufficient funds and qualified doctors trained for this work will be available, regular T. B. survey of the whole State will be carried out and arrangement for treatment of cases detected will be made.

2.—Much expenditure is required to open a T. B. Clinic with trained personnel (Doctors, Health Visitors and Nurses) and for necessary equipment and appliances (X-ray plant, etc.). In view of the present financial condition of the State and acute dearth of trained personnel in the country it is not possible to open any more T. B. Clinic in Assam at present. In the five-year Development Plan provision has been made for opening T. B. Clinics in certain important towns. If the Scheme is sanctioned the question of opening a T. B. Clinic at Silchar will receive due consideration.

†**Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA** : It is stated that B.C.G. Vaccination had been launched in Silchar Town—whether in rural areas also this B.C.G. Vaccination had been launched in the district of Cachar since 1949 ?

†**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** : I have already replied that question, Sir.

### STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given.)

#### Petrol Tax Fund and Vehicle Tax Proceeds

**Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA** asked :

\*75. (a) Is it a fact that the Assam Road Communication Board at its meeting held on 14th June 1952 decided to distribute the amount of Rs.60,00,000 (Rupees sixty lakhs) from the Petrol Tax Fund and Vehicle Tax Proceeds received from the Government of India on the population and area basis ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state the amount allotted from the above fund for improving the Karimganj Municipal Roads ?

(c) Do Government propose to review these allotment and redistribute the available sums after a thorough enquiry in so far as the district of Cachar is concerned ?

‡†**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

75. (a)—The amount was distributed districtwise by taking the average of two formulas, viz, (1) Population-cum-area formula and (2) Grid and Star Formula.

(b)—Rs.50,000 (Rupees fifty thousand) only.

(c)—No.

#### Erosion of the town area of the Nowgong District by Kalang River

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORA** asked :

\*76. (a) Are Government aware that the Kalang river has been eroding its bank at many places within the town area of the Nowgong District ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state what steps are being taken to stop erosion ?

‡†**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

76. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Protection of town area from erosion is a primary responsibility of the Municipal Board.

However by an old arrangement Government were prepared to contribute a sum of Rs.800 as grants-in-aid to the Nowgong Municipal Board provided the Board were prepared to spend Rs.1,200 out of their own funds. The Nowgong Municipal Board do not seem to have availed of this offer during the year 1951-52.

†Speech not corrected.

‡**Shri Ram Nath Das (Minister)** replied in the absence of **Shri Siddhinath Sarma**.

**Seizure of one bale of superfine cloth by the Badarpur Checking Station**

†Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS asked :

\*77. Is it a fact that one bale of superfine cloth was seized by the Badarpur Checking Station on 3rd July 1952, *i.e.*, three months after lifting of movement and sale restrictions of cloth by the State Government ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) replied :

77.—Yes, it was seized on suspicion, because the importer could not satisfactorily prove that this cloth was of superfine variety and of “free-sale” quota. When the matter was brought to the notice of Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj, he, however, released the bale after necessary enquiry.

**Exemption of periodicals, books, etc., from the operation of Sales Tax Act**

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

\*78. Is it in the contemplation of Government to exempt the following articles from being taxed under the Assam Sales Tax Act, namely, (i) Books and periodicals, (ii) All medicines, (iii) Slates and Slate-pencils, (iv) Coarse and medium varieties of Cotton cloths, (v) Paper and exercise books ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) replied :

78. (i)—*Books and periodicals.*—Government do not propose to exempt periodicals and books other than Text Books which are already exempt.

(ii)—*All Medicines.*—No, apart from those medicines already exempted after careful consideration of the interests of the comparatively poor section of our population.

(iii)—*Slates, slate pencils and (v) Paper and Exercise Books.*—Government have taken steps to exempt slates, slate-pencils and Exercise Books and the preliminary Notification has been published. It is not proposed to exempt paper.

(iv)—*Coarse and medium varieties of cotton cloths.*—Coarse varieties of cotton cloths generally used by the vast majority of our population are already exempt. Apart from those exempted after careful consideration of the interests of the comparatively poor section of our population, it is not contemplated to go further.

†Put by Shri Gaurisanakar Bhattacharyya on authorisation.

## Cinchona Plantation at Nongpoh

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS** asked :

- \*79. Will Government be pleased to state—
- When Cinchona plantation was first started at Nongpoh ?
  - What amount has been spent so long in Cinchona plantation ?
  - Whether the Cinchona project has become a losing or a profitable concern ?
  - Whether Government propose to abandon this plantation ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

79. (a)—In 1943-44.  
 (b)—Rs.10,96,968-3-3.  
 (c)—Does not arise. The plantation is being created with a view to commercial exploitation of the Cinchona bark.  
 (d)—No. Unless there is reason for doing so.

## Department of Economic and Statistics

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

- \*80. Will Government be pleased to state—
- What are the aims and objects of creating the Department of Economic and Statistics ?
  - What is the organic action of this Department ?
  - What is the strength of the staff and what is the minimum qualification required for holding posts in each cadre of services under this Department ?
  - At present how many officers in the Department are—
    - holding M. A. degree in Economics ?
    - holding M. A. degree in Statistics ?
    - holding B. A. degree in either of the subjects ?
  - What are the works at present scheduled to this Department ?
  - How Government is giving effect to the recommendations of this Department ?
  - Whether Government propose that the Department along with the relevant department should be made responsible for over-all economic planning of the State ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

80. (a)—Briefly, these are—
- Improvement in accuracy and comprehensiveness of official statistics.
  - Giving technical guidance and suggesting improved methods for collection of primary data by the departments concerned.
  - Undertaking statistical enquiries on behalf of departments.
  - Co-ordination of Statistics collected by various departments.
  - Undertaking socio-economic enquiries for appraisal of current economic trends.
- (b)—Scientific compilation and presentation of Statistical data in diverse subjects and the rational interpretation of such data for use of the Government as also of the public interested in current and urgent socio-economic problems.

(c)—The strength of the staff with the minimum qualification required for holding these posts are as follows:—

Names of posts	Minimum qualification required
1. One Director	... High academic qualification—at least M. A. or M. Sc. in Statistics. He must have sufficient administrative ability and knowledge and experience of Statistical work under a recognised University or under a Government.
2. One Statistician	... At least a second class M. A. or M. Sc. in Statistics or either in Mathematics or Economics with training and some experience in practical statistical works.
3. One Superintendent of Industrial Statistics.	At least M. A. or M. Sc. in Statistics or either in Mathematics or Economics with some experience.
4. Four Investigators of Statistics.	M. A. or M. Sc. in Statistics, Mathematics, Economics or Commerce for direct appointments, and Bachelor's degree in the same subjects for experienced departmental candidates.
5. Fourteen Inspectors of Statistics.	Graduate with Statistics, Mathematics, or Economics.
Ministerial staff	... Minimum qualification is I. A. or I. Sc.
(1) One Head Assistant.	
(2) Two Upper Division Assistants.	
(3) Five Lower Division Assistants (including one Lower Division Assistant for a temporary scheme on Crop-cutting Experiments).	
(4) Seven Computers (including two Computers for a temporary scheme on Crop-cutting Experiments).	
(5) Two Typists—Minimum qualification Matriculation with type speed-test passed.	
(d)—	
(i)—Two.	
(ii)—One (Foreign University).	Two M. Sc. in Statistics. Three M. A. in other subjects.
(iii)—Seven B. A. or B. Com. with Economics.	Two B. Sc. with Statistics. Five B. A. or B. Sc. with other subjects.
(e)—These are—	
(1) Multi-purpose Rural Economic Surveys in the plain districts of the State.	
(2) Rationalised supervision (by random sampling) for improving reliability of the existing Agricultural Area Statistics.	

- (3) Pre-harvest forecast of crops by sampling.
  - (4) Compilation and Publication of cost of living index numbers of—
    - (a) The employees of rice and flour mills.
    - (b) Plantation Labour.
    - (c) Urban Agriculturists.
    - (d) Urban Industrial Workers.
  - (5) Administration of the Census of Manufacturing Industries Rules under the Industrial Statistics Act, 1942.
  - (6) Collection and Consolidation of Statistics of the Industrial disputes.
  - (7) Construction and Publication of the Index Number of Parity between prices received and prices paid by farmers.
  - (8) Construction of price relatives of certain decontrolled food-stuffs in important centres.
  - (9) Collection of Statistics on Agricultural labour wages.
  - (10) Crop-cutting Experiments for estimation of the outturn of winter paddy, autumn paddy, Potato and jute by random sampling methods.
  - (11) Statistical assessment of the additional production of G.M.F. minor irrigation projects.
  - (12) Family Budget Enquiry of the tea plantation employees.
  - (13) Compilation of Annual Statistical Abstract of the State.
- (f)—The Department is mainly a fact finding body. Its findings are duly considered by Government while taking decisions on questions of policy.
- (g)—No.

### The Assam Adhiars Protection and Regulation Act, 1948

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

- \*81. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to State—
- (a) The names of the districts and Subdivisions in which the Assam Adhiars Protection and Regulation Act, 1948 is being applied ?
  - (b) When Government propose to apply the Act to other districts and why has it not been applied till now ?
  - (c) How many cases districtwise have been dealt with by the Revenue Officer under this Act during 1950, 1951 and 1952 ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

81. (a)—The Assam Adhiars Protection and Regulation Act, 1948 have been applied to the following areas:—

(1) Goalpara	...	...	Entire district.
(2) Darrang	...	...	Ditto.
(3) Nowgong	...	...	Ditto.
(4) Lakhimpur	...	...	Ditto.
(5) Cachar	...	...	Ditto.
(6) Kamrup	...	...	South Bank of the Brahmaputra in the district.
(7) Sibsagar	...	...	District (i) Golaghat Subdivision, (ii) South Bank of the Brahmaputra river of Jorhat Subdivision, (iii) Sibsagar Subdivision.

(b)—Government proposes to extend the Act, to other places to which it has not been extended so long when Government is satisfied that there is a popular demand for the same. It has not been extended till now because there is no such popular demand.

(c)—The informations are not readily available. They have been called for from the Deputy Commissioners and will be supplied to the member when received.

### Revenue derived from opium and liquor

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

- \*82. Will the Minister-in-charge of Excise be pleased to state—
- (a) The amount of revenue the Government of Assam used to get from Opium before Prohibition was enforced ?
  - (b) The amount of money Government is spending annually to enforce Prohibition of Opium ?
  - (c) (i) How far the Prohibition has been successful and (ii) whether the staff and expenditure have been reduced by now ?
  - (d) If so, how much reduction has been effected on both these heads ?
  - (e) What is the amount of revenue Government received annually from liquor ?

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister)** replied :

82. (a)—Rs. 30,00,000 per annum on average.  
 (b)—Rs. 2,45,895 on an average from 1946-47 to 1951-52.  
 (c) (i)—Prohibition has been successful to an appreciable degree.  
 (ii)—Yes.  
 (d)—The staff was reduced from 262 Prohibition Officers, 18 Organisers and 7 Lady Workers in 1949-50 to 45 Prohibition Officers, in 1951-52.  
 The expenditure on non-official organisation of Prohibition was reduced from Rs. 2,88,468 in 1949-50 to Rs. 83,220 in 1951-52.  
 (e)—Rs. 93,72,277 on average in the last three years.

### Re : Displaced Persons

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

- \*83. Will Government be pleased to state—
- (a) The machinery by which the number of displaced persons coming to Assam from East Bengal is counted and determined ?
  - (b) If the method of counting can be improved by taking the public and local organisations into confidence and in co-operation with them ; and (c) if the reply to the above is in the affirmative whether Government propose to do so ?
8. Will Government be pleased to state—
- a) The exact number of displaced persons at present in Assam (the number of registered persons and that of the unregistered persons to be shown separately district by district) ?
  - (b) The reasons for not registering them as displaced persons ?
  - (c) If Government are aware that new displaced persons are coming to Assam even now ; and
  - (d) If the new persons will be registered as displaced persons, and will be entitled to avail of the advantages of loans and other relief measures ?

\*85. Is it a fact that—

- (a) there are many allegations against the Relief and Rehabilitation Office at Dhubri ?
  - (b) many displaced persons in spite of repeated petition could not get any registration certificates as yet from the Relief and Rehabilitation Office at Dhubri ;
  - (c) some displaced persons received more than one certificates ;
  - (d) some displaced persons registered as agriculturists settled in Bhatarmari and Daloabari colonies at Kokrajhar were given only one half a bigha of land for building their houses and cultivations ;
  - (e) if the land selected for Bhatarmari Refugee colony is so low that the houses of the displaced persons settled there are flooded and sometimes washed away during floods ; and
  - (f) if repeated representation were made to the authorities to settle more land for cultivation and to remove the colony to a higher place ?
- \*86. Do Government propose to hold any inquiry about the matters stated in question No.85 above and if so, when ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

83. (a)—The Subsidiary Intelligence Bureau and also the Local Officers under the Deputy Commissioners.

(b)—Government do not feel that by the means suggested improvement is possible.

(c)—Does not arise.

84. (a)—The total number of displaced persons from East Bengal excluding the district of Cachar upto the week ending the 5th July, 1952 was 1,41,704.

As regards the number of registered and unregistered persons, the information is not readily available. The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioners.

(b)—The information is not readily available and the same has been called for from the Deputy Commissioners.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No, but they will be entitled to avail of the advantages of loan and other relief measures if they can satisfactorily prove to the district officers that they are genuine displaced persons.

85. (a)—Two allegations were received, one from Member and another from an applicant for a loan from the Kokrajhar area.

(b)—No. All applicants who had been found on enquiry, eligible, have been issued registration certificates.

(c)—Government have no such information but it is not unlikely and this explains the necessity of greater caution by the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara.

(d), (e) & (f)—No. The agriculturist persons in Daloabari Colony have been provided with approximately ten bighas of land per family..

The displaced persons at Bhatarmari are non-agriculturists (fishermen) and were given 1-2 bighas of land per family. The land is low-lying which they themselves selected although they were offered lands elsewhere in the Kokrajhar garden. However, the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara visited the colony on 31st July 1952 after the last flood and, steps now have been taken to shift the colony to some higher land.

86.—In view of the above replies this question does not arise.

### Opium Smuggling Cases

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

\*87. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many cases of opium smuggling were detected during the last three financial years in Assam by the excise and the opium prohibition staff ?
- (b) How many of such cases were sent to court for trial during these years and with what results ?
- (c) What was the total quantity of opium seized in these cases ?

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister)** replied :

87. (a)—The information is as follows:—

	Official			Non-Official		
1949-50—	1,110	...	...	...	...	311
1950-51—	802	...	...	...	...	73
1951-52—	501	...	...	...	...	4

(b)—Information has been called for from the District officers.

(c).—	Official			Non-Official		
	Md.	Srs.	Tolas	Srs.	Tolas	As.
1949-50	4	9	22	14	0	5
1950-51	5	15	76	8	52	5
1951-52	8	26	78	0	10	4

### Assam Public Service Commission

†**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

\*88. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of members (including Chairman) constituting the Assam Public Service Commission ?
- (b) The respective community to which the members belong ?
- (c) What is the procedure for getting recommendation of the Public Service Commission as at present constituted in case of difference of opinion among the members ?
- (d) Do Government propose to include a third member in the Public Service Commission from the Bengali speaking community now ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

88. (a)—Two.

(b)—The Chairman is a Caste Hindu and the other Member belongs to the Scheduled tribes.

(c)—Government are not aware of any such instance so far.

(d)—Not at present.

**Border raids in the district of Goalpara by the Pakistan Nationals**

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

\*89. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of border raids in the district of Goalpara by the Pakistan nationals since the end of the last session ?
- (b) The nature of such raids and the loss suffered by the people of Goalpara as a consequence ?
- (c) The action taken by the Government to stop further raids and to compensate the sufferers ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI** (Chief Minister) replied :

89. (a)—Four.

(b)—The nature of the raids were forcible removal of paddy and jute from Indian territory. Loss suffered by the people of Goalpara are 3-4 maunds of paddy, two buffaloes, one bullock and some quantity of jute.

(c)—In addition to the posting of the border security force for prevention of such incursions by Pakistanis, protests are also lodged with the Government of East Bengal for return of the looted properties.

**Admission of students into the Assam Medical College**

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

\*90. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) If it is a fact that certain student passing the I.Sc. Examination in the third Division have been given seat in the Assam Medical College in this year in preference to First Division students ?
- (b) Who are the members of the Governing Body of this College ?
- (c) What were the considerations in selecting these persons as members of the Governing Body of the said College ?
- (d) Why Dr. Bhubaneswar Barua and his brother Shri Laksheswar Barua have both been appointed as members of the aforesaid Board ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA** (Minister) replied :

90. (a)—Yes. Only one student, a lady passing in the 3rd Division and belonging to a scheduled tribe ; this was done according to rules.

(b)—(1) Shri Laksheswar Barooah, B.L., (Dibrugarh).

(2) Shri Jadab Chandra Khakhlari, M.L.A., (Dibrugarh).

(3) Sri Dalbir Singh Lohar, M.L.A., (Dibrugarh).

(4) Mrs. Rohini Kanta Barua, (Dibrugarh).

(5) Maulavi Faiznur Ali, B.L., M.L.A., (Dibrugarh).

(6) Dr. Bhubaneswar Barua, M.B., (Gauhati).

(7) Dr. Phanindra Nath Ghosh, M.B., (Dibrugarh).

(8) The Principal, Assam Medical College, *ex-officio*.

(9) Dr. P. N. Baruah, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Medical College, Dibrugarh.

(c)—Selections were made to enable prominent public gentlemen including members of the Medical profession, to be members.

(d)—Because one is an eminent Physician and the other a leading man of Assam residing at Dibrugarh.

**Withdrawal of ban from the R. C. P. I. and other Organisations  
declared illegal**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

\*91. (a) Is Government aware that the Supreme Court of India has declared Section 17 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act *ultra vires* of the Constitution of India ?

(b) Does Government propose to withdraw the ban from the R. C. P. I. and other organisations which were declared illegal under Section 17 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act ?

(c) Is Government aware that the R. C. P. I. has changed its place and programme ?

(d) Is it a fact that a memorandum has been submitted to the Chief Minister acquainting him with fact of such a change ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

91. (a)—Section 17 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act has not been declared *ultra vires* by the Supreme Court so far as this State is concerned.

(b)—Government will decide on the circumstances.

(c) & (d)—In a memorandum submitted to me, the R. C. P. I. has claimed to have changed its policy and programme. The translation of this claim into practice is yet to be seen.

**Grants-in-aid to Aided Schools and Colleges**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

\*92. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether the recurring grants-in-aid awarded to aided schools and colleges include any provision for payment of dearness allowance to the employees of those institutions ?

(b) If so, what steps are taken to ensure that such aid is actually utilised for this purpose and not diverted partly or wholly to other uses ?

†**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

92. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The scales of pay, etc., of each aided institution is to be approved by the Education Departmental Officer, Director of Public Instruction in case of aided colleges ; Inspectors of Schools in case of aided High Schools and Deputy Inspectors of Schools in case of aided Middle Vernacular and Middle English Schools.

**Khanapara Cattle Farm**

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS** asked :

\*93. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the amount of annual expenditure incurred in the Khanapara Cattle Farm for the last five years (year by year) ?

(b) What is the average quantity of milk that is supplied by the Farm daily ?

(c) Is it a fact that this farm has only caused great loss to the Government ?

(d) Do Government propose either to improve or to abolish this Farm ?

†Replied to by Shri Purnananda Chetia (Deputy Minister).

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

				Rs.	a.	p.
93. (a)—1947-48	...	...	...	66,665	10	3
1948-49	...	...	...	77,124	6	6
1949-50	...	...	...	55,070	1	3
1950-51	...	...	...	45,734	0	6
1951-52	...	...	...	40,955	2	0

(b)—91 Lbs. (ninety-one pounds).

(c) & (d)—Prior to 1950-51 the Farm was run as a Demonstration Farm. Hence, the question of loss does not arise. Since 1950-51 Government have adopted a policy of running the Farm on a self-paying basis and steps have been taken to reduce the gap between the expenditure and receipts progressively.

**Hot water spring known as Garampani in the Nambar Reserve Forest**

**Shri RAJENDRANATH BARUA** asked :

\*94. Will Government be pleased to State—

- Whether the hot water spring known as Garampani in the Nambar Forest Reserve by the side of the Golaghat Dimapur Road is going to be improved for bathing by the public ?
- Whether they are aware that stream of visitors from various places come to this Garampani for baths and picnics ?
- Whether the water of this Hot Spring was chemically examined ?
- If so, what is the result of the chemical examination ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

94. (a)—Yes. A shed on its bank has already been constructed and further improvement on the tank is under examination of Public Works Department.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Report says that the water samples obtained contains 4.65 parts per million sulphur in the form of sulphuretted hydrogen. Total solids amount to 0.122 per cent. The bulk of these latter appear to be chlorides, sulphate is not present.

Experts are however unable to give any opinion as to whether the water containing this quantity of sulphuretted hydrogen has any therapeutic or medicinal value.

**Visits of the present Minister for Agriculture, etc., to Barpeta**

**Maulavi MUKHTAR ALI** asked :

\* 95. Will Government be pleased to state—

- How many times, Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury, the Minister for Agriculture, etc., visited Barpeta Subdivision after the last General Election ?

- (b) The number of days he spent on tour in the State after the last election ?
- (c) How many days he spent at Barpeta ?
- (d) What is the amount of his travelling and daily allowances drawn by himself and his staff on his Barpeta tours ?
- (e) What was the purpose of his each visit at Barpeta ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

95. (a)—11 times.  
 (b)—115 days.  
 (c)—He actually halted at Barpeta for 10 days.  
 (d)—For himself—Rs. 655-9  
 For Staff— Rs. 454-0  
 (e)—Inspection.

**Trade Adviser of the Government of Assam in Calcutta**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

\*96. Will Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) Who is the present Trade Adviser of the Government of Assam in Calcutta ?
- (b) When was he appointed and what was the principle of appointment and what are his salaries and allowances ?
- (c) What are the functions of the Trade Adviser ?
- (d) How far this post has been helpful to the business community and Government ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

96. (a)—Shri Sisir Kumar Majumdar.

(b)—He was appointed in November 1945, on the recommendation of the Assam Public Service Commission on a fixed pay of Rs.700 per mensem which was subsequently raised to Rs.800 per mensem on the scale of Rs. 600—25—700—50—800 per mensem *plus* conveyance allowance of Rs.200 per mensem and cost of living allowance of Rs.140 per mensem.

(c) & (d)—The Trade Adviser in Calcutta is acting as a Liaison Officer in arranging procurement and despatch from Calcutta to Assam of all essential commodities for various Departments of this State. He is arranging Procurement and despatch of Consumer Goods, *viz.*, Iron materials, Corrugated Iron Sheets, Cement, Gunny Bags, etc., by contacting various Controlling Authorities of the Government of India. He is also required to regulate Programme of despatch by inland steamer and by railway of all essential commodities to Assam procured by *bona fide* Traders of the State.

He has also been entrusted with the duties of supervising the deliveries of Imported Foodgrains allotted to Assam by the Government of India's representatives in Calcutta and in arranging steamer spaces and railway wagons for the quick despatch of the same. The post has been very helpful to Assam particularly in view of the geographical location of our State.

### Annual allocation of whole wheat for Assam

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

- \*97. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state :
- The amount of whole wheat in the State of Assam gets from the Centre annually and the amount received up till now this year ?
  - Who lifts this quota and where is this wheat milled ?
  - What is the milling rate given to the agent and what is the rate offered to millers in Assam ?
  - What is the margin given on account of bran and refraction ?
  - What is the annual production of wheat in Assam ?
  - Whether it is not possible to mill the whole wheat in Assam and if so, whether any steps has been taken in this regard ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

97. (a)—There is no fixed annual allocation of whole wheat for Assam. Allocations from month to month largely depend on the general food position. So far a total allocation of 62,000 tons has been accepted by this State Government for the months beginning from January 1952 to September 1952.

(b) Messrs. Shaw Wallace & Co. Ltd., Calcutta, lift the sub-allocations for milling at Calcutta on this Government account. The Trade Adviser to the Government of Assam at Calcutta lifts the sub-allocations for despatching as whole wheat to destination stations in Assam on Government account. For the sub-allocations made to the I. T. A., Messrs. Steel Brothers, I. T. A's agent at Calcutta make their own arrangement for lifting on their account.

(c) The same Basic Milling Commission at the rate of As. 12 per maund has been offered to both Messrs. Shaw Wallace & Co. Ltd., and the Millers in Assam.

(d) Allowance for bran and refraction is 5 per cent. for milling at Calcutta and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. for milling in Assam.

(e) Production of wheat in Assam for the year 1951-52 has been estimated at 28,000 maunds.

(f) As there is no Roller Flour Mills in Assam and on account of various administrative difficulties it has not been possible to mill the whole wheat so long in Assam. However, to give an impetus to the local Rice Mills fitted with best equipped "Chakkies" etc., for grinding Atta some quantities of whole wheat have since been offered. The result will be watched with interest.

### Death of Cattle from Foot and Mouth Diseases, etc., in Jorhat Areas

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

\*98. (a) Are Government aware that lots of village cattle die from foot and mouth diseases (চৰকা), rinderpest and other diseases every year in Jorhat areas ?

(b) Do Government know that a Veterinary Assistant posted in charge of a vast area covering several Mauzas within his jurisdiction can hardly be found at his headquarters when required as they move about ?

(c) Do Government know that he does not diagnose any disease unless he is confirmed by a statement from his Head office at Gauhati which takes several weeks in some cases ? Do Government know that these Veterinaries have no stock of medicines ?

(d) Will Government reduce the jurisdiction of these Veterinary Assistants by posting additional staff and arrange rotational monthly visits to the villages in the cultivation season ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

98. (a)—Yes, from the diseases other than Rinderpest and Foot and Mouth diseases.

(b)—Yes. He is not available when out of Station.

(c)—Yes. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon cannot do so due to the absence of proper facilities in diagnostic works *e. g.*, Microscope and other instruments and appliances. The stock of medicines is also not sufficient to meet the heavy public demand. The funds placed for the maintenance of these Dispensaries by the Local Boards are also quite insufficient.

(d)—The matter is under consideration.

#### **Non-receipt of Pay of the Staff of the Procurement Department in Nowgong District**

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

\*99. (a) Is it a fact that 25 to 30 employees of the grades of Choukidars, gate-keepers, godown-keepers etc., of the Procurement Department in the District of Nowgong have not been paid their salaries for the last six months ?

(b) If so, why ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

99. (a)—Yes. Sanction could not be communicated earlier than June though the staff was entertained from December-January last.

(b)—In the interest of better procurement by the direct purchase system it became necessary to engage certain additional staff without going through certain formalities in view of the heavy procurement season. Completion of the formalities took sometime as the matter had to be examined in various Departments and consequently there was some delay in communicating sanction.

#### **Staff of the Pilot Project in Rangia**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

\*100. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many Officers of Gazetted status have been appointed in the Pilot Project at Rangia ?

(b) Whether the posts were advertised ?

(c) Whether the appointments were made through the Assam Public Service Commission ?

(d) If it is a fact that the officer dealing with Veterinary and Livestock matters in the Project was one of the junior most officers of the Veterinary Department prior to his appointment at Rangia ?

**Shri BALDIYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

100. (a)—Four.

(b)—No.

(c)—No. All the posts to be filled were in Class II of the Assam Agricultural Service. Of two of the candidates appointed to these posts one was already in Class II of the Assam Agricultural Service and another had been recommended by the Public Service Commission for appointment to Class II of the Assam Agricultural Service. As such in the case of those two appointments it was not necessary to consult the Assam Public Service Commission. As regards the other two appointments, as they had to be made at very short notice in the public interest, the posts were filled in temporarily by candidates who were considered most suited and qualified to fill them. The matter has already been referred to the Assam Public Service Commission regarding the suitability of these two candidates for continued retention.

(d)—The Officer dealing with Veterinary and Livestock matters in the Project was comparatively one of the junior officers of the Veterinary Department prior to his appointment at Rangia. Under the instructions of the Government of India governing these appointments, it was clearly stated that recruitment to the gazetted posts in the Project should be made entirely on merits and as a rule only the best available men should be selected to make the scheme a success. The candidate appointed to this post was considered the most suitable, notwithstanding the fact that he was comparatively junior in the Department, and as such he was appointed to the post.

### Permits for Public Carriers, Private Carriers and Stage Carriages

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD UMARUDDIN** asked :

\*101. (a) Is it a fact that the number of permits for stage carriages and public carriers are still being issued without regard to the actual need of any particular district or area ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state the total number of permits for public carriers, private carriers and stage carriages respectively for each of the plains districts issued upto the end of 1947 and for each of the following year—1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952 upto June ?

(c) Will Government be pleased to give reasons for increasing the number of permits of each category during the years following 1947 ?

(d) Whether financial soundness of the applicant is one of such considerations ?

(e) Is it a fact that "Political sufferers" and "Congress workers" are treated with special preference by Government in the grant of permits for public carriers and stage carriages ?

(f) What is the total number of Political sufferers and Congress workers granted permits for public carriers and stage carriages in the State up till now ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

101. (a)—No. The procedure laid down in sections 47 and 55 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 is always followed by the Regional Transport Authorities.

(b)—Total number of permits for public carriers, private carriers and stage carriages in the plains districts are as below :—

*Public Carriers—*

Districts	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952 upto March
Lakhimpur .. ..	54	41	100	165	255	260
Sibsagar .. ..	80	63	122	115	225	231
Kamrup .. ..	43	59	115	112	170	115
Nowgong .. ..	10	19	42	44	55	55
Goalpara .. ..	22	84	82	89	87	86
Darrang .. ..	34	33	60	73	61	62
Cachar .. ..	36	39	58	60	70	70

*Stage Carriages—*

Lakhimpur .. ..	27	23	28	27	41	42
Sibsagar .. ..	58	57	68	62	64	64
Kamrup .. ..	85	98	141	148	165	160
Nowgong .. ..	20	50	66	75	78	79
Goalpara .. ..	44	50	80	88	91	91
Darrang .. ..	81	58	89	112	104	97
Cachar .. ..	78	79	94	99	118	121

*Private Carriers—*

Lakhimpur .. ..	708	760	880	790	878	886
Sibsagar .. ..	493	538	680	670	729	770
Kamrup .. ..	259	231	316	327	385	408
Nowgong .. ..	124	158	209	215	223	227
Goalpara .. ..	107	93	122	154	157	154
Darrang .. ..	347	310	383	458	481	492
Cachar .. ..	327	306	390	435	487	496

(c)—The transport authorities have statutory powers under Sections 47, 50, 53 & 55 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 to increase or decrease the number of permits. The number of permits of all Categories was increased to meet the public demands to cope with the increased volume of traffic.

(d)—Yes. 'Financial resources' is one of the items in the *pro forma* of application for permits to be stated by the applicant.

(e)—No special preference is given to 'Political sufferers' and 'Congress workers' in the matter of granting permits.

(f)—The information is not available as no such record of classification is maintained by Transport authorities.

### Karimganj Electric Company

†**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

\*102. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) When the first licence was granted to Karimganj Electric Company ?
- (b) What is the last date of renewal of that licence ?
- (c) Whether the Company fulfilled all the terms of the licence and installed lights within the specified period of the licence ?
- (d) If not, why not ?
- (e) What is the minimum qualification required of an Engineer in Electric Company according to the Electricity Act ?
- (f) Whether there is any such qualified Engineer in that Company ?
- (g) Whether it is not a condition of the licence to keep a qualified Engineer ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to take any action at present against the Company and the officers of the Government concerned in acts of negligence ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware that more than two hundred temporary connections are continuing in Karimganj since the last two or three years ?
- (j) If so, whether Government propose to make an immediate enquiry to avoid any accident from these temporary connections ?
- (k) Whether Government are aware that no action in the matter has been taken by the Electrical Adviser although this was brought to his notice ?
- (l) Whether Government propose to make an enquiry and deal with the officers concerned ?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that the Electric Company did not comply with the demands of the Municipality in taking mains to some roads according to the terms of agreement signed by both parties for street lighting ?
- (n) Whether it is a fact that the Electric Company did not comply with the requests of the Public Works Department for removing a number of Electric posts in the Middle of South Trunk Road and thereby obstructing traffic ?
- (o) Whether Government under above circumstances propose to take steps against the Company ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

102. (a)—There is only one license granted to the Company and that was issued on 25th November 1940 for a period of 50 years.
- (b)—Does not arise.
- (c)—Yes.
- (d)—Does not arise.
- (e)—No qualification for an Engineer is prescribed in the Indian Electricity Act, 1910.
- (f)—Does not arise.
- (g)—Yes.
- (h)—As there was no act of negligence on the part of the Karimganj Electric Supply Company, Limited, and the Officers of Government the question of taking action against them does not arise.
- (i)—No enquiry appears necessary.

†Put by Shri Gauri:ankar Bhattacharyya on authorisation.

(j)—No enquiry appears necessary.

(k)—No. Complaints have been received and enquired into from time to time by the Electrical Inspectorate.

(l)—Does not arise.

(m)—The Electrical Adviser reports that the Electric Supply Company have met all reasonable demands of the Municipality.

(n)—The matter is under correspondence between the Licensee and the Public Works Department.

(o)—No. No action against the Company appears to be necessary in view of what has already been stated.

#### Recommendation of the Bhore Committee

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY** asked :

\*103. Do Government propose to bring all sections of Medical Departments under one category so as to put it in uniformity with the recommendation of the Bhore Committee ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

103.—No such proposal is under consideration at present.

#### Unregistrable medical men incharge of Subsidised Dispensary

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY** asked :

\*104. (a) Is it a fact that unregistrable medical men have been placed in subsidiary dispensary ?

(b) If so, will Government clarify whether it is in favour of registering those medical men or remove them from services ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

104. (a)—Yes, for one year only.

(b)—In case where qualified doctor was not available to run a newly sanctioned Subsidised Dispensary, the Managing Committee of the Dispensary was authorised by Government to appoint unqualified doctor temporarily for one year only, subject to the approval of Government. As such, the question of registering them does not arise.

(Starred Question No.105 standing in the name of Shri Robin Kakoti was not put and answered as the questioner was absent.)

#### Cholera Hospital at Gauhati

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

\*106. Will Government be pleased to state what steps are being taken for improvement of the Cholera Hospital at Gauhati ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

106.—By Cholera Hospital at Gauhati apparently the Emigration Hospital where all infectious diseases including Cholera are treated is meant. It belongs to the Central Government and all expenditure for its maintenance is borne by them. There is a proposal to improve the present Hospital buildings and convert it into an Infectious Diseases Hospital. The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India.

(Starred Question No.107 was not put and answered as the questioner Shri Sarju Prasad Singh was absent.)

### Quota of C. I. Sheets and M. S. Rods for Karimganj

†Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS asked :

\*108. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) What was the quota of C. I. Sheets and M. S. Rods fixed for Karimganj during 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 ?
- (b) Whether all these quotas were lifted by the Procuring Agents ?
- (c) If not, why ?
- (d) What happened to the quota allotted for Karimganj during the last three years ?
- (e) Whether it was lifted by any body for any other place within the Province ?
- (f) If so, by whom, for which place and on what authority ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps so that all the quotas of last three years for Karimganj may be compensated ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) replied :

108. (a)—The quotas of C. I. Sheets and M. S. Rods fixed for Karimganj during the years in question are noted below :—

				C. I. Sheets.		M. S.	Rods.
1949	...	...	...	87	tons	1	ton.
1950	...	...	...	75	"	5	tons.
1951	...	...	...	20	"	10	"
1952	...	...	...	45	"	5	"

upto pd. II/52).

(b)—The quotas for 1949 were lifted by the Procuring Agent. The quotas for 1950-52 are being lifted.

(c)—The delay is due to failure of the controlled stockists who have been dismissed since then and a new Handling Agent appointed.

(d)—Replies to (b) and (c) above may please be referred to.

(e)—No.

(f) & (g)—Do not arise.

### C. I. Sheets for Barpeta Subdivision

Maulavi MUKHTAR ALI asked :

\*109. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many bundles of C. I. Sheets, the Government procured for the Barpeta Subdivision during the period of last three years, viz., 1949, 1950 and 1951 ?
- (b) Whether the persons who got C. I. Sheets actually built their houses ?
- (c) How many bundles of C. I. Sheets, have been brought to Barpeta after the last general election ?
- (d) Who are the individuals who received C. I. Sheets ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) replied :

109. (a) to (d).—Informations have been called for.

**Misappropriations of Government Money in the Veterinary Department and in the Assam Veterinary College**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

\*110. (a) Is it a fact that there have been repeated cases of misappropriations of Government money in the Veterinary Department and in the Assam Veterinary College ?

(b) Is it a fact that the Comptroller, Assam, confirmed these misappropriations by due audit and reported the cases to Government ?

(c) If so, what is the amount and who are the officers involved in these misappropriations of Government money ?

(d) Whether any Professors of the Veterinary College holding Gazetted rank is involved in this misappropriation ?

(e) Is it a fact that detection of misappropriation by these Professors was followed by an attempted arson in the Veterinary Director's Office ?

(f) Is it a fact that Government instituted an investigation into this alleged misappropriation by the Professor and a Deputy Secretary of the Government carried out the investigation on the spot ?

(g) Is it a fact that the Deputy Secretary after his investigation found the case to be true ?

(h) If so, will Government be pleased to state the substance of the report made by the Deputy Secretary with regard to the case in question ?

(i) Is it a fact that Government instead of taking any legal or departmental action let off this officer without appropriate punishment ?

(j) Is it a fact that this officer was later promoted ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

110. (a)—There was a case of alleged misappropriation of Government money in the Veterinary Department in 1949 but there was no such case in the Assam Veterinary College.

(b)—On the basis of reports submitted by the Accountant General and the Anti-Corruption Branch on the alleged misappropriation of Government money a criminal case was instituted which is still *sub-judice*.

(c)—The amount involved was Rs.3,398-4-3 and the officer involved was Shri Satish Chandra Sarma, *Ex-Accountant* of the office of the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department, Assam.

(d) to (g)—No.

(h) (i) & (j)—Do not arise.

**Veterinary Assistant Surgeons**

**Shri PRABHAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

\*111. (a) Is it a fact that Government sanctioned rent-free quarters or house rent in lieu thereof, to all Veterinary Assistant Surgeons including those lent to Local Boards ?

(b) If so, from when and whether the Local Boards have carried out the Government order ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons lent to Local Boards used to get a local allowance to meet house rent expenses prior to the issue of orders regarding grant of rent-free quarters ?

(d) Is it a fact that Government have stopped the drawal of local allowance on account of sanction of rent-free quarters ?

(e) Will Government please enquire and state whether it is a fact that the Local Boards have not allowed rent-free quarters and that they are realising house rent from the Travelling Allowance Bills from the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons lent to them ?

(f) Are Government aware that the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons lent to Local Boards are thus sustaining double loss, *i. e.*, stoppage of drawal of the local allowance and payment of house rent to the Boards ?

(g) Have Government received any representations from the afflicted Veterinary Assistant Surgeons praying for compensation with arrears ?

(h) If the reply to (g) above is in the affirmative, do Government propose to compensate them ?

(i) If so, how, *i. e.*, whether by Government themselves or by deduction from Government grant to the Local Boards ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister) replied :**

111. (a)—Yes.

(b)—From 7th May 1949. All the Local Boards have not yet agreed to give the aforesaid benefit to the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons lent to them.

(c)—No. The local allowance was sanctioned to the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons lent to the Local Boards in order to meet necessary expenses on account of the arduous nature of works performed by them.

(d)—No. The local allowance was stopped as a result of the general revision of the pay scales of the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons in 1948.

(e)—Enquiry is being made.

(f)—No. In view of reply given to question (d) above.

(g)—Yes.

(h) & (i)—Directives have been issued to all the Local Boards asking them to pay to the itinerating Veterinary Assistant Surgeons lent to them the house rent allowance as fixed by the Government with arrears as due as early as possible.

**Professor of Electrical Engineering in His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Technical School at Jorhat**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :**

\*112. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the present Professor of Electrical Engineering in His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Technical School at Jorhat is a graduate in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering ?

(b) If the answer to (a) above is in the negative, what are the considerations for which the said Professor has been appointed to the said post ?

†**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister) replied :**

112. (a)—Yes. In Electrical Engineering.

(b)—Does not arise

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†Replied to by Shri Purnananda Chetia (Deputy Minister).

**Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department and its staff**

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS** asked :

\*113. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Senior Most Veterinary Assistant Surgeon is generally posted at the Gauhati Veterinary Hospital ?

(b) Is it a fact that with a view to attend the urgent cases, the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon is to remain within the Hospital compound and a free quarter is provided for him ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Principal-cum-Director of Veterinary is occupying that quarter for the last one and half years ?

(d) Is it a fact that the said Director does not post a Senior Assistant Surgeon in the Veterinary Hospital and does not allow him to remain within the compound ?

(e) If so, why ?

\*114. (a) Is it a fact that both Principal and the Vice-Principal of the Assam Veterinary College, Gauhati, go out together for touring frequently ?

(b) Are Government aware that the College classes suffer much as both the Principal and the Vice-Principal go out together ?

(c) Do Government propose to enquire into the fact ?

\*115. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether the Veterinary Director visited at all the areas affected by the recent floods in Assam ?

(b) Is it a fact that various cattle diseases broke out in the flood-affected areas ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Veterinary Doctors of the North Kamrup could not deal with the situation due to dearth of Veterinary Doctors and want of help from the Director ?

(d) Do Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

113. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d) & (e)—No. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon who had been occupying the quarter provided in the Hospital compound, was attacked with T. B. and he subsequently died thereof. Since then no Assistant Surgeon was willing to stay in that quarter and it was lying vacant for sometime. In order to utilise the buildings and also to encourage his staff, the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department is now occupying the quarter after proper disinfection, paying the usual rent with the approval of Government.

114. (a)—No.

(b) & (c)—Does not arise.

115. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

**Officers discharged or blacklisted on the report of the Anti-Corruption Department**

**Shri Sriman PRAFULLA GOSWAMI** asked :

\*116. Will Government be pleased to state the names of the officers who have been discharged, degraded or blacklisted on the report of the Anti-Corruption Department during the period from 1947 to August 1952 ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

116.—Information has been called for.

**Raising of subscriptions and donations by officials for private clubs and organisations**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

\*117. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) If the Deputy Commissioners are allowed to raise subscriptions and donations from the public in their official capacity for private clubs and organisations ?
- (b) If Shri K. C Barua, the former Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara, while he was at Dhubri realised donation for a club there ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

117. (a)—No, unless they are specially permitted to do so by the Government in certain specific cases.

(b)—No.

**Central Expert Committee to study the problems of Erosion and River Training Projects**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

\*118. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether the Central Expert Committee visiting Assam to study the problems of Erosion and River Training Projects has submitted its report with any plan, scheme and suggestions ?

(b) If the answer to (a) above is in the affirmative, do Government propose to publish the report for public information and suggestions ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

118. (a)—Yes, they have submitted report with suggestion and recommendation.

(b)—A Press Note is being issued in this connection.

**Training course for Compounders**

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS** asked :

\*119. (a) Will Government be pleased to state, what is the course of training of compounders ?

(b) Is it a fact that since 1948 the course of training has been reduced to one year ?

(c) If so, why ?

(d) Do Government propose to extend the course of training of compounders to 2 years ?

(e) Is it a fact that previous to 1948 only Matriculates were admitted into the Compounders' Course Class at Dibrugarh ?

(f) Is it a fact that since 1948 non-Matriculates are being admitted ?

\*120. (a) Is it a fact that compounders are registered without having any training in the Compounders' Class on the certificate of Civil Surgeons ?

(b) Do Government propose to have these compounders registered after being examined by a Board of Doctors ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

119. (a)—One year.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—One year is considered quite sufficient. Moreover such training will make available more much needed compounders for the State.

(d)—Not at present.

(e)—The minimum standard which was Class IX was raised to Matriculation in 1947. When, however, only 12 Matriculates among 51 candidates applied in 1948. Government decided to reduce the minimum qualification to Class IX of a recognised High English School.

(f)—Yes, but preference is given to Matriculates.

120. (a) & (b)—Yes, this is done only in the case of first registration subject to the provisions laid down in clauses (b) and (d) of Section 31 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

### **Bheels in the Laokhowa Game Reserve in the District of Nowgong**

**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** asked :

\*121. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many *bheels* in the Laokhowa Game Reserve in the District of Nowgong remained closed during the last few years for not putting to bid ?

(b) Why these *bheels* are not given on bid ?

(c) How many *bheels* of the above reserve were put to bid in 1952 and what is the amount of bid at which each of the *bheels* were settled ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

121. (a)—13 *bheels* (fisheries)—Some since 1949 and some since 1950.

(b)—These *bheels* (fisheries) were not given on bid in order to keep them as fish sanctuaries.

(c)—All the 13 *bheels* (fisheries) were put up for sale or auction. The amount of bid at which each of the *bheels* (fisheries) was settled is stated below:—

	Rs.
1. Dandua	6,700
2. Rowmari	10,000
3. Rupahimukh with channels	7,760
4. Saralani with the Beng bheel	50,200
5. Kathpara	3,220
6. Kalithan	320
7. Peshakali	60
8. Kaiyekum	760
9. Mohamarijan with channel	3,160
10. Kholiamari	1,010
11. Balipukuri	1,320
12. Sonaikur with Hijalguri	1,080
13. Jor Bheel	1,210

Rowmari and Kathpara *bheels* were subsequently re-sold and settled with the highest bidders at Rs.9,560 and Rs.1,930 respectively.

(Starred Question No.122 was not put and answered as the questioner Shri Robin Kakoti was absent.)

#### Nomination of defeated persons in the last General Elections to different Boards

†Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEV of Sidli asked :

\*123. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many persons defeated in the last general elections were nominated by Government in different Boards constituted by Government ?
- (b) Their party affiliations ?
- (c) The names of such persons and the Boards to which they are nominated ?
- (d) The reasons for nominating such persons ?
- (e) The qualifications required for being members of those Boards ?

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) replied :

123. (a) to (e)—Information has been called for and is being awaited.

#### Lady candidates appearing in the last Assam Civil Service Examination

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI asked :

\*124. Will the Minister-in-charge of Appointment Department be pleased to state—

- (a) How many lady candidates appeared in the last Assam Civil Service Examination ?
- (b) The positions in order of merit of the first three lady candidates ?
- (c) How many candidates appeared and how many were actually appointed ?

†Put by Shri Ghana Kanta Gogoi on authorisation.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

124. (a)—Four.  
 (b)—The position of the first three lady candidates were 66th, 95th and 118th but all of them failed to get qualifying marks in one paper.  
 (c)—One hundred and forty-four candidates in all appeared and 16 were actually appointed.

**Vacancy of the post of Divisional Forest Officer**

**Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY** asked :

\*125. Will Government be pleased to state whether there is a vacancy in the post of Divisional Forest Officer in the Forest Department caused by the departure of one Divisional Forest Officer of Dibrugarh sometime ago ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

125.—No.  
 (Starred Question No.126 was not put and answered as the questioner Shri Sarju Prasad Singh was absent.)

**Constructions of Embankment on both sides of the river Dihing**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

- \*127. Will Government be pleased to state—  
 (a) Whether arrangements have been made to construct embankments on both sides of the river Dihing to save the people of the four Mouzas affected by its recurrent over-flowing ?  
 (b) Whether the co-operation of the people of the affected Mouzas has been sought for and obtained by Government in the enterprise of such embankment ?

†**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

127. (a)—On the left bank of the Dihing an Embankment already exists for 38 miles from Soluguri to Dhai Ali.

Construction of two lengths of embankment each 4 to 5 miles long are proposed during the next cold weather east of Soluguri on the left bank and opposite Tengakhat on the right bank for protection of Lengri, Sasoni, Tinkhong and Tengakhat Mouzas.

(b)—Yes. This is always done.

**C. I. Sheets, Iron and Steel goods allotted to Assam**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

- \*128. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—  
 (a) The quota of C. I. Sheets, Iron and Steel goods allotted to Assam year by year since 1948 ?  
 (b) How many agents were appointed to lift this quota and who were they ?  
 (c) Whether they lifted the whole quota during these years and if not, how much actually was lifted year by year since 1948 ?  
 (d) What was the rate of commission given to these agents from time to time and what is the commission given now ?  
 (e) Whether any action was taken against the agents for failing to lift the quota ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

128. (a)—The quota of C. I. Sheets and Iron and Steel materials allotted to Assam year by year since 1948 is shown below :—

Year	C. I. Sheets						Other Iron Materials
1948 ... ..	1071 tons	...	...	...	...	...	2018 tons.
1949 ... ..	3066 "	...	...	...	...	...	1540 "
1950 ... ..	1979 "	...	...	...	...	...	1737 "
1951 ... ..	580.67 "	...	...	...	...	...	3867 "
1952 ... ..	1208 "	...	...	...	...	...	762 "

(upto Pd.II/52).

(b)—No agent was appointed to lift the quotas of Assam allotted in 1948. The materials were supplied by the Bengal Controlled Stockists direct to the registered stock-holders of the State. Since 1949, three Handling Agents were appointed, viz., (1) M/S. Kedarmull Keshardeo, Shillong, (2) M/S. Assam Iron and Steel Dealers (C. S.) Limited, Gauhati and (3) M/S. Assam Iron and Steel Company, Gauhati.

(c)—For the quotas allotted in 1948 about 2500 tons of Iron and Steel materials were lifted during the year and the balance moved in 1949.

For the quotas allotted in 1949, the Handling Agent could not lift anything during the year 1949 due to delay in passing the indents by the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta and transport difficulties. They however lifted the following quantities during 1950-52.

1950 ... ..	2438 tons.
1951 ... ..	1122 "
1952 ... ..	1046 "

For the quotas allotted during 1950-52, the Handling Agent procured a part of the quota and the quantity lifted year by year is shown below :—

1950 ... ..	404 tons.
1951 ... ..	...
1952 ... ..	1649 tons.

(d)—The rate of commission of the Handling Agents is mainly based on the price circular issued by the Government of India from time to time. During 1949 the rate of commission varied from Rs.26 to Rs.31 per ton, during 1950 from Rs.20 to Rs.25 and during 1951-52 (from July 1951 onwards) from Rs.20 to Rs.30 per ton for different categories of Iron and Steel Materials.

(e)—Yes. The Agency of M/S. Kedarmull Keshardeo has been terminated for unsatisfactory work and the appointment of M/S. Assam Iron and Steel Dealers (C. S.) Ltd., Gauhati as Controlled Stockist was cancelled for their failure to lift the quotas of 1950-51 (upto period II/51) and M/S. Assam Iron and Steel Company, Gauhati was appointed Handling Agent in their place to lift the arrear quotas.

†129-241.

†Starred Questions Nos.129 to 241 were not put due to want of time.

## UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

**Agricultural loan given to flood-affected people in Cachar**

**Maulavi NAMWAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

134. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How much money has been spent in Cachar for agricultural loan given to people affected by the recent flood ?
- (b) What amount has been spent on gratuitous relief ?
- (c) What amount has been spent on other relief measures, if any ?
- (d) Which part of the district of Cachar was seriously affected ?
- (e) The total area and population of Katigora Police Station of Cachar district and the amount of agricultural loan given to the people of Katigora thana area ?

135. Will Government be pleased to state the amounts sanctioned for agricultural loan and gratuitous relief separately for the districts of (1) Kamrup, (2) Nowgong, (3) Goalpara and (4) Lakhimpur in connection with the recent floods in Assam ?

136. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the name of the clerk in charge of Circle No.II of Katigora Tahsil with his home address ?

(b) Is it a fact that he was entrusted with rice for gratuitous relief to the poor people of some places under Katigora Tahsil area ?

(c) If so, what are the names of those places ?

(d) Whether that clerk was ever entrusted with rice to be distributed beyond the Katigora Tahsil area during the flood which overflowed the major part of the district of Cachar by middle of July last ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied .

134. (a)—Rupees 90,000 have been sanctioned as agricultural loan.

(b)—Rupees 16,000 sanctioned as gratuitous relief.

(c)—Rupees 8,600 sanctioned for Test Relief Works. Besides, seeds were issued at a concessional rate of Rs.10 per maund, and out of 15,000 maunds of rice received from the Government of India for distribution in the flood-affected areas of the State at a concessional rate of Rs.15 per maund, 4,950 maunds were allotted to Cachar District alone, the concessional value of which comes to near about twenty-five thousand.

(d)—Katigora thana, half of Silchar, Sonai and Barkhola thanas and a small part of Udharband and Lakhipur thanas in Silchar Subdivision ; Hailakandi thana and a small part of Katlicherra thana of Hailakandi Subdivision ; and Karimganj and Patharkandi thanas of Karimganj Subdivision were affected.

(e)—According to 1951 Census the area of Katigora Police Station is 245 square miles and its population is 78,200. Government have no information what amount was distributed in Katigora thana area. Generally such grants are

placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner for equitable distribution in all the affected areas according to the need and circumstances considered necessary by the local officers.

135—The amounts sanctioned in connection with the recent floods in different districts are shown below :—

	Agricultural loan	Gratuitous Relief
	Rs.	Rs.
(1) Kamrup ... ..	1,40,000	50,000
(2) Nowgong ... ..	50,000	25,000
(3) Goalpara ... ..	20,000	15,000
(4) Lakhimpur ... ..	75,000	93,000

136. (a) to (d)—Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner. It will be supplied on receipt of the same from him.

#### Shortage of Magistrates in Sibsagar Court

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

137. (a) Are Government aware that the litigant public are suffering for shortage of Magistrates in the Court of Sibsagar ?

(b) If so, what steps Government are taking to remove this hardship ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief minister)** replied :

137. (a)—Government are aware of some difficulties caused temporarily to the litigant public due to delay in joining by a Magistrate posted to Sibsagar for unavoidable public reasons.

(b)—Necessary steps to expedite the joining of the Magistrate have already been taken.

#### Amalgamation of the Medical and Public Health Branch of the Medical Service

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

138. (a) Is it a fact that Government are contemplating to amalgamate Medical and Public Health Branch of the Medical Service into one ?

(b) Is it a fact that Government have appointed a four men committee to report on the proposed amalgamation of the two branches of the services ?

(c) Do Government propose to lay on the table the report of the said committee for information and consideration of the Members ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

138. (a)—The matter is under consideration.

(b)—No. An Advisory Committee consisting of six members with Medical Minister as the Chairman has been constituted to examine this question.

(c)—No report has yet been received.

**Dearness Allowance granted to employees of the Assam Government****Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

139. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether the dearness allowance granted to the employees of the Assam Government is at par with the dearness allowance granted to the employees of the Central Government in Assam ?

(b) If not, does Government propose to bring the dearness allowance of the State employees to par with that of the Central Government employees ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

139. (a)—No.

(b)—Probably it may not be possible.

**Cachar and Lushai Hills Forest Produces****Maulavi NAMWAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

140. (a) Are Government aware that after the Partition of the Country forest produces in Cachar, specially timber, bamboo and cane find no market there and that the traders are experiencing inconvenience and loss ?

(b) Do Government propose to take steps for getting market for Cachar and Lushai Hills forest produces and save the traders in Cachar from utter ruin and Government from loss of revenue ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

140. (a)—Government are aware that the traders are experiencing some difficulties but they have no information regarding loss, if any.

(b)—Government have taken steps by encouraging plywood factories and moving India to remove export route restriction where such have been imposed by Pakistan.

**Settlement of Excise Shops with Tea Garden Tribes****Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

141. (a) Is it a fact that there is fixed quota of excise shops in every district to be settled with tea garden tribes ?

(b) How many excise shops have been settled yearly with tea garden tribes since 1947 (information to be given districtwise) ?

(c) How many tenders for excise shops were submitted by tea garden tribes in Sibsagar district for the years 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 ?

(d) How many excise shops have been settled with tea garden tribes during 1952-53 in the district of Sibsagar stating the name of the subdivision where the shops are located ?

(e) If the reply to question (d) above is in the negative, what are the reasons for such non-settlement ?

Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) replied :

141. (a)—There is a quota which is based on the district population of the community. If the population is large enough it is entitled to a quota otherwise not.

(b)—A statement is placed on the table.

**Statement showing the number of Excise shops settled yearly with tea-garden tribes since 1947**

District	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	Remarks
Cachar	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Goalpara	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Kamrup	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	
Darrang	1	1	2	1	1	1	
Nowgong	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Sibsagar	1	1	Nil	Nil	1	1	
Lakhimpur	5	7	7	6	6	5	
United Mikir and North Hills,	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Khasi-Jaintia Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Naga Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Garro Hills	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

(c)—1950-51 — 3

1951-52 — 8 (including 2 for resettlement).

1952-53 — 8

(d)—One combined country spirit and ganja shop in Golaghat Subdivision.

(e)—Does not arise.

**Refugees receiving financial assistance and lands in Jorhat Subdivision**

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

142. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the names and particulars of refugees who received financial assistance and also lands in Jorhat Subdivision during the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and upto July 31st, 1952 ?

(b) Have Government received complaints to the effect that bogus persons styling as refugees got the loans and relief and that real ones were thereby deprived of such assistance ?

(c) If not, do Government propose to appoint a Committee of enquiry with official and non-official members to check all matters relating to such loans and reliefs ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

142. (a)—The compilation of the list of refugees with names and particulars as required will involve too much time and labour.

No financial assistance of any shape has been granted to the displaced persons including displaced students, in 1949-50 and 1950-51. As for 1951-52 and for the period upto 31st July 1952, the number of displaced families to whom rehabilitation loans have been granted together with the number of displaced students to whom financial assistance have been extended and the number of displaced families who have been granted land are given below :—

		Amount			Number of displaced families
		Rs.	a.	p.	
Rehabilitation loan—					
1951-52	.. .. .	22,200	0	0	75
From 1st April 1952 till 31st July 1952	.. .. .	8,350	0	0	50
Financial assistance to displaced students—					
1951-52	.. .. .	2,205	8	0	49
From 1st April 1952 till 31st July 1952	.. .. .	1,241	1	0	49
Settlement of land—					
1951-52	.. .. .	Nil			Nil
From 1st April 1952 till 31st July 1952	.. .. .	80 bighas of land			14 displaced families.

(b)—Though Government have received no complaint to this effect from this Subdivision, yet it cannot be denied that there is no complaint of this nature.

(c)—No. There is no ground justifying the appointment of such a Committee. Further, such complaints can be enquired through the usual channel without a Committee of enquiry.

### Government Country Liquor Shops

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

143. Will Government be pleased to state—

- The number of Government country liquor shops in Assam, district by district ?
- The quantity of country liquor sold in each district during the last three financial years ?
- The revenue derived by Government from the sale of country liquor during the last three financial years ?
- The total number of country liquor shops which are mostly frequented by consumers from tea gardens ?

Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) replied :

143. (a)—The number of liquor shops is shown below district by district.

Name of District	No. of shops—distillery liquor	No. of shops—outstill liquor
Goalpara ... ..	25	...
Kamrup ... ..	8	...
Darrang ... ..	29	...
Nowgong ... ..	17	...
Sibsagar ... ..	*61(20)	...
Lakhimpur ... ..	*47(10)	...
Cachar ... ..	*48(14)	...
United District of Mikir and North Cachar Hills.	7	...
Naga Hills ... ..	2	1
Garo Hills ... ..	1	4
United Khasi-Jaintia Hills...	...	4
	245	9

\* Note.—This includes Lessee Manager shops and Canteens shown in brackets.

(b)—As per statement below :—

District	1949-50	1949-50	1950-51	1950-51	1951-52	1951-52
	Distillery liquor in L. P. G.	Outstill liquor in gallons	Distillery liquor in L. P. G.	Outstill liquor in gallons	Distillery liquor in L. P. G.	Outstill liquor in gallons
Cachar ... ..	16,721	...	17,214	...	19,471	...
Khasi and Jaintia Hills.	...	11,324	...	13,653	...	11,324
Naga Hills ... ..	1,107	384	1,612	384	756	384
Goalpara ... ..	22,141	...	16,989	...	29,551	...
Kamrup ... ..	30,256	...	26,894	...	31,875	...
Darrang ... ..	31,556	...	29,158	...	44,841	...
Nowgong ... ..	23,622	...	16,471	...	27,242	...
Sibsagar ... ..	48,752	...	79,527	...	1,09,757	...
Lakhimpur ... ..	1,27,021	...	1,40,875	...	1,76,231	...
Garo Hills ... ..	60	1,642	72	2,058	63	2,151
Sadiya ... ..	6,910	...	4,755	...	...	...
Balipara... ..	1,596	...	84	...	*	...

Note.—\*Since merged in Lakhimpur and Darrang districts respectively.

(c)—

	Revenue on distillery liquor Rs.	Revenue on outstill liquor Rs.
1949-50	69,88,116	2,39,141
1950-51	75,57,830	2,20,156
1951-52	1,01,15,186	1,55,272

(d)—81.

**Students of the Assam Medical College**

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI** asked :

144. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the names of students admitted into the 1st year class of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh this year ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state the marks and division secured by each student so admitted in the I.Sc. Examination ?

(c) Is it a fact that students securing higher marks and possessing necessary qualification according to notification were deprived by the College Committee of having seats in preference to some students with lesser qualifications ?

(d) Will Government be pleased to state the names of candidates who applied for admission to the Assam Medical College this year with their respective divisions and marks secured in the I.Sc. Examination ?

145. Will Government be pleased to state the names of students admitted into the Condensed M.B. Course of the Assam Medical College this year ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

144. (a) and (b)—The statement required is placed on the Library table for the information of members.

(c)—No, the students were selected strictly according to rules.

(d)—A statement showing the information as far as available is laid on the Library table for the information of members.

145.—A statement showing the information required is laid on the Library table for the information of members.

**Cinchona Plantation**

**Shri JOGAKANTA BARUAH** asked :

146. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) When the cinchona plantation was started in the State ?

(b) What is the acreage planted up to 31st March, 1952 ?

(c) What is the total expenditure incurred on cinchona cultivation up to 31st March, 1952 ?

(d) What is the annual expenditure on this account for the last three years ?

(e) What is the quantity of cinchona bark produced and the value realised up to 31st March, 1952 ?

(f) Whether Government allow private parties to cultivate cinchona ?

(g) If not, why not ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

146. (a)—Started from 1944.

(b)—The total area of plantation up to 31st March 1952 is 630 acres.

(c)—Rs.10,96,968 upto 31st March, 1952.

					Rs.	a.	p.
(d)—1949-50...	...	...	...	...	1,16,995	7	6
1950-51...	...	...	...	...	1,19,585	10	6
1951-52...	...	...	...	...	1,26,492	15	0

(e)—The total quantity of Cinchona bark produced is 5413 lbs. and revenue realised Rs.1,349-8-0 from 1947 to 31st March 1952. No harvesting of Cinchona bark has yet been started. These barks were collected from dead and dying plants and from thinnings in congested areas.

(f)—There is no restriction on cultivation of Cinchona by private individuals.

(g)—Does not arise.

### Improvement of National High ways of Assam

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked:

147. Will Government be pleased to State—

- (a) The amount of money that has been given this year by the Central Government for improvement of National High Ways of Assam ?
- (b) The amount of the money that has been allotted this year for the improvement of the Assam Trunk Road from the junction of Chenijan T. E. Road with Trunk Road in Jorhat Subdivision upto Khowang Ghat ?
- (c) In how many miles of this Road have consolidation work and in how many miles asphaltting works have been completed ?
- (d) Whether the works have been done according to Public Works Department specification and general conditions of road construction have been observed ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that many portions of construction works done from Amgurighat to near Napukhuri in Sibsagar Subdivision have been damaged ? If so, why ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied: -

147. (a)—Rs.19,60,000.

(b)—Rs.9,70,000.

(c)—Consolidation completed—5·8 miles.  
Surfacing completed—7 miles.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—There is no information. An enquiry is being made.

### Government Printed Forms for use in Local Board Dispensaries

**Shri Sriman PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked:

148. (a) Are Government aware that the Government printed forms necessary for use in Local Board Dispensaries are not available now and not supplied by the Civil Surgeon's Office of Kamrup to the Local Board Dispensaries of Kamrup District ?

(b) Do Government propose to make an enquiry and print the necessary forms and supply the same to the Local Board Dispensaries ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied:

148. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

**Khasi States Deposit Account**

**Shri KISTOBIN RYMBAI** asked :

149. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the balance of the Khasi States Deposit Account before the commencement of the Constitution ?

(b) What has Government done with this money ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Federation of Khasi States and the Khasi Constitution-Making Durbar were allowed to draw from this fund for their expenditures ?

(d) Is it a fact that the Khasi States are included in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District ?

(e) Do Government propose to hand over the balance of the Khasi States Deposit Account to the District Council of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief minister)** replied :

149. (a)—Rupees 4,97,000.

(b)—With the commencement of the Constitution this amount has been merged in the Consolidated Fund of Assam, out of which all authorised expenditure of the Government of Assam is made.

(c)—Yes. Under specific sanction issued by the Government of India in each case, some grants were made to the late Khasi States Federation out of the Khasi States Deposit Account to enable it to meet its general expenditure and the expenditure in connection with the late Khasi Constitution-Making Durbar.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—In view of the answer to 149(b) this question does not arise.

**Inspecting Staff of the Education Department**

**Maulavi MUKHTAR ALI** asked :

150. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Inspecting Staff of Education Department receive any house allowance ?

(b) If not, whether Government propose to give such allowance ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

150. (a)—No.

(b)—Matter is under consideration.

**Improvement of sports amongst the students in Schools and Colleges**

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

151. (a) Is it a fact that not a single athlete from Assam was selected to World Olympic at Helsinki ?

(b) If so, do Government propose to take necessary steps for improvement of sport in the State of Assam ?

152. Will Government be pleased to state the various steps taken by Government so far for improvement of sport amongst the students in schools and colleges in Assam ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

151. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Educational Institutions are encouraged to pay due attention to sports and thereby improve the present standard.

152.—Grants are given to Government Institutions to provide facilities for organised games and sports besides authorising Educational Institutions to realise game fees at approved rates for this purpose. Grants are also sanctioned for inter-schools tournaments. Further there are three Inspectors and two Inspectresses of Physical Training for organising games, sports and physical training in the secondary schools.

**Development Committee of the Gauhati University**

**Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BOROOAH** asked :

153. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the names of the present members of the Development Committee of the Gauhati University ?

(b) When they were first appointed ?

(c) When will their term of office expire ?

(d) Is it a fact that the term of office in all other bodies of the Gauhati University is only for three years ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

153. (a)—(1) The Minister-in-charge of Education (Chairman).

(2) Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.

(3) Vice-Chancellor of the Gauhati University (or his nominee).

(4) Dr. Bhubaneswar Barua.

(5) Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Assam (or his nominee).

(b)—5th May, 1949.

(c)—Their term of office will expire as soon as construction of University Buildings and other accessories, is completed.

(d)—The term of office of the members other than *ex-officio* members of the Gauhati University Court, Executive Council and Academic Council, is for three years.

**Increase of Cancer cases in the State**

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY** asked :

154. (a) Is it a fact that the number of cancer (disease) cases is increasing rapidly in this State ?

(b) Are Government aware that there are not sufficient number of beds for treatment of these cases in the Dibrugarh Medical College Hospital ?

(c) Do Government contemplate to open an up-to-date Cancer Hospital with sufficient beds in this College or elsewhere ?

(d) Will Government be pleased to undertake a survey of the State to find out the number of cancer cases ?

(e) Do Government think it necessary to establish a Research Institute for this disease ? If so, when ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

154. (a)—There is nothing to show that the number of cancer cases is increasing in the State.

(b)—The number of beds for cancer cases is for the present enough. The number of beds for treatment of cancer cases in the Assam Medical College Hospital, Dibrugarh has not been found insufficient. Cancer cases are admitted in the wards of the Departments of Surgery, Gynaecology, E. N. T., etc.

(c)—There is no proposal at present to open an up-to-date Cancer Hospital. The Medical College Hospital is meant for the treatment of all kinds of cases and the distribution of beds for various departments is as approved by the Medical Council of India.

(d)—There is no proposal at present.

(e)—There is no necessity to establish a Research Institute for cancer at present. The finances at Government disposal do not admit of the starting of such institution.

**Kathiatoli Seed Farm**

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

155. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) When was the Kathiatoli Seed Farm in the District of Nowgong started ?

(b) What area has been reclaimed by the said Farm up-till now and at what cost ?

(c) What kinds of seeds are being raised in the Farm and their quantities year by year, since its start till 31st July 1952 ?

(d) What amount of money has been spent by Government in constructing the office buildings and the staff quarters of the said Farms till 31st July 1952 ?

(e) What amount of money was spent in construction of the metalled road from the main road to the Farm ?

- (f) What was the establishment charges of the Farm in 1950-51 and 1951-52 ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the soil of the Farm is not suitable for the purpose for which the Farm was started ?

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister) replied :**

155. (a)—The 10th of December, 1948.

(b)—130 acres reclaimed at a total cost of Rs.25,947-12-0, i.e., Rs.199-9-6 per acre. The Farm also includes a Fruit Nursery for the propagation of the various kinds of fruit-crops such as pineapple, banana, lime and lemon, citrus fruits of improved types.

(c)—

	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	
	Md. sr.	Md. sr.	Md. sr.		
Ahu paddy .. .. .	259 20	97 14	342 4		Ahu paddy.—Harvesting in progress. 379 mds. harvested so far and a total of 400 mds. is expected this year. Arahar & Maize—Growing satisfactorily. Sali paddy.—Standing crop.
Sali paddy .. .. .	113 15	152 39	113 15		
Matikalai .. .. .	27 8	22 2	16 26		
Arahar .. .. .	..	1 21	5 10		
Pea .. .. .	..	..	19 10		
Wheat .. .. .	..	..	26 8		
Barley .. .. .	..	6 29	..		
Mug .. .. .	..	..	3 15		
Cowpea .. .. .	..	0 30	..		
Mustard .. .. .	1 25	..	..		
Maize .. .. .	..	..	..		
Sugarcane .. .. .	..	..	..		
	Setts worth Rs. 120 and sugarcane worth Rs. 4,000 by auction.	Worth Rs. 4,600 by auction.	110 3 of Gur.		

(d) & (e)—No office building has as yet been constructed. The total cost of constructing residential quarters for the Farm staff, two pucca wells and the metalled road from the main road to the Farm is Rs.54,350. The constructions were undertaken by the Public Works Department for the Agriculture Department.

(f)—1950-51—Rs.5,434-14-0.

1951-52—Rs.5,427-0-0.

(g)—No. The soil is suitable for the purpose of growing seeds.

**Sonai-Bowrie-Kochudaram Road and Jaynagar-Katigora Road in Cachar**

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

156 Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The names of the roads selected by the Assam Communication Board and the Government of Assam to be taken up by the Public Works Department from this year together with a statement of the funds allotted for each ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Sonai-Bowrie-Kochudaram Road and Jaynagar-Katigora Road have not been enlisted this year ?

(c) If so, what is the reasons for not taking up these two roads ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take up these roads from this year ?

- (e) Whether Government are aware that these two roads are the only means of communication for a fairly large areas of the district of Cachar ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

156. (a)—A list of the roads selected by the last Assam Roads Communication Board and as approved by the Government is placed on the Library table. Hon'ble Member is also referred to pages 5-7 of the proceedings of the Board already sent to him with Government letter No.C.2M/19/52/6497-959, dated 18th August 1952. The Public Works Department proposes to give a start to most of these projects provided financial sanction is obtained in time.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The Road Board did not recommend them.

(d)—No.

(e)—This may be so

### **Silchar-Sonabarighat and Sonabarighat-Kabuganj-Palong Roads**

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

157. (a) Are Government aware that the conditions of Silchar-Sonabarighat-Sonai and Sonabarighat-Kabuganj-Palongghat Roads are extremely bad ?

(b) Is it a fact that since the taking up these roads by the Public Works Department from Local Board they were never thoroughly repaired except patch work here and there and their conditions are deteriorating year by year ?

(c) Is it a fact that the annual grants given for these roads are not sufficient for any thorough repair except for patching here and there ?

(d) Are Government aware that traffic is the highest and heaviest in these roads in the District of Cachar ?

(e) Will Government be pleased to state the number of stage carriage permits granted for these two roads ?

(f) Is it a fact that the income from these roads is the highest in the District of Cachar ?

(g) Has Government lately received several representations and communications praying for improvement of these roads ?

(h) If so, what steps have been taken to improve these roads ?

(i) How much money Government propose to spend for the upkeep and thorough repair of these roads in course of the current and next financial year ?

(j) When does Government propose to blacktop these two roads ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

157. (a)—The conditions of the roads are unsatisfactory but not extremely bad.

(b)—Repairs to the full satisfaction could not be carried out for lack of funds.

(c)—Annual grants are not given for individual roads but are given in lump to an Executive Engineer who does repairs of different roads according to the amounts available.

(d)—Government have no precise information but they are trying to ascertain them.

(e) & (f)—Information is being collected from Local Officer which is not yet available.

(g)—Only one letter from the hon. Member to the address of the Minister, Public Works Department was received.

(h)—Instructions have been issued to repair these roads thoroughly.

(i)—This depends upon the amount of repairs grant available this year or the next. Any specific amount cannot be set aside at present.

(j)—There is no proposal yet.

### Control system and its effect

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI** asked :

158. Are Government aware of the public feeling that the control system is responsible for corruption, profiteering, black-marketing, etc., and that Government cannot fight them out ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

158.—It is not a fact that the controls have brought about corruption, profiteering, black-marketing, etc., as the controls are meant to counteract such activities. Corruption, profiteering, and black-marketing certainly exist, but to eradicate them completely is not possible for Government alone. All must co-operate to see that these evils are stamped out.

### Labour Welfare Institute at Raw-Raia, Jorhat

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

159. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) If there is a Labour Welfare Institute at Raw-Raia, Jorhat ?
- (b) If so, how the Institute is being managed ?
- (c) If it is a Government concern ?
- (d) If so, whether there are rules for the management of the Institute and for the guidance of the Managing Committee ?
- (e) How much money has been sanctioned for this Institute since its establishment ?
- (f) Is it a fact that two batches of trainees have since passed from that Institute ?
- (g) If so, whether they are provided for which they are meant ?
- (h) If not, why not ?
- (i) Is it a fact that the Institute is being run under the sole guidance and control of the Labour Commissioner and that the Labour Commissioner is the President of the Managing Committee too ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that no meeting of the Managing Committee can be held in the absence of the Labour Commissioner ?
- (k) If so, do Government propose to rectify the defects ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister)** replied :

159. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Institute is managed by a Managing Committee consisting of representatives from Government, Labour and Industry and a member of the public of Jorhat.

(c)—No. The Institute is subsidized by Government.

(d)—Yes. The Institute follows rules laid down by Government for institutions receiving Government grant in connection with Labour Welfare Schemes.

(e)—A sum of Rs.29,260 has so far been paid to this Institute by Government in a way of subsidy and through the Hindusthan Mazdoor Sevak Sangha.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Not yet.

(h)—The Welfare centres where this trainees are going to be appointed as Welfare Assistants have not yet been started.

(i)—The affairs of the Institute are controlled by a Managing Committee consisting of representatives from Government, Labour and Industry and a member of the public of Jorhat and Labour Commissioner is the President of the said Managing Committee.

(j)—There are no rules to this effect.

(k)—Does not arise.

### State Hospitals and Dispensaries in Assam

**Maulavi NAMWAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

160. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The names of the State Dispensaries in Assam ?

(b) The total number of indoor and outdoor patients respectively served by each of them during the year 1951-52 and the period from 1st April to 30th June 1952 ?

(c) The total number of Doctors—Assistant Surgeons Grade I and Grade II, respectively in each of them ?

(d) The total number of major minority community (*i. e.*, Muslim) Doctors with grades employed in each State Dispensary ?

(e) The total number of Muslim indoor patients suffering from diseases and injuries caused by assaults etc., respectively ?

(f) Whether Government are aware that ordinarily patients belonging to major minority community experience inconveniences in securing seats as indoor patients owing to absence even of a single major minority community Doctor in a State or Town Dispensary ?

(g) Whether Government propose to post at least one Doctor belonging to major minority community in State Dispensaries where more than one Doctor is employed ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

160. (a) to (d)—A statement showing the names of State Hospitals and Dispensaries in Assam is laid down on the table of the Library for the information of Member. Figures for indoor and outdoor patients for the period from January to June 1952 are not available.

(e)—The records are not kept according to communities.

(f)—Government are not aware of any inconvenience felt by Muslims (Major minority community) in securing seats as indoor patients. Accommodation in hospitals is provided to patients according to the waiting list maintained by them and also in consideration of urgent requirements of the patients.

(g)—Posting of doctors to hospitals is done in accordance with the administrative requirements and exigencies of service. It is not done on a community basis.

### Jalannagar Tea Estate

**Shri ROBIN KAKATI** asked :

161. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the labourers of the Jalannagar Tea Estate has instituted a case against the Management of the said Tea Estate for selling cloths to the labourers at the last Durga Puja at nearly double the tax-mark rates ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that in course of the investigation, a huge stock of textile goods were seized by the Police ?
- (c) Whether it was a fact that the labour organisation requested the authorities to change the investigation officer for alleged acceptance of bribe from the management ?
- (d) Whether Government have received reports to the effect that the Police did not make complete investigation into the affairs in order to obtain a true picture of the cases ?
- (e) Whether Government contemplate instituting a reinvestigation of the alleged offence committed by the management of the Jalannagar Tea Estate ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

161. (a)—Yes, a case under Section 7 (1) of the Essential Supplies Act was registered at Dibrugarh Police Station under orders of Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur against Shri Bauri Sankar Todi, Director, Jalan Industries, Shri P. Barthakur, Manager Jalannagar Tea Estate and two others for selling cloth at higher rates.

(b)—Yes, the cloth which remained undistributed with the Tea Estate was seized.

(c)—No such request was received by Government but a report is being called for from the Deputy Commissioner on the point.

(d)—No.

(e)—This is under consideration.

**European Tea Concerns Transferred to Indians since  
15th August, 1947**

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

162. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many European tea concerns in Assam have been transferred to the Indians since 15th August, 1947 ?
- (b) What is the valuations of these concerns as disclosed by the deeds of transfers ?
- (c) What is the total area of lands covered by these transfers ?
- (d) What is the number of labour population that has come under the Indian management as a result of these transfers ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister)** replied :

162. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—Government have no up to date information about transfer of ownership of tea gardens from European concerns to Indians. However Government have been taking steps to collect such informations.

**Managers, Kacharigaon Tea Estate and Chairali Tea Estate**

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

163. (a) Are Government aware that the Manager, Kacharigaon Tea Estate has removed the artisans from the factory work to the field work only because that they are demanding artisans wages ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state as to how many factory workers are employed in the outdoor work in the said tea garden to avoid artisans demand ?

(c) What steps have Government taken over the garden Manager for violation of the law ?

164. (a) Is it a fact that the Manager, Chairali Tea Estate has forcibly seized the strike fund collected by the Mazdoors ?

(b) If so, why ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister)** replied :

163. (a)—Such a complaint was received by the Labour Officer, Tezpur, who is conducting an enquiry into the matter.

(b)—No information is available but reports have been called for from the Labour Officer, Tezpur.

(c)—Suitable action will be taken under the Minimum Wages Act on receipt of Labour Officer's report.

164. (a)—Such a complaint was received by the Labour Officer, Tezpur. The management have however refuted the charge. A further enquiry is being conducted into the matter.

(b)—Does not arise.

**Amount of country spirit and ganja sold in the different  
Districts of the State**

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

165. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the amount of country spirit and ganja sold in the different districts of the State from the year 1947 separately year by year and the price realised by sale of such commodities ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state earnings under heads country spirit and ganja in the different districts year by year since 1947 ?

(c) Whether consumption of country spirit is now on the increase ?

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister)** replied :

165. (a)—Amount of country spirit and ganja sold is shown separately in two statements (A & B) annexed.

(A)

**Statement showing the quantity of country spirit sold since 1947**

District	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
Cachar ..	14,118.5 L.P.G.	14,980 L.P.G.	16,721 L.P.G.	17,214.5 L.P.G.	19,471.5 L.P.G.
Khasi and Jaintia Hills.	16,536 Gal- lons.	14,653 Gal- lons.	11,524 Gal- lons.	13,653 Gallons	11,324 Gallons outstill liquor.
Naga Hills	2,125 L.P.G.	1,171 L.P.G.	1,107.8 L.P.G.	1,612 L.P.G.	1,612 L.P.G.
Goalpara	17,236 ,,	21,884 ,,	22,141 ,,	16,989.5 ,,	29,551 ,,
Kamrup	30,101.5 ,,	31,465 ,,	30,256 ,,	26,894.5 ,,	31,875.5 ,,
Darrang	21,814.3 ,,	27,188 ,,	31,556.5 ,,	29,158.0 ,,	44,841.5 ,,
Nowgong	17,866 ,,	23,190 ,,	23,622 ,,	16,471.5 ,,	27,242 ,,
Sibsagar..	56,692.4 ,,	78,934 ,,	48,752.2 ,,	79,527.5 ,,	1,09,757.6 ,,
Lakhimpur	1,26,744.5 ,,	1,41,532 ,,	1,27,021 ,,	1,40,875 ,,	1,76,321 ,,
Garo Hills	68 ,,	85 ,,	60 ,,	72 ,,	63.5 ,,
Sadia Frontier Tract.	9,427 ,,	8,573 ,,	6,910 ,,	4,755.0 ,,	*
Balipara Frontier Tract.	..	..	1,596 ,,	89 ,,	*

\*Since merged respectively in Lakhimpur and Darrang.

(B)

## Statement showing the consumption of ganja since 1947

District	1947-48 Sales in seers	1948-49 Sales in seers	1949-50 Sales in seers	1950-51 Sales in seers	1951-52 Sales in seers
Cachar .. .. .	1,546,5/8	1,500 $\frac{3}{4}$	412 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,363/8	123 $\frac{1}{2}$
Khasi and Jaintia Hills ..	43	25	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Naga Hills .. .. .	14	4	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	2
Goalpara .. .. .	1,116 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,048 $\frac{3}{4}$	334 $\frac{1}{2}$	135	153 9/16
Kamrup .. .. .	2,182 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,100 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,131 $\frac{1}{2}$	153 $\frac{1}{2}$	143
Darrang .. .. .	831	993 $\frac{1}{2}$	421 $\frac{1}{2}$	208	163
Nowgong .. .. .	548 3/8	754 $\frac{1}{2}$	214	90 $\frac{3}{4}$	76 11/16
Sibsagar .. .. .	1,489 3/8	1,736 $\frac{1}{2}$	386 7/8	252 $\frac{1}{2}$	158
Lakhimpur .. .. .	1,308	1,419	390 1/8	303	104
Garo Hills .. .. .	45	32	5	4	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sadiya Frontier Tract ..	124 $\frac{1}{2}$	122 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	25	*

\*Since merged in Lakhimpur.

Information regarding price realised is being collected and will be furnished later.

(b)—Two statements (C & D) showing the earnings separately from country spirit and ganja are annexed.

(C)

## Revenue derived from country spirit since 1947

District	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cachar .. .. .	2,06,107	2,54,517	3,18,090	3,58,812	3,95,682
Khasi and Jaintia Hills ..	2,77,918	3,08,598	2,27,861	2,08,876	1,41,292
Naga Hills .. .. .	45,052	30,934	21,898	21,898	22,102
Goalpara .. .. .	2,95,895	4,09,025	4,61,578	4,39,161	6,33,803
Kamrup .. .. .	5,18,664	6,17,257	6,37,354	6,24,346	7,39,364
Darrang .. .. .	3,62,611	4,85,115	5,70,403	6,37,243	9,99,005
Nowgong .. .. .	2,99,532	4,26,744	4,75,033	4,310,60	6,12,214
Sibsagar .. .. .	9,30,629	14,55,141	16,85,016	17,38,648	25,03,185
Lakhimpur .. .. .	22,28,650	27,46,219	26,93,941	32,06,436	41,90,990
Garo Hills .. .. .	10,044	10,423	1,058	12,210	14,777
Sadiya Frontier Tract ..	1,22,167	1,18,642	1,22,017	99,304	*
Balipara .. .. .	..	..	2,208	..	*
United Mikir and North Cachar Hills ..	..	..	..	..	18,044

\*Note.—Since merged respectively in Lakhimpur and Darrang.

(D)

## Revenue derived from ganja since 1947

District	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cachar .. ..	1,68,755	2,18,275	67,989	40,996	20,441
Khasi and Jaintia Hills ..	7,020	3,945	3,161	895	613
Naga Hills .. ..	1,993	570	462	462	462
Goalpara .. ..	1,46,301	1,69,317	57,472	30,265	26,387
Kamrup .. ..	2,98,963	4,02,144	1,98,506	46,124	23,490
Darrang .. ..	1,12,883	1,57,562	71,709	34,079	25,836
Nowgong .. ..	76,401	1,13,081	36,256	14,420	12,340
Sibsagar .. ..	2,08,243	2,78,652	66,221	38,351	31,508
Lakhimpur .. ..	1,84,247	2,34,773	64,046	52,139	16,222
Garó Hills .. ..	6,145	4,754	854	658	1,060
Sadiya Frontier Tract ..	16,643	19,470	4,093	3,898	*
Balipara Frontier Tract ..	..	..	..	..	*
Mikir and North Cachar Hills. ..	..	..	..	..	205

\*Note.—Since merged respectively in Lakhimpur and Darrang.

(c)—Yes. Consumption of country spirit from licit sources is on the increase. This however, is no indication of actual increase in addiction.

## Opening of cheap grain shops in the Mikir Hills

Mr. NIHANG RONGPHER asked :

166. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether there are cheap grain shops opened in the Mikir Hills ?  
 (b) If the answer is in the affirmative, what is the number of such shops ?  
 (c) If the answer is in the negative, do Government propose to open cheap grain shops in the Mikir Hills ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister) replied :

166. (a) & (b)—Yes, there are 3 cheap grain shops functioning in the North Cachar Hills Subdivision excluding Haflong town of the United Mikir Hills and North Cachar Hills District, but none in the Headquarters area.  
 (c)—In the Mikir Hills proper if the need for cheap grain shops is made out some supplies may be arranged like other areas.

**Allotted quotas of Steel and Iron materials for North Lakhimpur****Shri SARVESWAR BARUWA** asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the quotas of steel and iron materials allotted to North Lakhimpur for different periods since 1950 have not yet been supplied ?

(b) If so, what quantities of agricultural and non-agricultural quotas respectively of G. C. Iron Sheets allotted to North Lakhimpur are still in arrear ?

(c) What are the reasons for holding up the supply ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

167. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Non-agricultural ... .. 47 tons.

Agricultural ... .. 53 „

(c)—Holding up of supply is mainly due to failure of the controlled stockists for 1950, 1951 who have since been dismissed and a new Handling Agent appointed.

**Messrs. Assam Iron and Steel Company****Shri SARVESWAR BARUWA** asked :

168. (a) Is it a fact that the new Handling Agents Messrs. Assam Iron and Steel Company is not a registered public or private limited company ?

(b) Do Government hold any security from the said company guaranteeing due performance of their part and safe-guarding the interests of the registered stock-holders who were required to pay them large amounts as advances ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Supply Department had to alter the procedure recently relieving the registered stockists from payment of advances to the said company ?

(d) If so, what further impediment, if any, are causing this bottleneck in the regular supply of C. I. Sheets to the North Lakhimpur Subdivision ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

168. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The Producers have not been able to send the materials and the matter has been taken up with the Producers and the Iron and Steel Controller.

### Re-print of Assam Acts and Rules

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

169. (a) Are Government aware that copies of many Assam Acts and Rules made thereunder are not always found in the Government Book Depot or in any Book Company ?

(b) Do Government propose to take proper steps for their re-print for the facility of the public ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

169. (a)—Some Assam Acts and Rules have run out of stock in the Government Book Depot.

(b)—Action has already been taken for the re-print of Assam Acts and Rules which are out of stock.

### Judges and other Officers of the Assam High Court

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

170. Will Government be pleased to state the number of judges and other officers of the Assam High Court, category by category, belonging to the different districts of the State ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

170.—1. *Judges*—

Puisne Judge ... .. One from Kamrup.

2. *Gazetted Officers*—

Registrar ... .. One from Kamrup.

Assistant Registrar ... .. One from Kamrup.

3. *Ministerial Officers*—

34 from Kamrup.

3 from Cachar.

7 from Sibsagar.

2 from Goalpara.

2 from Nowgong.

1 from Lakhimpur.

1 from Lushai Hills.

### T.A. Bills of members attending the meetings of the last Communications Board and the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

171. (a) Is it a fact that the T.A. Bills of the members attending the meetings of the last Communications Board and the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board have not yet been paid ?

(b) When did the members attend the meetings of the said Boards ?

(c) What are reasons for the long delay ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

171. (a)—Yes.  
 (b)—The members attended the meeting of the Communications Board on the 13th and 14th June 1952 and the meeting of the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board on the 11th and 12th June 1952.  
 (c)—The bills are under pre-audit in the office of the Accountant General, Assam.

### Causes of flood in Cachar

**Maulavi NAMWAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

172. Will Government be pleased to state—  
 (a) What are the main causes of flood in Cachar ?  
 (b) What steps have hitherto been taken to prevent ordinary causes of frequent floods in Cachar ?  
 (c) How many Schemes, if any, for removing causes of flood in Cachar are in active consideration of Government ?  
 (d) What are those Schemes ?  
 (e) If Government are aware that the Katigora Circle is the worst flood-affected area in Cachar ?  
 (f) What steps, if any, have been taken to remove the rock at Madhurakhal for prevention of flood in areas lying to the East of Badarpur Railway bridge, and Railway Road to Lunding ?  
 (g) If Government are aware that a Bund with a sluice gate on Banaimullah river near Gobindapur village under Katigora Police Station in Cachar District would do well to save a considerable portion of Katigora Circle area from inundation by floods ?
173. Will Government be pleased to state if they desire to constitute a Flood Enquiry Committee in Cachar to institute an enquiry into the causes of flood locally and suggest ways and means to stop frequent inundation by floods in Cachar ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied.

172. (a)—The main causes of flood in Cachar as elsewhere are its topographical features coupled with heavy rainfall.  
 (b) & (c)—Three flood protective and reclamation Schemes are in progress at present, two Schemes are under preparation and 5 more Schemes have been approved by the Assam Embankment and Drainage Advisory Committee in June last.  
 (d) (i)—Schemes in progress.  
 (1) Protecting flood-affected areas in Kaliganj and Ratabari mouzas (natikhal and Kuchua dams).  
 (2) Constructing a sluice gate at Lakhipur.  
 (3) Reclamation of Haritakir Haor in Katigora Circle.  
 (ii) Schemes surveyed and under preparation—  
 (1) Reclamation of Punir Haor.  
 (2) Improvement of Dhaleswari channel in Hailakandi Subdivision (Flood protection works in the Katakhal Valley).

(iii) Schemes approved by the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board—

(1) Drainage of lowlying area near Chandpur in Borkhola Circle including blasting the rocky barrier under the bridge Madua in Katigora Circle.

(2) Amjur River Training Scheme including drainage of Kaptanpur and Mangalpur Haors.

(3) Diversion of Rukmi River.

(4) Reclaiming areas near Chetla including—

Tapang Haor.

Dubri Haor.

Boila Haor.

Kyajani Haor.

(5) Flood prevention around Patharkandi from the River Longai.

(e)—Government are aware that it is one of the flood-affected areas.

(f)—This will now be examined by the Public Works Department as the Scheme has been approved by the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Committee.

(g)—Only recently a petition from the local people on this proposal has been received. Government will examine this proposal along with others in due course.

173. No. The River Investigation Division proposed to be established shortly, will serve this purpose.

**T. A. Bill of Members attending Meetings of the Communications Board and the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board**

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked :

174. (a) Is it a fact that the T. A. bill of members attending the meetings of the Communications Board and the Embankment and Drainage Advisory Board held on the 11th and 14th June last, have not yet been paid to them ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state who is at fault for this delay ?

(c) Do Government propose to enquire into the matter and take necessary steps so that such state of things may not recur in future ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

174. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The bills are under pre-audit in Accountant General's Office.

(c)—The matter has already been taken up with the Accountant General, Assam.

**Project of the new Brahmaputra Bund at Panidehing**

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

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

(a) The cost of the project of the New Brahmaputra Bund at Panidehing ?

(b) If any of the Ministers and Deputy Ministers had visited the flood-affected parts of Panidehing ?

(c) Whether the works on the New Brahmaputra Bund at Panidehing were done according to specifications and in time ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

175. (a)—About Rs. 7 lakhs.  
 (b)—Yes. Minister, Forest, Minister, Finance and Revenue and Deputy Minister, Education visited the areas.  
 (c)—The construction of the retirement was carried out against heavy odds and together with the construction of the 17 miles long Majuli Bund. As rains overtook the work towards the end, the Section of the bund could not be fully completed in certain lengths and the turfing could not be completed in these places as there was no turf in the sand deposited by the Brahmaputra during 1951, through which the alignment ran.  
 The work has been carried out according to specifications.

#### **Expenditure on Post-war Development Schemes**

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

176. Will Government be pleased to state—  
 (a) The total expenditure incurred up till now from Post-War Development Fund on different Schemes in different Districts separately with their results since the creation of that Fund ?  
 (b) The total expenditure incurred for road development from the above Fund in all Districts stating the figures separately for each year ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

176. (a) & (b)—Presumably the hon. Member refers to the Post-War Development Schemes undertaken out of Post-War Development grants. If so, a statement furnishing the expenditure incurred on the different schemes undertaken by the various departments in the different districts, with brief explanatory remarks regarding the purpose for which the expenditure was incurred is laid on the Library table.

#### **Employees of the State Transport Department**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

177. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of employees of the State Transport Department (i) dismissed, (ii) discharged and (iii) suspended during the period 1949 to 1951 ?  
 (b) Is it a fact that the employees of the State Transport Department have not yet been granted service conditions similar to other transport system like Railway and Steamer ?  
 (c) If so, why ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

177. (a)—Number of employees—

(i) Dismissed	...	...	...	...	...	15
(ii) Discharged	...	...	...	...	...	71
(iii) Suspended	...	...	...	...	...	93

(b)—They have been granted service conditions similar to those enjoyed by all temporary employees of other departments of the State and almost similar to those enjoyed by temporary employees of the State Transport Organisations of other State Governments and Railways under the Central Government.

(c)—Does not arise.

### Stage Carriage permit holders in the Upper Assam

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

178. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of stage carriage permit holders in the Upper Assam ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that not a single person belonging to tea garden tribes has been given such permit ?
- (c) How many such permits have been issued to persons belonging to plains tribes and Hill tribes like Nagas, Miris, etc. ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

178. (a) to (c)—The matter has been referred to Secretary, Upper Assam Regional Transport Authority whose reply is awaited.

### Steamer freight from Calcutta to Assam

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

179. (a) Are Government aware that the Steamer freight from Calcutta to Assam and particularly to Cachar region has been increased again to a great extent since the last one year ?

(b) Do the Steamer Company take the opinion of Assam Government in such cases of enhancement ?

(c) If so, whether this enhancement had the approval of the Government of Assam ?

(d) If not, do Government propose to take up the matter with the appropriate authorities ?

(e) Are Government aware that the demurrage charges of the Steamer Company in Cachar region is exorbitant specially during rainy season due to the monopoly in the line ?

(f) Do Government propose to take up this matter also with appropriate authorities so as to make an uniform charge, etc., throughout Assam ?

180. (a) Is it a fact that the Steamer Companies have been realising one anna, and six pies per maund on all Assam Goods imported and exported via Pakistan under the Head 'Customs Examination Charges' since June, 1951 ?

(b) Are Government aware that several lakhs of rupees have been drained away from Assam thereby ?

(c) Do Government propose to take necessary steps in the matter ?

181. (a) Are Government aware of the fact that during dry season every year Cachar experiences a great scarcity of essential commodities as big Steamers cannot ply beyond Ajmeerganj and Fenchuganj at that time ?

(b) Are Government aware that the number of barges and crafts employed by the Steamer Company for carriage of goods to Cachar is inadequate to cope with the situation ?

(c) Do Government propose to take appropriate steps for the increase in the number of barges and crafts, etc., during dry season to expedite movements of Cachar goods ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

179 to 181—Full particulars have been called for from the Steamer Companies and they are being awaited.

#### Passenger Services in Jorhat Subdivision

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

182. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many Passenger Bus Services are there in Jorhat Subdivision and what are their area of operation ?

(b) What are the names of each permit holder of these buses ?

(c) How many of these permit holders or their drivers or conductors were punished for any illegal act in running the bus, with their names ?

(d) Are there any such cases now pending in the Court or with other authorities ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

182. (a) to (d)—The matter has been referred to the Secretary, Upper Regional Transport Authority and his reply is awaited.

#### Station Superintendents of each Station under State Transport

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

183. Will Government be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) The total number of days toured by the Station Superintendents of each station under State Transport during the year 1951-52 ?

(b) The total amount of travelling and halting allowance drawn by each of them during the said year ?

184. Will Government be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) How many days the Secretary, Board of Control, State Transport, Assam toured during the year 1951-52 ?

(b) The total mileages he travelled during 1951-52 ?

(c) The total amount of travelling and halting allowances that he has drawn for the year 1951-52 ?

(d) Whether the Secretary, Board of Control, State Transport, has any vehicle of his own or of Government for his touring ?

(e) If he is using a Government vehicle ?

(f) If so, whether it is a vehicle of the Line ?

(g) The total amount realised from him for using the Government vehicle in 1951-52 ?

185. Will Government be pleased to enquire and state—

- (a) How many days the Assistant Station Superintendents, State Transport, Assam, of Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Sibsagar and Nowgong toured during the months of March and April, 1952 ?  
 (b) What were the purpose of their tour ?  
 (c) The total amount drawn by each of them for touring during the year 1951-52 ?

186. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of quarters and garages constructed by State Transport at Nowgong, Jorhat, Sibsagar, Bokakhat, Jhannjee, Dibrugarh, Moran and Khowang during the year 1951-52 ?  
 (b) The total amount incurred in constructing quarters and garages in each of the above stations ?

187. Will Government be pleased to enquire and state—

- (a) The total amount collected as security deposits from the employees of the Assam State Transport upto the end of 31st March, 1952 ?  
 (b) The total amount recovered as fines from the staff upto the end of March, 1952 ?  
 (c) The total amount recovered from the drivers, mechanics, etc., as damages of Government property and loss of tools, etc., upto the end of 31st March, 1952 ?

188. Will Government be pleased to enquire and state whether it is a fact that the Assistant Station Superintendent, Dibrugarh, is not generally found in the station during working hours ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

183. (a)—Station Superintendent, Shillong	...	...	10 days
Ditto ditto Gauhati	...	...	6 "
Ditto ditto Jorhat	...	...	134 "

(b)—Station Superintendent, Shillong	...	...	Rs. a. p.
Ditto ditto Gauhati	...	...	Nil
Ditto ditto Jorhat	...	...	8 7 0
			894 0 0

184. (a)—162 days.

(b)—14,174 miles.

(c)—Rs.2,168.

(d)—Uses Government vehicle for touring.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—No.

(g)—He charged Daily Allowance only and no mileages were charged for touring with Government vehicles and hence no charge was to be paid for such running. (He paid Rs.102-13-0 only for private run.)

185. (a)—Assistant Station Superintendent, Jorhat	...	10 days
Ditto ditto Dibrugarh	...	26 "
Ditto ditto Sibsagar	...	Nil.
Ditto ditto Nowgong	...	11 "

(b)—Government duty, e. g., Inspection of works and activities of the Organization, procurement of Stores, etc., realisation of Assam Transport dues, etc.

				Rs.	a.	p.
(c)—Assistant Station Superintendent, Jorhat	...	...	...	143	7	0
Ditto	ditto	Dibrugarh	...	459	0	0
Ditto	ditto	Sibsagar	...	99	0	0
Ditto	ditto	Nowgong	...	261	1	0

186. (a)—At Nowgong—Nil  
At Jorhat—One 6 bay garage and one 2 bay garage—works commenced last year and completed this year and staff quarters—Nil.

At Sibsagar—Nil.

At Bokakhat—Nil.

At Jhanji—Nil.

At Dibrugarh—Nil.

At Moran—Garage—one, Staff quarter—one set.

At Khowang—Garage—Nil, Staff quarter—one set.

(b)—At Sibsagar, Bokakhat, Jhanji and Dibrugarh—Nil.  
State Transport using rented buildings :—

					Rs.	a.	p.
At Jorhat	...	...	...	...	17,761	0	0
At Moran	...	...	...	...	1,942	8	0
At Khowang	...	...	...	...	1,484	0	0
At Nowgong	...	...	...	...	Nil.		

Assam Transport garages at Nowgong were acquired and taken over by State Transport at Rs.4,220-11-0.

187. (a)—Rupees 28,570—Lodged in Postal Savings Bank. Accounts of the Depositors—Rs.23,808-0-0 in National Savings Certificate hypothecated to Secretary, Board of Control—Rs.2,500. Deposited in Government account against which compensatory allowance is admissible—Rs.2,262-0-0.

Total—Rs.28,570-0-0.

(b)—Rupees 1,252-9-0.

(c)—Rupees 3,405-10-0.

188. (a)—No.

### State Transport Department

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

189. (a) Is it a fact that of late the State Transport Authorities have stopped issuing third class tickets altogether to the passengers between Gauhati and Shillong for the second trip that leaves Shillong and Gauhati at mid-day ?

(b) If so, why ?

190. (a) Will Government be pleased to state if they had been proposing to make the Department of State Transport permanent ?

(b) If not, why have they been extending the sphere of the above Department's activity ?

191. (a) Will Government be pleased to state if the accounts of the Department of the State Transport, Assam for the year 1949 has been approved by the Comptroller, Assam ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of the Comptroller's note giving approval to the above accounts ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

189. (a)—No. The mid-day timing is an additional timing introduced as a temporary measure since 23rd July 1951 to meet the requirements of Air passengers and for timely connecting Mail trains and Air services for carrying mails from and to Shillong thus allowing window delivery of mails the same day at Shillong. The timing being rather stiff, does not permit running third class services facilities of which continue to remain available as before in the afternoon timing which replaces the second timing that existed before introduction of the mid-day timing.

(b)—Does not arise.

190. (a)—There is no proposal to make the State Transport Organisation permanent at present. The organisation may have to be handed over to a Transport Corporations Act, 1950 in future.

(b)—Does not arise as the question of permanency of any organisation is not the criterion of expanding its activities.

191. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Copies of the Comptroller's certificate on the Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss Accounts are attached.

*Copy of certificate of the Comptroller, Assam on the Balance Sheet of Pandu-Gauhati-Shillong Route for the year 1948-49.*

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I have examined the above Balance Sheet and according to the best of my information and as a result of test audit of the books and a consideration of the explanations given to me the account is correct, subject to the remarks made in the Audit Note issued separately.

DATED SHILLONG :  
The 28th November 1950.

Sd/—S. M. BANERJEE,  
Comptroller, Assam.

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*Copy of Comptroller's certificate on the working and Profit and Loss Accounts of Pandu-Gauhati-Shillong Route for 1948-49.*

Checked and found correct, subject to the remarks made in the Audit Note issued separately.

DATED SHILLONG :  
The 28th November 1950.

Sd/—S. M. BANERJEE,  
Comptroller, Assam.

*Copy of certificate of the Comptroller, Assam on the Balance Sheet of Gauhati-Nowgong Route for the year 1948-49.*

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I have examined the above account and according to the best of my information as a result of test audit of the books and a consideration of the explanation given to me the account is correct, subject to the remarks made in the Audit Note issued separately.

DATED SHILLONG :  
The 28th November 1950.

Sd/—S. M. BANERJEE,  
Comptroller, Assam.

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*Copy of Comptroller's certificate on the working and Profit and Loss Accounts of Gauhati-Nowgong Route for the year 1948-49.*

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Checked and found correct, subject to the remarks made in the Audit Note issued separately.

DATED SHILLONG :  
The 28th November 1950.

Sd/—S. M. BANERJEE,  
Comptroller, Assam.

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*Copy of certificate of the Comptroller, Assam on the Balance Sheet of Nowgong-Jorhat Route for the year 1948-49.*

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I have examined the above account and according to the best of my information as a result of test audit of the books and a consideration of the explanation given to me the account is correct, subject to the remarks made in the Audit Note issued separately.

DATED SHILLONG :  
The 28th November 1950.

Sd/—S. M. BANERJEE,  
Comptroller, Assam.

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The 28th November 1950.

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Comptroller, Assam.

**Devastation caused by Nonai river to the Mouzas of the Mangaldai Subdivision**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

192. (a) Is the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department aware of the devastation caused annually by the Nonai river to the Dipila, Rainakuchi and Lokai Mouzas of the Mangaldai Subdivision ?

(b) Is it a fact that a sum of Rs. 50 thousand was sanctioned in 1951 to build a Bund to the river ?

(c) If so, has the work been started and how much money has been spent in this connection ?

(d) Whether any money has been sanctioned for building such a Bund this year ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

192. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A scheme estimated to cost Rs. 75,000 to strengthen the existing Villager's bund has been sanctioned in May, 1952.

(c)—The main work could not be started before the rains, but a few breaches in the Villager's bund that occurred in May and through which bulk of the flooding was taking place have been closed. Some of the work is also being carried out through the Villagers as a test relief measure.

(d)—Yes—Reply to question 192(b) may be referred to.

**Spread of Kala-azar and Leprosy in tribal areas of Kamrup, Darrang and Goalpara Districts**

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI** asked :

193. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of the Medical Department be pleased to state whether he is aware that *Kala-azar* and Leprosy are spreading day by day in tribal areas particularly in Northern part of Kamrup and Darrang and in the South Bank of Kamrup and Goalpara Districts ?

(b) What steps Government have taken to combat these diseases ?

(c) What is the percentage of sufferers from those diseases in the areas as aforesaid ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA** replied :

193. (a)—*Kala-azar* and Leprosy are not increasing in the Northern part and in the South Bank of Kamrup. There is however sign of slight recrudescence of *Kala-azar* and Leprosy in the Northern part of Darrang and in the South Bank of Goalpara.

(b)—Government have already taken necessary steps to survey and combat these diseases by opening dispensaries and out centres, where considered necessary.

(c)—It is difficult to give the correct percentage of sufferers from these diseases in those areas. But approximately the percentage will be—

*Kala-azar*—3 per cent.

Leprosy—1 per cent.

**Gauhati Civil Hospital**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

194. Will Government be pleased to state—  
 (a) Whether there is a trained mechanic and a doctor with D. M. R. E. or equivalent degree for the X' Ray Plant in the Gauhati Civil Hospital ?  
 (b) Whether there is a doctor in the Silchar Civil Hospital who had got this degree with financial help from the Government ?  
 (c) Whether the said doctor has to do X' Ray work at Silchar Hospital ?  
 (d) Whether Government propose to transfer the said doctor to the Gauhati Civil Hospital or to send somebody for training in the lines ?
195. Do Government propose to arrange for Penicillin treatment in the Gauhati Civil Hospital ?
196. Do Government propose to keep a stock of Plaster of Paris Powder in the Gauhati Civil Hospital to be sold to intending patients at the Hospital rate price ?
197. (a) Is it a fact that in the Gauhati Civil Hospital no pain-killing injection is given at the time of extracting teeth ?  
 (b) Is it a fact that such injection costs only about an anna per ample when prepared in the hospital and about Rs.17 per one hundred amples in the market ?  
 (c) Is there any paid Dentist attached to the Gauhati Civil Hospital ?
198. Will Government be pleased to state whether the Laboratory of the Gauhati Civil Hospital is managed by a qualified doctor or by a non-medical assistant ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

194. (a)—An X'Ray Plant was installed and put in operation with effect from 13th June 1952. Government have sanctioned the posts of one Radiographer and one X' Ray Attendant. The Civil Surgeon has been asked to make the appointment of the X' Ray attendant. As regards Radiographer, steps are being taken by the Assam Public Service Commission to select a suitable and qualified person for appointment to the said post.  
 (b)—Dr. S. P. Nath, Assistant Surgeon, Grade II at Silchar is trained in Radiology. He was trained at Gukaldas Tejpal Hospital, Bombay.  
 (c)—As there is no X' Ray Plant at Silchar at present, he is not to do X' Ray work there.  
 (d)—The question of his transfer to a hospital where there is an X' Ray Plant is under consideration.
- 195.—Penicillin is used in Gauhati Civil Hospital, when needed.
- 196.—Plaster of Paris Powder is kept in hospital for use and not for sale. Patients requiring it can buy in the market.
197. (a) & (b)—The information is not available and is being obtained.  
 (c)—An Honorary Dentist is attached to the Gauhati Civil Hospital.
- 198.—A Laboratory Assistant attached to the Gauhati Civil Hospital works under control of a medical officer.

**Issue of Permits for Corrugated Iron Sheets in the Gauhati Subdivision**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

199. (a) Is it a fact that the then Supply Minister issued verbal instructions just before the General Election that in the matter of issuing permits for Corrugated Iron Sheets in the Gauhati Subdivision the President of the Gauhati District Congress Committee was to be consulted ?

(b) Is it a fact that some persons applying for permits to purchase Corrugated Iron Sheets were given preference to others who had applied earlier?

(c) If the answer to (b) above is in the affirmative, who are the persons that got preference and on what condition ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

199. (a)—No.

(b)—No Corrugated Iron Sheets were issued to any individual from July 1951 till after the elections and Public institution (both educational and religious) only were given preference ?

(c)—Does not arise.

**Supply of C. I. Sheets to cyclone affected people of Sibsagar**

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

200. (a) Are Government aware—

(i) that a great Cyclone occurred in Sibsagar in the month of May last .

(ii) that considerable damages were done to the houses and properties of the people; and

(iii) that representations were made by the affected people for supply of Corrugated Iron Sheets ?

(b) If the reply to question (a) (iii) above is in the affirmative, what Government did in relieving the distress of the affected people ? What steps were taken by Government to supply the same ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

200. (a)(i)—Yes, Government are aware of two consecutive cyclones occurring in Sibsagar in March and April last but they have no information of any cyclone in May, 1952.

(ii)—Yes.

(iii)—No. But Shri T. Gogoi, M. L. A., and Shri P. Chetia, Deputy Minister apprised Government of the position.

(b)—The Government moved the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for a special quota of 50 tons (500 bundles) of G. C. I. Sheets for repairing the damages caused by the Cyclone, but the Government of India instructed to meet the demand from the State quota. Accordingly steps have been taken by Government to raise the quota of C. I. Sheets for Sibsagar and to arrange early despatch of 240 tons of C. I. Sheets to Sibsagar.

**C. I. Sheets and Yarn issued to the area covered by the Hajo Police Station**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

201. (a) Will Government be pleased to state as to what quantity of C. I. sheets and Yarn was actually issued to the area covered by the Hajo Police Station in the period from 1st December, 1951 to 1st February, 1952 ?

(b) What was the quantity of C. I. Sheets and Yarn actually issued to the same area corresponding to the same period in the last four previous years ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

201. (a)—C. I. Sheets.....24 bundles. Yarn.....26½ bales.

(b)—C. I. Sheets:—

1947-48.....	2 bundles.
1948-49.....	22 „
1949-50.....	26 „
1950-51.....	16 „

Yarn

1st December 1947 to 1st February 1948	} No figure available.
1st December 1948 to 1st February 1949	
1st December 1949 to 1st February 1950.....	1½ bales.
1st December 1950 to 1st February 1951.....	16½ bales.

**Supply of C. I. Sheets to Sibsagar Local Board**

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

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

(a) If a permit was issued by the Director of Consumer Goods in

favour of the Sibsagar Local Board for 10 bundles of C. I. Sheets as per permit No.281 of 10th June 1952 to Nathuram Jaidyal firm at Sibsagar ?

- (b) If the permit was honoured ?  
 (c) If not, what are its reasons ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

202. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—Permits were issued on a wrong calculation of the agricultural stock of C. I. Sheets at Sibsagar lying with the dealer which ultimately resulted in an excess issue and so this particular permit could not be honoured by the dealer.

### **Settlement of land in Kokodonga Reserve Forest**

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

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

- (a) The area that has been kept open in Kakodonga Forest Reserve for settlement with landless people ?  
 (b) When this particular reserve was declared open for settlement with landless people ?  
 (c) Whether it is a fact that the President, Jorhat District Congress Committee is the sole certifying authority of the people who can be absorbed in this Forest Reserve as forest villagers ?  
 (d) If so, why the President, Jorhat District Congress Committee has been invested with such power ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

203. (a)—About 4,500 bighas.  
 (b)—From the early part of 1950 (when demarcation was completed).  
 (c)—No. But the number of persons demanding land was more than what could be accommodated in the Reserve. The Divisional Forest Officer consulted the President, District Congress Committee amongst others for selecting the most deserving people. The President's recommendation were not always accepted.  
 (d)—Does not arise.

**Socio-Religious Institutions associated with the Temple at Dubi**

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY** asked :

204. (a) Do Government realise the gravity of the social evil perpetrated through prostitution practised by a section of the Nat community inhabiting the village Dubi, in Sariha mauza in the Barpeta Subdivision and the direct and the indirect effect of this degrading practice on the morals of the people of other communities inhabiting Bajali, and on the sanctity of the sacred temple at Dubi ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to disclose what steps have been taken after official enquiry of the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta, instituted at the instance of the Dakshin Bajali Jubak Sangha ?

(c) Will Government be pleased to make a non-official enquiry with the help of some local gentlemen ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

204. (a)—Government are aware of the social evil resulting from degeneration of some Socio-Religious Institutions associated with the Temple at Dubi. The gravity of the evil has been considerably reduced by the growth of strong local feeling against it, and with the spread of education and growth of public opinion together with the introduction of the Institution of marriage in the 'Nat' community this evil is likely to completely disappear.

(b)—A petition was enquired into by the Police and the report is awaited.

(c)—Government do not consider that any non-official enquiry is necessary at this stage. They will watch the situation and decide upon suitable action according to circumstances.

**Transfer of Government servants who are not inhabitants of Barpeta Subdivision**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

205. Will Government be pleased to state why most of the Government servants who are not inhabitants of the Barpeta Subdivision were transferred elsewhere just before the General Election and their places filled up by Government servants who are permanent residents of Barpeta Subdivision ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

205.—Information has been called for from different Departments and is awaited.

### Cinema Halls in Assam

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

206. Will the Minister-in-charge of General Administration Department be pleased to state —

- (a) How many cinema halls are there in Assam ?
- (b) How many of these are situated near about 100 yards from public institutions, like schools, hospitals and religious places such as Thakurbari, Namghar and Mosque ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that the use of magnified music outside show houses cause great disturbance to students and invalids ?
- (d) If so, whether Government propose to stop the same ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

206.—(a)—(e)—The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioners whose replies are being awaited.

**Subdivisional Officer, Sibsagar, District and Sessions Judge, Upper Assam Districts and Commissioner of Excise**

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked :

207. (a) Is it a fact that at Sibsagar sometimes one officer has to do the duties of Subdivisional Officer, Registration, Treasury and other miscellaneous works besides his regular Magisterial works ?

(b) Are Government aware for such multifarious works on the part of one officer, the public are to suffer much ?

(c) Do Government propose to do away with such state of things ?

208. (a) Will Government be pleased to state for how many months Shri B. N. Choudhury, District and Sessions Judge has been temporarily transferred to Upper Assam Districts ?

(b) Whether this transfer is a case of transfer made in due course like other officers as usual ?

(c) Do Government for the sake of economy avoid temporary transfer in future ?

209. (a) Do Government propose to relax the age limit at the time of appointment to permanent services of these persons who are holding jobs under Government temporary Department by considering their temporary period of service as period of service under Government ?

(b) Do Government propose to give preference to persons holding temporary posts to new men, everything being equal, in making permanent appointments ?

(c) If not, why not ?

210. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether the post of "Commissioner of Excise" is solely reserved for officers of I. C. S. and I. A. S. and not open to officers of Provincial Excise Service ?

(b) If not, whether any officer from the Provincial Excise Service has been appointed as Excise Commissioner ?

(c) If so, do Government propose to remove such bar ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

207. (a)—Government are not aware of any such contingency having arisen.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

208. (a)—There is no definite period in view.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—As far as possible temporary transfers are avoided.

209. (a) & (b)—The matter is under the active consideration of Government.

(c)—Does not arise.

210. (a)—At present, it is not included in the Indian Civil Administrative cadre posts reserved for the I. C. S. and I. A. S., nor is it included in the Provincial Excise Service.

(b)—No officer of the Provincial Excise Service has so far been appointed as Excise Commissioner.

(c)—There is no bar at present but it all depends on the availability of efficient officers having administrative experience and ability to shoulder responsibility of such a post.

#### **Attendance of Deputy Commissioners in office**

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

211. (a) Is it a fact that a circular has been issued to all the Deputy Commissioners to attend office at least for one hour every day to entertain public complaints and dispose them as early as possible ?

(b) If so, how many of such complaints have been received since then by the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang and disposed of from the date of issue of the said circular ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

211. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The information has been called for.

#### **Fee Simple Grant covered by Tea Estates**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

212. (a) The total area of Fee Simple Grant covered by Tea Estates in Assam ?

(b) The total area of the Fee Simple Grant covered by Tea Estates owned by Britishers ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister)** replied :

212. (a)—1,90,729 acres, excepting that of Cachar District.

(b)—1,63,495 acres excepting that of Cachar District.

Reports from Cachar District will be intimated to the Member when received.

**New Road projects in Karimganj Subdivision and erosion of Surma Road by River Kushiara.**

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

213. Will Government be pleased to state --

(a) The amount of money spent on new road projects in Karimganj Subdivision by the State Government since the Partition ?

(b) The road mileage with black-topped in Karimganj before Partition and after Partition ?

(c) Whether Government are aware of the great influx of people in Karimganj after Partition and consequent extension in built up areas along the main roads ?

(d) Whether Government are aware of horrible dust nuisance on these roads during the dry season ?

(e) Whether Government are aware of the heavy amount of vehicular traffic carried by these roads ?

(f) Do Government proposed to take early steps to improve the road surface in Karimganj Subdivision ?

214. (a) Is it a fact that due to constant erosion of Kushiara river, the Surma Trunk road in its 45th mile, is frequently required to be diverted and that this is being done almost every year at a pretty huge cost which also involves cost of construction of wooden bridges, land acquisitions and gravels, etc., at that site ?

(b) What amounts were spent on above during the past ten years figures to be shown year by year ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

213. (a)—Rs.5,66,982 (upto 1951-52) inclusive of Rs.5,05,000 from the Petrol Tax (Reserve) for Lowairpowa-Churaibari Road.

(b)—Before Partition—3.49 miles.

After Partition—3.87 miles.

(c)—Government have no precise information.

(d)—Yes. This is usual on all "Metalled", "Gravelled" and "Earth road" everywhere within and outside the State.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—No such proposal or large scale Scheme is under consideration of the Government.

Black-topping in short stretches on the main roads is being done every year as funds become available.

214. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected from the local officers and will be supplied to the member on receipt.

### Protection of Sibsagar Tank

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

215. (a) Will Government please state whether they propose to protect the sides of the Sibsagar tank that are fast eroding ?

(b) Whether Government are in receipt of representation from the people of Sibsagar to this effect ?

(c) If so, do Government propose to take action early ?

(d) If the reply to (c) above is in the negative, what are the reasons thereof ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

215. (a) to (d)—Government have not yet received any representation from the public of Sibsagar. A report is being called for from the Executive Engineer, on the subject and the matter will be considered by Government.

### Jagannath Road of Jorhat

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

216. (a) Is it a fact that the Jagannath Barua Road of Jorhat was badly damaged by the Earthquake of 1950 ?

(b) Have the Government completed necessary repairs of this road ?

(c) If not, why not ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

216. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Not yet. Repairs are still in progress.

(c)—Reasons for non-completion of repairs have been called for.

### Diversion of Kaldiya River

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY** asked :

217. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the reasons of failure of the diversion of the Kaldiya River project for the last three years ?

(b) Do Government propose to take up the project during the current year ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

217. (a)—While other works were mainly completed during the year 1950-51, the dam across the Kaldiya channel which could not be completed that year also could not be built during 1951-52, the reason being that no suitable contractor could be induced to take up the work and there was an abnormal situation existing in the area due to anti-Communist drive of the Government.

(b)—Yes.

**Consolidation of a portion of road of the Sibsagar Tank side Roads**

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked :

218. (a) Is it a fact that a portion of the Sibsagar Tankside roads of the length of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile has been lately consolidated with 9,000 c.ft. of Road metal and has been treated with induspra and shingles of the dimension of 1",  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " and even 2" diametre ?

(b) Is it according to Government Specification and if not, why this has been allowed to be done ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

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

**Pilferage of goods in transit coming to Assam from Pakistan**

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

219. (a) Are Government aware that a large scale pilferage of goods in transit coming to Assam *via* Pakistan, is going on regularly since the last three years ?

(b) Is it a fact that such state of things has been brought to the notice of Government by the Merchants' Association, Karimganj, on various occasions by wire, letters, etc., and that none of which except one from the Additional Chief Secretary has been acknowledged ?

(c) & (d) Did Government take any action for stopping such pilferage ? If so, what actions were taken and with what result ?

(e) If not, why not ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

219. (a)—Government are aware of losses in transit taking place.

(b)—One representation was received from the Karimganj Merchants' Association in March 1952. It was duly acknowledged and advice was given to the Association after consultation with the Customs authorities.

(c) & (d)—It is a matter between the consignors, consignees and the carriers in which Government are unable to do very much. Government however have been in touch with the Steamer Company asking them to take steps in the matter.

(e)—Does not arise.

**Persons arrested in Assam for pro-Pakistani activities**

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

220. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many people were arrested in Assam for pro-Pakistani activities during the period of 15th August 1947 and 31st July 1952 ?

(b) How many of such people were detained in prison ?

(c) Whether any of such people are still in jail ?

(d) If so, what is their number ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

220. (a)—(d)—Information has been called for.

#### **Formation of Anti-Corruption Committees in each Subdivision**

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

221. (a) Is it a fact that Anti-Corruption Committees were formed in each subdivision and a complaint box is placed for entertaining such petitions ?

(b) How many corruption cases have been received by Government since then and how many of them have been disposed of and what has been the result of these petitions ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

221. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The information has been called for.

#### **Government Offices holding in hired houses**

**Shri Sriman PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

222. Will Government be pleased to state how many Government offices are in hired houses at Gauhati ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister)** replied :

222.—Eighteen Government offices are in hired houses of which seven are in requisitioned houses at Gauhati.

#### **Public Health Propaganda**

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY** asked :

223. Do Government know that the present method of Public Health Propaganda is ineffective to educate the public about health and disease ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

223.—Government are aware that the present methods of propaganda by means of Magic Lantern and posters is not attractive enough to be really effective. A proposal for the establishment of two mobile Public Health propaganda units with the requisite staff and equipment is now under the consideration of Government.

#### **Salchapra Public Health Dispensary**

**Shri Mvi. NAMAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

224. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The date of establishment of the Salchapra Public Health Dispensary ?

- (b) The name of the present Doctor with the date of joining his duties in the Salchapra Public Health Dispensary ?
- (c) The name of the Doctor's native village and its distance from the dispensary ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that on the eve of joining his duties there about 250-300 signatories of the area opposed his posting there by submitting petition ?
- (e) If so, why he was posted there ?
- (f) If it is a fact that he is the Secretary of the Salchapra Middle Vernacular School Managing Committee which proposed to start a Middle English School nearby ?
- (g) If it is a fact that a sum of Rs.250 was granted by Government to provide furniture for the Middle English School, and the Doctor received the amount within the last financial year ?
- (h) If so, where or with whom that amount is lying or if any furniture has hitherto been procured ?
- (i) Whether Government proposed to transfer him from Silchar ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

224. (a)—13th February 1946.

946. (b)—Dr. Surendra Chandra Patni ; in-charge since 21st November

(c)—Information not available ; it is being obtained.

(d)—Two telegrams and one petition for cancellation of his transfer were received after orders of postings were issued.

(e)—Government did not then consider it advisable to modify the orders recently passed.

(f), (g) and (h)—Information not available ; enquiry is being made.

(i)—Recent proposal received in this connection is under consideration.

#### **Subsidised Dispensaries in Kamrup District**

**Shri SRIMAN PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

225. Will Government be pleased to state —

- (a) The names of the places where the Subsidized Dispensaries have been granted in the District of Kamrup Mauza-wise ?
- (b) The distance from each Subsidized Dispensary to the nearest Local Board or Subsidized Dispensary in the area ?
- (c) Whether the dispensary buildings have been constructed by the villagers in each of these villages where a Subsidized Dispensary is sanctioned according to the directions or standard set up by Government ?
- (d) What are the names of the Subsidized Dispensaries which are now functioning without a proper building in the district of Kamrup ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to abolish those and transfer the dispensary to a suitable village where people are ready to construct the necessary Buildings ?

226. Will Government be pleased to state —

- (a) Who is to inspect the Subsidized Dispensaries ?
- (b) Whether anybody has inspected and seen the condition of the Subsidized Dispensaries in the District of Kamrup during 1951 and uptill August 1952 ?
- (c) If so, what are the names of those dispensaries and the date of inspection of each ?

227. Will Government be pleased to state how many Local Board Dispensaries were inspected by the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup in Gauhati Subdivision since 1948 with the names of the Dispensaries and dates of inspections ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

225. (a) — Government have not sanctioned any Subsidized Dispensaries on Mouza-wise basis. These are sanctioned according to the demand of public.

(b) — The information is being collected.

(c) — Subsidized Dispensaries are usually sanctioned by Government on the villagers undertaking to construct the dispensary buildings and staff quarters according to the specifications laid down for Subsidized Dispensaries. Sometime Government allow the villagers to start such Dispensaries in rented houses pending completion of the dispensary building and staff quarters within a specified period.

(d) — The information is being collected.

(e) — Subsidized Dispensaries are sanctioned according to demand and necessity. Government consider each case on its merit.

226. (a) — Subsidized Dispensaries are open to inspection by any officer of the Medical and Public Health Department of the rank of Assistant Surgeon, Grade I or above and also by the Deputy Commissioner and Subdivisional Officer.

(b) & (c) — The information is being collected.

227. — The information is not available.

**Criminal cases pending in the Courts of Magistrates at Silchar, Hailakandi and Karimganj**

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

228. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of criminal cases pending on the 1st August 1952 in the courts of Magistrates at Silchar, Hailakandi and Karimganj (figures to be given Subdivision-wise)?
- (b) How many cases of 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 are yet pending in the courts of Magistrates of the District of Cachar (figures are to be given year by year separately)?

- (c) The total number of cases under the Adhairs Protection and Regulation Act pending on the 1st August 1952 in the Courts of Revenue Officers at Silchar, Hailakandi and Karimganj (figures to be given Subdivision-wise) ?
- (d) How many cases of 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 are yet pending in the Courts of Revenue Officers of the District of Cachar (figures to be given year by year separately) ?
- (e) How many Civil Suits and appeals and other proceedings of the District of Cachar are yet pending before the District Judge and for how long ?
- (f) How many suits, proceedings and appeals, miscellaneous cases and Execution proceedings are now pending before the Court of the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Cachar, and the Subordinate Judge, Cachar, and for how long ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

228. (a)—The total No. of criminal cases pending on the 1st August 1952—

(i) In Silchar Subdivision	...	...	1,759 cases.
(ii) In Hailakandi Subdivision	...	...	303 cases.
(iii) In Karimganj Subdivision	...	...	1,237 cases.
		Total ...	<u>3,299 cases.</u>

(b)—No. and the period of criminal cases yet pending in the courts of Magistrate of the District of Cachar.

(iv) In Silchar Subdivision—1947	...	...	Nil.
1948	...	...	Nil.
1949	...	...	51 cases.
1950	...	...	239 cases.
1951	...	...	482 cases.
		Total ...	<u>772 cases.</u>
(v) In Hailakandi Subdivision—1947	...	...	Nil.
1948	...	...	Nil.
1949	...	...	Nil.
1950	...	...	Nil.
1951	...	...	56 cases.
		Total ...	<u>56 cases.</u>

(vi) In Karimganj Subdivision—1947	...	...	Nil.
1948	...	...	1 case.
1949	...	...	6 cases.
1950	...	...	48 cases.
1951	...	...	250 cases.
Total			... 305 cases.

(c)—Total No. of cases under the Adhiars Protection and Regulation Act pending on the 1st August 1952.

(vii) In Silchar Subdivision	...	...	180 cases.
Hailakandi Subdivision	...	...	37 cases.
Karimganj Subdivision	...	...	8 cases.
Total			... 225 cases.

(d)—No. of cases of 1948, 1949, 1950 and 1951 yet pending in the courts of Revenue Officers of the District of Cachar.

(viii) In Silchar Subdivision—1948	...	...	Nil.
1949	...	...	7 cases.
1950	...	...	18 cases.
1951	...	...	75 cases.
Total			... 100 cases.

(ix) In Hailakandi Subdivision—1948	...	...	Nil.
1949	...	...	6 cases.
1950	...	...	3 cases.
1951	...	...	7 cases.
Total			... 16 cases.

(x) In Karimganj Subdivision—1948	...	...	Nil.
1949	...	...	Nil.
1950	...	...	Nil.
1951	...	...	1 case.
Total			... 1 case.

(e)—(xi) Only one miscellaneous case is pending before the District Judge for less than a year.

(f)—(xii) A statement showing the No. of pending cases is given below—

Name of Court	Class of cases	No. of cases pending	Details of pending cases			
			Below 1 year	One year	Two years	Three years
District Judges .. ..	Miscellaneous case ..	1	1	..	..	..
Additional Judge, Silchar, Cachar.	Suits .. ..	4	1	1	2	..
	Miscellaneous cases ..	28	19	7	2	..
	Executive cases ..	6	3	3	..	..
	Civil appeals .. ..	290	186	68	18	18
	Sessions cases .. ..	32	25	7	..	..
	Criminal appeals ..	18	18	..	..	..
	Criminal motions ..	14	14	..	..	..
2nd Additional Sub-Judge, Silchar, Cachar.	Suits .. ..	411	112	140	76	83
	Miscellaneous cases ..	44	26	15	..	3
	Executive cases .. ..	78	53	19	6	..
	Civil appeals .. ..	308	1	178	126	3

### Principles of appointing Assistants in the Assam Civil Secretariat and Heads of Departments

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI** asked :

229. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether at the time of appointing Assistants in the Assam Civil Secretariat and offices of Heads of Departments, the Communal representation is taken into consideration specially in case of under-represented scheduled castes and scheduled tribes ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state the number of office Assistants with names belonging to the plains Tribes now serving in the Assam Civil Secretariat and in the offices of the Heads of different Departments, particularly in Transport, Industry, Co-operative, Agriculture, Education, Medical and Development ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

229. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The number of Office Assistants with names is given below—

Name of Office	Number of Assistants	Names of Assistants
1. Secretary, State Transport...	4	1. Shri D. K. Rava. 2. ,, R. R. Saronia. 3. ,, Duebar Doloy. 4. ,, S. Saronia.

Name of Office	Number of Assistants	Names of Assistants
2. State Transport Commissioner.	Nil	.....
3. Registrar, Co-operative Societies consisting of Co-operative, Cottage Industries, Rural Development, etc.	3	1. Shri Kalikanta Bora. 2. „ Kirti Sonwal. 3. „ Moniram Mochari.
4. Director of Agriculture ...	Nil	.....
5. Director of Public Instruction.	2	1. „ Duroising Dewri. 2. „ Lakshmi Nath Bora.
6. Inspector General of Civil Hospitals.	Nil	.....
7. Assam Civil Secretariat ...	6	1. „ Bipul Ch. Dewri. 2. „ Govinda Ch. Brahma. 3. „ Chakreswar Tayunne. 4. „ Baneswar Mili. 5. „ Purna Ch. Dewri. 6. „ Ananda Ram Doloy.
8. Commissioner of Excise ...	2	1. „ Baliram Dewri. 2. „ Kunjalal Dewri.
9. Director of Public Health ...	2	1. „ Prahlad Singh Deka Doloi. 2. „ Biruchon Doloi.
10. Labour Commissioner ...	2	1. „ Sarbeswar Bora. 2. „ Bhabeswar Brahma.
11. Conservator of Forests ...	1	1. „ Rajendra Lal Narzary.
12. Inspector General of Police	1	1. „ Promode Ch. Mech.
13. Director of Land Records ...	1	1. „ Lal Ch. Hazarika.
14. Deputy Director, Veterinary Department.	2	1. „ Brojendra Nath Hazarika. 2. „ Chena Ram Senapati.
15. Commissioner of Taxes and other Heads of Departments.	Nil	.....

### Assam Information and Asom Batori

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked :

230. Will Government be pleased to state—

- The annual subscriptions realised from অসম বাতৰি, Assam Informations and the Assam News respectively since these papers were started ?
- The expenditure required for each of these publications ?
- Whether Government take the responsibility for the news and informations published by these papers ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

230. (a)—The *Asom Batori* and the Assam Information were free publications when started in 1948 but have been made priced publication since January 1950. There is no journal called "Assam News."

The total subscription collected from these publications since January 1950 upto August 1952 is Rs.1,935-0-0.

(b)—The expenditure incurred for both the publications during the year—

				Rs. a. p.
1950-51	is	...	...	22,157 3 0
1951-52	is	...	...	28,298 4 0

(c)—Yes.

### Supply Department and Procurement Department at Jorhat

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

231. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The strength of the present staff with their designation in Supply Department at Jorhat ?
- (b) The present stock of controlled commodities there and what are they ?
- (c) Whether the volumes of transactions now justify a separate Supply Office at all at Jorhat ?

232. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The strength of the present staff with their designations in Procurement Department at Jorhat ?
- (b) The average volumes of monthly transaction of paddy through this Department ?

233. Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the following information of Textile, Supply and Procurement Department of Jorhat for the years 1950-51, 1951-52 and a statement showing up to the end of July 1952 ?

(a) *Textiles*—

- (i) total value of textiles bought inclusive of all incidental expenditures ;
- (ii) total value of textiles in the stock of previous years ;
- (iii) total value of textiles sold ;
- (iv) total value of unwanted textiles sold in the open market and total expenditure or management under all headings ?

(b) *Supply*—

- (i) total value of controlled articles inclusive of all incidental expenditure ;
- (ii) total value of stocks of previous year ;
- (iii) total value of articles sold ;
- (iv) total value of articles damaged and ;
- (v) total expenditure of management under all headings ?

(c) *Procurement*—

- (i) total value of controlled paddy, etc., inclusive of all incidental expenditure ;  
 (ii) total value of stock of previous year ;  
 (iii) total value of articles sold ;  
 (iv) total value of articles damaged and  
 (v) total expenditure of management under all headings ?

234. Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the following informations regarding Textiles, Supply, Procurement Department of Jorhat ?

- (a) How many cases of illegal transactions of articles were detected for the last three years in these Departments and how many of them were punished with their names ?  
 (b) If any officers or employees of this department were found doing illegal things in any matter ?  
 (c) If so, what actions were taken against them ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

231.(a)—1. Superintendent of Supply	...	...	One.
2. Sub-Inspector of Supply	...	...	Two.
3. Head Assistant	...	...	One.
4. L. D. Assistant	...	...	Eight.
5. Chowkidar	...	...	One.
6. Office Peons	...	...	Two.

(b)—The stock of controlled commodities on 5th September 1952 is as follows—

Wheat Products	...	...	...	621	maunds.
Sugar	...	...	...	9,239	„
Cement	...	...	...	2000	bags.
C. I. Sheets	...	...	...	195	bundles.
B. P. Sheets	...	...	...	22	„

The stock of rice is under the direct control of Procurement Branch.

(c)—Yes.

232. (a)—The strength of Procurement Staff at Jorhat Subdivision is as follows—

D. D. P.	...	...	...	One.
Controller of Procurement	...	...	...	One.
Inspectors of Procurement...	...	...	...	Three.
Sub-Inspectors of Procurement	...	...	...	Two.
Checkers	...	...	...	Four.
Superintendent of Accounts	...	...	...	One.
Accounts Assistants	...	...	...	Four.

Accountants	...	...	...	...	...	Three.
Head Assistant	...	...	...	...	...	One.
U. D. Assistant	...	...	...	...	...	One.
L. D. Assistants	...	...	...	...	...	Four.
Typists	...	...	...	...	...	Two.
Runner	...	...	...	...	...	One.
Duftry	...	...	...	...	...	One.
Peons	...	...	...	...	...	Two.
Chowkidar	...	...	...	...	...	One.
Orderlies	...	...	...	...	...	Six.

*Godown Staff*

Head Store Keeper	...	...	...	...	One.
Godown Keepers...	...	...	...	...	Two.
Scaleman	...	...	...	...	Two.
Night Chowkidars	...	...	...	...	Five.
Attached Labourers	...	...	...	...	Six.

(b)—Rs.9,87,325 (Calculating average of all transactions of rice and paddy, etc., from April 1950 to July 1952).

233. (a) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)—During 1950-51 and onwards textiles are procured by Procuring Agents appointed by Government. Government do not maintain any account of the values of textiles so procured by the Procuring Agents and expenditure incurred by them. The information required therefore cannot be furnished.

(b) *Supply*—

					Rs.	a.	p.
(i)—In 1950-51	...	...	...	...	13,00,743	14	3
1951-52	...	...	...	...	20,85,906	2	9
1952-53 (from April to July 1952)	...	...	...	...	7,81,626	4	6
(ii)—	...	...	...	...	16,93,325	8	0
(iii)— 1950-51	...	...	...	...	13,00,743	14	3
1951-52	...	...	...	...	20,85,906	2	0
April to July 1952	...	...	...	...	4,45,445	9	0
(iv)—Nil.							

(v)—The general principle is that controlled commodities such as sugar, wheat products, iron materials and cement are received by Government Agents and distributed according to the direction and under the supervision of the Supply Office. No godowns are maintained and there is no expenditure incurred for actual distribution. The Supply Staff is entertained for making allotment of distribution keeping strict supervision over actual administration. The only expenditure incurred relates to the pay and travelling allowance of the establishment and contingencies. Approximately Rs.24,000 was spent under these heads annually.

*(c) Procurement—*

	Rs.	a.	p.
(i)—In 1950-51 ... ..	49,25,745	5	0
1951-52 ... ..	24,19,548	13	6
April to July 1952 ... ..	7,14,230	1	0
(ii)—1949-50 ... ..	4,90,171	0	0
(iii)—1950-51 ... ..	84,54,797	10	0
1951-52 ... ..	1,00,41,302	12	0
April to July 1952 ... ..	10,21,492	12	6
(iv)—1950-51 ... ..	805	0	0
1951-52 ... ..	869	3	6
April to July 1952 ... ..	Nil.		
(v)—1950-51 ... ..	2,04,116	4	0
1951-52 ... ..	2,17,333	12	0
April to July 1952 ... ..	65,276	4	0

These include all items of expenditure such as pay, T. A. of Establishment, Godown Staff, Contingencies, Godown rent, etc.

234. (a)—57 cases were detected (15 belong to Textiles) out of which 10 ended in conviction, some ended in acquittal and some cases are still pending in court. The names of the accused persons were—

*Procurement—*

1. Shri Lokenath Saikia.
2. „ Meghram Hazarika.
3. „ Md. Hyder Ali.
4. „ Boddoratdin.
5. „ Chandra Ahom.
6. „ Dimbeswar Barua.

*Supply—*

1. Ganesh Chandra Dutta.
2. Bhaba Kanta Bora.
3. Bhogeswar Saikia.

*Textiles—*

1. Shri Mohanlal Maheshri.
2. „ Golap Chandra Dutta.
3. „ Golap Chandra Dutta 2nd Offence.

(b)—Two Officers were alleged to be involved in a case of irregular disposal of 17 bales of textiles of North Lakhimpur quota by one Procuring Agent at Jorhat.

(c)—Proceedings were drawn up against them which are under consideration of Government.

**Indigent patients seeking admission in the Civil Hospitals of Assam**

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY** asked :

235. (a) Is it a fact that the number of indigent patients seeking admission into the Civil Hospitals of Assam is increasing annually ?

(b) Is it a fact that for want of sufficient seats available in these hospitals, majority of such patients are to be refused admission ?

(c) Are Government aware that many indigent helpless patients die on roads, foot-paths and fields for want of shelter and medical help ?

(d) Has Government any records of such deaths ?

(e) Do Government propose to take necessary steps to increase accommodation in these hospitals for indigent patients ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

235. (a)—The number of patients seeking admission into the Civil Hospitals is increasing.

(b) When there is no accommodation in a hospital the patients have regretfully to be refused admission.

(c)—Government have no such information.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Government have increased the number of bed strength in this province from 1,987 in 1947 to 2,520 in 1951. A proposal to have a 200 bedded hospital in each district headquarters had to be unfortunately dropped due to financial stringency.

**Re Fishery Legislation**

**Maulavi NAMWAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

236. (a) Are Government aware that there are persistent need and demand from the public for a fresh fishery legislation ?

(b) Is it a fact that in connection with the explanation and definition of certain terms of Fishery Lease large number of Miscellaneous and criminal cases are annually instituted in Cachar between the lessees and villagers catching fish for their own consumption ?

(c) Do Government propose to bring forward a new Fishery legislation in the next Session of the Assembly to clarify all ambiguity ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

236. (a)—No.

(b)—Government have no information.

(c)—No legislation is necessary. Government are empowered to frame rules under Sections 155 and 156 of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation and also under Section 6 of the Indian Fisheries Act, 1897. Accordingly, a set of rules have been framed and will be finalised shortly.

**Extradition of accused persons from Pakistan**

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

237. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether they have taken any action for the extradition of the accused arrested in Pakistan and other necessary actions in the matter of dacoity with murder case No. 9/10 of 1951 of Badarpur police station in the house of Sri Jogendra Chandra Das, Pleader, who interviewed and petitioned the Chief Minister for extradition of the accused and engaged C. I. D. or Special Police Officer for further enquiry of the Case ?
- (b) If the answer be in the affirmative, when were the Pakistan Government asked for extradition of the arrested person?
- (c) Whether any reminder was issued in this respect ?
- (d) Whether any C. I. D. or Special Police Officer was engaged and any reward announced for the arrest of the accused ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

237. (a) In the absence of any extradition agreement between India and Pakistan no step can be taken for the extradition of any accused from Pakistan.

(b)&(c)—Do not arise.

(d) The local police detected the case. No C. I. D. or Special Officer was deputed. No reward was declared.

**Staff of the Supply and Textile Departments**

**Shri SRIMAN PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

238. Will Government be pleased to state —

- (a) The total number of officers in the Textile and Supply Departments separately in different offices with particulars of posts and scales of pay attached to each including the head office of Shillong ?
- (b) The total amount required on account of pay of these officers in a month in different grades and posts ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

238. (a)—Two statements furnishing the information are placed on the table.

**Statement showing the number of Officers in the Textile Department in different offices with particulars of posts and scales of pay**

Particulars of posts	No. of Officers	Scale of pay Rs.
1. Provincial Textile Commissioner, Assam	1	800—50—1,100.
2. Assistant Provincial Textile Commissioner, Assam.	1	600—50—900.

*Provincial Textile Commissioner's Staff*

Head Assistant	...	...	1	230—10—280.
Upper Division Assistants	...	...	2	150—7½—165—(E. B.)— 10—225.
Lower Division Assistants	...	...	5	65—5—100—(E. B.)—6— 136—(E. B.)—7—150.
Typist	...	...	1	50—5/2—75—5/3—85.
Peon	...	...	2	22—1/2—28.
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*Accounts Staff*

Finance Officer	...	...	1	500—50—800.
Accounts Officer	...	...	1	350—15—500.
Senior Accountant	...	...	1	350—10—300.
Accountants	...	...	5	150—10—200.
Accounts Clerk	...	...	5	80—4—100.
Typist	...	...	1	50—5/2—75—5/3—85.
Lower Division Assistant	...	...	1	50—3—80—4—100.
Peon	...	...	1	22—½—28.
Orderly	...	...	2	22—1/2—28.
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*Bombay Staff*

1. Procurement Officer	...	...	1	500 (Fixed).
Assistants	...	...	2	150—10—250.
Steno-typist	...	...	1	125 (Fixed).
Typist	...	...	1	125 (Fixed).
Peon	...	...	2	22—1/2—28.

Particulars of posts				No. of Officers	Scale of pay
<i>Regional Superintendent and Staff</i>					
					Rs.
Regional Superintendents	...	...	...	2	200—20—300.
Assistants	...	...	...	2	50—3—80—4—100.
Peons	...	...	...	4	22—1/2—28.
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<i>District Staff</i>					
Textile Inspectors	...	...	...	18	125—10—225.
Textile Sub-Inspectors...	...	...	...	60	100—4—200.
Office Assistants	...	...	...	37	50—3—80—4—100.
Personal Peon to Inspectors	...	...	...	18	22—1/2—28.
Office Peons	...	...	...	16	22—1/2—28.
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**Statement showing the number of Officers in the Supply Department in different offices with particulars of posts and scales of pay**

Procurement Staff	Particulars of Posts		No. of Officers	Scale of pay.	
Rs.					
(1) Field Staff	...	D. D. Ps.	...	7	500—25—750.
	...	A. D. Ps.	...	4	400—20—600.
	...	Controllers	...	5	300—20—400.
	...	Inspectors (Proc.)	...	74	125—10—225.
	...	S. I. (Proc.)	...	59	100—4—140—5—200.
	...	A. S. I. (Proc.)	...	10	60—3—75.
	...	Checkers	...	266	30—2—48—3—60.
(2) Rice Control	...	A. D. R. Cs.	...	2	400—20—600.
	...	Inspectors (R. C.)	...	9	125—10—225.
	...	S. I. (R. C.)	...	40	100—4—140—5—200.
	...	A. S. I. (R. C.)	...	10	60—3—75.
	...	Checkers	...	129	30—2—48—3—60.
(3) Office Estt. (in districts).	...	Head Assistant	...	11	150—5—175.
	...	U. D. Assistant	...	17	100—5—150.
	...	L. D. Assistant	...	32	50—3—80—4—100.
	...	Typists	...	20	Do. do.
	...	Routine Clerk	...	4	Do. do.
	...	Supdt. of Accounts	...	7	300—20—400.

Procurement Staff	Particulars of Posts	No. of Officers	Scale of pay
			Rs.
	Senior Accountant ...	4	200—10—250.
	Accountant ...	26	150—10—200.
	Accounts Assistant ...	42	80—4—100—5—120.
	Duftry ...	6	25— $\frac{1}{2}$ —30.
	Office Peon ...	23	22— $\frac{1}{2}$ —28.
	Chowkidar ...	11	Do.
	Sweepers ...	7	Contingency menial.
(4) Godown Staff ...	Head Store-keeper ...	8	100—5—150.
	Branch Manager ...	12	100—4—140.
	Godown Keeper ...	103	60—3—75.
	Scaleman ...	53	50 (fixed).
	Labourer ...	60	45 (fixed).
	Chowkidar ...	157	22— $\frac{1}{2}$ —28.
	Peon ...	12	Do.
(5) Head Office ...	Director ...	1	800—50—1,000—60— 1,300—50—1,800 <i>plus</i> Special pay Rs.150 per month.
	D. D. P. ...	1	250—250—300—25—400 —25—600—25—650 <i>plus</i> Compensatory allowance Rs.250 per month.
	A. D. Ps. ...	2	400—20—600.
	U. D. Assistant ...	9	150—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ —165—10—225.
	L. D. Assistant ...	10	65—5—100—6—136—7 —150.
	Typist ...	3	55—3—76—4—100.
	Stenographer ...	1	U. D. scale of pay <i>plus</i> Special pay Rs.20 per month.
	Duftry ...	1	25— $\frac{1}{2}$ —30.
	Peons ...	19	22— $\frac{1}{2}$ —28.
	Driver ...	1	40—2—60—4—100.
	Handyman ...	1	28—1—40.
	Total ...	1,279	

Supply Staff	Particulars of posts	No. of Officers	Scale of pay
			Rs.
(1) District and Subdivision.	Superintendent of Supply.	9	200—20—300.
	Assistant Controller of Rationing.	2	Do.
	Inspector of Supply ...	14	125—10—225.
	Inspector of Rationing	3	Do.
	Sub-Inspector of Supply	65	100—4—140—5—200.
	Sub-Inspector of Rationing.	6	Do.
	Upper Division Assistants.	14	100—5—150.
	Lower Division Assistants.	73	50—3—80—4—100.
	Typist ... ..	4	Do.
	Nazirs ... ..	15	Do.
	Office peons ... ..	33	22— $\frac{1}{2}$ —28.
	Peon to Inspecting Staff	64	Do.
	Chowkidars ... ..	5	Do.
(2) Head Office (General Supply).	Assistant Director of Supply.	1	350—20—450 <i>plus</i> special pay of Rs.200 per month.
	Upper Division Assistants.	9	150—7 $\frac{1}{2}$ —165—10—225.
	Lower Division Assistants.	8	65—5—100—6—136—7—150.
	Typist ... ..	2	55—3—76—4—100.
	Duftry ... ..	1	25— $\frac{1}{2}$ —30.
	Peons ... ..	9	22— $\frac{1}{2}$ —28.
(3) Office of the Deputy Director of Supply (Accounts).	Chowkidar ... ..	1	Do.
	Deputy Director of Supply (Accounts).	1	500—50—1,500.
	Accounts Officer ... ..	1	500—35—850.
	Superintendent ... ..	1	300—20—400.
	Senior Accountants ... ..	4	250—10—300.
	Accountants ... ..	3	200—5—225.
	Accountants ... ..	18	150—10—200.
	Accounts Assistants ... ..	10	100—5—150.
	Accounts Assistants ... ..	25	80—4—100—5—120.
	Lower Division Assistants.	4	50—3—80—4—100.

Supply Staff	Particulars of posts	No. of Officers	Scale of pay Rs.
	Typist ... ..	3	55-3-76-4-100.
	Duftry ... ..	1	25- $\frac{1}{2}$ -30.
	Peons ... ..	21	22- $\frac{1}{2}$ -28.
(4) Arbitration case	Typist ... ..	1	55-3-76-4-100.
	Peon ... ..	1	22- $\frac{1}{2}$ -28.
(5) Treasury staff ...	Upper Division Assistants.	9	100-5-150.
Total		...	441

### Police force (Border Security and Enforcement)

	Particulars of posts	No. of Officers	Scale of pay Rs.
(1) Border Security Force (to check smuggling of rice/paddy).	Special Superintendent...	1	600-40-1,000.
	Deputy Superintendent	2	150-175-200-15- 275-20-475-25- 600.
	Inspectors ... ..	3	175-25/2-200-15- 275-20-375.
	Sub-Inspectors ... ..	18	100-5-160-5-200.
	Assistant Sub-Inspectors	6	50-1-60-1-70.
	Head Constables ... ..	68	45- $\frac{1}{2}$ -61-1-65.
	Constables ... ..	868	28- $\frac{1}{2}$ -30- $\frac{1}{2}$ -40.
	Sweepers ... ..	17	} Contingency menials.
	Cooks ... ..	58	
(2) Enforcement Branch (Supply and Textile).	Superintendent ... ..	1	600-40-1,000.
	Deputy Superintendent	1	150-175-200-15- 275-20-475-25- 600.
	Inspectors ... ..	4	175-25/2-200-15- 275-20-375.
	Sub-Inspectors ... ..	14	100-5-160-5-200.
	Assistant Sub-Inspectors	10	50-1-60-1-70.
	Head Constables ... ..	6	45-1-50-1-65.
	Constables ... ..	41	28- $\frac{1}{2}$ -30- $\frac{1}{2}$ -40.
	Head Assistant ... ..	1	125-5-175.
	Accountant ... ..	1	100-5-150.
	L. D. Assistant ... ..	1	50-3-80-4-100.
	Typist ... ..	1	50-3-80-4-100.
	Duftry ... ..	1	25- $\frac{1}{2}$ -30.
Total		...	1,123

(b)—Rupees 22,000 and Rs.1,34,500 approximately for Textile and Supply Departments respectively.

**Dewan Manikchand Ward Estate**

**Shri NANDA KISHORE SINGHA** asked :

239. (a) Will Government be pleased to state how much lands were settled in Dewan Manikchand Ward Estate during the last three years ?

(b) Is it a fact that lands were settled without orders depriving the legitimate claims of local tenants ?

(c) If so, do Government propose to disapprove those settlements and settle the land afresh to the local landless tenants ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister)** replied :

239. (a)—1356	B. S.	...	...	...	...	513	bighas.
1357	B. S.	...	...	...	...	1,098	„
1358	B. S.	...	...	...	...	521	„

(b)—No. Orders of competent authority is obtained for such settlement.

(c)—Does not arise.

**Requisition of land in the Noanady Tea Estates**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

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

(a) How much land in the Noanady Tea Estates of the Mangaldai Subdivision has been requisitioned and how many acres have uptill now been settled with landless people ?

(b) Whether any compensation has been paid to the estate holder and if so, how much ?

(c) Whether any premium has been taken from the people for settling the land and if so, at what rate ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

240. (a)—1,685 acres of land have been requisitioned and out of them 1,452½ (about) acres have been settled with the landless people.

(b)—No compensation has yet been paid, as full amount of rent have not been paid by the allottees,

(c)—No.

**Primary Education and Basic Education**

**Shri HAKIM CHANDRA RABHA** asked :

241. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Inspector of Schools, who is also the Secretary, School Board, Goalpara surrendered a large sum of money to the Government, during the year 1951-52 ?

(b) If it is a fact, are Government aware that some areas of Goalpara Subdivision are thickly inhabited by Plains Tribal People, who are badly in need of Primary Education.

242. (a) Do Government propose to accept the Basic Education as a standard in all lower Primary Schools all over Assam ?

(b) Do Government propose to stop Guru Training Centres and depute more teachers for training in Basic Education ?

243. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of Middle Vernacular and Middle English School in the predominantly tribal areas of Goalpara, (i. e. from Agia to Lakhipur).

(b) If the number is small in proportion to population will Government be pleased to increase the number of Schools in the tribal belt ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

241. (a)—No money was surrendered but there was some balance ; for many of the schools closed down in the last communal disturbance could not be revived.

(b)—Yes, but many Primary Schools in the Plains Tribal areas of Goalpara Subdivision have already been established in course of the last 3 years since the creation of the School Board and many more will be required to meet the requirements.

242. (a) It is under consideration of Government but no decision has been made.

(b) There is no proposal to close down any of the Guru Training centres but the question of converting all Guru Training Centres into Basic Training Centres is under consideration of Government.

243. (a)—There are no vernacular or English Middle Schools in the area from Agia to Lakhipur in the Goalpara Subdivision.

(b) If funds permit, the increase of Schools in the area will receive due consideration but the starting of schools will mostly depend upon the public.

#### **Sukulia Grant of Borpatra Tea Estate**

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

244. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The number and names of the cultivators, cultivating on the Sukulia Grant of Borpatra Tea Estate (Sibsagar Subdivision) before it was requisitioned by Government ?

(b) The area of the grant and the area actually brought under cultivation ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the cultivators who were occupying and cultivating the grant before it was requisitioned by Government were refused settlement and un-lawfully evicted from the land ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

244. (a)—There were altogether 13 persons cultivating in the Sukulia Grant before it was requisitioned. The names of those persons are as follows—

1. Chagram
2. Chaitainya
3. Karmaji
4. Budhua
5. Damaru Singh
6. Rama Mura
7. Lasman Singh
8. Dukla
9. Ruika

10. Ratan 11. Joynath 12. Kuko Urang 13. Saru Prasorak.

(b)—The total area of the Grant is 1,594 bighas out of which an area of about 750 bighas has been brought under cultivation.

(c)—No.

### Opening of new hospitals throughout Assam including the Tribal Areas

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

245. (a) Is it a fact that the opening of new hospitals throughout Assam including the Tribal Areas has been greatly hampered due to want of Doctors ?

(b) If so, Do Government propose to revive the Berry-White Medical School ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

245. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. Following the trend of recent medical opinion and also in pursuance of the recommendations of the Medical Council of India it was decided by Government to abolish the School Education. The Medical Council of India passed a resolution in October 1940 according to which it was proposed to establish an All Register, to include in this Register all persons whose names were borne on the Schedule of the Indian Medical Council Acts, after obtaining qualifications recognised by them other than those granted by the Universities up to 31st December 1947, after which it was expected that the four years' medical course in the School would be abolished, and there would be only one uniform minimum standard adopted by all medical institutions in India.

The policy of the Government of Assam to abolish the Berry-White Medical School at Dibrugarh and to start a Medical College is in accordance with this.

### Construction of houses for the Permanent Officers at Gauhati, Dhubri and Hailakandi

**Shri SRIMAN PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

246. (a) Are Government aware that many Government Officers are to live for months together in the Dak Bungalows for want of houses on rent specially at Gauhati, Dhubri and Hailakandi ?

(b) If so, do Government propose to take necessary steps to construct some houses for the permanent officers in these towns ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

246. (a)—Some officers are required to live in Dak Bungalows at Gauhati and Dhubri for a considerable time due to non-availability of residential quarters occupied by Officers for want of accommodation elsewhere, but Government have no information.

(b)—At present there is no such schemes to construct houses as all such schemes are dependent on availability of funds. But the problem of housing difficulty for offices and officers has become a source of anxiety to Government and the question how to tackle this serious problem is engaging the attention of the Government.

**Passport system in North Cachar Hills and Lushai Hills**

**Maulavi NAMWAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

247. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) If the Pass or Passport system in North Cachar Hills and Lushai Hills is in force ?
- (b) If so, do Government propose to withdraw the system from both the areas mentioned above ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

247. (a)—Yes. An Inner Line for each of these areas has been prescribed under section 2 of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873, under which all persons other than officers on Government duty and indigenous inhabitants of the areas as also certain authorised professional graziers in the North Cachar Hills are prohibited from going beyond that line without a pass from the Subdivisional Officer or Deputy Commissioner, as the case may be.

(b)—No. In consultation with the Government of India it has been decided not to withdraw these restrictions at present.

**Grazing Fields in Garo Hills open for cultivation**

**Shri HARISON MOMIN** asked :

248. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How much of the areas of the grazing fields in the Garo Hills have been allowed to be cultivated in view of the "Grow More Food Campaign"?
- (b) The number of applications for permission to cultivate the grazing fields received from the villagers during the period of last two years ?
- (c) The number of applications rejected with reasons ?
- (d) Whether proper enquiries were made before they were rejected ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

248. (a)—No Village Grazing Reserve or any part thereof has been dereserved in pursuance of the Grow More Food Campaign in the Garo Hills District because the existing grazing reserves are considered essential for the cattle. Some of the reserves are hilly patches and not suitable for wet cultivation. At the time the village grazing reserves were constituted, areas unfit for cultivation were mostly selected.

(b)—Information regarding the exact number of such applications is not readily available and is being collected. Government are however informed that numerous applications have been received praying for settlement of land in grazing reserves.

(c)—The information is being collected.

(d)—Yes.

### Assam Medical College

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

249. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of patients admitted into—

(i) Medical, (ii) Surgical, (iii) Eysers and Throat, (iv) Isolation, (v) Maternity and (vi) Tuberculosis Departments of the Assam Medical College Hospital and Civil Hospital during the period from January, 1951 to July, 1952 ?

(b) The number of patients discharged from each of the above Departments after thorough recovery during the above period ?

(c) The number of patients died in each Department during the said period ?

(d) The number of patients sought discharges during the above period being not cured ?

(e) What is the total number of children born in the Maternity branch during the above period ?

250. (a) Is it a fact that a young and well-known doctor named Amulya Dhar Rajkhuwa died on the operation table in the Assam Medical College Hospital on the 13th July, 1952 ?

(b) What was his case ?

(c) Who took up the case at the Medical College Hospital ?

(d) At what time the patient was brought to the Medical College Hospital ?

(e) At what time he was examined ?

(f) What sort of treatment was at first applied to this patient ?

251. Will Government be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) The total number of students, Nurses, and Midwives expelled from the beginning of the Assam Medical College Hospital upto the end of 31st July, 1952 ?

(b) What are the names of the expelled students, Nurses and Midwives ?

(c) What are the causes of expulsion of each of them ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

249. (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e)—Information has been called for.

250. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f)—Information has been called for.

251. (a), (b) & (c)—Information has been called for.

**Namani Majuli Milan Sangha**

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

252. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether they received a number of resolutions of Namani Majuli Milan Sangha adopted at its meeting held on 1st June 1952 wherein they have demanded the following :—

- (1) a Hindi teacher in Karatipar High School ;
- (2) a Veterinary Hospital ;
- (3) one Government Middle Vernacular School down Karatipar area ;
- (4) one Weaving School ;
- (5) one Lower Primary School at Uloopam Miri, Baghbari Nepali, Gosainbari Pahumara and Bhalukmara ;
- (6) a bridge over a jan on the road laid by the Ryots of Kumargaon to Public Works Department Road ;
- (7) to reopen No. 185 Malooal Lower Primary School ;
- (8) water supplies to some 15 villages ;
- (9) a substantial grant to Bapuji Library ; and ;
- (10) A bund upto Ahatorguri.

(b) Will Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to give effect to those demands or any of them ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

252.—(a) to (10)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

**All Assam Primary School Teachers Conference**

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

253. (a) Did Government receive copy of Resolution No.12 at the meeting of the First All Assam Primary School Teachers Conference held on the 27th November, 1949, demanding new scales of pay for trained, untrained teachers and special allowance for those employed by the Municipality ?

(b) Is it a fact that the same demands were pressed in all the subsequent meeting of the Conference, but Government did not take any action thereon ?

(c) Do Government propose to take steps to fulfil the demand ?

254. Do Government propose to take necessary steps to expand technical Institutions of the State to absorb unskilled labourers to train them as skilled technicians ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

252. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Action on such Resolutions passed by the subsequent meetings of the conference has been taken as far as practicable. It is not possible to meet the demand for want of funds.

(c)—Not at present, in view of the new time scale of pay given to Lower Primary teachers with effect from 1st July 1951.

254.—It is not possible to expand Technical Institution owing to paucity of funds.

**Number of Co-operative Agricultural Farms Sponsored by Government**

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI** asked :

255.(a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of Co-operative Agricultural Farms sponsored by the State Government in different districts showing the amounts spent on each of them year by year since the Farms were started ?

(b) What have been the profits earned by each of these Farms (to be shown year by year)?

(c) Have the accounts of the Farms been duly audited?

(d) If so, will Government be pleased to lay on the table the copy of the Audit Reports?

256.(a) Will Government be pleased to state the amounts that have been spent on the Garudharia Farm in Dibrugarh year by year?

(b) What have been earnings of this Farm since its start ?

(c) Will Government be pleased to state if the accounts of this Garudharia Farm have been audited and if so, what is the audit report?

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister)** replied :

255.(a)—The Missamari Co-operative Colony Ltd., is the only Agricultural Farm sponsored by the State Government.

Government have spent the following amounts for the development of the Colony since it started work.

1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
3,81,905	38,400	15,785	14,327

(b)—The Colony has earned profits since it started work in 1948.

In the year 1948-49, half year ending 30th September 1949 and 1949-50 profits earned were Rs.1,082-3-8, Rs.126-9-10 and Rs.4,416-15-0 respectively. Audit for the remaining years is in progress. Hence figures for the same cannot be furnished.

(c)—Yes, upto 1949-50. Audit for the remaining years is in progress.

(d)—Copies of the audit reports for the years referred to at (b) are placed on the table.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSAMARI CO-OPERATIVE COLONY LIMITED, FOR THE YEAR 1948-49

Registration No. and date	...	...	...	21 of 1948, dated 23rd June 1948.
No. of Member on 31st March 1949	...	...	...	5.
No. of member newly enrolled during the year	...	...	...	5.
Meeting of the Advisory Board held during the year	...	...	...	5.
Meeting of the General Assembly held during the year	...	...	...	1.
Rate of interest charged on loans	...	...	...	6½ per cent.
Rate of interest charged on credit sale	...	...	...	12½ per cent.
Rate of interest paid on deposit	...	...	...	Nil.

#### Cash Account

Receipts		Expenditure	
	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
Deposit from non-member	85 0 0	Purchase of rice and paddy	9,322 8 0
Credit sale realised	7,719 14 0	Freight	149 6 0
Credit sale realised excess	35 0 0	Loan issued to Missamari P. T. C. Limited.	6,806 0 0
Cash Sale	337 12 0	Stationery	1 0 0
Sale of equipment	25 0 0	Loan issued to members	1,200 0 0
Loan from Government	15,000 0 0		
Share money	50 0 0		
Admission fee	5 0 0		
Loan realised from Missamari P. T. C.	6,806 0 0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,063 10 0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,478 14 0</b>
Opening balance	....	Closing balance	12,584 12 0
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>30,063 10 0</b>	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>30,063 10 0</b>

## Trading Account

DR.

CR.

	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
To purchase .. .. .	9,322 8 0	By cash sale .. .. .	337 12 0
To freight .. .. .	146 6 0	By cash sale adjustable .. .. .	49 8 0
To Gross profit b/d .. .. .	1,144 10 6	By credit sale of rice .. .. .	4,441 8 0
		By credit sale of paddy .. .. .	4,608 0 0
		By closing stock .. .. .	1,179 12 6
Total .. .. .	<u>10,616 8 6</u>	Total .. .. .	<u>10,616 8 6</u>

## Profit and Loss Account

DR.

CR.

To stationery .. .. .	1 0 0	By gross profit .. .. .	1,144 10 6
To interest due to Government .. .. .	35 12 6	By admission fee .. .. .	5 0 0
To audit fee for 1948-49 .. .. .	151 0 0	By sale of equipment .. .. .	25 0 0
To net profit .. .. .	1,082 3 8	By interest on credit sale .. .. .	89 1 11
		By interest on loan .. .. .	6 3 9
Total .. .. .	<u>1,270 0 2</u>	Total .. .. .	<u>1,270 0 2</u>

## Balance Sheet as on 31st March 1949

## Liabilities and Capital

## Property and Assets

Share money .. .. .	50 0 0	Cash in hand .. .. .	12,584 12 0
Non-member's deposit .. .. .	85 0 0	Closing stock .. .. .	1,179 12 6
Loan due to Government .. .. .	15,000 0 0	Credit sale realisable .. .. .	1,329 10 0
Interest due to Government .. .. .	35 12 6	Interest due on above .. .. .	89 1 11
Credit sale refundable .. .. .	35 0 0	Loan due from member .. .. .	1,200 0 0
Audit fee due 1948-49 .. .. .	151 0 0	Interest due on above .. .. .	6 3 9
Net profit of the year .. .. .	1,082 3 8	Cash sale adjustable .. .. .	49 8 0
Grand total .. .. .	<u>16,439 0 2</u>	Grand total .. .. .	<u>16,439 0 2</u>

Subject to the contents of my audit note I certify that the above Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the society's affairs according to the best of my informations and explanations given to me and as shown by books.

MISSAMARI:

The 18th April 1950.

Sd./ B. BHATTACHARJEE,

Assistant Auditor of Co-operative Societies, Tezpur.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSAMARI CO-OPERATIVE COLONY  
LIMITED FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 1949**

Number and date of registration... No.21 of 1948-49 dated 23rd June 1948.

Total number of members on 30th September 1949	...	327.
Meeting of the Advisory Board held during the year	...	Nil.
Meeting of the General Assembly held during the year	...	Nil.
Rate of interest charged on loans	... ..	6½ per cent.
Rate of interest charged on credit sale	... ..	9½ per cent.
Rate of interest charged on deposit	... ..	Nil.

**Cash Account**

Receipts			Expenditure		
Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.		
Share money	.. ..	1,610 0 0	Loan issued to members	.. ..	2,208 12 0
Admission fee	.. ..	161 0 0	Freight	.. ..	120 0 0
Credit sale realised	.. ..	967 10 0	Deposit withdrawn..	.. ..	10 0 0
Loan repaid by members	.. ..	100 0 0	Loan issued to Missamari Primary Trading Co-operative Limited.	.. ..	5,000 0 0
Deposit received	.. ..	205 0 0	Purchase of paddy..	.. ..	358 14 0
Sale of Equipment	.. ..	6 0 0			
Interest realised	.. ..	65 12 0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>3,115 6 0</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>7,697 10 0</b>
Opening balance	.. ..	12,584 12 0	Closing balance	.. ..	8,002 8 0
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>15,700 2 0</b>	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>15,700 2 0</b>

**Trading Account**

Rs. a. p.			Rs. a. p.		
To opening stock	.. ..	1,121 0 6	By credit sale	.. ..	443 8 0
To purchase of paddy	.. ..	358 14 0	By sale of equipment	.. ..	6 0 0
To freight	.. ..	120 0 0	By freight charge recoverable (audit note).	.. ..	120 0 0
To gross profit b/d	.. ..	101 2 9	By closing stock	.. ..	1,131 9 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>1,701 1 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>.. ..</b>	<b>1,701 1 3</b>

## Profit and Loss Account

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	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
To interest due to Government	112 8 0	By gross profit b/d..	101 2 9
To depreciation on stock ..	58 12 0	By interest due on credit sale	24 15 0
To Audit fee due (1949) ..	91 8 0	By interest due on loan ..	93 13 3
To net profit .. ..	126 9 10	By interest realisable ..	8 6 10
		By admission fee .. ..	161 0 0
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b><u>389 5 10</u></b>	<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b><u>389 5 10</u></b>

## Balance Sheet as on 30th September 1949

Liabilities capital		Property assets	
	Rs. a. p.		Rs. a. p.
Share money .. ..	1,660 0 0	Cash in hand .. ..	8,002 8 0
Member deposit .. ..	100 0 0	Stock in hand .. ..	1,131 9 3
Non-member's deposit ..	180 0 0	Credit sale realisable ..	805 8 0
Loan due to Government ..	15,000 0 0	Interest receivable on above	56 11 9
Interest due on above ..	148 4 6	Loan due by members ..	3,308 12 0
Excess credit sale refundable as P.L.B.S.	35 0 0	Interest receivable on above	100 1 0
Audit fee due 1948-49 ..	151 0 0	Loan due by Missamari T.C.	5,000 0 0
Audit fee due 1949 .. ..	91 8 0	Cash sale recoverable per last B.S.	49 8 0
Undistributed profit .. ..	1,082 3 8	Freight recoverable (see audit note).	120 0 0
Net profit .. ..	126 9 10		
<b>Grand total .. ..</b>	<b><u>18,574 10 0</u></b>	<b>Grand total .. ..</b>	<b><u>18,574 10 0</u></b>

Subject to the contents of my audit note I certify that the above balance sheet exhibit a true and correct view of the society's affairs according to the best of my information and explanations given to me and as shown by books.

The 13th April 1950.

Sd./- B. BHATTACHARJEE,  
Assistant Auditor of Co-operative Societies, Tezpur.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MISSAMARI CO-OPERATIVE COLONY  
LTD. FOR THE YEAR 1949-50**

1. Number and date of Registration ... No. 21 of 1948-49, dated 23rd June 1948.
2. Number of members on 30th September 1949 166
3. Number of members newly enrolled ... 59
4. Number of members ceased ... Nil
5. Total number of members remained on 30th September 1950 ... 255
6. Number of general assembly meeting held during the year..... 4 sittings (on 2nd February 1950, 10th February 1950, 26th September 1950 and 30th September 1950). The two middle meetings formed no quorum.
7. Number of advisory board meetings held during the year..... Nil.
8. Number of administrative council meeting held during the year..... Nil.

**CASH ACCOUNT**

Receipts	Rs. a. p.	Expenditure	Rs. a. p.
Share money realised ..	590 0 0	Loan issued.. ..	7,580 0 0
Admission fee .. ..	59 0 0	Deposit refunded (members) ..	255 0 0
Loan recovered .. ..	909 0 0	Government loan paid ..	5,000 0 0
Interest on loans credit sale	106 8 6	Transport labour charges ..	270 3 6
Non-members deposit ..	135 0 0	Purchase of tractors	
Receipts from tractors ..	3,335 4 6	Parts accessories .. ..	2,013 10 0
Sale proceeds of thatches ..	996 8 0	Tractor operation .. ..	2,789 9 0
Fines (pound income) ..	441 2 0	Cost of thatch collection ..	395 0 0
Credit sale recovered ..	289 0 0	Pay of technical staff .. ..	1,293 0 0
Loan recovered from Missamari Trading Co-operative Ltd...	3,500 0 0	Eviction expenses .. ..	36 0 0
Sale proceeds of paddy ..	3,080 2 0	Printing charges .. ..	95 0 0
Amount recovered as per l. b. s. for credit sale ..	49 8 0	Purchase of paddy .. ..	397 3 0
Permit fee .. ..	11 0 0	Office expenses .. ..	4 12 0
Rent received for annual lease	90 0 0	Advance .. ..	10 0 0
Rent received from model farm as per contract ..	50 0 0	Total ..	20,149 5 6
Contribution from dispensary	49 4 0	Closing balance	1,576 0 0
Advance received.. ..	10 0 0	Grand total ..	21,725 5 6
Sale proceeds of vegetable seeds	8 10 0		
Suspense account.. ..	12 14 6		
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>13,722 13 6</b>		
Opening balance	8,002 8 6		
<b>Grand total ..</b>	<b>21,725 5 6</b>		

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## TRADING ACCOUNT

Cr.

	Rs.	a.	p.		Rs.	a.	p.
To purchase of paddy ..	397	3	0	By sale proceeds of paddy ..	3,080	2	0
To credit purchase ..	402	12	0	By sale proceeds of Vegetable Seeds ..	8	10	0
To Transport cost labour ..	270	3	6	By credit sale of paddy ..	100	0	0
To Opening stock ..	1,131	9	3	Total ..	3,188	12	0
Total ..	2,201	11	9	Grand total ..	3,188	12	0
To Gross profit ..	987	0	3				
Grand total ..	3,188	12	0				

Dr.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Cr.

	Rs.	a.	p.		Rs.	a.	p.
To tractor operation exp. ..	2,782	9	0	By Gross profit ..	987	0	3
To thatch collection exp. ..	395	0	0	By receipt from tractor ..	3,335	4	6
To pay to technical staff ..	1,293	0	0	By admission fee ..	5	0	0
To printing charges ..	95	0	0	By interest realised ..	50	15	6
To eviction expenses ..	36	0	0	By interest due on loan credit	480	12	3
To office expenses ..	4	12	0	By amount due from bazar ..	580	0	0
To interest due on Government loan ..	187	8	0	By receipts of M. farm ..	50	0	0
To depreciation on tractor parts accessories at 10 per cent. ..	201	10	0	By contribution from dispensary	49	4	0
To transport cost shown realisable as P. L. B. S. ..	120	0	0	By rent ..	90	0	0
To net profit ..	4,416	15	0	By permit fee ..	11	0	0
TOTAL ..	9,539	6	0	By fines ..	441	2	0
				By interest due from Missamari T.C.	128	12	0
				By sale proceeds of thatch ..	996	2	0
				By tractor hire due ..	1,830	1	6
				By stock of lubricatings ..	459	10	6
				TOTAL ..	9,539	6	0

## Balance sheet as at 30th September 1950

Capital and Liabilities			Properties and Assets		
	Rs.	a. p.		Rs.	a. p.
Paid up share capital ..	2,250	0 0	Closing balance .. ..	1,576	0 0
Deposit of non-members ..	50	0 0	Value of Lubricatings ..	459	10 0
Deposit of members .. ..	100	0 0	Credit sale due .. ..	616	8 0
Loans due to Government ..	10,000	0 0	Interest due on above ..	120	5 6
Interest due on above .. ..	335	12 6	Loans due from members ..	9,9	9 12 0
Excess credit sale refundable as per B/S of 1948-49 .. ..	35	0 0	Interest due on above ..	444	11 6
Audit fee due (1948-49) ..	151	0 0	Loan due from M/S Missa-mari T. C. Limited ..	1,500	0 0
Ditto (1949) .. ..	91	8 0	Interest due on above ..	128	12 0
Amount payable for credit purchase of paddy .. ..	402	12 0	Value of tractor parts and accessories less 10 per cent. depreciation .. ..	1,812	0 0
Undistributed Profit of 1948-49 ..	1,082	3 8	Amount recoverable for Missa-mari Bazaar:—		
Undistributed Profit for 1949 ..	126	9 10	(a) From L. B. Tezpur ..	505	0 0
Suspenses a/c .. ..	12	14 6	(b) From Srijut A. Kakoty ..	75	0 0
			Amount recoverable for Tractor Hiring .. ..	1,830	1 0
			Discrepancy in the Interest a/c of the last B/S .. ..	6	15 3
<b>Total</b> .. ..	<b>14,637</b>	<b>12 6</b>	<b>Total</b> .. ..	<b>19,054</b>	<b>11 0</b>
To add Net Profit .. ..	4,416	15 0	To add Net loss .. ..	Nil.	
<b>Grand total</b> .. ..	<b>19,054</b>	<b>11 6</b>	<b>Grand total</b> .. ..	<b>19,054</b>	<b>11 0</b>

256.(a)—Government have sanctioned only a grant of Rs.6,000 in 1949 from the Self-help grant on the recommendation of the Subdivi-sional Self-help Advisory Board.

(b)—Information has been called for.

(c)—Information has been called for.

#### Bone mills in Assam

Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI asked:

257. (a) Will Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken so far to start bone mills in Assam?

(b) Is it a fact that one Amulya Chaliha of Dibrugarh was granted a loan of Rs.20,000 for starting a bone mill?

(c) Will Government be pleased to state what the said Amulya Chaliha has done with the money loaned out to him for this purpose?

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister)** replied :

257.(a)—No step has as yet been taken by the Government to start any bone mill in Assam.

(b)—Yes, Shri Amulya Chaliha, a share-holder of the Assam Minor Industries Ltd., Gauhati, was advanced a loan of Rs.20,000 for development of the Bone Crushing Mill of the aforesaid Company. The loan was sanctioned to him because he furnished immovable properties as security for the loan.

(c)—Shri Amulya Prasad Chaliha is reported to have already collected on purchase 1000 maunds of bones against 4750 maunds contracted for. These bones are according to arrangement for delivery to the Assam Minor Industries Ltd., for conversion to bone mill.

### **Silchar-Sonabarighat-Sonai and Sonabarighat-Palonghat Roads**

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

258. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The year in which the Public Works Department, Assam took over charges of the Silchar-Sonabarighat-Sonai and Sonabarighat-Palonghat Roads from the Local Board, Silchar ?

(b) What amount was spent by Public Works Department, Assam for the upkeep and repair of these roads since their taking up by the Public Works Department, Assam (figures to be given year by year) ?

(c) What is the total length of these two Roads ?

(d) How many bridges are there in these two Roads ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that places near Dakhin Krishnapur and Satkorakandi on the Silchar-Sonai Road become unpassable during the rainy season very often ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that culvert at Kanakpur on Silchar-Sonai road is lying incomplete for over one year ?

(g) Whether Government are aware that some of the bridges in these two roads are unsafe for heavy traffic ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

258. (a)—Silchar-Sonabari-Sonai (8.5 miles) and Sonabari-Kabuganj (7 miles) Roads were taken over from Local Board in 1948, for improvement under Post-War Development programme and Kabuganj-Palongghat Road (2.85 miles) was taken over for improvement under Tea Rates Road Fund in 1940.

(b)—Information is being collected from Local Officers and will be replied to the Member when received.

(c)—Lengths as given against (a) above.

(d), (f) & (g)—Information is being collected from Local Officers, and will be supplied to the member when received.

(e)—Government have no information. A report has been asked for from the Executive Engineer.

**Assam Co-operative Apex Bank**

**Shri ROBIN KAKATI** asked :

259. Will Government be pleased to state

- (a) Whether the Managers of the Apex Bank Branches are Government Employees ?
- (b) If so, whether they are eligible for all the amenities enjoyed by Government servants such as Dearness Allowance and Free Rations and Rice Concessions ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that the Managers are not getting such privileges ?

260. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that after the opening of the Apex Bank an order was issued to all Co-operative Societies to bring their surplus funds to the Apex Bank from other banks ?
- (b) If so, whether Government are aware that the said order was not carried out by the Provincial Co-operative Bank of Assam and the funds deposited in the Nath Bank and in the Pioneer Bank Limited, etc., were not withdrawn with the result that a huge sum of money was wasted due to failure of these Banks ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to institute an enquiry into the matter to find out the culprits ?

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister)** replied :

259. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. But the Branch Managers of Apex Bank are treated as on foreign service ; their pay and allowances including dearness allowances, free ration and supply of rice at concession rate being charges on the Apex Bank.

(c)—Yes. The matter has been taken up with the Apex Bank for credit of money in respect of the aforesaid privileges and on compliance by the Apex Bank the Branch Managers would receive the aforesaid compensatory allowances.

260. (a)—Yes, instructions were issued to all Co-operatives to deposit their funds in the Apex Bank. This however did not debar any society to deposit its funds in any Scheduled Bank approved by the Registrar or in the manner as provided in the Act.

(b)—The Nath Bank and the Pioneer Bank were “Scheduled Banks”. The Provincial Bank kept a portion of their funds in deposits with these Banks obviously in good faith and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, Rule and Bye-laws and might not have timely information about the failure of the Nath Bank and Pioneer Bank for withdrawing the deposited money.

(c)—Does not arise.

**Macadamised roads in Assam maintained by Public Works Department**

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS** asked :

261. (a) Will Government be pleased to state how many macadamised roads are there in the State of Assam maintained by the Public Works Department ?

(b) What is the mileage of these roads ?

(c) Is there any proposal for macadamising any road in the North Bank of Gauhati ?

(d) Are Government going to macadamise the following roads :—

(1) Palashbari-Barduar Road,

(2) Chariali-Rani Road ; and

(3) Gauhati-Sonapur Hahara Road *via* Amchang Tea Estate ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

261. (a)—91 (ninety-one).

(b)—913 (nine-hundred and thirteen).

(c)—None. But certain lengths here and there passing through congested area may be improved as and when funds permit.

(d)—No.

**Distribution of funds by the Assam Roads Communication Board**

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

262. (a) Is it a fact that Government has accepted the principle of population *cum*-area in the last meeting of Assam Roads Communication Board in the matter of distribution of funds district-wise for roads ?

(b) If not, will Government be pleased to state the formula, the principle under which the distribution has been made ?

(c) How much money has been allotted to the District of Cachar in the aforesaid meeting ?

(d) Will Government be pleased to state of the money allotted by the Road and Communication Board in its last meeting for the improvement of roads in the District of Cachar how much is proposed by the Board to be spent for each of the Subdivisions of Silchar, Hailakandi and Karimganj (figures are to be given Subdivision-wise) ?

(e) Whether Government have accepted the list of roads of the District of Cachar selected for improvement by the Board in its last meeting ?

(f) How much of the allotted money for Cachar each of these Subdivisions is entitled to get on the same basis and principle on which money has been distributed district-wise by the same Board in its same meeting ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) replied :

262. (a)—No.

(b)—The distribution was based on the average of two formulas, viz., Grid and Star formula and population *cum*-area formula.

(c)—Rupees 8,60,000.

(d)—No Subdivision-wise distribution was made in the meeting of the Board. Following are however the roads recommended for three different Subdivisions of the Cachar District.

*Hailakandi*

			Rs.
1. Algapur-Mohanpur Road 6 miles	...	...	60,000
2. Hailakandi-Ratanpur Road 3 miles	...	...	60,000
			<hr/> 1,20,000

*Silchar*

1. Sonai-Matinagar-Diderkhos Road 5 miles	...	...	2,00,000
2. Silcuri-Sildhubi Road 3 miles	...	...	60,000
			<hr/> 2,60,000

*Karimganj*

1. Blacktopping 2 miles of S. T. Road at Karimganj	...	...	62,000
2. Blacktopping $\frac{1}{4}$ th mile at Patharkandi, 1 F each at Nilambazar and Fakirabazar.			18,000
3. Fakirabazar-Latu-Mahishashan-Nilambazar Road Section I.			60,000
4. Roads within Karimganj Municipality	...	...	50,000
5. Anipur-Aliviacherra road or Laraipowa-Katamari road.			50,000
6. Karimganj-Lakhibazar road	...	...	2,40,000
			<hr/> 4,80,000

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Information required for calculation of the amounts each Subdivision is entitled to is being collected from the District Officers and a reply will be sent to the member as soon as ready.

**Damage to crops in Dhai-Ali area**

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked :

263. (a) Is it a fact that Dhai-Ali cut has lately destroyed crops in 13/14 miles ?

(b) If not, will Government be pleased to state the names of the 4 villages stated to have been affected ?

(c) Is it a fact that the proposal for drawing out water for the safety of the Bund by cutting Dhai-Ali and renovating Balama and other drainage was submitted along with original plan, but could not be executed for want of sanction ?

(d) If so, will Government be pleased to enquire and state who is responsible for this and what action has Government taken against the person at fault ?

(e) Has any of them or the Chief Engineer or Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer (Embankment and Drainage) visited the Lower Panidihing area which has been affected by the cut ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

263. (a)—Government are aware that some damage to the *Ahu* crops had taken place in the area west of the Dhai-Ali.

(b)—It is not clear which statement the hon. Member is referring to.

(c)—No. The work on the retirement was started in December, 1951. Proposal for cutting the Dhai-Ali was submitted in February, 1952. This had to be examined fully by carrying out some survey before orders could be passed. Villagers obstructing the proposed cut delayed action after orders were passed in April, 1952. Actually making three cuts in the Dhai-Ali could be started on 24th May, 1952 and completed with police help on 28th May, 1952. In the meantime Dhai-Ali was submerged for a length of 1,500 feet on 27th May, 1952.

The proposal for renovating the Bolama channel was received after that.

(d)—In view of the replies to Question (c) above this does not arise.

(e)—Yes. Only a part of it.

**Dikhu Bund**

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked :

264. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the date when advance possession of the lands for diversion of Dikhu Bund at Right Bank mile No. 12 and left Bank mile No. 14 was taken ?

(b) Is it a fact that many persons had to demolish their houses and remove elsewhere ?

(c) Has compensation to the people concerned been paid ?

(d) If so, when ?

(e) If not, why not ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

264. (a)—In April, 1951.

(b)—Yes, in some cases.

(c), (d) & (e)—One-fourth of the estimated cost was paid as advance compensation in April, 1951 at the time of taking over possession. Balance payment will be made soon for which sanction has already been communicated to Deputy Commissioner.

#### **Demand for qualified Doctors**

**Shri ROBIN KAKATI** asked :

265. (a) Are Government aware that there is a great demand of qualified doctors in the State of Assam ?

(b) Is it a fact that some months ago a letter was issued by the Medical head of Sibsagar district advising a Subsidised Hospital Committee to appoint unqualified doctor in case qualified doctors are not available ?

(c) If so, will Government be pleased to state, on what authority the said Medical Officer had issued such letter ?

(d) Do Government propose to reconsider the case of re-opening the B.-W. Medical School on the ground that there is a great demand of qualified Doctors in the rural areas and that many Subsidised Dispensaries have to appoint unqualified Doctors and that Hospitals cannot be opened for want of qualified Doctors ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

265. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Due to dearth of qualified Doctors, Government in their sanctioning letters advise the Inspector General of Civil Hospitals, Assam to appoint unqualified Doctors temporarily for one year with the approval of Government. So, on the strength of the Government order, the Civil Surgeon, Sibsagar might have asked the Managing Committee of a Subsidised Dispensary to appoint unqualified Doctor, in case a qualified Doctor was not readily available.

(d)—Not under consideration in view of present trend of medical opinion to raise the standard of medical education and also on account of the views expressed by the Medical Council of India.

**Damage of crops as a result of cut in Dhai Ali**

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

266. (a) Are Government aware—
- (i) that there are 13 villages down Dhai Ali passing through in Panidehing Mouza at Sibsagar ;
  - (ii) that those villages grew Ahu crops consisting of an acreage of thousand of bighas ;
  - (iii) that the Embankment Drainage Department had cut the Dhai Ali and as a result the crops raised by the people were totally destroyed ;
  - (iv) that these cuts were made without any previous warning to the people not to raise the crops there ; and
  - (v) that the crops were raised by the villagers out of Government seeds loan grants amounting to Rs.45,000 or so ?
- (b) If the answers to (a) above are in the affirmative, do Government propose to take steps against the officers at fault and make good the loss sustained by the ryots ?
- (c) If the answers are in the negative, do Government propose to enquire into the matter ?

267. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is a proposal from the Sibsagar District Congress Committee to have Advisory Boards for the Embankment and Drainage and the P. W. D. General ?
- (b) If so, what actions Government are taking on it ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

266. (a)—(i) Yes.
- (ii) The villages grew Ahu crops, but the exact area under the crop is not known.
  - (iii) Some damage had occurred to the crops due to the cut of Dhai Ali. But if the villagers had not put obstruction to making the cuts earlier, the damage would have been less.
  - (iv) If no crops were raised in the area the villagers would not have got the crop they have been able to harvest inspite of the flood. If the flood had come later the entire crops would have been harvested inspite of the Dhai Ali cut.
  - (v) Government have no information.
- (b)—Government and the officers responsible for carrying out the orders have done what was best for the good of the greatest number. The damage to crops was caused by early flood and there can be no question of making good the loss sustained by the ryots.

Whatever relief was possible has been extended to the affected people by Government in the Revenue Department.

(c)—Does not arise.

267. (a)—No such proposal has been received.

(b)—Does not arise.

### Income and expenditure of Cachar District

**Maulavi NAMWAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

268. (a) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total income and expenditure of the District of Cachar head by head ?

(b) How much extra land revenue they expect to get on account of resettlement operation in Cachar after issue of new pattas ?

**Shri MOTI RAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

268. (a)—Figures of total income and expenditure under various service heads are not compiled district-wise. Labour involved in collection will not be commensurate with the results to be achieved, and the work itself will take several months.

(b)—The extra amount of land revenue is expected to be near about three lakhs.

### Renovation of tanks excavated by Assam Rajas in Sibsagar Subdivision

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

269. (a) Are Government aware that the Sibsagar Subdivision is full of tanks excavated by the ancient Rajas of Assam ?

(b) Do Government propose to take necessary steps to renovate and thus to ease the problem of water scarcity, if any, and try pisciculture ?

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister)** replied :

269. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Government and private enterprisers have taken steps to start pisciculture in a number of these tanks. With regard to the question of utilising these tanks for easing the problem of water supply, the matter is under consideration of Government. In the last budget session an amount of two lakhs was granted by the Assembly for purpose of renovation of old tanks as far as possible and it is hoped Sibsagar subdivision will get a share of this amount.

### Existing Deputy Inspectors of Schools

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

270. (a) Is it a fact that none of the existing Deputy Inspectors of Schools in Class I of the Assam School Service will or can reach the maximum of their scale pay ?

(b) If so, do Government propose to grant a higher initial pay to these officers to enable them to reach the maximum during their service ?

(c) Is it a fact that this was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Ministers and to the Education Secretaries by the deputationists of the Assam Educational Inspecting Officers' Association ?

(d) Is it a fact that a special allowance of Rs.50 has been sanctioned in favour of Assistant Headmasters per month to be merged into their pay on their promotion to Class I as Headmaster thus enabling them to reach the maximum during their service unlike the Deputy Inspectors of Schools ?

(e) Are Government aware that this has brought a disparity between the Headmasters and the Deputy Inspectors of Schools of the same class in respect of pay ?

(f) If so, do Government propose to remove this disparity soon ?

(g) Are Government aware of the greater responsibilities of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools since the creation of the School Board and introduction of Compulsory Primary Education in the State ?

(h) Is it a fact that the benefit of the remuneration of Rs.40 a month given to the Deputy Inspectors of Schools as School Board Secretaries has since been denied to them ?

(i) Are Government aware of the resolutions of the Assam Educational Inspecting Officers' Association regarding the granting of personal allowance of Rs.100 a month to the Deputy Inspectors with retrospective effect, even if necessary, by amending the Primary Education Act which made them *ex-officio* Secretaries ?

(j) Is it a fact that the list of officers of the Education Department are not published for the last 4 or 5 years ?

271. (a) Has the attention of Government drawn to resolution No.23 passed by the Assam Educational Inspecting Officers' Association regarding granting of Upper Division Pay scale to the Head Assistants of the offices of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools with effect from 1st April 1948 in the 3rd sitting of the Conference held on 21st May 1951 at Nowgong under the presidency of Shri Omeo Kumar Das ?

(b) If so, what action has been taken on this ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister) replied :**

270. (a)—No, some are expected to reach the maximum.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The allowance of Rs.50 per month has been granted to Assistant Headmasters in consideration of the fact that they are to shoulder additional responsibilities. This special pay is merged in their pay on promotion to the post of Headmasters.

(e)—The teaching and the inspecting lines being two distinct lines the question of disparity does not arise.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—No.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—Yes.

271. (a) & (b)—Government have sanctioned Upper Division posts to the establishment of Deputy Inspectors of Schools only where there are four or more Assistants with effect from 1st April 1949.

**Grants-in-Aid to Aided High Schools in Cachar**

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

272. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The names of the Aided High Schools in the district of Cachar showing the monthly grants-in-aid sanctioned for each of them ?
- (b) How many venture High Schools have applied for grant this year ?
- (c) Whether Government lately received a prayer for grant to Town High School, Silchar ?
- (d) If so, what steps have been taken in this connection ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that this institution is managed entirely by the indigenous people of the district of Cachar ?
- (f) The basis of sanctioning grants to venture High Schools ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

272. (a)—A list is placed in the Library table for information of Members.

(b)—12.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Rupees 100 per month as grant-in-aid sanctioned.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Urgency of requirement of different Schools as far as funds permit.

**Managing Committee of the Silchar and Jorhat Normal Schools**

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

273. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Why the Managing Committees of the Silchar and Jorhat Normal Schools have been constituted only with official members ?

(b) Whether there is any other educational institution in Assam the management of which is done only with official members ?

(c) Whether Government propose to include non-official members in the management of the aforesaid Silchar and Jorhat Normal Schools ?

(d) If not, why not ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

273.(a)—This has been done in accordance with Education Department Rules and Orders.

(b)—No.

(c)—Not contemplated at present. Necessity has not yet been felt. Matter will be taken up if circumstances demand.

(d)—Does not arise.

### Grant-in-aid to new High Schools

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY** asked :

274. (a) Will Government please state how many new High Schools have been given grant-in aid since 1949, and at what rate ?

(b) Will Government please state how many High English Schools are going to be raised to the aided status this year ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

274. (a)—The total number of New High Schools which have been given grants-in-aid since 1949 (up-to-date) is 68. The rates to each School vary from Rs.50 to Rs.500.

(b)—20 (twenty).

### Operation of the Assam Pure Food Act

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

275. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Assam Pure Food Act has been in operation in the State of Assam.

(b) If so, the total number of food samples sent for analysis during the year 1951-52, subdivision by subdivision ?

(c) How many of them were sent by the Boards' Health Inspectors and how many by the Public Health Assistant Surgeons II as authorised by the Boards concerned ?

(d) Whether there is any rate fixed by Government to be levied by the Boards in matters of imposition of license fees ?

(e) Whether the Local Bodies are moving Government to amend the Act for imposition of License fees on the foodstuffs under Act ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

275. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The information is given in the statement placed on the Library table for the information of the Members.

(c)—In the year 1951, 431 samples received from the Municipal Boards and Town Committees for examination were sent by Urban Health Officers or Sanitary Inspectors of the Boards or the Committees concerned. 192 samples were received from Local Boards and out of this, 184 samples were sent by Public Health Assistant Surgeon II, Subdivisional Medical Officer of Health and the rest were sent by the Rural Health Inspectors, Public Health Department.

(d)—No.

(e)—Certain Local Boards have approached Government for allowing them to impose license fees under the Assam Pure Food Act. The matter is under consideration of Government.

**Action taken by Government to check spread of tuberculosis through hotels and stalls**

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

276. (a) Are Government aware that 30 per cent. of the cooks employed in hotels and sweetmeat stalls at Jorhat are suffering from T. B. ?

(b) What action Government have taken to check such infections of T. B. through hotels and stalls ?

(c) Do Government propose to take immediate step to get the cooks employed in the restaurants and hotels medically examined by competent medical officer not below the rank of a doctor holding M. B. degree ?

277. (a) Do Government propose to appoint a committee of responsible medical officers not below the rank of I. M. S. officers and M. Bs. to enquire into the matter of the spread of tuberculosis in towns ?

(b) Do Government propose to order the management of cinema houses to supply face masks to cinema goers at extra cost to check further infection of this dreadful disease ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

276. (a)—Government have no such information.

(b)—Local Bodies concerned are the appropriate authorities to take action in this connection. Almost all of these have framed bye-laws for this purpose and have the services of Urban Health Officers and Food Inspectors.

(c)—Government do not propose to move in the matter like that as the Local Bodies are competent to take necessary action and under Municipal Bye-laws the employment of any persons suffering from any infectious disease in hotels and restaurants is prohibited.

277. (a)—No. At present there is no I. M. S. officer in Government employ in this State except the Inspector General of Civil Hospitals. It will not be possible to appoint such committee at present owing to dearth of sufficient number of qualified candidates in the State.

(b)—No. It is impracticable.

**Government Contribution given to different Local Bodies since 1947**

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI** asked :

278. Will Government be pleased to state the amount of Government contribution given to the different Local Bodies of the State since 1947 up till now ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

278.—Government have not the information ready just at the moment.

**Gauhati Sub-Registrar's Office**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked:

279. Will Government be pleased to state —

- (a) What was the income from Gauhati Sub-Registrar's Office in the years 1950 and 1951 ?
- (b) What was the expenditure on all heads for the Gauhati Sub-Registrar's Office in the said years ?
- (c) Whether there is a separate building for the Sub-Registrar's Office at Gauhati ?
- (d) How many employees work in the Sub-Registrar's Office at Gauhati ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of forms like the Register Volume, Index sheet, Fee Book, Thumb Impression Register, etc., in the office of the Sub-Registrar at Gauhati and consequently documents given for registration are often delivered late to the parties concerned ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that sometimes documents are delivered as late as three months after due date ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Sadar Sub-Registrar is to do the most of the functions of the District Register ?
- (h) If so, whether any special pay or allowance is granted to the Sadar Sub-Registrar for this extra responsibility ?
- (i) Whether there is any record-keeper in charge of records in the Gauhati Sub-Registrar's Office ?
- (j) What are the scales of pay of the Head Assistant and other Assistants in the Sadar Sub-Registrar's Office at Gauhati ?
- (k) What remuneration is given to the extra-writers in the Sub-Registrar's Offices ?
- (l) Whether they are granted free ration or rice concessions ?

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister)** replied :

279. (a)—The gross income was Rs.15,762 and Rs.23,060 in 1950 and 1951 respectively.

(b)—The total expenditure was Rs.5,895 and Rs.7,635 in 1950 and 1951 respectively.

(c)—No. The office is held in Deputy Commissioner's Court building.

(d)—The number of whole-time Government servants is 5 (1 Sub-Registrar, 3 Office Assistants and 1 Peon) and that of extra-writers is two.

(e)—Yes. Due to want of adequate quantity of Standardised paper and binding materials forms could not be printed and the register volumes bound to the extent required by all the Registration offices in the State. There is therefore delay in returning the registered documents to the parties concerned. Government are trying their best to ensure regular supply of these articles to Registration offices.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—No.

(i)—No. One Office Assistant is in-charge of the records.

(j)—There is no Head Assistants' post but there are only Upper Division and Lower Division Assistants' posts in the scale of pay of (1) Rs.100—5—150 and (2) Rs.50—3—80(E. B.)--4—100 respectively.

(k)—Rupees 2 per diem.

(l)—No.

#### Accident by certain State Transport cars

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

280. (a) Is it a fact that within the period of last one year State Transport Cars A-G ASX 664, ASX-572 and A-7 fell in accidents while they were being used by Mr. B. P. Changkakati, Secretary, Board of Control of the State Transport Department ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state the magnitude of damages to the said cars and in what condition they are at present ?

(c) Has Government instituted any enquiry about the cause of the accidents ?

(d) Who will bear the costs consequent to the said accidents ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

280. (a)—No.

(b)—The first part of the question does not arise. Cars A-6, ASX-664 and A-7 are in good running condition, Car ASX-572 is in Central Workshop undergoing over hauling.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

#### Opening of Feeder service from Margherita to Dehingmukh

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI** asked :

281. (a) Are Government aware that the Steamer Company has recently surveyed the Dehing river from Margherita to Dehingmukh with a view to open up a Feeder Service ?

(b) Are Government aware that the opening of such a Feeder Service will be of great benefit to the people in general, tea, coal and oil industries in particular ?

(c) Do Government propose to take up the matter with the Steamer Company to open up such a Feeder Service along the Dehing River in the interest of the public ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

281. (a)—No.

(b)—Government will enquire into the matter.

(c)—Yes.

### Quota of Textiles, Yarns and C. I. Sheets for Assam

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

282. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the quota of Textiles, Yarns as well as C. I. Sheets allotted for the State of Assam for the years 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 upto July last ?

(b) What quantity of above mentioned allotted articles has been lifted by proper agencies under each head for these periods ?

(c) What was the Jorhat quota under each heads for all these years and how much of them have actually been lifted and sold at Jorhat ?

(d) How many cases of illegal diversions by agencies with their names, of above mentioned articles, if any, were detected during these years and how many of them were prosecuted, punished or acquitted and how many cases are still pending ?

(e) How many Government employees, if any, have been involved in these cases, how many of them suspended, discharged or dismissed or otherwise punished ?

(f) How many cases of such involvement are still pending ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

282. (a)—*Textiles and Yarn.*—A statement is placed on the table.

*C. I. Sheets—*

1950	...	...	1,979 tons.
1951	...	...	580.67 tons.
1952	...		1,487.16 tons (upto July last).

(a) **Statement showing the allotment of Cloth and Yarn quotas during the years 1950-52 (upto July 1952 last)**

Year		Cloth		Yarn
1950-51	... ..	30,058 bales	...	19,900 bales.
1951-52	... ..	41,164 bales	...	10,198 bales.
1952-53 (Upto July 1952.)		4,286 bales	...	2,488 bales.

(b)—*Textiles and Yarns—*

A statement is placed on the table.

*C. I. Sheets—*

1,196 tons were lifted by M/S Assam Iron & Steel Company.

(b) **Statement showing the lifting of Cloth and Yarn quotas during the year 1950-1952 (upto July 1952 last).**

Year		Cloth		Yarn
1950-51	... ..	18,653½ bales	...	7,766 bales.
1951-52	... ..	30,834½ bales	...	6,278½ bales.
1952-53 (upto June 1952).		1,425 bales	...	1,056 bales.

Lifting figures for the month of July 1952 is not available and not included.

*(c) Textiles and Yarns—*

Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar.

*C. I. Sheets—*

200 tons was the Jorhat quota for the above period (upto June 1952) out of which 60 tons have already been lifted.

*(d) Textiles and Yarns—*

A statement is placed on the table.

*C. I. Sheets—*

None.

**A statement showing the information in connection with Question (d)**

Names of dealers	No. of dealers prosecuted	Punished	Acquitted	Pending
1. Rambilas Sahu, North Lakhimpur.	28	10	8	10
2. Indraprasad Sahu, North Lakhimpur.				
3. Baldev Sahu, North Lakhimpur.				
4. Dhabalchand Turi, North Lakhimpur.				
5. Ramchandra Aswal, North Lakhimpur.				
6. Banshilal Sohanlal, North Lakhimpur.				
7. Surajmal Sarma, North Lakhimpur.				
8. Panchanath Sirkar, North Lakhimpur.				
9. Kanaiyalal Dag, North Lakhimpur.				
10. Tansukhram, North Lakhimpur.				
11. Biswanath Singha Rajput, North Lakhimpur.				
12. Muktar Hussain, North Lakhimpur.				
13. Mohanlal Hiralal, North Lakhimpur.				
14. Kherakhat P. T. C. North Lakhimpur.				
15. Chhoganlal Banshilal, North Lakhimpur.				
16. Ratiram Thakurdas, Karimganj.				
17. Lalchand Todi and Todarmal Jagodia, Nowgong.				
18. U Tikal Sting Throp Susngi Nongbah, Post Office Jowai.				

Name of dealers	No. of dealers prosecuted	Punished	Acquitted	Pending
19. U Mohan Rwet, Post Office Jowai.				
20. U Satep Susngi, Post Office Jowai.				
21. U Maham Biam, Post Office Jowai.				
22. U Titas Thubru, Post Office Jowai.				
23. U Robin Passah, Pannaliar, Post Office Jowai.				
24. U Saroan Laloo, Pannaliar Post Office Jowai.				
25. Sarjuprasad Jewari and Satyaprasad Tewari, Takmeke.				
26. Sailendralal Ray, Dimapur.				
27. Amulya Ch. Dey, Golaghat.				
28. Upper Assam Trading Co., Dibrugarh.				

Figures from Deputy Commissioners, Sibsagar, Lushai Hills, and Naga Hills have not yet been received.

(e)—*Textiles and Yarns*—

Three Officers. One was suspended and subsequently reinstated. Two are now under suspension.

*C. I. Sheets*—

Does not arise.

(f)—*Textiles and Yarns*—

Two cases.

*C. I. Sheets*—

Does not arise.

### Khelafatganj Co-operative Stores

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

283. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) What is the position of Khelafatganj Co-operative Stores ?

(b) Whether there are allegations of corruption against Shukhamoy Bhattacharyya as Secretary, Khelafatganj Trading Co-operative.

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

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister)** replied :

283. (a)—Information has been called for.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—A criminal proceedings was taken up against the person named but had to be dropped by the trying magistrate due to certain irregularities. Further enquiry in the matter has been ordered for with a view to institute a fresh case if so justified.

#### **Erosion at Panidihing area**

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI** asked :

284. (a) Are Government aware—

(i) that the Brahmaputra is eroding the bank of the Panidihing area at a great stride,

(ii) that several villages have been washed away, and

(iii) that many people have been rendered landless and homeless ?

(b) Do Government propose to rehabilitate them ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

284. (a)—(i) & (ii) Yes.

(iii) A pretty large number of people have been made homeless and partially landless.

(b)—Yes, as far as possible 325 families have already been rehabilitated and further rehabilitation scheme is under examination.

#### **Difficulties of rehabilitated persons at Lekhapani**

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

285. (a) Are Government aware of the difficulties caused to the rehabilitated persons at Lekhapani and Phillobari due to want of drinking water ?

(b) Are Government aware of the grievances of the rehabilitated persons there as regards installation of tube-wells or ring-wells ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur District had the scheme to instal the tube-wells in his working plan as soon as the rehabilitation work began there ?

(d) If so, why the same has not yet been implemented ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

285. (a) to (d)—Yes and so two tube-wells at Lekhapani and five tube-wells at Phillobari have already been installed. There is also a proposal for installation of another five tube-wells at Phillobari which is under consideration of Government.

**Damages caused by erosion to the people of Simna**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

286. (a) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the damages done by erosion to the people of Simna this year ?

(b) Do Government propose to give them some immediate relief in the shape of agricultural loan ?

(c) Do Government propose to settle these people in some safe area and if so, where ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

286. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In usual course they have been given agricultural loan.

(c)—The matter is under examination by the local officers, but in the meantime some families have already been allowed to erect their dwelling houses in the Bordia V. G. G., temporarily.

**Grant of agricultural loans to persons of Simoluguri, Teok and other Mouzas**

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

287. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Who are the persons in Simoluguri Mouza, Teok Mouza, Kamalabari Mouza, Salmara Mouza, Amguri-Kharikatia Mouza and Baligaon Mouza of Jorhat Subdivision who are granted agricultural loans above Rs.400 stating the exact amount of such loan each received in 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 ?

(c) Whether these loans have been realised for any year ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

287. (a) & (c)—The informations will be supplied to the Member on receipt of the report from the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar which has been called for.

**Loss and damages caused to Cachar District by flood**

**Maulavi MEHRAB ALI LASKAR** asked :

288. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether they have got any accurate account of loss and damages caused to the Cachar district on account of the recent flood there ?

(b) If so, what are the details thereof ?

(c) Will Government be pleased to state whether they have sanctioned any gratuitous relief, agricultural loans and any other relief for the three Subdivisions of the Cachar district ?

(d) If so, will Government be pleased to state the actual amount of all kinds of relief and loans since sanctioned and distributed to the flood-affected people in the district of Cachar, subdivision by subdivision ?

(e) Will Government be pleased to state the basis on which gratuitous relief and agricultural loans were fixed, separately for each of the three Subdivisions of the Cachar district ?

(f) Will Government be pleased to state whether they have any information that it is Silchar Subdivision which has suffered comparatively greater loss and damage than two other Subdivisions of the Cachar district ?

(g) If so, will Government be pleased to state whether they are contemplating to sanction greater amount of relief and loans for Silchar subdivision ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

288. (a)—No accurate account of loss and damages due to such calamities can be maintained but Government try to have an account, as correct as possible under such circumstances.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Except in emergent cases all the sanctioning orders were communicated to the Deputy Commissioner for equitable distribution amongst all the subdivisions. So far Government have sanctioned the following amounts for the district as a whole—

	Rs.
Agricultural loan ... ..	90,000
Gratuitous relief ... ..	16,000
Test relief ... ..	8,600

Besides, 50 maunds 20 seers of seeds, the cost price of which is Rs.14 per maund, were distributed free of cost to the extremely deserving persons, and out of 15,000 maunds of rice received from the Government of India for distribution in the flood affected areas of the State at a concessional rate of Rs.15 per maund, 4,950 maunds were allotted to Cachar district alone, the concessional value of which comes to Rs.24,750.

(e)—Need is the basis and it is determined from reports of Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers.

(f)—It cannot be said that suffering and damage in Silchar Subdivision are comparatively much greater than that of other Subdivisions.

(g)—Does not arise.

### **The Assam Assessment of Revenue Free Waste Land Grant Act**

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

289. Will Government be pleased to state —

(a) When was the Assam Assessment of Revenue-Free Waste Land Grant Act passed ?

(b) The area that came under the operation of this Act (Figures to be shown district by district) ?

(c) What was the total amount of revenue derived from this land in the first two years (to be shown year by year) ?

(d) What was total amount of revenue derived in the succeeding years (to be shown year by year) ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister)** replied :

289. (a)—The Bill was passed on 21st September 1948. It received the assent of the Governor on 14th November 1948 and it came into force from 1st April 1948 with retrospective effect.

(b)—Informations available up-to-date are furnished below —

Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	130,467	acres.
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	125,419	„
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	21,269	„
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	18,113	„
Cachar	...	...	...	...	166,893	„
Darrang	...	...	...	...	50,837	„

Report from Goalpara district has not yet arrived, which will be intimated to the member when received.

(c) & (d)—Revenue derived from those six districts as mentioned in 'B' above are as follows —

					Rs.	a.	p.
1948-49	...	...	...	...	4,79,596	9	0
1949-50	...	...	„	...	4,88,426	9	0
1950-51	...	...	...	...	10,47,773	15	0
1951-52	...	...	...	...	10,44,939	8	0

**Lands requisitioned and taken possession of by Government in Cachar since 1950**

**Maulavi NAMWAR ALI BARBHUIYA** asked :

290. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the location of the plots of lands in Cachar which have already been requisitioned and taken possession of by Government since 1950 with their respective areas, dates of taking possession and names of villages covered by each of the plots ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state the names of persons with whom the requisitioned lands as mentioned above have been settled, the names of villages wherein they lived before and the area given to each of them ?

(c) Whether cases have come to the notice of Government that many of the persons alleged to be landless with whom either the requisitioned lands or khas lands have been settled have really lands and in some cases even they have lands more than sufficient for their own livelihood ?

(d) Will Government be pleased to enquire and state if in the case of Haritakar Pargana some persons from distant places have been given lands in preference to lots of landless people of the locality who were also applicants and if so, why ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister)** replied :

290. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—The informations are not readily available. They have been called for from the District Officer concerned, which will be intimated to the member when received.

**Principal, Assam Medical College****Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

291. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Principal of the Assam Medical College has submitted his resignation on account of his high blood pressure ?
- (b) Who examined him and certified that he has blood pressure ?
- (c) What action has been taken on his resignation ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that he has since withdrawn his resignation and requested Government for further five years contract ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to renew his contract ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

291. (a)—He gave three months' notice according to the terms of his contract and incidentally mentioned about high blood pressure ?

- (b)—Does not arise.
- (c)—Resignation has been accepted.
- (d)—He has since retired.
- (e)—Does not arise.

**Loss of Provident Fund money of Local Board Employees****Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI** asked :

292. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the total amount of Provident Fund money of the Local Board employees lost due to the failure of Schedule Banks in the course of the last five years ?

- (b) Is it a fact that such money were formerly kept in the Postal Savings Bank Accounts ?
- (c) Whether the money in question were transferred to the Schedule Bank by amending the Model Provident Fund Rules of Local Bodies ?
- (d) Whether the Board transferred these sums for higher rate of interests ?
- (e) If the answer to the question (c) above is in the affirmative, do Government propose to make good the loss of the poor employees of the Board ?
- (f) If not, why not ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

392. (a) &amp; (b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e) & (f)—The rule does not say that the employees of the Local Boards must invest their Provident Fund money in a Schedule Bank under the Reserve Bank. It allows the depositors the option of investing their savings in a Schedule Bank under the Reserve Bank. The rule is only permissive and not mandatory. The employees of the Local Boards exercised their option in their own responsibility. And as such Government have no responsibility to make good the loss.

**Government contribution towards payment of salaries of Lady  
Doctors of Local Boards**

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI** asked :

293. (a) Is it a fact that Government contribution towards payment of salaries of Lady Doctors of Local Boards is going to be stopped ?

(b) Is it a fact that representations were received by the Government with reference to No.LLB.113/52/2, dated the 24th July 1952, from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of Assam in regard to the capacity of each Board to provide for employment of Lady Doctors ?

(c) If so, do Government propose to take action in the matter early ?

(d) Are Government aware of the need of more Lady Doctors in Local Boards Dispensaries ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

293. (a)—No.  
(b)—Yes.  
(c)—Yes.  
(d)—Yes.

**Grant to Local Boards**

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

294. (a) Is it a fact that non-recurring Government Grant are sanctioned to several Local Bodies with various conditions attached to them generally in the latter part of every year without provision for supervision charges which are to be met from Board's own resources.

(b) Is it a fact that the Boards are asked to execute the works within stipulated time ?

(c) If the answers to (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, do Government propose to pay 20 per cent. supervision charges with the grants so advanced and extend time for completion of such works.

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

294.—(a) In certain cases non-recurring grants are unavoidably distributed in the latter part of the year because of non-receipt of certain information from the Local Bodies.

(b)—Yes as laid down in the sanctioning letters.

(c)—Government do not propose to pay any supervision charges to the Boards. As regards extension of time for completion of such works, the proposal is under consideration of Government,

### Compensatory Grants to Local Bodies

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI** asked :

295. Will Government be pleased state—
- Whether the procedure of advancing compensatory grants to Local Bodies introduced in the year in 1939-40 has since been withdrawn ?
  - Whether due to reversion of the procedure, the Local Bodies have to keep in deposit of the Boards free income in the State Fund in order to receive compensatory grants in the following year ?
  - Whether any interest is allowed to accrue for keeping the Board's money as in the case of Government taking interest from the Board when they take Government loans from the State Fund ?
  - With a view to enable the Boards to work more freely and efficiently with sufficient funds in their hands, whether Government propose to abolish the system ?
  - If so, whether Government propose to take early action in the matter ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

295. (a) to (e)—Enquiries are being made.

### Meeting of the Dibrugarh Samabaya Sanmilan

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

296. (a) Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Societies be pleased to state whether he received a copy of the proceedings of a meeting of the Dibrugarh Samabaya Sanmilan held on 19th July 1952 and if so, what action he has taken or proposes to take on the resolutions specially with regard to resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 ?

(b) Is it a fact that to have access to and to seize the books and records of the Co-operative Societies, Officers other than those of the Co-operative Department are required to take previous permission of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Assam ?

(c) If so, did the Officers of the Supply, Textile and Enforcement Departments who seized the books and records of Co-operative Societies of Dibrugarh Subdivision and instituted cases against the societies took Registrar's previous permission and if not, why not ?

(d) Will Government be pleased to state the number of cases filed by Supply and Enforcement Department against the Co-operative Societies during the last 12 months and also the number of cases filed by those departments against individuals during this period ?

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister)** replied :

296. (a)—Yes. Proceedings of the meeting was duly received and reply sent to the Chairman of the Sanmilan. The matter referred to in the resolutions adopted in the Sanmilan, particularly in resolutions numbering 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7, are under active consideration of Government. In fact in respect of some of the matters referred to in the resolutions Government had already taken action.

(b)—No previous permission of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies is legally necessary in case the action of the officers of the other departments is covered by law other than the provisions as laid down in the Assam Co-operative Societies Act.

(c)—Does not arise as the officers of the Supply, Textile and Enforcement Branches have legal authority under various Control Orders for seizure of books and records and to institute criminal cases.

(d)—Information is not available and has been called for.

**Number of Trading Co-operative Societies (Primary) registered**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

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

(a) The number of Trading Co-operative Societies (Primary) registered in the year 1950, 1951 and 1952 ?

(b) How many of these Co-operatives did actually function and what were the commodities they dealt with ?

(c) How many of these Co-operatives are still functioning and how many have wound up their business ?

(d) How many of these Co-operatives were audited and inspected by Co-operative Inspectors and Auditors and against how many of these Co-operatives action were taken during the year 1951 and 1952 ?

(e) How many of these Co-operatives distributed dividends and how many have suffered loss ?

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister)** replied :

297. (a)—Number of Primary Trading Co-operatives registered in the year 1950, 1951 and 1952 are 5, 4 and 13 respectively.

(b)—All these Co-operatives are still functioning except one at Haflong which has temporarily suspended business. These Co-operatives deal mainly with controlled commodities like sugar; atta, flour, rice and textile goods. A few of these Co-operatives deal with non-controlled goods as well,

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

(d)—All these Co-operatives except the Fifth Mile Upper Shillong Trading Co-operative were audited and inspected by the Co-operative Inspectors and Auditors upto 1951. The aforesaid Fifth Mile Upper Shillong Trading Co-operative could not be audited for the year 1951 due to improper maintenance of accounts which is under progress of reconstruction. Audit for 1952 is in progress. No action was taken against any of these Co-operatives as there was no occasion for the same.

(e)—One Society in the Naga Hills District has suffered a loss of Rs.1,993-15-0 during the year 1951. In absence of audit the position of the Fifth Mile Upper Shillong Trading Co-operative is not known. The remaining twenty Trading Co-operatives have all earned profit for the working period of 1950-51 but none has declared any dividend.

#### Number of Veterinary Hospitals in Tezpur Subdivision

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

298. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of Veterinary Hospitals in Tezpur Subdivision ?

(b) Is it a fact that there is not a single Veterinary Hospital in the three Mauza of Bahbari, Garaimari and Balipara ?

(c) Are Government aware that thousands of cattle are dying in those localities for want of such hospital ?

(d) If so, do Government propose to establish one in the said area ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

298. (a)—There is one Veterinary Hospital and two Veterinary Dispensaries in the Tezpur Subdivision.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Government have no such information.

(d)—A proposal to establish some more Veterinary Dispensaries in the State is under consideration of Government.

#### Government Cattle Farms in the State of Assam

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

299. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many Government Cattle Farms are there in the State of Assam ?

(b) The number of cattle now available in these farms and their probable price ?

- (c) The number of breeding bulls either sold, loaned out or gifted away to the public during the years 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 from these farms ?
- (d) The establishment charges of these farms for the years 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 ?
- (e) The amount obtained by Government by sale of cattle from these farms during the years 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52.

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

229. (a)—Four Cattle Farms.

(b), (c), (d) & (e)—Information in respect of two farms *viz.*—Upper Shillong Farm and the Khanapara Cattle Farm are furnished below. Information in respect of the other two Farms have been called for.

Upper Shillong Farm—

(b)—Number of cattle available and their probable price—

89 Heads	...	...	...	Rs.	45,745 (Approx.)
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(c)—Number of breeding bulls—

1948-49	...	...	...	...	6
1949-50	...	...	...	...	5
1950-51	...	...	...	...	8
1951-52	...	...	...	...	3

(d)—Establishment charges—

1948-49	...	...	...	Rs.	a.	p.
				6,603	9	0
1949-50	...	...	...	7,736	4	0
1950-51	...	...	...	8,091	0	0
1951-52	...	...	...	7,917	0	0

(e)—Amount obtained by sale of cattle—

1948-49	...	...	...	2,840	0	0
1949-50	...	...	...	3,395	0	0
1950-51	...	...	...	9,596	8	0
1951-52	...	...	...	1,510	0	0

## Khanapara Cattle Farm :—

(b)—Number of cattle available and their probable price :—

				Rs.	a.	p.
105 Heads	...	...	...	15,905	0	0

(c)—Number of breeding bulls—

1948-49	...	...	...	...	39	
1949-50	...	...	...	...	50	
1950-51	...	...	...	...	64	
1951-52	...	...	...	...	12	

(d)—Establishment charges—

				R.	a.	p.
1948-49	...	...	...	77,124	6	6
1949-50	...	...	...	55,070	1	3
1950-51	...	...	...	45,734	0	6
1951-52	...	...	...	40,955	2	0

(e)—Amount obtained by sale of cattle—

				Rs.	a.	p.
1948-49	...	...	...	37,670	5	3
1949-50	...	...	...	25,830	12	9
1950-51	...	...	...	25,943	14	0
1951-52	...	...	...	31,613	9	3

## Settlement of vacant land within Silchar Town

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA asked :

300. (a) Is it a fact that the present Revenue Minister has directed the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar to give settlement of certain vacant land within Silchar town to Shri Nibaran Chandra Laskar, M. P. and Shri Nanda Kishore Singh, M.L.A. ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the order of the Revenue Minister of the former Cabinet last year directing the said lands to remain Khas and not to be settled with anybody ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Chief Minister during his last visit to Silchar said in a public meeting that the said vacant land will not be settled with any private person ?

(d) Is it a fact that the land near Chhotelalseth Women's College is proposed to be given settlement to Shri Nibaran Chandra Laskar in spite of the protest of the public and the College authorities ?

(e) Is it a fact that the petitions of Shri Nibaran Chandra Laskar and Shri Nanda Kishore Singh have not been submitted in proper form and have not passed through the Deputy Commissioner and Land Settlement Committee ?

(f) Whether the said Shri Nibaran Chandra Laskar and Shri Nanda Kishore Singh are regarded as landless persons ?

(g) Do Government propose to direct the said lands to remain Khas in the interest of the State ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

300. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Does not arise as no orders have been passed to this effect.

(c)—No, what Chief Minister had said was that any open space available should be reserved in future for public purpose.

(d)—No; no protest was received from any quarter on or before allotment order was passed.

(e) Applications are not necessarily to be given through Deputy Commissioners. Their applications were considered proper by Government.

(f) Yes, they have no lands in towns.

(g) No.

#### **Allotment of Government land at Gauhati**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

301. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many permanent residents of Gauhati applied for allotment of Government land at Gauhati in the last two years and how many of them were given land ?

(b) How many people who are not permanent resident of Gauhati were allotted Government land at Gauhati in the last two years ?

(c) Of those who were allotted Government land as per (b) above, how many have lands in other towns of Assam ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

301. (a)—(c)—The informations are not available here. Report from the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup has been called for but has not been received as yet. The member will be supplied with the informations when received.

### Primary Schools in United Khasi-Jaintia Hills

**Shri A. ALLEY** asked :

302. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of Primary Schools in the area of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills district formerly known as the Khasi States ?

(b)—Are there any Government Schools in this area ?

(c) Who runs the schools in the aforesaid area ?

(d) Do Government give any financial assistance to these Schools ?

(e) If so, will Government be pleased to state the names of schools and the amount given to each of them ?

303. (a) Are Government aware of the existence of the Proceeding High Schools at Cherrapunjee, Pariong and Laitkynsew ?

(b) Are Government aware that these schools are financed by subscriptions from the Khasis ?

(c) Is it a fact that Government refused to give recognition to these schools ?

(d) If so, why ?

(e) Are Government aware of the acute economic difficulties of the people in these border areas ?

(f) Do Government propose to give recognition to these schools ?

304. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of Primary and Middle English Schools in the Nongpoh Constituency ?

(b) Are these managed and financed by the Scheduled Tribes ?

(c) Will Government be pleased to ascertain and state the salaries paid to the teachers of these schools ?

(d) Are Government aware that on account of scarcity of food and high cost of other materials many of the schools in the aforesaid area have been closed down ?

(e) Is it a fact that the teachers of these schools are very poorly and irregularly paid ?

(f) Do Government propose to grant aids to these schools ?

305. (a) Are Government aware that most of the Khasis reading in the Shillong Government High School come from the villages of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District ?

(b) Are Government aware of the language difficulties of the boys reading in the said school to express their needs to the Headmaster or Assistant Master who is a non-Khasi ?

(c) Have Government lately received a representation of the teachers of the Shillong Government High School in the matter of having a Khasi Headmaster or Assistant Headmaster ?

(d) Do Government propose to consider the special needs of the Scheduled Tribes reading in the School and appoint a Khasi Additional Assistant Headmaster when the Assistant Headmaster or Headmaster is not a Khasi ?

306. (a) Are Government aware of the imperative need of imparting Hindi and Assamese in the Schools in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state if there is any Hindi or Assamese class in the Schools of the said district for the benefit of the Scheduled Tribes ?

307. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of scholarships given to hills students in the last 3 years in (1) Engineering College, (2) the Medical College and (3) the Agricultural College ?

- (b) Do Government reserve scholarships for the hills students ?
- (c) Do Government propose to reserve scholarships for the Scheduled Tribes of the Autonomous Districts ?
- (d) If not, why not ?
308. (a) Are Government aware of the existence of a Gorkha Middle English School in Upper Shillong ?
- (b) Have Government received a representation from Capt. B. S. Rai, President of the Gorkhas Children Middle English School, Upper Shillong, the last representation being dated 28th March 1952 in which they have prayed for grants of Rs.120 per month and Rs.1,000 for repair of the school buildings ?
- (c) Is it a fact that the Assistant Inspector of Schools (Hills) by his letter No.100/FI, dated 1st March 1947 recommended the payment of Rs.120 per mensem and Rs.1,000 as non-recurring contribution to the school ?
- (d) Are Government aware that the School is in a highly delapidated condition ?
- (e) Do Government propose to grant them aids and necessary sums for repairs and building of the school immediately ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

302. (a)—Three hundred and eighty three Primary Schools.
- (b)—Yes, there is one at Umsing.
- (c)—Khasi-Jaintia Assembly Khasi Siemships, Roman Catholic Mission, Ram Krishna Mission, Anglo-Anglican Mission and the 7th Day Adventist Church.
- (d)—Financial assistance has been given to the non-Government Schools within the Shillong Municipal Area only.
- (e)—The names and the amount of grants-in-aid given to each of the schools are given below :—
1. St. Joseph's Convent, Lower Primary School, Jaiaw at Rs.20 per mensem.
  2. Sunderlan d Memorial Lower Primary School, Madan Laban at Rs.40 per mensem.
  3. Malki Assamese Girls' Lower Primary School at Rs.20 per mensem.
  4. Nepali Kannya Pathshala at Rs.30 per mensem.
  5. Rama Krishna Mission Lower Primary School, Umsohsum at Rs.45 per mensem.
  6. Savio Primary School, Laitumkhrah at Rs.20 per mensem.
  7. Anath Ashram Primary School at Rs.35 per mensem.
  8. Jaiaw Assamese Primary School at Rs.40 per mensem.
  9. Malki Khasi Primary School at Rs.10 per mensem.
  10. Laban Khasi Primary School at Rs.10 per mensem.
  11. Gualapati Khasi Primary School at Rs.10 per mensem.
  12. Riatsamthiah Khasi Primary School at Rs.10 per mensem.
  13. Jaiaw Presbyterian Khasi Primary School at Rs.20 per mensem.
  14. Seng Khasi Primary School, Mawkhar at Rs.20 per mensem.
  15. Riblong Lower Primary School at Rs.50 per mensem.
  16. Laban Kindergarten School at Rs.15 per mensem.
  17. Arya Vidalya at Rs.40 per mensem.

303. (a)—Government are aware of the existence of the Preceeding High Schools at Cherrapunjee and M.E. Schools at Pariong and Laitkynsew.

(b)—Government are not aware how these schools are financed.

(c)—Government refused to give recognition to the Presbyterian Proceeding High School, Cherra only. The cases of the other two M.E. Schools at Pariong and Laitkynsew will be considered when they approach for recognition through proper channel.

(d)—Recognition was not granted to the Presbyterian Proceeding High School Cherra on the following grounds:—

(i) Representations were received from some public representatives deeply interested in the growth of education in that area to the effect that recognition of an additional High School in that area would be detrimental to the educational interest of the people of that locality as there was already a permanent recognised Aided High School at Cherra (Rama Krishna Mission High School) with an enrolment of 120 pupils only and it was capable of fully meeting the demands of the locality.

(ii) The conditions for eligibility recognised by the University have not been fulfilled.

(iii) Poor enrolment.

(iv) Within a radius of ten to fifteen miles from Cherra, there are 8 M. E. Schools and 37 Primary Schools and the total enrolment of these schools is very low and quite inadequate areas even to feed the Rama Krishna Mission High School.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Does not arise in view of the reply given to Question No.303(c) above.

304. (a)—One hundred and eight Primary and 5 Middle English Schools and one Senior Basic School.

(b)—Two Lower Primary Schools and 5 Middle English Schools are receiving aid from Government and the Senior Basic School is maintained by Government. Government are not aware how the other schools are being managed and financed.

(c)—The information is not readily available and is being collected.

(d)—Government have no such information.

(e)—Government have no definite information and they have not received any complaint that the teachers are not regularly paid.

(f)—Yes. The matter is under consideration.

305. (a)—No. According to Government's information the majority of the Khasi boys reading in the Shillong Government High School come from the Shillong Municipal area and its neighbourhood.

(b)—No such difficulties have been brought to the notice of Government.

(c)—Yes. Government, however, do not see any reason to reserve the posts of Headmaster or Assistant Headmaster of the Shillong Government High School for any particular community.

(d)—The special needs of the Scheduled Tribes reading in the school are always engaging the attention of Government. Government do not, however, consider it necessary to appoint a Khasi Additional Assistant Headmaster as referred to by the questioner.

306. (a)—Yes. Provision has already been made to provide Hindi teachers in all Government Secondary Schools of the State and also in certain selected aided Secondary Schools. Thirteen Khasi teachers have already been deputed to the Assamese Training Centre started at Titabar for the tribal people with a view to their employment in Secondary Schools for teaching Assamese to the tribal students.

(b)—Yes, classes have already been started in the Shillong Government High School for boys, Jail Road High School for Girls, the Rama Krishna Mission High School at Cherra and the Welsh Mission High School for Girls at Mawkhar. Provision has also been made to introduce Hindi as a compulsory subject in all the Secondary Schools of the State.

307. (a) 1.—Engineering College	...	...	...	...	2
2.—Medical College	...	...	...	...	9
3.—Agricultural College	...	...	...	...	6 stipends

(b) & (c)—Yes. A large number of scholarships, secondary, collegiate and technical like Engineering, Medical, Agricultural, etc., are reserved for students of Scheduled Tribal Communities, and are awarded both out of State Revenue and out of grants-in-aid sanctioned by the Government of India under Article 275 of the Constitution.

(d)—Does not arise.

308. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, a representation of the nature referred to was received in 1951. The representation dated 28th March 1952 has, however, not been received.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Government have no such information.

(e)—The School is in receipt of a monthly grant of Rs.30. The question of giving more grants to the school will be considered in the light of funds available for the purpose.

### Scholarship given to the Mikir people

**Shri KHORSING TERANG** asked :

309. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The number of scholarships given at present to the Mikir people for the following classes:—

- (i) Lower Primary ;
- (ii) Middle English ;
- (iii) Matriculation ; and
- (iv) Colleges.

(b) Whether any provision has been made for awarding stipend to encourage the Mikir students and to assist them in their studies ?

(c) If not, whether Government propose to make such provision ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

309. (a)(i)—None for studying in Lower Primary Schools, as education in the Lower Primary stage is free.

(ii)—66.

(iii)—29.

(iv)—3.

(b)—Yes. A sum of Rs.16,733 has been provided in the current year's budget for award of stipends, etc., to deserving Mikir students.

(c)—Does not arise.

### Leper Survey and number of Hospitals in the Mikir Hills

**Shri KHORSING TERANG** asked :

310. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether they have received the report of the last leper survey in the Mikir Hills ?
- (b) If so, what is the number of lepers detected in the course of the survey ?
- (c) Whether Government have taken any steps to arrange treatment of lepers ?
- (d) If so, where the proposed treatment centre will be located ?
- (e) What steps Government propose to take to prevent the spread of this disease in the Mikir Hills ?
- (f) The number of *Kala-azar* patients in the Mikir Hills at present ?
- (g) The number of Tuberculosis patients in the Mikir Hills at present ?
- (h) What steps have been taken to treat these patients ?

311. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Government Hospitals and Dispensaries in the Mikir Hills (already started and proposed to be started) ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Mohondijua Government Dispensary is going without a Doctor for about last four or five months ?
- (c) If so, what effective steps have been taken to keep a Doctor at Mohondijua ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the questioner moved Government to send a Doctor with immediate effect ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

310.(a)—No special leprosy survey of the whole of the Mikir Hills has yet been undertaken owing to acute dearth of qualified doctors. Only the areas within the jurisdiction of the existing Public Health Department Dispensaries, viz., at Baithalangsoo, Dengaon, Dolomara and Molashipathar were surveyed by the Doctors in-charge.

(b)—Thirty-five leprosy cases were detected during the course of the limited survey undertaken.

(c)—Yes. Out-door treatment of the Leprosy patients has been arranged in the Public Health Dispensaries mentioned in question (a) above.

(d)—There is no proposal at present for establishment of a separate leprosy treatment centre.

(e)—A Leprosy Colony has recently been opened at Sarihajan in the Mikir Hills under the auspices of Mikir Seva Kendra which is a branch of Bharatiya Adim Jati Adhibashi Seva Sangha and Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs.39,000 to this institution during the last three years for treatment of Leprosy patients in the Mikir Hills over and above out-door treatment rendered in the Public Health Dispensaries.

(f)—One hundred and fifty-eight.

(g)—Owing to dearth of qualified Doctors trained in Tuberculosis, it has not yet been possible to survey Tuberculosis cases in this district.

(h)—There are arrangements for preliminary treatment of Tubercular patients in the dispensaries in the area. Serious cases are sent to the hospitals outside the area where there are facilities for treatment of such cases.

311.(a)—

	Hospital	Dispensary	Travelling Dispensary
Mikir Hills ... ..	...	3	4
North Cachar Hills ... ..	1	2	1

Out of these sanctioned Hospitals and Dispensaries two Dispensaries and two Travelling Dispensaries in the Mikir Hills are not functioning at present for want of Doctors. The Dispensary at Gonjung in the North Cachar Hills also could not be started for the same reason. The Inspector General of Civil Hospitals has been asked to submit proposals for opening of more hospitals and dispensaries in the Mikir Hills for consideration of Government.

(b)—Yes. The Doctors deputed to this Dispensary during the last two years resigned their appointments. The Medical Department is also very short of Doctors and therefore it has not been possible to post a doctor at Mohondijua.

(c)—With a view to securing the services of doctors in the interior places of the Autonomous Districts like Mohondijua, Government are considering a proposal to grant them extra remuneration and thereby make service in such interior places more attractive than at present. Government are also encouraging tribal students including Mikirs to qualify themselves as doctors by making seats available to them in the Assam Medical College and by awarding them scholarships.

(d)—Yes.

#### Number of Primary Schools in Mikir Hills

Mr. NIHANG RONGPHER asked :

312. (a) Will Government be pleased to state—

(i) the number of Primary schools showing separately maintained by Government and School Board, in Mikir Hills ;

(ii) Number of Middle English Schools ; and

(iii) Number of Middle Vernacular Schools ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state the number of inspecting staff employed for the Mikir Hills ?

(c) Do Government propose to make immediate appointment of a separate Deputy Inspector of Schools for the Mikir Hills ?

(d) Do Government propose to start one High School in the Mikir Hills by upgrading one Middle English School there ?

(e) If so, where ?

Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister) replied :

312. (a) (i)—Ninety Government Primary Schools.

Three Primary Schools maintained by the Primary Education Board.

(ii)—Five Government Middle English Schools and 7 Aided Middle English Schools.

(iii)—One Government Middle Vernacular School.

(b)—Two Sub-Inspectors of Schools and one Assistant Sub-Inspector of Schools.

(c)—The question of appointment of a Deputy-Inspector of Schools for the United Mikir and North Cachar Hills is under consideration of Government.

(d)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

(e)—The location has not yet been decided upon.

### Officers and Students sent abroad under Post-War Plan

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

313. Will Government be pleased to state the names of the students and officers sent abroad from this State under the Post-War Plan wholly or partly at Government expense showing the amount spent on each of them and the capacity in which they are serving the State now ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

313.—A statement is placed on the Library table for information of the members.

Regarding the amount spent on each of the scholar it is not possible to give the actual amount. In U. S. A. and Canada each Scholar had been paid a maintenance allowance of 160 per mensem without any distinction between different areas. This cover haded boarding, lodging and all other expenses. Above this the actual tuition fees cost for Books and apparatus, study tours and Medical charges have been paid for each Scholars. In U. K. each Scholar has been paid maintenance allowance of £ 35 per month *plus* the actual fees and cost for books and clothing and Medical expense. Above this all Scholars had got (1) One Second Class fare by Railway from normal place of residence to port of embarkation. (2) Equipment allowance of Rs.500 per candidate. (3) Pocket money for voyage £ 5 for each candidate. (4) Actual Steamer fare to the U.K. or U.S.A. or other country of instruction. (5) Travelling allowance from port of disembarkation to place of instruction. They were also allowed the same allowance on return journey to their normal place of residence.

### Compulsory Primary Education by taking over area

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked :

314. (a) Do Government propose to introduce compulsion in Primary Education by taking over area in each Subdivision every year ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state why no such provision has been made during the current year ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

314 (a)—Yes, subject to availability of funds.

(b)—The provision has been made according to the requirements such as—for giving time scale of pay to Lower Primary teachers, introduction of further compulsion, raising of deputation allowance to Gurus, taking over venture Lower Primary Schools, entertainment of additional teachers, etc., in addition to expenditure regarding for Training Schools, School Boards, and pay of Lower Primary teachers and attendance Officers, etc.

**Stipend granted to an M. A. in history in 1948**

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHAUDHURY** asked :

315. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) If it is a fact that Government granted a stipend in 1948 to an M.A. in history for undergoing a course of training in Archives keeping with a view to establishing a Central Records Office in Assam ?
- (b) If the answer to question (a) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state when the stipendiary completed his training ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

315. (a)—Yes.

(b)—June 1950.

**Minimum qualification required of a music teacher for Girls' High English School**

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

316. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The minimum qualification required of a music teacher for a Girls' High English School ?
- (b) Whether there is any special circular by the Education Department for appointing female candidates as music teacher in Girls' High English School ?
- (c) Whether it is mandatory to appoint music teachers in Girls' High English Schools from suitable female candidates in preference to candidates who are males ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

316. (a)—None yet, as there is no provision for such teachers.

(b)—No.

(c)—No such orders yet issued.

**Amount of money sanctioned for excavation of the Foundation of the Government High School at Jowai**

**Shri KISTOBIN RYMBAI** asked :

317. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The amount of money sanctioned for excavation of the foundation of the Government High School at Jowai ?

(b) The amount of money spent so far in the foundation work of the aforesaid High School ?

(c) The progress of work upto date and the time limit, if any, prescribed for the completion of the buildings of the said High School ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

317. (a)—The estimated amount for foundation is Rs. 130 and that for preparation of site is Rs.10,000.

(b)—The amount spent so far for foundation will be within estimated amount. The amount likely to be spent for preparation of site is about Rs.20,000. The excess is due to rock excavation which could not be foreseen while preparing the estimates.

(c)—Concrete and masonry works for the foundation and plinth have been started. All the timber works required are almost ready, other materials such as cement, roofing sheets wattle for walling, lime, etc., have been collected. The time limit for completion of the buildings is upto the end of February 1953.

**Number of Venture Schools in Jowai**

**Shri KISTOBIN RYMBAI** asked :

318. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The number of venture Schools that have been opened during the last five years in Jowai Subdivision ?

(b) Whether any financial help was granted, to any of these Schools

(c) If so, how much ?

- (d) If not, why not ?
- (e) The number of Government or State Schools that have been opened since the Independence of India in the Jowai Subdivision ?
- (f) The number of Basic Schools opened in the Jowai Subdivision directly and by conversion of the existing Primary Schools ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

318. (a)—Ten, venture Schools (Primary).  
 (b)—No.  
 (c)—Does not arise.  
 (d)—As they are un-recognised schools.  
 (e)—3 Government Primary Schools and one Government Middle English School.  
 (f)—8, of which 6 directly and 2 by conversion.

**Offices connected with Education Department**

**Shri SRIMAN PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

319. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many offices connected with Education Department (like School Board Office, Deputy Inspector of Schools Office, Adviser of Basic Education office) are at present in hired houses at Gauhati ?
- (b) What is the rent paid to each of these hired houses per month ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to construct a building where all the offices of the Education Department can be accommodated ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

319. (a)—Seven, namely—  
 (i) Inspector of Schools, L. A. C.  
 (ii) Assistant Inspector of Schools, P. T. Education, A. V. C.  
 (iii) Assistant Inspector of Schools, A. V. C.  
 (iv) Assistant Inspector of Schools, Sanskrit Education.  
 (v) Special Officer, Basic Education.  
 (vi) Special Officer, Social Education.  
 (vii) Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati.

(b)—Rupees three hundred and seventy-five per mensem in respect of first three offices and for the rest Rs.80, Rs.165, Rs.40, and Rs.100 respectively per month.

(c)—The matter will be taken up when the financial condition of the State improves.

### Number of both State and Public Libraries in Assam

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

320. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of both State and Public Libraries in Assam ?
- (b) How many of them are getting State aid and in what form ?
- (c) How many of these libraries are recognised by the State and how many of them are not ?
- (d) Do Government propose to enact a library Act in Assam for the improvement of these libraries?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

320. (a)—One Government library, *viz.* Government Public Library in Shillong and about 780 Public Libraries.
- (b)—502 recognised Public Libraries are receiving aid from Government at the rate varying from Rs.35 to Rs.100 per annum.
- (c)—502 recognised and the rest unrecognised.
- (d)—Not at present.

### Steps to standardise scientific and technical terms for School text-books

**Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BOROOAH** asked :

321. Will Government be pleased to state what steps have so far been taken or proposed to be taken to standardise scientific and technical terms in Assamese, particularly for school text-books ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

- 321.—The question of constituting a Paribhasa Committee for compilation of Assamese terminology of Scientific expression for use in books for Secondary Schools is under consideration of Government.

### Proposals for the construction of roads in the Mikir Hills

**Shri KHORSING TERANG** asked :

322. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether they have received certain proposals for the construction of roads in the Mikir Hills under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution, Article 275, Development Projects ?
- (b) If so, whether they have decided to take up any of these proposals ?
- (c) The time from which the construction works under the aforesaid proposals will commence ?

323. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The total mileage of roads in the Mikir Hills with reference to the following—

(i) All weather roads,

(ii) Dry weather roads, and

(iii) Cart track ?

(b) What has happened to the scheme of constructing Diphu-Mohendijua road ?

(c) What steps Government propose to take to improve the road communication in the Mikir Hills ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

322.(a) & (b)—Yes. It has originally been decided to survey and take up construction work on the Diphu-Mahendijua road. For survey work on this road a sum of Rs.70,000 had been allotted during the current financial year. Subsequently representations were received from Mikir representatives to the effect that a road from Diphu to Mahendijua was not as essential as an axial road linking the surplus rice producing Namati Mauza with Manipur Road, and that such road should be allotted higher priority than a Road from Diphu to Mohendijua. It has therefore been decided to link Dokmuka with Manipur road. Survey work on this project will soon begin, and after survey is complete, construction will be started.

(c)—No exact date can be specified, but construction work will begin immediately after survey is complete.

323.(a)—

(i) 40 Miles.

(ii) 60 Miles.

(iii) About 100 miles.

(b)—Please see reply to question 322 (a) above.

(c)—Please see reply to question 322(a) above. In addition, Government have been taking all possible steps to improve the rural communications in the Mikir Hills. In the year 1951-52, a sum of Rs.30,000 was placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, United District of Mikir and North Cachar Hills for the improvement of rural communications in the district. During the current financial year also, Government propose to place a grant of Rs.12,000 at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner for the same purpose.

**Proposal not to include Authors of Text-Books in the Text-Book Committee**

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

324.(a) In the interest of education, do Government propose not to include authors of Text-Books in the Text-Book Committee ?

(b) Do Government propose to appoint as Secretary of the Text-Book Committee an outsider who is an educationist of repute ?

325. Do Government propose the reconstitution of Text-Book Committee with—

(i) 60 per cent. members from the Teaching Staff of Schools, Colleges and the Inspectorate of the Department ?

(ii) 20 per cent. of the members from the Directorate of Education ; and

(iii) 20 per cent. form outsiders with special qualification to be members of the Committee ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

324.(a)—No.

(b)—No.

325.—No.

**Major flood control measures incorporated in the Five-Year Plan for Cachar**

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

326. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) If any major flood control measures has been incorporated in the Five-Year Plan for Cachar ? If so, what are these ?

(b) Do Government propose to enquire into the possibility of damming the Katakhal river as a Multipurpose measure for flood control, irrigation and hydel power generation ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

326. (a)—No major flood control scheme has been incorporated in the Five-Year Plan for Cachar. Similarly no such scheme for any of the districts has been included in the plan due to the limitation of allotment by the Government of India.

(b)—At present there is no such proposal under consideration of Government.

A proposal for setting up a Public Works Department Division for investigation of river problems and collection of data required for flood control and irrigation, etc., is, however, under consideration of Government. The question of inclusion of the Katakhal project will be considered, along with others, as and when this division is set up.

**Smuggling of rice and paddy seizure by Police**

**Shri BALIRAM DAS** asked :

327. (a) Is it a fact that Truck Nos. ASN 320 and ASN 609 loaded with rice and paddy respectively were seized by police near Jagi Road Procurement Check gate, Nowgong at about 1 p.m. in June 1952 ?

(b) Is it a fact that the aforesaid Truck No. ASN 609 loaded with paddy forcibly fled away after an hour of the occurrence as stated above disregarding the presence of the public and the Procurement staff and that the fact was brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong immediately by the public ?

(c) Will Government be pleased to state what steps have been or are being taken against these black-marketers ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

327. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Actual position is being ascertained from the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong but from the available report it appears that the Deputy Commissioner has already collected some materials against the owner of Truck No. ASN 609 for necessary legal action. With regard to the other Truck *i.e.*, ASN 320 a case has already been instituted against the carrier for illegal transport of 90 maunds rice.

**Arrest of Arjunlal Gatani of Jorhat on charges of smuggling and black-marketing**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

328. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether one Arjunlal Gatani of Jorhat was arrested on 14th June 1952 on the charges of smuggling and black-marketing ?

(b) Whether the said Arjunlal Gatani was released on bail ?

(c) Whether Government received any representation from the public of Jorhat elaborating the smuggling and black-marketing activities of the said Gatani ?

(d) If the answer to (c) above is in the affirmative, what steps have been or are proposed to be taken by Government ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

328. (a)—Yes. He was arrested on the allegation of smuggling rice out of the Sibsagar District.

(b)—Yes he was released on bail several days after his arrest on account of his illness in the Jail and the ailments of two children at home. The fact of the illness was confirmed by the Civil Surgeon who was asked to report.

(c)—No representation was received but an anonymous letter was received by the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat in this connection.

(d)—Steps were already taken before the receipt of the anonymous letter for proper investigation of the case even in Lakhimpur and Nowgong districts. The matter is now *sub-judice* and a case against Gatani is pending in the court of the Subdivisional Officer, Sibsagar.

**Quantity of paddy procured by Government under direct purchase system and despatched to Gauhati**

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORA** asked :

329. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) What quantity of paddy procured by Government under direct purchase system was despatched to Gauhati till 31st July 1952 since the start of the Scheme from the district of Nowgong ?
- (b) Whether any loss was sustained in transit of this paddy ?
- (c) If so, what is the quantity of loss and what would be the amount of such loss.

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

329. (a)—86,409 mds. 7 srs. 4 ch paddy.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—3,661 mds. 35 srs. 2 ch. valuing approximately Rs.37,992 only.

**Supply of paddy by Procurement Department to Messrs. Steel Brothers**

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORA** asked :

330. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Procurement Department offered any paddy for sale to Messrs. Steel Brothers between the period of November 1951 and July 1952 ?
- (b) If so, how many wagons or maunds were offered ?
- (c) Whether all the wagons have been accepted ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

330. (a)—Yes.

(b)—32,453 mds. of paddy so far reported.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Does not arise.

**Money given to person or persons at Bijni in 1950-51 for rehabilitation of refugees**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

331. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether any money was given to any person at Bijni in the year 1950-51 for rehabilitation of refugees ?

(b) If so, who were the person or persons and what was the amount ?

(c) Have Government made any enquiry regarding the expenditure of the said amount and have satisfied themselves that the money has been properly spent and for the purpose stipulated ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

331. (a)—No money was given.

(b)-(c)—Does not arise.

**Name of the firm to whom cloth and yarn quota of August 1951 was given for North Lakhimpur**

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

332. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The name of the firm to whom cloth and yarn quota of August, 1951 was given for North Lakhimpur ?

(b) The names of the Managing Director and the Director of the firm in question ?

(c) For how many bales of cloth and yarn the permit was given ?

(d) Whether the required quotas of cloth and yarn were sent to North Lakhimpur ?

(e) If not, why not ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the quota-holders submitted a report to the Subdivisional Officer, North Lakhimpur stating that the cloths and yarn were received in damaged condition ?

(g) What were the contents of Subdivisional Officer, North Lakhimpur's telegram No.DLNTD.31/51/23, dated 20th January 1952 ?

(h) How far it is a fact that all the connected papers of this case were destroyed by the Government textile officials of Jorhat ?

(i) If so, whether any action has been taken against the officer concerned ?

(j) If so, what is that ?

(k) If not, why not ?

**Shri BAIKYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

332. (a)—The quota of cloth for August, 1951 was allotted to M/S. Choudhury and Co., Shillong. The quota of yarn for August 1951 was allotted to M/S. Assam Trading Co-operative, Gauhati.

(b)—M/s. Choudhury and Co., Shillong, is a partnership Company and it has neither Managing Director nor Director. It is managed by Shri G. C. Pathak. There is no Managing Director or Director of M/s. Assam Trading Co-operative, Gauhati, which has a Chairman *viz.*, Shri Umesh Chandra Choudhury and a Secretary *viz.*, Shri Punya Prasad Duerah.

(c)—Cloth ...	...	...	...	...	87 bales.
Yarn ...	...	...	...	...	22 bales.

(d) & (e)—The quota of cloth could not be sent to North Lakhimpur as the nominee declined to lift this quota immediately after allotment and there was no other party willing to lift it for North Lakhimpur. As regards the quota of yarn, the Procuring Agent has been directed to send the yarn to North Lakhimpur.

(f)—No.

(g)—Government regrets that the contents of the telegram cannot be furnished in public interest.

(h)—The question is not clear and therefore reply is not possible.

(i), (j) and (k)—Does not arise.

#### **Timtimia Reserve in Jorhat Subdivision**

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

333. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) When the Timtimia Reserve in Jorhat Subdivision was thrown open to landless people ?

(b) The names of landless persons who got these lands and the area allotted to each of them since then up till now ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

333. (a) and (b)—Government have no information. A report has been called for from the district officer concerned and the member will be furnished with the information when received.

**Barpeta-Tarabari Road and Bhella Palla Road in Barpeta Subdivision**

**Maulavi MUKHTAR ALI** asked :

334. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether the Barpeta Tarabari Road and Bhella Palla Road in Barpeta Subdivision were submerged under water in the year's flood ?

(b) If the answer is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state why gravel work has been done in portion of the former from Barpeta to Bhella and in the case of the latter from Bhella to Nowgong ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

334. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Information has been called for.

**Oral literatures of the State**

**Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BOROOAH** asked :

335. (a) Will Government be pleased to state what steps so far have been taken to collect and conserve the oral literatures of the State both of the Plains and of the Hills as well ?

(b) Are Government aware that folk-tales and folk-songs particularly of the Bodos, Miris and Mikirs are fast disappearing ?

**Shri OMEMO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

335. (a)—The matter is under consideration.

(b)—Government have no information.

**Books in Assamese for general readers on civics, economics, history and general knowledge**

**Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BOROOAH** asked :

336. (a) Is it a fact that there are no suitable books in Assamese for general readers on subjects like civics, economics, history and general knowledge ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state what steps have so far been taken to remove this national want by encouraging individual Assamese authors or learned societies to work in this direction ?

(c) Do Government propose to request the University of Gauhati to prepare such books and provide the University with necessary funds for their publication ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

336. (a)—Yes, very few in History and General knowledge and practically none for the other subjects.

(b)—By giving recurring grants to the Asom Sahitya Sabha and the Kamarupa Anusandhan Samity as well as maintaining a department of Historical and Antiquarian Studies. Individual authors in different subjects in Assamese are encouraged by approving suitable books for prize in libraries of Educational Institutions as well as for distribution to Educational Institutions as far as funds allow.

(c)—The suggestion will receive consideration.

### Loans advanced from the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund at Dibrugarh

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

337. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the following loans were advanced from the Relief and Rehabilitation Fund at Dibrugarh :—

- (i) Rupees 2,000 on 27th March 1951 to Shri Asit Ranjan Roy ;
- (ii) Rupees 5,000 on 25th June 1951 to Shri Kalidas Raha and
- (iii) Rupees 3,000 on 28th March 1952 to Shri Sukumar Kar.

(b) Whether Government are aware that Shri Asit Ranjan Roy and Shri Kalidas Raha are nephews and Shri Sukumar Kar is the brother of Shri S. K. Kar, the Relief and Rehabilitation Officer of Dibrugarh.

(c) Whether it is a fact that Sri Kalidas Raha took the loan of Rs. 5,000 on the plea that he would open a motor business at Dibrugarh but that now there is no trace either of his business or of himself at Dibrugarh ?

(d) How many applications for Rehabilitation loan are received in the office of the Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, Dibrugarh, during the period from 1st March 1951 to 31st March 1952 and how many of them were granted loans ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

337. (a) to (d)—Immediate report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

### Displaced persons from East Pakistan

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

338. (a) Will Government be pleased to state how many of the displaced persons from East Pakistan now residing at Saikhowaghat have been granted loans as a measure of relief and rehabilitation ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to furnish a list of such displaced persons showing loans granted to each of them ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

338. (a)-(b)—A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

### Refugee Loan

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

339. (a) Is it a fact that one Bimal Das Gupta of Saikhowaghat received refugee loan from Government ?

(b) If so, how much ?

(c) Is it a fact that the said person has been living at Saikhowaghat since then ?

(d) If so, how he has been sanctioned the loan and how he has been registered as a refugee ?

(e) Do Government propose to enquire into the matter and take action against the officer responsible and the person concerned ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

339. (a)—(e)—A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

### Shop of Nibharsa Roy at Athgaon, Gauhati

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

340. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a shop belonging to one Nibharsa Roy at Athgaon, Gauhati, was broken open by Police on 8th February 1952 under orders of the A.D.M., Kamrup ?

(b) If so, why ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

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

### Old Chowkidari Act

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

341. (a) Are Government aware that there are persistent demands in Cachar for the amendment of the Old Chawkidari Act now in force in the district of Cachar ?

(b) Do Government propose to modify and amend the Act or enact a new legislation and if so, what steps have been taken in this connection ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

341. (a)—Government are not aware of any such demands.

(b)—Government have at present no such proposal to modify or amend the Act or enact a new legislation pending re-organisation of the land revenue system in the District consequent on the abolition of the Zamindari System.

**Education of children of tea garden labourers**

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

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

- (a) The total amount spent for the education of children of tea garden labourers from 1947 ?
- (b) The number of children of tea garden labourers who passed Matriculation Examination since 1947 ?
- (c) How many children of tea garden labourers have been given posts in any Government Department ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that they are the most backward tribes in Assam ?
- (e) What step Government is taking to raise the educational standard of these people ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that Government is going to take over the Schools of tea gardens ?
- (g) If not, why not ?

**Shri OMEMO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

**342. (a)**—The average annual expenditure on 'A' Class Tea Garden Schools which are purely Government Schools is Rs.11,856.

The average annual expenditure on 'B' Class Tea Garden Schools which are maintained by the State Primary Education Board is Rs.12,500.

In addition to the above, the following expenditure is incurred annually in awarding scholarships to the pupils of Tea Garden Labourers.

1. Rupees 2,400 for 10 Primary Scholarships.
2. Rupees 1,152 for 4 Middle Vernacular Scholarships.
3. Rupees 4,368 for 13 Middle English Scholarships.

Besides an expenditure of approximately Rs.4,000 per annum is also incurred by Government for maintaining 3 Assistant Sub-Inspectors of Schools exclusively for the Inspection of Tea Garden Lower Primary Schools. Thus the total expenditure from 1947 upto March 1952 is approximately Rs.1,80,000.

- (b)—The information is not available.
- (c)—The information is not readily available.
- (d)—Government realise they are very backward,

(e)—“Besides the expenditure noted against question 342(a) in maintaining 9 ‘A’ Class and a large number of ‘B’ Class Schools as well as providing scholarships to continue their education, students of this category are allowed to compete on equal terms for collegiate scholarships reserved for scheduled castes and other backward classes of the State”.

(f)—Attempts are made to take over under the respective School Boards as many of the ‘C’ Class Primary Schools as may be possible and to ensure periodic inspection as far as practicable.

(g)—Does not arise.

### Rangoli Portion of Deroi Reserve

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

343. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forest Department be pleased to state—

- (a) The year in which the Rangoli portion of Deroi Reserve was thrown open for settlement with landless cultivators ?
- (b) Total area of this reserve under cultivation of food crops ?
- (c) What was the area, thrown open ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that a petition dated 7th April 1952 with a list of 65 landless cultivators was submitted for consideration to the Senior Conservator of Forests ?
- (e) How far it is a fact that the application has received no consideration of Government ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

343. (a)—From the early part of 1950.

(b)—1,500 bighas under actual cultivation.

(c)—The area under forest village settlement in Deroi Reserve is—

(1) Rupit	...	...	...	3,000 bighas.
(2) Basti ...	...	...	...	1,100 bighas.

(d)—A petition dated 7th April 1952 with a list of 65 persons alleged to be landless was received from Professor Sarwan for settlement of these persons as forest villagers in the Rangoli area of the Deroi Reserve.

(e)—It is not a fact that the application received no consideration from Government. The application was sent to Divisional Forest Officer, Sibsagar, for necessary action. But at the time of receipt of the petition all land available for settlement in the area had already been exhausted and settlement was impossible as there was no more land available in the area mentioned in the petition for settlement.

**Criminal Cases in the Subdivisional Courts of North Lakhimpur,  
Mangaldai, Barpeta, Golaghat and Goalpara**

**Shri SARVESWAR BARUA** asked :

344. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Judicial Department be pleased to state in tabular form the number of criminal cases instituted and disposed of during and left pending at the end of 1949, 1950, 1951 respectively in the Sub-divisional Courts of North Lakhimpur, Mangaldoi, Barpeta, Golaghat and Goalpara showing also the number of Magistrates doing criminal work during the said period in each of the said subdivision ?

(b) Will he also be pleased to state if at North Lakhimpur there are only two part-time Magistrates, *viz.*, the Subdivisional Officer and the Senior Extra Assistant Commissioner, in-charge of the Munsifi, the Sub-Treasury and Sub-Registry dispensing criminal justice since the middle of June last ?

(c) If so, what action, if any, are Government taking to relieve the distress and hardship to which the litigant public have been put due to frequent adjournments of their cases ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

344 (a) to (c)—Informations are being collected.

**Standard of Secondary Education in Assam**

**Shri HARINARAYAN BARUAH** asked .

345 (a) Will Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to raise the standard of secondary education in the State of Assam ?

(b) Are Government aware that some State of the Union have already taken steps to remodel the Secondary education ?

(c) If so, in what States ?

(d) Do Government propose to enlighten the House with the schemes and plans formulated by them in this direction ?

(e) Do Government contemplate to undertake such schemes and plans as adopted by other States ?

(f) Do Government propose to appoint a Special Officer or a Committee to undertake the work ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

345 (a)—Compulsory examination for pupils completing Middle English Course (Class VI) is being introduced. The question of establishing a secondary education board to bring about an improvement will be taken up as soon as the recommendations of the Secondary Education Commission set up by the Government of India is published.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—West Bengal, U. P.

(d) & (e)—Necessary Schemes and plans suitable for Assam will be under-

taken.

(f)—Yes.

**Cases of Dacoities in Kamrup and Darrang Districts**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

346. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many cases of dacoities were detected or reported in Kamrup and Darrang Districts during the period from January to August, 1952 ?
- (b) How many persons have been arrested in the anti-dacoity campaign this year till now ?
- (c) How many cases have been instituted in this connection and what is the number of persons involved ?
- (d) How many are found guilty ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

346. (a) to (d)—The particulars have been called for and replies will be furnished on receipt of the same.

**Tols receiving grants from Government and Sanskrit Board**

**Shri SRIMAN PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

347. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The names of the Tols that were and have been given Government grants last year and now stating the amount of grant given to each ?
- (b) The names of the Tols that were and have been given grant from the Sanskrit Board stating the amount given to each in the last year and now ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

347 (a) & (b)—A Statement is placed on the Library Table.

**C. I. Sheets for the Districts of Assam**

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

348. Will Government be pleased to state the amount of Cement, hardware and C. I. Sheets allotted to the different districts of the State separately since 1947 year by year ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

348.—The Statement showing allotment of C. I. Sheets and other Iron Materials and Cement to different districts in Assam is laid on the Library Table for the information of members.

### High School at Margherita

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

349. (a) Are Government aware of the fact that a High School at Margherita is indispensably necessary for the higher education of the children of the Tribal People living in the Tirap Transferred Area and the general public ?

(b) Are Government aware that one High School run by the public of Margherita has been started at Margherita in the building constructed in the premises of the present Middle English and Lower Primary School of Margherita ?

(c) Will Government be pleased to state as to how much land has been sanctioned for the said school ?

(d) Are Government aware that a generous person named Lado Ram Toli has agreed to construct the building for the school in the name of his late father ?

(e) Do Government propose to take over the School for the well being of the people ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

349. (a)—Yes.

(b), (c) & (d)—Government have no information.

(e)—Does not arise.

### Sibsagar Government High School

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

350. (a) Is it a fact that the condition of the Sibsaagar Government High English School is in a most dilapiated condition ?

(b) Is it a fact that the School has been greatly affected by the last Great Earth quake ?

(c) If the replies to the above questions are in the affirmative do Government propose to take immediate actions for the repair or re-building of the School buildings ?

351. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) If there is any Boarding house of the Sibsaagar Government High English School ?

(b) Do Government propose to improve the Boarding house ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

350. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, if and when funds permit.

351. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, if and when funds permit.

#### Permit for C. I. Sheets

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

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

(a) Whether any permit for 8 bundles of C.I. Sheets was issued to Shri Ram Nath Sharma, Chairman, Nowgong Local Board for the roofing of Gurumari 'Mazid' of Dhing Marigaon constituency in the last part of the year 1951 or early part of the year 1952, from the Director, Consumer Goods Office ?

(b) Whether these C.I. Sheets were purchased and used for the purpose mentioned ?

(c) Whether any last date was fixed in the permit for the purchase of the C.I. Sheets in question ?

(d) Whether any permit was issued to one Shri Sashi Kanto Hazarika of Nowgong from the Director, Consumer Goods Office on 29th February 1952 ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that permit to the latter was issued cancelling the former permit mentioned in (a) above ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that another permit has been issued to Shri Sashi Kanto Hazarika cancelling his former permit ?

(g) Whether any date has been fixed in the latter permit within which the C. I. Sheets must be purchased ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

352. (a)—Yes, in the last part of 1951.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes. The validity of the permit was upto 31st December, 1951.

(d)—Yes

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes, a fresh permit was issued on the request of the applicant as validity of the previous permit had expired.

(g)—Yes, the validity of the permit was upto 31st March, 1952.

**Srijut Dwijendra Nath Das, Deputy Director of Procurement**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

353. (a) Is it a fact that Srijut Dwijendra Nath Das, Deputy Director of Procurement, was reverted to his former post of Assistant Director of Procurement in 1951 ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Is it a fact that the said officer purchased a Motor Car from Shri Gobardhan Bhartia of Messrs. Bhartia Rice Mills, Nalbari on payment of an advance ?

(d) Is it a fact that the said officer did not make full payment of the price of the Car ?

(e) Is it also a fact that the matter was reported to Government and the Government after instituting an enquiry directed the Officer to make immediate payment of the price of the Car to Shri Bhartia ?

(f) Is it a fact that the said Officer was severely warned for the above action ?

(g) Are Government aware that the said Officer recently owned a Motor Car worth about rupees fifteen thousand ?

(h) What is the present salary of the said Officer ?

(i) Whether the Officer has declared his assets as required under rules ?

(j) Is it a fact that the said Officer's assets were examined by the Anti-Corruption Department ?

(k) If so, what were the findings of the Anti-Corruption Department ?

(l) Is it a fact that lately Government have received some reports from some gentlemen of Hojai against the said Officer ?

(m) If so, what action Government propose to take against the Officer concerned ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

353. (a) & (b)—Yes. Shri Dwijendra Nath Das, Deputy Director of Procurement was transferred from Gauhati to Jorhat on 15th November, 1950, but on his own request probably on grounds of ill-health he had to be temporarily posted to Shillong for some months. As there was no post of Deputy Director of Procurement at Shillong he was temporarily appointed as Assistant Director of procurement, Shillong where he joined on 14th December, 1950. Subsequently

he was again sent back to the plains as Deputy Director of Procurement and posted at Jorhat where he joined on 22nd July, 1951.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—No.

(h)—His present pay is Rs.550 in the scale of Rs.500—25—750 with the usual cost of living allowance, i.e., Rs.96-4-0 per mensem.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—No.

(k)—Does not arise.

(l)—Yes.

(m)—The report of an enquiry held very recently in this connection is at present under consideration of the Government.

#### Applications for C. I. Sheets in Shillong

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

354. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the total number of applications received for C. I. Sheets in Shillong since that commodity was controlled by Government ?

(b) The total number of applicants who were given C. I. Sheets ?

(c) Whether in preference to long standing applications for C. I. Sheets new applicants for the above sheets were granted permits ?

(d) If so, why ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

354. (a)-(d)—Information received are not complete and further particulars are being collected.

#### Trade Commissioner of the Government of Assam at Calcutta

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

355. (a) Will Government be pleased to state what are the functions of the Trade Commissioner of the Government of Assam at Calcutta ?

(b) What is the expenditure on all heads in his Office including salaries allowances, handlings of goods, house rents and other miscellanies on all accounts showing separately under each head ?

(c) What was the total value of trade that passed through this agent in 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 upto July last ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minisier)** replied :

355. (a)—The Trade Adviser to the Government of Assam in Calcutta (not Trade Commissioner) is acting as Liaison Officer in arranging Procurement and despatch from Calcutta to Assam of all essential commodities for various departments of the State. He in his capacity as a Liaison Officer has to cater for the various departments under the State in the matter of procuring and despatching whatever goods are required by those departments and in doing so, he has to meet the customs formalities and to arrange steamer space and railway wagons.

In respect of Supply Department he is arranging procurement and despatch of consumer goods, *viz.*, Iron Materials, C. I. Sheets, Cement, Gunny Bags, etc., by contacting various controlling authorities of the Government of India. In addition to these he is also required to regulate programme of despatch by inland steamer and by railway of all essential commodities to Assam procured by *bona fide* Traders of the State.

Since 1950-51 he has been entrusted with the duties of supervision of the deliveries of Imported Foodgrains allotted to Assam by the Government of India's representatives in Calcutta and in arranging steamer space and railway wagons for the quick despatch of the same.

(b)—

	Expenditure for 1951-52			Estimate for 1952-53		
	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
(i) Pay of Officer ... ..	9,600	0	0	9,600	0	0
(ii) Pay of Establishment ... ..	5,472	14	0	5,950	5	0
(iii) Car allowance for Officer ... ..	2,400	0	0	2,400	0	0
(iv) Travelling allowance of Officer ... ..	Nil			1,000	0	0
(v) Travelling Allowance of Establishment	Nil			400	0	0
(vi) Cost of Living allowance for Officer	1,680	0	0	1,680	0	0
(vii) Dearness allowance of Establishment	3,059	14	0	2,950	10	0
(viii) Contingencies and Maintenance of Vehicles.	7,844	5	6	5,000	0	0
	30,057	1	6	28,980	15	0

In addition to the above regular expenses, he had incurred a total expenditure of Rs.59,094-13-0 for meeting the incidental expenses in the despatch of imported Foodgrains. The incidental expenses were incurred by the Travelling Allowance in connection with the despatch of imported rice and wheat to Assam.

(c)—The total values of trade that passed through the Trade Adviser during 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 (upto July 1952) as detailed below:—

	1950-51			1951-52			1952-53 (upto July 1952).		
	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
(i) Imported Rice	16,22,115	14	3	1,32,63,592	5	0	Nil		
(ii) Imported Wheat and Milo.	Nil			31,57,547	15	6	7,44,063	8	3
(iii) Gunnies ...	Nil			8,13,109	0	5	6,19,738	0	7
	16,22,115	14	3	1,72,34,249	4	11	13,63,801	8	10

The above figures are confined to goods procured on Government account only.

#### Nomination of Ex-Members of Legislative Assembly to different Government sponsored Boards

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Chief Minister)** asked :

356. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the specific reasons for which Messrs Lakshmidhar Bora, Ataur Rahman and Sarat Chandra Singha, all ex-Members of Legislative Assembly who fought the last General Election without success on Congress ticket have been nominated by Government to different Government sponsored Boards and Committees ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

356. (a)—The persons named in the questions were appointed as members of some Committees and Boards as they were considered suitable for discharge of their responsibilities in view of their long association and abiding interest in public affairs.

#### Number of Officers in the Procurement Department

**Shri Sriman PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

357. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The number of officers in the Procurement Department in different grades and posts with salary paid to each per month ?

(b) The total expenditure in the Department and total receipts and net profit made in the last year, i.e., 1951-52 ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

357. (a)—A statement showing the officers and staff in the Procurement Department in different grades and posts with the scale of pay allowed to each grade and post is laid on the Library table for the information of Members.

(b)—The total receipts and expenditure under the grain storage scheme during 1951-52 to end of March 1952 (final) are as follow:—

					Rs.
Receipts	...	...	...	...	8,06,63,446
Expenditure	...	...	...	...	8,65,23,144

Further adjustments remain to be carried out in course of March supplementary accounts through the Audit Office. The actual position of the profit or loss will however be known on compilation of *pro forma* accounts and Balance Sheet on the basis of final accounts figures from the Audit Office after the close of March Supplementary.

#### Forest Revenue collected since 1949

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

358. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the amount of Forest Revenue collected since 1947 under different heads district by district ?
- (b) What is the number of Forest Officers of different grades belonging to the different district separately ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

358. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected.

#### Tangle between the Local Bodies and the School Boards

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI** asked :

359. (a) Is it a fact that under the provisions of the Assam Rural Panchayat Act, 1948 the Panchayats are to maintain all Primary and Secondary Educational Institutions in their respective jurisdiction ?
- (b) Is it a fact that the School Board is claiming contributions under Section 31(2)VI of the Assam Primary Education Act ?
- (c) Is it a fact that the representations are being made from time to time by the Boards protesting against the anomalies ?
- (d) Do Government propose to remedy these defects and thus set at rest the tangle between the Local Bodies and the School Boards ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

359. (a), (b) & (c)—Yes.

(d)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

### Government Aided Guru Training Institutes

**Shri Sriman PRAFULLA CHANDRA GOSWAMI** asked :

360. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Names of the Government Aided Guru Training Institutes that are given grant from the Director of Public Instruction Office ?
- (b) Why these schools are not taken by Provincial School Board ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to follow a uniform plan in maintaining and giving of grant to the Guru Training Schools ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

360. (a)—Cherrapunji, Nowgong, Silchar, Nalbari, Howli and Raha Training Centres.

(b)—For want of funds.

(c)—Yes, if and when State finance improves.

### Schools in Tea Gardens

**Shri BISWADEB SARMA** asked :

361. (a) Will Government be pleased to state in how many tea gardens in Darrang there are no schools and what steps Government have taken to establish Schools in those gardens ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state what is the medium of instruction in Tea Garden Schools ?

(c) Is it uniform in all the tea gardens ?

(d) If not, why not ?

(e) Do Government propose to introduce a uniform medium of teaching in these Schools ?

(f) Are Government aware or received reports to the effect that the School masters of Schools in Tea gardens are employed in other garden works and the Schools are apologies for them ?

(g) What steps do Government propose to take to put a stop to such practice and improve the teaching of these Schools ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

361. (a)—Information not available. There are however 92 such Schools.

(b)—In 'A' class Schools which are Government Schools medium is either Assamese or Bengali. In other tea garden schools the selection of language rests with the garden authorities.

(c) & (d)—Since it rests with the Tea Garden authorities the medium of instruction may be not uniform in all the gardens.

(e)—The matter is under the consideration of the Primary Education Board, who are taking up the question of their control and management.

(f)—Government have no information.

(g)—Does not arise.

### Sale-Proceeds of the Departmental Test Books

**Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH** asked :

362. (a) Will Government be pleased to state what amount has so far been received from the sale-proceeds of the departmental text-books namely, "Bijnan Prabes", "Sasthamanar Sahitya" and "English Reader" for class VI ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state in what way the said amount is going to be utilised ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

362. (a)—The total amount received from 1950 up to date is Rs.34,433-15-6 viz. (1) Bijnan Prabeshika (Assamese and Bengali) Rs.18,609-5-0.

(2) Assamese Sahitya Sangraha Rs.3,685-4-6.

(3) A modern English Reader Rs.12,139-6-0.

(b)—Half of the amount from Bijnan Prabeshika has already been credited into the Treasury. An amount of Rs.50-10-0 is set apart annually for awarding a medal on the subject. The remaining amount is due to the five authors of whom four have agreed to the utilisation of the amount of their share for publication of juvenile literature in Assamese. The remaining one is getting his share as usual.

The amount received from the other two books has been credited into the Treasury after deducting remuneration to the authors.

**Teachers in Tura Government High School**

**Shri AARAN SANGMA** asked :

363. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many posts of teachers are lying vacant at present in the Tura Government High English School ?
- (b) What is the sanctioned strength of teachers in the said School ?
- (c) The different dates from which each of the vacancies are unfilled ?
- (d) The reasons for keeping those posts vacant for such a long time ?
- (e) Is it a fact that this has affected the progress of the School and over-burdening the existing staff ?
- (f) Whether there is any B. T. teacher except the Headmaster in the said School ?
- (g) If so, how many ?
- (h) If not, why not ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware of the public feeling that these School is a training or retiring centre for teachers ?
- (j) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps to accommodate within the School Compound the outside teachers as arranged by the Forest Department, and Public Works Department, for their staff ?
- (k) Whether Government propose to sanction Hill allowance to the teachers who are serving in the said School ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied :

363. (a)—Three leave vacancies.

(b)—Sixteen.

(c)—There were two vacancies in June due to the retirement of two Garo teachers—the Assistant Head master and one Assistant teacher. The vacancies have now been filled up.

(d)—Qualified local candidates are not available, and filling up short term vacancies by candidates from the Plains is sometimes difficult.

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—One.

(h)—Does not arise.

(i)—Government have no information about such public feeling, and do not consider that the School is a training or retiring centre for teachers.

(j)—There is no proposal at present.

(k)—The question is being examined.

### Tribal Blocks

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORA** asked :

364. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any area in any of the plains districts of Assam has been constituted into tribal blocks ?
- (b) If so, what is the number of such blocks and their areas in each of the Plains districts of Assam ?
- (c) Whether non-tribals are allowed to occupy lands within these blocks ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Deputy Minister)** replied :

364. (a)—Yes, in pursuance of the Land Settlement Policy laid down in the 1945 July Resolution and in accordance with the provisions of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1947 (Assam Act XV of 1947), some areas in the plains districts of the Assam Valley except Sibsagar have been constituted into Tribal Belts and Tribal Blocks.

(b)—The number of Tribal Belts and Blocks so far constituted and their areas are given below district wise—

District	No. of Tribal Belts and Blocks	Areas of the Tribal Belts and Blocks
Goalpara	2	Figures have been called for from local officers and will be supplied to the Hon. Member when received.
Kamrup	8	
Darrang ...	8	
Lakhimpur	3	
Nowgong	8	

(c)—1. Non-tribals who got settlement of land either under periodic or annual lease, before the constitution of the Belt or Block are allowed to remain in occupation of those lands.

2. In the matter of disposal of waste land in a Tribal Belt or Block the *bonafide* needs of the following classes are taken into consideration as provided for in section 163(2) of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation—

- (i) Those people who are permanently residing in the Belt or Block on the date of the notification constituting the Belt or Block.
- (ii) Those people who are temporarily residing in the Belt or Block, but who are settlement holders of land with the Belt or Block area on the aforesaid date, and who are likely to undertake to become permanently resident therein within a reasonable time.
- (iii) The cultivators of the following classes, *viz.*, plains tribals, hill tribals, tea garden tribals, Santhals, Nepali cultivator-graziers and Scheduled castes who are living elsewhere in the district in which the Belt or Block is situated, and.
- (iv) If the extent of cultivable land available for settlement in the Belt or Block be large enough, other classes of persons residing in the neighbourhood of the Belt or Block, preference, however, being given to persons whose religion, mode of life, agricultural customs and habits are more akin to those of the classes, for whose protection the belt or block was constituted.

#### **Jumming Cultivation by Mikir People**

**Shri KHORSING TERANG** asked :

365. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether they are aware that the Mikir people cultivate by jumming ?
- (b) If so, whether Government are making any attempt to reserve and settle flat lands with the Mikir people who cultivate by jumming ?
- (c) If the reply is in the affirmative, what orders Government have given to the District Authorities in this connection ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that flat lands in the Jamuna Valley of Namoti Mauza, Rongkhang Mauza and Lanka Mauza have been settled with many non-Mikirs ?
- (e) If so, whether Government propose to stop such settlement with the non-Mikir immediately ?
- (f) How many non-Mikirs have been settled in the Mikir Hills area in the aforesaid Mauzas ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

365. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. About 4264.6 acres of land suitable for rice cultivation in the Chelabar, Rongkhang and Nambor Forest reserves in the Mikir Hills have been dereserved for settlement with the landless Mikirs.

(c)—The District authorities have been instructed to effect planned settlement of the Mikirs in the dereserved areas. A committee consisting of three members with the Deputy Commissioner, United District of Mikir and North Cachar Hills as its Chairman has been set up for the purpose of such planned settlement.

(d)—No. With the exception of nineteen Garo families who have been settled in the Lanka Mauza, no land has been settled with non-Mikirs in these mouzas.

(e)—With a view to safeguard the interests of the Mikirs and other backward tribal people, Government had issued orders to the District Authorities to the effect that no further settlement of land in the Mikir Hills should be made with non-tribals.

Paragraph 3(1)(a) of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution empowers the Mikir Hills District Council to make laws with respect to the allotment, occupation or use, or the setting apart of any land in the Mikir Hills other than any land which is a reserved forest for the purposes of agriculture or grazing or for residential or other non-agricultural purposes or for any other purpose likely to promote the interests of the inhabitants of any village or town :

Provided that nothing in such laws shall prevent the compulsory acquisition of any land, whether occupied or unoccupied, for public purposes by the Government of Assam in accordance with the law for the time being in force authorising such acquisition. It is now for the Mikir Hills District Council to make laws in this matter. The laws so made will have to be submitted to the Governor for his assent.

(f)—Please see reply to (d) above.

### **Unclassed Forests, etc., in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District**

**Shri KISTOBIN RYMBAI** asked :

366.(a) Will Government be pleased to state the amount of money collected from Unclassed Forests, etc., in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District, which before the commencement of the Constitution, were known as the Khasi States Deposit Account ?

(b) How was this money spent (details to be furnished)?

(c) What is the balance now ?

(d) Is it a fact that unclassified forests, fisheries and streams are within the jurisdiction of the District Council ?

(e) Do Government propose to credit the balance of money so collected after the commencement of the Constitution to the District Council of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

366.(a)—The question is not clear. Presumably the hon. Member seeks information regarding the amount of money collected from unclassified forests in the areas formerly known as the Khasi States. If this presumption is correct, the information will be collected if the hon. Member will kindly specify the period for which he requires information in regard to receipts from unclassified forests in the former Khasi States.

(b)—All receipts from unclassed forests in the former Khasi States were credited along with other receipts to the Khasi States Deposit Account. Out of this Account, the expenditure in connection with the administration of the Khasi States was met by the Governor as Agent to the Crown Representative Central Government. No expenditure was incurred exclusively out of the receipts from Unclassed State Forests.

(c)—The Khasi States Deposit Account was closed on 31st March 1950, and the balance in that Account on that day merged in the Consolidated Fund of Assam on that date.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The question is not clear. Presumably the hon. Member refers to the receipts of the unclassed forests in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District after the commencement of the Constitution. If so, Government do not propose to credit the receipts from the unclassed forests which accrued before the District Council of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills district came into being to the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District Council. As regards the receipts accruing from unclassed forests after the date of establishment of the District Council, the adjustment of such receipts with the District Council is under examination.

**Inclusion of Shri Bidyadhar Sarmah and Shri Maneswar Bharali in all Committees formed by Government at Jorhat.**

**Shri SARJU PRASAD SINGH** asked :

367. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the names of Sri Bidyadhar Sarmah and Sri Maneswar Bharali have been included as members in almost all the committees formed by Government at Jorhat ?
- (b) If so, what is the reason behind it ?
- (c) Do Government propose to include some village people in their places in the Committees thus formed ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

367. (a)—Shri Bidyadhar Sarma and Sri Maneswar Bhorali are members of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee and Supply Advisory Board at Jorhat. Shri Bidyadhar Sarma is also a member of the Sibsagar District Minority Board.

(b)—The gentlemen in question are considered to be suitable persons for working in the Committees and the Boards to which they have been nominated, in view of the active and abiding interest that they take in matters dealt with by the Boards and the Committees.

(c)—As all interests are being represented on the Boards and the Committees as far as practicable, there is no contemplation to effect any change in their personnel for the present.

**Acute shortage of expert labourers**

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

368. Will Government be pleased to state —

- (a) If they are aware that there is at present acute shortage of expert labourers and implements used in connection with fishing in the district of Cachar ?

- (b) Whether Government are aware that for a long time fishermen belonging to Pakistan were generally employed in the district of Cachar for the purpose of catching fish ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that due to the orders of the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar, prohibiting employment of Pakistan fishermen for the purpose of catching fish in Cachar, the public are experiencing great difficulties and troubles and that the supply of fish of late greatly decreased the same ?
- (d) Whether Government lately received any representation in this connection from the public ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to reconsider the whole matter in view of the recent experiences gained after the enforcement of the aforesaid order prohibiting employment of Pakistan fishermen in catching fish by the lessees in Government fisheries ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

368.(a)—Government have no information.

(b)—In some fisheries, fishermen from Sylhet were employed for catching fish, prior to Partition.

(c)—The employment of Pakistani fishermen was prohibited by Government in the interest of local fishermen and for administrative reason. Government have no information that this has caused any difficulty or trouble or that supply of fish in Cachar has decreased in consequence.

(d)—No.

(e)—Government do not propose to lift the ban for the present.

### **Electric Supply Company at Jorhat**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked:

369. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Electric Supply Co., at Jorhat has now increased its rate of electric charges ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state the percentage of this increase over the previous rate ?

(c) Whether this increase has been made with the approval of Government ?

(d) Did Government appoint a Rating Committee to go into the question of this increase in the rate ?

(e) Did Government receive representations from the Electricity consumers of Jorhat against this increase in rates ?

(f) What relief do Government propose to give to the public of Jorhat against this increase of rates by the Electric Supply Company ?

(g) What are the respective rates per unit of electricity at Shillong, Gauhati and Jorhat ?

(h) Where is the Head Office of the Jorhat Electricity Supply Company situated ?

(i) Whether Government propose to allow the Rating Committee to have access to the files and papers of the Head Office of the Company to examine whether accurate accounts are given by the Company ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

369. (a)—Yes.  
 (b)—Fifty per cent. approximately.  
 (c)—No.  
 (d)—Yes.  
 (e)—Yes.  
 (f)—Relief to public consumers of Jorhat will be based on the findings and recommendations of the Rating Committee, Jorhat.  
 (g)—The rates are stated in the attached statement.

	Light						Power											
	Rate per unit		Rebate per unit		Nett		Rate per unit		Rebate per unit		Nett							
	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.			
Shillong ...	0	8	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	2	6	0	1	6
Gauhati ...	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Jorhat ...	0	8	0	0	0	6	0	7	6	0	4	6	0	0	6	0	4	0

- (h)—Calcutta.  
 (i)—All the accounts of the Company are available in the Jorhat Office and the Rating Committee had access to these.

### Railway Colony at Dibrugarh

**Shri ROBIN KAKOTI** asked :

370. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the authorities of the North-Eastern Railway some months ago, had negotiated with the Government of Assam for a plot of land measuring about 150 bighas for construction of a Railway colony at Dibrugarh and that the latter offered the required land at maximum of rupees ten thousand per bigha ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

370. (a)—Government have no information.

### Preparation of Record-of Rights of tenants of Uttar-Barsiral and other villages of Kamrup

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS** asked :

371. (a) Is it a fact that the tenants of the Uttar-Barsiral and Nij-Barsiral villages of the Pashim Banbhag Mouza of the Kamrup District filed a petition on the 27th July 1949 in the name of Shri Andharu Ram Haloi and others for preparation of record-of-rights under provisions of the Assam (Temporarily Settled Districts) Tenancy Act, 1935 ?

(b) Is it a fact that a deputation consisting of Shri Rabindranath Nabis, Shri Dharanidhar Das, Shri Biswa Goswami and Shri Mohendra Haloi recently waited upon the Revenue Minister for the reconsideration of the whole matter for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of the poor tenants ?

(c) If so, what steps the Revenue Minister has taken in this regard ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

371. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The deputationists were verbally explained the Government policy and action taken by Government in such matters and they appeared to have left the Minister's room, perfectly satisfied. No more action beyond what has been done by Government was considered necessary.

#### **Mileage of Roads constructed and maintained by the State**

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

372. Will Government be pleased to state the mileage of roads constructed and maintained by the State since 1947 in the different districts separately ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister)** replied :

372.—The total mileage is 1753·98. Statements are laid on library table.

#### **Lakheraj, Nispikheraj, Brohmottar and Debottar Estates and Lands under Zamindari System**

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORAH** asked :

373. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The area of Lakheraj estates in each of the plains districts of Assam ?

(b) The area of Nispikheraj estates in each of the Plains districts of Assam ?

(c) Whether the areas referred to in (a) and (b) above include the areas known as Brohmottar and Debottar lands of Assam ?

(d) If so, what is the area of Brohmottar and Debottar lands in Plains districts of Assam ?

374. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The area of lands covered by the Zamindari system in Goalpara district and also in Cachar district ?

(b) The action being taken by Government to give effect to the Zamindari Abolition Act ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS, (Deputy Minister)** replied :

373.(a)—Goalpara	...	...	...	...	99,055 acres.
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	33,971 „
Darrang	...	...	...	...	4,101 „
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	1,645 „
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	40,894 „
Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	1,586 „
Cachar	...	...	...	...	1,034 „
				Total ...	<u>1,82,286 „</u>

(b)—Kamrup	...	...	...	...	1,46,332 acres.
					15,863 } „
Darrang	...	...	...	...	13,205 } „
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	6,118 „
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	4,962 „
Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	1,204 „
Cachar	...	...	...	...	.....
Goalpara	...	...	...	...	.....
				Total ...	<u>1,87,684 „</u>

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Brohmottar Land	...	...	...	...	4,30,710 bighas
Debottar Land	...	...	...	...	3,66,235 „

(Reports from Lakhimpur District has not been received).

374.(a)—Goalpara	...	...	...	...	1,518,982 acres
Cachar	...	...	...	...	182,645 „

(b)—Government are taking preliminary steps to enforce the Assam Zamindari Acquisition Act as soon as possible. But there is one case pending before the High Court Challenging the validity of this Act. Much therefore depends upon the result of this case.

### Seizure and Procurement of Paddy

**Maulavi MEHRAB ALI LASKAR** asked :

375. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The number of seizures made by the Procurement and the Rice Control Departments, Cachar from 1949 to 1952 under the Levy Schemes and the Selective seizures ?

- (b) The quantity of paddy seized under the above scheme and the quantity lifted by Government during the above period ?
- (c) The number of cases in which the seized paddy was actually lifted.
- (d) The number of cases in which the seized paddy was released including the quantity of paddy so released ?
- (e) The number of cases (including the quantity of seized paddy involved in those cases) instituted into the courts for failure by the producers to supply the seized paddy to Government ?
- (f) The numbers of members of the producers whose paddy was acquired and the quantity of paddy left to them for their family consumption ?

376. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of cases in which the Magistrate convicted the accused persons for failure to supply the seized paddy and the quantity of paddy confiscated during the period from 1949-1952 ?
- (b) The number of cases in which the prosecution failed to prove their cases, and the Magistrate discharged the accused persons and the quantity of paddy involved in such cases ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that most of those cases failed for irregular seizure by the procurement and Rice Control Officers in Cachar district.
- (d) If so, who were those Officers ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to institute an open enquiry into the matter ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Director of Procurement, Cachar, the Assistant Director of Rice Control, Karimganj and Assistant, Director of Procurement, Hailakandi handed over blank forms of acquisition notices with their signatures in advance to the seizing Officers, who filled in the Forms on the spot of seizure later on, while serving the same on the producers ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to take action against the Officers of the Rice Control and the Procurement Departments responsible for such illegal and irregular seizures of rice and paddy.

377. Will Government be pleased to state the quantity of C. I. Sheets received upto now in the Silchar Reserve Godown for procurement of rice and paddy since the inception of such Scheme of Procurement.

378. Will Government be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether there was a case registered in the Court of Additional District Magistrate, Cachar as Case No. 1272-C of 1950 under Section 38 of the Assam Foodgrains Control Order, 1947, instituted by the Procurement Department Silchar ?

- (b) Is it a fact that the judgment passed in this case by the trying Magistrate has been only against the Officers of the Procurement Department and the accused person was discharged therefore ?
- (c) Is it a fact that the Magistrate remarked in his judgment over it has been a sheer harassment on the accused for bringing a case against the accused person ?
- (d) If so, do Government propose to take action against the Officers at fault in the light of the judgment passed by the trying Magistrate in the said case ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

375.(a) to (f)	}	Information is being collected.
376.(a) to (f) and (g)		
377. and		
378.(a) to (d)		

**Regarding Requisition of lands from Tea Garden in Darrang**

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

379. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the amount of land requisitioned up till now from the different Tea Gardens in Darrang ?
- (b) How many landless persons were settled there ?
- (c) Is it a fact that lands occupied by the Mazdoors for several years were also requisitioned ?
- (d) Is it a fact that several representations were made to Government for settling these lands with the old occupants ?
- (e) If so, what steps have Government taken either to examine this matter or to settle lands with them ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS, (DEPUTY MINISTER)** replied :

- 379.(a)—33,210 bighas.
- (b)—3984 families including 68 refugees families.
- (c)—Government have no information.
- (d) and (e)—Requisition is generally done in consultation with the Land Settlement Advisory Committee. It is the general policy of Government not to requisition any land under occupation. Patches of occupied land lying here and there in a block of surplus waste land in a tea garden have got to be requisitioned, while requisitioning a particular block. In such a case, occupied land is settled with the *bona fide* old labour occupiers.

**Digboi Oil Company****Shri RABIN KAKOTI** asked :

380. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The terms and conditions of the lease of the Digboi Oil Company ?
- (b) The date on which the lease period will expire ?
- (c) The authority who appoints Agent or Agents to sell petrol, kerosene and other products of the Company in the State of Assam ?
- (d) If it is a fact that there is one individual who is the sole agent for the State of Assam for selling the kerosene petrol and other products of the company ? If so, whether Government propose to abolish the monopoly ?

**Shri MOTI RAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

380. (a)—A copy of the lease granted under the old Mining Concession (Assam) Rules, 1941 to the Assam Oil Company, Digboi is placed on the Library table.

(b)—There are four mining leases granted to the Assam Oil Company, Digboi, in different areas and they will expire on the dates indicated below—

1. Digboi lease (i)	...	...	...	31st December 1966.
2. Digboi lease (ii)	...	...	...	Ditto.
3. Hansapung	...	...	...	Ditto.
4. Kharjan	...	...	...	31st July 1968.

(c) and (d)—Informations are being collected and it will be supplied to the Member on receipt of the same.

**Grievances of the Flood-affected people****Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

381. (a) Are Government aware of the grievances of the flood-affected people now rehabilitated at Lekhapani for grant of cultivable lands ?
- (b) Are Government aware that most of the lands distributed to these people are full of gravels scattered during the war and also full of bamboos ?
- (c) Have Government lately received any representation or memorandum from these people for allotment of cultivable lands ?
- (d) If so, what action has been taken so far in this regard ?

- (e) Is it a fact that there are plenty of available fallow cultivable lands from the 7th to the 9th milestone of the still-well road ?
- (f) Is it a fact that these people lately represented this matter to the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur District ?
- (g) Will Government be pleased to state what are the difficulties in settling the above lands with these displaced persons ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

381 (a)-(g) Government have no information. A report has been called for from the District Officer concerned and the hon. Member will be furnished with the information when received.

### Principal of Assam Medical College

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

382. (a) Are Government aware that the Principal of the Assam Medical College had undergone a *Pile* operation at Shillong during 1951 ?
- (b) What was the expenditure borne by Government for the said operation ?
- (c) What is the reason of bearing the expenditure by Government ?
- (d) Was there no Surgeon to operate such a pile in the Assam Medical College Hospital ?
- (e) Do Government propose to bear further expenditures for the blood pressure treatment of the said Principal ?
- (f) If so, upto what extent ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

382. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—Rs.552.
- (c)—He was entitled to medical treatment.
- (d)—Yes, there was a Surgeon to operate.
- (e)—The principal, Assam Medical College about whom the question has been asked, has since retired.
- (f)—In view of the reply to question (h), this does not arise.

### Regarding early sanction of pensions to retired officers

**Shri ANANDA CHANDRA BEZBARUA** asked :

383. (a) Is it a fact that sometimes persons do not get pension even after two to three years ?
- (b) Will Government be pleased to state such cases, if any, pending for 1, 2 and more than 2 years respectively ?
- (c) Do Government propose to take such steps as to enable retiring persons to get pensions very early ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

383. (a) —Yes.

(b) —Such cases are not readily available with Government and particulars have been called for from the various Heads of Departments, District Officers and other subordinate sanctioning authorities.

(c) —Government are anxious to see that their pensioners get their pension early and with that end in view have already taken concrete steps to avoid delay in sanctioning pension.

### High paid Government Officers

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

384. (a) Is it a fact that all the high and well-paid officers under the Assam Government get free treatment along with their families in all the hospitals of the State ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether this privilege is admissible in the case of low-paid Government Servants ?

(d) If not, why not ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

384. (a) —Members of the Secretary of State Services are entitled to free medical treatment along with their families in any hospital of the State. Before 1945 only Secretary of State officials were entitled to free medical treatment. The concession of free medical treatment to the families of Secretary of State officials was granted as a temporary measure of relief in view of the high cost of living.

(b) —Does not arise.

(c) —Privilege of free treatment to families in hospital is not admissible to high or low paid officials of the State of Assam.

(d) —The matter is under consideration.

### Selection of students for M. B. and condensed M. B. courses of the Assam Medical College

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** asked :

385. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) How many students have been admitted to regular M. B. and condensed M. B. courses of the Assam Medical College, this year ?

(b) What is the principle and basis of such selection ?

(c) How many candidates were selected by examination and how many by nomination by Government or the College authorities ?

- (d) How many students have been admitted or selected for the above two courses from the districts of Cachar, Nowgong, Goalpara, Kamrup Darrang, K. and J. Hills, Lushai, Garo Hills, Sibsagar, Lakhimpur and Mikir Hills, Naga Hills, during this year and the last year (figures are to be given district-wise and year by year) ?
- (e) How many students from the district of Cachar applied for admission to the aforesaid courses this year ?
- (f) How many from the district of Cachar have been selected or nominated by the College authorities and the Government this year ?
- (g) If the reply is in the negative what are the reasons therefor ?
- (h) Did Government lately receive a representation from some of the Members of Legislative Assembly of the district of Cachar requesting special consideration for Cachar students in the matter of admission to condensed M. B. course ?
- (i) What action Government have taken or propose to take on the aforesaid representation ?
- (j) Are Government aware of a feeling in the district of Cachar that discrimination is made in the matter of admission to the Assam Medical College and that the interest of Cachar is neglected ?
- (k) If so, what action Government propose to take in this matter to remove this grievance of the people of Cachar ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied.

385. (a)—65 and 16 to regular and condensed M. B. respectively this year.

(b)—Educational qualifications, Physique, personality, residence, etc.

(c)—For the condensed course 11 by Examination and 5 by nomination.  
For the regular course 57 by selection and 8 by nomination.

(d)—Students were selected not on district basis.

(e)—The information is not available.

(f) and (g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Yes, after the students were selected.

(i) and (j)—No discrimination was made and the admission was not made on district basis as stated above.

(k)—The cases of the Cachar candidates will be considered on merits.

**Assam Medical College Hospital**

**Shri DALBIR SINGH LOHAR** asked :

386. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of paying wards in the Assam Medical College Hospital ?
- (b) What is the charge for each cabin ?
- (c) What are the special facilities rendered to a patient of a paying ward ?

387. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is anybody to look after the patients and to hear their grievances, in the Assam Medical College Hospital and Civil Hospital, Dibrugarh, apart from the Principal and the Superintendent ?
- (b) If so what is the number ?
- (c) If not, do Government propose either to form one or to empower the existing Governing Body to execute the above function ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

386. (a)—One.

(b)—Rupees 3 per day.

(c)—Patients have a separate room and are given furniture for personal use.

387. (a)—The Medical Officer in-charge of the case is primarily responsible to look into grievances of the patients and gets assistance from the Principal and Superintendent for redress. The Nurses also report any grievances that come to their knowledge to the Matron who communicates them to the Medical Officer and the Principal.

(b)—Please see reply to (a) above. Each officer who admits a case is responsible for looking after the patient and to hear the grievances.

(c)—No.

**Number of State Buses**

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

388. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of state buses purchased by them up till now together with the names of the companies from whom the buses were purchased ?

(b) What was the rate of discount allowed in the prices of the said buses ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

388. (a)—Out of 98 buses owned by the State Transport uptill now, only 16 (sixteen) complete buses and 82 chasses for buses were purchased by the Organization from different companies as shown in the statement below—

Make	Purchased from	During	No. of Buses	No. of Chasses	Discount
1	2	3	4	5	6
Dodge ..	M/s. Allen Berry & Co.	September 1948 April 1949.	..	15	7½ per cent. Ex-Calcutta supply.
		..	..	10	10 ditto.
Chev. ..	M/s. Walford Transport	September 1949	12	1	10 ditto.
Bedford ..	M/s. French Motor Co., Ltd.	September 1948	4	5	5 ditto.
Studebaker..	M/s. S. R. C. B. & Co.	June 1949	..	..	2 15 ditto.
Ford ..	M/s. Eastern Motors ..	March 1950	..	..	11 10 ditto.
Ford ..	M/s. Ford Motors Ltd.,	September 1951	..	13	15 Per cent. Ex-Bombay.
Chev. ..	M/s. General Motors ..	Ditto.	..	..	13 Plant (under rate contract).
Total			..	16	70
Ford ..	Defunct Assam Transport Organisation.	1st April 1949	5	..	Nil.
Chev. ..	Ditto	ditto	3	..	Nil.
Bedford ..	Ditto	ditto	3	..	Nil.
Ford ..	Public Health Department	June 1951	..	..	1 Nil.
Total			27	71	
			98		

(b)—Rates of discount allowed by different companies in case of each purchase have been shown in the Statement above,

**Smuggling of Rice**

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

389. (a) Will Government be pleased to state how many truck loads of rice were seized at Khowang Ghat in the month of June 1952 ?

(b) Is it a fact that the President, Jorhat Congress Committee took an active part influencing the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar to enlarge the persons arrested in this connection, on bail ?

(c) Is it a fact that the trucks which were seized with rice were public carriers and belonged at the time to the Director of Assam Jatiya Pratisthan ?

(d) What steps are being taken by Government against the offenders ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister)** replied :

389. (a)—Only one truck is reported to have been seized by the Jorhat Procurement staff at Khowang.

(b)—It is not a fact.

(c)—It is not a fact. The truck belonged to one Arjun Lal Gatani and it was a private carrier.

(d)—A thorough investigation was made by the Procurement staff and the Enforcement staff jointly in the matter in the districts of Sibsagar, Nowgong and Lakhimpur. After the completion of the investigation the offenders have been sent up for trial and the case is now pending in the Court of the Sub-Divisional Officer, Sibsagar.

**Complaints against Shri Mohini Mohan Bora, the Present District Transport Officer, Cachar**

**Maulavi MEHRAB ALI LASKAR** asked :

390. (a) Is it a fact that Cachar motorists and drivers have submitted many complaints against Shri Mohini Mohan Bora, the present District Transport Officer, Cachar for harassments, etc.

(b) Is it a fact that the same Cashier who used to work with him at Jorhat has been transferred to Cachar ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Cashier mis-appropriated a sum of Rs.1,571 during his tenure of office at Jorhat.

(d) Is it a fact that the Cashier is allowed to handle cash before furnishing the requisite cash security ?

(e) Is it a fact that the said Cashier has been allowed to office in Cachar though he was not yet been able to furnish the Cash Security to the Government in full ?

(f) Is it a fact that some senior Assistants of the same Department has not been allowed to officiate as Cashier as they could not furnish the security ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

390.—(a) Yes. Necessary enquiry is being made

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d) and (e)—No.

(f)—Yes.

#### **Non-payment of Government Revenue by Mauzaders**

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

391. Will the Ministers-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) How many Mouzadars since 1910 were being discharged, dismissed or were being otherwise dealt with for non-payment of Government Revenue Sub-division by Sub-division.

(b) Whether the mauzadari system as in vogue at present has been the cause of ruination of hundred of families in Assam ?

(c) If so, whether Government propose to take such actions either to end the system or so mend it that the present incumbents may be saved ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied : °

391. (a)—Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers concerned were asked to furnish the information. Replies will be submitted as soon as received.

(b)—Government have no reason to think like that, on the materials available.

(c)—No system can be considered as perfect but Government will give due consideration to any reasonable proposal of improving upon the present system, if such proposal is sent to Government supported by facts.

#### **Prohibition work in Jorhat Subdivision**

**Shri NILMANI PHOOKAN** asked :

392. Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the following informations regarding Prohibition work in Jorhat Subdivision for the last three years ?

(a) The number of regular salaried staff employed, under different thanas ;

(b) The numbers and names of honorary workers employed with regular allowances within the jurisdiction of each thana ;

(c) Who manages the Prohibition Office at Jorhat and the names of the staff maintained and monthly expenditure of maintenance of the office ;

(d) Cases of detection of smugglers with their names and number of convictions for this period ;

(e) Number of addicts detected and medically treated with what results ?

Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) replied :

392. (a)—A statement is placed below :

The number of regular salaried staff employed under different thanas of Jorhat Subdivision during 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52.

Year	Name of thanas	Names of Patrol Parties	No. of salaried staff				Remarks
			I.E.	A.I.E.	E.J.	Peons	
1949-50	Kamalabari Police Station.	Bongaon .. .. .	1	..	..	3	
		Karatipar .. .. .	..	1	..	3	
		Kamalabari .. .. .	1	..	..	2	
	Jorhat Police Station	Jorhat Town .. .. .	1	..	1	5	
		Mariani Railway Station.	1	..	..	4	
	Teok Police Station	Seleng P. P. .. .. .	..	..	1	3	
Titabar Police Station.	Titabar P. P. .. .. .	..	1	..	3		
	Total .. .. .	..	3	3	2	23	
1950-51	Kamalabari Police Station.	Bongaon .. .. .	..	1	..	3	
		Karatipar .. .. .	..	..	1	3	
		Kamalabari .. .. .	..	1	..	2	
	Jorhat Police Station.	Jorhat Town .. .. .	1	..	1	5	
		Neamati P. P. .. .. .	..	..	1	3	
	Teok Police Station	Mariani Railway Station.	1	..	..	4	
Teok Police Station	Seleng P. P. .. .. .	..	..	1	3		
	Total .. .. .	..	3	3	2	23	
1951-52	Kamalabari Police Station.	Bongaon .. .. .	..	1	..	3	
		Karatipar .. .. .	..	..	1	3	
		Kamalabari .. .. .	..	1	..	2	
	Jorhat Police Station.	Jorhat Town .. .. .	2	..	..	4	
		Town P. P. .. .. .	..	..	1	3	
		Mariani Railway Station.	1	..	..	4	
		Rowroya Aerodrome (since 16th December 1951).	..	..	..	2	
	Teok Police Station	Neamati steamer ghat (since 9th December 1951).	1	..	..	4	
		Seleng P. P. .. .. .	..	1	..	3	
	Titabor Police Station.	Titabor P. P. .. .. .	..	..	1	3	
Total .. .. .		..	5	4	1	31	

There is only one salaried clerk and one office peon for the whole Jorhat subdivision for the non-official organisation under the Honorary Prohibition Commissioner.

(b)—Honorary workers were not maintained on thana basis. There were 53 honorary workers with regular allowances upto November 1951 in the whole Subdivision as shown in the statement below :

### Secretaries

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (1) Shri Surendranath Bharali, B. L. | (6) Shri Biseswar Daloi.       |
| (2) ,, Durgadhar Kachari.            | (7) ,, Prema Gogoi.            |
| (3) ,, Bhuban Chandra Rajkumar.      | (8) ,, Bapuram Bora.           |
| (4) ,, Surendranath Bhattacharyya.   | (9) ,, Mohan Chandra Goswami.  |
| (5) ,, Thagiram Bhuyan.              | (10) ,, Poal Chandra Hazarika. |

### Prohibition Officers

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (11) Shri Rameswar Chetia.     | (24) Shri Tileswar Gogoi.     |
| (12) ,, Molan Gohain.          | (25) ,, Kanakeswar Dutta.     |
| (13) ,, Chidananda Hazarika.   | (26) ,, Rupram Barua.         |
| (14) ,, Jagat Chandra Saikia.  | (27) ,, Ghana Kanta Hazarika. |
| (15) ,, Nibaran Chandra Barua. | (28) ,, Mohan Chandra Bora.   |
| (16) ,, Padmeswar Goswami.     | (29) ,, Chandra Dhar Bania.   |
| (17) ,, Rupeswar Barua.        | (30) ,, Chandra Nath Dutta.   |
| (18) ,, Savaram Bora.          | (31) ,, Dopdar Miri.          |
| (19) ,, Gangaram Samua.        | (32) ,, Bholaram Bora.        |
| (20) ,, Dinanath Phukan.       | (33) ,, Daya Ram Hazarika.    |
| (21) ,, Kamal Gogoi.           | (34) ,, Thagiram Bhuyan.      |
| (22) ,, Phanidhar Gogoi.       | (35) ,, Jogananda Bhuyan.     |
| (23) ,, Someswar Bora.         |                               |

### Ex-Home Guards employed in Prohibition

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (36) Shri Jitendranath Barua.     | (45) Shri Guna Chandra Barbarua.  |
| (37) ,, Bhuban Chandra Handique.  | (46) ,, Dhenuram Changmai.        |
| (38) ,, Kanram Saikia.            | (47) ,, Dimbeswar Bora.           |
| (39) ,, Krishna Kanta Bhuyan.     | (48) ,, Kulanath Chowdang Barua.  |
| (40) ,, Mukut Chandra Saikia.     | (49) ,, Lakhinath Dutta.          |
| (41) ,, Bichitra Kumar Saikia.    | (50) ,, Hemanta Kumar Barua No.2. |
| (42) ,, Minoram Bora.             | (51) ,, Khagendranath Bhuyan.     |
| (43) ,, Dulal Chandra Raibarua.   | (52) ,, Netramohan Gogoi.         |
| (44) ,, Hemanta Kumar Barua No.1. | (53) ,, Harinarayan Barua, M.L.A. |

(c)—The Prohibition Office at Jorhat is managed by Shri Surendra Nath Bharali, B. L., Advocate with clerk (1) Shri Dina Nath Rajkhowa, and (2) Shri Kameswar Das, peon on a monthly average expenditure of Rs.95 only.

(d)—A statement is placed below :

Cases of detection of smugglers made by the official staff with their names and number of convictions for 1949-50—

Serial No.	Name of smugglers	Convicted	Acquitted
1	Mustt. Bhagira .. ..	.....	Acquitted.
2	Arikhit Pantati .. ..	Convicted	.....
3	Haria Gowala .. ..	Ditto	.....
4	Titaram Bania .. ..	Ditto	.....
5	Madhuram Cutia .. ..	Ditto	.....
6	Fondari Kaibarta .. ..	.....	Acquitted.
7	Someswar Miri .. ..	.....	Ditto.
8	Ramsarup Gowala .. ..	.....	Ditto.
9	Usai Gowala .. ..	Convicted	.....
10	Kamission Miri .. ..	Ditto	.....
11	Md. Siddique Mia .. ..	Ditto	.....
12	Ramjan Ali .. ..	.....	Acquitted.
13	Taizuddin Mia .. ..	.....	Ditto.
14	Md. Hussain .. ..	.....	Ditto,
15	Md. Abdul Samad .. ..	.....	Ditto.
16	Lokai Pan Tanti .. ..	Convicted	.....
17	Nahar Bania .. ..	Ditto	.....
18	Sone Bania .. ..	Ditto	.....
19	Sree Miri .. ..	.....	Acquitted.
20	Binai Miri .. ..	Convicted	.....
21	Dharmeswar Gogoi .. ..	Ditto	.....
22	Shyamlal Das .. ..	Ditto	.....
23	Dharmaranjan Das .. ..	Ditto	.....
24	Dhunda Bhuyan .. ..	Ditto	.....
25	Golapi Parja .. ..	Ditto	.....

Serial No.	Name of Smugglers*	Convicted	Acquitted
26	Nabapan Tanti .. ..	Convicted	.. ..
27	Sinta Goala .. ..	Ditto	.. ..
28	Madhu Miri .. ..	....	.. Acquitted.
29	Gopi Seal .. ..	Convicted	.. ..
30	S. K. Jainur Ali .. ..	....	.. Acquitted.
31	Bonsa Sahu .. ..	Convicted	.. ..
32	Raghu Ch. Das .. ..	.. ..	.. Acquitted.
33	Faizur Rahman .. ..	Convicted	.. ..
34	Manbahadur Chetri .. ..	Ditto ..	.. ..
35	Rameswar Goala .. ..	Ditto ..	.. ..
36	Bidhu Bhusan Pal .. ..	.. ..	.. Acquitted.
37	Malsaram Goala .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
38	Rasa Paika .. ..	Convicted ..	.. ..
39	Bhadreswar Das .. ..	Ditto ..	.. ..
40	Bhisma Miri .. ..	.. ..	.. Acquitted.
41	Kontira Pathak .. ..	Convicted ..	.. ..
42	Someswar Das .. ..	.. ..	.. Acquitted.
43	Makhan Kaibarta .. ..	Convicted	.. ..
44	Mukchand Pegu .. ..	Ditto ..	.. ..
45	Bistu Tanti .. ..	.. ..	.. Acquitted.
46	Nisa Goala .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
47	Habiram Kaibarta .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
48	Madhupan Tanti .. ..	Convicted	.. ..
49	Bansiram Kaibarta .. ..	.. ..	.. Acquitted.
50	Bhusan Medhi .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
51	Someswar Chutia .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
52	Musti. Kuktabala Kaibarta .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
53	Niranjan Pal .. ..	Convicted ..	.. ..
54	Chitra Ranjan Gupta .. ..	.. ..	.. Acquitted.
55	Ramnarayan Miri .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
56	Balbahadur Brahman .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
57	Bhogiram Saikia .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
58	Khangiram Das .. ..	.. ..	.. Ditto.
59	Budhu Bhomiz .. ..	Convicted	.. ..
60	Balu Dutta .. ..	.. ..	.. Acquitted.

Total .. 31

## In 1950-51

Serial No.	Name of Smugglers	Convicted	Acquitted
1	Dharmeswar Gogoi .. ..	Convicted .. ..	.. ..
2	Rambahadur Chetri .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
3	Bagaram Kaibarta .. ..	.. ..	Acquitted.
4	Rameswar Katani .. ..	Convicted .. ..	.. ..
5	Suna Majhi .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
6	Lokai Pan Tanti .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
7	Puaram Miri .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
8	Malbhog Marangial .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
9	Sibaram Chutia .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
10	Palas Christian .. ..	.. ..	Acquitted.
11	Indeswar Sharma .. ..	Convicted .. ..	.. ..
12	Lakhinath Sarma .. ..	.. ..	Acquitted.
13	Bholong Chutia .. ..	Convicted .. ..	.. ..
14	Dombar Gogoi .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
15	Cheniram Gogoi .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
16	Bachiyam .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
17	Nathuhari .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
18	Budhram Rajgar .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
19	Jethu Mahali .. ..	.. ..	Acquitted.
20	Samru Tanti .. ..	.. ..	Ditto.
21	Kanu Paik .. ..	.. ..	Ditto.
22	Abdul Latif .. ..	Convicted .. ..	.. ..
23	Baidyanath Saikia .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
24	Settar Ali .. ..	Convicted .. ..	.. ..
25	Baliram Keot .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
26	Baidya Tanti .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
27	Nato Guar .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
28	Padmalal Gurung .. ..	Ditto .. ..	.. ..
29	Mustt. Seraipan Tanti .. ..	.. ..	Acquitted.
30	Betharam Deka .. ..	.. ..	Ditto.
31	Madhupan Tanti .. ..	Convicted .. ..	.. ..
	Total .. ..	23	

In 1951-52

Serial No.	Name of Smugglers	Convicted	Acquitted
1	Bihua Chaudang .. ..	Convicted .. ..	....
2	Eseya Uria .. ..	....	Acquitted.
3	Suezbai Sunar .. ..	Convicted .. ..	....
4	Nagina Sunar .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
5	Sukuria Pan Tanti .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
6	Naradeswar Singh .. ..	....	Pending.
7	Dambaru Das .. ..	....	Acquitted.
8	Gopeswar Das .. ..	....	Ditto.
9	Monai Das .. ..	Convicted .. ..	....
10	Durjudhan Pan Tanti .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
11	Umesh Malakar .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
12	On Turung.. ..	....	Acquitted.
13	Ramdas Kurmi .. ..	Convicted .. ..	....
14	Gangadhar Dutta .. ..	....	Acquitted.
15	S. G. Chattarjee .. ..	....	Untraced.
16	Mudoi Pegu .. ..	Convicted .. ..	....
17	Muchan Dolay .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
18	Obhang Chutia .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
19	Nisa Gpala .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
20	Gobin Chutia .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
21	Rupeswar Hatula .. ..	Convicted .. ..	....
22	Sodhiram Saikia .. ..	....	Stroke out.
23	Abdul Serajot .. ..	Convicted .. ..	....
24	Bhagimala .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
25	Padubara .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
26	Someswar Bora .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
27	Sichuram Gogoi .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
28	Dharmeswar Gogoi .. ..	Ditto .. ..	....
		Total ..	20

Four cases were detected by the Non-official organisation, viz.—

1. Someswar Miri—Acquitted.

2. Nahar Bania—Convicted.

3. Saru Bania „

4. Dhenudhar Bhuyan „

(e)—No addicts were either detected or medically treated in Jorhat Sub-division during the last three years.

**Junior officers of Police Department**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

393. (a) Is it a fact that towards the end of 1951 some junior officers of the Police Department were promoted to higher ranks in supersession of the claims of senior and efficient officers of the same Department ?

(b) if so, why ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

393. (a)&(b)—Information is being collected.

**Seizure of books, pamphlets, etc., by police from 1948-51**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

394. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) The number and title of books, pamphlets, papers, machines such as type-writers, duplicators, mikes, etc., etc., seized by the police in the State during the period beginning with 1948 and ending in 1951 ?

(b) How many of the books, papers, etc., seized were found to be prescribed ?

(c) How many of the books, etc., were returned to their owners during the above period ?

(d) How many books, papers, etc., and also type-writers, mike, etc., are yet to be returned to their owners ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

394. (a), (b), (c), (d)—Information is being collected.

**Arrest of some persons at Shillong on 15th December 1949**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

395. (a) Is it a fact that in the early morning of the 15th December 1949 as many as seven persons were arrested by the Shillong Police ?

(b) If so, on what charges ?

(c) Is it also a fact that one Syamaprasanna Dutta was among those arrested by the Shillong Police on that date ?

(d) Is it a fact the Police arrested the above gentleman having mistaken him for some other persons ?

(e) If so, what action was taken by Government against the police officer responsible for the above action ?

(f) Is it a fact that the above seven persons were kept in jail custody for a period of more than twenty days ?

(g) Is it a fact that during the above period or thereafter the Police could not frame any charge whatever against any one of them ?

(h) If so, what actions Government took against the Police Officers concerned ?

(i) Is it a fact that the then Governor on receipt of a note in regard to the above cases from Professor N. Misra, the then President, Assam Civil Liberties League, intervened in the matter ?

(j) Is it a fact that the Governor's intervention alone led to the release of all the arrested persons ?

396. (a) Is it a fact that in the early hours of the 15th December 1949 one Assam Government employee and a Central Government employee were arrested by the Shillong Police ?

(b) If so, whether the two Government servants were on duty at the time of their arrest ?

(c) If the answer to (b) is in affirmative, whether their superiors were given timely information of their arrest ?

(d) If not, why not.

(e) Whether in arresting the above Government servants, the Police followed the procedure laid down by Government for taking actions against Government employees ?

(f) If not, what actions Government took against the police officers concerned for their lapses ?

(g) Is it a fact that the Police could not frame any charge against the two Government servants ?

(h) Whether the two Government servants were suspended from the date of their arrest upto the day of their release ?

(i) Whether they have been reinstated in service after their release ?

(j) How long they were in jail custody ?

(k) Is it a fact that the petitions addressed from the jail by the two Government servants were not considered by Government ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

395. (a) to (j).—Information is being collected.

396. (a) to (k).—Information is being collected.

**Contribution by the Local Bodies to the Primary School Boards**

**Shri GIRINDRANATH GOGOI** asked :

397. (a) Is it a fact that deductions are made from Government grants of Local Bodies for non-payment of contribution by the Local Bodies to the Primary School Boards (Subdivisional) for maintenance of Lower Primary Schools under Panchayat areas ?

(b) Is it a fact that the Local Bodies are protecting against such deductions ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Local Bodies are compelled to pay contributions for maintenance of the Lower Primary Schools situated in areas beyond the jurisdiction of the Local Bodies and included in the Panchayat areas ?

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR (Minister)** replied :

397. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

**Company working the Sillimanite mine at Nongstion, United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District**

**Shri A. ALLEY** asked :

398. (a) Will Government be pleased to state which Company is working the Sillimanite mine at Nongstion, United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District ?

(b) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the agreement between the Government and the Company working the mine ?

(c) What royalty the Government of Assam get from the Company ?

(d) What share do Nongstion get from the royalty ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :

398. (a)—Messrs. Pilkington Brothers Limited.

(b)—Yes. A copy of each of the mining leases executed between the Government and the company is laid on the library table.

(c)—5 per cent. of the sale value at the pit's mouth or annas eight per ton which ever shall be the greater, of all sillimanite corundum and all associated refractory minerals, mined from these mines.

(d)—Nongstoin used to receive 50 per cent. of the royalties received by Government from these mines before the merger of Nongstoin in Assam.

The position regarding payment of a share of the royalties accruing from the mines in the Nongstoin State to Nongstoin has changed since the date of commencement of the Constitution and the merger of Nongstoin in Assam. From the date of the merger, Nongstoin retains no separate identity, the Siem having been allowed to continue to exercise certain customary functions only. Under paragraph 9 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution, such share of the royalties accruing each year from licenses or leases for the purpose of prospecting for, or the extraction of, minerals granted by the Government of Assam in respect of any area within an Autonomous District as may be agreed upon between the Government and the District Council of such district, shall be made over to the District Council. If any dispute arises as regards the share payable to the District Council, the matter is to be referred to the Governor and his decision is to be final. Under this provision, the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District Council will be entitled to a share of the royalties accruing from the Nongstoin Sillimanite mines. What this share is, remains to be decided.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Now, the question hour is over.

#### **Information re: Flood in North Lakhimpur**

**Shri SARVESWAR BARUA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, will you kindly permit me to ask Government for some information regarding the unprecedented flood that has overtaken the town and neighbouring villages of North Lakhimpur. We got information in yesterday's paper that the town is under 2 to 3 feet of water and the neighbouring villages under 7 to 10 feet of water flowing in strong current. I want to know from Government whether they have received any report from the local officer to confirm the news.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Do you put any question ?

**Shri SARVESWAR BARUA** : No, Sir, I got the information from the newspaper yesterday and now I have received a telegram about the flood and want to know what news, if any, Government have received.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Did you pass the telegram to the Minister in-charge ?

**Shri SARVESWAR BARUA** : He has got a copy of it, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Does it not handicap Government to reply ?

**Shri SARVESWAR BARUA** : I brought it to the notice of the Chief Minister yesterday—when coming to attend the meeting.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Will the Chief Minister be able to give the information ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** : The Department concerned have been asked to convey the facts stated in the telegram to the Subdivisional Officer with instruction that in case of urgent need he is authorised to give relief. He has been already authorised to spend money for relief in urgent cases and he has been asked to submit detailed report to Government.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : You cannot ask the question across the floor of the House. It is rather a courtesy of the Chief Minister to give reply to your question.

**Presentation of the Draft Assembly Rules as framed by the Rule Making Committee and Motion for recommital.**

**Mr. SPEAKER :** I put the motion which is that the Draft Assembly Rules be referred to a Committee consisting of the following members with the Speaker as the Chairman for further examination and scrutiny of the Draft Rules and to submit the report on or before the 31st December, 1952, with such modification, alteration or addition as may be considered necessary—

1. The Speaker (Chairman).
2. Shri Purandar Sharma.
3. Shri Sarveswar Barua.
4. Shri Faiznur Ali.
5. Shri Hareswar Das.
6. Shri Hareswar Goswami.
7. Shri Hem Chandra Chakravarty.
8. Shri Bimola Kanta Bora.
9. Shri Motiram Bora.
10. Shri Baidyanath Mokerjee.
11. Shri Pratap Chandra Sharma.
12. Mvi. Md. Umaruddin.

The Secretary of the Assembly will be the Secretary of the Committee and five members will form a quorum.

The motion was carried.

**Re: Business of the House**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, regarding the business of the House, we find that private members have been allotted two days for moving the resolutions and motions. On the first day I made a request to you that private members should be given sufficient time for discussing their business. The Leader of the House was pleased enough to give us an assurance that, if required, the House will sit up to the 24th instant and finish the resolutions. Now, I find in the list that there are 29 resolutions that have been tabled from this side of the House. Of these, 16 resolutions are very important. Sir, Mr. Bhattacharyya gave notice of a motion to discuss the floods and you were pleased enough to convey that we would get time to discuss it during the discussion of the grant relating to Famine Relief and therefore he did not press it. But that opportunity we did not get. Now, Sir, there is a resolution No. 15 on the subject of flood in the name of Maulavi Mukhtar Ali. We hope that enough time will be given to members to speak on flood. Then, Sir, there are resolutions on sales tax, Police atrocities, Police action in Shillong, M. E. Examination and Amusement Tax. These matters are agitating the public mind and are of public importance. So, Sir, sticking to the old assurance given by the Leader of the House, we expect that private members' business would be extended to Monday so that we can do justice to the agenda and the subjects and the people at large may know the opinion of the Government as well as of the House.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** From my personal view and also from the point of view of Government, I may say that I have no objection if another day is given for non-official business, but the difficulty is that some members have come from distant places and they are anxious to return home as early as possible in order to make purchases in connection with the Puja for their children. So, it will be better to get the sense of the House in this matter. Honourable Members of the Opposition could have availed of

the spare time, had they cared to shorten the proceeding in connection with Amendments in the last few days. If my friend agrees they can select a few resolutions, whatever they may be according to their importance and discuss them. From our side no resolution will be moved in order to give full facility to them to take up their important resolution.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : I would like to have the sense of the House.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** : Sir, if the sense of the House is taken, we will be in a minority in this particular matter and it will be very unfair. These matters are very important. The Puja comes on the 24th instant and, if members go on the 22nd, they shall be able to manage their affairs. Moreover, Sir, we were given a solemn assurance by the Chief Minister that if required, the House would sit up to the 24th instant.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** : Sir, the Leader of the House was pleased enough to say that if required he would be prepared to extend discussions up to the 24th. We are not pressing to extend the sitting of the House up to the 24th but we want extension up to the 22nd only. If any member thinks that the Puja purchases for his children are more important than the business of the House, I think, he may go. (*Laughter.*)

**Mr. SPEAKER** : I think the sense of the House is for closing to-day. So, we may take up the Resolutions and try to finish them as many as we can.

#### Resolution for amending the Assam Sales Tax Act

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** : I beg, Sir, to move that in view of the fact that the Assam Sales Tax Act as at present in operation has been hitting hard the different sections of the people and particularly the consumers, this Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Assam do take necessary steps for so amending the said Act as to:—

(i) stop arbitrary assessment ;  
 (ii) stop taxing the same article at various points ; and  
 (iii) exempt the following articles from the operation of Sales Tax, namely—

- (a) books and periodicals ;
- (b) medicines ;
- (c) slates and slate-pencils ;
- (d) all cotton cloths except those of the finest variety in which count of warp yarn employed (excluding the border) is 35 S or more (whether single or folded);
- (e) paper for writing or printing, and
- (f) exercise books.

This subject, Sir, has been elaborately discussed on the floor of this House and, therefore, I don't think that there is any necessity of a long speech on the subject ; moreover the Finance Minister was pleased to say that slates and slate-pencils have in the meantime been exempted from the Sales Tax. Now we expected that the Government would consider our amendments. The Minister was pleased to say that so far exemptions are concerned, it is a matter which can be dealt by the Government by an order, because under Section 7

of the Act the Government has been empowered to make addition to and subtraction of the items of Schedule 3. Now, therefore, we expected that important things like medicines, books, not only text books but all books, Periodicals and other literature would be exempted by an order of the Government from sales tax.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** You advance many arguments, you cannot make it short.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** Sir, I am not going to repeat the arguments but I am going to refute the arguments of the Minister. We expected that all books would be exempted, but to-day the Minister has said that the Government does not contemplate to exempt all books. We are very sorry to hear this. We would like to request the Government to reconsider the matter, because this is the unanimous request of the entire State that all books should be exempted from sales tax. In this connection I beg to say that when the main Act was passed, the schedule was prepared by the legislature and there was a list of the goods exempted from sales tax, and that list was the accepted opinion of this House. Now a solemn opinion of this House has been over-ridden by an order of the Government. This House had accepted articles like books, slates and slate-pencils, hand-spun cloths, mill-made cloths, exercise books and all medicines to be excluded from the sales tax; this was part and parcel of the Principal Act. But subsequently Government over-rode even the opinion of this House; and, therefore, it has become necessary to specifically amend this section 7 also so that Government may not be given such wide powers to over-ride the opinion of this House. Furthermore, Sir, we have seen that Government should be responsive to the opinion of the people, and I think Government will agree with me when I say that the opinion of the country to-day is that Sales Tax Act be so modified as to relieve the poorer section of the people. I don't want that Government should not have any sales tax at all, I want to say that those things which are used as luxury goods, those things which are used by the richer section of people be taxed and let us take measure that there should be no evasion of tax. For example, I know that more than three crores of rupees are going away from our country for luxury goods to other outside countries. If on this amount heavy taxation is made we have no objection. If anybody uses luxury goods then he should be prepared to pay the sales tax for those goods. But if books are to be taxed then it is the common people who are already burdened by different kinds of taxes—direct and indirect—who will be very much oppressed. I have also said and I have already given irrefutable arguments in support of my contention with regard to the difficulties of the business community in respect of the arbitrary assessment. Imposition of arbitrary assessment on the business community must stop. In view of all these things, I think Government should reconsider the position and should not be adamant in its attitude to my Resolution. With these few words, Sir, I commend my Resolution for the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The Resolution moved is that in view of the fact that the Assam Sales Tax Act as at present in operation has been hitting hard the different sections of the people and particularly the consumers, this Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Assam do take necessary steps for so amending the said Act as to:—

(i) stop arbitrary assessment;

(ii) stop taking the same article at various points; and

(iii) exempt the following articles from the operation of Sales Tax, namely:—

- (a) books and periodicals ;
- (b) medicines ;
- (c) slates and slate-pencils ;
- (d) all cotton cloths except those of the finest variety in which count of warp yarn employed (excluding the border) is 35 S or more (whether single or folded) ;
- (e) paper for writing or printing, and
- (f) exercise books,

**Maulavi MD. UMARUDDIN:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Resolution of my friend is a definitely important one because it is an expression of the feelings of the people outside who have been labouring under the oppression of taxation. Sir, we are now observing that the wheel of taxation is moving on heavier and harder on the people. We know, Sir, when a certain taxation measure is first introduced, it is administered rather leniently. But as days pass on the measure is applied with increasing vigour. This has been the case with all Taxation Acts—such as the Sales Tax, the Agricultural Income Tax, Betting and Amusement Tax and a Profession and Callings Tax, etc. So, Sir, as my friend the mover of the Resolution has stated that certain articles of common use by the people—specially the poorer sections of the people, should be exempted, in order that relief may be given to the already heavy burdened people who have been suffering from various other taxes, but on the other hand we have seen that Government is trying to bring more and more articles under the purview of the Sales Tax Act. Sir, under section 7 of the Act, Government is competent to exempt certain articles or bring certain articles under the purview of taxation. Sir, it will be dangerous to give such wide powers in the hands of the Government, therefore, Sir I say that even if the House cannot be consulted from time to time as to whether the list of exempted articles should be revised at least there should be a Standing Committee to advise the Government from time to time as to what should be the taxation policy of the Government and how it should be administered. We are leaving the entire things at the hands of the Government and Government can make taxation very heavy or can make taxation very light. I hope the House will take into consideration my suggestion that there should be at least a Standing Committee who will advise Government.....

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Your idea is for an Advisory Committee.....

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister):** The Taxation Advisory Committee should be the name, Sir.

**Maulavi MD. UMARUDDIN:** In spite of the fact that there is a large gap between revenue and expenditure, but still Government come forward with various kinds of expenditures on the plea that these items of expenditures are indispensable and that they must be incurred. But we are not convinced, Sir, from the statement of the Government that these various items of expenditure are indispensable and are essential for the well-being of the people. So, Sir, it seems to me that we must have to review the whole taxation policy of the Government by a capable Committee as I have suggested, so that we can be guided by the sound and well-considered advice of this Advisory Committee. We cannot go on like this just extending our taxation measures regardless of the hardships caused to the poor people. What has been said by the hon. Mover of this Resolution has

been also our feeling, Sir. We are hearing the squeal and clamour of the people that this sales tax is having a crushing effect on them.

So, Sir, I would request Government to take my suggestion into consideration. We must have a basic policy as to how much of the resources of the State we can spend and on what matters and in which proportion. We want that we must have some broad principles to guide our expenditure. Government may be pleased to fix, say, 80 per cent. or 20 per cent. for a certain purpose but it is necessary that we should have a basic principle by which Government can apportion the various expenditure according to its necessity and priority and not in a haphazard way. So, Sir, I say that we cannot go on extending our taxation measures in this way and thereby increase the hardships of the consumers and the tax payers who have to meet this burden of taxation. So, Sir, so far as this Resolution is concerned, it will appear that the whole system of taxation has got to be thoroughly and carefully reviewed by the Advisory Committee which I have suggested in my speech. Similarly the Sales Tax Act should be subjected to such a careful review.

With these words, Sir, I support the Resolution moved by my hon. Friend Mr. Bhattacharyya.

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)**: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it seems that this question of Sales Tax has become almost a daily topic in this House. This was discussed threadbare in the course of the last few days, but now it has come up again in the form of a Resolution. Sir, in the course of discussion about this matter on the previous days I have given my reply to the various points that were raised by my hon. Friends opposite and I have also put before them the Government's point of view in this matter by way of replies to various questions that have been put relating to this matter, but still this resolution has come up to-day about the same matter.

Sir, it seems to me the hon. Mover of this Resolution is under some misapprehension. This State of ours is one of the major States in the Indian Union. The population of Assam is now approaching about a crore. But if the income derived by us from the Sales Tax is compared with that derived by other States, you will simply be surprised at the difference, Sir. What is the income derived by this State of ours from this Sales Tax? It is near about 75 lakhs. But the income derived from this tax by other States.....

**Shri MAHENDRANATH DEKA**: According to the Budget it is 25 lakhs, Sir.

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)**: Yes, but the revised figures may come to 75 lakhs.

Now, Sir, if you compare the income derived by this State from this sales tax with the income derived by other States like Madras, Bombay or West Bengal, you will simply be surprised that they are something like fabulous amounts. That the income derived by us is not very much in comparison with that of other States shows clearly how considerate we are to the poor people of our State. Besides that, this tax is a single point tax unlike others and in some other States the rate of tax is much higher than our rate. In some States the list of exempted article is much more than ours. My Friend Mr. Bhattacharyya has failed to see that in our State this is a single point tax and.....

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA**: It is multipoint tax, Sir, I have explained the other day.....

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)**: No, it is a single point tax and not a multipoint tax. Also as I have already stated the rate of tax in other States is much higher than in this State of ours.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA**: What is the rate in other States, Sir?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)**: I am coming to that. Sir, I am trying to explain but it seems my Friend does not care to listen nor does he care to compare the income derived by this State with that derived in Madras or Bombay or West Bengal. The income derived in those States, Sir, is fabulous in comparison with the income in our State. Again, Sir, as I said, if you will compare the list of exempted articles in our State with that in the States of Madras and Bombay you will be surprised to find that we have left out a lot of articles which in other States are subject to this tax.....

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA**: On a point of clarification, Sir.....

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)**: (Not giving in).....So, Sir, if the state of things in our State is compared with other States you will find that we are not inclined to cause any hardship to the poor people, and we are very much considerate to the interests of the poor people, the customers and others, and that is why we are not getting so much tax.....

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA**: On a point of clarification...

**Mr. SPEAKER**: But he is not giving in, will you please take your seat?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)**: Sir, my friend always takes inspiration from a foreign country, I ask him what is happening in the U. S. S. R. Have they not got a tax like this in U. S. S. R. where it is called turnover tax. Even in that country where from my Friend gets inspiration the main source of revenue is this tax. Sir, if this tax of our State is compared with the tax of other States or foreign countries it will appear that our tax is much more favourable. We very much look to the interests of our people, our consumers and we do not care so much to get money by any means, to derive income by any means, and that is why, Sir, in spite of our deficit budget which we placed before the House, only the other day I agreed to the recommendations of several of my friends to exempt the three articles, namely, slate, slate-pencil and exercise books, from the list of taxable articles. Yet my Friend says that this Government is not responsive to the public demand. The supporter of the Mover of the Resolution, Mr. Umaruddin, says that Government can enhance the tax at their sweet will. I am simply surprised to find that this elementary thing is not known to my Friend. No tax can be raised or enhanced by the Government without obtaining the sanction or approval of the Legislature in some way.

**Maulavi MD. UMARUDDIN**: On a point of information, Sir, I did not say that tax can be enhanced by the Government. I simply said that certain procedure should be adopted within the purview of exemption in the taxation measure.

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)**: Even then, Sir, who has given that power to the Government? Is it not the Legislature? Without the approval of the Legislature Government cannot do anything of this sort. I am sorry that my

friend makes sweeping observation like that. Unless the power is given by the Legislature in some way no Government can enhance the tax on the people. All the taxes come to the exchequer through the vote of the Legislature. This Government does not exercise any such power as they like, as my Friend has tried to emphasise. It is a representative Government. They are in power so long they are supported by the Legislature.

Now, Sir, let me deal with the Resolution item by item. My Friend says first of all that this Government should stop arbitrary assessment. The other day I explained the matter to my Friend and also asked him to go through the provisions of the Act. There is no such thing as arbitrary assessment in the provisions of the Sales-tax Act. The assessment is made after giving the best judgment and hence it is called the best judgment assessment. Supposing the Sales-tax Department gets certain information from any particular individual that such and such person has made assessable income and as such he comes within the purview of this Act then the Department sends him notice to give return of his income. On receipt of that notice if the person does not give his return, if he does not give any evidence of his income, if he does not produce his accounts of income, the only alternative that remains to be done is to tax him under certain basis and by exercising the best judgment. So, Sir, such assessment has to be made under certain circumstances. I may add that such assessment is made after making necessary enquiries and collecting necessary information that are available. The Sales tax officer takes all factors into consideration before assessment is made in such circumstances. After such assessment, the person is again given an opportunity to re-open the case so that he can be taxed after hearing him. Even if that opportunity is not availed of by the person, the only alternative the department has got is, to finalise the assessment under the circumstances. Thus in no way, this assessment can be termed as arbitrary assessment. This method of assessment is not peculiar to Assam. In the other States, the same procedure is adopted, so far as this measure is concerned. This cannot be called arbitrary assessment, as I have already stated, Sir. It is a best judgment assessment.

Next my Friend raised the question of multi-point tax in Assam. In this regard also my Friend is not well-informed. I may again ask my Friend to go through the provisions of the Act and he will find that nowhere there is such multi-point tax in Assam. It is absolutely a single-point tax.....

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEV CHOUDHURY:** What about the three kind of medicines that I mentioned?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Sir, he has not understood correctly what is multi-point tax and what is single-point tax. The Member has not gone through the relevant articles of the Act carefully. I would rather request him to go through the provisions very carefully and the doubts will then disappear from his mind. My Friend has not seen the significance of the word "point". It has reference to place or locus as it is called. After going through the Act if any helpful suggestions are given to the Government in the interest of our people, Government will surely accept them. My Friend wants that certain books should be exempted. Sir, after due consideration by the Government certain books have already been exempted from the operation of this tax. Probably my Friend wants that all books and periodicals should be exempted from the tax. I may inform him that all the books that are needed in Schools and Colleges as text books are exempted and so also the periodicals but we cannot consider that harmful books are entitled to the same kind of treatment. The books of this nature are spreading fast among young folk and creating havoc to them, and therefore Government consider that such books must be liable to tax and cannot be

exempted from the operation of this tax. But cheap books that are available in the railway book-stalls and such other places cannot belong to the category of the text books and so these are taxed.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Some of the books that are available in the railway book-stalls may be very good books, Sir.

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Some of them may be good books, but many of them are harmful to the readers, specially the young stars. Now, Sir, my Friend wants that all kind of medicines should be exempted. I am very doubtful whether my Friend is really serious when he says that. Because, Sir, there are certain kinds of medicine on which alcohol constitutes the main ingredient, such as the patent stimulating medicines easily obtainable in the markets. I do not think that this kind of medicine should be exempted. There was a time when all kinds of medicines were exempted, but as a result of this we found that market was overflowed with all kinds of harmful medicines at cheaper rates which only increased the miseries of the people instead of doing any good to them. This provision of exemptions of all kinds of medicine was taken advantage of by unscrupulous dealers and gross abuse of this exemption was made by them. Therefore, Sir, after consideration of all these things, Government felt the need of being called upon to reconsider and revise the list. Such medicines as anti-malarial drugs, vaccinations needed for treatment of cholera, dysentery and T. B. diseases have already been exempted for the operation of this Act. My Friend has said that we are not at all responsive. After the speeches that were delivered by my friend in the opposite as well as from this side of the House, we are again considering whether particular kinds of medicines, such as the medicines prescribed by qualified doctors, medicines purchasable from pharmacies, with such prescriptions within the limit of a certain price, can be given exemption by Government. This is still under active consideration of the Government. Even after this, to say that we are not responsive is indeed most unjustified. We are always anxious to see that our people, the poor people, are not put to unnecessary hardship as a result of any action taken by Government. In fact, this is always our primary consideration before we take any action.

Slates and slate-pencils have already been exempted, and I hope we have fully met the point of view of our Friend in this and he has got nothing to say.

As regards my friend's contention in respect of a particular variety of cotton cloth, Sir, with regard to this matter also after a good deal of consideration, after anxious and protected deliberations with a view to protect the interest of the vast majority of the population, poor as they are, who constitute 90 per cent. in our State—why in our State alone, Sir, in other neighbouring States also they are very poor, they cannot buy any other cloth except the coarse variety—in their interest Government have exempted that kind of cloth from the operation of the Assam Sales Tax. Dhuties of the coarse variety, the price of which does not exceed Rs. 5 per piece and Saries, price not exceeding Rs. 5 per piece, have already been exempted. In respect of 'lungis' also price of which does not exceed Rs. 3 per piece we have already done that. Again in respect of products of hand-loom industries, silk products, Endi and Muga yarn and cloth have also been exempted already. Then what remains? All kinds of cloths purchased and used by our poor people have been exempted. What remains then except the fine variety of cloth.....

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:**—What about boiled rice?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Except the fine variety of cloth generally used by my Friends like the Leader of the Opposition, my Friend

Mr. Bhattacharyya, or by my Friends Mr. Umaruddin and Mr. Choudhury. From a perusal of the exempted list, you will find there is almost nothing left which really matters to our poor people. Sir, there is nothing to be done under head (d) of my Friend Mr. Bhattacharyya's Resolution.

Then comes exercise books. Sir, we have already exempted exercise books. So far as paper is concerned, it is very difficult to exempt this commodity. The reasons have been given when dealing with the books and periodicals.

(Voices—Paper is poisonous.)

Paper by itself is not poisonous but paper can be made to certain poisonous things. There is every likelihood of poisonous things being put in paper. Therefore, it is not desirable to exempt paper from this as well as for other-consideration. From this you will see that every particular care is taken before putting a certain article under the tax. Our primary consideration in matters like this is the interest of the poor people whom we represent, safeguarding of whose interest is essential for their protection against the unholy designs of interested and willy persons. In this we always take into consideration the view of all people whoever he may be, whether he be a Member of this side of the House or in the opposite, provided it is reasonable and practicable. We always give importance to such views and we accept these views when possible and reasonable.

In view of the above and special'y for the reason that we have already done something to meet the wishes of the Members of the House in several points, I hope Mr. Bhattacharyya will agree to withdraw his Resolution.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** Sir, after hearing the Finance Minister, I am convinced that the arguments that have been given by him in reply to my contention are most unconvincing, and, therefore, I cannot withdraw my resolution in the interest of the country.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question is:

“That in view of the fact that the Assam Sales Tax Act as at present in operation has been hitting hard the different sections of the people and particularly to consumers, this Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Assam do take necessary steps for so amending the said Act as to:—

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  - (e) paper for writing or printing, and
  - (f) exercise books.

The Motion was lost.

**Resolution re: appointment of Enquiry Committee to enquire into the reported Police Excesses during the Anti-Terrorist Drive**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Assam do appoint an Enquiry

Committee consisting of the following to enquire into the reported police excesses committed and harassment indulged in by them during the anti-terrorist drive in Sibsagar, Kamrup, Darrang and Goalpara districts with instructions to submit their report by the 31st December 1952 :—

- (1) One of the judges of the Assam High Court ;
- (2) Three members of the Assam Legislative Assembly ;
- (3) Two members of the Assam Bar ; and
- (4) One representative of the State Government.

Sir, as I stand here my mind goes back to those dark days when it was not possible for people to talk freely, to assemble freely and to move freely. Sir, before my eyes to-day I see not the phantoms of delight but phantoms of grief and agony. Before I proceed with the Resolution, let me also most unambiguously and most unequivocally clear my attitude towards terrorism and terrorists. It has been clarified not once, not twice but many times. Lest I be misunderstood, lest I may be considered to be a believer in terrorism, let me once more clear my attitude towards terrorism on the floor of this House. Sir, we decry terrorism. We consider terrorist methods to change the Government and the society as most inappropriate and deplorable. These methods have only helped reaction and prevented the growth of peaceful society and democracy. But statal terrorism can be no substitute for group or individual terrorism. We are at one when the Government take steps to suppress such terroristic activities. But I do not want to see the leonine violence of the State taking an upper hand in these matters. Let there be a healthy and consistent propaganda to suppress activities, which are unwholesome. Terrorism has not developed from nothing. We must take the objective situation into consideration. There are many causes for it. It is poverty, hunger, unemployment and disease and such other things, which have led people to frustration, to a mode of depression, which has been taken advantage of by a set of misguided people—who with misguided zeal have bolstered and developed such a situation—glorified terrorism. So, Sir, if we want to cure the cause of disease, we must go into the root of the disease so that we can cure it for all time to come. Instead of that what we have found? During the years 1950 and 1951 a reign of terror was let loose all over Assam and that reign of terror not only stopped some subversive activities but took away with it the fundamental rights of the people, deprived them of the right to speak freely, deprived them of the right to live in their own way.

Sir, it may be argued to-day why not bring definite charges against those individual police officers who committed those acts of atrocities and who indulged in those harassments. Sir, had it been one case, or two cases, or even ten cases, it could have been done and the arguments would have been valid ; but when we have got a series of such cases, thousands of such cases, when almost nobody is left alone, when it is almost a matter of policy, it is better that this Assembly expressed its opinion as to what to do in a situation like this. I do not want that this Assembly be converted into a Law Court, where evidences can be gone into and scrutinised, but what I want today is that an Enquiry Committee be instituted by accepting my Resolution, which is a very modest, a very reasonable one.

Sir, we received representations and representations were made to the Chief Minister and other Ministers regarding these acts of atrocities and harassments. It is our duty to allay the public mind and it is necessary that we satisfy the public in this matter. Sir, in such a situation it is in the fitness of things that an Enquiry Committee should be instituted. And who are the people who will be members of this Enquiry Committee?

They will be, one of the Judges of the Assam High Court, three members of the Assam Legislative Assembly and two members of the Assam Bar, and if necessary, also one representative of the State Government to represent the State Government. This is a very modest suggestion. It will not be the duty of the Enquiry Committee to punish the wrong-doers. We remember, Sir, after the 1942 Movement, when police indulged in acts of atrocities, committed violence on the people, when we found that people were looted, people were harassed, the Party in power instituted an Enquiry Committee. At that time, I happened to be in that Committee and I was charged with the responsibility of going into these acts of harassment, etc. After proper enquiry we submitted a report about the atrocities committed by the police and at that time we expected that the newly set up popular Government would come with a heavy hand on those who committed the atrocities, but we were disappointed, we were disillusioned by the actions of the Government. Instead of bringing the wrong-doers to book, those officers who committed these atrocious acts instead of punishing them, those officers, who looted the people, committed atrocities and harassed the people, were promoted and were given higher posts. (*Voices* : Shame, Shame).

Sir, today again a reign of terror was let loose. Today we find that people were harassed when we have got in the helm of affairs a popular Government. At a moment when subversive elements are out of bounds it is necessary to curb such subversive activities, but the force used by the Government must not be more than what is necessary. Unfortunately this instead of curbing the activities of the subversive elements, committed atrocities on the innocent people. We want to find out through the efforts of this Committee whether really such things were committed or not. I have come today before this House to request this Assembly to set up an Enquiry Committee, not so much with a view to punish the officers who committed the atrocities, but to let us know how far the police discharged their duties honestly and scrupulously? How far they can curb the fundamental rights of the people if given latitude? How far they can commit excess—because that will be a guide in future and with that intention in view, I have come here with this Resolution.

Sir, on 15th of September in 1950, Sibsagar was declared a disturbed area and before that in Mohmara, Khalaighugura, Jukatali, Dupdar and Nitaipukhuri, R. C. P. I. workers and other subversive elements were at work. During that time when these people were indulging themselves in acts of arson, violence, loot, etc., Police did not take proper steps. Even, we know, at times Police connived those acts of atrocities and a situation was created in which Government should have come into the picture immediately. Sir, I know that a situation was created when the people became panicky. But, Sir, my question is—did the Government in trying to deal with the situation act properly and act in a manner befitting them? Not at all, Sir, and the people felt as if the civil Government were not there and an army of occupation were ruling over them.

#### Adjournment

(The Assembly was then adjourned for lunch till 1-30 p. m.)

(After lunch)

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** : Sir, on the 15th September the operation began. Sir, my heart goes out to those poor victims of the terrorists, namely—Jibeswar Bargohain, Bhudhar Thakur, Sree Kantha Phukan, Ganga Sarmah and many others who gave their lives in the hands of the terrorists, they were brutally murdered. I am really sorry that such a situation prevailed in our State. My point is, Sir, that if these terrorists were convicted and tried and even hanged, I

should not have opposed it. As a matter of fact my question is how many of such persons were arrested, how many persons were convicted and how many persons were imprisoned for such violent acts. I tabled a question to this effect, but the answer to the question has not been forthcoming and so I don't know how many persons were actually arrested. As a matter of fact I find that in Sibsagar alone, so far we have been able to gather information, about 300 persons were arrested and about 100 persons were detained, and also in South Kamrup 800 persons and in North Kamrup 1,500 persons were arrested; in that way in Darrang and Goalpara also we find that many people were arrested. Altogether about 3,000 persons were arrested. Some of these persons were released immediately, but many were kept in detention for months together. Quite a few are still kept in detention. How many of these really belonged to the R. C. P. I. and other subversive groups? We know that some of the real terrorists have gone under-ground and police have not found them as yet. All these extensive operations have cost the Government and the Exchequer lakhs of rupees. The ring leader who was considered by the Statesman as Robin Hood was arrested along with others, but he was released and was the first to come out. My contention is that Government operation failed in hunting out the terrorists and Government exceeded in punishing and molesting the innocent people. Sir, I would only cite a few cases. As I said this is not a court of law where the evidences should be gone into. If this Enquiry Committee, as suggested by me in my Resolution, comes into being then we shall be able to give as much evidence as is required. I personally went into many villages and collected information and I have definite proof that there were harassments and excesses and atrocities on the part of the Police. Sir, one Mohan Sarma of Kenduguri was arrested and brutally assaulted and almost beaten to death by the police, then, Sir, one Mukhi of Jhanji Baruakuri was very badly assaulted by the police. One Kama Gogoi was dragged to the police station and was beaten mercilessly and had to suffer for a long time, one Suren Sarma was so brutally assaulted and I don't know whether he is still alive.....

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** May I know whether these cases were brought to the court?

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** No, Sir, at that moment a reign of terror prevailed. Even to come to the court meant danger and nobody dared to go to the police. Nobody was safe at that time and people for their own safety did not dare to go to the police because as soon as the police got any information about such from anybody he would be arrested and assaulted. These are only a few individual cases where the police committed excessive harassments. I know also, Sir, where the police and the military were anxious and were engaging themselves in distributing the booty. I have information that about Rs. 5,000 were received by the police as illegal gratifications during the operation only in Sibsagar. Similar, Sir, is the case everywhere. We have information that more than 200 persons were mercilessly beaten and about 200 persons were assaulted. These informations are with us, I am not here to discuss all these things. Sir, it was the demand of my Party that an Enquiry Committee be instituted, and, therefore, I would only request our popular Government to come with such an Enquiry Committee so that we may get an opportunity to prove our allegations. But that has not been done as yet. The Nalbari College, Sir, was converted into a concentration camp where about 500 people were brought and detained there and most of these people were assaulted. Sir, one Dhanapati Barman who was a member of the Local Board was brutally assaulted, injured and detained for no fault of his. In Belsor 7 persons belonging to the same family were dragged from their house, and they were detained without any food. In Nalbari—Sreekanta Chaudhury, Jatni Barua,

Samin Medhi, Barun Talukdar, Tarun Sen-Deka's niece. Rajat Barman, Santu Barman were brutally beaten. These people were brutally assaulted by the police. I went to Belsor. The whole village was raided. The men-folk were arrested and detained and the women-folk had to remain alone in the village. Even women-folk were assaulted and mishandled at Nalbari. Sir, in South Kamrup when bye-election was going on the 30th January, the police operations began in South Kamrup and about 800 people were arrested. One Banti Mahajan's goat was taken away by the Police and was never found. In this way, Sir, so many innocent people were harassed. So, I appeal to the House to institute an enquiry committee to investigate into these excesses. I know, Sir, I am making very grave allegations, but I am confident that if an Enquiry Committee is constituted, I will prove all that I have said and I will show that the Police, if they are given the freedom, can commit any excess and murder peace in the name of law and order.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Resolution moved is: "This Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Assam do appoint an Enquiry Committee consisting of the following to enquire into the reported police excesses committed and harassment indulged in by them during the anti-terrorist drive in Sibsagar, Kamrup, Darrang and Goalpara districts with instructions to submit their report by the 31st December 1952:—

- (1) One of the judges of the Assam High Court ;
- (2) Three members of the Assam Legislative Assembly ;
- (3) Two members of the Assam Bar ; and
- (4) One representative of the State Government."

**Shri HARINARAYAN BARUAH** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় মই বিবোধী দলৰ নেতা শ্ৰীযুত হৰেশ্বৰ গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ পুস্তাৰৰ বিবোধীতা কৰিবলৈ বৰ দুখেৰে সৈতে থিয় হৈছো। তেখেতে পুস্তাৰ সম্পৰ্কে যি আলোচনা এই পৰিষদত অৱতাননা কৰিছে সেই আলোচনাত মই নিজে সঁচাকৈয়ে সন্তুষ্ট হব পৰা নাই ; তেখেতে তেখেতৰ পুস্তাৰ সমৰ্থনৰ কাৰণে এই বুলি বক্তব্য আৰম্ভ কৰিছে যে ১৯৪২ চনত সেই সময়ৰ পুলিচ অফিচাৰ সকলে মানুহৰ ওপৰত অন্যায়াত্যাচাৰ কৰাৰ কাৰণে এটা তদন্ত কমিটি গঠন হৈছিল, সেই তদন্ত কমিটিয়ে কি কৰিছিল সেইসকলক আজিৰ পুস্তাৰ পুস্কৃত ইয়াত আলোচনা কেনেকৈ হবপাৰে মই বুজি নাপাও সেইটো কোনো গৱৰ্ণমেণ্ট কমিটি নাছিল। কংগ্ৰেছ সভাসকলৰ পৰা সেই কমিটিটো গঠন কৰা হৈছিল। সেই কমিটিৰে তেখেতো এজন সভ্য আছিল। অৱশ্যে সেই সময়ৰ ভাৰতীয় জাতীয়তাৰ বিবোধী জনযুদ্ধকাৰি সকলৰ বিৰুদ্ধে কোনো তদন্ত কৰা নাছিল। তেখেতো এজম সভ্য আছিল। হয়তো তেখেতে এইবুলি আৰম্ভ কৰিছে—সেই সময়ত যি সকল অফিচাৰে মানুহৰ ওপৰত অন্যায়াত্যাচাৰ কৰিছিল গৱৰ্ণমেণ্টে তেওলোকক শাস্তি দিয়া দূৰৰ কথা তেওলোকক প্ৰমোচন হে দিছে। তেখেতে নিজে কংগ্ৰেছৰ মানুহ আছিল, কংগ্ৰেছৰ নীতি তেখেতে ভালকৈয়ে বুজে। আজি ঘটনাচক্ৰত পৰি তেখেত চৰিয়েলিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত হৈছে। আৰু আমি কংগ্ৰেছী হৈয়েই বৈ গৈছো। গতিকে তেখেতে ভালকৈ জানে যে কংগ্ৰেছ নীতি অহিংসাপূৰ্ণ নীতি। সেই নীতি অনুসৰণ কৰিয়েই আগৰ কৰ্মচাৰীক শাস্তি নিদি আজি তেওঁলোকৰ কৃত কৰ্মৰ বাবে অনুশোচনাৰ অবকাশ দিয়া হৈছে। ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই সেইকৰ্মচাৰী সকলে কংগ্ৰেছ নীতিৰ মাহাত্ম্য বুজিবলৈ সুবিধা আৰু সুযোগ পাব।

**Mr. SPEAKER:** আপুনি আচল কথাই আহক।

**Shri HARINARAYAN BARUAH.** হয় মই আহিব লাগিছো।

**Mr. SPEAKER:** সোনকালে আহক, বেগতে আহক নহলে আচল কথা কোৱাৰ সময় নাপাব।

**Shri HARINARAYAN BARUAH:** কিন্তু শিৱসাগৰ আৰু কামৰূপত যি অবস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছিল সেই অবস্থাত মানুহৰ শান্তি আৰু শৃঙ্খলা ৰক্ষাৰ কাৰণেহে কংগ্ৰেছ চৰকাৰে পুলিচ কৰ্মচাৰী নিয়োগ কৰিছিল। গন-আন্দোলনৰ সময়ৰ তদন্তৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবলৈ নহয়। পুলিচ কৰ্মচাৰীয়ে মানুহৰ শান্তি শৃঙ্খলা ৰক্ষা কৰা কৰ্তব্যত ন্যস্ত আছিল। আজি যি সময়ৰ কথাটো লক্ষ কৰি প্ৰস্তাৱ অনা হৈছে—সেই সময়ত সমাজবিৰোধী দলে শিৱসাগৰ, যোৰহাট আদি ঠাইত এনেকুৱা অবস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিছিল যে মানুহে সন্ধ্যাতেই ঘৰ দুৱাৰ বন্ধ কৰি ঘৰৰ ভিতৰত সোমাই থাকিব লগা হৈছিল। ঘৰৰ ভিতৰত সোমাই থাকিও ৰক্ষা পাম বুলি মানুহে আশা নকৰিছিল। আজি তেখেতে কৈছে যে পুলিচৰ অত্যাচাৰৰ কাৰণেহে মানুহৰ সেই অবস্থা হৈছিল সেই কথা মই কেতিয়াও স্বীকাৰ নকৰো। কাৰণ চৰকাৰে পুলিচ নিয়োগ কৰিছিল সন্মতবাদী বা আন সমাজবিৰোধী মানুহৰ পৰা ৰাইজক ৰক্ষা কৰিবলৈ আৰু দেশৰ শান্তি শৃঙ্খলা ঘূৰাই আনিবলৈ। কিন্তু আনহাতে পুলিচ কৰ্মচাৰী সকলেও কাৰ্য্যক্ষেত্ৰত কৰ্তব্য পালন কৰিবলৈ গৈ সমাজবিৰোধী লোকৰ হাতত প্ৰাণ বিপদাপন্নও কৰিব লগীয়া হৈছিল। আনকি শিৱসাগৰত এজন পুলিচ কৰ্মচাৰীৰ প্ৰাণো তেওঁলোকে নাশ কৰাৰ কথা সকলোৱে জানে। এনেকুৱা পৰিস্থিতিত মানুহৰ সমূলি শান্তি নাইকিয়া হৈছিল। মানুহে ভাবিছিল আজিৰ সূৰ্য্য অস্ত গল হয় কিন্তু কালি পুৱাৰ সূৰ্য্য দেখিবলৈ পাম নে নাপাম? এনেকুৱা সন্মত আৰু বিপন্নৰ মাজত মানুহে জীৱন যাপন কৰিব লগীয়া হৈছিল। এই ভয়ানক কাৰ্য্য থ্ৰণালী কাৰ্য্যত পৰিণত কৰিবলৈ যিবিলাক মানুহে যত্ন কৰিছিল সেই বিপথ গামী মানুহ বিলাকক শাসন কৰাও কঠিন হৈ পৰিছিল। ৰাজ্যত শান্তি আৰু শৃঙ্খলা ৰক্ষা কৰাতো গবৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ ডাঙৰ দায়িত্ব এই গুৰু দায়িত্ব সম্পন্ন কৰিবৰ কাৰণে কৰ্মচাৰী বা পুলিচ বাহিনী নিয়োগ কৰিবলৈ গবৰ্ণমেণ্ট বাধ্য হৈছিল। স্থিতি শীল গবৰ্ণমেণ্ট এটা ৰাজ্যত চলি থাকোতে দেশত যদি শান্তি আৰু শৃঙ্খলা ৰক্ষা নহয় তেন্তে এই পৰিঘদতেই কোৱা হ'ল হেতেন যে এই গবৰ্ণমেণ্ট অকৰ্ম্মণ্য গবৰ্ণমেণ্ট, এই গবৰ্ণমেণ্টে ইস্তাফা দিয়া উচিত। পুলিচ কৰ্মচাৰীয়েও এই গবৰ্ণমেণ্ট হাত এৰাব নোৱাৰিলে হেতেন। দেশৰ শান্তি আৰু শৃঙ্খলা ৰক্ষাৰ কাৰ্য্যত ব্যস্ত থকাৰ সময়ত যদি কোনো ঠাইত নিৰ্দোষী মানুহে অনাহকত দুখ কষ্ট ভুগিব লগীয়া হৈছিল তাৰ বাবে আমি নিশ্চয় দুঃখিত। প্ৰধানতঃ আমি চাব লগীয়া হৈছে পুলিচ অপাৰেচনটো কৃতকাৰ্য্য হৈছেনে নাই; যদি হৈছে তেন্তে তেওঁ বিলাকৰ দোষৰ অংশটো বাদ দি গুণৰ অংশটোহে গ্ৰহণ কৰা উচিত। আজি আমি যদি এই পৰিঘদত বিৰোধী দলৰ নেতা ডাঙৰীয়াই যি প্ৰস্তাৱৰ অবতাৰণা কৰিছে, সেই প্ৰস্তাৱ সমৰ্থন কৰো, তেনেহলে আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ পুলিচ প্ৰস্তাৱৰ demoralise হ'ব ভৱিষ্যতলৈ এনে কাৰ্য্যত জীৱন বিপদাপন্ন কৰিবলৈ তেওঁ বিলাকৰ আৰু উৎসাহ নজন্নিব। এদিন, যেতিয়া মানুহৰ সম্পত্তি আৰু ব্যক্তিগত জীৱনৰ স্থিৰতা নোহোৱা অৱস্থা হৈছিল তেতিয়া সেই মানুহ বিলাকক দৌৰাত্মকাৰী বিলাকৰ পৰা আমাৰ পুলিচ বাহিনীয়ে ৰক্ষা কৰিলে; সমাজ তথা ৰাজ্যত শৃঙ্খলা আনিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল; তেনে অৱস্থাত সেই পুলিচ বাহিনীৰ কাৰ্য্য বেয়া হৈছিল বুলি এটা তদন্ত কমিটি বহুৱালে তেওঁলোকৰ প্ৰতি ঘোৰ অন্যায়া সাহসীকতাৰ কাৰ্য্যৰ শলাগ স্বৰূপে তদন্ত কমিটি বহুৱাৰ ঠাইত মই তেওঁ বিলাকক অভিনন্দনহে জনাইছো। আৰু এই পৰিঘদে জনোৱা উচিত। বিৰোধী দলৰ নেতা ডাঙৰীয়াই, আজিৰ এই সদনত জনসাধাৰণৰ মত বুলি এই প্ৰস্তাৱ উপস্থাপিত কৰিছে মোৰ দৃঢ় বিশ্বাস ই কেতিয়াও জন সাধাৰণৰ মত হ'ব নোৱাৰে। কাৰণ জন সাধাৰণে আজি শান্তিৰে শুইছে। জন সাধাৰণে আজি বিঘ্নৰী লোক সকলৰ কাৰ্য্যহে তীব্ৰ সমালোচনা কৰিছে। আৰু দেশৰ পৰা এনে সাধাৰণে অশান্তি দূৰ কৰিবলৈ গবৰ্ণমেণ্টলৈ পূৰ্ণ সহযোগ আগবঢ়াইছে। শ্ৰীযুত গোস্বামীদেৱ এনে ধৰণৰ reasonable মানুহ, দেশৰ অৱস্থা আৰু পৰিস্থিতিৰ কথা তেখেতৰ নজনা নহয়। আজি দেশৰ অৱস্থা কি হৈছে, সমাজত কি হৈছে, কোন ফালে দেশ খনৰ জটিল অৱস্থাবোৰ ধাৰিত হ'ব লাগিছে সেইটোও তেখেতে জানে—জানি গুনিও—

**Mr. SPEAKER:** আৰু দুই মিনিট আছে।

**Shri HARINARAYAN BARUAH:** আজি যিটো Enquiry Committee চৰ্চিয়েলিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ ফালৰ পৰা দাবী কৰিছে, সি সময়োপযোগী হোৱা নাই। আজি যিটো প্ৰস্তাৱৰ যোগে জন সাধাৰণৰ দাবী বুলি তেখেতে ঘোষণা কৰিছে ঠিক তেনে ভাবেই দেশ জুৰি চলা গত বৃহত নিৰ্বাচন অভিযানত মানুহৰ মাজত মিষ্টিং পাতি পাতি চিঞৰি ফুৰিছিল; আৰু ইয়াক নিৰ্বাচনৰ এপাত তীক্ষ্ণ অস্ত্ৰ হিচাবে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিছিল। জন সাধাৰণেও নিৰ্বাচনৰ যোগেই এই বিচাৰৰ দাবীৰ প্ৰত্যুত্তৰ দিছিল। তাৰ পৰাই পৰিষ্কাৰ ভাবে দেখা গৈছে যে এই তদন্ত কমিটিৰ কোনো অৰ্থ নাই আৰু সাথ কতাও নাই। এই তদন্ত কমিটি, আজি দেশে বা দেশৰ মানুহে বিচৰা নাই; বিছাৰিছিল তেতিয়াৰ সেই অৰাজকতাৰ স্থানত শান্তিৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠা যিটো আমাৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ সহযোগীতা আৰু পুলিচ কৰ্মচাৰীৰ তৎপৰতাৰ পৰা সফল হৈ উঠে। তেনে স্থলত আজি প্ৰায় দুবছৰৰো অধিক কালৰ পাচত, তেখেতসকলে পুনৰ এই তদন্ত বিচাৰিছে। তাৰ মানে তেখেত সকলে এই কাৰ্য্য দেশবাসী সকলৰ মঙ্গলহকে, তেওঁবিলাকৰ কল্যাণৰ হকে বিচৰা নাই বিচাৰিছে তেওঁবিলাকৰ 'পাৰ্টি পলিটিকচ'—নীতি পুনৰ প্ৰচাৰৰ কাৰণে। কায়েই, আজি সীমান্ত অঞ্চলত বিবিলাক পৰিস্থিতিৰ উদ্ভব হৈছে, সেই বিলাকলৈ চকু ৰাখি, দেশৰ বৃহত স্বাৰ্থ আৰু মঙ্গলৰ হকে, শ্ৰীযুত গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই তেখেতৰ প্ৰস্তাৱটো আৰু "প্ৰেচ" নকৰি, উঠাই লবলৈহে অনুৰোধ কৰিলে।

**Shri PRABHAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI:** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিতৰ্কত মোৰ অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিবলৈ ইচ্ছা নাছিল যদিও এই প্ৰস্তাৱৰ আলোচনা প্ৰসঙ্গত নলবাৰী কলেজৰ কথা উল্লেখিত হোৱাত, সেই সন্দেহে দুই চাৰিঘাৰ কথা কৈ সামৰণী মাৰিম। আজিৰ এই সদনৰ সদস্য সকলোৱেই জানে যে, ১৯৪৭ চনৰে পৰাই বলেৰে শাসন যন্ত্ৰ অধিকাৰ কৰি শাসন কাৰ্য্য হস্তগত কৰিবলৈ কিছুমান দলে অভিযান চলায়। তাৰ ফলত, সমাজৰ, জনসাধাৰণৰ বহুতক বিপথগামী কৰি এই অভিজ্ঞান অসমৰ ইমূৰৰ পৰা সিমূৰলৈকে ব্যাপক ভাবে চলাই এক বিৰাট অৰাজকতাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিব খুজিছিল। এই আন্দোলনৰ ফলত বহুতো ডেকা-লৰাই বিপথে পৰিচালিত হৈ গাৱঁৰ মানুহক বিপথগামী কৰি, চৰকাৰৰ লগত অসহযোগীতা কৰে। সেই উপদ্ৰুত অঞ্চল সমূহ আছিল শিৱসাগৰ, দৰং, কামৰূপ আৰু গোৱালপাৰা জিলাৰ কিছু কিছু অংশ।

এই সদনৰ সদস্য সকলে জানে যে এই অৰাজকতাৰ সহায়েৰে শাসন যন্ত্ৰ হস্তগত কৰি লোৱা অভিযানত অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰা সকলৰ প্ৰবোচনাতেই ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ 'নালীয়া পুল' হত্যাকাণ্ড হয় আৰু সমস্ত অসম জুৰি ব্যাপক ভাবে এই অভিযান চলাবলৈ আৰম্ভ কৰে। তাত অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰা, ডেকা আৰু গাঁওক ছোৱালীবোৰে সৃষ্টি কৰা কাৰ্য্য কলাপৰ বাবে শান্তিপ্ৰিয় জনসাধাৰণৰ মনত শান্তি নাইকিয়া হয় আৰু তেওঁলোকৰ সাম্প্ৰতিক ওপৰত নিৰাপত্তা নোহোৱা হবলৈ ধৰে। ইয়াৰ ফলত মানুহবিলাক অস্থিৰ হৈ পৰে। দক্ষিণ কামৰূপৰ সমস্যাৰলিৰ ফালে চকু কৰিলে আমি দেখিবলৈ পাম যে তাত এই দলবোৰে কাছাৰৰ তেভাগী আন্দোলনৰ আহত মানুহক চৰকাৰী খাজনা নিদিবলৈ উৎসাহ দিছিল। উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে মই বেলতলা অঞ্চলৰ কথা কব পাৰোঁ। যে তাত এই অভিযানকাৰী সকলে চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰীক কৰ্মৰ পৰা বিৰত কৰিবলৈ, সেই অঞ্চলৰ তিবোতাবিলাকৰ দ্বাৰা বাচপীৰে কোবাবলৈ আঁপুৰাই দিছিল। বলেৰে চৰকাৰৰ শাসনকাৰ্য্য হস্তগত কৰিবলৈ লোৱা তেওঁলোকৰ এই নীতি আৰু উদ্দীপনা মূলক কাৰ্য্যৰ দ্বাৰা, ঠায়ে ঠায়ে কিছুমান ভয়াবহ ডকাইটি, চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰীৰ ওপৰত পিচফলীয়া আক্ৰমণ আৰু জনসাধাৰণৰ জীৱণ বিপন্ন হোৱা অৱস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰি তুলিছিল। মই জানো যে উদ্ভব কামৰূপৰ "বান্ধা" অঞ্চলত—এই ডকাইতিৰ দলে মতামানুহ বিলাকক ঘৰৰ ভিতৰত বান্ধি থৈ তিবোতাৰ ওপৰত অত্যাচাৰ চলাইছিল। (*Voices—shame, shame*) উপৰ বৰভাগ মৌজাৰ দকোহা নামে গাৱঁত এগৰাকী বিধবা ব্ৰাহ্মণীৰ ঘৰত, ঘৰৰ আন মানুহবোৰক বান্ধি থৈ অত্যাচাৰ চলাইছিল। নদলাৰ (মই মোৰ নিজৰ সমষ্টিৰ কথাই কৈছো) এঘৰ অতি দুখীয়া মানুহৰ ঘৰত মুনিহ আৰু তিবোতাবিলাকক এই সমাজ বিৰোধী দলৰ লোক সকলে অমানুষিক অত্যাচাৰ কৰিছিল। এনেধৰে অলেখ ঘটনাৰ বাবে আমাৰ দেশৰ শান্তিকামী মানুহ বিলাকে কি দৰে সন্তাপৰ মাজত

জীৱন কটাৰ লগা হৈছিল সেই কথা এই সদনৰ বিৰোধী দলৰ অবিদিত নহয়। সুখৰ কথা যে, এই সন্ত্ৰাসবাদ আৰু অত্যাচাৰ দমন কাৰ্য্যত সুন্দৰকৈ তদন্ত কৰি আদালতৰ সহায়ত পুৰুষ বিচাৰ কৰাই কেইবাজনকো শাস্তি দিয়াই, পুলিচে, বাইজৰ মাজলৈ শাস্তি আৰু শৃংখলা আনে—(voice—শুনক, শুনক) নলবাৰী কলেজ concentration camp ত এজন ম্যাজিষ্ট্ৰেট উপস্থিত থাকি আইন সঙ্গত ভাবে সকলো কথা পৰিচালনা কৰিছিল। জনসাধাৰণৰ মূৰ্নি তিবোতাৰ ওপৰত অত্যাচাৰ, বাইজৰ মাজত অৰাজকতাৰ সৃষ্টি আৰু এই বিলাক দমনৰ হকে জনতাৰ দাবীৰ ওপৰত ভৰদি চৰকাৰে ১৯৫০-১৯৫১ চনত উপকৃত অঞ্চল সমূহলৈ পুলিচ বাহিনী পথাৰলৈ বান্ধা হয় আৰু এই পুলিচ বাহিনী আৰু পুলিচৰ ওপৰতলা কৰ্মচাৰী সকলৰ তৎপৰতাতেই দেশত উদ্ভৱহোৱা অৰাজকতা আৰু অশান্তিৰ ঠাইত শান্তি আৰু শৃংখলা প্ৰতিস্থিত হয়। বলেৰে শাসনযন্ত্ৰকাৰি লোৱা নীতিৰ প্ৰচাৰৰ ফলত যিবোৰ অপ্ৰীতিকৰ ঘটনাই দেশত ঠাই লৈছিল তাক পুলিচ বাহিনীয়ে ধ্বংস কৰি গণতান্ত্ৰিক শাসন প্ৰতিস্থিত হোৱাৰ বাট মুকলি কৰি দিয়ে। তাৰ ফলতেই বোধ হয় বিৰোধী দলৰ সদস্য সকলেও এই সদনত আসন পোৱাৰ সুবিধা পাইছে। সেয়ে নহলে আজি গণতন্ত্ৰৰ ঠাইত আমাৰ দেশত একনায়কত্ববাদ প্ৰতিষ্ঠিত হ'লহেতেন বুলি কলেও বেচি কোৱা নহয়। আমাৰ বন্ধু গোস্বামী দেৱৰ পুস্তাৰ দ্বাৰা আইন উদ্ধকাৰী সকলক পুনঃ প্ৰেৰণা দিবলৈ যোৱাটো দুখৰ কথা। তেওঁলোকে যি অৰাজকতা ব্যাপক ভাবে ৰাজ্যত চলাবলৈ আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল, তাত যদি চৰকাৰ আৰু পুলিচ বাহিনীয়ে কৰ্মতৎপৰতাৰে অংশ গৃহণ নকৰিল হেতেন, আজি, শান্তিকামী জনসাধাৰণ তিস্থি থাকিবই নোৱাৰিলহেতেন। এই পুসঙ্কত মই এই কথা উল্লেখ নকৰিলে ভুল হব যে, এই সমাজ বিৰোধী দল বিলাকৰ প্ৰবোচনাত হোৱা অন্যায়, অত্যাচাৰ উৎপীড়ন দমন কৰিবলৈ জনসাধাৰণে তেওঁবিলাকৰ চৰকাৰক আহ্বান কৰিছিল। জনপিয় চৰকাৰে সেই আহ্বান উপেক্ষা কৰিব নোৱাৰি জনসাধাৰণৰ মাজলৈ শান্তি প্ৰতিস্থাৰ বাবেই লৰি গৈছিল। আজি দুবুৰৰ পাচত তাৰ আকৌ কি তদন্ত লাগে আমি বুজি নাপাওঁ।

শ্ৰীযুত হৰেশ্বৰ গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই নিজেই কৈ গৈছে যে তেখেতে গণতান্ত্ৰিক নীতিত বিশ্বাস কৰে; আৰু Terrorism অৰ্থাৎ সন্ত্ৰাসবাদক তেখেতেও প্ৰশ্ন নিদিয়, কাৰণ সন্ত্ৰাসবাদ গণতন্ত্ৰৰ পৰিপন্থি। তেনেহলে যিসকলে নিজে সন্ত্ৰাসবাদী নহয়, যিসকলে সন্ত্ৰাসবাদক প্ৰশ্ন নিদিয় সেইসকলে এই গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ লগত একযোগ হৈ সন্ত্ৰাসবাদক নিশূন্য কৰিবলৈ ইচ্ছা নকৰি আজি কেনেকৈ গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে পুলিচৰ সহায়েৰে সন্ত্ৰাসবাদ দমনৰ বাবে আৱশ্যকীয় যি কাম কৰিছে তাৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰে?

মোৰ বোধেৰে আমাৰ বন্ধু গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়া আৰু আমাৰ গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ সন্ত্ৰাসবাদ দমনৰ উদ্দেশ্যত অমিল নাই। এনেস্থলত তেখেতে কেনেকৈ কয় যে এই দমন কাৰ্য্যৰ বিপক্ষে তদন্ত কৰিবলৈ এটা অনুসন্ধান কমিটি গঠন কৰি দিব লাগে? এই গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে পুলিচ অপাৰেচনৰ জৰীয়েতে যি কাম কৰিছিল তাৰ উদ্দেশ্য আছিল সন্ত্ৰাসবাদৰ প্ৰসাৰণ ধ্বংস কৰি নিৰিহ বাইজৰ মাজত শান্তিপূৰ্ণ অৱস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰা আৰু বাইজৰ নিৰাপত্তা অক্ষুণ্ণ ৰখা, গণতন্ত্ৰ সুপ্ৰতিস্থ কৰা। এনে অৱস্থাত মই ভাৱোঁ গোস্বামীদেৱৰ যদি দৰাচলতে সন্ত্ৰাসবাদত বিশ্বাস নাই আৰু গণতান্ত্ৰিক নীতিৰ পক্ষপাতী, তেনেহলে তেখেতে যিটা প্ৰস্তাৱ এই সদনত দাঙি ধৰিছে সেই প্ৰস্তাৱ কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰিবলৈ জোৰ নকৰাই ভাল। গণতন্ত্ৰবাদত বিশ্বাস আৰু সন্ত্ৰাসবাদৰ প্ৰতীপোষকতা একেলগে নুশুৱায়। তেখেতৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ কাৰ্য্যকৰী হলে দেশৰ সুপ্ৰতিস্থিত গণতান্ত্ৰিক শাসনত পুণৰ জোকাৰণি কৰাৰ আশঙ্কা আছে আৰু পুলিচ বাহিনীয়ে যি প্ৰেৰণাৰে সেই সন্ত্ৰাসবাদ দমন কৰিছিল, সেই প্ৰেৰণাও লোপ পাব।

সেই কাৰণে এই শ্ৰীযুত গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াক অনুৰোধ কৰো যাতে তেখেতৰ এই প্ৰস্তাৱটো উঠাই লয়।

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to speak a few words on this Resolution moved by Mr. Goswami. It has been alleged that during the last police operations the police committed excesses, they oppressed and terrorised the innocent people. My Friend has placed facts specially about the police operation at Sibsagar. We should remember those dark days of police operation. The memory of the police oppression is still fresh in people's minds. People remember how the police during that time terrorised, oppressed

and tyrannised the people. Sir, this sort of excesses on the part of the police reminds us of the Burmese terrorism. My Friends on the other side are highly praising the good work done by the police. There may be some good work done by the police, but it is also alleged that the police oppressed, terrorised and tyrannised the innocent people during the operations in Sibsagar, Darrang, Kamrup and Goalpara. Sir, the Mover of the Resolution has said that it is a fact that the police terrorised, oppressed and tyrannised, and for that let there be an impartial enquiry. During the course of the enquiry it will be found out whether the police did their duty or abused their power during the operations. I wholeheartedly support the Resolution moved by my Friend and I add that only an impartial enquiry will prove whether they did their duty properly or they committed excesses. If the police did their duty properly, we should congratulate them, but if, in the name of doing their duty, they terrorised, tyrannised and oppressed the innocent people, we will certainly condemn their action and they should be punished accordingly. So, Sir, we should demand an impartial enquiry.

Sir, I do not like to make my speech longer and with these few words I support the Resolution so eloquently moved by my Friend.

**Maulavi MUKHTAR ALI:** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ নেতা মাননীয় গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ পুস্তাৰ আলোচনা পুস্কৃত মাননীয় সদস্য হৰিনাবায়ণ বৰুৱা ডাঙৰীয়া আৰু পূৰ্বত গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই অলপ আগতে যি বক্তৃতা দি গ'ল তাৰ পৰা অনুমান হয় যে আমাৰ যি সকল বিৰোধীদলৰ সদস্য সেই সকলে যেন বেয়া কামতেই পুশুয় দিয়ে। চোৰ, ডকাইত হত্যাকাৰী আদিক শাস্তি দিলে যেন সেই সকলে বেয়া পায়। এনেকুৱা ভাব পোষণ কৰাটো বিবেক বুদ্ধি সম্পন্ন সদস্য এজনৰ পক্ষে অসমীচিন।

তেখেত সকলে বুজি চোৱা উচিত আছিল কিয়নো আমি এনেকুৱা পুস্তাৰ এটা সমৰ্থন কৰিছোঁ। কিন্তু যিহেতু তেখেত সকল চৰকাৰ পক্ষত আছে তেখেত সকলৰ ভাল বেয়াৰ বিচাৰ কৰিবৰ অবকাশ নাই। বিৰোধীদলৰ সকলো পুস্তাৰ ভাল নেপাব লাগিব। আমিও বাইজৰ প্ৰতিনিধি হিচাবেই ইয়ালৈ আহিছোঁ, আমিও বাইজৰ মজল কামনা কৰিয়েই পুস্তাৰবিলাক দাঙি ধৰোঁ। দোষ নকৰি অত্যাচাৰ ভুগিলে আমি তাৰ প্ৰতিবাদ কৰোঁ।

তেখেত সকলৰ মা ভনীৰ ওপৰত যি সন্মান মৰম আমাৰো সেইয়েই। সিহঁতক অসন্মান, অত্যাচাৰ কৰিলে আমাৰো সন্মানে বিধে। অপৰাধী ধৰাৰ চেলুলৈ নিবপৰাধীক শাস্তি দিয়াটো নিতান্ত অশুচিত।

উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে মই আমাৰ বৰপেটা মহকুমাৰ কথা কৈ কব পাৰোঁ। তাত বহুতো চৌদ্ধ পুৰুষীয়া সন্মানী ব্যক্তিৰ সন্মান হানি কৰিছে। চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰী সকলৰ প্ৰবোচনাত তেওলোকক ধৰি আনি বিনা অপৰাধত বন্ধ কৰি ধোৱা হৈছিল। চোৰ ডকাইতক শাস্তি দিয়ক তাত আমাৰ আপত্তি মুঠেই নাই বৰং সুখ পাম।

আমাৰ নেতা ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো পুস্তাৰ আনিছে এই পুস্তাৰ উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে এই যে, সেই চোৰ ডকাইত বিলাকক দমাৰলৈ যাওতে বা অপৰাধীক শাস্তি দিওতে কোনোবা নিৰপৰাধীও শাস্তি পাইছে নেকি? সেইটো তদন্ত কৰি চোৱাটোনো কি দোষৰ কথা। আমাৰ নিৰপৰাধী বাইজক বন্ধ কৰাই আমাৰ উদ্দেশ্য। এই সৎ উদ্দেশ্য সাধন কৰোঁতে যদি চৰকাৰৰ অৰ্থ ব্যয় হয় হওক তাৰ লগতে অন্যান্য কিবাও যদি যায় যাওক। নিৰপৰাধীক শাস্তি দিয়াৰ কি যুক্তি থাকিব পাৰে এইটো নিশ্চয় তদন্ত হব লাগে।

সেই কাৰণে মই এই পুস্তাৰটো সমৰ্থন কৰোঁ। আৰু আশা কৰোঁ এই বিষয়ে যি এটা তদন্ত কমিটী গঠন কৰি দিয়াৰ কথা কোৱা হৈছে, এই সদনত সেইটো গৃহীত হব।

**Shri KHAGENDRA NATH NATH:** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মোৰ বন্ধু গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই আজি যি পুস্তক এই সদনত দাঙি ধৰিছে, মোৰ বোধেৰে আজিৰ এই সময়ত তেনেকুৱা পুস্তকৰ কোনো পুয়োজন নাই। কিয়নো এই ঘটনা ঘটাব পিচতো আজি বহুদিন অতিবাহিত হৈ গল। গতিকে মাননীয় গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই যি পুস্তক ইয়াত উত্থাপন কৰিছে মই তাৰ প্ৰতিবাদ কৰো।

আজি এই পুস্তকত তেখেতে এটা অনুসন্ধান কমিটি গঠন কৰি সেই পুৰনি ঘটনা তদন্ত কৰিবলৈ বিচাৰিছে। কিন্তু যি ঘটনা আজি দুবছৰ আগতে অসমত ঘটি গৈছে, অসমবাসীয়ে কি নাজানে যে কি হত্যাকাণ্ডই চুৰি ডকাতি, লুট, নালিয়াপুল আৰু শিবসাগৰ আদি ঠাইত ঘটিছিল? তেনেকুৱা আতঙ্ক আৰু সন্ধানৰ ভাবৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিছিল অসমবাসীয়ে নাজানে নেকি নগাঁওজিলাৰ হয়বৰগাঁওৰ নৃশংস হত্যাকাণ্ড, কামৰূপৰ পলাশবাড়ী, বেলশৰ আদি ঠাইত নৃশংসভাবে হত্যাকাণ্ড চলাই কি অবস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিছিল? এই অবস্থা সৃষ্টি কৰা দলটো হৈছে “বিয়ৰী কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টি”। এই দলৰ মানুহেই আমাৰ বাইজৰ মাজত এনে এটা আতঙ্কৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিছিল যে, মানুহৰ ধন প্ৰাণৰ কোনো নিশ্চয়তা নাছিল। ধন ধান লুট কৰাৰ লগে লগে বন্দুক চলাইছিল। এনেকুৱা এটা অবস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি কৰিছিল যে মানুহৰ মনত সন্দেহ হৈছিল আমাৰ দেশত গৰ্ণ মেন্ট আছে নে নাই? নে অৰাজকতা ঘটিছে! গৰ্ণ মেন্ট থাকিলে গৰ্ণ মেটৰ কৰ্তব্য হব এই দুৰ্বৃত্ত সকলক দমন কৰা। তেতিয়া এই দুৰ্বৃত্ত সকলে আন অত্যাচাৰ কৰাৰ উপৰিও নৃশংস হত্যা, ধানৰ ভৰালত জুইদিয়া, টকা পইছা, ধন-সোণ, লুট কৰা ইত্যাদি সকলো সমানে চলাইছিল। এনে অবস্থাত কোনো দায়ীত্বশীল গৰ্ণ মেন্টে যিকোনো প্ৰকাৰে আভ্যন্তৰীণ শান্তি স্থাপনৰ চেষ্টা নকৰি বাইজৰ প্ৰতি কৰ্তব্যৰ অবহেলা কৰিব নোৱাৰে।

গতিকে এই সন্তাসবাদী সকলৰ যি নৃশংস অত্যাচাৰ আৰু হত্যাকাণ্ড তাক দমন আমাৰ চৰকাৰ কৰ্তব্য বুলি ভাবি, যে কেবল পুলিচৰ দ্বাৰায় অভিযান চলাইছিল, এনে নহয়। প্ৰত্যেক জিলাতে গাঁও সংগঠনৰ জৰীয়তে গাঁও বক্ষণ বাহিনী গঠন কৰিছিল আৰু তাৰ দ্বাৰা এই সন্তাসবাদ দমন কাৰ্যত পুলিচৰ লগত সহযোগ কৰি সহায় কৰিছিল। ইয়াৰ লগে লগে জিলাৰ উপায়ুক্তসকলে গোহাৰী পত্ৰ যোগে বাইজৰ সহযোগ আৰু সমৰ্থনো বিচাৰিছিল। গোহাৰী পত্ৰত উপায়ুক্ত সকলে লিখিছিল—“হোজা আৰু শান্তিপ্ৰিয় গাঁৱলীয়া বাইজে এই উশুভল লোক সকলৰ অপপ্ৰচাৰত ভোল গৈ বিপথগামী নহবলৈ আৰু সেই ডকাইত, খুনী আৰু সিহঁতৰ সাহায্যকাৰী লোক সকলক তেওঁলোকৰ মাজৰ পৰা উলিয়াই আচুতীয়া কৰি দি নিজৰ নিৰাপত্তা স্বায়ী আৰু নিশ্চিত কৰিবলৈ সতৰ্ক কৰি দিয়া হ'ল। যিবিলাক মানুহে মিলিটেৰী আৰু পুলিচক সঁচা আৰু নতুন সংবাদ দিয়ে আৰু সকলো প্ৰকাৰে তেওঁলোকক সহায় কৰে, তেওঁলোকৰ কোনো ভয়ৰ কাৰণ নাই। এই কাৰ্যত কোনো লোক তুলক্ৰমে বা উপযুক্ত সন্দেহ ক্ৰমে গ্ৰেপ্তাৰ হোৱাটো সম্ভৱ, কিন্তু এনেকুৱা স্থলত উচ্চ পদস্থ কৰ্মচাৰীয়ে অতি সোনকালে তদন্ত কৰিব। যদিও এইটো অবাঞ্ছিত তথাপি স্থানীয় লোক সকলে মিলিটেৰী আৰু পুলিচ বাহিনীক সখিক বাতৰি দি আৰু আন সকলো প্ৰকাৰে সহায় নকৰিলে কিছুমান ক্ষেত্ৰত এইটো অনিবাৰ্য হ'ব পাৰে”। গতিকে চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা উপায়ুক্ত সকলে আগেয়ে জাননী দিছিল যে এই অৰাজকতা দমন কৰিবলৈ ওলাইছো তাত সকলো বাইজে সকলো প্ৰকাৰে সহায় কৰিব লাগিব। অৱশ্যে এই কাৰ্যত কিছুমান যে নিৰ্দোষী মানুহো গ্ৰেপ্তাৰ হোৱা নাছিল তাক ক'ব নোৱাৰো। কিন্তু যিবিলাক নিৰ্দোষী প্ৰমানিত হৈছিল তেওঁলোকক পুলিচৰ উচ্চ কৰ্মচাৰী বোৰে সতৰ্কতাৰ সহিত পৰ্যবেক্ষণ কৰি তেতিয়াই এৰি দিয়া হৈছিল। আৰু যিবিলাক মানুহ সন্তাসবাদী সকলৰ লগত যোগা-যোগ আছিল বুলি সন্দেহ কৰা হৈছিল সেইবিলাকেও যেতিয়া under taking অৰ্থাৎ—লিখি দিছিল সেইবিলাকেও এৰি দিয়া হৈছিল। ইমানখিনি ক'ব স্বত্বেও ইয়াত কিছু ভুল-ভ্ৰান্তি হ'বপাৰে তাক চৰকাৰে স্বীকাৰ কৰিছে। এই কাম সমাধা কৰা আজি বহুত দিন হ'ল গতিকে তাৰ কথা কিছু পাহৰিবও পাৰে। কিন্তু এই কাম কেৱল শান্তি বক্ষাৰ কাৰণেহে কৰা হৈছিল। সেই কাৰণে মই মোৰ বন্ধু শ্ৰীযুত গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াক অনুৰোধ কৰো তেখেতে যিটো পুস্তক আনিছে সেইটো যুক্তিসঙ্গত হোৱা নাই। আশা কৰো তেখেতে পুস্তকটো উঠাই ল'ব।

**Shri DAVIDSON BHOBORA :** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই আজি ইয়াত থিয় হৈ আমাৰ বিৰোধী দলৰ নেতা শ্ৰীযুত গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে সেই প্ৰসঙ্গত কেইআঘাৰমান কবলৈ বাধ্য হৈছো। তেখেতে প্ৰস্তাৱটোত দৰং জিলাত পুলিচ অত্যাচাৰৰ কথা আৰু বিশেষকৈ মঙ্গলদৈ মহকুমাৰ পানেশী অঞ্চলত হোৱা পুলিচ অত্যাচাৰৰ কথা কৈছে। মই তাত সদায় থাকো আৰু তাত বাঘৰ উৎপাত আৰু ডকাইতি আদিৰ কথাহে শুনিছো, পুলিচৰ কোনো উৎপাত বা জুলুমৰ কথা কেতিয়াও শুনা নাই। আমি তাত পঢ়ায়ে শুনো যে বাঘে মানুহ খাইছে আনকি চাইকেলৰ ওপৰৰ পৰা টানি নিও বাঘে মানুহ খাইছে। এনেকৈ টানি নি বাঘে মানুহ খোৱা কথা বোধকৰো খুব কম মানুহেহে শুনিছে কিন্তু এই অঞ্চলত পুলিচৰ অত্যাচাৰ বা জুলুমৰ কথা আজিলৈকে কোনেও উল্লেখ কৰা শুনা নাই। কেবল গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াইহে আজি উল্লেখ কৰা শুনিলো। মোৰ বোধেৰে তেখেতে আন্দাজতে এইবোৰ কথা কৈছে, নিজৰ অভিজ্ঞতা একো নাই। তেখেতে কৈছে যে “**Terrorism does not come out of nothing.** কিন্তু তেখেতে এইটোও জানে যে **Mangaldai is a surplus area.** আমি সদায় খাদ্যবস্তৰ যোগান ধৰো। আমাৰ মহকুমাটো একো বস্তৰে অভাৱ নাই বুলি কব পাৰি। তেনে অবস্থাত মঙ্গলদৈত সন্ত্রাসবাদীৰ অত্যাচাৰ বা উৎপাত হবৰ কোনো কাৰণ নাই। গতিকে মই তেখেতক অনুৰোধ কৰিছো যে অন্ততঃ দৰং জিলাৰ কথাটো তেখেতৰ প্ৰস্তাৱৰ পৰা যেন উঠাই লয়।

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Mr Speaker, Sir, it has been noticed that there has been a little misunderstanding about the issue raised in and the scope of the Resolution moved by my Friend, Mr. Goswami. The Resolution is quite innocuous. It is no doubt true that there are allegations of excess from both sides. There are people who say that some elements committed crimes and created a state of chaos in some parts of the country. On the other hand, there are many more people who make allegations that the Police in the name of the anti-terrorist operation had committed many atrocities and excesses. I am not going into the details of these allegations though we know of many such allegations. The point at issue is that there should be a proper enquiry as to whether it is a fact that in course of their discharge of duties the Police was within proper bounds, or whether they committed excesses and atrocities, and whether in course of suppression of the so-called terrorist activities, the Police committed atrocities on the people or not. If there be an enquiry, then the truth will come out. If it be a fact that the Police was within its limit, that the Police only did what was proper, then, of course, it will be proved to the great credit of the Police Department that it is a very efficient department. But on the other hand, if it be found that they committed atrocities, then we shall be glad to see that such things do not happen in future. So the purpose of the Motion is to improve the conditions in our country, to improve the machinery of our State.

I do not like to touch those matters which have been adjudicated in Courts of law or which are *subjudice*. I do not want to give any hint of them even indirectly, because that may prejudice some of these cases. But there are hundreds of cases which have not come to the Law Courts, or which could not come to the Law Courts and which need examination. After that examination is made, anything bad which might have taken place might come out to light as a warning for future conduct.

My Friend, Mr. Nath, has said that though it is a fact that there were some mistakes, some excesses committed, these things took place a long time ago, so we should not reopen an old sore. We beg to submit, Sir, that exactly for this reason, just at this time when things have settled down to normality, now that spirits are not high, now that we can make a judicious and proper enquiry, this

is the objective situation in which a proper, judicious and just enquiry is possible. When such an enquiry is proposed, it should not be supposed that it already envisages a type of judgment. What is sought in this Motion is that, let the allegations be enquired into. As the allegations are very serious as in some places these allegations are that there have been very bad treatment on women, that there have been very bad treatment on children, upon infirm and old, as there are many more serious allegations that cannot and should not be ignored by this House. For example, I know of specific cases where some people were arrested but not produced before the Magistrate for 7 or 8 days. They were kept in Police lock-ups, or in Police Reserves, or in camps. If these allegations be true, then these should be enquired into and proper steps taken and if these allegations are proved false, then the Report will show that such irresponsible remarks should not have been made and our Government and Police will be vindicated.

Further, Sir, if you carefully notice the personnel suggested by Mr. Goswami, you will see that he has suggested very highly placed people—those from whom justice and nothing but justice be expected. As the personnel of this Committee will consist of a High Court Judge, a representative of the Government, three hon. Members of this House and two members of the legal profession, we should hope that such a galaxy of judicial and judicious personnel will be able to come to a just and proper finding and that finding will set at rest allegations and counter allegations. I do not want to drag the name of any Political Party being connected with atrocities because it has not been proved as such in a Court of Law, not proved beyond all reasonable doubts. But if there be any, that also will come to light and that will improve the law and order of the country. Therefore, I should very sincerely request the Members of the Government Party not to misunderstand the scope and issue of the Resolution, but to appreciate it on its proper merit and if they do so, they will find no difficulty in accepting this Resolution.

With these words, I support the Resolution moved by my Friend, Mr. Goswami.

### Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় মোৰ বন্ধু গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই অনুসন্ধান কমিটি গঠন কৰিবলৈ যি প্ৰস্তাৱ ডাঙি ধৰিছে মই তাক তীব্ৰ ভাবে প্ৰতিবাদ কৰিছো আৰু মই আচৰিত হৈছো কেনেকৈ তেখেতে এই প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিব পাৰিলে। মোৰ বোধেৰে তেখেতে এই প্ৰস্তাৱটো অনাৰ আগতে মোৰ বন্ধু গৌৰীশঙ্কৰ ডাঙৰীয়াৰ অনুৰোধতহে প্ৰস্তাৱৰ অবতারণা কৰিছে।

ছছিয়েলিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ পৰা এনেকুৱা প্ৰস্তাৱ আমি কেতিয়াও আশা কৰা নাছিলো। K. M. P. পাৰ্টি, ছছিয়েলিষ্ট পাৰ্টি আৰু আন আন পাৰ্টি লগ লগাই কমিউনিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ বিৰুদ্ধে এটা common front কৰিবলৈ বিছাবে। আৰু চছিয়েলিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ নেতা জয়প্ৰকাশ নাৰায়নে কেতিয়াও ধ্বংসমূলক সন্নাসবাদী পাৰ্টীক সমৰ্থন নকৰে। এনে স্থলত গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই ছছিয়েলিষ্ট Party Leader হৈ কেনেকৈ এই প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে মই ভাবি নাপাও।

ইয়াৰ লগতে মই কও যে গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ গাঁৱৰ মানুহৰ লগত কেনো সম্পৰ্ক নাই। তেখেত নগৰে নগৰে চহৰে চহৰে ঘূৰি ফুৰে। গতিকে গাঁৱৰ মানুহে কি বিছাবে তেখেতে নাজানে। যিবিলাক মৌজাৰ কথা তেখেতে উল্লেখ কৰিলে সেইবিলাক ঠাইলৈ তেখেতে যোৱাই নাছিল। তেখেতে শিৱসাগৰৰ কথা কৈছে শিৱসাগৰৰ বহুতো মৌজালৈ তেখেত সময়ত মই নিজে গৈছিলো। শিৱসাগৰৰ নিতাই পুখুৰী, পানীদিহিং, বোকটা আদি অভিযানৰ সন্নাসবাদী সকলৰ বিৰুদ্ধে অভিযান চলাবৰ সময়ত সেইবোৰ ঠাইত গৈ মিটিং আদি মৌজাত তেতিয়া সেইবিলাক মৌজাৰ মানুহে কৈছিল পুলিচ বাহিনীৰ দ্বাৰা আমাৰ বহুত উপকাৰ কৰিছিলো নহলে আমি ভয়ত বাতি তত নাইকিয়া হৈছিলো ইত্যাদি। কিমান তিবোতা মানুহ কমিউনিষ্ট

সম্ভাষনাদী পাৰ্টীৰ মানুহে কৈ গৈছে, R. C. P. I.ৰ মানুহে কিমান তিবোতাৰ ওপৰত অত্যাচাৰ কৰিছে, হৰণ কৰিছে তাৰ আদি অন্ত নাইকিয়া হৈছিল।

**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** That is not a fact, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER.** He is not giving way.

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI:** যদি এইবোৰ অনুসন্ধান কৰিবৰ বাবে তেখেতে এটা অনুসন্ধান কমিটিৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ দিলে হেতেন তেনেহলে তেখেতক ধন্যবাদ দিলে!হেতেন, কিন্তু তেখেতে তাকে নকৰি পুলিছৰ বিৰুদ্ধে অনুসন্ধান কমিটি গঠন কৰিবৰ কাৰণে প্ৰস্তাৱ ডাঙি ধৰাত সঁচাকৈ আমি আচৰিত পাইছো। তাতে আৰু এই দুই তিনি বছৰৰ মূৰত কমিটি গঠন কৰিলে কি কামত আহিব পাৰে আমি কব নোৱাৰো। অধ্যক্ষ মহাশয়, আমি ভাবি পোৱা নাই তেখেতে কিয় এনেধৰনৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে। আমি জানো সেই সময়ত যদি পুলিছে তৎপৰতা নললেহেতেন তেন্তে মানুহৰ কি দুৰ্গতি হলহেতেন। পুলিছে সেই সময়ত গাও বন্ধা বাহিনী গঠন কৰি তেওলোকৰ সহযোগত কেনেকৈ দুই এমাহৰ সময়ত কেনেকৈ সেইবোৰ সম্ভাষনাদী সকলোকে কেনেকৈ বন্ধ কৰিলে তাক মানুহবোৰে পাহৰা নাই। নহলে তাৰ আগতে মানুহে চৌপনীয়েই পোৱা নাই, লৰা-তিবোতা লৈ কিমান অশান্তি ভাবে জীৱন নিয়াৰ লগীয়া হৈছিল তাক কোনে নাজানে। এনে স্থলত এনে ধৰণৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ আনি পুলিছ বাহিনীৰ moral break কৰাৰ কি অৰ্থ থাকিব পাৰে মই তাক ভাবি নাপাও। বৰং তেওলোকৰ কাৰ্য্য কাৰণৰ বাবে ধন্যবাদহে দিয়া উচিত। আশাকৰো আমাৰ গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই তেখেতৰৰ ভুল বুজি পালে গতিকে অনুৰোধ কৰিছো তেখেতে এতিয়া তেখেতৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ উঠাই লব।

**Shri HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY:** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ নেতা শ্ৰীযুত হৰেশ্বৰ গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই আজি এই সদনত যি প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে তাৰ মৰ্ম চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষৰ বিতৰ্কৰ দ্বাৰাই বুজিব পৰা নাই বুলি ভাবিছো। কাৰণ তেখেতৰ প্ৰস্তাৱ অনুসৰি, আমি এইটোকেই বিচাৰিছো, উপক্ৰমত অঞ্চল বিলাকৰ শান্তি প্ৰতিস্থাপন কামত জনসাধাৰণৰ ওপৰত চৰকাৰী পুলিছ বাহিনীৰ যি অত্যাচাৰ চলিছিল অৰ্থাৎ Police Excess, যে বেচি হৈছিল তাৰ এটা তদন্ত কৰা হওক। এই দুই সম্বন্ধীয় সমালোচনা প্ৰসঙ্গত তেখেত সকলে Communist R. C. P. I. আদিৰ কাৰ্য্যপন্থা আৰু তেওলোকৰ নীতিৰ বিষয়হে ইয়াত অবতাৰণা কৰিছে। প্ৰকৃত প্ৰস্তাৱটোৰ অৰ্থ বিকৃত কৰিছে। এই সম্বন্ধত এইবিলাক বেলেগ কথা। তথাকথিত উপক্ৰমত অঞ্চল বিলাকত যে পুলিছৰ অত্যাচাৰ বেছি হৈছিল সেই কথা নুই কৰিলে ভুল হব। হব পাৰে তেখেতসকলৰ বক্তৃতা মতে তেতিয়াৰ পৰা আজি দুবছৰ পাৰ হৈ গল এতিয়া আৰু তাৰ বহুস্বা উদঘাটন কৰি কি হব? তাৰ কোনো প্ৰয়োজন নাই, কিন্তু দুবছৰ হৈ গল যদিও পুলিছৰ অত্যাচাৰৰ কাহিনী আজিও সেই উৎপীড়িত অঞ্চল সমূহৰ ৰাইজৰ মনত, মানব অত্যাচাৰৰ দৰে জীৱিত। সিবিলাকে তাৰ তদন্ত বিচাৰে আৰু সত্য অনুসন্ধানৰ লগতে সেই পুলিছৰ শাস্তি দাবী কৰে।

এটা কথা মই কব খুজিছো—বেমাৰ চিকিৎসা কৰে বেমাৰীৰ ব্যাধি দূৰ কৰিবলৈ। এই চিকিৎসাৰ নামত Communist, Revolutionary Communist Party আদি পাৰ্টীৰ প্ৰচাৰণ বুলি সেই ব্যাধি খেদাবলৈ কাৰ্য্যপন্থা হাতত নললে সি প্ৰকৃত চিকিৎসা নহল। কেৱল Communist আৰু Revolutionary Communist Party of India ৰ লোকসকলে অত্যাচাৰ কৰিছিল, তাৰ ফলত হোৱা পৰিস্থিতিৰ ফলত সমাজত অশান্তি সৃষ্টি হোৱা বুলি শাস্তি প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰিবলৈহে পুলিছ বহোৱা হৈছিল আৰু তেওঁবিলাকৰ অত্যাচাৰবিলাক, Normal duty বুলি ধৰিলে ৰাইজৰ প্ৰতি অন্যায়া কৰা হব। কাৰণ সেই সময়ত পুলিছৰ অত্যাচাৰ যে বৃদ্ধি হৈছিল, সেই কথা কংগ্ৰেছী নেতা সকলৰ উক্তিৰ পৰাও প্ৰমাণ হয়। জিলা কংগ্ৰেছ চেক্ৰেটাৰী শ্ৰীযুত আৰুদ মোহন দাসৰ সহানুভূতি মতে পুলিছ চুপাৰিন্টেণ্ডেণ্ট শ্ৰীযুত দেবেন বৰাই, 'বকো' লৈ গৈ পুলিছ কৰ্মচাৰীক শাস্তি দিবলৈ বাধ্য হৈছিল। সেই ঠাইৰে ডাক্তৰ শ্ৰীযুত গোপী মেধিয়ে মোৰ

বেমাৰ চিকিৎসা কৰিবলৈ যাওতে বাটৰে পৰা তেওঁক পুলিচে ধৰি নিছিল, এওঁবিলাক কংগ্ৰেছী মানুহ। এনেধৰণৰ পুলিচৰ কাৰ্য্যয় তেওঁবিলাকৰ অত্যাচাৰৰ কথা প্ৰমাণ কৰে।

শ্ৰীযুত বসুমতাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে যে পুলিচৰ অত্যাচাৰ একো বেচি হোৱা নাছিল। তাৰ উত্তৰ আৰু উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে মই তেখেতক কও যে, 'শিতলপুৰ' বোলা জনজাতি সকলৰ গাওঁ এখনৰ গোটেই গাওঁৰ মানুহকেই পুলিচে ধৰি নিছিল। এই গাওঁৰ কথা তেখেতে জানে যে, ইয়াৰ আটাইবিলাক মানুহেই ট্ৰাইবেল। তেনে অবস্থাত যদি আজি কংগ্ৰেছীবিলাকে কয় যে এই বিলাক মানুহৰ ভিতৰত ভাল মানুহো আছে আৰু কিছুমান বেয়া মানুহো আছে। বেয়াৰ লগতে ভাল মানুহক শাস্তি দিয়া বা অত্যাচাৰ কৰাৰ কোনো যুক্তি থাকিব নোৱাৰে।

উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে মই মোৰ কাষৰ গাও শিতল পুৰৰ কথা কও, য'ত প্ৰধানকৈ ট্ৰাইবেল মানুহৰ বসতি। তাত Police Excess ইমান বেচি হৈছিল যে তাৰ সকলো-বিলাক ট্ৰাইবেল মানুহকে ধৰি নিছিল। তাত কংগ্ৰেছী কিছুমান লোকৰ অনুপ্ৰেৰণাত পুলিচ সকলে ছোৱালী তিবোতা বিলাকক ধমক দি ঘৰত চোৰ উকাইত আছেনে নাই সুধিছিল, আৰু নাইবুলি কলে ছোৱালী তিবোতাক সন্মুখত ৰাখি মতা মানুহ বিলাকক কোবাইছিল। গিৰীয়েক আৰু আন্যান্য মানুহক মৰা দেখি সিহঁতে কান্দিছিল। তাৰ পিচত যেতিয়া দেখিলে যে, সিহঁতক দোষী বুলি প্ৰমাণ কৰিব নোৱাৰি, তেতিয়াহে ২৩ মাহ পাচত অব্যাহতি দিছে।

**Shri BISNURAM MEDHI: (Chief Minister)** May I enquire whether the doctor himself was an eye witness?

**Shri HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY:** Yes, Sir.

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই কও এইবিলাক নিৰপৰাধী মানুহৰ ওপৰত পুলিচৰ অত্যাচাৰ। তেওঁলোকৰ নিৰপৰাধীতাৰ প্ৰমাণ স্বৰূপে পিচত তেওঁলোকক এৰি দিছে। কিন্তু তেওঁলোকৰ ওপৰত পুলিচৰ অত্যাচাৰ এৰি দিয়াৰ আগতেই হৈ গল।

এইবিলাক জানো নিৰ্দোষী মানুহৰ ওপৰত পুলিচৰ অত্যাচাৰ নহয়। যুদ্ধৰ সময়ত কেতিয়াবা Civil populationৰ ওপৰত অযথা অত্যাচাৰ হয়, তাৰ এটা হয়তো যুক্তি থাকিব পাৰে। কিন্তু সেই সময়ত যুদ্ধৰ সময় নাছিল। গতিকে শান্তিৰ সময়ত এনেকৈ নিৰীহ ৰাইজৰ ওপৰত পুলিচৰ অত্যাচাৰ হোৱাটো গণতান্ত্ৰিক নীতি বিৰোধী। এই ঘটনা ঘটি যোৱাৰ আজি ২ বছৰ আৰাই বছৰ অতিবাহিত হোৱাৰ পিচতো আজিও আমাৰ শান্তিকামী ৰাইজে কৈছে যে, চোৰ উকাইত দমনৰ নামত পুলিচে আমাৰ ওপৰত যি অত্যাচাৰ কৰিলে আজিও আমি তাক পাহৰিব পৰা নাই। সেই ঘটনাই নিত্য নতুন হৈ আছে।

আমি নকও যে পুলিচৰ ভিতৰত ভাল মানুহ নাই; কিন্তু তাৰ ভিতৰত বেয়া মানুহো আছে। এই প্ৰস্তাবত কোৱা হৈছে যে এটা অনুসন্ধান কমিটী গঠন কৰাৰ পুলিচৰ কাৰ্য্য তদন্ত কৰা হওক। যিবিলাক পুলিছে ভাল কাম কৰিছে তেওঁলোকক দৰ্কাৰ হলে পুলিচৰ কাৰ্য্য দিব লাগে; আৰু যিবিলাকে প্ৰকৃততে বেয়া কাম কৰিছে তেওঁলোকক শাস্তি দিব লাগে। শান্তিৰক্ষাৰ নামত অত্যাচাৰ কৰিবলৈতো পুলিচৰ অধিকাৰ নাই। সেই কাৰণেই এটা অনু-সন্ধান কমিটী কৰি সকলো বিচাৰ কৰিব লাগে। ইয়াত আপত্তিৰ কোনো কাৰণ নাই। শেষত মই ইয়াৰেই অনুৰোধ কৰো যাতে মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে এইবিলাক ভালকৈ উপলব্ধি কৰি ন্যায্য হক মাননীয় গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ এই প্ৰস্তাৱটো সকলোৰে সমৰ্থন কৰিব আৰু আশা কৰো চৰকাৰেও মানি লব।

**Shri BIMALA KANTA BORA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, so far the speakers on the Resolution are from Kamrup, Darrang, Jorhat and Goalpara which places were under the operation of the police raids, but I come from an area which is excluded from the operations of this Resolution. Therefore my views which is to be disinterested and unprejudiced. Sir, I have heard with rapt attention the speeches specially the speech of my Friend, Mr. G swami. It was a good piece

of literature, but the value of the Enquiry Committee demanded by him as a practical proposition is almost nil. Sir, I was waiting to see if my Friend could make out a case for an Enquiry Committee, but I was rather disappointed. He is asking this House practically to go into a post-mortem examination. Sir, those raids took place more than a year ago and this subject was thoroughly discussed in the last Budget Session of the Assembly. Sir, I find that it has become the practice of the Opposition to discuss the same matter which was discussed thread-bare in the last Budget Session and to which our Leader gave a reply extending over one and a half hour. It will not be inappropriate if I say that the discussion of this subject has become a half-yearly festival with the Members of the Opposition. Sir, Mr. Goswami admitted that there was necessity for these raids as there were daring dacoities, frequent burglaries and gruesome murders everywhere and that a state of anarchy prevailed in many parts of our State. There were fears in the minds of the people everywhere and the people could not safely go from one place to another. It was very difficult to come to and go from Nowgong to Gauhati during those days after sunset. Sir, those days of lawlessness still haunts my memory as soon as I pass a particular place on the Trunk Road where a motor car was stopped and a number of anti-social elements looted the property and assaulted the men and women of that car. For sometime people ceased to pass by that road after sunset. There was no organised Government for about two years in the state of Beltala in Gauhati. People are murdered and property plundered in Sibsagar and Kamrup districts and the Tihu bazar was sacked for one day in the broad daylight. I do not like any more to go into the details of those cases of murders and dacoities. My Friend is to-day in the Opposition. Who knows some years later he may not come to this side of the House and will have to deal with such situations? Sir, his speech, though it could not impress me, at least succeeded in arousing a feeling of hatred towards the police officers which is likely to undermine the morale of the Police Force in Assam. Sir, we have so many problems in our country to deal with. There are border troubles, activities of the anti-social elements and such other things in our country and we must maintain the morale of the Police Force. Government will be willing to punish any police officer if they are at fault, but certainly we are not going to condemn the whole Police Force without any rhyme and reason. The charges of my Friend against the Police Force are a very serious matter. He is the Leader of the Opposition and he holds a very important position of the House, his statement must be like the statement of a reasonable Opposition Leader. Our Police Force to-day is not the Police Force of the British days. Those days are gone and definitely gone I say. Those were the days when police assaulted our people and committed excesses at the bidding of a foreign Government, but to-day the situation is changed. We are independent people. Police are considered as much good public servants as we are. We are however anxious to look to the cases of individuals who were subjected to police excesses. If the Government does not take steps when complaints are made and remain silent, then Government can be condemned. But instead of referring individual cases to the Government, my Friend wants to put the cases before an Enquiry Committee. He has suggested that one of the Judges of the High Court should be appointed a member of the Enquiry Committee. My Friend means to say that Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Assam or Mr. Justice Deka should go from village to village and ask this man and that man and prepare a charge sheet against the delinquent police officers. He has failed to submit a charge sheet himself. Is it his intention that Mr. Deka should prepare a charge sheet, then enquire and punish the culprits?

My Friend has said that in Kamrup alone 3000 people were arrested and that many were brutally assaulted. If they were so assaulted one and a half year ago, their injuries must have been healed up by this time. Will their injuries speak

now? If the allegations were true, why they were not made at that time and why they remained silent for one and a half year and waited for other people to go and uncarth their complaints? Therefore my submission is, Sir, that his case is not only bad but it is dangerous to the country. He is trying to demoralise the minds of the police officers by a roving enquiry at this distance of time. The Leader of the Opposition must remember that the police has to perform their duties under very hard and difficult circumstances. Therefore I say, Sir, that such an attitude should not have been taken by him in this House against the Police Force. Now, Sir, before I close my speech I want to say one thing. If there are cases of harassment and excesses, our Government are prepared to hear them and that assurance to that effect was given in the last Budget Session by our Leader on the floor of this House. Sir, the lawless situation that prevailed before the raids is still prevailing all over the State and dacoities and thefts of guns have become the order of the day in our State. If we look at the newspapers we will find that there are cases of dacoities, burglaries and murders every day. I would refer to some such cases. Our Government is not blind to the complaints made by the people against police. Whenever there is a good case for enquiry they do it. For instance, in Tinsukia there was an allegation against police officer that some labourers and members of the Socialist Party were assaulted and insulted. In this case it was found that an enquiry was necessary. Our Government at once ordered a judicial enquiry and the committee is now holding the enquiry. We are sorry to hear about police excesses. There are good men and bad men everywhere. Police officers are not angels. Whenever cases against them are brought to the notice of the authorities, our Government will take steps against them. As I said, I want to give some instances as to how lawlessness is going on in almost every part of Assam. Here is one case which occurred very recently at Barpeta. It is stated that on the night of August 27th, a daring burglary was committed in which cash and gold ornaments worth about Rs. 5,000 along with a D. B. B. L. gun was taken away. Then again here is another case of armed dacoity at Safrai. It is stated that a gang of about eight or nine dacoits fully armed broke into a certain firm and decamped with cash and gold ornaments worth about Rs. 12,000. The dacoits belaboured the Chowkidar severely, but could not do any injury to the person. This is from Sibsagar. Then there are other instances from Sibsagar. It was published in the issue of the *Natun Assamiya* “কেইদিনমানৰ ভিতৰতে শিৱসাগৰত তিনিটা ডকাইতি হৈছে আৰু ঘৰৰ মানুহক মাৰপিত কৰি প্ৰায় ৩,০০০ টকা লৈ যায়”।

Similarly “শিৱসাগৰৰ পৰা ১২ মাইল দূৰৈৰ নামতিত আৰু এটা ডকাইতি হৈছে। শ্ৰীযুত নালিয়া শইকীয়াৰ ঘৰৰ ভিতৰত সোমাই মানুহক জীৱনৰ ভয় দেখুৱাই নগদ টকা আৰু অন্যান্য মূল্যবান বস্তু লৈ যায়”।

Here is another case from Nazira “শ্ৰীযুত বলোৰাম খনিকৰৰ দোকানৰ ভিতৰত বিভিন্নভাৱেৰে গুলিয়াই আৰু কঢ়াবলেৰে আঘাত কৰি পাঁচ হাজাৰ নগদ টকা আৰু বহুটকাৰ মূল্যবান বস্তু লৈ যায়”।

There are reports of armed dacoities from Nowgong, Darrang and other places where firearms were used and innumerable guns stolen. I do not like to multiply such instances. So, Sir, if we look through the columns of the newspapers every day we find reports of murder and dacoities. If as a result of a roving enquiry like the one suggested, the Police Force come to think that they are not being protected by the Government and that they are very vehemently criticised on the floor of the Assembly, they will certainly have no heart to work, they will not do their work properly and that will be dangerous to ourselves as

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as to the State. Sir, I do not find anything to justify this Resolution of my friend. I have already termed this enquiry as a post mortem examination. We all should see that the morale of the Police Force is in no way undermined. We must remember that the police have very unpleasant duties to perform and very often to work under difficult circumstances. It is likely that sometimes unnecessary harassment is caused to innocent people, in such cases the remedy is not certainly an enquiry committee but representation to Government. In specific cases, I am sure, our Government will not be indifferent to such complaints of the people. Punish those at fault, but in doing so nothing should be done which will affect the Police Force as a whole. We agree that there is room for improvement and even radical changes among the Police Force, but they cannot be done overnight. There are various factors to consider if we are to build up our Police Force in keeping with the traditions, ideology and philosophy of an independent India.

With these words, Sir, I oppose the Resolution.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I expected that on this Resolution personal feelings will not be expressed and yet I am disappointed to find that even a legal luminary like Shri Bimala Kanta Bora has expressed such feelings. Buried as he was at that time in the midst of briefs and law-books it was not possible for him to move from village to village and see the conditions of the people. Mr. Basumatary, the Chief Whip of the Government Party, says that I am not connected with the village people. I do not want to say anything regarding this. It is for the Assamese people to say who is more connected with the village people and their problems. Sir, my Friend, Mr. Bora, when he refuted my Resolution and opposed it as non-legal and that it does not stand scrutiny, I expected the lawyer in him will come out and put forward a legal defence, but I did not get that. There was only an effervescence of borrowed feelings.

Sir, I have made it clear from the very beginning that I do not want to convert this House into a law court. I only said, let there be an enquiry. Unless there is a court, how can the people apply and how can the people's applications be heard? If the people know that an Enquiry Committee will be set up, then they will come with their complaints before that court. It will not be necessary for a High Court Judge or for anybody to move from village to village to collect information. As soon as the news will spread that an Enquiry Committee has been set up, the people will come and file their complaints and will fix the particular police officers with guilt and responsibility. Sir, my intention is not to blame the whole Police Force. My intention is not to demoralise the whole Police Force. But what I find here is that the Members opposite are interested in the morale of the police than in the morale of the public.

**Shri BAIKYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister):** Mr. Goswami said 'members of the Opposition' yes, he is correct.....

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** I said 'Members opposite'—it seems that Mr. Mookerjee understands things but he is twisting them (*laughter*). When he has nothing to do in this House what else can he do?

Sir, what I mean is that the morale of the people should also be considered. Mr. Basumatari when he was replying to my speech said that I was talking about a disease of the R.C.P.I. He is a very clever man and he wanted to drive a wedge through the Opposition and disrupt it so that there may not be any opposition in this House. Sir, I may assure him that this trick and subversive activity on the part of Mr. Basumatari will not gain ground. Sir, he was all the time referring to the elections. Any time he stands to make a speech he

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immediately jumps to the elections saying, "we have been voted to power by the people." Sir, may I know from him what percentage of the voters specially in Kamrup district voted for the Congress? It is not even 40 per cent. and 60 per cent. of the people voted for the Members who form the Opposition Party.

Sir, it is admitted by every body that excesses were committed and that harassment was indulged in by the police. My intention in bringing this Resolution was just to get into the facts: to know what are the real facts. It is not my intention to ask for a post-mortem examination and to punish somebody. But I want that for the purpose of good Government we should know what are consequences of a particular action taken by the Government, where it is faulty and how it can be corrected. We want this Enquiry Committee not because we want to punish somebody, but only to know more about the excesses committed and the action taken by Government thereto. Sir, if this is done, then the morale of the people will tone up because the people will then feel that at least there is a popular Government that actually has the interest of the people at heart, that is really anxious for the fundamental rights of the people and that really it does not want to take away any right from the people. And, Sir, if at the same time we can give some economic relief to the people then the disease I mentioned will surely die a natural death.

My Friend, Khagen Babu, has said that there is no use opening an old sore. I agree, but the sore is not opened. The sore is already there. I only want to heal it. If we do this, then not only the people will at least feel a relief, but also the police will realise that they cannot do things as they like, according to their sweet will. It is not a police State, we are not in a police State, Sir. We want that the State should be popular, it should be a co-operative State, it should be a welfare State. If we are interested in the welfare of the people it is not only material welfare, it is also the personal welfare, the safety of the people in which we are interested, then we must not allow this to be endangered by acts of anybody. I have heard Mr. Prabhat Goswami saying that so many excesses were committed by the police. I have heard some people saying about the criminal cases. I have no love for these criminals. Let the criminals be punished, let them be given exemplary punishment. But I feel for the people who are victims of all these excesses; the guilty persons have not been brought to book. I still want to know from the Chief Minister how many people have been convicted in connection with these cases, how many people have been really tried by the Magistrates, and in how many cases guilts have been proved? Unless these things can be cleared up, Sir, I stick to my Resolution. I feel that my Resolution is a very modest one, a very reasonable one. The personnel is such that there will be no overdoing and there will be no difficulty in arriving at the truths. I also know, Sir, that because the Government side has thumping majority, they will be able to defeat our Resolution. But, Sir, our arguments will not die here. The arguments will prevail outside the House. They will have a resonance in every heart and vibrate every chord of the afflicted.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, facts disclosed in this debate and also by the Leader of the Opposition clearly indicate that a reign of terror was created by a certain gang of terrorists in almost the whole State, extending from Dhubri to Sadiya and also in Cachar and other places, with a view to capture power by violence. I am also glad that the various speakers from the Opposition have justified the act taken by the Police in an extensive scale to protect the innocent and law-abiding citizens against the lawlessness and acts of violence perpetrated by a gang of terrorist elements throughout the country. It has also been admitted that many innocent people were murdered in broad day light. Even in the constituency of the Leader of the Opposition a man who was addressing a public meeting was shot dead on the spot. But he

did not raise a voice of protest at that time. This violent activities of the terrorist gang were there and none from his Party came forward to denounce such actions.....

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** On a point of information, Sir, actually such action was denounced later.....

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** But he did not denounce the violence committed as a whole by the terrorist gang at the time the offence was committed, and now he speaks so much of non-violence! He knows that one Guda Mohajan was murdered on the spot at Belsor in broad day light and the whole village was terrorised by the gang with arms. But there was no denouncement whatsoever from his side.....

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** We passed resolutions denouncing such acts of violence, Sir, at proper time.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** Those resolutions were adopted later on only in the shape of propaganda stunt during the election time. They were of no value whatsoever. On the last occasion, that is, during the last Budget Session, there were Cut Motions on these points, and after hearing me, those Cut Motions were withdrawn by the Opposition. I then told, "even now if any specific allegations of excesses are brought to my notice, or to the notice of the Magistrates or Deputy Commissioners concerned those complaints will be fully enquired into and in case those allegations are found true, Government will punish those against whom such allegations are proved to be true". In spite of the assurance from the Government side not a single complaint or representation has been received. I have heard Mr. Choudhury narrating a story of so-called excesses. Mr. Goswami has spoken of about 200 cases of excesses without giving names or particulars. But both of them concealed all these allegations in their bosom till disclosed to-day on the floor of the House for the first time. The proposed enquiry committee cannot as a matter of fact punish those people on the basis of those vague allegations made for the first time on the floor of the House. The Mover of the Resolution now suggests to set up a committee to enquire excesses into the cases of those who committed excesses or alleged to have committed. Is it possible to convict and punish a man on the basis of a roaming enquiry without a judicial enquiry in court? It will be appreciated how difficult it is to prove even a true case which happened about two years ago. What will be the effect of this Resolution for appointing an enquiry committee? The effect will be that those people who committed terrorism and are now free will get an opportunity of concocting and fabricating cases. My assurance even now stands that if any specific cases of excesses alleged to have been committed by any of our officers are brought to my notice or to the notice of any Magistrates or Subdivisional Officers or Deputy Commissioners they will surely deal with those cases and try those cases in accordance with the existing law. Therefore there seems no necessity for the proposed enquiry committee to roam about from place to place, from corner to corner and to give chance to undesirable elements to bring up, cooked up stories before them and which they will ultimately fail to substantiate. In connection with the operation at Nalbari a Magistrate was specially deputed to receive complaints from different persons. As a matter of fact a first class Magistrate was posted at Nalbari during the operation and the Deputy Commissioner was occasionally moving about from place to place in those areas so that the people could come and without fear prefer complaints, if any. But instead of lodging complaints, the people heaved a sigh of relief that they had been saved

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from the acts of oppression of the gangsters and have been able to sleep comfortably. Persons arrested by police were immediately produced before the 1st class Magistrate who releases or remands them to Hajat. He also visits the temporary lock up, but none of those arrested persons even made any complaint against the police. That shows, Sir, that there were no excesses committed as far as Nalbari is concerned. The Magistrate scrutinises all the cases separately on their own merit and remands the arrested persons to Hajat. A doctor was deputed to see to the health of the persons under arrest. He examined them individually and did not find any injury on any of these arrested persons. This will clearly indicate how the story of about 200 persons receiving injuries during the police operation is an afterthought.

200 The expert evidence gives a direct lie to the reported statement that about 200 persons received injuries during Police Operation due to Police excess.

Besides this, Sir, a large number of Gazetted Officers were deputed there. The Superintendents of Police and Deputy Inspector General of Police were frequently roaming about in these places to be sure that no excess might be committed. As soon as any report of excess reached their ears, immediate action was taken and in some cases the entire matter, was referred to the Court. So, it will be seen that in all cases prompt action was taken with a view to ensure against any unnecessary harassment to innocent people.

I do not understand what purpose is sought to be achieved by Mr. Goswami by this Resolution. Supposing an Enquiry Committee is set up and some people or parties take the cause of the so-called victims of Police atrocities, collect evidence and produce them before the Committee—allegations which had never before been reported to any competent authority and which have been kept concealed for two long years, make their statement based on alleged reports of 3rd persons on the floor of the House for the first time, the members of the Committee would find it great difficulty in accepting such allegations after two years. Are these evidences and materials not likely to be concocted and cooked up? Can such belated allegations have any basis on truth? If not, what is the utility of such an enquiry? The only effect of such Resolution, as I have already said, will be to let loose interested people to cook up stories and bring them up before the members of the Committee and will act as an encouragement to anti-social elements to set up false stories to victimise those who at the risk of life helped in establishing law and order in the county.

Before the operation started, the Police distributed widely printed leaflets at Sibsagar asking the people to help the Police in arresting the terrorist gang and explaining to them that the operation had been undertaken to protect them against the oppression of the anti-social elements. In case of any harassment and unjustified arrest they were requested to bring the matter immediately to notice of the higher Gazetted Officers of the rank of Superintendent of Police and Deputy Inspector General of Police moving about and supervising the operation. There were eight Gazetted Officers at that time of the ranks of the Superintendent of Police and Deputy Inspector General of Police besides the Subdivisional Officer, who were all also moving about in the areas under operation giving the people every opportunity to lodge any complaint of harassment in connection with the operation. My Friend, Mr. Goswami, said that the people did not dare to bring these facts to the notice of even the Subdivisional Officer or Deputy Commissioner let alone the superior Police Officers. I think, Sir, it is far from the truth. If they did not come before them with any complaint, it is because they had nothing to complain, it is because of this that they did not come up with any allegations of excess committed by the Police. And last, but not the least, Press representatives of different respectable Presses were taken round the areas under operation. The reports of these Press representatives appearing at that time in

different newspapers will testify beyond any shadow of doubt that there was no excess committed by the Police. Of course, there were about 4 cases instituted in the Court. Of these three cases were dismissed and one case is still pending awaiting verdict of the Court. Some other cases which were instituted at that time could not be proved. The House under the circumstances will see that there is no necessity of setting up an Enquiry Committee after about two years. If, however, there is any specific allegation that may be conveniently enquired into by appropriate court in the respective areas my assurance is still there. I invite them to take advantage of it, and on behalf of the Government I represent, I renew the assurance. In view of all that have been said, Sir, I am firmly of opinion that the proposed Enquiry Committee is entirely meaningless, that this will be simply a duplication of matters which can be very well avoided. I do not see any sense in wasting public money and time unnecessarily by setting up an Enquiry Committee which cannot punish any one under existing law.

On the other hand, Sir, many of the persons who took active part in the acts of sabotage and other subversive activities have frankly admitted their mistakes. They admit that they committed mistakes in joining hands with this reactionary element who let loose a reign of terror throughout the country. They admit that they were forced to take recourse to such heinous acts of crimes, robbery, murder and thefts under threats of compulsion and coercion by the members of that gang of terrorists. They have now realised the mistake they committed and they appreciate also the action taken by Government for preventing them from committing further mischiefs to the country. At this stage if an Enquiry Committee as suggested by the Leader of the Opposition is set up, the result will be only a complete negation of the process for establishment of law and order and is likely to nullify the result we have so far achieved in putting down the subversive activities. The result will be only giving a fresh lease of life to the horrible acts of lawlessness and violence perpetrated by those adventurous young men who had been misled by false propaganda.

I think, Sir, we should be really very grateful to these Police Officers, the loyal and dutiful Police Officers, who at the risk of their lives, went on doing their duty without grumble, murmur, ungrudgingly, honestly and sincerely, faced bullets at the hands of those well-armed desperate gangsters, seized their arms, arrested them and restored normal condition to the satisfaction of all those law-abiding and loyal citizens whose only desire is to live a civilized life in peace and happiness. And in doing so, Sir, many of the Police Officers have lost their lives, many were injured at the hands of these terrorists. But, Sir, it is indeed a matter of great satisfaction to us all and also an achievement of which our Police Force can rightly be proud of, that in spite of tremendous odds not a single member of public was shot at or injured by the Police during the entire operation. This is indeed an achievement which redounds to the admirable sense of discipline, sincere devotion to duty and, above all, the kind and humane feeling of the Police Force of our country. But on the other hand, Sir, I just now remember one particular incident of bravery and courage of very high order of which our Police Force can rightly be proud of. I remember one particular incident in which a Police Officer with only two constables with him during one of those dark days of terrorist oppression against which our Police operation was in action, had to face all on a sudden a band of gangsters well equipped with modern weapons, and how one of the constables was shot right at the spot. Not being deterred in the face of falling down dead of one of their comrades at the hands of the marauders, the dutiful Police Officers with his worthy lieutenant, the Constable, courageously faced this desperate gang, pursued them and at last succeeded in capturing a few of them. Is it not our duty to appreciate

the bravery and self-sacrifice shown by these valiant Police Officers of our country? We fully realise the tremendous odds against which they had to fight in discharge of the most onerous duties. It is a great credit to the band of selfless Police Officers who helped in establishing law and in order those areas. It will amount to payment of premium to vice in case an Enquiry Committee is set up after two years to enquire into the conduct of the loyal band of Police Officers who faithfully discharged their duties at the risk of their lives. I do not understand what useful purpose will be served by setting up such an Enquiry Committee which will only amount to giving a new lease of life to glorify the reign of terror and will lend an indirect support and encouragement to those who were engaged in violent crimes of arson, dacoity and murder and who are now gradually realising their mistakes. Mr. Goswami has said that the purpose of this enquiry is not for punishment. Then for what purpose is it necessary? Is it for propaganda? (*A Voice*—You have hit him hard in the right spot.)

I, therefore, do not see any utility of setting up an Enquiry Committee as envisaged in this Resolution. Apart from the practical difficulties for such a Committee to roam about the countryside in vain in search of complaints and allegations, the proposal is fraught with great danger. Interested parties, reactionary elements and even those persons engaged in terrorist activities and who are now thinking of eschewing violence altogether as a method and means of capturing powers may feel glorified for their acts of crimes committed in the past and received encouragement to coo up false stories, concoct evidence and thereby disturb the peaceful atmosphere now prevailing in the country after the Police operation.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** On a point of information, Sir. How many persons were altogether arrested and how many of them were convicted?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** That I cannot say off hand. That information is not available with me just now. But at any rate, the number of persons arrested must be much higher than the number of persons imprisoned or detained. This was unavoidable under the circumstances that prevailed during those days as a result of terrorist activities. Sometimes these terrorists took shelter in the houses of innocent persons under threat of violence and compulsion and sometimes forced their entry and threatened the inmates to submit to their depredations. The Police under the circumstances had no alternative but to arrest those persons giving shelter to absconders and offenders.

As it is known that various documents were seized in which the names of the persons being members of the R. C. P. I. Ganabahini were found and those documents showed also that there was a gang who were receiving training on guerilla warfare. On the basis of such lists contained in those seized documents Police had to arrest persons.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Is it a fact that some of these lists were fake and were prepared with the object of arresting certain persons?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** Absolutely incorrect. These lists were seized in the presence of other persons in the dens and camps of the party. The Government did not intend to detain a person a moment longer if he confesses that he had to join such activities under coercion or threat on point of revolver and gives an undertaking not to help or join any anti-social element in future and Government is satisfied that he is not likely to revert to anti-social activities or act in violation of the undertaking. Of course, police had to create

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check posts and cordons in order to trace and detect those anti-social elements. There might be some sort of hardship to some persons in course of the investigation, but it was done by the Police in good faith and in the best interest of the country. Immediately after these arrests were made, enquiry was held on each individual case and the matter was considered by a group of responsible officers or magistrates on merit and the arrested persons were either released or sent to Hajat after scrutiny of materials. The fact that a large number of people were released after arrest when on scrutiny it was found that there is no sufficient materials for sending them to Hajat will prove the *bonafide* of the police. Police had to arrest people whose names appeared in the list of documents seized. They could not but do it. The allegation that some persons were detained in police custody for seven days seems baseless. In such cases they may prefer complaint or institute civil suit for damage.

Under these circumstances, my submission is that there is hardly any utility of constituting an Enquiry Committee.

Under the circumstances, I request the Mover to withdraw the Resolution, otherwise the Motion should be opposed by all right thinking Members of this House and those who have a sense of responsibility and those who look to the interest of the country as a whole. I do not say that cent. per cent. of our Police Officers is good. If any allegation was made to the higher officers, enquiry was immediately instituted and there are instances in which departmental action was taken and some of the Police Officers were discharged or punished departmentally. There are still a few cases pending decision by the Courts. In Sibsagar four cases were instituted and out of them three were dismissed as nothing could be made out and one case is still pending in the Court.

In this connection, I should like to give some idea of the nature of crimes committed by the R. C. P. I. as well as the Communist Party of India.

The violent activities of the R. C. P. I. came to notice in Assam in 1947 when the notorious Bengal R. C. P. I. leader, Pannalal Das Gupta, was arrested in Amingaon in August 1947 with 3 revolvers, 3 hand-granades, 1 pistol and a large amount of ammunition. This man escaped from Police custody and absconded until he was arrested in 1951 in Calcutta. He is being prosecuted at present in connection with the Dum Dum Basirhat Case. During this period when he was absconding, he trained some people in guerilla warfare and raised a Ganabahini and did many other things.

On the 13th of February 1950, members of the R. C. P. I. armed with sten guns, revolvers and guns carried out a series of decoities on unarmed innocent people of Tihu in Barama Police Station in which they killed the Manager of a Marwari firm and looted more than Rs.10,000, burned the Post Office, failing to break the safe, looted rice mill in the Bazar area, gutted the Circle Office destroying revenue records, looted another Marwari shop injuring inmates and looted two other shops and decamped with valuables, burnt down the Inspection Bungalow, set fire to the house of the Congress Secretary, involving a total loss of Rs.58,000 worth of property, besides injuring a large number of persons. There was a gradual mounting of these terroristic crimes and 68 outrages were committed. These are terrorist activities enumerated in my last Budget speech.

Again, it will appear that in their orgy of murder no less than twelve innocent members of the public lost their lives and another twelve injured, in most cases grievously, when attempts were made to murder them by lethal weapons. One Sub-Inspector of Police was killed in Tengakhat when in discharge of his duties to arrest a gang of R. C. P. I. absconders, he was fired upon with sten gun and rifles. No less than three constables lost their lives. Fourteen other members of police received injuries in combat with the terrorists in discharge of their duties.

What was the position in Sibsagar? One Kanti Ram Phookan, a Congress worker, while he was sleeping with members of his family, his wife and a little