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Proceedings of the Second Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled after the Second General Election under the Sovereign Democratic Republican Constitution of India

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, the 12th November, 1957.

PRESENT

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah, B.A., L.L.B., Speaker in the Chair, the eight Ministers, the eight Deputy Ministers and eighty-six Members.

QUESTIONS

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Breaking of Kamalabari-Salmara Road

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

2. Will the Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department, be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Kamalabari-Salmara Public Works Department road in Majuli had been cut open by the Executive Engineer, near Gergerijan to save the over-flooding of the Northern side of the road on 12th July 1957?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said opening was made by night at 11 P.M., without any information to the people of 19 villages residing by the Southern side of the road?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the said water-letting had caused a great havoc to the people of 19 villages destroying their Ahu and Bao crops ready for harvesting, Sali-seedlings and a certain number of domestic animals?
- (d) Whether any financial help has been made so far by the Government to the affected people?
- (e) If not, why not?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

2. (a) to (e)—The information is being called for from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have to draw the attention of the Minister for Public Works Department to the Rule governing Questions: Rule 30(2) says: "If the Minister concerned agrees to reply, such question shall be answered on a day to be indicated by him and shall be called immediately after the questions which have appeared in the list of questions for oral answer have been disposed of", now..

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P.W.D.): But I did not agree to this Sir, ?

Mr. SPEAKER: Then how does this come in ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA: The file came to me and I noted that the answer to this question cannot be given unless we get information and other details from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is very strange. Anyway, this is not the time for me to go into this. I can only say that this contravenes the provision of rule 30(2) of the Rules governing Questions.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Re: Establishment of a Government Dispensary at Lahoal in Lakhimpur District

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

*4. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that there are no Medical facilities such as Dispensary, etc., within the Lahoal Assembly Constituency in Lakhimpur District ?

(b) If so, whether Government proposed to establish a Government Dispensary at Lahoal ?

Shri GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical) replied :

4. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The desirability of opening of a Dispensary in the Constituency is under examination.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) :
Regarding (b) Sir, when can we expect it ?

Shri GHANASHYAM DAS : It will be considered along with others in due course.

Establishment of a Charitable Dispensary in Gharbandi Mauza near Panitola in Lakhimpur District

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*5. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any medical facility for the people of Gharbandi Mauza and Eastern Part of Bogdong Mauza in Lakhimpur District ?

(b) If not, whether Government propose to establish a Charitable Dispensary in Gharbandi Mauza near Panitola ?

Shri GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical) replied :

5. (a)—Yes, at Tinsukia Local Board Dispensary and Chabua Health Centre.

(b)—Does not arise.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : Whether the Deputy Minister-in-charge knows that one end of the area in question is more than 15 miles from the Health Centre or the Dispensary referred to by him ?

Shri GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical) :
It will require further examination, Sir.

Establishment of a Dispensary at Kakapathar or Bormesai in Kakapathar-Maithong area of Saikhowa Mauza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*6. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government has lately received a representation for establishment of a Dispensary at Kakapathar or Bormesai in Kakapathar-Maithong area of Saikhowa Mauza ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to give active consideration to establish a Dispensary there ?

Shri GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical) replied :

6. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The case will be considered along with other cases in due course.

Area of land lately eroded by the Brahmaputra in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*7. Will the Minister, Public Works Department, be pleased to state—

(a) The area of land lately eroded by the Brahmaputra near Maijan and Nagaghoolie in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) The area of land in bighas eroded by the Brahmaputra during the last 5 years—

(i) From Laikaghat to Mohanaghat near Dibrugarh ; and

(ii) From Kaikaghat upwards to Dirakmukh ?

(c) The area of tea gardens eroded by the Brahmaputra to the east of Dibrugarh Town after completion of the spurs to protect the Town ?

(d) Whether Government is aware of the nature of erosion between Nagaghoolie and Maijan ?

(e) Whether Government apprehends that there is every likelihood of the Dibrugarh Town being washed away and all efforts so far made to save Dibrugarh would be in vain ?

(f) Whether there is a proposal to extend the Dibrugarh Revetment Scheme up to Nagaghoolie by constructing a number of spurs ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.)
replied :

7. (a)—About 119 bighas (8,600' × 200' average).

(b)—(i) Information not available.

(ii) Information not available.

(c)—About 300 bighas.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No. There is no such possibility.

(f)—Not at present. The matter is being examined in the model at Poona.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):
Whether the Government have moved the Central Government drawing their attention to the necessity of improvement of the eroded area and extension of the rivetment ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA : Yes Sir, the matter was raised in the last meeting of the Flood Control Board held on 28th August 1957. I think it will be helpful if I read out the reply given by the Chairman, C. W. and P. C., to a point raised by me in this connection. It is as follows: "Referring to the situation at Dibrugarh, Shri Siddhinath Sarma (Assam) said that, out of the two channels of the Brahmaputra at Dibrugarh, the southern channel which carried 50 per cent discharge last year was carrying 65 per cent of the discharge this year and that if this tendency persisted, it would endanger the Dibrugarh town. He requested that some remedial measures should be taken on the lines suggested by experiments that were being carried out at Malikpur and Poona Research Stations". In reply to that the Chairman, C. W. and P. C., Shri Kanwar

Sain "explained that these points had not been brought to the notice of the Brahmaputra River Commission which could have discussed the technical details and suggested remedial action. He said that generally speaking the reports from Dibrugarh so far received by the C. W. and P. C. (Flood Wing) indicated that the action on the spurs at Dibrugarh was not active. Some damage, which had occurred was quickly repaired. He suggested that, in view of the situation at Dibrugarh reported by the Assam member, an aerial survey of the channel should be made again this year to see how the various channels of the Brahmaputra were developing." After this there was a proposal that they would visit Assam. But so far it has not been possible for them to come.

Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 1951

Shri JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked :

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

(a) The number of prosecutions launched in Assam under the Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 1951 since it was enforced from 1st of August 1957 ?

(b) The places where these prosecutions were done and the stage of each at which they are now ?

*9. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state the name of the Certifying Officers who have been appointed by the Government under the Assam Cattle Preservation Act, 1951 and the places where they have been posted ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

8. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected.

Shri JAHANUDDIN AHMED : May we expect an assurance from the Minister-in-charge that the reply would be given after collecting data before the next Budget Session ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : Most certainly, yes.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary): With regard to the first portion of the question, the answer is Mouzadars and Sarpanches in their respective areas, Presidents of Rural Panchayats and Presidents of Primary Panchayats in their respective areas.

With regard to the latter portion of the question, the names of the places are being collected and will be supplied to the hon. Member.

Re: Veterinary Dispensaries in the District of Nowgong

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(a) The number of Veterinary dispensaries in the District of Nowgong managed by the State and the Local Boards ?

(b) How many of them are managed by the Local Board ?

(c) Whether all the dispensaries are equipped with requisite staff, medicine and necessary instruments ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the annual indents of medicine and appliances for the year 1956-57 have not yet been received ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that there are two dispensaries at a distance of half a mile in the Nowgong town, one is managed by the State and the other one by the Local Board ?

(f) Whether there was any move for shifting one of the dispensaries to rural areas ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that there is practically no medicine in the State Veterinary Hospital at Nowgong for a long time ?

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

(i) Whether it is a fact that a Microscope is lying idle there for want of other equipments ?

- (j) Whether it is a fact that a grant of Rs.4,000 was lately sanctioned to the State Veterinary Hospital at Nowgong ?
- (k) If the reply is in the affirmative, whether the amount was utilised for the said Hospital ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that land in which the State Veterinary Hospital at Nowgong is situated, is very low and full of deep ditches and it remains under water during the rains ?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that the State Veterinary Dispensary at Nowgong is supplied with all instruments for artificial insemination ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

10. (a) to (m)—Information is being collected and will be furnished when ready.

BABU RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karmganj-North) : He did not have to refer to the district ; information required could have been collected from the Directorate at Gauhati.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : The questions were sent to my office at 3 p. m. on the 7th and the answer was to be sent by 4 p. m. next day, which was not possible.

Amount granted by the Government of India for preservation of Ancient Monuments in Assam

Shri JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked :

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

- (a) The amount that has been granted by the Government of India for preservation of Ancient Monuments in Assam during the current financial year ?
- (b) The amount of money that has been made available to each of these Monuments in Assam with name and places ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied :

11. (a) & (b)—The information is not available with the State Government.

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara): What amount has been given by the Government of India to the State Government must be with the State Government.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is for the Government to know.

Re: Advance increments to the Graduate Lower Division Assistants of Assam Secretariat

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the advance increments recommended by the last Pay Committee to the Graduate Lower Division Assistants of Assam Secretariat have since been granted ?
- (b) If so, whether there is any discrimination in granting the increments to the Graduate Lower Division Assistants appointed before and after 1st October 1956, from which date the new scales were given effect to ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance)

replied :

12. (a)—The Pay Committee did not recommend advance increments to all Graduate Lower Division Assistants of the Secretariat. In recommending the revised scale of Rs.80—200, they suggested that two advance increments may be given to Graduate recruited on this scale.

As the revised scale came into force from 1st October 1956, the advance increments will be admissible to those who entered Secretariat on or after that date in terms of paragraph 7 of Government Resolution No.FEP.3/56/27, dated the 26th December 1956, and no separate orders will be necessary.

(b)—As explained above, the revised scale was introduced with effect from 1st October 1956. Naturally, therefore, the benefit of advance increments could not be extended to those who entered service prior to that date without inviting endless complications. However, Government have decided as general principle that if as a result of grant of advance increments to a new Graduate Lower Division Assistant, recruited on or after 1st October 1956, the pay of an existing Graduate Lower Division Assistant or Assistants similarly recruited prior to that date becomes less than the pay of the new recruit, then the pay of the earlier entrant would be increased to an extent to equalise it with the pay of the new recruit.

Shri DWIJENDRA CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)
 ১৯৫৬ চনৰ পহিলা অক্টোবৰৰ আগত যিবোৰ Graduate Lower Division Assistant লোৱা হৈছিল তেওঁলোকে যদি advance increment নেপায় তেনেহলে যিবোৰ নতুনকৈ লোৱা হৈছে বা হব, তেওঁলোকৰ তুলনাত পুৰনি সকলক অন্যায় কৰা নহবনে ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance):
 ১-১০-৫৬ তাৰিখৰ পিচত নিয়োগ কৰা Graduate Lower Division Assistant সকলৰ দৰমহাৰ লগত খাপ খোৱাকৈ পুৰনি সকলৰ দৰমহা ৰাচাই দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে।

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA: দৰমহা সৰু পৰ্য্যায়লৈ আনিলেও তেওঁলোকৰ প্ৰতি অন্যায় কৰা নহবনে যেহেতু তেওঁলোকে আগৰে পৰা চাকৰি কৰি থকা লোক।

Mr. SPEAKER: তেনে প্ৰশ্ন গ্ৰহণ যোগ্য নহয়।

Babu RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj-North):
 The Lower Division Assistants who were appointed on 1st October 1956 or thereafter would be given advance increments. What will be their annual increment? Supposing a person is to get three increments to cover that gap after 1st October 1956.....

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: I would refer the hon. questioner to the Government of Assam, Finance Department Resolution on the Report of the Assam Pay Committee, 1956 and the Assam Services (Revision of Pay) Rules, 1956. There he will find all these things which are referred to at page 7 of the Resolution.

Babu RANENDRA MOHAN DAS: So far as I am aware, the existing rule is that if advance increments are granted say 3 or 4, during the next 3 or 4 years they will not get any increment. Will Government fix up their pay on such scales which are necessary to fill up the gap?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: Sir, this is a long thing. An old seasoned parliamentarian like my Friend, Mr. Das, should know everything if he would only study those things.

Mr. SPEAKER: You need not describe the qualities of head and heart of the hon. Member.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: Thank you. I have got a typed sheet of $1\frac{1}{2}$ pages and if you will permit me, I can read it.

Mr. SPEAKER : It is not necessary to read it, but the Hon'ble Minister can pass it on to the hon. Member for elucidation.

Construction of Roads during the Second Five-Year Plan

Shri RAHIMUDDIN AHMED (Jamunamukh) asked :

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

(a) Whether a bridge over the Kapili river on Kampur-Singimari P.W.D. Road was sanctioned for construction during the Second Five-Year Plan period ?

(b) If so, why the work has not yet been started ?

(c) Whether Government is aware of the fact that for want of this bridge great inconvenience and hardships have been experienced by the people of several Mouzas of Nowgong District ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take up the construction work of the said bridge without any further delay.

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.)
plied :

13. (a)—There is in the Second Five-Year Plan, provision for a bridge over the Kapili river near Kampur.

(b)—For preparation of the project collection of data, which takes a considerable period, is in progress.

(c)—The Government have not received any complaint regarding hardship and inconvenience, but Government are aware that the construction of this bridge will improve communication of this area.

(d)—The construction work will be taken up as soon as the data are collected, project is finalized and sanctioned.

Shri RAHIMUDDIN AHMED : মাননীয় মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে এই প্রশ্ন আরশ্যকীয় বুলি নাভাবেনে ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) : এই প্রশ্নের উত্তর দিয়াছি হৈছে ।

Total Number of Tea Gardens in Assam

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)
asked :

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

- (a) The total number of tea gardens in Assam ?
- (b) The total number of (i) Primary Schools and (ii) Secondary Schools situated in the tea gardens in Assam ?
- (c) The total number of residents in tea garden areas of Assam ?
- (d) The total number of students attending schools per day on the average in the tea garden areas throughout the State ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take immediate steps for increasing of the number of schools for school-attending children in the tea garden areas of the State ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Labour) replied :

14. (a)—Nine hundred and seventy including outgardens.
(b)—There are three classes of Primary Schools in the tea garden areas of the State. They are A, B, C class Primary Schools.

The A class Schools are purely Government Schools, managed and controlled by the Education Department of the State.

The B class Schools are maintained by the tea garden authorities with the monthly grant from the State fund.

The C class Schools are purely private schools maintained and managed entirely by the garden authorities.

(i) The total number of Primary Schools in Assam Valley is as follows:—

A class—3, B class—21, C class—359.

In Cachar District A class—4, B class—15 and C class—78.

(ii) There are 3 M. E. Schools in tea garden areas of Cachar District (subsidised by Government).

(c)—5,09,157.

(d)—Average attendance of students is boys 72.2 and girls 68.1. The number is not readily available.

(e)—Yes. Recently an educational survey is taken up in accordance with the Government of India's Scheme, the object being to survey the existing facilities available and additional facilities required to introduce compulsory Education upto the age of 11 throughout the country.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): May I know, Sir, why so much discrimination has been made in the matter of management of A and B Class schools ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, Labour) : I do not follow his question, Sir.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA: মই কৈছোঁ যে চাহ বাগানত A আৰু B ক্লাচৰ স্কুলৰ সংখ্যা 'C' ক্লাচ স্কুলতকৈ কম। চৰকাৰে এই 'A' আৰু 'B' ক্লাচ স্কুলবিলাকৰ Management ৰ বিষয়ত কিয় ইমান অবহেলা কৰে।

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY : The responsibility of education in tea garden areas is the responsibility of the Managements and not of the Government. Whatever schools are being given there, this is to give educational facilities to the boys of that locality.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery) : Is it not a fact, Sir, that A and B Class schools are managed by the Government ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY : The answer is there, Sir.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI: পালিয়েমেণ্টৰ যিখন Act আছে সেইখন মই পঢ়িছোঁ। সেই Act ত লিখা আছে যে, facility will be given by the Management but the responsibility of the Education will be on the Government.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY : I do not agree.

Mr. SPEAKER: You need not agree, but you are to give information.

**Construction of Road from Kakapathar to Dirak
Maithong towards N.-E. F. A. in Saikhowa Mauza
of Dibrugarh Subdivision**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) The length of the road sanctioned for construction from Kakapathar to Dirak Maithong towards N.-E. F. A. in Saikhowa Mauza of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) The amount sanctioned for this purpose ?
- (c) The progress of work done so far ?
- (d) The amount of payment made so far against this road ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that the above road is still incomplete and it has put the public to great difficulties this year ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to complete this road before next monsoon ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.)
replied :

15. (a)—12 miles.
 (b)—Rs. 3 lakhs.
 (c)—About 14%.
 (d)—Rs. 38,141.
 (e)—Yes, the road cannot be used until it is completed in all respects.
 (f)—It will require at least 2 working seasons to complete the road in all respects.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to complete the earthwork at least before the next monsoon?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA : I shall ask the department to complete it, Sir.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : Are the Government aware that because of the incomplete road, people have been put to great difficulties having to cross this road in

knee-deep and thigh-deep mud through a low area of several miles, where previously boat could be used in rainy season and now the earth works raised there turned to mud,

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.):

Sir, to complete a road two working seasons are necessary—one season for completion of the earth-work and another for gravelling and for completion of the bridges, etc. So it is quite natural that until the road is completed, people using the road have to face some difficulties.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Will the Minister-in-charge instruct the department to complete the earthwork atleast before next monsoon ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA : I shall do that, Sir.

**Ferry Service or other transport facilities between
Dibrugarh and Abor Hills Transferred Area**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is no Ferry Service or other transport facilities between Dibrugarh and Abor Hills (Murkongsellek) Transferred Area ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the people of the above Transferred Area are to keep in touch with Dibrugarh which is the district headquarters ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the office of the Political Officer of that Transferred Area is located at Dibrugarh ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware of the public opinion that a regular Ferry Service between Dibrugarh and this Transferred Area upto Sultaughat near Bijoyapore *via* Ramdhanghat and Galighat will improve the communication difficulties to a great extent ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to introduce this Ferry Service with immediate effect ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

16. (a) to (e)—Information is being collected from the Divisional Officer.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : When can we expect the reply, Sir?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA : The reply will be sent to the hon. Member as soon as received.

Mr. SPEAKER : I think the hon. Leader of the House during the last Budget Session of the Assembly gave an assurance to the House that replies in respect of the questions that could not be replied to for want of necessary information could be sent to the hon. Members as soon as they were received. I think that assurance still now holds good.

Shri BISNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : Yes, Sir, provided the hon. Members would ask for such replies to be sent to them specifically.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari) : Sir, although in the last Session of the Assembly it was assured that replies to many questions in respect of which information was being collected would be sent to the Members concerned, we have received no replies as yet.

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI : Perhaps the hon. Member has lost sight of the fact that assurance for sending replies to the Members concerned was given in respect of only those questions replies to which would be specifically called for from the Government by the Members concerned.

Mr. SPEAKER : I propose to go through the proceedings of the last Assembly Session and find out what assurance was given by the Government, and then we will act accordingly.

Shri JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) : Replies to my question No.11(a) and (b) may please be sent to me after having collected the information.

Sisilbari Grazing Reserve at Alimur village in Moderkhat Mauza (Dibrugarh)

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there was a Grazing Reserve known as Sisilbari at Alimur village in Moderkhat Mouza (Dibrugarh) which was serving the need of Alimur Nij-Moderkhat, Kharikatia and other villages ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this Grazing Reserve was de-reserved and annual Patta was granted to the proprietor of Assam Distillery and Moderkhat Tea Coy. ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that this land has now been sold to the proprietor of Bagrudia Tea Coy. of Tengakhat ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the local villagers did not know about the de-reservation and other book transfer of the land till the proprietor of Bagradia Tea Coy. made drains surrounding the land and obstructing the grazing of cattle last year ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that there is no adequate grazing land in those villages ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to cancel ownership of these tea planters over this land and revert to grazing reserve again ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

17. (a) to (f)—A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

(*Laughter*)

Shri HARESWAR DAS (added after the printed reply)

This question was received in our office at 4-30 p.m. only on the 8th November last.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which replies were laid on the table)

Total Revenue realised from royalty on sand collected from the river beds in the State of Assam

Shri JOGA KANTA BARUA (Jaipur) asked :

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

- (a) The total revenue realised from the royalty on sand collected from the river beds in the State of Assam in 1955-56 and 1956-57 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the beds of all the rivers in the State have been raised due to deposits of sand and thereby causing devastating floods ?
- (c) To remedy this, whether Government propose to abolish all taxes on sand collected from river beds so that the people may collect sand free from the rivers and the river beds may deepen to some extent ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Forests) replied :

Year	Quantity	Value
	Cft.	Rs.
8. (a)—1955-56	81,28,774	3,10,454
1956-57	1,06,18,901	4,11,488

(b)—It is not possible to say whether the beds of all the rivers in the State have been raised due to deposits of sand because the bed levels of all rivers have not been measured periodically to find out whether there has been any rise and the materials which caused the rise, if any, have not also been examined to see whether they are sand particles.

(c)—In view of lack of data to show that it is sand that has caused rises, if any, and also whether royalty abolition is the proper method for prevention of rises, if any, Government do not propose to consider whether royalties on sand removed by people should be abolished.

****Shri JOGA KANTA BARUA (Jaipur)** : Are the Government aware that sand deposits on river beds cause flood ? If this commonsense point of view of lay man is not accepted by Government, do Government propose to have expert opinion on the matter ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Forests) : That may be so, Sir. Unless this matter is examined by experts thoroughly, it is very difficult to say that that is the main cause.

Girl Student sent to U. S. A. for Higher Studies in Social Education

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

9. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any girl student has been recently sent to U. S. A. for higher studies in Social Education ?
- (b) Whether Government have sanctioned any *ex-gratia* help to such girl students for prosecuting studies there and if so, how much ?
- (c) The qualification of such girl students and the basis under which they have been given the aid ?
- (d) The number of students who have been given such *ex-gratia* aid this year together with their names and the amount of aid each has been given ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied :

9. (a)—No girl student has been sent by Government. A girl student has proceeded to U. S. A. to prosecute her studies in Social Science at her own expense.

(b)—An *ex-gratia* grant of Rs.4,100 was sanctioned to one girl student for meeting one-way passage and preliminary expenses only.

(c)—Her qualification is I. A. Standard. The basis on which the grant was sanctioned is that after the student has completed her training in U. S. A., this will be of benefit to the State. She had arranged her educational expenses and she wanted an *ex-gratia* grant from Government to enable her to reach the destination. Government considered it desirable to give the grant taking all facts into

consideration. She was considered fit and qualified by the Missouri University and had granted her a seat. She had also given an undertaking to serve the Government.

(d)—Seven persons so far given.

Names	Amount sanctioned
	Rs.
(1) Shri Atul Chandra Saikia ...	3,000
(2) Shri Prabhas Chandra Goswami ...	2,000 <i>plus</i> 12,000 as loan.
(3) Shri Khogendranath Das ...	3,000
(4) Srimati Nirupama Barthakur ...	4,100
(5) Shri Gurudatta Sarma Bhagawati ...	5,000
(6) Shri Birendra Kumar Saikia ...	3,000
(7) Srimati Renuka Devi ...	1,700 (to Mos- cow).

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh): May I know, Sir, the subject in which this training is sought to be imparted ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) : Social Science, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER : The printed reply is there. It has been stated, "A girl student has proceeded to U. S. A. to prosecute her studies in Social Science at her own expense."

Shri RADHIKARAM DAS (Palashbari): May I know Sir, whose responsibility is it to grant her the Passport ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA : It is the responsibility of the Government

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : May I know whether her Passport was examined ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) : Yes, Sir, that was examined ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Is it a fact, Sir, that her Passport was made available to her with extraordinary promptness ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA : Yes, Sir, it was sanctioned to her speedily as she was to proceed to the United States of America within a couple of days and there was not much time left for her. Therefore, it was sanctioned expeditiously.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Is it a fact, Sir, that she was going to the United States of America to get herself married, and the entry in the Passport has been made accordingly ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA That is not a fact.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari) : What was stated in the passport ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Education Minister) : Nothing.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Is it a fact that she has gone there to marry ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA : Nothing of the sort, Sir.

Shri JOGOKANTA BARUAH (Jaipur) : What is her educational qualification ?

Mr. SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister for Education has mentioned that her educational qualification is I. A. standard ?

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) : May I know what is meant by I. A. Standard ?

Mr. SPEAKER : I. A. Standard evidently means that she has not passed the I. A. Examination.

Shri RAMNATH SARMAH (Lumding) : Whether Government accept under-qualified student ?

Mr. SPEAKER : I think she is at least a Matriculate.

Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS (Rangiya Reserved for Scheduled Tribes) : Will Government extend *ex-gratia* help to similar under-qualified students in future if any application is made from among the tribal students ?

Mr. SPEAKER : That is a hypothetical question.

Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj North) : Sir, why so many Members are interested and eager to get information for this particular girl ?

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon'ble Member from Karimganj will please ask the question to himself.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Is the girl related to some of our Ministers and Deputy Ministers ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) : I have no information, Sir.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : May I know from Government in what division this girl passed her Matriculation examination ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA : That information is not available with me. Any way, she is a matriculate and read up to I. A. standard.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : What is the reason that she filed application in a day, got the amount sanctioned and drew the money within two days—what is the reason for sanctioning the money so hastily ?

Mr. SPEAKER : The honb'le Member from Palashbari might have listened to the answer already given by the Minister for Education that in order to help her to undertake the journey, the money was sanctioned immediately. Perhaps it was done so to enable her to get the plane which was due to leave the next day or something like that.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding): What is the reason stated in the passport ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Education Minister): To study in the Missouri University.

Number of new Cars purchased this year for use of Ministers and Deputy Ministers

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

10. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of new cars that have been purchased this year for the use of the Ministers and Deputy Ministers ?
- (b) The make and prices of these cars ?
- (c) Who are the Ministers or Deputy Ministers that have been allotted these cars ?

Shri INDRESWAR KHOUD (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied :

10. (a)—Four.

(b) & (c)—The make and prices of these cars and allotment made to Ministers are given below :—

Make	Price	Allotment
	Rs.	
(1) Standard Vanguard ..	16,257.71 N.P.	Minister, Finance.
(2) Plymouth Car	22,734.96 „	Medical Minister.
(3) Dodge Sedan Car ..	19,500	Agriculture Minister.

N.B.—Central excise duty of Rs.3,000 per big car was not then in force.

(4) Studebaker Commander ..	19,787.44 N.P.	Placed in the Pool.
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Numbers of employees of State Transport in Shillong-Khliehriat Route

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM [Jowai, (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

11. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport Department be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of employees (in different categories) of State Transport in the Shillong-Khliehriat Route ?
- (b) How many of them are tribals and how many are non-tribals ?

(c) Whether any restriction is imposed on the private cars to carry goods on this route ?

Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied :

11. (a) & (b)—

Categories				Non-tribals	Tribals	Total
(1) Station Superintendent	...			1	...	1
(2) Office Assistant	...	...		3	6	9
(3) Driver	...	...	...	6	6	12
(4) Conductor (Handyman)	...			3	8	11
(5) Mechanics	...	..	...	...	2	2
(6) Fourth Grade (Chowkidars, Porters, Sweepers, Peons).				20	3	23
(7) Conductor (Senior)	...	...		1	...	1
Total				34	25	59

(c)—No.

Appointment of Staff for T. B. Ward in Silchar

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

12. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state the reason for the delay in appointing the staff for T.B. Ward in Silchar ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

12.—No candidate was available in spite of repeated advertisements through Assam Public Service Commission.

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West): Will the Government consider to appoint a Medical Officer for T. B. Ward in Silchar if not available within the State from outside the State ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : Sir, so long the post of the Medical Officer for T. B. Ward was not included in the general cadre. Only recently we have included that particular post in the general cadre and we have taken steps to fill up the post.

Bridge on the Assam Trunk Road between Khowangghat and Dibrugarh

Shri KHOGENDRANATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Public Works Department has constructed a bridge at a cost of about Rs.50 (fifty) thousand on the Assam Trunk Road within one mile from Khowangghat towards Dibrugarh last year ?

(b) If so, what is the dimension of that bridge and what quality of wood was used therein ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P.W.D.) replied :

13. (a) & (b)—Detailed reports have been called for.

Shri KHOGENDRANATH BARBARUAH : Sir, may I know from the Minister what was the difficulty in collecting the information when the question was sent in due time ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA: Generally this information is available only with the Executive Engineer who has power to sanction up to Rs.50,000. Beyond that amount sanction has to be obtained from the higher authority. In the present case the information could not be collected from the officer-in-charge in time.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): আমাৰ গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয় যেতিয়া সেই আলিটো আৰু দলংখন চাবলৈ গৈছিল তেতিয়া তেখেতৰ ঠাই ভোখৰ সবগপুৰী যেন লাগিছিল নেকি ?

Mr. SPEAKER : Order, order.

Damaged portion of the Assam Trunk Road between Rajmai and Demow Chariali

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that the local authorities spent a huge sum in laying branches of trees or small trees at the damaged portions of the Assam Trunk Road in between Rajmai and Demow Chariali for convenience in passing trucks, etc. ?

- (b) If so, what was the amount spent for this purpose ?
 (c) Whether the above laying of trees proved successful in passing of trucks ?
 (d) If not, why public money was wasted in such a fashion ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

14. (a) to (d)—Detailed reports have been called for.

Re: Development Officers, Additional Development Officers and Rural Inspectors

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai) asked :

15. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state the number of Development Officers, Additional Development Officers and Rural Inspectors, posted in each Subdivision in the State of Assam ?

Shrimati USHA BARTHAKEUR (Deputy Minister, Rural Development) replied :

15. A statement showing the information is appended below :—

Subdivision					No. of D. O. and A. D. O.	No. of R. I.
1. North Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	1 D. O.	2
2. Dibrugarh	...	...	...	...	1 D. O.	2
3. Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	1 A. D. O.	2
4. Jorhat	...	...	...	...	1 D. O.	2
5. Golaghat	...	...	...	...	Do.	2
6. Nowgong	}	...	...	...	Do.	2
7. Kaki					Do.	3
8. Marigaon					Do.	3
9. Tezpur					Do.	2
10. Mangaldoi	...	...	...	...	1 A. D. O.	2
11. Gauhati	...	...	...	...	1 D. O.	2
12. Rangia	...	...	...	...	Do.	3
13. Nalbari	...	...	...	...	Do.	2
14. Barpeta	...	...	...	...	Do.	2
15. Dhubri	...	...	...	...	Do.	2
16. Kakrajhat	...	...	...	...	1 A. D. O.	2
17. Goalpara	...	...	...	...	1 D. O.	1
18. Silchar	...	...	...	...	Do.	2
19. Karimganj	...	...	...	...	Do.	1
20. Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	Do.	1

Subdivision	No. of D. O. and A. D. O.			No. of R. I.	
21. Garo Hills, Tura	1 D. O.	...
22. Shillong	Do.	...
23. Jowai	Do.	...
24. Aijal	Do.	...
25. Lungleh	Do.	...
26. Kohima	Do.	...
27. Mokokchung	Do.	...
28. Haflong	Do.	...
29. Diphu	Do.	...
				32	29

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding) : What is the headquarters of the Development Officer of Kaki ?

Shrimati USHA BARTHAUR (Deputy Minister) : The headquarters is at Nowgong.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA : What is the distance ?

Srimati USHA BARTHAUR : 41 miles.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA : The Development Officer is posted at a distance of 47 miles. Will Government be pleased to state whether that officer can perform his duties satisfactorily at such a distance from the town ?

Mr. SPEAKER : There is not much difference between 41 and 47 miles, so you may take it as 41 miles as stated by the Deputy Minister.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA : মই এইটো কথা কৈছো যে ৪১ মাইলৰ আন্তৰত থাকি অফিচাৰ জনে কাকি অঞ্চলৰ কাম সুচাৰুৰূপে চলাব পাৰিবনে ?

Shrimati USHA BARTHAUR : I think the officer can perform his duties satisfactorily.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding) : What is the headquarters of the Development Officer of Marigoan ?

Shrimati USHA BARTHAKUR (Deputy Minister) : His headquarters is at Marigoan.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA : Why is it that the Development Officer of Kaki is allowed to stay at Nowgong town ?

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) : If there be any proper accommodation at Kaki the matter will be considered.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA : Is there any quarters at Marigoan ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister) : The hon. Member is a Local Board Member, therefore, he ought to know that.

Mr. SPEAKER In view of what the Chief Minister has stated, I think the matter is settled.

Tea Garden Lands in Cachar

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

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

- (a) The total acreage of land enjoyed by the Tea Industry in the district of Cachar ?
- (b) The total acreage of land under tea cultivation ?
- (c) The total acreage of land under paddy cultivation under Tea Garden Grants ?

17. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state whether Government propose to take over those tea gardens lands which have been abandoned after the tea crisis of 1952, particularly in the district of Cachar ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

16 & 17.—The information has been called for from the local officers.

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar West): May I know how long will it take to get the information?

Sri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): No definite date can be given now, Sir.

Relief to the people affected by drought

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor) asked:

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

- (a) Which of the districts in Assam have been affected by drought this year and what is the estimated damage to different crops due to drought in the respective districts?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that almost the entire district of Nowgong has been badly affected by drought?
- (c) What steps Government have taken or propose to take to give relief to the people affected by drought?
- (d) Whether the Government have moved the Union Government for necessary relief to be given to the people affected by drought and if so when?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary and Agriculture) replied:

18. (a) to (d)—Information is being collected and will be furnished when ready.

Sri LILA KANTA BORAH: Sir, with regard to No.18. (d) I do not think any information is necessary to be collected from the district. So what is the reason to say that the information is being collected?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY: The shortness of the time is the crux of the matter, Sir.

Sri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding): A lot of discussion has taken place with regard to this matter, and after that it was expected that the matter would receive proper attention of the Government.

Mr. SPEAKER : I think we should discuss it afterwards.

Sri LILA KANTA BORA (Kaliabar): My point is that the reply to question (c) could have been furnished from the Headquarters.

Sri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister): Sir, just like other States, I have asked the Department to collect all the materials in respect of drought, so that a scheme may be submitted to the Central Government for a contribution to meet the situation.

Sri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari): The question is that whether the information could have been had from here.

Mr. SPEAKER : I shall make a statement on this.

Sri RAMNATH DAS [Dergoan, (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] : May I know from the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of Agriculture wherefrom the information is being collected?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): The information will have to be collected from the Secretariat itself and from the Directorate.

Sri RAMNATH DAS : It is stated that the information has been called for. Now may I know from whom it has been called for ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): We require the information to be collected from the Revenue Department in this regard. Sir, the gratuitous relief is given by the Revenue Department. Generally matters connected with relief measures in cases of natural calamities are being dealt with by the Revenue Department and as such information has to be collected from them also, apart from the information to be given by the Directorate. Chief Minister also deals with such matters in general and particularly in the Tribal Areas Department.

Inhabitants of Ghilani Mattak Gaon in Kampur Mauza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the inhabitants of Ghilani Mattak Gaon in Kampur Mauza were occupying and cultivating land at Uzanmari Kishan in Gorubat Mauza in Nowgong District for 40 or 50 years ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that they have been evicted from these cultivable lands 5 or 6 years back ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that revenue is being collected by the Mauzadar regularly from these evicted persons for land from which they have been evicted ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some of the revenue payers occupied these lands again some 3 years back but they have been evicted with the help of Armed Police then ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware of the fact that these people are regularly being affected by flood of Kapili river ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware of the fact that they are being given relief every year by the Government ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware that these persons had suffered from erosion of Kapili river ?
- (h) Whether Government proposed to rehabilitate those persons in Kajiranga Reserve in Garubat Mauza in Nowgong District ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

19. (a)—Yes, they have been occupying some lands in Uzanmari and Pamila villages.

(b)—They were evicted from the lands occupied in Uzanmari village about 10 or 11 years ago, as these lands were included in a Village Grazing Reserve.

(c)—The Mauzadar had to realise arrear Tausi-Bahir revenue, for the period of unauthorised occupation.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—They are given relief when flood occurs.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—Yes, such a proposal is pending with the Deputy Commissioner.

Sri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Sir, with regard to (a) and (b) does the Minister know that the local Mazumdars are collecting land revenue after they have been evicted?

Sri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): The answer is there, Sir. Touji Bahir revenue is collected for the period of occupation.

Sri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: Sir, regarding the answer (h) may I know whether instructions have been issued to the local Deputy Commissioner to expedite the matter?

Sri HARESWAR DAS: The matter will be expedited.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is with regard to the settlement. He wants to know whether the matter will be expedited.

Sri HARESWAR DAS: That we shall do, Sir.

Asphalting of the Road from Garali to Titabar

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the public of Cinnamara Karanga gave from time to time several representations for taking up for asphalting of the road from Garali to Titabar, a distance of nine miles only which is one of the most important thoroughfares in the Subdivision?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to take immediate steps for asphalting the above mentioned road?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied:

20. (a)—Yes. A public resolution, dated 19th May, 1957 adopted under the presidentship of the questioner (Shrimati K. K. Barua, M.L.A.) regarding asphalting of the road and also a representation, dated 1st July, 1957 from the same questioner were received.

(b)—The proposal will be placed before the next Assam Roads Communication Board as already replied to question No. 77 (b) of Budget Session, 1957.

Srimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katoni-gaon) : May I know from the Government when the next session of the Road Communication Board will be held ?

Sri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) : Generally when funds are available to the Public Works Department, Sir.

Sri RANENDRA MOHON DAS (Karimganj-North) : Then are we to understand that there will be no meeting of the Road Communication Board even during the next 3 or 4 years if there is no funds ?

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is a hypothetical one.

P. W. D. Road for the people of Chowkhat Mouza

Srimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that even after ten years of Independence the people of Chowkhat Mouza could not avail of the opportunity of having a single P.W.D. Road ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the public of the said Mouza gave several representations to the P.W.D. Minister to take up at least one road in the current year ?
- (c) If so, whether Government propose to take up the matter immediately, so that the Chowkhat Mouza can get at least one road by which the distance between Nematighat and Assam Trunk Road also will be minimised within this financial year ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA replied :

21. (a)—None of the new roads taken up in Jorhat Sub-division fall in Chowkhat Mouza. Roads are initially selected by Subdivisional Development Board.

(b)—Yes. A public resolution in June, 1957 from Shri Prafulla Ch. Rajkhowa for a road from Tinkuria and Bamkukurachuba and also a representation, dated 1st July, 1957 from the questioner (Srimati K. K. Barua) were received for taking up three roads from Assam Trunk Road to Neamati Steamerghat in Chowkhat Mouza specially Tinkuria Road.

(c)—The proposals will be placed before the next meeting of Assam Roads Communication Board when it will meet to consider such road Schemes.

Srimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon): With regard to the question No. 21, may I know whether the Government have any control over the Subdivisional Board?

Sri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department): It is a Government organisation and practically it is constituted by the Government, Sir.

Srimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA: May I know, Sir, whether the recommendations of the Subdivisional Board are scrutinised by the Public Works Department before they are taken up?

Sri SIDDHINATH SARMA: Yes, Sir.

Srimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA: May I know from the Government why the people of Chowkhat Mauza are not fortunate to have a Public Works Department road?

Sri SIDDHINATH SARMA: It is admitted in the reply, Sir.

Loss of materials for the construction of a bridge over the Mat River

Shri C. THUAMLUAIA [Lungleh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(a) If it is a fact that some materials for the construction of a bridge over the Mat river between Aijal and Lungleh have been lost in Railway transit?

(b) If so, whether the loss was reported to the Government by the Railway Authority and when?

(c) If not, what actions have since been taken by Government to find them out, or to replace them by fresh indent.

- (d) Whether the lost materials have been found or replaced by new ones now ?
 (e) When do Government propose to start work of the construction of the Mat bridge ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

22. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. The loss was not reported to Government by the Railway Authority.

(c)—The matter is under correspondence with the Railway Authority and the firm.

(d)—The lost materials have not yet been found. The firm has been intimated to supply the missing components. The firm is still in correspondence with the Railways and trying to trace the missing articles.

(e)—The actual construction of the bridge will be started when all the materials are received.

Construction of a Constables' Barrack at Kamalpur Thana

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

23. Will the Minister-in-charge of Home Department be pleased to state whether Government propose to take steps to construct a Constables' Barrack at Kamalpur Thana ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Home) replied :

23.—Yes.

Office Assistants under the Superintendent of Police, Nowgong

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

24. Will the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Office Assistants under the Superintendent of Police, Nowgong ?

(b) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes communities in that office ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Home) replied:

24. (a)—20 including typists.

(b)—Scheduled Caste—One.
Scheduled Tribe—Nil.

Protection of Sibsagar Town from Dikhow

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that Sibsagar Town is threatened by the Dikhow river in several points and in case of breach at any point there will be heavy loss, damages and innumerable suffering of the town people ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to take up any scheme for protection of the Sibsagar Town against erosion by the Dikhow ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

25. (a)—In certain places slight erosion is taking place and the Department is taking necessary steps to prevent this. There is no immediate threat to the town.

(b)—Does not arise.

Expenditure on Oil Refinery Issue

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

26. Will the Minister in charge of Major Industries be pleased to state—

(a) The amount spent by Government on the two delegations sent to New Delhi in connection with the Oil Refinery ?

(b) Amount of money given to the French Expert, Mr. Fritch, and on what consideration ?

- (c) Whether Government spent any other sum for the help of any other oil expert and if so, how much and who is/are these experts ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to send a team outside India to study the problem of Oil Refinery and if so, what will be the expenditure involved ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Major Industries) replied :

26. (a)—Approximately Rs.6,174 for the first Delegation and approximately Rs. 11,669 for second Delegation.

(b)—Amount of money given to French Expert—Rs. 24,352 for advising Government of Assam on the question of Oil Refinery.

(c)—No.

(d)—Delegation of Minister, Major Industries, Dr. R. K. Trivedi, Industrial Adviser to Government of Assam and Shri Bazaz, Officer on Special Duty, Inland Water Transport, has already left for Europe and U. S. A. The estimated expenditure is about Rs. 75,000.

Number of families uprooted in Dibrugarh, Lahoal, Rohmorla, Bogdung, Rangagara, Hapjan and Saikhowa Mauzas due to Flood and Erosion.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

27. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to State—

(a) The number of families Mauza by Mauza uprooted in Dibrugarh, Lahoal, Rohmorla, Bogdung, Rangagara, Hapjan and Saikhowa Mauzas due to flood and erosion subsequent to the Great Earthquake of 1950 in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) How many families have been rehabilitated by the Government (Number of families Mauza by Mauza may kindly be given.)?

- (c) How many uprooted families in each Mauza are still to be rehabilitated ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that a number of families has been reduced to beggars due to non-rehabilitation on sound economic footing ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that due to lack of adequate step taken by the local officers the question of rehabilitation has been long delayed ?
- (f) Whether Government have proposed to complete rehabilitation of all the uprooted families as soon as possible by giving top priority in this task ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

27. (a) to (f)—The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Sri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) Sir, may I ask whether the Minister-in-charge knows that all the families uprooted by the 1950 earthquake and subsequent flood have not yet been settled in full.

Sri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Most of them have been settled.

Napukhuri Fishery Co-operative

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

- (a) With whom the Napukhuri Fishery Beel of Sibsagar has been settled ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that Government has given some amount of remission in bidding price to the Napukhuri Fishery Co-operative ?
- (c) If so, what was the amount of remission and for which years the remission was granted ?
- (d) Whether Government has lately received public objection against the violation of the Fishery Act or Rules by the Napukhuri Fishery Co-operative ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

28. (a)—The Napukhuri group of fisheries in Sibsagar was settled with the Rangpur Pisciculture and Fishery Co-operative, Ltd., for 6 years from 1st April, 1953.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Total remission of revenue of Rs.15,000 was granted for 1953-54 and 1954-55 (i.e., Rs.7,500 for 1953-54 and Rs.7,500 1954-55.)

(d)—No.

Sri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): Sir, may I ask the Minister-in-charge what amount of revenue is derived from the Napukhuri Fishery per year ?

Sri HARESWAR DAS: Revenue is Rs.15,000.

Sri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH: Sir, what is the reason for granting the lessee Rs.30,000 as remission ?

Sri HARESWAR DAS: The fishery was fed by the Namdang river and when a Bund was put in that river the fishery was stopped to be fed completely.

Sri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH: Sir, does the Minister know that this year the lessee is going to profit out of it by nearly Rs.70,000 ?

Sri HARESWAR DAS: We do not know about it.

Sri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH: May I know Sir, whether the price of fish has been reduced as a result of the remission ?

Sri HARESWAR DAS: We have no information.

Financial relief to storm damaged Schools

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

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

(a) Whether any financial relief in the form of building grant has been extended to the schools (Primary, Middle English, Middle Vernacular, and Secondary) which have been damaged by storm in monsoon of this year ?

(b) If not, whether Government propose to grant such aid immediately ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied :

29. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Does not arise.

Srimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon): Sir, it has been understood that the schools of Tezpur and North Lakhimpur are getting financial relief for storm damage. May I know why the schools of other subdivisions which were also damaged by cyclone were not getting this relief?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education): The cases of other schools are under consideration by the Finance Department.

Proscription of "Assam Baishnob Dorshonor Ruprekha"

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

30. Will the Minister-in-charge of Home Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government has lately received any petitions or resolutions proscribing the publication of the book entitled "Assam Baishnob Dorshonor Ruprekha" which is deliberately and maliciously intended to outrage the religious feelings of the Mahapurusha sect of the province of Assam founded by Shri Sankardeva?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to proscribe the publication of the said book?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Home) replied :

30. (a)—Yes, the Government has received petitions and resolutions regarding this matter.

(b)—The matter is under examination.

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS: May I know, Sir, whether the decision is expected within this year?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA: Yes, Sir, it is expected.

Office of the Inspector of Schools for Southern Assam Circle

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

31. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state the reason for the delay in starting the office of the Inspector of Schools for Southern Assam Circle in Silchar?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied :

31.—The delay is due to dearth of suitable accommodation for office and residence. The matter is being expedited.

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West): Sir, do the Government consider to start the office as well as the residence at a place where other offices are still existing at Silchar ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA: (Minister, Education) I will take it into consideration.

Special Scholarships to Plains Tribal Students

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

32. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state the number of the Plains Tribal students receiving special scholarships of the Secondary stage in the Nowgong District during the year 1956-57 ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied ;

32.—Number of plains tribal students who received special scholarships (including both new and renewal) under-going various courses of studies during 1956-57 in the Nowgong District is as follows :—

36 students in High Schools at Rs.7 p. m. each.

25 students in Middle English Schools at Rs.5 p.m. each.

3 students in Normal Schools at Rs.20 p.m. each.

Government Grant to D. C. Barua Girls' College, Jorhat

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

33. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether they have lately received any application for grant for the D. C. Barua Girls' College, Jorhat ?

(b) Whether any grant has lately been sanctioned to this institution ?

(c) Whether Government propose to sanction any non-recurring grant for the construction of the buildings of this college ?

(d) Whether there is any other college in Upper Assam for girls' education ?

Shri MOTI RAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied :

33. (a)—Yes.
 (b)—No.
 (c)—Yes.
 (d)—Government are not aware.

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katoni-gaon): Regarding (c), Sir, may I know the approximate amount the Government propose to sanction ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA : The total amount is Rs.15,000.

Irregular payment of wages to Tea Labourers

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government has any information regarding irregular payment of wages to labourers in some Tea Estates in the State ?
 (b) Whether Government are aware that in the tea estate like Cincoorie Tea Estate the labourers do not get their wages regularly ?
 (c) If so, whether Government propose to take any steps for enactment of a law by which the payment of labour wages may be guaranteed ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Labour) replied :

34. (a)—Yes.
 (b)—Yes.
 (c)—Payment of Wages Act, 1936 is already in force and cases under the same Act have been registered ?

Village Grazing Reserves in Tinkhong Mouza, Dibrugarh

Shri JOGA KANTA BARUA (Jaipur) asked :

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

- (a) The number of village grazing reserves in Tinkhong Mouza, Dibrugarh ?
 (b) The number of village grazing reserves encroached upon in the said Mouza upto 1956-57 ?

- (c) The number of village grazing reserves of the said Mouza evicted of encroachers in 1956-57 ?
- (d) The number of such village grazing reserves re-encroached after eviction by the encroachers up till now ?
- (e) Whether Government have received any report of re-encroachments during the current year ?
- (f) If not, how the Government propose to evict the encroachers before harvesting ?
- (g) How far Government have succeeded in evicting encroachers from village grazing reserves ?
- (h) Whether Government is going to adopt some other plan or throw open the village grazing reserves to neighbouring landless people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

35. (a) to (h)—Information has been called for from the local officer.

Engineering College, Jorhat

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

36. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state when Government is going to start the Engineering College at Jorhat ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied :

36.—Steps are being taken to obtain the approval of Government of India on the detailed scheme now under preparation. If necessary formalities with Government of India can be completed, every endeavour will be made to start the College from 1959.

Tribal Scholarships for Engineering Diploma Course

Shri DHIRSING DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

37. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state the names of the Tribal students receiving scholarships for studying in the Engineering College and in Diploma Course in 1956-57 ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied :

37. (i)—In Assam Engineering College :—

1. Prafulla Chandra Mech.
2. Kirtinath Saikia.
3. Khiangta Thangzualla.
4. Bhutanath Deka.
5. Robula.
6. Dunglena (from Central Government).

(ii)—In Assam Engineering Institute :—

1. Labonga Singh Lanudoshi Ao.
2. Nandeswar Sonowal.
3. Khamel Singh Reginal Dykes.
4. Lakaiveigh Chitra Singh (North-East Frontier Agency Scholarships).
5. Indramani Singh (Central Scholarship).
6. Debot Singh Ibomacha Singh.
7. Chandra Mani Singh.
8. Kishore Singh (Manipur State Scholarship).

(iii)—In H. R. H. P. O. W. Institute :—

1. Akan Syam (State Government Scholarship.)

Development Projects in Sadiya Transferred Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

38. Will the Minister-in-charge of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Local Development Officer-in-charge of Sadiya Transferred Area has sanctioned 6 development projects and paid Rs.6,632 out of District Development Fund during the years 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 ?
- (b) If so, whether the Minister-in-charge will be pleased to furnish the names and addresses of these projects, amount of work done in each project, amount of money paid to each project and the names of executing agencies of each project ?
- (c) Whether the works were inspected by any superior official ?
- (d) If so, who inspected the completion of these projects ?

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

38. (a), (b), (c), and (d)—The information has been called for but not yet received.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Sir, do the Government know that there is a suspicion that water supply and some other projects have not actually been executed in that Transferred Area by the Local Development Officer but the payment has been made ?

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA : We shall call for information.

Water Supply Project in Murkongselek Transferred Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

39. Will the Minister-in-charge of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that 35 Water Supply projects were sanctioned during the last 3 years (1954-55, 1955-56, 1956-57) for the Murkongselek Transferred area involving a cost of Rs.12,305 ?

(b) If so will the Minister-in-charge lay on the table the list of names and addresses of these projects and executing agency of each project and the amount of money paid against each project ?

(c) Whether the execution and completion of these projects were inspected by any official ?

(d) If so, who inspected the completion of these projects ?

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

39. (a) }
 (b) }
 (c) } —The information has been called for, but not yet received.
 (d) }

Grant to Sankar Mission, Khoirabari and Borengajuli

Shri PAKHIRAI DEKA [Panery (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

40. Will the Minister-in-charge of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any grant has been given to Sankar Mission, Khoirabari and Borengajuli from the Development Fund ?

(b) If so, what is the amount ?

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

40. (a) & (b)—The information has been called for but not yet received.

Office Assistants in E. & D. Section, Nowgong

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

41. Will the Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) The number of office Assistants, (permanent and temporary) in the E. and D. Section in the District of Nowgong ?

(b) The number belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled tribes communities ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

41. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected.

Cattle epidemic in Kakapathar Maithong in Dibrugarh Sub-Division

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that a large number of cattle died in the first part of this year in Kakapathar Maithong area of Saikhowa Mouza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) Whether Government is aware of the public feeling that the attention of the Veterinary Department was inadequate there ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that due to difficult communication and extensive area the Veterinary Assistant of Doom Dooma could not cope with the work of that area ?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that every year there is cattle epidemic in that area ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to establish a Veterinary Dispensary at Maithong during this financial year ?
- (f) If so, when ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

42. (a) to (f)—Information is being collected and will be furnished when ready.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Sir, during the last budget session an identical question was put and reply was that the information was being collected. This time also, Sir, the same reply has been given.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Sir, I will have to enquire about it.

Diversion of traffic from Majgao Ghat of North Gauhati to Rajaduar Ghat

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

43. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state whether with a view to relieve the congestion and distress of the local people Government propose to divert a portion of the traffic from Majgao Ghat of North Gauhati to Rajaduar Ghat opening the North Gauhati-Mandakata-Bezera and Sechamukh-Changsari-Rajaduar Ghat routes either to private bus owners or to State Transport.

Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied :

43. Information is being called for but not yet received.

Public Health Dispensary buildings at Bidyaranpur in Cachar District.

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai) asked :

44. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical, be pleased to state—

- (a) When the construction of Public Health Dispensary buildings at Bidyaranpur in Cachar District has been completed ?

- (b) What is the reason for non-posting of the Medical Officer and the staff there as yet ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that a few Medical Officers have been posted where there are no dispensary buildings ?

Shri GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical) replied :

44. (a) On completion of the buildings the Public Works Department had delivered the same to Public Health Department on 21st December, 1956.

(b) One Medical Officer has already been appointed on 25th October, 1957 by Government and his joining report is waited.

One Compounder has already been appointed and he has joined for duty on 1st June, 1957.

(c) There is no information about posting of a Doctor to a Dispensary where there are no buildings.

Rehabilitation Loans to displaced persons

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

45. Will the Minister-in-charge of Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that loans to displaced persons are still given in instalments ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to take steps to grant rehabilitation loans to displaced person in one instalment ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

45. (a)—No, except in cases of Urban house building loans which are issued in instalments according to Government of India's instructions.

(b)—Does not arise.

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA : Sir, it has been said that urban house building loans are issued in instalments. May I request the Government to enquire whether the business loans are given in instalments or not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): It will be enquired.

Deaths of Cows and Buffaloes on account of Cattle Epidemic

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that a large number of cows and buffaloes died of cattle epidemic in June, July this year in Northern part of Gauhati Subdivision ?

(b) What is the number of such deaths ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture and Veterinary) replied :

46. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected and will be furnished when ready.

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS: (Patacharcknuchi) মই এইটো বিভাগীয় মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব খুজিছো যে যোৱা জুনমাহৰ পৰা ইমান দিনে গৰু মহৰ মৃত্যু সংখ্যা সংগ্ৰহৰ কোনো কাৰ্য্যকৰী ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লব নোৱাৰাটো চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষে কতব্যৰ অৱহেলা হোৱা নাইনে ? যেহেতু বিনা চিকিৎসাই বাইজৰ গৰু মহ মহা-নাৰীত নৰি খাস্তা হৈছে আৰু তেনে অৱস্থাত দুই এখন ডাঙাৰখানা যেনে টিছ পণ্ড চিকিৎসালয় খলি আজিলৈকে ডাক্তৰ নিয়োগ কৰিবলৈ ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লবৰ হোৱা নাইনে? এই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰে দৃষ্টি ৰাখিবনে ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY: The Veterinary Department has not got a net-work of officers to collect information from all places. We have, therefore, requested the Revenue Department to collect information from all these places.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding): Is it not a fact that monthly epidemic reports come from the subdivisions to the headquarters ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary): The reports of epidemic come, but the actual numbers are not given.

Scheme to save the paddy fields of Chatla Haor from Damage of Floods.

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar West) asked :

47. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state whether there is any scheme to save the paddy fields of Chatla Haor from damage of floods by providing suitable outlets or any other elimination process ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

47.—Yes. One Scheme “Regarding Salganga river in Silchar Subdivision” from Community Project Fund is expected to be taken up in this winter season. This Scheme will benefit a part of paddy fields of Chatla Haor. Another Scheme “Reclamation of Chatla Haor” which is under investigation, is expected to be taken up within the Second Five Year Plan Period.

Reclamation Works of Beel and Haor Areas in the District of Cachar

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

48. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state whether reclamation works of Beel and Haor areas in the district of Cachar are expected to be taken up in immediate future ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

48.—Yes. Besides the two schemes stated above the following reclamation schemes are proposed to be taken up in the Cachar District during the Second Plan Period—

(a) Reclamation of areas under Boila Haor.

(b) Reclamation of areas around Chalitakandi.

(c) Reclamation of Sonanaku Beel. The first named scheme is under investigation and is expected to be taken up within the Second Five-Year Plan Period. The second is being taken up this winter and the third one is expected to be taken up this year from Community Project Fund.

Amount Sanctioned for the Construction of the Namdang Sluice Gate in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

49. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(a) The amount sanctioned for the construction of the Namdang Sluice Gate in Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) When was the land for the Sluice Gate requisitioned ?

(c) When was the construction of gate begun ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

49. (a)—Rupees 85,000 has been sanctioned for the Sluice Gate.

(b) & (c)—Information is being collected.

Number of Office Assistants Working under the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Nowgong

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

50. Will the Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Office Assistants (Permanent or Temporary) working under the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Nowgong at present ?

(b) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Community ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

50. (a) & (b)—The information is not readily available, which has been called for from the Divisional Offices at Nowgong. The hon. Member will be supplied with the information later on.

Jhalukbari Survey Training School for Mandals' Course Training

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) What was the number of persons deputed to Jhalukbari Survey Training School from the Nowgong district for Mandals' Course Training this year for settlement operation ?
- (b) Whether any selection test was held before sending the Trainees to Jhalukbari Survey Training School ?
- (c) If so, what was the number of candidates who appeared in the test, and how many of them came out successful in the test ?
- (d) Whether all the deputed Trainees were selected from the successful candidates ?
- (e) Whether any trainee who failed in the test was selected ?
- (f) If so, who are they ?
- (g) Whether any trainee who never appeared in the test was sent for training ?
- (h) If so, how many ?
- (i) Whether any consideration was made or representation given to the Scheduled Tribes or the Scheduled Castes ?
- (j) If so, what is the ratio of representation entitled to by these communities and the number of trainees sent from these communities separately ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

51. (a) to (j)—Information has been called for from Deputy Commissioner.

Extension of the Area of Silchar Town

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

52. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether Government propose to extend the area of Silchar Town by declaring the adjacent contiguous areas such as Tikarbasti, Rangirkhari, Meherpur, Arunachal and Dhutpatli, etc., as urban areas and include the same under the Municipality ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

52.—There is no such proposal with the Government at present. Government will consider the matter if and when a specific proposal is received by them.

Office Assistants under Nowgong Local Board

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

53. Will the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) The number of the Office Assistants under the Local Board, Nowgong, at present ?

(b) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Tribes ?

(c) What is the ratio of representation they are entitled to ?

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

53. (a), (b) & (c)—The information has been called for.

Application for land contiguous to Balya Bhaban

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether any application for a plot of land contiguous to the present site of Balya Bhaban submitted to the Minister, Public Works Department, has been received by Government?
- (b) If so, whether Government propose to hand over this plot of land to the authority of the Balya Bhaban for expansion of the institution?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

54. (a)—No application for a plot of land, contiguous to the present site of Balya Bhaban, at Jorhat, appears to have been received by the Revenue Department.

(b)—Government may consider the case, if authority of Balya Bhaban applies for the land.

Office Assistants under the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

55. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Office Assistants (Permanent and temporary) including Assistants working in Offices such as, Sub-Deputy Collector, Development, Supply, Excise, etc., under the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong at present?
- (b) The number of such Office Assistants belonging to the Scheduled Caste Community?
- (c) The number of such office Assistants belonging to the Scheduled Tribes?
- (d) The ratio of representation entitled to by the said Communities in those Offices?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance)
replied :

55. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—The information is being collected.

**“Nisfikheraj” lands occupied by Satras in Dibrugarh
Subdivision**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there was a grant of about 2,424 bighas of “Nisfikheraj” land in Moderkhat, Mancutta, Lahoal, Rohmoria, Chabua, Pulunga and Bogdung mouzas in the name of Mattak or Mayamora or Muyamoria Satras such as Dinjoy and Moderkhat in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that these “Nisfikheraj” lands were not transferable in ordinary course of transaction ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that most of these lands have been transferred to non-cultivator businessmen or to Indian tea planters depriving the claim and interest of occupant cultivators ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that individual Satradhikars were custodians of these lands and that they did not have the power to sell or dispose of these lands otherwise than the purpose for which these were granted ?
- (e) Whether Government propose either to cancel mutation of these lands from the non-cultivator businessmen or have a proposal to revert “Nisfikheraj” to some of those Satras or to the cultivators who were the original occupants of the said lands ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the benefit of “Nisfikheraj” in land was being enjoyed by these businessmen ?

- (g) If so, whether Government propose to realise the difference of land revenue between "Nisfikheraj" and "Kheraj" land from those persons, and to take steps against the officials, if any, at whose fault these irregularities occurred?
- (h) What is the area of land still being occupied by those Satras as "Nisfikheraj"?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

56. (a) to (h)—The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Communication difficulty in Saikhowa Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) The entire area of Saikhowa Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision in square miles?

(b) The amount of annual revenue due to the Government from this entire Mauza?

(c) Whether it is a fact that there is no communication between eastern part (Kakapathar area) of the Mauza and the western part (Talap Dangari area) except through Doom Dooma Mauza in south and Sadiya Transferred area on the north?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the people of Kakapathar Maithong area is less advanced than the people of Dangori area?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Government notifications which are published in Mauzadar's office located at Dhola in western part remain unknown to the public of the eastern part (i. e., Kakapathar area)?

- (f) Whether Government is aware that the people of Kakapathar area find it more convenient to come to Sub-Deputy Collector's Office at Tinsukia (about 30 miles) than to go to the Mauzadar's Office at Dhola (about 20 miles) by road, due to lack of conveyance in the latter area ?
- (g) Whether Government know that a separate Mauza covering the area of Kakapathar Rural Panchayat *plus* the Tea Gardens in the eastern part of that Mauza will be convenient for the people ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to divide this Mauza into two ?
- (i) If so, whether Government propose to do it with effect from the next year ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

57. (a) to (g)—A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

(h) to (i)—This will be considered on receipt of Deputy Commissioner's report.

Compensation for lands acquired for the construction of Jowai-Badarpur Road

U JORMANIK SYIEM of Myllem [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that lands of certain Tribal people in the North Cachar Hills were acquired for the construction of the Jowai-Badarpur Road, but no compensation was paid to the dispossessed persons since 1954-55.
- (b) If so, whether Government propose to pay compensation for the lands acquired from the said people ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

58. (a) to (c)—The land occupied by some Mikir people was acquired for construction of Jowai-Badarpur Road for which a sum of Rs.18,134-5-6 (Rupees eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty four annas five and pies six) only as compensation was sanctioned by Government on 15th September, 1956 and paid to them by cheque on 25th March, 1957 by the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar. As these cheques were not encashed during the financial year of 1956-57 the amount lapsed. Fresh sanction has since been communicated to Deputy Commissioner, Cachar on 10th August, 1957.

Rehabilitation and Cattle Loan to the Earthquake, Flood and Erosion-affected people of the Abor Hills Transferred Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether any rehabilitation loan or cattle loan was granted to the earthquake, flood and erosion devastated people of Abor Hills Transferred Area in 1956-57 ?
- (b) If so, what were the amounts and how many families have been benefited by these loans in 1956-57 ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Whether any rehabilitation or cattle loan was granted to the people of Abor Hills Transferred Area in 1952, 1953, 1954 and 1955 ?
- (e) If so, what were the amounts of rehabilitation loan and cattle loan granted in that area year by year since the Great Earthquake of 1950 ?
- (f) How many families were benefited year by year by these loans and what were the amounts granted to each family ?

- (g) Whether those families are able to stand on economic footing after receipt of these loans ?
- (h) Whether any family utilised any of these loans for other purposes than it was granted ?
- (i) If so, what is the number of such families ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

59. (a) to (i)—The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Rehabilitation and Cattle Loan to the people of Mishmi Hills (Sadiya) Transferred Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

60. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to lay in the table a list of rehabilitation and cattle loan granted in Mishmi Hills (Sadiya) Transferred Area since the year 1950 to 1957 year by year ?

(b) What is the amount of such grants sanctioned to each family since 1950 to 1957 year by year ?

(c) What is the number of families benefited by these loans year by year ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

60. (a) to (c)—The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

Cattle Loan to Agriculturists

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

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

(a) The total amount granted throughout the State during 1957 as cattle loan for purchase of cattle by the agriculturists ?

- (b) What are the maximum and minimum amounts of cattle loan sanctioned to the agriculturists at Jorhat ?
- (c) What is the number of persons benefited by the scheme at Jorhat ?
- (d) The number of persons Mauza-wise benefited by the scheme at Jorhat during the year ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that the amount sanctioned being small, a large number of needy persons did not get the loan ?
- (f) If so, whether Government propose to sanction an increased loan next year ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to extend the benefit of the scheme to at least 500 agriculturists in each Subdivision from the next year ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

61. (a)—Rupees.3,05,400 has so far been sanctioned as cattle loan throughout the State during 1957.

(b) to (e)—Necessary information has been called for from Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar.

(f)—There is no such proposal at present.

(g)—No definite assurance can be given in this regard but attempt will be made to extend the benefit to the maximum number of deserving persons within the available resources.

Trainees to foreign Countries for Higher Education

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

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

- (a) How many trainees have been sent to foreign countries for higher education from 1st April, 1952 to this date ?

(b) Whether all of them who have returned so far have been able to obtain necessary qualifications for which they were sent ?

(c) The basis of selection of such trainees ?

(d) The names of such trained persons absorbed so far by the Government in different Departments on the background of their qualifications ?

Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister, Education) replied :

62. (a)—Thirty-four.

(b)—Yes except one.

(c)—Selection is generally made on the basis of recommendation of the Heads of Departments concerned or on recommendations by specially constituted Technical Committees, the final selection being in the hands of the State Development Committee.

(d)—1. Doctor J. Mohanta, F.R.C.S., Assistant Professor of Surgery.

2. Doctor J. P. Bhattacharjee (not qualified), Demonstrator of Physiology.

3. Doctor P. Dowerah, D. O. M. S., Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology.

4. Doctor D. C. Choudhury, M.R.C.P., Assistant Professor of Medicine.

5. Doctor D. Sarma, M.R.C.P., Assistant Professor of Medicine.

Office Assistants under the D. F. O., Nowgong

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

63. Will the Minister for Forests be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Office Assistants including the Range and Beat Offices, under the Divisional Forest Officer, Nowgong ?

(b) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Forests) replied:

63. (a)—19.

(b)—Two belong to the Scheduled Castes Community and none to the Scheduled Tribes.

Permits issued from different Forest Ranges in Nowgong

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

(a) Whether any permits, on free and half royalty basis, were issued from different forest ranges in the district of Nowgong from the year 1954 to March, 1957 ?

(b) If so, what is the number of trees (green, wind-felled or dead) with estimated Cft. so involved ?

(c) On what principles these permits were issued and who were the beneficiaries ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Forests) replied :

64. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Details regarding number of trees involved are not readily available and have been called for from the Divisional Forests Officer concerned.

The details in terms of money value for 3 years are given below—

Year	Free Royalty			Half Royalty		
	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
1954-55	1,179	5	0
1955-56	5,350	0	0
1956-57	5,703	0	0

(c)—For the benefit of the Educational and religious institutions.

Re. Area of Plantation of trees in Forests in Assam

Shri JOGA KANTA BARUA (Jaipur) asked :

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

- (a) The total area under plantation of trees in Forests in the State in 1956-57 ?
- (b) The proposed area of plantation of trees under the Second Five Year Plan ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to increase the area under plantation in the said plan period ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Forests) replied :

65. (a) to (c)—The information is being collected and will be furnished when ready.

Settlement of Zerengapathar

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

- (a) The year in which “Zerengapathar” was thrown open for settlement ?
- (b) How many bighas of land have been thrown open up till now ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware of the strong public demand for redistribution of Zerengapathar ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

66. (a)—An area of 3,000 bighas was dereserved from Zerenga P. G. R. in 1951, another area of 2,000 bighas was dereserved in 1952, for settlement. Another area of 94 bighas was dereserved in 1957, for settlement.

(b)—5094 bighas.

(c)—Some complaints against settlement were received. The Subdivisional Officer, Sibsagar, has been asked to enquire into them and take necessary action.

**Bhadhara Grazing Reserve of Betbari Mauza
in Sibsagar Subdivision**

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)
asked :

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

(a) The area of the Bhadhara Grazing Reserve of Betbari mouza in Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) The number of families evicted from the Bhadhara Grazing Reserve during this year ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Government have lately encroached upon periodic patta land of fourteen families in the nearby locality for the extension of Bhadhara Grazing Reserve ?

(d) If so, whether Government will abstain from such encroachment and allow the fourteen families to settle on their own periodic patta land ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

67. (a) to (d)—Information has been called for from the local officers.

**Construction of an Office building for the S. D. C.,
Kamalpur Circle and a Mandals' Barrack at
Kamalpur Circle Office**

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)
asked :

68. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state whether Government propose to—

(i) Dismantle the existing dilapidated Kamalpur Sub-Deputy Collector Circle Office building ?

(ii) Construct a spacious modern type of permanent building to accommodate the Sub-Deputy Collectors' Office at Kamalpur, and

(iii) Construct the Sub-Deputy Collector's quarters and Mandals' barrack at Kamalpur Circle Office ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

68. (i), (ii) and (iii)—The matter will be examined on receipt of Deputy Commissioner's report which has been called for.

Dekhiri Dispensary in Mikir Hills

Shri SAI SAI TERANG [Mikir Hills-East (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

69. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) If it is a fact that Dekhiri Dispensary has been sanctioned to be located at Kaliani Rongbongghat in Duarbagori mauza, Mikir Hills before the separation of the District ?
- (b) If it is a fact that the said Dispensary has been shifted to Bura Gohain ghat in the District of Sibsagar ?
- (c) If so, what steps Government will take to have the dispensary located in the place for which it was sanctioned ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied.

69. (a)—No, the sanction was for establishing a Dispensary at Dekhiri proper.

(b)—Yes, for facility of work and better service to the Public.

(c)—Does not arise.

Kakojan Dispensary

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

70. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any representation has lately been received from the public of Kakojan for converting the present dispensary to a Primary Health Unit ?
- (b) If so, when Government propose to take up the matter ?

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical)
replied.

70. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The matter will be taken up next year along with other cases for establishment of new and conversion units.

State Dispensary at Mariani

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon)
asked :

71. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that there is no dispensary at Mariani ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that there is a population of about 10,000 within the radius of one mile of Mariani ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that there is no dispensary within the radius of eight miles of Mariani ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that there are about 3,000 refugees at Mariani ?

(e) Whether Government propose to establish a State Dispensary at Mariani at an early date ?

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical)
replied.

71. (a)—Yes.

(b)—May be including Tea garden labour and in the Railway Colony.

(c)—Information is not readily available.

(d)—Information is not readily available.

(e)—The Government have no proposal to establish State Dispensary in immediate future but will examine to establish one.

**Removal of and carrying in of night soil in the towns
by Sweepers**

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

72. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have any plan under consideration to abolish the system of removal of and carrying in of night soil in the towns by the sweepers.

(b) If so, what is the nature of such a plan ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sent certain instructions to the State Government in this matter ?

(d) If so, what are those instructions and what actions, if any, this Government have taken to carry out the instructions of the Central Government ?

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister, L. S.-G.) replied :

72. (a)—Yes. A plan was received from Government of India.

(b)—As a first step to make sweepers work consistent with human dignity, wheel-barrows or hand carts are proposed to be supplied to each sweeper employed by municipalities and other local bodies on scavenging work, so that the practice of carrying night soil in buckets might be eliminated altogether.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Government of India was prepared to bear 50 per cent. cost of providing of wheel barrows or hand carts provided the local bodies agree to meet 50 per cent cost and agree to stop this practice completely and in that connection they wanted an estimate of cost for wheel-barrows, etc. The matter was circulated to all the Municipal Bodies. Out of the 45 local bodies in the State only 11 Municipal Bodies have agreed to bear the 50 per cent cost of purchase of the wheel-barrows, etc., and agreed to eliminate the system as referred to above.

This Government have forwarded the estimates of these municipal bodies to Government of India and are awaiting further instruction from them in the matter.

Assam Agricultural College, Jorhat

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon)
asked :

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

- (a) The number of applications received for admission into the Assam Agricultural College, Jorhat, during 1957 ?
- (b) The number of boys that have been admitted into the College during 1957 (community wise) ?
- (c) The number of candidates from each district and subdivision from different communities, applying for admission during 1957 ?
- (d) Who is the authority that made the selection of candidates ?
- (e) What was the procedure generally adopted in the past in the matter of selection of candidates ?

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

- (a) The amount sanctioned for the construction of the Hostel buildings of the Assam Agricultural College, Jorhat ?
- (b) When Government propose to start work ?
- (c) Why no steps have been taken in this direction as yet ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

73. (a) to (e)—Information is being collected and will be furnished when ready.

74. (a)—Rs.3,50,000.

(b)—The original plans and estimates at Rs.4,88,376 was submitted to the Government of India. Government of India reduced the estimate to Rs.3,50,000 hence it requires revised plans and estimates. The Public Works Department have been requested to do so. On receipt of India's final approval the constructional work of Hostel buildings of the Assam Agricultural College will be taken up.

(c)—Does not arise.

Requisitioned land for landless people in Urban and Sub-urban Areas of Assam

Shrimati JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

75. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state whether Government propose to allot land to landless people against requisitioned land in Urban areas as well as sub-urban areas ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

75. Government propose to do it wherever possible.

Documents and petitions in the office of the S. D. O., Barpeta

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

76. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to State—

(a) Whether Government are aware that in Barpeta S. D. O's. office (Revenue Department) people are not getting copies of documents and petitions for months together even after filing copy petitions with urgent fees ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that copies are not given to the people upto date though they filed copy petitions from 1951 to 1957 ?

(c) If so, why ?

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

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

76. (a)—(d)—An enquiry is being made into the matter.

Bhoi Lymbong and Diengiei Dispensaries and Umden Nongtluh Leper Dispensary

U JOR MANIK SYIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

77. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state whether Medical officers or Compounders have since been appointed for the Bhoi Lymbong and Diengiei dispensaries ?

78. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state whether the long promised Leper Dispensaries at Umden Nongtluh has since been opened ?

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical) replied :

77.—No. But proposals are under consideration.

78.—No.

Family Planning Centres and Child Welfare Centres in the State

Shrimati JYOSTNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

79. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government propose to open family planning centres in urban and rural areas in the State ?

(b) Whether Government propose to open Child Welfare Centres in the State ?

(c) If the answer to (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to open such a centre in Silchar ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

79. (a)—Yes. Government have sanctioned opening of 8 Urban and 35 Rural Family Planning Centres during the current financial year.

(b)—There is no such scheme for opening separate Child Welfare Centre in the State.

(c)—Does not arise.

Office Assistants under the Civil Surgeon and District Medical Officer of Health, Nowgong

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

80. Will the Minister for Medical be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Office Assistants (Permanent and Temporary) working under the Civil Surgeon and District Medical Officer of Health, Nowgong?

(b) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes communities?

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical) replied :

80. (a)—

	Permanent	Temporary
Civil Surgeon's Office	2	1
District Medical Officer of Health's Office ..	3	1

(b)—In Civil Surgeon's Office none belongs to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes communities. Regarding District Medical Officer of Health's Office the information has been asked for and is not readily available.

Erosion between Rahmaria and Maijan

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that a severe erosion has lately taken place in between Rahmaria and Maijan?

(b) If so, what is the area thus affected or threatened?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Dibrugarh town is in imminent danger by this erosion?

(d) Whether Government are aware that there is danger of some of the neighbouring villages being affected by this erosion?

(e) Whether Government propose to collect Betterment Tax from the area thus affected ?

(f) Whether Government have lately received any representation from the Dibrugarh Circle Chah Mazdoor Sangha as well as from the public regarding construction of a bund between Rahmaria and Maijan ?

(g) If so, what action has been taken on it ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.)
replied :

81. (a)—Yes. Erosion has taken place upstream of Maijan near Nagaghooli and Okland Tea Estate.

(b)—The area affected is a strip of land measuring about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length \times 200 ft. in width (average), near Nagaghooli and another stretch of about 2 miles in length by 300 ft. (average) near Okland.

(c)—No.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Government propose to collect Betterment Tax from the areas, which have received protection by the construction of Dibrugarh Town Protection Works.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—The matter is under examination.

permits for Public Carriers, State Carriers, Taxis, Private Carriers, etc., in Cachar District

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA Silchar-West asked :

82. Will the Minister-in-charge of transport be pleased to

ate— (a) The number of transport permits for vehicles such as Public Carriers, State Carriers, Taxis, Private Carriers, etc., that was current on 31st March, 1957 in the District of Cachar ?

(b) The number of such permits prevalent on 15th August 1947 ?

- (c) Whether any investigation was made to ascertain the suitability and economic utility for increase in the number of permits ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to make an enquiry on these points before augmenting the number of permits ?
- (e) Whether any survey has been made about the earnings of the permit holders ?

Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied :

82. (a)—The number of permits are—

1. Public Carriers	...	...	...	163
2. State Carriers	...	...	...	186
3. Taxis	...	...	...	46
4. Private Carriers	...	..	...	325

(b)—Number of permits are :—

1. Public Carriers	...	...	...	24
2. State Carriers	...	...	...	51
3. Taxis	...	...	...	14
4. Private Carriers	...	...	...	116

(c)—The Regional Transport Authority composed of officials and non-officials are charged with the functions of granting permits. Obviously they were satisfied about the need of more permits.

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

(e)—No reliable statistics are available. Average income of the permits holders is from Rs. 500 to 550 approx.

Parking arrangement for Vehicles in Silchar Town

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

83. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) The present arrangement for parking of Public Vehicles in Silchar Town ?
- (b) Whether Government feel the necessity of providing parking places or stands for public vehicles in Silchar Town ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that vehicles are parked outside the present stand for want of space and penalties are very often imposed for such parking ?
- (d) Whether Government proposed to open a bus stand near the Civil Court Compound and another parking stand adjacent to Naga Lines by the side of Janiganj Bazar ?

Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied :

83. (a)—Transport vehicles are parked at Municipal grounds at present.

(b)—Town Development Committee, Silchar, is taking steps to provide suitable stands for public service vehicles at Silchar Town.

(c)—Haphazard Parking are liable to prosecution.

(d)—The matter is being investigated.

Machine for manufacture of paper pulp for the displaced persons in Cachar District.

Mrs. JOYTSNA CHANDA asked :

84. Will the Minister-in-charge of Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether a machine to manufacture paper pulp has been sent for the displaced persons in Cachar by the Union Relief and Rehabilitation Department ?

(b) If so, where it is lying at the present moment and when it is expected to operate ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

84. (a) and (b)—Deputy Commissioner, Cachar was wired for information which has not been received as yet.

Re : Rani Godown Nongkhlaw Road

U JORMANIK SYIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

85. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state whether the Rani Godown Nongkhlaw Road has since been taken up ?

(b) If not, why not ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied:

85. (a)—The portion from Rani Godown to Khri River about 15 miles has been taken up under Petrol Tax Programme. The portion from Khri River to Nongkhlaw about 4 miles has not been taken up.

(b)—The road projects are selected by the Assam Roads Communication Board and finally taken up according to availability of fund. The proposal for the remaining portion will be put up for consideration of the Assam Roads Communication Board in its next meeting.

Number of Typist Clerks and Office Assistants in the office of the Labour Officer, Cachar

Shri GOURI SHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked :

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

- (a) The number of typist clerks and office assistants in the office of the Labour Officer, Cachar ?
- (b) Whether the present office staff is able to cope with the increased volume of works ?
- (c) If not, whether Government propose to increase the staff ?
- (d) Whether there is any provision for peons for the officers ?
- (e) If not, whether Government propose to provide the same ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Labour) replied :

86. (a)—Two Typist clerks.

(b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—This will be decided on merits.

(d)—Yes, for Labour Officers only.

(e)—The case of providing peons for Labour Inspectors is under consideration of Government.

Acceptance of Delhi Agreement on Bonus to the Industrial Tribunal

Dr. RAM PRASAD CHAUBEY (Lakhipur) asked :

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

(a) The steps taken by the Government in enforcing the Delhi Agreement on Prosperity Bonus upon the Management of Tea Estates which have not accepted the Agreement as yet ?

(b) The steps taken by the Government for extending the provision of Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund Scheme over all categories of tea estates by removing statutory limitations of exemptions ?

(c) If rules for educational facilities for plantation workers' children prescribed by the Government under Section 14 of the Plantations Labour Act, 1951 have been given effect to ?

(d) If not, when Government propose to give effect to the same ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Labour) replied :

87. (a)—Government have decided to refer those cases of tea estates which have not accepted the Delhi Agreement on Bonus to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication,

(b)—Government have prepared a Bill to remove this difficulty. The Bill at present is awaiting Government of India's approval.

(c)—No. Many gardens, however, have provided educational facilities for workers' children.

(d)—This is under active consideration of Government.

Strength and number of immigrant Labour and Tea Garden Labour

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor) asked :

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

- (a) The strength of immigrant labour in Assam in the year 1956-57 ?
- (b) The number of immigrant labour coming in and going out of the Tea Gardens of Assam from 1947 to 1957 (figures is to be given in tabular form from 1947 to 1957) ?
- (c) The number of labourers in Assam in the Tea Gardens according to the following heads to be shown Subdivisionwise—
 - (i) Settled labourers ;
 - (ii) Immigrant labourers ;
 - (iii) Permanent labourers ; and
 - (iv) Temporary labourers ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOWDHURY (Minister in charge of Labour) replied :

88. (a)—The total number of immigrant labourers as on 30th September 1957 is 2,45,173.

(b)—

						Recruitment of Immigrant labourers	Repatriation of Immigrant labourers
1947	...	...	...	..	...	40,049	21,047
1948	...	...	...	...	...	37,542	21,613
1949	...	..	...	...	...	34,213	26,793
1950	...	...	...	...	..	26,468	29,898
1951	...	...	...	...	...	38,100	32,643
1952	...	...	...	...	...	32,395	27,433
1953	..	..	..	..	..	3,318	31,240
1954	...	...	...	...	...	335	17,641
1955	...	...	...	...	...	28,297	17,075
1956	...	...	...	...	...	12,522	15,312
1957	...	...	...	...	...	4,804	5,394
Total						2,58,043	2,46,08

(c)—Subdivisionwise figures are not available. District-wise figures in respect of total resident labour population are available.

Working

					Men	Women	Children
Darrang	...	..	...	...	37,857	31,958	5,904
Goalpara	...	...	...	...	2,270	2,096	313
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	1,131	1,004	155
Lakhimpur..	...	...	...	...	80,129	68,224	14,108
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	6,792	5,772	1,180
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	49,934	44,322	9,364
Cachar	...	...	...	...	29,897	23,623	2,718

Non-working

				Men	Women	Children
Darrang	...	...	...	2,446	3,461	71,183
Goalpara	...	...	...	572	433	2,724
Kamrup	...	...	...	324	315	723
Lakhimpur	...	...	...	7,137	8,818	1,46,329
Nowgong	...	...	...	670	783	12,224
Sibsagar	...	...	...	6,526	7,598	103,668
Cachar	...	...	...	10,792	12,252	74,515

Separate figures for settled, Immigrant, Permanent and Temporary labourers are not available.

Appointment of P. E. O. and A. P. O.

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

89. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) How many candidates for the posts of P. E. O. or A. P. O. applied in the current year?

(b) How many of them were called for interview?

(c) Whether there were any candidates from plains tribals for the posts of A.P.O. or P. E. O.?

(d) If so, whether they were called for interview?

(e) If not, why not?

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Deputy Minister, Community Projects) replied:

89. (a)—784.

(b)—78 in the first batch were called for interview by Assam Public Service Commission.

(c)—As the original applications are with the Assam Public Service Commission, the information is being sought from the Assam Public Service Commission and will be furnished as soon as received.

(d) & (e)—Do not arise in view of the reply of (c) above.

Rules relating to Education, under the plantation Labour Act, 1951

Shri GOURI SHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked :

90. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state when the rules relating to Education, under the Plantations Labour Act, 1951 are going to be enforced ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Labour) replied :

- 90.—This is under active consideration of Government.

Scheme for providing irrigation facilities to Subankhata area

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that scheme under the name Subankhata-Nikachi Major Irrigation Project was taken up by the Embankment and Drainage Department in Gauhati Subdivision ?

(b) If so, why the work was not executed ?

(c) Whether it will be completed this year ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

91. (a)—Investigation is in progress for drawing up a scheme for providing Irrigation facility to Subankhata area. The question of taking up the Scheme will be decided after the cost of implementation of the same is ascertained and the position of availability of the funds required for the purpose is determined.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—No.

Assam Trunk Road between Rajmai Tea Estate and Demow Charali

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government are aware that the Assam Trunk Road between Rajmai Tea Estate and Demow Charali has been badly damaged ?

(b) Who is responsible for the damage of the said road ?

(c) Why a large quantity of earth was put to the road in rainy season ?

(d) Whether the Officer concerned was unaware of the fact that rain is inevitable in the rainy season ?

(e) Why Government failed to protect at least one side of the road where there were no earth works ?

(f) Whether any action has been taken by Government against the Officer at fault ?

(g) If so, what is that ?

(h) If not, why not ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

92. (a)—The portion of Assam Trunk Road between Rajmai Tea Estate and Demow Charali became difficult to negotiate for vehicles at certain periods during the last rains. This was due to the fact that the road which went under water every rainy season and traffic had to be suspended for varying period on account of this ; had to be raised by earthing up. After new earthwork some difficulties are generally inevitable during next rainy season.

(b)—In this connection please see reply (a) above.

(c)—The information whether large quantity of earth was put in rainy season or not is not available here and has been called for from the Executive Engineer.

(d)—Please *see* reply to (a) above.

(e)—The side of the road where there was no earth-work done goes under water.

(f), (g) and (h)—The matter is being enquired into.

Payment of compensation to those people whose homesteads have fallen in the unprotected areas between the river and the embankment

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

93. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state what decision has been arrived at regarding the payment of compensation to those people whose homesteads have fallen in the unprotected areas between the river and the embankment and who have no means and suitable alternative lands to which they can shift?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

93. The matter is under examination of the Government and no final decision has yet been taken.

Non-payment of earned wages and other dues to the labourers by the management of Sonthalia and Chencoorie Tea Estates

Shri GOURI SHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked :

94. Will the Labour Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware of non-payment of earned wages and other dues to the labourers by the management of Sonthalia and Chencoorie Tea Estates in the district of Cachar?

(b) If so, for how many weeks such payments have been held up by the managements?

(c) Whether any steps have been taken by the Government to help the workers in such distressing condition ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the managements of the gardens have been adopting such practice for a considerable time past ?

(e) If so, whether Government propose to take action to stop such practice by the managements ?

(f) Whether Government are aware that the gardens are running without Managers ?

(g) If so, since when ?

(h) What are the amounts due for payments to the workers up-to-date ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Labour) replied :

94. (a)—Yes.

(b)—About 11 weeks.

(c)—The matter is receiving consideration of Government.

(d)—It is a fact that wages have been irregularly paid in this garden for some time.

(e)—Cases under the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, have been registered.

(f)—Government have no information.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Information is being collected.

Re : The Brahmaputra Bund in Nowgong District

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor) asked :

95. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have any information that the Brahmaputra Bund in Nowgong District has totally blocked river water entering inside the Bund area ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the blockade of the natural channels has aggravated the drought condition in Nowgong District this year ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to construct sluice gates in the natural channels ?
- (d) If so, when Government propose to construct the same ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

95. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. Natural channels except the spill channels mainly functioned as drainage channels for draining out the local rain-water of the area protected by the embankment. As the Leteri Nadi which runs more or less parallel to the embankment within the protected area is kept open and is quite sufficient for draining the entire area, the closing of other channels have not affected the drainage of the areas. Spill channels if kept open would have kept the low-lying areas under protection of the Bund constantly submerged for the entire flood season though they would provide some irrigation facilities during high floods to comparatively high lands at the cost of the low-lying areas. The high banks of the Brahmaputra were submerged this year only for a short period and the drought condition which prevailed practically in the entire Nowgong District for the whole flood season might have been reduced in this area to some extent if the flood water could be allowed to spill over into the area through the wide gaps in the embankment. Sluices which can provide comparatively small opening would not have been sufficient for the purpose.

(c) & (d)—It is now proposed to provide some openings (open cuts) in the embankment at suitable places for flood irrigation of the areas during this winter.

Acquisition of Land in Garaimari Mauza for Kolony Irrigation Canal

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) asked :

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

(a) The date when lands were acquired in Garaimari mouza for Kolony Irrigation Canal ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that several representations were made to the Minister-in-charge from time to time ?

(c) If it is a fact that no action has been taken on those representations ?

(d) If so, why ?

(e) Whether it is also a fact that people of Bahbari mouza did not get any compensation for lands for the Gabru Bund ?

(f) Whether the Minister-in-Charge will be pleased to make an enquiry into all such cases in the State and make payment within 3 months ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

96. (a)—Information is being collected. The question was received in the Public Works Department Secretariat on the after-noon of 8th November, 1957 and as such information asked for could not be obtained from the Executive Engineer the same day.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No. The Executive Engineer, Tezpur, E. and D. Division reported that the matter was lying with the local Revenue Authorities. The Revenue Department has also addressed the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, for making early payment.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Information is being collected.

(f)—Acquisition of land and payment of cost of acquisition are the responsibilities of the Collector within whose jurisdiction the land to be acquired falls. The Public Works Department is only required to place funds required for the purpose at the disposal of the Collector after an award is made as to the compensation to be paid. Any delay in placing funds at the disposal of the Collector may be looked into if specific cases are brought to notice.

**Construction of Embankment on the North bank of
the Brahmaputra protecting Murkongsellek
Transferred Area**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to raise an embankment on the North Bank of the Brahmaputra protecting Murkongsellek Transferred area from flood ?

(b) If so, whether Government have given financial sanction for this purpose ?

(c) If the answer to question (b) above is in the affirmative, when the work of the said embankment will be started ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.)
replied :

97.(a)—No.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise.

Names of the Irrigation Schemes of the North Cachar Hills District which were proposed to be implemented during the First Five-Year Plan

Shri HAMDHAN MOHAN HAPLONGBAR [North Cachar (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) The names of the Irrigation Schemes of the North Cachar Hills Autonomous District which were included in the list of proposed schemes of the First Five-Year-Plan but not implemented during the said period ?
- (b) Whether the Irrigation Schemes referred to in the question (a) above have been included in the list of schemes proposed to be taken up during the Second Five-Year Plan ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Whether any provision will be made by the Government for implementation of the said schemes during the Second Five-Year Plan ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

98. (a)—1. Nablaidisha Irrigation Scheme.

2. Hajadisa Irrigation Scheme.

3. Dangbra Irrigation Scheme.

4. Mailu Irrigation Scheme.

(b)—No.

(c)—These schemes were included under Scarcity Area Programme in the latter part of the First Five Year Plan but could not be initiated due to shortage of technical personnel during that period. As Government of India have not agreed to finance any uninitiated scheme under this programme, and as the entire fund available for Minor

Irrigation Scheme (Agriculture Sector) under the Second Five Year Plan will be practically required for financing the incomplete scheme of the First Five Year Plan under Agriculture Sector, these schemes could not find place in any of the Second Five Year Plan Programme.

(d)—It is most likely that some of these schemes may be taken up from funds under Article 275 during this Plan period. The matter is under correspondence with the Tribal Areas Department.

Construction of embankment on both banks of the river Puthimari

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)
asked :

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

(a) What steps Government have taken to construct the embankment on both banks of the river Puthimari down stream beyond the North Trunk Road ?

(b) What steps Government have taken to complete the embankment on the western bank of river Barnadi from Mandakata to Dakhin Lenga to connect the Brahmaputra embankment ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.)
replied :

99. (a)—The scheme has already been notified in the *Assam Gazette* as required under the provision of Assam Embankment and Drainage Act, 1953 and the Estimate is being submitted to Central Water and Power Commission for their technical approval and for obtaining Government of India's approval for loan assistance. The work will be taken up after receiving necessary approval.

(b) There is no such scheme under contemplation under any programme of the Second Five-Year Plan.

**General principles followed by the Government
regarding Promotion of Government Officers**

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the recently promoted Labour Officer, Sri Samsuddin Ahmed was one of the Junior Officers among the Labour Inspectors ?
- (b) What was his original position in respect of seniority ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Public Service Commission nominated him without any interview or examination ?
- (d) If so, on what consideration or basis the Public Service Commission have nominated him ?
- (e) Is there any procedure of the Department or the Public Service Commission for nominating a candidate without interview for such a post ?
- (f) Whether the Government are aware that such discrimination creates a sense of insecurity in the minds of Government Servants ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to review this promotion to rectify the anomaly ?
- (h) If not, why ?
- (i) Whether Government will take necessary steps to prevent such irregularity in future ?

101. (a) The general principles that guide the Government in promoting the Government Officers ?
- (b) Whether these principles have been adhered to in promoting the Government Officers of Labour Department in the past ?
 - (c) Whether the same principle was followed in the recent promotion of Sri Samsuddin Ahmed ?
 - (d) If not, why ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Labour) replied :

100. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Seventh.

(c)—The nomination was made by the Assam Public Service Commission after careful consideration of the service records and character roll.

(d)—On the basis of efficiency-*cum*-seniority.

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

(f)—There is no discrimination. The principle of efficiency-*cum*-seniority is followed and sense of insecurity should not arise.

(g)—No. There is no anomaly.

(h) & (i)—Do not arise.

101. (a)—Efficiency-*cum*-seniority is the criterion.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Does not arise.

Number of Scholarships granted to the Tribal Students for Compounders' Course

Shri DHIR SINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

102. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) What is the number of scholarships granted to the Tribal students for Compounders' Course from the year 1955 to 1957?

(b) What is the number of scholarships granted to trainees of these communities from the District of Nowgong during the said period?

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Medical) replied :

102. (a)—Number of scholarships granted to the Tribal students (both Hills and Plains) for Compounders' Course from the year 1955 to 1957 is 198.

(b)—Number of scholarships granted to trainees from Tribal Community from the District of Nowgong during the said period is 19.

Regarding issue of Assam Gazette

Shri KUMAR PROKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur) asked :

103. Will the Minister-in-charge of Printing and Stationery be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of issues of the *Assam Gazette* during the years from 1935 to 1956 ?

(b) The total number of extraordinary issues of the *Assam Gazette* during the years from 1935 to 1956 ?

(c) Whether Government are aware of the increase in the number of extraordinary issues of the *Assam Gazette* during the year 1956 ?

(d) Whether the annual subscribers for the whole of the *Assam Gazette* are entitled to get both ordinary and extraordinary issues of the *Assam Gazette* during the period covered by his subscription ?

(e) If not, whether he is required to pay separate and extra subscription for getting the extraordinary issues of the *Assam Gazette* ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that a subscriber for the whole of *Assam Gazette* formerly used to get extraordinary issues of the Gazette without payment of any extra subscription ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Stationery and Printing) replied :

103. (a) to (f)—Information has been called for and reply will be sent as soon as received.

Regarding "Kabulies" Money Lenders**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal)** asked :

104. Will the Minister-in-charge of Legislative Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a good number of 'Kabulies' throughout Assam have been carrying on money lending business ?
- (b) If so, what is the approximate number of such persons ?
- (c) Whether these 'Kabulies' are nationals of India or of some other foreign countries ?
- (d) If the latter, what is their number and from which foreign country do they come ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that these 'Kabulies' lend money to people at exorbitant rates of interest on execution of Handnotes and realise the money with interest at the rate of Re.1 for every ten rupees per day or at about that rate ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that once a person takes loan from a 'Kabuly' he cannot generally repay his debt in full due to such high rate of interest and the person is ultimately ruined ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to make an enquiry if the 'Kabulies' generally realise their dues by threats and intimidation ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to look into the matter and try to save the poor and ignorant debtors from the cruelties of these persons by such steps as are deemed necessary in the interest of the poor people ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Legislative) replied :

104. (a) to (h)—The information is being collected.

Regarding Sibsagar and Dibrugarh Jails

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)
asked :

105. Will the Minister-in-charge of Prisons be pleased to state—

- (a) The capacity of Sibsagar and Dibrugarh Jails ?
- (b) Whether the Minister-in-charge will be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the number of prisoners in Sibsagar Jail in June, July, August and September, 1957 on each date of each of these months ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the prisoners are kept locked up there and huddled together ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that jail beds of Sibsagar Jail are full of bugs and other insects ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that no disinfectants are applied to the bed in Sibsagar Jail ?
- (f) Whether Government proposed to appoint impartial jail visitors for the Sibsagar Jail ?

Shri CHATRA SING TERON (Minister, Jails) replied :

105. (a)—Sibsagar Jail...	...	...	...	...	100
Dibrugarh Jail	...	...	...	...	367

(b)—It is not possible to show the figures day by day but the average daily population is—

June ...	...	...	156.60	daily average.
July ...	...	...	166.66	,, ,,
August ...	...	..	132.25	,, ,,
September ...	...	...	152.60	,, ,,

(c)—Generally prisoners of different categories are locked up separately and not huddled in the Jail. Only in case of emergency when there is a heavy influx of prisoners, it becomes sometimes impossible to follow this arrangement.

(d)—Government have no information.

(e)—No. The floor of each ward of the Jail is daily washed with disinfectants and the whole ward is disinfected periodically according to the advice of the Medical Officer.

(f)—Government appoints two non-official members as Board of Visitors in each Subdivisional jail and they are supposed to be impartial.

House Loan in Goalpara District

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)
asked :

106. Will the Minister-in-charge of Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware of the fact that applicants for house loan are not sanctioned house-loans in the Goalpara District as the land security offered by them are not considered as safe ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that free transfers and sales of such lands are admissible in the Court and mutations granted by the landlords are also admitted by the Government ?

(c) If so, why house loan are not granted to the applicants ?

107. Will the Minister-in-charge of Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that lands under acquired estate in urban areas are not guided by the Goalpara Tenancy Act in the District of Goalpara ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that some applicants from urban areas like Gauripur, Kokrajhar in the District of Goalpara, have lately been refused payment of house loans ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Director for Housing considered that the applicants had no occupancy, transferable and heritable right on their land in urban areas though they are in possession of the same lands for more than 12 years ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that mutations granted in their name and their right of sales are also admissible in the court under Section 5 (1) of Assam non-Agricultural Urban Areas Tenancy Act, 1955 ?

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

106. (a)—The information has been called for, but not yet received.

(b) & (c)—The information has been called for, but not yet received.

107. (a) to (d)—The information has been called for, but not yet received.

Road Projects in Silchar Subdivision

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

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

(a) What are the Road Projects taken up for execution in 1956-57 and 1957-58 in Silchar Subdivision ?

(b) What is the total mileage of each road ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

108. (a) & (b)—The list showing with mileage of each road is given below—

Roads taken up under the Second Five Year Plan in Silchar Subdivision in 1956-57

Serial No.	Name of Road Projects	Approximate cost	Approximate length
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		Rs.	Miles
NEW ROADS			
1	Sonai-Kabuganj Road (Local Board Road)	1,37,000	5½
2	Chataipool to Bhagabazar Road via Bidyaratanpur (New Road).	3,00,000	9
EXISTING ROADS			
3	Improving and surfacing important portions of South Trunk Road in Silchar Subdivision.	2,50,000	5
4	Surfacing Silchar-Machimpur Road	1,10,000	2
5	Surfacing Silchar-Bhagabazar Road	2,75,000	5
6	Surfacing Sonabarighat to Sonai Road	55,000	1
7	Surfacing Lakhipur to Fulertol Road	1,10,000	2
8	Further improvement and gravelling Lakhipur-Jirighat Road.	40,000	8
9	Improving and surfacing Silchar-Jaintiapur Road upto Arunachal.	70,000	2
10	Improving a portion of Garampani-Haflong-Silchar Road Section II—Miles 175 to 210 in Silchar Subdivision (widening regarding, easing curves in places and replacing timber culverts with Armco).	8,800	15
PLAIN TRIBAL AREAS, ARTICLE 275			
		Lacs	Miles
11	Joynagar-Harinagar Road (2½ Miles widening, 4 miles gravelling).	0.25	6½
12	Hawaithang to S. A. Road	0.12	1
13	Nagapunji to Silchar-Fulertol Road	0.15	1

Roads taken up under 70 lakhs programme of Petrol Tax Projects in Silchar Subdivision in 1956-57

Serial No.	Name of Projects		Rough estimated cost	Approximate length
(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)
			Rs.	Miles
1	Lakhipur-Rangirghat-Amjur Road	.. ..	2,50,000	6
2	Paboi-Durbey-Borjalenga Road	.. ..	1,74,000	7
	Total	..	....	13

Roads taken under 30 lakhs programme in Silchar Subdivision in 1956-57

Serial No.	Name of Projects		Approximate cost	Approximate length
(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)
			Rs.	Miles
1	Surfacing Serma Trunk Road	.. ..	1,12,000	2½
2	Harinagar-Kumachin Road	.. ..	1,00,000	2.39

For 1957-58

- 1 Diversion of Silchar Jaintapur Road in the 19th mile for reclamation of ancient tank at Behāra. 20,000 (Budget provision made for 1957-58 and Administrative approval will be accorded soon.)

Chak-Chaka-Jakuapara Public Works Department Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR: (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Public Works Department has maintained properly Chak Chaka-Jakuapara Public Works Department Road ?

(b) If not, why not ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

109. (a) & (b)—The necessary information is being collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Aijal-Lungleh Jeep Road

Shri C. THUAMLUAIA [Lungleh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) If it is a fact that jeeps with trailers can ply on the small and dangerously sharp bends of the Aijal-Lungleh Jeep Road ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware of any one having plied a jeep with a trailer on this Aijal-Lungleh Jeep Road ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the big iron posts for the construction of the Mat Bridge weight about 20 maunds each ?
- (d) What steps Government propose to take to lift these long and heavy materials ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

110. (a) to (d)—Information is being called for.

Kendukona-Chang-Sari Road, etc.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

- (a) When will the work of the Kendukona-Chang-Sari Road commence ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs.22 thousand or so was sanctioned last year for the project and survey of the road was also completed ?

112. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state whether Government propose to take steps to take over the following important roads by the Department within this year.

- (i) Rangmahal-Changsari in Sila Sinduri Ghopa mouza,
- (ii) Jalimura-Changsari in Madartola mouza,
- (iii) Bejera-Balikuchi in Barbangsar, Karara and Patidarang mouza,
- (iv) Kendukana-Bejarjan Ghat in Purbapar and Hajo mouza, and
- (v) Kendukona-Dipteswari ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

111. (a) and (b)—The Assam Roads Communication Board in their meeting held in December 1956 recommended taking up this road under Rs.40 lakhs Petrol Tax Programme and a sum of Rs.22 thousand earmarked for the purpose. The work on the road will be taken up when approved by the Government of India.

112. There is at present no proposal for these roads being taken up by the Public Works Department during this year. The proposals will be placed before the Assam Roads Communication Board in their next meeting for consideration.

Settlement of Liquor Shops in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

113. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Excise be pleased to lay on the table a list of liquor shops in Dibrugarh Subdivision showing the monthly quota of liquor to each shop ?

(b) Whether Government propose to divide the big shops into two or more shops in order to bring the quotas almost uniform ?

(e) Whether the Government are aware that there are appeals and counter—appeals in settlement of these liquor shops from interested parties ?

(d) With a view to reduce the number of appeals whether Government propose to divide the shops into small units?

(e) Whether Government are aware or have received reports to the effect that at present there are certain unrecognised financing agencies who generally control the liquor shops and most of the lessees are working as paid employees of one or other such agency ?

(f) If so, whether Government have taken up any scheme to abolish such "Benami" intermediaries between lessees and the Government ?

(g) Whether any preference is given in settlement of such liquor shops to the backward classes of the population ?

Shri CHATRA SING TERON (Minister, Excise) replied :

113. (a)—The information is being collected.

(b)—A proposal to split up the big shops was examined but was ultimately abandoned owing to certain difficulties. It was decided instead to settle these shops with two or more joint lessees.

(c)—Yes.

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

(e)—Government have no such information.

(f)—"Benami" settlement is already prohibited.

(g)—Preference is given to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Namdang Bridge on Margherita-Ledo Road

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)
asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware of the sufferings of the public due to disorder of the Namdang Bridge on the Margherita-Ledo Road which is said to be National Highway for the last $1\frac{1}{2}$ years ?

(b) If so, what action has been taken by the Government to mitigate the public sufferings ?

(c) Whether the Government are aware that this is the only road communication towards Ledo and Tirap areas from other parts of Assam.

(d) Whether Government propose to construct a temporary wooden-bridge for the interim period till the Pucca bridge is constructed?

(e) If so, whether Government will complete the construction of a temporary wooden bridge within a very short time ?

(f) If not, what is the alternative ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

114. (a)—No complaints have been received from public. For the collapse of the Namdang bridge due to floods certain inconveniences have been naturally felt by the public.

(b)—Marboat has been provided to facilitate crossing during the rains. The river is fordable during Winter.

(c)—Yes.

(d), (e) & (f)—There is no such proposal. Please see reply at (b) above. This is on a National Highway.

The matter has been taken up with the Government of India to restore the permanent bridge.

Public Works Department Road within Barpeta Town

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR : (Sorbhog) asked

115. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state whether the Government have maintained properly Public Works Department Road within Barpeta Town—

(a) Whether the Road will be improved ?

(b) If so, when ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

115. (a) & (b)—The necessary information is being collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Bridge at Rangapara near Transport Office

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the bridge at Rangapara near State Transport Office is in a very precarious condition which may collapse at any moment ?

(b) If so, what steps do Government propose to take in the matter ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge himself saw the condition of the bridge ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

116. (a)—Perhaps this refers to a bridge on the Local Board Road not under Public Works Department. Information is being called for.

(b)—The matter is under active consideration of the Government if it relates to the Bridge on Rangapara-Misamari Local Board Road.

(c)—Yes.

Compensation for Damage of Lands and Properties in Connection with Putimari Embankment

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

117. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What report has been received from the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, who was asked to enquire into the allegations of irregularity, anomaly, corruption, bribery, etc., in the matter of fixation of compensation for damage of land and properties in connection with embankment of river Putimari by Revenue Department's letter No.RLR.181/56/87 and No.RLR.181/56/98 of June last?
- (b) Whether any person was found to be at fault?
- (c) If so, what action has been taken by the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, against such person?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that allegations of serious nature were also lately made against the assistants of the Land Acquisition Staff of the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kamrup?

- (e) Whether the allegations were enquired into and what was the finding ?
- (f) Whether the compensations have been duly fixed after proper enquiry by the Deputy Commissioner as was asked by the Revenue Department ?
- (g) Whether the compensations have been duly paid to the claimants ?
- (h) If not, why they have not been paid as yet ?
- (i) How long they will have to wait ?
- (j) Whether the Minister concerned will be pleased to make a personal enquiry into the matter ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

117. (a) to (j)—An incomplete report has been received. A further report has been called for.

Acquisition of Estates under the State Acquisition of Zamindaris Act, 1951

KUMAR PROKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur)
asked:

118. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—
- (a) The total area of the State of Assam ?
 - (b) The total area of the State of Assam to which State Acquisition of Zamindaris Act, 1951, applies ?
 - (c) The date when the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Act, 1951, came into force ?
 - (d) Whether all the estates and tenures in the districts of Goalpara, Garo Hills and Cachar have been acquired under the Assam State Acquisition Act, 1951 ?
 - (e) If not, the district or districts where the estates and tenures were not acquired under the said Act ?

- (f) Whether there are estates under the management of the Court of Wards in the district of Cachar ?
- (g) If so, whether they have been acquired under the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaries Act, 1951 ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that parts of Bijni, Mechpara and Karaibari Estates are in the district of Garo Hills ?
- (i) If so, whether these portions of Bijni, Mechpara and Karaibari Estates were acquired under the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaries Act, 1951 ?
- (j) Whether the Bijni, Mechpara and Karaibari estates in the District of Goalpara were acquired under the said Act ?
- (k) Whether it is a fact that the land reform plan of the Government during the First Five-Year Plan was the abolition of intermediary rights so that the State everywhere might come into direct contact with the tillers of the soil ?
- (l) If so, whether there are intermediary rights between the State and tillers of the soil in those areas of the State where the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaries Act, 1951 does not apply ?
- (m) What are the areas in the State of Assam to which the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaries Act, 1951 does not apply ?
- (n) Whether any legislation for the abolition of intermediary rights between the State and tillers of the soil in those areas where the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaries Act, does not apply was undertaken by the Government of Assam during the period covered by the First Five-Year Plan ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

118. (a)—85,012 Square miles including North-East Frontier Agency.

(b)—It is applicable to permanently settled areas of Goalpara, Garo Hills and Karimganj covering a total area of 17,02,055 acres. It is also applicable to 'acknowledged Estates' of Goalpara, covering an area of 3,00,000 acres (3 lakh acres).

Thus the total area where the Act applies is—

17,02,055

3,00,000

20,02,055 acres.

(c)—Fifteenth June of 1954.

(d) & (e)—All the estates of the highest class of intermediaries in Goalpara District have been acquired. Tenures comprising more than 1,000 bighas in Bijni, Chapor and Parbatjoar have also been acquired. Other tenures in Goalpara District will be acquired by stages.

In Karimganj, however, estates or tenures could not yet be acquired owing to the complete absence of records-of-rights. These will be acquired immediately after preparation of records-of-rights, which is now in progress.

(f)—Yes, Dewan Manikchand Estate is still under Court of Wards.

(g)—Not yet.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Not yet acquired

(j)—Yes.

(k)—Yes.

(l)—Yes there are some intermediaries in other parts of the State.

(m)—It does not apply to areas other than those mentioned in reply to question (b) above.

(n)—The Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holding Act and the Assam Hindu Religious Endowment Bill introduced in the current session of the Legislature are intended to abolish the intermediaries in those areas.

Regarding Dhubri Court Building

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government are aware of the fact that the accommodation in the Dhubri Court Building is very much insufficient ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that there was a proposal for extension of the Dhubri Court Building by constructing a two-storied building and a sum of Rs.1,73,000 (Rupees one lakh seventy-thousand) was sanctioned for the same in 1953 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the above sanction was subsequently cancelled for financial difficulties ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there was a proposal for reconstruction of the present Court building after demolishing the old building in 1955 ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Government have asked again for fresh proposal for extension of Dhubri Court building ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that many Court buildings have been reconstructed in the State after 1953 ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware that reconstruction of Dhubri Court Building has now become a matter of urgent necessity ?
- (h) If so, whether Government propose to take up the work this year ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

119. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A proposal for extension of the Court building at a cost of Rs.1,73,000 was received in January, 1954, but it was not sanctioned.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—There was no such proposal.

(e)—Recently a fresh proposal has been received from Deputy Commissioner for reconstruction of the Court Building at a total cost of seven lakhs.

(f) Only the Gauhati Court building has been reconstructed since 1953.

(g) & (h)—Government are aware that the present Court building has become inadequate and the proposal received from Deputy Commissioner as mentioned in (e) above is under their active consideration.

Cultivation in Tea Garden Paddy Lands**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware of any instances of outside villagers cultivating in available tea garden paddy lands for the last 20/30 years as tenants ?
- (b) If so, what are the names of such gardens ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to take over such land from the tea gardens for settlement with these families ?
- (d) Whether there is any Act providing taking over such lands ?
- (e) If so, whether Government lately received any petitions from ryots on above lines and whether actions were taken on them ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

120. (a)—Government have no information but occasionally file petitions to that effect.

(b)—Government have no information.

(c)—There is no proposal to take over such occupied land.

(d)—In such cases both the Land Acquisition Act and the Assam Land (Requisition and Acquisition) Act apply.

(e)—Petitions are received from time to time and these are sent to local officers for disposal.

Plan for the protection of Palasbari in Kamrup District**Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)** asked :

121. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state whether Government have any plan for the protection of Palasbari in Kamrup District from erosion of the Brahmaputra ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

121.—No.

Regarding Communication between Abor Hills (Murkongsellek) Transferred Area and the rest of Assam

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that communication is difficult between Abor Hills (Murkongsellek) Transferred Areas and the rest of Assam ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to improve the road and water communication between Tinsukia and Jonai *via* Laikhghat ?
- (c) If so, whether the Government have finalised the plan for this purpose and given technical and administrative approval ?
- (d) Whether Government proposed to improve this communication in the interest of the Forest Department besides the public there ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied:

122. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—The information is being collected.

Construction of Bridges over the Hakoa and Naljara Rivers

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

- (a) Whether the Public Works Department will construct bridges over the Hakoa and Naljara rivers lying on the Kamargaon-Kahitama Public Works Department Road ?

- (b) If so, when ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

(a) & (b)—The information is being collected.

Regarding Janai-Ramdhon Road in Abor Hills

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) What was the amount sanctioned last year for Janai Ramdhon Road in Abor Hills Transferred Area ?
- (b) Whether work covering the entire amount has been done last year ?
- (c) What proportion of the proposed Road has yet to be completed ?
- (d) Whether Government have proposed to complete the Construction of this Road during this year ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) replied:

124. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—The information is being collected.

North Trunk Road on the bank of Banki River

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the North Trunk Road lying on the left bank on the Banki River was washed away this year ?
- (b) Whether Government took any precautionary measures to save it ?

(c) Whether the Beki Public Works Department Ghat was closed for one and a half months due to this ?

(d) Whether the Government will take disciplinary action against those officials who are responsible for this negligence of duties ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

125. (a) to (d).—The necessary information is being called for from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Margherita-Ledo Road

Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Margherita-Ledo Road has been maintained by the Government since 1942 and that the same road passes over Assam Railway's and Trading Company's land ?

(b) What are the reasons for the delay in taking over the land by the Government from the said Company for the last 15 years ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) replied :

126. (a) and (b).—The necessary information is being collected.

Speaker's statement re: Questions

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order. The question hour is over.

I would like to dispose of the matter of the short notice question. From the records placed at my disposal I find that on 6th November 1957, the Hon'ble P. W. D. Minister directed that "Secretary, P. W. D., R. & B. will also give his views in reply to question No. 3 at an early date", i. e., the short notice question, and we received this paper from a gentleman named K. Barua, Additional Secretary, P. W. D., R. & B., "Short notice question to be asked by Shri Mahidhar Pegu, M. L. A., during the Winter Session of the Assembly and also the reply. It was stated "Shri Siddhinath Sarma, Minister, P. W. D. to reply". The printed reply was also given. Naturally my office, in the face of it had to consider this question as admitted because it was not categorically stated that the Minister was not in a position to reply. Therefore, this question had to be placed before the House.

Now, I do not want to say anything in a spirit of carping criticism, but I would like to bring it to the notice of the hon. Members and also of the Government, particularly of the Chief Minister, that in these matters more attention should be given to observe the rules of procedure of this House, in order that the proper dignity of the Legislature is maintained. I hope and trust that this will not be repeated in future.

I undertook to make a statement in respect of the smallness of the number of questions, which I would like to read out.

The hon. Member from Nalbari West was good enough to raise the question of the smallness of the number of questions admitted in this Session and I undertook to make an enquiry and report to this Assembly. I have enquired into the matter to some extent and come to the painful conclusion that the responsibility in this behalf has to be shared both by the Legislature as well as the Executive. I thought, however, that a public probe on this matter was not likely to be profitable at this point of time. Suffice it to say, that with

your help and co-operation I am determined to see that all shortcomings in this behalf are eliminated and the Members have no ground for complaint in future regarding this very valuable right of theirs. I hope this will satisfy the Members for the time being and I request the Government particularly the Chief Minister, to co-operate with me so that the Members can enjoy the rights and privileges which have been conferred on them by the Constitution as well as the rules of procedure of this House.

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.):
Will you permit me to say something on this issue, Sir ?

I received the short notice question on the 6th and I passed orders to the following effect.

“I don't think it will be possible to reply to the question without reference to the Deputy Commissioner and E. E., Jorhat”.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order. My difficulty is that my office has to be guided by the information we receive from the Secretary. It is not possible for us to probe into the file and see what the Minister had or had not written there. Our office received the paper under the signature of the Additional Secretary and, therefore, our Secretary has to be guided by it. He has to go by what is received from the Secretary as it is not possible for him to go into what the Minister may or may not have written in the file. I did not say it in a spirit of carping criticism: What I said was that the Hon'ble Minister should give more detailed interest in this matter and see that the rules of this House are observed. They should also enjoin upon their officers to see that these rules of procedure are respected and that serious consequence might follow if that were not done.

Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj North):
May I point out something, Sir ?

Mr. SPEAKER: After what I have said this matter should be closed.

Complaint about non-receipt of the reply to a question

Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj—North)
My submission is with regard to a particular question.

Mr. SPEAKTR Yes, what is that ?

Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS : With regard to unstarred question No. 42, it has been said that it was placed in the last Budget Session of the Assembly and the Minister-in-charge was kind enough to say that he would enquire and in this Session also the reply is "information is being collected and will be furnished when ready". This is very unsatisfactory and I submit that the Speaker should make an enquiry whether this same question was asked in the last Budget Session and we should know this fact in the next Session or earlier. If what the hon. Questioner said was correct, the Hon'ble Speaker should take a serious view of the matter.

Mr. SPEAKER : I shall bear in mind what the hon. Member from Karimganj has said. I hope that so far as questions are concerned, I hope with the Co-operation of the Government which has been assured to me, as well as from the Members, we will be able to set matters right. As I said, let us not consider the problem from the point of view of carping criticism but from the point of view of how to solve it.

Government Resolutions

Resolutions for approval of an expenditure of Rs.5,34,000 under the head 50—Civil Works—State (excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant),

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs. 5,34,000 under the head "50.—Civil Works—State (excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant) for the items below. The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant "50.—Civil Works—State (excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant. Sir, detailed explanations are given in the Explanatory note.*

Mr. SPEAKER Resolution moved is that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs. 5,34,000 under the head "50—Civil Works—State (excludsng Establishment and Tools and Plant) for the items stated.

Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) Mr.

Speaker, Sir, the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department wants this House to approve of an expenditure of Rs. 5,34,000. The purpose of the expenditure is improving the water supply in Gauhati town. The water supply in Gauhati town has been deteriorating for the last seven years and during the last few months the supply system practically broke down. So we are very glad that the Government have taken up the responsibility of restoring water supply in Gauhati town. Here in the "Appendix A" of the Government Resolution it is stated that this money will be spent by the Government against the money advanced by the Government to the Gauhati Municipality. I simply hope that Government will maintain the water supply system in Gauhati Municipality. Not only in the case of Gauhati Municipality but also in other cases we have seen that there has been bungling in the affairs of Municipalities. As much as water supply and drainage system are concerned I am of opinion that the Government should keep an attentive eye on the Local Bodies. I believe at some future date water supply and drainage shall have to be taken over by the Government under a national plan. Further I would also like to give a caution to the Public Works Department Minister, for in the past money that was granted at the fag end of the financial year could not in most cases be fully and properly spent and as a result a great part of it lapsed. I hope that this amount will not lapse and the Government will may spend it so that the water supply system in the premier town of Assam may improve. I also take the privilege of requesting the Public Works Department Minister to take a closer interest in the work of this nature, because of late our contractors and some our engineers have developed an unholy alliance among themselves, and that is one of the reasons which have contributed to the deterioration of work in some parts of the State. I wish God speed to the Public Works Department. I hope the Hon'ble public Works Department Minister will no longer covet the blessings of the people which he and his Department have been receiving in abundance by giving the people an opportunity to have a joy ride in the portion of the National Highway lying between the Desang Bridge and Dimow.

With these few words I support the Resolution moved by the Public Works Department Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER

The Resolution moved is that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs. 5,34,000 under the head "50.—Civil Works—State (excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant) for the items below. The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant "50.—Civil Works—State (excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant)".

***Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj—North):**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have one observation to make in this connection. My Hon. Friend, Mr. Barthakur, has brought before the House about the bungling in the matter of water supply in Gauhati Municipality. Sir, as a Chairman of a Municipal Board I want to speak a few words about this matter from my own experience.

Sir, I am telling from my own experience as a Chairman of a Municipal Board that all these works and schemes should not be done by the Municipality, because there is bungling by the Municipal Boards, they should be dropped and the Government should formulate a general policy that for installation of water works or re-modelling of water supply system in all Municipal Boards. the Government Department should take over the works from the Municipal Boards. The Municipal Boards are handicapped because they have no experts like Engineers and Public Health Engineers and so on.

***Mr. SPEAKER:** Mr. Das whether you are proposing this as a general proposition and whether it should be extended to all other Municipalities.

***Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS:** Sir, it should be extended to the whole State, when we have no Public Health Engineers to look to this kind of work and that Government should undertake responsibility in the execution of the work on behalf of the Municipality and then they can charge from the Municipality the amount involved for such execution. This is my submission.

*Speech not corrected.

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Public Works Department): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am very grateful to the hon. Members, Mr. Borthakur and Mr. R. M. Das, for their suggestions.

Mr. Das as Chairman of the Municipal Board of Karimganj, knows very well the provisions of the Municipal Act. Unless and until a Municipal Board is superseded, Government cannot, on its own motion, take up execution of any work from Municipality. Once a Municipal Board is superseded, then Government appoint immediately an Executive Officer to take up the work of that Municipal Board. Unless and until a Board requests the Government to take up works of a Municipal Board by a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Board Government cannot take up works of the Municipal Board. So in this particular case of the Gauhati Municipality, the Municipality being unable to execute the work requested the Government to take up the work of water supply by Government and the Government agrees to the proposal and entrusted the work to the Public Works Department.

Then as regards the observation made by my Hon. Friend, Mr. Borthakur, the suggestions he made in this connection will be carefully considered and we shall see that the work is executed within the plan period. Accordingly the work is to be executed within six months and the amount sanctioned will be spent within six months' time profitably and according to the plan and estimate.

Then he made certain references to the National Highway about the portion lying between the Desang Bridge and Dimow. I am personally looking into the matter and I shall see that the road is properly maintained.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.5,34,000 under the head "50.—Civil Works—State (excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant)" for items below. The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant. "50.—Civil Works—State (excluding Establishment and Tools and Plant)".

(The Resolution was adopted.)

The Assam Legislative Assembly Rules

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi): Mr.

Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that in Chapter IV, page 6 in sub-rule (1) of Rule 11—

(i) for the figures and words “10-30 A.M. to 12-30 P.M. and from 2 P.M. to 4-30 P.M.” occurring in the second line, the figures and words “10 A.M. to 12-30 P.M. and from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.” shall be substituted; and

(ii) for the word “Saturday” occurring in the third line the word “Wednesday” shall be substituted.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my intention in moving this amendment is that the time allotted in the existing Rule is more convenient to hon. Members. And also if hon. Members get one recess day in the week, as it was always on Wednesday, then they can attend to the work of their constituencies and they can also meet the Ministers for placing the grievances of their constituencies. So, we feel it would be more convenient that the time and recess day should remain as in the existing old Rules.

Mr. SPEAKER: Now I will put the amendment to the vote of the House.

(The Motion was put from the Chair as a question and was adopted.)

Amendment No. 2 standing in the name of Shri Khogendra Nath Barbaruah. This is the same as that one just now passed and need not be moved.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur):

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move, that in Rule 62 of the Assam Assembly Rules at Chapter XII, after the words “hours or” occurring in the second line, the words “earlier as the Speaker may decide” shall be added and the words beginning with “at such other hour” to “the debate” shall be deleted. The purpose of this amendment, Sir, is that the question can be put under this rule at 17 hours or at such other hour not being less than two hours from the time of commencement of the debate. I have sought to insert this amendment because if

the debate does not continue even for two hours, we shall have to sit for two hours under this rule. So, Sir, I have put "earlier as the Speaker may decide".

(The Motion was put from the Chair as a question and was adopted.)

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that in proviso (2) to Rule 72 for the word "four" in the fourth line the word "seven" shall be substituted.

Mr. SPEAKER: You mean to substitute "seven" for "four" ?

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH: Yes, Sir, because I think the time as provided in the old Rules is more convenient.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Mr. Speaker Sir, I am unable to accept this amendment. I feel that four days would not be inconvenient to the hon. Members. Seven days would be too long a period of notice. The Committee considered the whole matter from all aspects. In this connection they also considered the Lok Sabha Rules and the Rules of other States. We found that such a long notice was nowhere provided. So the committee reduced this to four days.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will put the amendment to the vote of the House.

(The Motion was put from the Chair as a question and was negatived.)

(Amendment No.5—not moved.)

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that, in sub-rules (2) and (3) of Rule 144, for the figures "4.30" wherever occurring the figure "4" shall be substituted. Sir, this is only a consequential amendment and I hope this amendment would be accepted by the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes, this is consequential.

(The Motion was put from the Chair as a question and was adopted.)

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that in sub-rule (1) of Rule 148, for the words "one day" occurring in the second line, the words "two clear days" shall be substituted. My purpose in moving this motion is that if any serious matter comes and if we get two clear days' time then the Members can get facilities to consult and discuss.

(The motion was put from the Chair as a question and was adopted.)

Rules 2—10

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that Rules 2 to 10 do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(The question was adopted)

The question is that Rule 11 as amended do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(The question was adopted)

Rules 12 to 61

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that Rules 12 to 61 do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(The question was adopted)

Rule 62

The question is that Rule 62, as amended, do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(This was adopted)

Rules 63 to 143

The question is that Rules 63 to 143 do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(This was adopted)

Rule 144

The question is that Rule 144, as amended, do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(This was adopted)

(After a pause)

Rules 145 to 147

The question is that Rules 145 to 147 do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(This was adopted)

Rule 148

The question is that Rule 148, as amended, do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(This was adopted)

Rules 149 to 315

The question is that Rules 149 to 315 do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(This was adopted)

Title and Preamble

The question is that the Title and the Preamble of the Rules do now form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(This was adopted)

1st, 2nd and 3rd Schedules

The question is that the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd Schedules do form part of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

(This was adopted)

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Rules as revised by the Committee to amend the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules and as amended be adopted.

Sir, due to the amendments of the rules here and there, certain consequential changes in similar matters may be necessary and such matters may have escaped the notice of the hon. Members of the House just now. In respect of such consequential changes, the Secretary of the Legislative Assembly may perhaps be authorised to make the corrections in the Assembly Rules. For instance here in Sub-rule (1) of Rule 11 we have accepted 10 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. by amendment. The change of these figures in this Sub-rule may necessitate certain consequential changes in some other rules. It is safe that the Secretary of the Legislative Assembly may be authorised to make these consequential changes wherever necessary.

***Shri RANENDRA MOHON DAS (Karimganj North)**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, just now we have passed the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules which contains almost all the important changes done during this period. We are grateful to the House, particularly, to some Members for the labours they have taken and for the keen interest they have evinced and the mature judgement and experiences they have brought to bear upon in effecting these changes which are in many respects very far reaching and in keeping with the changing times. Now, Sir, we have seen that the work in the Sub-Committee and almost all the changes in the rules that have been effected were done with the greatest measures of unanimity and without any division. We have seen from our own experience in the Sub-Committee and from the knowledge we have obtained from the matured and wider experiences of some of the Members in the Parliament how we have been handicapped during this long time during these 9 years after the independence in our conduct of parliamentary affairs. For instance, we never knew that the Budget can be discussed in several stages. Last time when the Appropriation Bill was brought before the House we took a lot of time of the House in discussing certain points which could not be discussed at the time of the discussion of the Budget for want of time. So also we have seen that under the previous rules there was no provision for such committees, such as, the Committee of Petitions, Committee of Assurances and the like. Now any member of the public can associate himself with the workings of the Government. He can ventilate his grievances now through the medium of this Committee of Petitions. Sir, we always want public co-operation in the matter of implementation of Governmental measures, and yet, no member of the public had any right before to send any direction or any petition to the Legislature seeking any remedy of his grievances. People used to send petition

to various departmental Secretaries or to this Minister or that Minister. There was no scope for discussing any grievances of any particular nature in the Legislature. Now this power to the people which is such an important right of the people in any democratic country, is now given to them. Now as regards the Committee of Assurance, this Committee has conferred many important advantages to the hon. Members of this House. The House is fully aware how we had been suffering in the past for lack of submission of information so far as questions were concerned. Even our Ministers do not know always whether a particular question was asked in the House at any one time or not. I do not wholly blame our Ministers for this. Busy as they are, in various other important matters affecting the interest of the State, at times it is quite impossible to cope with this side of the matter. Now the Assurance Committee is a committee which will always keep a watch on such matters, whether any assurance was given at any time, and if so whether they are fully implemented or not. Now we have an opportunity to keep an eye on this matter by an agency of this House. I am sure, the House will take full advantage of the opportunity that is coming to it. During these years we have seen that many words of assurances were given by the various Ministers and in the absence of a regular machinery, to help them in these matters, the assurances remained only in paper and was never translated into action. Now as a result of this Assurance Committee having been provided for under the rules, Members can rest assured that any assurance given by any Ministers will surely be implemented.

The last but not the least, I come from Karimganj as a representative of the Bengali speaking people in Assam. It was indeed a pity that this language was not given a definite place as one of the languages in which the Members could speak. As the hon. Members are aware, our knowledge of English is always very limited, and unless one has full freedom to speak in one's own mother tongue in the Legislature with the full backing of authoritative ruling behind him, he is always likely to suffer from a serious disadvantage. In fact, I referred this matter to the States Re-organisation Commission. Prior to 1950 Bengali was recognised as one of the main languages of the House. But afterwards the rule was amended. Unfortunately for us this amendment was brought by a member speaking the same language as that of mine, I mean, Shri Baidyanath Mokherjee when he raised this question once on the floor of

this House and drew the attention of the Speaker whether I could speak Bengali. The rule being what it was, the Speaker adhered to it.

Sir, we had very bad days during these years. But now as a result of the various changes that have been effected, we see a ray of hope, a silver lining in the dark horizon before us as a result of which, I hope and trust, the relationship between the two important communities living in this State will undergo some remarkable change for the better. It is quite likely that many of us may not speak in Bengali, but it is a great pity that the right was sought to be taken away from us. Now during the course of our deliberation in the Committee some responsible member of the Committee thought it wise that this right should be incorporated under the rules, and it was provided. So the right that was once taken away from us has again been restored to us, and I can assure the hon. Members on the floor of this House that we are really grateful not only to them but to each and every Member of the House because the right that was taken away by the House is again given here. Sir, I must give the assurance on the floor of the House that we are really happy for this and this will extend to the entire Bengali community in the State, and I hope that our relationship will be much improved. With these few words, Sir, I again thank the Government for passing these rules for giving wide powers to the Legislature and I hope the Members of this House will be able to do enough work by this act for the interest of the country.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is:

‘That the Rules as revised by the Committee to amend the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules and as amended be adopted’.

(The question was adopted.)

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance): For my own knowledge may I know when this will take effect? Is it at this instant?

Mr. SPEAKER : The amendment to the Rules shall come into force after the same has been published in the *Gazette* unless otherwise notified.

The Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1957

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P.W.D.) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1957, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is that the Assam Municipal (Amendment), Bill, 1957, be passed.

(*After a pause*)

The Bill is passed.

The Assam State Legislature Members' (Removal of Disqualifications) (Amendment) Bill, 1957

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Legislative) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no amendment I beg to move that the Assam State Legislature Members' (Removal of disqualifications) (Amendment), Bill, 1957, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is that the Assam State Legislature Members' (Removal of Disqualifications) (Amendment), Bill, 1957, be passed.

The question was adopted.

The Assam Displaced Persons (Rehabilitation Loans) (Amendment) Bill, 1957

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no amendment, so I beg to move that the Assam Displaced Persons (Rehabilitation Loans) (Amendment), Bill, 1957, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is that the Assam Displaced Persons (Rehabilitation Loans) (Amendment), Bill, 1957, be passed.

The Motion was adopted.

The Bill is passed.

The Assam Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment) Bill, 1957

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as there is no amendment, I beg to move that the Assam Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment), Bill, 1957, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is that the Assam Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment), Bill, 1957, be passed.

The Motion was adopted.

The Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1957

Shri CHATRA SING TERON (Minister, Jail and Excise) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions), Bill, 1957, be passed. There is no amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is that the Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions), Bill, 1957, be passed.

The Motion was adopted.

The Bill is passed.

The Assam Repealing Bill, 1957

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P.W.D.) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Repealing Bill, 1957, be passed. There is no amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved.

The question is that the Assam Repealing Bill, 1957, be passed.

The Motion was adopted.

The Assam Appropriation (No.II), Bill, 1957

Mr. SPEAKER : I have a message from the Governor.
Camp:

Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi, 6th Nov. 1958.

Under the Provision of Article 207(I) of the Constitution of India, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, Governor of Assam, recommend the introduction in the Assam Legislative Assembly of the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1957.

S. FAZL ALI,
Governor of Assam.

As I said in the last session of the Assembly the hon. Members are free to discuss all subjects provided they do not repeat themselves ; repetition is the crux of the matter. So far as the Appropriation Bill is concerned, those items which were guillotined and could not be discussed by the hon. Members might be discussed. I hold that view and that has been further substantiated in the last Speakers' Conference. Therefore, those items of the Supplementary Demands which could not be taken up for want of time, would be admissible for discussion in connection with the Appropriation Bills.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No.II), Bill, 1957, be introduced.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved.

The question is that the Assam Appropriation (No.II), Bill, 1957, be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

There is another message from the Governor.

Camp :

Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi, 6th Nov. 1957.

Under the Provision of Article 207 (3) of the Constitution of India, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, Governor of Assam, recommend that the Assam Appropriation (No.II), Bill, 1957 be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,
Governor of Assam.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No.II), Bill, 1957, be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved that the Assam Appropriation (No.II), Bill, 1957, be taken into consideration.

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put a question before the House and was adopted).

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation Bill, (No.II), 1957, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved that the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1957, be passed.

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put as a question before the House and was adopted).

Prorogation

Mr. SPEAKER : There is a message from the Governor.

Camp:
Rashtrapati Bhavan,
New Delhi, 6th Nov. 1957.

ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (2) (a) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, as amended upto date, I, Saiyid Fazl Ali, hereby prorogue the Assam Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of its sitting on the 12th November 1957.

S. FAZL ALI,
Governor of Assam.

The Assembly was then prorogued.

Shillong :
The 19th September, 1958.

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