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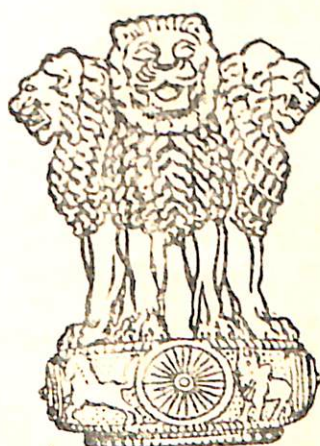
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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A. M. on Saturday, the 6th July, 1957.

**PRESENT**

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

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**(To which oral answers were given)**

**Re: Disposing of paddy of Government Stores after decontrol of rice and paddy**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) :**  
asked :

\*93. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) How many maunds of paddy remained in store on State account after decontrol of rice and paddy ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that while disposing through tender the paddy of Government Stores it was sold at about half the then prevailing market price ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the rejected quality of Government stored paddy named as "highly discoloured" was sold by auction at Rs.10 to Rs.12 per maund while the good quality paddy known as "Normal Variety" was sold by tender at Rs.5 to Rs.8 per maund ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to make an enquiry into this and take necessary action against the officer or officers responsible for a huge loss to the State Government through these deals ?



**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied:

93 (a)—Approximately 12,00,000 maunds.

(b)—No.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

**\*\*Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** Is it a fact, Sir, that even after the procurement scheme was abandoned several lakhs of rupees were advanced as loan to several mill-owners for procurement purposes till up to 1st March, 1955 ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH :** Yes, Sir.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** May I know the amount, Sir ?

**\*\*Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH :** That is a long list, Sir, which I do not possess at the moment although I brought it yesterday, but I propose to place it on the table of the House, or, as the House is going to be adjourned from tomorrow, I may send a copy of the list to the hon. Member at his home address.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** Let us hope that it will be sent.

*Re : Supply of rice from Manipur to Assam*

**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi)** asked :

\*94. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there was any agreement between the Government of Manipur State and the Assam Government regarding supply of rice by the former to the latter for the current year or last year ?



- (b) If so, the total quantity of rice agreed to be supplied ?
- (c) The total quantity of rice so far brought to Assam ?
- (d) Who was entrusted with the duty of lifting the rice from Manipur ?
- (e) What were the terms and conditions for such lifting ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied :

94. (a) & (b)—No. But under the arrangements made with the Government of India, the Government of Manipur agreed to supply 43,000 maunds of rice last year to Assam. Accordingly the Government of Assam lifted 30,000 maunds of rice through Agents selected by Government after inviting quotations about handling charges and their commissions and 10,900 maunds by the Deputy Commissioner, Naga Hills, under his own arrangements. The balance of 2,100 maunds was not lifted due to inferior quality. Again during the current year under the same arrangement a quantity of 15,700 maunds of rice have been brought to meet the demands at Kohima on the Deputy Commissioner's account.

(c)—56,600 maunds.

(d)—For lifting 30,000 maunds rice, the Agents selected by Government were—

(1) Messrs P. Das and Co., Gauhati.

(2) Messrs Assam Mercantile Corporation, Dhubri.

(3) Messrs Gaurishankar Khatuwalla and Messrs Milapchand Hiralall, Nowgong (jointly).

As regards 26,600 maunds meant for Kohima, Deputy Commissioner, Naga Hills, made his own arrangement for lifting 11,600 maunds rice from Imphal to Kohima. The balance 15,000 maunds rice had been transported to Kohima under the arrangement made by the Central Government through their own contractor.

(e)—Terms and conditions of lifting 30,000 maunds rice by the Agents selected by Government are—

(i) To lift promptly the quota allotted after proper inspection under supervision of our Supply Inspector posted at Imphal.



(ii) Inferior quality, if lifted, will be agents' liability.

(iii) To deposit a cash security of Rs.2,500 which will be liable for forfeiture in whole or part in case of any default in carrying out the terms and conditions laid down by Government or for any malpractices.

(iv) Losses and damages in transit will be agents' own liability.

(v) To keep and maintain proper and up-to-date accounts of receipts and distribution of rice allotted and allow inspection and verification of stock and examination of accounts by the local officer concerned.

(vi) 3 per cent allowed as storage loss for the purpose of stock adjustment.

(vii) To issue rice to retailers at Rs.18 per maund (inclusive of bags) on the strength of written delivery order issued by local officer.

(viii) To maintain at their expense strong built godowns for storage of rice.

(ix) To bear initially transport and handling costs from Imphal to destination and only the following charges will be re-imbursed to them by the Government of India—

(1) Rupees 2-10-0 per maund for transport of rice from Imphal to Manipur Road by truck including handling at both ends, temporary storage at Manipur Road, if necessary, and loading into Railway wagons.

(2) Actual Railway freight from Manipur Road Railway station to destination Railway station.

(x) To pay the value of rice to Government at Rs.16 per maund.

(xi) A commission at a flat rate of As. 14 per maund of rice sold and issued to approved retailers will be given to agents which includes handling charges at the destination station for storage and distribution of rice on permits issued by the local officers.



**\*\*Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi):** May I know, Sir, who is the appointing authority of these handling agents ?

**\*\*Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply):** Government, Sir.

**\*\*Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA :** Central Government or State Government ?

**\*\*Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH :** Sir the Central Government in consultation with this State Government appoint these handling agents.

**\*\*Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA :** May I know the quantity of rice stated to be unfit for consumption and also whether the Government has moved the Manipur Government to replace the same ?

**\*\*Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH :** The matter was enquired into and, in fact, this year also certain quantity of rice was alleged to be of inferior quality, but the Deputy Director of Food of the Central Government and our Deputy Director of Consumer Goods who were deputed to Manipur to enquire into the matter found the rice alleged to have been of inferior quality and thus wanted to be detained quite good. From this it appears the rice was wanted to be detained for sale at some better margin of price than what was being offered by the Central Government.

The matter has been taken up.

**\*Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA :** May I know the commission at Manipur for handling agents ?

**\*Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH :** It was purchased on Government of India account, and, therefore, we are not aware of it.



**Re : Test Relief Works**

**Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilashipara)**  
asked :

\*95. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Embankment works from Khormuja to Fakirganj in the district of Goalpara was done under Test Relief Works ?

(b) If so, what was the machinery of this Test Relief Works ?

(c) Whether the work was done departmentally or through any organization ?

(d) If the latter, whether it was an organization of the Congress party only ?

\*96.(a) The system of employment and the rate of payment and also the system of working in this Test Relief Works ?

(b) Whether any middle-man was employed and, if so, on what terms and conditions ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the labourers have not yet been paid of their dues fully ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that this matter was discussed in the District Congress Committee meeting at Kokrajhar on 5th and 6th *Sraban* of 1363 B.S. ?

\*97.(a) What was the fate of petitions filed by labourers for non-payment of their dues for work in this Test Relief Measure to the then Deputy Commissioner and what action the authority has taken in the matter ?

(b) Whether Government propose to enquire into the matter at an early date ?

(c) Whether Government are in the know of the fact that there is great anomaly in the account of this work and that out of Rs.30 lakhs spent in this respect there is no account of Rs. 7 lakhs ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that ration was supplied to the labourers by the Relief Committee ?

(e) If so, will the Minister please state the rate at which each item of the ration including the bringles was supplied to the labourers ?



(f) Whether Government propose to appoint a Committee both of officials and non-officials to go into all these details so that in future such irregularities and waste of public money may not occur ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

95.(a) to (d)—A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara.

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**Maulvi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara)**: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to send the informations to me when they are received ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS**: Surely.

**Cattle epidemic in Kaka Pather area of Saikhowa Mauza**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

\*98. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) Whether report was received by Government from Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Tinsukia, in the month of May last that there was no contagious disease or cattle epidemic except minor ailment in Kakapathar area of Saikhowa Mauza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that only 10 different villages of the aforesaid area 201 cows and 111 buffaloes died of the cattle disease during the period under reference ?

(c) Whether Government are aware of the fact that there are instances that the death roll of cows and buffaloes in a family rose upto 7 and 4 respectively ?



(d) What number of death of cattle is required for an area or a village to be declared as cattle epidemic area ?

(e) Whether the Government will make a fresh enquiry to ascertain the facts that the death of cattle in the following villages were as shown below in Saikhowa Mouza in Saikhowa Constituency:—

Names of villages			Death of buffaloes	Death of cows	Total
Sorumesai	..	...	16	30	46
Kachijan	...	..	14	27	41
Tanganagaon	...	..	18	37	55
Hahkhathi	...	...	19	86	105

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

98. (a) to (e)—Information is being collected.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** Are the questions at (b), (c) and (e) challenging the report of the Veterinary Department who deny it to be a cattle epidemic ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** We are not in a position to reply.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** I do not think that question will arise at this moment.

**Taking over of the Panitola, Baruahula and Deuhal Road by Rural Panchayat**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

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

(a) Whether he received representations in 1953-1954, 1955 and 1956 (by post) either from the public or from Rural Panchayat to take over the



Panitola, Baruahula and Deuhal Road (leading from Assam Trunk Road to Tengakhat-Bordubi Road) in Dibrugarh Subdivision by the Public Works Department?

- (b) Whether Government are aware that the Local Board became incapable to keep up the communication throughout the year by necessary annual repairs of the said road, culverts and the two bridges over two small rivers.?

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

99. (a)—Yes. These proposals were placed before the meetings of the Assam Road Communication Board held in December 1953 and May 1956 but were not selected.

(b)—Public Works Department have no information on it.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** Was the case of the Road examined ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.):** The proposal was placed twice before the Road Communication Board, but it was rejected.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** Will Government make an enquiry and take the person or persons to task whether he is official or non-official at whose fault the attention of the Government could not be drawn to the bad condition of this road ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA:** The reply is there that the proposal was placed before the Road Communication Board twice, but was rejected by the Board. Then how can I help it as it is not a P. W. D. Road.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj-North):** Is there any instance of Government accepting themselves cases where there was no recommendation of the Board ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA :** Ordinarily all the proposals are put before the Road Communication Board but there may be exceptions.



**Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY** [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Road Communication Board-ৰ Recommendation নোহোৱাকৈ কিছুমান বাস্তা চৰকাৰে লোৱা হয় নে ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA** (Minister, P. W. D.): এই প্রশ্নৰ উত্তৰ মই অলপ আগতেই দিলো।

**Mr. SPEAKER :** সেইটো প্রশ্নৰ উত্তৰ এতিয়াই দিয়া হৈছে নহয়।

(Starred questions Nos.100—101 were not printed as they were not taken up by the House on account of the absence of the Questioner, Shri Hareswar Goswami).

### **Water Supply in some quarters of Shillong Town**

**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA** (Morongi) asked :

\*102. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that the water supply in some quarters of Shillong town was totally stopped in the month of May 1957 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that there was no water Supply in the Assembly Members' Hotel since 7th June 1957 night ?

(c) Whether it is also a fact that scarcity of water supply in the Hostels is still continuing and the members have been put to great inconvenience ?

(d) If so, what steps have been taken by the Government to remove the inconveniences ?

(e) What is the reason of break-down of water supply in the Members' Hostel ?

(f) Will Government be pleased to appoint a non-official committee to enquire about the same ?

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

102 (a)—No. But there was scarcity of water in some quarters of Shillong town during the month of May 1957.

(b)—There was scarcity for one day only.



(c)—The supply is still inadequate and there may have been some inconvenience to the members.

(d)—Extra water is being supplied to the Assembly Members' Hostel from the Municipal mains by using trucks and pumps.

(e)—Inadequacy of supply of water at the sources in relation to the demand of the present population of the town is mainly responsible for the shortage.

(f)—Government do not consider it necessary to appoint a non-official Committee to enquire into the matter as the reasons for temporary break-down of the water supply arrangements are known.

**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi):** Are Government aware that the scarcity of water in the Members' Hostel is still continuing?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.):** I admit there is scarcity.

**Shri GAURISANKAR ROY (Katlicherra):** Are Government prepared to enquire how many Members are taking bath and how many not?

*(Loud Laughter)*

### **Shifting of the Bhangi Colony and the Trenching Ground at Golaghat**

**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA** asked:

- \*103 (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether he or his Ministry has lately received any representation from the Golaghat Citizens' Association regarding shifting of the Bhangi Colony and the Trenching Ground under the Golaghat Municipal Board from existing sites?



- (b) If so, whether any action has been taken by the Government to remove the public grievances ?
- (c) If not, whether Government propose to take immediate action on the matter in the interest of the public in general and the Harijans in particulars ?

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

103. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The matter is under correspondence with the local officers.

(c)—On receipt of the report from the local officers necessary action will be taken.

(Starred Question No.104 was not put and answered as the Questioner, Shri Hareswar Goswami, was absent).

### **Total Gross Earnings of the Tea Industry in Assam**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)** asked.

\*105 Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) What were the total gross earnings of the Tea Industry in Assam in the financial years 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 ?

(b) What was the share of the Tea garden workers out of the total gross earnings of the Tea Industry in the years mentioned in (a) above ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PROSAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

105 (a)—The total gross earnings of the Tea Industry in Assam is as under:

1953-54	...	...	...	51.80 crores.
1954-55	...	...	...	81.16 crores.
1955-56	...	...	...	60.92 crores.



(b)—The share of the tea garden workers excepting the medical expenses and housing facilities are as under—

1953-54	...	..	...	20.33 crores.
1954-55	...	...	...	24.67 crores.
1955-56	...	..	...	27.65 crores.

**Delay in issue of Domicile or Eligibility certificate to certain persons who got appointment as Lower Division Assistants in Assam Secretariat**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)**  
asked :

\*106. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that due to delay in the issue of domicile or eligibility certificates, a number of persons got appointment as Lower Division Assistants in the Assam Secretariat long after they passed the qualifying examination for such posts ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Government, in appreciation of their difficulties, accepted the date of publication of results of Lower Division Assistantship examination (instead of the actual date of joining) in the case of the above employees, in calculating the qualifying period for purposes of Upper Division Assistants' Examination ?
- (c) If so, why in the matter of granting officiating promotion to this category of Lower Division Assistants the date of publication of Lower Division Assistants' examination result was ignored ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that in contravention of Service Rules, some of the Lower Division Assistants of the above category have been superseded by their juniors in respect of promotions to Upper Division ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that such discriminatory practice has been observed with regard to about 15 (fifteen) Lower Division Assistants who belong to a distinct minority community?



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

106. (a)—There was no delay in the issue of domicile or eligibility certificates. There was some delay in offering appointments to 11 Assistants due to a review of the Government policy regarding eligibility of certain categories of persons for service under the State Government.

(b)—According to Rule 16 of the Assam Secretariat Subordinate Service Rules, 1954, Lower Division Assistants who have to their credit 3 years total service in the Sectt. on the 1st day of January in the year in which the examination is held are eligible to appear in the examination conducted by the Public Service Commission for promotion to Upper Division posts. As some assistants could not complete 3 years of service because of delay in joining for reasons beyond their control, they have been made eligible to appear at the examination as a special case.

(c)—As the examination for promotion to Upper Division posts has not yet been held, Government on the advice of the Public Service Commission decided to promote only those assistants who have completed 3 years service on the 1st day of January of the year in which the vacancies occur. In the case however of the assistants who could not join in time due to reasons beyond their control a reference was made to the Public Service Commission with a request to allow the assistants to be temporarily promoted without 3 years qualifying service as a special case, but the Public Service Commission did not agree.

(d)—Pending the examination to be conducted by the Public Service Commission shortly for promotion to Upper Division posts, assistants who have completed 3 years service have been temporarily promoted as a stop-gap arrangement. The final promotions will however depend upon the results of the examination to which the assistants who could not join in time due to circumstances beyond their control, have also been made eligible to sit.

(e)—Does not arise in view of the position explained above.



**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) :** Sir, with regard to answer (a), may I know what was the period of delay ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** The exact dates are not with me now. If the hon. Member is interested to know this I may give him the answer later.

**Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) :** Sir, do Government consider it desirable to stop issuing certificates as it is un-constitutional while applicants are all Indian National ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI :** It is not un-constitutional. The rule that existed before the Constitution came into force remains as it is. To mitigate certain hardship of the people we gave an interpretation of the rule.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj-North) :** What are the conditions for eligibility certificate ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI :** In this connection we issued a circular in 1953. This circular is not with me now. If the hon. Member is interested to know this I may give him the information later.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS :** Sir, who issues the certificate ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI :** The certificate is issued by the Deputy Commissioner.

**Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) :** Are Government aware that the Deputy Commissioners cannot issue domiciled certificates ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI :** He may refer them to the Government whenever he is in doubt.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS :** Are Government aware that some persons even after serving the E. and D. Department for about 4 or 5 years have not got such certificate ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI :** I want notice of this question.



**Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] :** May I know from the Government the total number of applications received by Government for such eligibility certificate from the District of Cachar ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** The figure is not with me now.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) :** Will the Government follow the direction or advice given by the States Re-organisation Commission in respect of issuing domicile and eligibility certificates ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** That is why we want to remove the hardship of the people.

**Doctor for Dhakuakhana Veterinary Dispensary**

**Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur asked :**

\*107. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he is aware that the Dhakuakhana Veterinary Dispensary is without a doctor for the last one year or so ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that cattle epidemic broke out in the Dhakuakhana area in the last part of May, 1957 and wire was sent by the people as well as the Chairman, North Lakhimpur Local Board to Government for placing a Doctor at the dispensary and another doctor for special duty ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that a Veterinary doctor was posted at North Lakhimpur town for some special duty some years back over and above the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that North Lakhimpur Local Board has trained a good number of Veterinary Doctors aiding them with stipends from the Board's fund and most of them are from the Dhakuakhana area ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to post one Veterinary doctor immediately at Dhakuakhana Veterinary dispensary ?



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

107. (a) to (e)—Information is being collected, and will be furnished when received.

**Re : The Assam Cattle Preservation Act of 1950  
and number of "Goshadhan" Firms in Assam**

**Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED** (Bilashipara) asked :

\* 108. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Certifying Officers appointed under the Cattle Preservation Act of 1950 after its enforcement last year ?
- (b) When this is going to be extended to other areas of the Province ?
- (c) Whether Government consulted the Government of India about the enforcement of this Act to Assam ?
- (d) Whether this Government has seen the opinion of the Prime Minister of India about the Cattle Preservation Act when a Member of Parliament wanted to introduce the same in the last Parliament ?
- (e) Whether Government has taken into consideration of other religious sacrifice of Muslims barring the Idd festival in the said Act ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to withdraw the same and make a fair and comprehensive Act for the protection and preservation of the Cattle as also to improve their quality rather than the quantity without interfering the right (religious or otherwise) of any community ?

\* 109. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state how many "Goshadhon" firms Government has opened for the improvement of Cattle in Assam ?



**\*Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

108. (a)—The exact number of Certifying Officers is not available, but the following have been appointed as Certifying Officers in the seven Plains Districts of the State—

- (1) All Mauzadars and Sarpanches in their respective areas.
- (2) Presidents of Rural and Primary Panchayats in the areas of their respective Panchayats.

(b)—The Act has only been enforced in the seven Plains districts of the State with effect from the 1st August, 1956. The question of extending the Act to other areas will be examined in due course.

(c)—The Assam Cattle Preservation Bill, 1950, was introduced in the State Legislative Assembly on the advice of the Government of India.

(d)—No official information is available.

(e)—Yes. There is provision under section 13 of the Act to exempt from the operation of the Act the slaughter of cattle for any religious purpose. If permission is sought for on any religious occasion, Government will consider the same.

(f)—The Bill was passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly after taking into consideration all facts. It is not under consideration of the Government to withdraw it.

109.—No Gosadan has been opened yet.

**\*\*Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara):** As regards (e), Sir, may I request the Government to see whether the power of issuing permission may be delegated to the Deputy Commissioner of the district ?

**\*Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** There is no proposal at present to amend the Act.

**\*\*Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED:** I do not want amendment of the Act. I want to know whether the Government is prepared to authorise the Deputy Commissioner or the Sub-divisional Officer to issue such permission because people as I understood it are finding much difficulty in approaching Government for obtaining such permission.

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\*Reply was given by the Revenue Minister, in the absence of the Minister, Agriculture.

\*\*Speech not corrected.



**\*\*Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) :** This is a good suggestion and it will be examined, Sir.

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY [Cherrapunji (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] :** Sir, is there any proposal to extend this Act to the Autonomous Districts ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** There is no proposal at present.

**\*\*Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) :** Sir, how Government is going to improve the cattle in the State ?

**\*\*Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) :** The Act is here and if the people co-operate with the Government then much improvement can be expected.

**\*\*Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) :** Sir, should we understand that the people are not always co-operating with the Government ?

**\*\*Shri HARESWAR DAS :** From our experience in the last general election we find that people are not only not co-operating in this matter but are definitely going against it.

**\*\*Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Then, Sir, should we understand that this Government has no confidence of the people ?

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Order, order, next Question.

### Number of people affected by Riot at Marichbari in Goalpara Subdivision

**Mr. JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilashipara) asked :**

**\*110.** Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What was the number of people affected by the riot in February 1956 at Marichbari in Lakhipur Thana within the Subdivision of Goalpara ?

(b) Whether any sum was sanctioned by the State Government for the relief of the victims of the said riot ?



- (c) Who were the recipients of such relief and the amount of relief granted to each ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that about 200 families were affected by the riot ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that out of these 200 families or so only 31 families of Marichbari were given relief ?
- (f) If so, why ?
- (g) Whether a letter was received by the Hon'ble Chief Minister from Maulavi Amjad Ali, M. P. regarding the relief of the Marichbari victims ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact the Hon'ble Chief Minister replied Mv. Amjad Ali, M. P., regarding the relief arrangement made for the riot-affected people of Marichbari ?
- (i) Whether the Minister-in-charge will be pleased to place on the table a copy of each of the letters for information of the Members of the House ?
- (j) Whether any arrangement for the rehabilitation of the riot-affected families have been made by the Government ?
- (k) If so, what were those arrangements ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that the mosque at Marichbari was also burnt down in the said riot ?
- (m) If so, whether any money has been allotted by the Government to reconstruct the mosque ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

110. (a)—132 families were affected. Number of persons involved is not known.

(b)—A sum of Rs. 5,000 was sanctioned by the State Government as gratuitous relief. In addition another sum of Rs. 5,000 was sanctioned from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and Rs. 300 was sanctioned from the Mechpara Estate Fund.

(c)—A list of recipients of relief showing the amount in each case is placed on the Library Table.



(d)—It is not a fact. Please refer to the reply given at (a) above.

(e)—No. The entire 132 families affected by riot were given relief both in cash and kind.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Copies of each of the letters are placed on the Library Table.

(j)—Yes.

(k)—A lump sum amount was given out of the amount received from Prime Minister's Relief Fund for Rehabilitation purpose to the 42 deserving affected families of which 33 were old encroachers and 9 were recent encroachers. Relief given to them was adequate for Rehabilitation purposes in consideration of the damages done to them. Further, the 33 old encroacher families were allotted land contiguous to the Morichbari Reserve and they were asked to shift there by vacating the encroached land which they have not complied with up till now.

Over and above, 7 families of Charalirjhar contiguous to Morichbari who were also affected by the riot have been given 3 bighas of land each at Charalirjhar.

The remaining new encroachers are not all landless. Sub-divisional Officer and Manager, Mechpara, were asked to allot lands in other suitable places to those among them who are actually landless and deserving.

(l)—Government have received no such information.

(m)—Does not arise.

**Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara)** : Will the Government take it from me that a mosque was burnt in the riot ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** : I am not prepared to accept it, Sir.



**Mr. SPEAKER:** I myself want one clarification. Here I want to draw the attention of the House. The question was "What was the number of people affected by the riot in February 1956 at Marichbari within the Subdivision of Goalpara" The reply is: "132 families were affected. Number of persons involved is not known". Now what is the difference between 'persons affected' and 'persons involved'? So I request the Hon. Minister to be clear in his reply in future so that no unnecessary complication is created for me.

**Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara):** Whether the Government is prepared to take the challenge, Sir?

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Order, order.

**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Jania):** May I ask a question regarding this? Unfortunately I was not present when the Minister was giving the reply. Regarding the answer that all the 135 persons, whose houses were burnt, were given settlement of land, may I know from the Minister whether he knows definitely that all the affected persons were provided with settlement of land?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** The matter stands like this, Sir. There were 133 *plus* 9 families who were provided with land. 3,000 bighas were dereserved. These were divided in three blocks—one Muslim block, one Refugee Block and one Tribal Block.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I am sorry to interrupt. The question is whether those people have been provided with land.

So the reply should be yes or no. Half an hour may be allowed, if any discussion is considered necessary.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** It cannot be replied by 'yes' or 'no', Sir. There are other things which are required to be stated in this connection to make it clear.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** But half an hour discussion is allowed only in case of Unstarred Question, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question is very simple. I may refer to rule 44, of the Assam Legislative Assembly, page 12, Chapter VII which is "No discussion shall be permitted in respect of any question or of any answer given to a question";



Provided that on notice given to the Speaker at question time, the Speaker may, in his discretion, allow half an hour after 4 p. m. or after the conclusion of the business of the day, etc”.

The hon. Member may refer to that rule. I hope the hon. Member is satisfied.

**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Jania)** : I want a definite information. My position has been compromised because on the assurance given by the Hon'ble Minister that these persons will be provided with settlement of land, I informed the persons concerned but I was told the other day that they have not been settled with land.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : I have made it very clear. The hon. Member will appreciate that discussion can be held in the half an hour discussion time as stated before me. In this connection, I think the Honble Minister is not in a position to give the reply.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** : I am in a position to reply, Sir. The land has been provided, but they are not going.

**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED** : Whether the Hon'ble Minister is aware that except 9 families all other families had not encroached ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS** : That is not a fact, Sir. In that area there were 33 families, which were old encroachers and there were 9 families, which were new encroachers. Besides this, there were 90 or 91 families, which were in the Tribal Block.

### **Proposal for Nationalisation of Sadiya-Tezu Route**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

\*111. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. be pleased to state whether a proposal for nationalisation of Sadiya-Tezu Route will be taken into consideration?

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

111.—There is no such proposal.



**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):**  
Will a proposal to examine the nationalisation scheme be taken up by the Hon'ble Minister ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport):**  
Yes, Sir.

**Terms and Conditions of Service of the "Piece Workers"  
of the Assam Government Press, Shillong**

**Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilashipara)**  
asked :

\*112. Will the Minister-in-charge of Printing and Stationery be pleased to state—

(a) The terms and conditions of service of the "Piece Workers" (Compositors) of the Assam Government Press, Shillong ?

(b) Whether they are allowed any kind of leave allowance during the period of their leave ?

(c) Whether they are entitled to pension according to the "Fundamental Rules and Assam Subsidiary Rules" ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Printing and Stationery)** replied :

112. (a)—The terms and conditions of service of the Piece Workers of the Government Press are identical with the terms and conditions of service of other Government servants and they are governed by the Fundamental Rules and the Subsidiary Rules. The difference lies in the system of payment for their work inasmuch as the Piece Workers are paid on the basis of actual work done at prescribed rates while other Government servants are paid on time scales of pay.

(b)—Yes. The Piece Workers are allowed leave allowance as admissible under Subsidiary Rule 132.

(c)—They are entitled to pension under Rule 38 of the Assam Pension Manual, 1939.



**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):**

With regard to answer (a), the Minister-in-charge has said that this is identical with other Government servants. What are the other categories of Government servants who are subjected to piece works ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Printing, etc.):**

That I do not know, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** This is a question which arises out of the main question. The hon. Member asks what are the other Government servants ?

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Sir, should we understand that all the other Government servants are subjected to the piece work system ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA :** There are different tasks which are called "piece works".

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The hon. Minister has said that the terms and conditions of service of the Piece Workers of the Government Press are identical with the terms and conditions of service of other Government servants. Now, which are the other Government Servants ?

**Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) :** Whether the Minister-in-charge is aware that one deaf and dumb Government servant of the Press has got training at Calcutta in the line, but no provision has been made for him for the last two years.

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA :** I want notice.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Do the Government consider it necessary to follow the policy of abandoning the system of piece work ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA :** As a matter of fact, Government have already decided to give regular scale of pay to all Government servants working in the Press.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj-North) :** Are Government aware that unlike other departments, the employees of the Government Press are to do extra work ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA :** Yes, they are required to do extra work when necessity arises.



**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj-North) :**  
What arrangement is being made for their payment in such cases ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Printing, etc., ) :**  
They are being paid under rules.

**Location of Headquarters of Panitola N.E.S. Block**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**  
asked :

\*113. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Project be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Headquarters of Panitola N. E. S. Block was suggested to be made at Panitola by the Local Development Board and the Deputy Commissioner in 1953 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Headquarters of the Panitola N.E.S. Block has been approved at Panitola ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner is contemplating to nominate one Merchant, one Contractor, one "Hatkhowa" and one "Mobaldar" to be members of the Advisory Committee of Panitola N.E.S. Block ?

(d) If so, who originated this suggestion to nominate these four different types of businessmen to the Advisory Committee ?

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

113. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. The question of fixation of the Headquarters of the Panitola N.E.S. Block has not yet been finalised by Government.

(c)—Government have no information.

(d)—Does not arise.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** Sir, the other day, in reply to an unstarred question, it was said that the headquarters of the Panitola N, E. S. Block is Chabua. Whether it is a printing mistake ?



**Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Deputy Minister, Community Project) :** Yes, what I stated here is as per records obtained from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

**Total Population of the Town of Shillong and its Suburbs under the Shillong Municipality**

**Maulana ABDUL JALIL CHOUDHURY (Badarpur)** asked:

\*114. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The total population of the town of Shillong and its suburbs under the Shillong Municipality ?
- (b) The total number of gallons of water available for supply to the above persons by the Municipality ?
- (c) What is the minimum number of gallons of water required for their use ?

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

114. (a)—The total population of Shillong within the municipal limits according to the Census of 1951 was 53,756. Since then, the population has been steadily on the increase due to influx of refugees and normal increase in population.

(b)—Eighteen lakh gallons (approximately) of water per day in the rainy season. The supply in the dry season varies from 10 to 14 lakh gallons daily according to the acuteness of the dry season in different years.

(c) —About 30 lakh gallons of water per day.



**Construction of bridges and culverts to the newly constructed road from Pengeree to Philobari in Burhidihing Mouza of Lakhimpur District:**

**Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)** asked :

\*115. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that the newly constructed road from Pengeree to Philobari in Burhidihing mouza of Lakhimpur District has been lying unused for want of necessary bridges and culverts?

(b) If so, whether Government have any proposal to construct these bridges in this year?

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

115. (a) & (b)—Yes. The work is still in progress and has not been completed.

**Application of the Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund Scheme, 1956**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)** asked :

\* 115. Will the Minister in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund Scheme, 1956 has been made applicable only to those labourers who are residents within the plantation area?

(b) If so, whether it is a fact that large number of actual tea labourers has been deprived of the facility of joining the provident fund scheme?

(c) Whether Government proposes to revise the Scheme so that all *bona fide* Tea Labourers whether resident within the plantation area or not may join the provident fund scheme?



**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

116. (a)—Yes, The Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund Scheme Act, 1955 is applicable to adult labourers resident on plantations.

(b)—4,58,793 labourers out of a total working population of 5,64,544 have been covered by the Scheme.

(c)—Yes; an Amending Bill is already with the Government of India for their concurrence.

### **Wages of Labourers working in Rajabari Tea Garden**

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thoura)** asked :

\*117 Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that in Rajabari garden in the Sibsagar Subdivision the labourers are not getting their wages for the last four or five months ?

(b) If the answer is in the affirmative, what steps Government are taking in the matter ?

(c) If not, why not ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that the authorities of the gardens are not regular in paying the wages to the labourers and staff for the last six or seven years ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that the labourers of the garden are not getting their usual amenities as provided in the law for the last six or seven years ?

(f) If it is a fact that for the non-payment of wages as in questions (d) and (e) above the labourers went on strike in the year 1955 or 1956 ?

(g) What steps were taken by Government to avert the strike ?

(h) Whether Government propose to take over the management of such gardens in near future ?

(i) If not, why not ?



**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

117. (a)—Yes.  
(b)—Labour Officer concerned has been instructed to institute prosecution against management concerned.  
(c)—Does not arise.  
(d)—Yes.  
(e)—The employer has been served with a notice to submit housing and medical schemes as is required under the Assam Plantations Labour Rules, 1956. The employer has further been asked to take necessary steps to provide creche and the required recreational facilities.  
(f)—Yes.  
(g)—The strike was called off at the intervention of the Labour Department.  
(h)—The question of taking over of mismanaged gardens by Government is at present under examination of Government.  
(i) Does not arise.

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thoura)** : Is it a fact that many of the tea gardens are not included in the scheme ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI** : Yes.

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA** : Are Government prepared to make additional schemes for their inclusion ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI** : So far as I know, we have drafted a scheme, which is pending for consideration of the Government of India. Now the "Falto" workers whose work does not exceed a certain limit, will be excluded from the consideration of the scheme. In the New Act also, the work on account of the yield per acre and areas under less than 25 acres of tea will continue to be all temporary.

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA** : May I know the reason from the Hon'ble Minister regarding delay in payment ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI** : It is due to financial difficulties.

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA** : May I know the yield per acre of the adjoining gardens ?



**Mr. SPEAKER :** The question is big enough.

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour):** It is not for me to say the yield per acre or the total yields of the adjoining gardens.

*Re : Mawblang-Shela Bazar Road*

**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)** asked :

\*118. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. be pleased to state in connection with Mawblang-Shela Bazar road,—

- (a) The distance in miles ?
- (b) The expenditure upto 31st March 1957 (excluding compensation) ?
- (c) The compensation paid upto 31st March 1957 ?
- (d) The compensation paid for, per plant or tree :
  - (i) Orange
  - (ii) Bettlenut
  - (iii) Jackfruit
  - (iv) Pineapple
  - (v) Panleaves ?
- (e) Pending contractors' bills to be paid (number and amount) ?

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

118. (a)—The distance of the road is 22 miles.

(b)—Rupees 19,18,917.

(c)—Rupees 1,31,290.

(d)—The compensation paid per tree is as follows—

Big		Medium		Nursery
Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
10	...	5	20	per 100 plants.
10	...	5	20	Do.
10	...	5	20	Do.
25	per 100 plants.			
4	...	2	per plant.	

(e)—There are 7 (seven) contractors' bills to be paid totalling Rs.35,000 approximately.



**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** Are all these plants paid in different rates or the payment is made in different rates ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, P. W. D.) :** Sir, they are paid in different payments. For example, oranges-big ones are paid at Rs.10, medium ones at Rs.5 and Nursery Rs.20 per 100 plants. So also is the case with bettlenut, jackfruit, pineapple and panleaves.

**Rev. J. I. M. NICHOLS-ROY [Cherrapunji (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] :** Sir, do the Government know that there are some people from the village of Laittyra who have not been paid any compensation for the trees destroyed in the construction of Mawblang-Shella Bazar road ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA :** Government have no information, Sir. However if my Friend will give me the information I will make an enquiry.

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS ROY:** Will the Minister-in-charge enquire ?

**Mr. SPEAKER:** That is what he says.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS (Karimganj-North):** Sir, is it a fact that after spending 3 lakhs of rupees for this particular road, the alignment was subsequently changed and a portion of the road was abandoned ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA :** That does not arise.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS :** It does arise, Sir.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Sir, in reply to question 118(a), the Hon. Minister said that the distance of the road is 22 miles. May I know whether this distance of 22 miles is after deducting the three miles which were abandoned after having incurred an expenditure of 3 lakhs of rupees ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA :** I want notice of that question, Sir.



**Re: Mawlong-Mawshamok Road**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)** asked :

\*119. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. be pleased to state—

- (a) The distance of Mawlong-Mawshamok Road and the expenditure incurred on this upto 31st March 1957 ?
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to re-open Mawmluh-Mawshamok Road ?
- (c) Whether the roads in (a) and (b) above are open both for public and private jeeps in all seasons?

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

119. (a)—Four miles, Rs.3,34,320.

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

(c)—Regarding (a) above, the road is occasionally closed during the rains due to land slips, etc. As for (b), does not arise.

**Amount of money spent for the Road from Ghagra River Bridge in Cachar Trunk Road**

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA** asked :

\*120. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) What amount of money has been spent for the road from Ghagra River Bridge in Cachar Trunk Road to Arunachal Railway Station ?

(b) Whether the road has been completed ?

(c) Who had sanctioned the plan ?

(d) Whether the N.C.C. also was engaged for constructing this road ?

(e) What additional amount was spent for camping the N.C.C. for constructing this road ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that parts of this road have melted away ?



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

120. (a)—The road from Ghagra River Bridge on Cachar Trunk Road to Arunachal Railway Station is not a Public Works Department Road.

(b) to (f)—Public Works Department have no information.

**Rehabilitation of the people of the former Sadiya Town**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

\*121. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government are aware that the people of former Sadiya Town, which was devastated by the River Dibang in 1953 or so, have not yet been rehabilitated properly ?

(b) Whether Government have chalked out schemes to rehabilitate these people by establishing a Township at Chepakhowa ?

(c) Whether this new town will be called Na-Sadiya Town ?

(d) If not, whether there is a proposal to re-establish a town at Na-Sadiya ?

(e) If so, when the work will be started and when it is expected to be completed ?

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

121. (a)—Details have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—This has not yet been decided.

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

(e)—The proposed township at Chepakhowa has been surveyed and plans prepared for laying out the new township. Plans and estimates for construction of office buildings, staff



quarters, etc., of the different departments have been made by Public Works Department and sent to the Departments concerned for according administrative approval and providing necessary funds. Administrative approval has already been accorded for the Public Works Department buildings. Necessary provision for construction of Court buildings, Dak Bungalow, etc., has been made and administrative approval will be accorded after the Budget Session is over. Administrative approval was also accorded for construction of some roads at an estimated cost of Rs.3,92,500 in May 1954 and October 1955. Details of progress so far made have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner. It is difficult to say at this stage as to when the works will be completed.

**Taking up of the Road from Assam Trunk Road  
at Panitola through Dinjan to Rongagora**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**  
asked :

\*122. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) If it is a fact that a road from Assam Trunk Road at Panitola through Dinjan to Rongagora Road which was improved and asphalted during the last great war has been taken over by the Public Works Department last year?

(b) If so, what was the amount sanctioned from the last Budget and whether the amount so allotted was spent?

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

122. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A sum of Rs.40,000 was allotted for expenditure during 1956-57.

Information regarding amount spent during 1956-57 has been called for.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** Do Government know that the road in question was already asphalted and it was also improved during the last great war? Sir, is not the amount of Rs.40,000 for the purpose very high?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA :** Sir, according to estimates the amount was sanctioned.



**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** Whether the Minister-in-charge will inspect the road personally in his next tour and take me with him to show all these things ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Miniter, P. W. D.):** Yes, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** For a free ride.

*Re: Housing Loan*

**Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur)** asked :

\*123. Will the Minister-in-charge of Housing be pleased to state how many people were provided with Housing loans at North Lakhimpur Subdivision in 1955-56 and 1956-57 with names ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Town and Country Planning)** replied :

123.—Five and fourteen persons were sanctioned Housing Loans in North Lakhimpur Subdivision during the years 1955-56 and 1956-57 respectively under the Low Income Group Housing Scheme. Their names are—

- |                                  |   |                 |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. Shri Lila Kanta Deuri Bharali | } | During 1955-56. |
| 2. Santiram Bora.                |   |                 |
| 3. Sonananda Challeng.           |   |                 |
| 4. Krishnaram Bora.              |   |                 |
| 5. Basanta Gogoi.                |   |                 |
| 6. Mahananda Roy.                |   |                 |
| 7. Purnanda Changmai.            |   |                 |
| 8. Thagendra Nath Hazarika.      |   |                 |
| 9. Lokeswar Gogoi.               |   |                 |
| 10. Ghanasyam Bora.              |   |                 |
| 11. Ratneswar Deba Sarma.        |   |                 |
| 12. Jogeswar Mahanta.            |   |                 |
| 13. Buddhindra Ch. Mahanta.      |   |                 |
| 14. Rama Kanta Sarma.            |   |                 |
| 15. Bhogeswar Barua.             |   |                 |
| 16. Kalia Chutia.                |   |                 |
| 17. Bidyadhar Goswami.           |   |                 |
| 18. Haripada Datta.              |   |                 |
| 19. Sonaram Chutia.              |   |                 |



**Shri MOHANANDA BORA :** (North-Lakhimpur)  
Sir, in this question it is printed as Housing Loan and this subject was discussed yester-day. It was a printing mistake. It should be Industrial Loan.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** I am sorry. I regret very much for all these short-comings, but that cannot be helped.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) :**  
Was the hon. Member not given the draft to correct the typing or printing mistakes in time ?

**Shri MOHANANDA BORA :** In the copy supplied to me before there was no mistake.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** I will see that these things do not happen in future.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palasbari) :** Mr. Speaker  
Sir, in reply to many questions it has been stated "Information is being collected". May I know whether the information, when received, will be supplied to the members concerned ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** Sir, generally such questions lapse. If the hon. Member renews the questions they will be replied to in the next Session. But if in the mean-time he asks Government to supply information to him, that can be done.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** There is a special case because many of the admitted questions, for which proper notice was given, could not be replied to due to delay in collecting information. Ordinarily after the Session is over they lapse. Unless the questions are renewed they will not come before the House. In the meanwhile, as the Hon'ble Chief Minister says, if the information is sent to the Members who put the questions, that would be convenient.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** That we can do, Sir.



**Re : Umtru Hydro Electric Project**

**Shri KAMALA PRASAD AGARWALA (Tezpur)** asked :

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

- (a) The cost of the Umtru Hydro-Electric Project as originally estimated in the First Five-Year Plan ?
- (b) The actual total cost that will be required to complete the Project ?
- (c) The total out-put in Killowatts that will be generated as was estimated in the original First Five-Year Plan ?
- (d) The actual out-put in Killowatts that will be available for consumption after completion of the Project ?

221. (a) The number of thermal plants to generate electricity and proposed to be installed in different places of Assam ?

- (b) If reply to question (a) above be in affirmative, which places are selected for installation of such plants ?
- (c) What is the capacity of the plants (in Killowatts) that will be installed ?
- (d) What is the probable cost of a Thermal Plant which will produce electrical energy of the capacity of 10000 KW. ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Major Industries)** replied :

220. (a), (b) (c) & (d)—The first provision made for the Umtru Hydro-Electric Project in the First Five-Year Plan was Rs. 85 lakhs for a scheme which involved an installed capacity of 5000 KW. Thereafter, as a result of further detailed investigations and consultations with Engineers of Canada and the Central Water and Power Commission, the size of the Project was increased to provide for an installed capacity of 7500 KW. The specifications of the tunnels etc., were also altered in the light of investigations and the revised cost was Rs. 157.59 lakhs. Since then, the civil estimates have increased further largely on account of increase in Steel Pipe diameter and the size of the conduit system and higher cost of construction of the wire and appurtenant work, etc. Certain fresh items were also added. The present estimates put the cost of the Project at Rs.205.34



lakhs. The scheme will have an installed capacity of 7500 KW. in three units of 2500 each.

221. (a)—24.

(b) & (c)—The places included in the Second Five-Year Plan for installation of thermal Plants and the capacity envisaged in the plan is indicated below:—

1. Sualkuchi	...	...	...	...	100 KW.
2. Nalbari	...	...	...	...	100 KW.
3. Goalpara	...	...	...	...	150 KW.
4. Mangaldai	...	...	...	...	100 KW.
5. Dergoan	...	...	...	...	100 KW.
6. Golaghat	...	...	...	...	200 KW.
7. Nowgong	...	...	...	...	250 KW.
8. Karimganj	...	...	...	...	216 KW.
9. Tura	...	...	...	...	50 KW.
10. Cherrapunji Steam Plant at Umtyn-gar.					12000 KW.
11. Titabar	...	...	...	...	100 KW.
12. Sibsagar-Nazira	...	...	...	...	250 KW.
13. Doom Dooma	...	...	...	...	150 KW.
14. Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	100 KW.
15. North Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	200 KW.
16. Hojai	...	...	...	...	100 KW.
17. Diphu	...	...	...	...	50 KW.
18. Kokrajhar	...	...	...	...	150 KW.
19. Dhekiajuli	...	...	...	...	50 KW.
20. Jowai	...	...	...	...	75 KW.
21. Aijal	...	...	...	...	50 KW.
22. Udalguri	...	...	...	...	50 KW.
23. Bhurbandha	...	...	...	...	50 KW.
24. Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	50 KW.

The power houses in the first 9 places have already started functioning.

(d)—The cost of a steam plant with capacity of 10,000 KW., is approximately Rs.1,25 crores excluding transmission and distribution system. It is not known what may be the total cost of a diesel plant of that capacity.

### Supply of Rice and Atta by the Central Government

**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi)** asked :

222. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The total quantity of rice and atta to be supplied by the Central Government to Assam Government during the current year ?



- (b) The quantity of rice and atta since arrived in Assam upto 1st June, 1957 ?
- (c) Whether any special arrangement for transportation of the food-grain has been made by Government ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied :

222. (a)—Rice—The Government of India have so far made allotment for 26,000 tons of rice out of the total demand for 50,000 tons and also additional allotment of 7,000 tons for Naga Hills during this year. Further allotments are being expected.

Atta—Atta is not supplied by the Government of India. A monthly quota of 3,000 tons of whole wheat is allotted to Assam during the current year. The Government of India have been moved to increase the monthly quota to 4,850 tons of whole wheat out of which 2,850 tons have been decided to be issued along with rice through Fair Price Shops.

(b)—Rice—13,993.67 tons.

Whole wheat—10,962 tons arrived from Central Government's Stock at Calcutta. Besides, an approximate quantity of 2,000 tons of milled atta have arrived during the period in question on private trade account.

(c)—Yes. All possible steps have been taken by Government to bring more food-grains into Assam by providing transport facilities and arranging *ad hoc* specials. The Railways and Steamer authorities have also been requested to give priorities to movement of food-grains to Assam.

**Re: Fair Price Shops**

**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi)** asked :

223. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of Fair Price Shops opened upto 1st June, 1957 (the figures to be supplied subdivision-wise) ?



- (b) Approximate number of people to be served by one such shop ?
- (c) Price at which rice is to be supplied to the public from these shops ?
- (d) Who is the appointing authority of the dealers of the fair price shops ?
- (e) Under whose supervision rice and atta have been distributed through these shops and what is the system adopted by Government for equitable distribution of these food-grains ?
- (f) What is the margin of profit given to the dealers?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that in some places there are keen competitions among the businessmen to become dealers of such food-grains shops ?
- (h) If so, what is the reason behind it ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied :

223. (a)—Nine hundred and fifty seven shops.

1. Karimganj .. .. .	20
2. Diphu .. .. .	3
3. Haflong .. .. .	6
4. Kohima .. .. .	6
5. Dibrugarh .. .. .	108
Nowgong .. .. .	48

( not regularly function i n g as rice was not lifted by retailers from Central Government D'e p o s a t Gauhati).



7. Jorhat	...	...	...	...	48
8. Golaghat	..	...	...	...	8
9. Gauhati	..	..	..	...	247
10. Barpeta	...	...	...	...	76
11. Shillong	..	...	...	..	307
12. Jowai	...	...	...	...	8
13. Mangaldai	...	...	...	..	48
14. Tura	..	..	..	...	24
Total					957

(b)—Approximate by 500 people.

(c)—Rupees 18-8-0 per md. where the transport cost from Central Government depot to distributing centre is Rs.2 or below per md. But in respect of those places where the transport cost is more than Rs.2 per md. the selling price is fixed on the basis of the *Ex-Central Government depot price* of Rs.16 per md. *plus* actual transport cost to the distribution centres.

(d)—Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers as the case may be.

(e)—Local Officers and the Supply staff. For equitable distribution of food-grains informal family identity cards have been introduced in certain areas and the local officers have been advised to issue informal family identity cards where these have not been in force in the Urban areas. Instructions have also been issued to local officers to form food committees of representative character to ensure equitable distribution to deserving consumers. In those areas where there are Panchayats local officers have been advised to consult the President or the Secretary of the Panchayat regarding distribution of food-grains in the scarcity affected areas.

(f)—Annas eight per md. *plus* the empty gunny bags for rice and annas twelve per md. *plus* the empty gunny bag for atta.



(g)—Government have no information.

(h)—Does not arise.

### **Rice voluntarily given by the Millers to Government**

**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi)** asked :

224. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The total quantity of *rice voluntarily given* by the millers to the Government *at the request of the present Supply Minister* ?
- (b) The price at which they have agreed to supply ?
- (c) The arrangements made for distribution of such rice ?
- (d) The price fixed by Government and the price realised from the consumers ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied :

224. (a)—The total quantity offered cannot be stated. But individual mills informally offered from 1,000 mds. to 4,000 mds.

(b)—The prices varied from Rs.22 to Rs.24 per md. according to local conditions.

(c) & (d)—It was left to the local officers to arrange distribution. But it was agreed that the millers would carry rice by their trucks to the points upto which trucks can go and that transport costs from these points to interior places of distribution would be subsidised by Government. The retailers would sell rice to consumers according to the directions of local officers and get a profit margin of annas 8 per maund.

### **Scheme for permanent improvement of the scarcity and famine areas in the border**

**Shri LARSING KHYRIEM Jowai [(Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]** asked :

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

- (a) Whether the scheme for the permanent improvement of the scarcity and famine areas in the border have been abolished ?
- (b) If so, why ?



- (c) Whether the scheme was financed by the Central Government ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the people are still in great hardship ?
- (e) If so, whether Government propose to declare the area as a famine area ?
- (f) If not, whether Government propose to make an enquiry ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied :

225. (a)—The scheme for the permanent improvement of the scarcity and famine areas in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills and the Naga Hills was initiated with loan assistance from Government of India and it was intended to implement the scheme within a period of two years. The scheme was started in 1954-55 and the entire scheme for the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills costing Rs. 15 lakhs and has been fully implemented.

(b)—As the scheme itself was for a specific period and with fixed financial targets, the question of abolition of the scheme does not arise after it is fully implemented.

(c)—The scheme was financed by the State Government with a loan from the Central Government to the extent of Rs. 44 lakhs, 15 lakhs being for the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District and Rs. 29 lakhs for the Naga Hills District.

(d)—In spite of some substantial improvement in the position reports have been received that there are yet some people in the border areas covered by the scheme who are still facing some hardship.

(e)—Further schemes under different provisions having been already undertaken for the benefit of the people of the areas to remove their hardship, the Government would like to see how far the implementation of these schemes go to ameliorate the distress. In view of these steps, Government do not feel the need of declaring the area as a famine area.

(f)—Besides, additional schemes being already taken up to help the people in the areas in question, it has also been decided to start a comprehensive enquiry as the economic conditions of the people in general in the areas in question with a view to determine the extent of further help that may be reasonably called for.



# Subsidy for Bonemeal under Article 275 and the Grow More Food Fund

**Shri LARSING KHYRIEM Jowni, [(Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]** asked :

226. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Since when the subsidy for bonemeal under Article 275 of the Constitution of India and the Grow More Food Fund was given to United Khasi-Jaintia District ?
- (b) What was the amount of subsidy allotted in the years 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 for Jaintia Hills ?
- (c) The quantity of bonemeal used in Jaintia Hills last year ?
- (d) Whether the subsidy was given in time, *i.e.*, before sowing season ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that sowing season in Jaintia Hills starts from the last week of April every year ?
- (f) If so, why one-fourth of the total requirement of the Subdivision only has been subsidised ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware that the non-procurement of subsidised bonemeal in time will lead to difficulties of the growers causing failure of crop ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to make a thorough enquiry into the matter and take drastic action against the officer or officers responsible for non-procurement of subsidised bonemeal in time ?

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

226. (a)—The subsidy was given since 1953-54 under Article 275 and since 1955-56 under Grow More Food Scheme.

(b)—

Year			Under Article 275	Under Grow More Food	Total
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1951-52	...	...	Nil	Nil	Nil
1952-53	...	...	Nil	Nil	Nil
1953-54	...	...	5,000	Nil	5,000
1954-55	...	...	17,814	Nil	17,814
1955-56	...	...	49,614	5,250	54,864
1956-57	...	...	18,000	6,475	24,475



(c)—No statistics are available. Apart from the Government supply, private parties also supply bonemeal.

(d)—Yes. Whenever subsidy is given.

(e)—In areas above 4000 feet elevation, sowing is usually done in April, but in a year of drought as this year, sowing is even continuing during June.

(f)—The actual amount made available depends on budget provision and also on availability of stocks.

(g)—The bonemeal and phosphates is a limiting factor in crop production in the Jaintia Hills is well known.

(h)—The Government depends primarily on outside sources like Bengal for the supply of bonemeal. Due to increasing demand for bonemeal all over India and due to the Bengal Government having taken over all supplies of bonemeal available in Calcutta the Government have had to look for sources outside Bengal for getting further supplies required. Recently the Government have arranged some supplies from U. P. and have taken over all available local stocks from local producers and suppliers for subsidised supply. In order to make increased supplies available transport facilities have also been arranged for private parties when required. Due to the scarcity of bonemeal subsidised supply of superphosphate which has similar manurial action has been arranged for Jowai where it is readily available. As no officers are responsible for the shortage, no enquiry is contemplated.

### **Protective Measures for the Palasbari Town**

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palasbari)** asked:

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

(a) Whether a deputation of the Palasbari town people lately waited upon him and the Chief Minister for taking protective measures for the Palasbari town?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Governor of Assam visited Palasbari and met the representatives of the town and wrote to the Public Works Department for taking protective measures of the town?



(c) Whether it is a fact that the Public Works Department Minister and the Chief Minister requested the Chief Engineer Embankment and Drainage (Mr. Nag) personally to visit the town and see if the town can be protected?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer, Embankment and Drainage did not visit Palasbari at all nor did he take any protective measures for the protection of the town?

(e) Whether Government are aware that the river has become shallow at the bank in the last December, January and February?

(f) Whether Government are aware of the local public feeling that if steps would have been taken early in time the town could have been protected?

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

227. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No. Shri Nag visited Palasbari several times during 1954, 1955, 1956.

(e)—Fresh Cross-Sections of the Brahmaputra at Palasbari have been taken by the Department and the results are awaited.

(f)—No.

**Re: Administrative Building of the Assam Medical College**

**Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKEUR (Dibrugarh)** asked :

228. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Administrative building of the Assam Medical College was completed in just twenty-eight days during April and May, 1957?



(b) Whether the office of the Assam Medical College is housed in that building ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the re-inforced cement concrete takes about 50 days to set in for practical purposes ?

(d) Whether the occupation of that building was safe for use from technical point of view by the occupants ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some of the walls and the roof cracked and fissured during the second week of May, 1957 ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the roof had to be dismantled on 16th May, 1957 ?

(g) If so, what steps Government propose to take against the Contractor and to prevent recurrence of such a practice ?

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

228. (a)—Work order was issued to contractor in September, 1955, and the building was practically completed in January, 1957.

(b)—Yes, since March, 1957.

(c)—No. It takes 28 days.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No.

(f)—No.

(g)—Does not arise.



**Re: Public Works Department**

**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sarbhog)** asked :

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

(a) Whether the Public Works Department is fully equipped with feasible proposals and plans and technical officers by this time so that the Second Five Year Plan money for this Department are fully utilised instead of surrendering the same at the end of the plan period ?

(b) If not, why not ?

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

229. (a)— Yes.

(b)—So far as proposals and plans relating to Schemes of the Public Works Department are concerned, administrative approval for the Schemes have mostly been accorded and work is in progress.

With regard to proposals and plans for Building Projects of other Departments to be executed by Public Works Department most of the major Schemes are yet to be finalised by the Departments. This has already been taken up with them.

**Technical Officers.**—There is extreme shortage of technical officers in the country for which Public Works Department could not equip itself with the full requirement of technical personnel yet. There is shortage of about 75 Engineers and about 150 Overseers at the moment. Attempts to recruit them are being made but the shortfall is likely to continue owing to general shortage of technically trained personnel in the country as referred to above.

It is expected that 1959 when Engineers from our College and larger number of boys from our Engineering School come out, the shortage will be filled up.

Overseers Grade III, who have been trained under a short term Scheme will also get sufficiently experienced by 1959 to manage the work they are called upon.



**Re : Roads in the new site of the Palasbari Town****Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari)** asked :

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

(a) When money was sanctioned for construction of Roads in the new site of the Palasbari Town ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that uptil now no action has been taken for constructing the Roads ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that for non-construction of Roads no action could be taken for establishing the new town at Palasbari ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take immediate action for constructing the Roads of the new town ?

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

230. (a)—In March 1957.

(b)—No. The work was started towards the end of the last financial year and is in progress.

(c) & (d)—Do not arise in view of (b) above.

**Applications for Small Industrial Loans****Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOWDHURY (Nalbari-East)** asked :

231. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(a) How many applications for small industrial loans were received by him during 1956-57 ?

(b) How many of them were enquired into ?

(c) How many of them were disposed of ?

(d) How many of them are still lying without action?



**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Industries)** replied :

231. (a)—1,349 applications.

(b)—1,251 cases were sent for enquiry.

(c)—Out of 1251 cases sent for enquiry, reports were received in 257 cases after completion. Of them, 234 were sanctioned loans and 25 were rejected.

(d)—98 applications were pending transmission for enquiry at the close of the year 1956-57.

**Re: Grant of loan to Cottage Industries**

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara)** asked :

232. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(a) The amount granted for Tile Industry to different organisations in Assam in the year 1955-56 ?

(b) The amount granted for other Cottage Industries in 1955-56 to each Subdivision of the State ?

(c) The method of distribution of loan to each individual ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Cottage Industries)** replied :

232. (a)—No applications for grant for the Tile Industry were received.

(b)—

Subdivisions				Loans	Grants
				Rs.	Rs.
Dibrugarh	...	...	...	23,600	300
North Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	250
Sibsagar	...	...	...	42,000	250
Jorhat	...	...	...	58,300	4,250
Golaghat	...	...	...	13,550	...
Nowgong	...	...	...	25,200	2,000
Tezpur	...	...	...	56,550	800



Subdivisions				Loans	Grants
				Rs.	Rs.
Mangaldai	...	...	...	10,000	...
Gauhati	...	...	...	2,55,400	5,100
Barpeta	...	...	...	1,800	2,250
Nalbari	...	...	...	42,600	600
Dhubri	...	...	...	13,500	1,350
Goalpara	...	...	...	15,900	...
Shillong	...	...	...	14,450	22,194
Jowai	...	...	...	...	5,750
Silchar	...	...	...	1,700	3,250
Karimganj	...	...	...	1,600	..
Tura	...	...	...	...	8,776
Kohima	...	...	...	...	1,460
Mokokchung	...	...	...	...	...
Aijal	...	...	...	...	3,531
Lungleh	...	...	...	...	1,124
Mikir Hills	...	...	...	300	4,106
Haflong	...	...	...	...	4,230
				<u>5,76,450</u>	<u>71,561</u>

(c)—Loans up to Rs.1,000 are sanctioned by the Director and above Rs.1,000 by Government. After a loan is sanctioned by the competent authority, the Accountant General, Assam is addressed to issue authorisation for the loan amount at the Shillong Treasury. After the payment has been authorised by the Treasury, the loan amount is disbursed generally to the loanee by a Draft obtained from the State Bank of India, Shillong through the Deputy Commissioner or the Subdivisional Officer and in the case of loans below Rs.1,000 through the Rural Development Officer.



*Re: Scarcity of Rice and Paddy*

**Maulavi NURUL ISLAM (Dhing)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Assam as a whole is a surplus state in regard to production of paddy ?
- (b) If the answer to Question (a) above be in the affirmative what is the reason for scarcity of rice and paddy in different places now ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that rice and paddy are available when high price is offered ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that business men and merchants have got sufficient stocks of paddy and rice kept in their godowns ?
- (e) If so, what steps the Government propose to take to have these stocks released ?
- (f) What measures Government have taken or propose to take to bring down the soaring prices of food-stuffs in different districts in Assam ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied :

233. (a)—Normally Assam could not be regarded as a deficit State in regard to production of paddy. But in consequence of increase in population in the State owing to various factors, the estimated production of 1956-57 is considered inadequate.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Yes. Regarding causes for high prices reference may be made to my statement in connection with the Food Debate.

(d)—It is reported that the millers might have some stocks of paddy as usually kept by them. They are producing rice from their stocks of paddy and gradually releasing it.



(e)—Millers from different areas had been persuaded to release rice produced from their available stocks of paddy and many of them have agreed to release rice at the prices lower than existing market rates.

(f)—All possible steps have been taken to bring down the high prices of food-stuffs in different districts in Assam. For checking the high prices of rice in the open market, Central Government rice has been distributed to consumers at Rs.18-8-0 per maund through Fair Price Shops opened by the local Officers concerned where considered necessary. Rice offered by the millers is being distributed to consumers, transport costs being subsidised wherever necessary. As regards other essential food-stuffs imported from outside, intending importers have been provided with transport facilities to bring more quantities of these essential commodities into Assam. Some *ad-hoc* specials had been arranged to bring these articles and as a result the rice in open market prices have been checked.

**Re: Movement of Rice and Paddy to and from Cachar District to Other States**

**Shri RANENTI RA MOHAN DAS (Karimgang-North)**  
asked :

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

- (a) The total quantity of rice and paddy separately exported from Cachar District during 1955-56 and 1956-57 ?
- (b) The total quantity of rice and paddy imported from other States to the Cachar District during the same years separately ?
- (c) The total cost for the movement of rice and paddy in Questions (a) and (b) above separately ?
- (d) How many Railway wagons were engaged for the above movements ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied :

234.—The information is being collected.



**Re: Money realised out of gift rice by the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar**

**Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY** [North-Lakhimpur, (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

235. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What was the total quantity of gift rice that was given to the Jorhat Subdivision during the year 1956-57 ?
- (b) What was the total amount of money that was collected by the present Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar through the Sub-Deputy Collectors of the respective circles of Jorhat Subdivision from out of the gift rice ?
- (c) If so, when the money so collected had been deposited into the Government Treasury ?
- (d) If not, what has been done with the money ?
- (e) Whether it is admissible to realise money out of the gift rice ?
- (f) If not, why the present Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar realised the money ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied—

235.—Information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar. His reply is being awaited.

**Re: Cement and C. I. Sheets at Dibrugarh**

**Shri NILMONEY BARTHAHAKUR (Dibrugarh)** asked :

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

- (a) How many applications for permit of Cement and C. I. Sheets were received by the Supply Superintendent of Dibrugarh during the year 1956-57 and for what quantities in aggregate ?



- (b) How many were given permits and for what aggregate quantities ?
- (c) What was the total quota allotted for Dibrugarh for the same year ?
- (d) What aggregate quantities of Cement and C. I. Sheets were allotted for Messrs. Jalan Industries for the year 1956-57 and for what purpose ?
- (e) What steps Government purpose to take to improve the position of supply of Cement and C.I. Sheets at Dibrugarh ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that M/S. Steels Worth, an authorised dealer of C. I. Sheets at Tinsukia have resigned their agency because they had to hold their stock for an inordinately long time, consequent on the failure of the Supply Department to issue permits for sale ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Supply)** replied :

236. (a)—One thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven petitions for 15,345 bundles of C. I. Sheets and 3,205 petitions for 73,994 bags of Cement were received by the Superintendent of Supply, Dibrugarh during the year 1956-57.

(b)—One thousand, five hundred and forty petitioners were granted permits for 8,077 bundles of C. I. Sheets and 3,102 petitioners were granted permits for 31,099 bags of Cement during the period in question.

(c)—During the same year Dibrugarh Sadar Subdivision including Tinsukia was allotted 9,600 bundles of C. I. Sheets and 94,280 bags of Cement.

(d)—Forty-eight bundles of C. I. Sheets and a total quantity of 355 bags of Cement were received by M/S. Jalan Industries during the year 1956-57 for Maternity Ward at Tinsukia, Commercial Building and Balika Siksha Sadan at Dibrugarh.



(e)—During the year 1956-57 supply position of Cement and C.I. Sheets at Dibrugarh Sadar Subdivision has not been unsatisfactory. However, Government are taking all possible steps for the improvement of supply position of these materials to this State as a whole.

(f)—There is no authorised dealer for C. I. Sheets in the name of M/S. Steels Worth. M/S Steel Corporation, Tinsukia are the registered dealer for C. I. Sheets who have since resigned their dealership owing to low margin of profit, heavy investment of capital and slow disposal of stocks, etc.

### **Re : employment of Pensioners**

**Shri B. M. ROY (Shillong)** asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that in reply to certain correspondence made with Government by the Secretary, Shillong Pensioners' Association with regard to re-employment of pensioners who are still active and physically fit, an assurance was lately given by Government that the cases of such pensioners would be favourably considered?

(b) If the reply is in the affirmative, how far that assurance has been implemented till now?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance)** replied :

237. (a)—The Secretary of the Shillong Civil Pensioners' Association was informed that re-employment of superannuated Government servants was allowed only in exceptional cases in the public interest. He was further informed that in suitable cases proposals for re-employment would be sympathetically considered provided the persons concerned were physically fit and efficient. It is the policy of Government not to re-employ retired officers generally so that young people may get their chance ; but exemptions have to be made in respect of technical and medical personnel as there is great dearth of such officers.

(b)—Government have been, from time to time, re-employing engineering and medical personnel as the number of suitable young officers are far below the demand.



**Re: Accommodation of Government Offices**

**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katanigaon)**  
asked :

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

(a) The amount spent as house rent for the Government offices by the Government of Assam per month in the State ?

(b) Whether Government propose to devise any means to accommodate all the offices of a town in a big building for better co-ordination of work ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance)**  
replied :

238. (a)—Information is being collected.

(b)—Government do not think that it would be possible at present to accommodate all offices in one building. Further the construction of big buildings depends on availability of materials, such as, iron, cement, etc.

Government agree that it would be convenient for the public if all the Government offices are accommodated in one big building or 2 or more contiguous buildings. Government would bear this fact in mind while undertaking construction of office buildings in future.

**Re: Accommodation of Government Offices at Shillong**

**Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)**  
asked :

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

(a) The amount of money paid yearly as rent for private buildings used for the Government offices at Shillong ?

(b) Whether Government propose to make provision to build its own buildings to accommodate the offices now located in private buildings at Shillong on rent ?



**Shri DEBESWAR SARMA (Minister, Finance)** replied :

239. (a)—Information is being collected but the amount is unlikely to be less than 10 to 12 thousands per month.

(b)—Government have already taken up construction of buildings to accommodate their offices now housed in private buildings, but there is scarcity of Government land for the purpose.

### **Agricultural Loan to Karimganj Subdivision**

**Maulavi ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj)** asked :

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

- (a) What amount of Agricultural loan was sanctioned to Karimganj Subdivision during the year 1955-56 and 1956-57.
- (b) What amount of sanctioned was actually disbursed and to whom? (Names and addresses of the loanees to be given).
- (c) What is the number of applications for such loans received for the period in question from different villages of Karimganj Subdivision?
- (d) How many such applications were entertained and how many are still pending with the Department?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

240. (a)—During 1955-56 a sum of Rs. 13,000 as seed loan and Rs. 30,000 as cattle loan, and during 1956-57 a sum of Rs. 30,000 as seed loan were sanctioned.

(b)—The entire sum of Rs. 73,000 was distributed in full. The seed loan was distributed at Rs. 7 to Rs. 20 and cattle loan at Rs. 50 to Rs. 75 per family. The names and addresses of all the loanees can not be given for the present as the total number of loanees would be several thousands.



(c) & (d)—No application was called for. The loans were disbursed by the Circle Sub-Deputy Collectors on local verification of the flood affected persons who were in distressed condition.

### **Plan for a New Town at Palasbari**

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari)** asked :

241. Will the Minister-in-charge of Planning be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any proposal for establishing a new planned town at Palasbari?

(b) If so, what action has been taken for the same and if not whether Government have taken up the proposal of establishing a planned town at Palasbari which is the nerve centre of business of Gauhati Subdivision?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning)** replied :

241. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A layout plan for the new township has already been prepared by the Government Town Planner and accepted by Government for implementation. The township has been planned to be a model town with amenities of modern life. The work has been entrusted to the Public Works Department who are taking steps for its implementation.

### **Departmental timber depot at Gossaigaon in Goalpara District**

**Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaingaon)** asked :

242. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forest Department be pleased to reply :

(a) Whether the acquisition of land for the departmental timber depôt at Gossaigaon in the Goalpara District was completed ?

(b) If not, why ?



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

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

**Erosion caused by Beki river**

**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog)** asked :

243. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of the frequent erosion caused by the Beki river on the right bank ?
- (b) If so, why embankments are being constructed on the left bank of the Beki river instead of the right bank ?
- (c) What steps have been taken by Government to protect the right bank of the Beki river from erosion ?

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

243. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The embankment on the left bank on the Beki upstream of the Railway line has been constructed to prevent spilling across its left bank and ultimately damaging the Railway line.

(c)—Surveys, necessary for formulating a scheme, are being carried out.

**Erosion caused by rivers in Kherija Bijni Mauza**

**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Shorbhog)** asked :

244. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware of erosion caused by the rivers in Kherija Bijni mauza ?
- (b) Whether Government have taken any measure to control the same ?
- (c) If so, how ?



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

244. (a)—Government is aware of the erosion on the right bank of the Beki between the Railway line and the North Trunk Road crossing. But Government is not aware of any erosion in other areas in Kherija Bijni mouza.

(b)—The Scheme is under survey and investigation.

(c)—Does not arise.

**Cottage Industries Training Centre at Srikona**

**Dr. RAM PRASAD CHAUBEY (Lakhipur)** asked :

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

(a) The names of the members of the Advisory Committee of the Srikona Cottage Industries Training Institute ?

(b) How many meetings of the Committee were held since the establishment of the said Institute ?

(c) What were the suggestions or recommendations made by the Committee for the betterment of the Institute ?

(d) Whether Government propose to consider the feasibility of starting new branches of instruction such as soap making, toiletry making and book binding in the said Institution ?

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

245. (a)—The Srikona Training has been taken over by the Education Department with effect from 1st April, 1957. Since then we have no Advisory Committee for this Institute. We have, however, no information if there were such Committee when the Training Centre was under the Community Project Department. The information is being collected.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The feasibility of starting new trades like Soap-making, toiletry making, and book binding may be considered, after the expansion scheme, which we are now undertaking, is fully implemented at this Centre.



**Sadiya Government High School**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

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

(a) Whether there is a proposal to reconstruct the Sadiya Government High School ?

(b) If so, from when the work will commence ?

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

246. (a)—Yes.

(b)—As early as possible.

**Industrial Tribunal and Labour Courts constituted under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

247. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state how many Tribunal and Labour Courts have been formed in the State under the new Industrial Relation Act ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

247.—Government have recently constituted one Industrial Tribunal and one Labour Court under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 as subsequently amended.

**Education of the Tea garden Labour boys in Lower Primary Schools**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

(a) How many tea garden labour boys appeared in the Lower Primary Examination last year from the tea garden schools ?

(b) Why the Compulsory Primary Education is not enforced in the Tea Garden Areas ?



(c) What is the present arrangement of appearing in the Lower Primary Final Examination by the pupils from Tea garden Lower Primary Schools?

(d) How many Inspectors are there in each subdivision for the purpose of inspecting tea garden schools ?

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

248. (a)—Information has been called for, but has not yet been received.

(b)—Subject to the provision of the Plantation Labour Act, tea garden areas also come under compulsion and in some places, it has been enforced in such areas.

(c)—It is open to the children of the Lower Primary Schools of tea garden areas to sit for the scholarship examination. There is no Compulsory Lower Primary Final Examination and as such a pupil is given a certificate by the Head Pandit to the effect that he has completed the Lower Primary course and on the strength of it he is admitted into Middle Vernacular, Middle English or High Schools as the case may be.

(d)—There is an A. S. I. of Schools for tea garden schools in each of the Jorhat, Sibsagar and Dibrugarh Subdivisions.

This staff is being strengthened by the appointment of some Sub-Inspectors of Schools.

#### **Re : Golaghat School Board**

**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon)** asked :

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

(a) How much money was distributed as building grants, storm-damage grant and flood-affected grants by the Golaghat School Board in each of financial years 1954-55 and 1955-56 ?

(b) How much money was returned by the School Board in above years ?



- (c) The reason of returning those amounts ?
- (d) Whether this was due to any negligence from the official of the said Board ?
- (e) If so, will the Minister take any step to prevent such recurring in future ?
- (f) What amount has been spent for the purchase of furniture by the Golaghat School Board in each of the financial years of 1954-55 and 1955-56 ?
- (g) What was the allotment under cost of furniture given to each of the years mentioned above ?
- (h) Under what principle or procedure the furniture are given to different schools under Golaghat School Board ?

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

249. (a) to (h)—Information is being collected.

**Pay of the Government M. V. School Teachers**

**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether the pay of the Government M. V. School Teachers has been increased according to the new pay scale ?
- (b) Whether there is similarity of pay of the Government M. V. School Teachers with their counterparts of the Government M. E. Schools ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA . (Deputy Minister, Education)** replied :

250. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—It is the Government policy to convert all the M. V. Schools into Basic Schools and bring all the M. V. Schools including Government M. V. Schools under the Basic Education Board. Hence scales of pay for Government M. V. have been made identical with scales for Schools under the Basic Education Board.



**Confirmation of the Mistresses of the Gangmouthan Government Girls' M. V. School in Tezpur Subdivision**

**Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur)** asked :

251. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state why the Mistresses of the Gangmouthan Government Girls' M. V. School in the Tezpur Subdivision are not yet confirmed in their posts even after the termination of  $4\frac{3}{4}$  years of service in the said school ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister, Education)** replied :—

251. The Mistresses in question have not yet been found suitable for confirmation.

**Rehabilitation of flood and erosion affected people of Ahotguri Mouza in Golaghat Subdivision**

**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon)** asked:

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

- (a) The number of families of Ahotguri mouza under Sibsagar District, Golaghat Subdivision who were affected by the flood and erosion during the last two years ?
- (b) Whether any of these families got lands elsewhere for their rehabilitation ?
- (c) If not, why there is delay and harassment in the matter ?
- (d) How long it will take to give affected families lands for their rehabilitation ?
- (e) Whether the Government sanctioned any grant for relief and rehabilitation for those flood affected people of Ahotguri during 1955-56 ?
- (f) If so, whether it is a fact that these grants were returned without distribution ?
- (g) If so, why ?

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

252. (a) to (d)—The information has been called for from Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat.



(e) —Government sanctioned Rs.24,300 as rehabilitation loan, Rs.51,637-8-0 as C. I. Sheet loan and Rs.12,150 as grant for rehabilitation of 243 erosion-affected families of Golaghat Subdivision including Ahotguri.

(f)-(g)—Yes, out of the amounts sanctioned, Rs.23,200 as rehabilitation loan, Rs.49,300 as C. I. Sheet loan and Rs.11,600 as grant were surrendered by the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat due to failure on the part of the allottees to shift to the land allotted for the rehabilitation. Only 11 persons out of those who had been given settlement turned up to receive the loan and grant.

### **Distribution of Money and C. I. Sheets to the Flood Affected People of Majuli**

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

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

- (a) The number of flood-affected families in Majuli who have been granted money and C. I. Sheets so far since the year 1950 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that there are mal-distributions of money and C. I. Sheets at Majuli and elsewhere ?
- (c) If so, what steps Government have taken to remove such anomalies ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

253. (a)—The information has been called for from Deputy Commissioner.

(b)—Government have received no such report.

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

(d)—Does not arise.



**Rehabilitation of Erosion-Affected People**

**Shri NILMONEY BARTHAHAKUR (Dibrugarh)** asked :

254. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state —

- (a) How many erosion affected families are still waiting to be rehabilitated ?
- (b) When Government propose to rehabilitate those mentioned in (a) above ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to acquire parts of the land owned by Chowkidingi Tea Estate and Mancotta Tea Estate to the south-east of Dibrugarh Town for the purpose ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

254. (a) to (c)—It is not clear, erosion-affected families of which place are meant. However, a report has been called from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur, with regard to Dibrugarh Subdivision.

**Re: Cattle Loan**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

- (a) How many applications for cattle loan from the cultivators have received from 1st of April to 31st of May 1957 ? (Figures are to be shown Sub-division-wise).
- (b) How many applicants have been granted loan and how many of them have been actually paid (Figures are to be shown Subdivision-wise).
- (c) Whether the loan will be granted to the remaining applicants ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

255. (a) to (c)—Applications for cattle loan are generally received by the Local Officers, and lump sum funds for the purpose are pledged at their disposal for disbursement to the deserving cultivators on merit. As such, information is being collected from them.



**Re: Establishment of Blind School****Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari)** asked :

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

- (a) Where the Blind School has been proposed to be established ?
- (b) Is it a fact that there is a proposal for establishing the Blind School at Palashbari side ?
- (c) Is it a fact that about 100 bighas of land have been acquired for this Blind School near the new site of Palashbari town ?
- (d) Is it a fact that uptil now no step has been taken for constructing buildings of the Blind School ?
- (e) Will the Government be pleased to take immediate steps for having the Blind School at the acquired land ?

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

256. (a)—Near Jatia Hill, close to Bashistha, at a distance of 4 to 5 miles from Gauhati.

(b)—The proposal has since been abandoned as the site in question was found unsuitable.

(c)—No.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes, as soon as the proposed land is acquired.

**Agricultural loan****Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai)** asked :

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

- (a) The Agricultural loans sanctioned to individuals over Rs.5,000 (Rupees five thousand) only each in the years 1955-56 and 1956-57 ? (A Sub-division wise statement is to be furnished).



- (b) How many applications from the individuals of Silchar Subdivision were received in these two years and how many of them have been sanctioned ?
- (c) The reasons for delay in disposing of the applications ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

257. (a)—No Agricultural loan over Rs.5,000 was sanctioned to any individual.

(b)—No application for Agricultural loan in excess of Rs.5,000 was received from the inhabitants of Silchar Subdivision.

(c)—Does not arise.

**Re : Storm of 29th April 1957 in Assam**

**Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North-Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]** asked :

258. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of families and Institutions affected by the last storm of 29th April, 1957 in the State ?

(b) How many of them were rendered homeless ?

(c) Total value of properties damaged by the storm ?

(d) Whether any relief has been given to the storm affected people ?

(e) If so, what kind of relief has been given ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

258. (a)—Detailed reports on the storm of 29th April, 1957 have been received only from North Lakhimpur and Tezpur Subdivisions. 6,500 families and 90 Institutions in North Lakhimpur and 15,377 families and 298 Institutions in Tezpur Subdivisions were affected.

(b)—1,510 families in North Lakhimpur Subdivision and 1,074 families in Tezpur Subdivision.



(c)—Total value of properties damaged in North Lakhimpur Subdivision was Rs.7,27,077. In Tezpur Subdivision the total value of private and public properties damaged was Rs. 10,59,983, besides, properties of 16 Tea Gardens worth Rs.24,00,000 were damaged.

(d) & (e)—A sum of Rs.20,000 as gratuitous relief and Rs.50,000 as rehabilitation loan for Tezpur Subdivision and Rs.20,000 as gratuitous relief for North Lakhimpur Subdivision have so far been sanctioned. Sanction of further relief is under consideration.

**Re: Funds Allotted for Rehabilitation of Refugees**

**Shri NILMONEY BARTHAHAKUR (Dibrugarh)** asked :

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

- (a) If they propose to use a part of the funds allotted for the rehabilitation of the refugees to establish a textile mill, an automobile workshop and other industries for the purpose of providing jobs to the refugees ?
- (b) If so, whether Government propose to lay on the table a rough outline of the scheme ?
- (c) Whether Government sought the co-operation of the refugees for outlining such plans ?
- (d) If so, which organisations of the refugees were invited for the purpose ?
- (e) The organisations of the refugees which are officially recognised by the Government ?

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

259. (a)—Government have no such proposal for establishment of Textile Mill or an Automobile Workshop from out of the funds allotted for the rehabilitation of displaced persons in Assam. But the Government of India formulated a scheme for assisting small/cottage industries with a view to provide employment to displaced persons.



(b)—A copy of scheme is placed on the Library table.

(c)—Yes. Refugee associations and allied bodies have been requested to formulate schemes for small/cottage industries.

(d)—The General Secretary, All-Assam Refugee Association, Gauhati and the Secretaries and Presidents of the allied associations were invited to formulate specific schemes in accordance with the terms and conditions of the scheme outlined by the Government of India.

(e)—No refugee organisation is officially recognised by Government.

### **Schools in Tea Gardens in Assam**

**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon)** asked :

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

(a) What are the steps taken by Government to give Education to Tea Garden Labourers in Assam ?

(b) Whether there is any system of inspecting the schools of tea gardens ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that most of the teachers of tea garden work not only in the schools but also in the office ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take steps to prevent such practice immediately ?

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

260. (a)—There are three classes of schools in tea gardens, viz., 'A', 'B' and 'C'. 'A' class schools are Government ; 'B' class schools are aided and 'C' class schools are managed by the Industry.

To improve the education in tea garden, a proposal for training of 40 teachers annually from these schools is under consideration.



(b)—‘A’ & ‘B’ class schools are regularly inspected by the Inspecting staff, ‘C’ class schools at present are inspected on request by the garden authorities. A proposal for creation of 5 more Sub-Inspectors of Schools for inspection is under consideration of Government.

(c)—Government have no information and information is being called for.

(d)—Yes, this may be done as far as possible and practicable.

### **Larsing Bund under Community Project in Silchar Subdivision**

**Shri TAJAMMUL ALI BARLASKAR (Uderband)**  
asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a scheme under the name “Larsing Bund” was taken up by Community Project, Cachar, on public demand, in Silchar Subdivision ?

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

(c) Whether Government are aware that the crop of the poor cultivators of an extensive area are being damaged every year by flood ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take up the scheme in near future ?

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

261. (a)—Yes. A scheme under the nomenclature “Reclamation of flood-affected areas near Chalitakandi, Gosaipur, Larsingpur, Bahadurpur, Lathigram in Silchar Subdivision” under Cachar Community Project was administratively approved by Community Project Department at an estimated cost of Rs.7,93,600 in February, 1956 with condition that the same should be completed within the Project period, *i. e.*, by 31st March, 1957.



(b)—In view of the fact that the full amount sanctioned by Community Project Department was not possible to be utilised within the Project period and also in view of the fact that no funds could be made available from any other sources even after the Project period is over, it was decided by the Government not to incur any infructuous expenditure for the same by doing the work in part.

(c)—The low-lying areas of the locality mentioned above get inundated during high floods and sometimes young plants are damaged by early floods.

(d)—There is no proposal for execution of this scheme under the Second Five-Year Plan at present. A section of the people of the Boila Haor area which is contiguous to the area to be benefited are against execution of the scheme.

### **Majuli-Ratanpur Bund**

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

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

(a) The date on which the order was issued for the construction of Majuli-Ratanpur Bund ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the construction of the said Bund has not yet been completed ?

(c) If so, why ?

(d) What was the rate given to the local contractors for the construction of the said Bund ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer, in-charge of the Bund made an effort to complete the Bund by engaging a contractor other than Assamese at a very high rate with the help of a water pump during the flood, but without success ?

(f) If so, what action Government have taken in the matter ?

(g) If not, why not ?



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

262. (a)—The construction of the retirement of Majuli-Ratanpur Bund has been technically sanctioned, as a Flood-Damage Repairs Work on 30th March, 1957. Orders for making arrangement for starting the work was issued on 9th February, 1957.

(b) to (d)—The Executive Engineer, E. & D. Division, Jorhat has been asked to furnish these informations and his replies are awaited.

(e) to (g)—The allegation will be enquired into and action taken against the officer, if at fault.

### **Sissi-Tekeliphota Bund**

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

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

(a) The date on which the order for construction of Sissi-Tekeliphota Bund on the side of the bank of the Brahmaputra was issued ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said Bund is still to be completed in three places ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that a great damage has been done to the Ahu crops by the water coming through these incomplete portions of the Bund ?

(d) Why Government did not take any recourse to save the crops from flood when there was time and means ?

(e) What is the scheduled rate per square foot for double palisading with earth inside ?

(f) What is the rate admissible per square foot had the said work been done by the people under Test Relief ?



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

263. (a)—The construction of the retirement of Sissi-Tekeliphota Bund has been technically sanctioned on 30th March, 1957. Orders for going ahead with the work were issued on 31st January, 1957.

(b) to (f)—The Executive Engineer, E.&D. Division North Lakhimpur has been asked to furnish these informations and his replies are awaited.

**Construction of Bund from Kaliagaon to Lognati in Majuli**

**Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [(North-Lakhimpur) Reserved for Scheduled Tribes]** asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the public of Koratipar area in Majuli have lately sent representation to the Government for construction of a bund from Kaliagaon to Loguati *via* Bhekelimukh in Majuli, Jorhat ?

(b) If so, what action has been taken by the Government in the matter so far ?

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

264. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The proposals are under investigation and the report on investigation made by the Executive Engineer is awaited.

**Amount of money spent in Palisading, earth-work, etc., in Sadiya Saikhowa Area**

**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal)** asked :

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

(a) What was the total amount spent in Sadiya-Saikhowa area from 1954 to 31st March, 1957 in Earthwork (Dyke), palisading and supply of gunny bags (to be shown year by year) ?



- (b) The names and addresses of Contractors employed and the amount of work done by every individual contractor during the aforesaid period (to be shown year by year) ?
- (c) The total amount spent against every item of work during this period ?
- (d) Whether the Minister-in-charge is aware that the Dyke built in Saikhowa area is giving way every year in particular few points causing heavy loss to the crops and causing inconvenience to the public ?
- (e) If so, what action is being taken in the matter ?

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

265. (a)—The amount spent in Saikhowa area from 1954 to 31st March, 1957, on earthwork (Dyke), palisading and supply of gunny bags, etc., are as below giving year-wise—

			Earth work	Palisading	Supply of gunny bags, etc.
			Rs.	Rs	Rs.
1954-55	..	..	5,10,398	50,739	Nil
1955-56	..	..	4,13,899	16,535	24,225
1956-57	..	..	4,25,830	10,000	26,928

The Flood Control Wing of the Public Works Department did not undertake any works in the Sadiya area during the period in question.

(b)—Except for palisading works amounting to Rs.10,000 in the year 1956-57 which were done departmentally without engaging any contractors for immediate restoration of breaches and other damages, statements showing the names and addresses of the contractors employed for the aforesaid works and the amount of works done by each of them each year during the aforesaid period are laid on the Library Table for the information of the member.

(c)—The information is furnished in the reply to the question (a) above.



(d)—It is not a fact that a Dyke built in Saikhowa area is giving way every year in particular few points. During the flood seasons of 1955 and 1956, there occurred in all six-breaches at different places of the Dirakmukh-Saikhowa Embankment as detailed below :—

One breach near Sonirigaon.

One breach near Dirak Village.

One breach near Habkati.

Two breaches near Dholla T. E.

One breach near Railway Line.

In May, 1957 only one breach occurred in the newly built portion of the embankment about 3 miles down-stream of the Railway Line. The embankments between Dirakmukh and Dholla is standing alright any breaches or damage.

(e)—The breaches which occurred during 1955 and 1956 were successfully closed and the vulnerable portions of the embankment including these places have been strengthened. The breach which occurred recently is being closed and actions are being taken to strengthen this portion of the embankment whose free-board has been found to be insufficient for the high flood level of this year which is much higher than the highest known flood levels of the previous years.

**Re: Flood-affected people of Saikhowa-Sadiya**

**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal)** asked :

266. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the local public of Saikhowa-Sadiya who have been affected by the last earthquake and flood are not getting any facilities of earning their livelihood by securing local contract under P. W. Department ?

(b) Whether the Minister is aware that notices of tenders for protection works are not brought to the knowledge of public in time ?



(c) Whether it is a fact that the major portion of works for supply of gunny bags, construction of "Zeora" bamboo works, etc., in connection with protection works, are allotted to some limited big contractors ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps so that the local people may get small contract works also ?

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

266. (a)—No. Local Contractors who have submitted tenders have been given works according to their capacity and financial ability. The local people have also been encouraged to undertake works on Test Relief Basis.

(b)—All notices for tenders are duly given publicity well in time through the Notice Board in Saikhowa. Notices for important works are also published in the local papers.

(c)—No.

In 1954-55, 42 Nos. and in 1955-56, 38 Nos. of contractors got works for Leete's fencing and palisading in Saikhowa Area. Out of these one contractor got work worth above Rs.4,000, one contractor got works worth above Rs.3,000, four contractors got works worth above Rs.2,000, twelve contractors were given work worth above Rs.1,000 and 34 contractors got works worth below Rs.1,000. In 1955-56, one contractor got works worth above Rs.3,000, and another got work worth above Rs.1,000, and rest got work worth below Rs.1,000.

Similarly 22 contractors supplied gunny bags in 1955-56, and an equal number supplied in 1956-57 out of these only two contractors in 1956-57 supplied bags worth above Rs.5,000, two contractors in 1955-56 supplied bags worth above Rs.2,000.

(d)—Does not arise in view of the reply to question 6(a) given above. There already exist standing instructions to all Divisional Officers to get works executed through local labour as far as practicable in respect of all works which do not require skilled labour.



### Sluice Gate at Nemutengajan in Sibsagar

**Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)**  
asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Sluice Gate of the Nemutengajan culvert in the Trunk Road just one mile north of the Sibsagar Town has not been repaired for the last two years ?
- (b) How many Public Works Department Mohorriars or Sectional Officers are there over this portion of the Trunk Road ?
- (c) Whether they reported the matter to Government to repair the Nemutengajan Sluice Gate ?
- (d) If not, whether Government propose to take action against them for their failure to report in time ?

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

267. (a) to (d)—The information has been called for but not yet received from Divisional Officer.

### Joypur-Haflong Road in Cachar

**Dr. RAM PRASAD CHAUBEY (Lakhipur)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that there was a path between Joypur and Haflong *via* Harinagar during Pre-British period ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to extend the newly constructed Joypur-Harinagar Road upto Haflong town for the shortest and earliest road communication between North-Cachar and Cachar ?



- (c) Whether Government propose to arrange to have a survey of the proposed Joypur-Haflong Road during the next cold weather ?

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

268. (a)—Yes.

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

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

### **Grant or Loan to Dibrugarh Municipal Board**

**Shrimati LILY SENGUPTA (Lahowal)** asked :

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

(a) What was the actual amount given to the Dibrugarh Municipal Board either as aid or loan, for the improvement of Harijan and labourers' quarters and other improvement of the town during the course of last five years ?

(b) Whether that whole amount was spent for those specific works ?

(c) If so, under what heads the money was utilised ?

(d) If not, why the money was not utilised ?

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

269. (a) to (d)—The information has been called for but not yet received.



**Special meeting of the Dibrugarh Municipal Board on  
18th May 1957**

**Shrimati LILY SENGUPTA (Lahowal)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a special meeting of the Dibrugarh Municipal Board was called on 18th May 1957 ?
- (b) If so, what was the agenda of the said meeting ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that ten members of the said Board walked out of the meeting ?
- (d) If not, will Government enquire into the matter to gather facts ?

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

270. (a) to (d)—The information has been called for but not yet received.

**Re: Employment of local people in Tea Industries of  
Dibrugarh Subdivision**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the Local people of Lakhimpur District employed in Tea Industries of Dibrugarh Subdivision as Indian Staff has been reduced by about 50 per cent during the last 10 years ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that in most Tea Estates local educated youngman of the district are not given chance and persons who are not natives of the district are generally given preference in appointment to the Indian Staff ?
- (c) Whether Government will make a survey to ascertain the facts ?



- (d) Whether Government propose to issue directives to the Tea Industrialists to give preference to persons coming from vicinity of Tea Gardens concerned in matters of appointment ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

271. (a) & (b)—The information is not readily available.

(c)—The suggestion of the hon. Member will be taken note of.

(d)—Does not arise at this stage.

**Re : Unimplemented Industrial Tribunal Awards**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

272. Will the Labour Minister be pleased to state—

a) Whether Government are aware that following Industrial Tribunal Awards have remained unimplemented by the respective employers :—

(1) Reference No.12 of 1952 Narayanpur Tea Estate.

(2) Reference No.8 of 1953 Narayanpur Tea Estate.

(3) Reference No.16 of 1955 Narayanpur Tea Estate.

(4) Reference No.10 of 1955 Deopani Tea Estate.

(5) Reference No.23(a) of 1954 Annada Printing House, Jorhat.

(6) Reference No.23 of 1954 All Printing Presses of Jorhat.

(b) If so, what step or steps Government have taken to enforce implementation and for breach of Tribunal Awards ?

(c) What steps the Government have taken to realise the amounts due to the affected workmen as conferred by the Awards ?



**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

272. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Government have ordered prosecution of the managements concerned for non-implementation and breach of term of the awards.

Action under section 33(c) of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1956 is also under consideration.

### **Industrial Tribunal Award and its implementation**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

273. Will the Labour Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the management of Lengree Tea Estate, Post Office Manipur Road have implemented the Industrial Tribunal Award of the reference No.10 of 1954 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Sangha lost the Cr. Case No.118 of 1955 of the Diphoo Court ?

(c) What step the Government have taken for finalising the ground to help the affected person and his petition to the Secretary, Labour Department, Government of Assam, dated 31st October 1955.

(d) Whether Government will be kind to take adequate step to give relief to the affected workman even now ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

273. (a)—The Industrial Tribunal while giving its award specifically directed the management to re-instate the workman involved in the dispute on his re-appearing within a fortnight from the date on which the award became enforceable. The Government on receipt of complaint from the Union, launched prosecution against the Management for non-implementation of the award. It was subsequently found by the Trying Magistrate that the workman concerned did not turn up within the prescribed time limit.



Hence it may not be said that the Management has not implemented the award.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—As the affected person failed to report for re-instatement within the prescribed time limit it was not considered desirable to reopen the case and the Trade Union concerned has been informed accordingly.

**Labour troubles at Powai T.E. in Dibrugarh Subdivision**

**Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)** asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware of recent labour troubles which occurred in the 1st week of June 1957 at Powai T. E. in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) If so, whether Government are aware or have received report to the effect that the present new Manager was the root of this trouble ?
- (c) If not, whether Government propose to enquire about the causes of this trouble ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the present new Manager of Powai T. E. was also the Manager of Nahartali T. E. in Dibrugarh Subdivision and that there were also frequent labour troubles during his time ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

274. (a)—Yes. Detailed report is however being awaited.

(b)—Government have no information.

(c)—A case has already been registered and facts will be known after investigation.

(d)—Government have no information. This will be enquired into.



**Re: Allotment of land to Government Servants in Shillong**

**Shri B. M. ROY (Shillong)** asked :

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

- (a) The number of Government owned and Government acquired plots of land in Shillong that have been allotted to Government servants since the partition of the Country in August 1947 ?
- (b) How many of these plots have been allotted to the displaced persons and refugees from the East Pakistan and how many to Khasi people of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District ?
- (c) How many of such persons who have been allotted plots of land in Shillong for residential purposes have got lands and houses in other towns of the State and who are they and what are their addresses ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied:

275. (a)—The number of Government owned and Government acquired plots that have been allotted in Shillong to Government servants since 1947 is 410.

(b)—Of these plots, 31 have been allotted to displaced persons from East and West Pakistan and 32 to the Khasi people of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District.

(c)—The information is not readily available.

**Free Studentship to Students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**

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

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that free studentship is given to all the students belonging to the Scheduled Tribes of both Hills and Plains ?



- (b) If so, what are the conditions and basis of granting free studentship to the said students ?
- (c) Whether this free studentship is admissible to all the scheduled tribes students reading in different schools and colleges of Assam ?
- (d) If the question to (c) above be in the affirmative, whether the scheduled tribes students reading in St. Edmund's School, Loreto Convent, Pine Mount and other schools under the Oxford University are also allowed free studentship ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that the standard of education in these schools are better ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to allow free studentship to the scheduled tribes students in the Kindergarten and Montessori system of education ?

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

276. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—Free studentship is granted to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (both Plains and Hills) of the State including those scheduled castes who are domiciled in the State reading in Secondary, Vocational and Technical Schools and Arts and Science Colleges upto Bachelor Degree Course—both Government and non-Government within the State but not in special schools like Pine Mount, Loreto Convent and St. Edmund's etc., at present for one year with effect from 1st April, 1956 on the following conditions :

(1) The concession will be available to the students whose parents/guardians' income does not exceed Rs.3,600 per annum.

(2) The scholarship holders who are in receipt of Central or State scholarships the value of which includes tuition fee are not eligible for this concession.

(e)—It is a matter of opinion.

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



# Grants to Dabraj Roy Intermediate College of Golaghat

**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon)** asked :

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

(a) The amount of recurring and non-recurring grants granted during 1955-56 to Dabraj Roy Intermediate College of Golaghat ?

(b) Whether Government give any grants to this College for Scheduled Castes and Tribal students ?

(c) Whether the Minister of Education will be pleased to give effective consideration to this College for its development ?

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

277. (a)—A recurring grant of Rs.1,000 per month and a non-recurring grant of Rs.3,000 were sanctioned to this College in 1955-56.

(b)—From State.

From Article 275

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(c)—This will be examined on merit if and when a representation from the College Authority is received.

**Re: Grant Sanctioned for the Deorial Middle Madrassa by Karimganj Local Board**

**Maulana ABDUL JALIL CHAUDHURY (Badarpur)** asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 20 per mensem as recurring grant-in-aid was sanctioned for the Deorail Middle Madrassa by the Karimganj Local Board since 1952-53 ?



- (b) Whether it is a fact that the amount of the said Grant was not given to the Madrassa concerned in spite of their several representations ?
- (c) If so, why ?

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

278. (a), (b) & (c)—Information are being collected.

*Re : High Schools of Assam*

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** (Saikhowa) asked :

279. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to furnish—

- (a) A list of Government Aided High Schools receiving Scheduled aid (1949 Schedule) which are situated in rural areas of Plains districts of the State in 1956 ?
- (b) A list of Government Aided (Venture Aided) High Schools which are not receiving Scheduled grant and are situated in rural areas of the Plains districts of the State (separately district by district with the amount of recurring aid to each in 1956) ?
- (c) A list of Government High Schools and Government Aided High Schools receiving Scheduled grant and situated in the urban areas of different districts of Assam ?
- (d) A list of Government Aided High Schools (Venture Aided) which are not receiving aid according to 1949 Schedule and are situated in different towns in the Plains districts of Assam ?
- (e) A list of non-recurring grants sanctioned to different non-Government High Schools in each Plains districts of the State during the year, 1956, 1955, 1954, 1953, 1952 ?

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

279. (a) to (e)—Information are being collected.



**Defalcation of money in the Sibsagar Subdivisional Primary School Board**

**Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKUR (Dibrugarh)** asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that defalcation to the tune of Rs. 31,000 has lately been detected in the accounts of the Dibrugarh Subdivisional Primary School Board ?
- (b) If so, what steps Government propose to take against the person or persons at fault and when ?
- (c) When was the crime first detected ?
- (d) Whether the Secretary of the School Board (Dibrugarh) has been suspended on this score ?
- (e) Whether anybody has been arrested in this connection ?
- (f) If not, why there has been a delay in prosecuting the offenders ?
- (g) Which are the schools that suffered as a result of this defalcation ?
- (h) Whether an elucidation or explanation has been obtained from the President of the School Board for this defalcation ?

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

280. (a)—Yes, Government have got a report of a defalcation of a big amount.

(b)—The Deputy Inspector of Schools who is also the Secretary of the School Board and the Head Assistant concerned have been suspended.



(c)—On 8th January 1957.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No.

(f)—Details of defalcation have been called for, for examination.

(g)—It is not possible to say whether any school suffered loss as the final audit report upto the date of suspension of the Deputy Inspector of Schools concerned has not yet been received.

(h)—No.

### **Census of Live-stock of Assam in 1956**

**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi)** asked :

281. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Lower Primary School Teachers of the State were engaged by the Government to make a census of the Live-stock of Assam in 1956 ?

(b) If so, on what condition they were so engaged ?

(c) The number of such teachers actually engaged in the census operation. (The figures to be given district-wise) ?

(d) Whether a remuneration of Rs. 15 per teacher was sanctioned by the Government for the work ?

(e) If so, whether the remuneration has been paid to them ?

(f) If not, why ?

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

281. (a) to (f)—Information has been called for,



**Upgrading of the present Degree Colleges in Assam**

**Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West)** asked :

282. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state whether Government has any intention to upgrade the present Degree Colleges in the State according to the recommendations of University Grants Commission in 1957-58 ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to include Gurucharan College, Silchar, in this year ?

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

282. (a)—Government are not aware of any such recommendations made by the University Grants Commission.

(b)—Does not arise.

**Diplorable condition of the Digboi-Pengeree-Philobari Road**

**Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)** asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware of the deplorable condition of the road from Digboi-Tinali to Pengereeghat, a part of the Digboi-Pengeree-Philobari Road ?

(b) Whether Government propose to make this part of the road pitched ?

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

283. (a)—In this connection a note dated the 29th June 1957 has been received from the Honourable Member. Report has been called for from the Divisional Officer.

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



**Improvement of Public Works Department Roads at Majuli**

**Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY (North-Lakhimpur)** asked :

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

(a) Why Government has not taken any step for improvement of the Bhekelimukh Public Works Department road in Majuli and both the approach roads of Badatighat despite several representations being submitted to Government by public and the questioner from time to time ?

(b) Whether Government are aware about the deplorable condition of the aforesaid roads ?

(c) If so, whether Government propose to take immediate action for improvement of the said roads ?

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

284. (a), (b) & (c)—A representation dated the 29th February, 1956 for gravelling and raising the Bhekelimukh road was received from Shri Balindranath Pegu and others, which was recommended by the Honourable Member. The proposal was placed before Assam Roads Communication Board in May, 1956 but was not selected. Regarding Badatighat approach roads, representation has been received recently from the Honourable Member. The Executive Engineers concerned have been asked to take necessary action.

**Encroachment of P. G. R. and V. G. R. in Mangaldai Subdivision**

**Shri DANDIRAM DUTTA (Magaldai)** asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that there has been large scale encroachment of P. G. R. and V. G. R. in the Subdivision of Mangaldai ?



(b) Whether Government are aware or have received information to the effect that some Muslim immigrants, Nepalis and Local indigenous people having land have encroached into some V. G. Rs. and P. G. Rs. ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that connivance of these illegal encroachments, have encouraged other law abiding citizens also to follow this ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that there is a suspicion that some Pakistanis without any authority are also in occupation in these areas ?

(e) Whether it is fact that the following P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs. have been encroached ?

1. Shamabari Mauza—(i) Panbari Habi.

(ii) Abandoned grant of Golondi T. E.

(iii) Golondi Habi P. G. R.

2. Kalaigaon Mauza—(i) Doloibari P. G. R.

3. Seal mari Mauza—(i) Sital mari P. G. R.

(ii) Sakhjani V. G. R.

(iii) Rohinikas V. G. R.

(iv) Niz-Kharupetia V. G. R., and

(v) Khetaswar V. G. R.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

285.(a) to (e).—Government have no information about encroachment in other reserves mentioned except Doloipara P. G. R. and Khetaswar V. G. R.

A report has been called for from the Subdivisional Officer with regard to the other reserves mentioned.



**Settlement of Land in Mangaldai Subdivision recommended by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee**

**Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai)** asked :

286. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Mangaldai, recommended settlement of 500 bighas of Government waste land in Bachimari, Gondapukhuri and Alisinga villages of Dalgaon Mauza with flood affected people and 500 bighas with indigenous landless people of Mangaldai Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that the Subdivisional Officer, Mangaldai, issued notices for eviction informing the people selected for settlement to take possession of the land as soon as the encroachers were evicted in the last part of May 1957 ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that the town lands of Dalgaon, Kharupeti, Tangla and Khorabari are in illegal possession of some encroachers the persons who have been recommended for settlement have not been able to occupy the lands settled with them ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that only Touzi bahi collection is still going on in these areas ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

286. (a)—The Land Settlement Advisory Committee recommended 1,000 Bighas for the local landless and flood affected people.

(b) to (d)—The information has been called for from Subdivisional Officer.



**Re : Occupation of Cultivable Land at Uzamnari Kisham in Garubat Mauza by the inhabitants of Ghilani Mattak Gaon in Kampur Mauzak**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**  
asked :

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

- (a) Whether the inhabitants of Ghilani Mattak Gaon in Kampur Mauza were occupying and cultivating land at Uzamnari Kisham in Gorubat Mauza in Nowgong District since 40 or 50 years ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that they have been evicted from these cultivable land 5 or 6 years before ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that revenue is being collected by the Mauzadar regularly from these evicted persons for lands from which they have been evicted ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some of the revenue payers occupied these lands again for 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 have been given relief every year by the Government ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware that those persons had suffered from erosion of Kapili river ?
- (h) Whether there is a proposal to rehabilitate those persons in Kanjiranga Reserve in Garubat Mauza in Nowgong District ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) :** replied :

287.(a) to (h)—Information has been called for from Local Officer.



### Rehabilitation of Khasi Border People

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Cherrapunji) Reserved for Scheduled Tribes** asked :

288. (a) Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether he had lately received a representation from the General Secretary, Border People Association, United K.-J. Hills, Shillong in the matter of grant for the rehabilitation of 205 families of the Khasi border people who fled from their border homes to the Bhoi Areas to try to earn their livelihood there ?

(b) How many persons who fled like refugees from their border homes to the Bhoi Areas were granted a loan or a grant of Rs.950 per family, and how many were given only Rs.500 ?

(c) Whether he proposes to make enquiry about the other 205 families who did not receive any amount of financial assistance from the Government to help them to rehabilitate themselves in the Bhoi Area ?

(d) Whether the Chief Minister is aware that when Pandit G. B. Pant, Union Home Minister visited Shillong in November, 1955 on being represented by the Border People who were refugees to the Bhoi Area the Union Home Minister assured financial assistance to all the distressed people of the border areas ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that these people of the Border Areas who are refugees in the Bhoi Areas submitted to the Chief Minister a representation, dated the 5th November, 1956 for immediate rehabilitation financial assistance and that the petitioners stated that 205 displaced persons were in fact faced with starvation and complete ruination unless immediate assistance is given to them ?

(f) If so, what action was taken by the Chief Minister since then ?

(g) Whether he caused an enquiry to be made in the matter ?

(h) If so, what was the report ?

(i) Why these people of the border areas who fled from their homes to the Bhoi Areas to find work to maintain themselves should not be treated as refugees to this State of Assam ?

(j) Whether he represented this matter to the Central Government ?

(k) Whether the Chief Minister proposes to consider the case of these people who fled to Bhoi Area and move the Government of India to treat these tribal people who have been terribly hit by partition in the same way as they treat the refugees from Pakistan ?



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

288. (a) to (k)—Information is being collected.

*Re : Hajo-Bongsar-Sualkuchi Road*

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari)** asked :

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

(a) When the Hajo-Bongsar-Sualkuchi Road was taken up by the Public Works Department ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that for the improvement of Bongsar-Sualkuchi portion, boulders have been collected and are lying by the road side for the last two years ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that no work has been done uptil now for the improvement of the road ?

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

289. (a) to (c)—Informations have been called for and are awaited.

**General grants sanctioned to different Projects in Dibrugarh Subdivision.**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

290. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Planning and Development be pleased to furnish a list of general grants (not covered by Article 275 of Indian Constitution) sanctioned to different projects in different Mauzas of Dibrugarh Subdivision by the District Development Board and paid through the Development Officer, Dibrugarh in 1956-57, 1955-56 and 1954-55 ?

(b) Whether any such grant was sanctioned for any project in Saikhowa Mauza in 1956-57 and 1954-55 ?

(c) If so, what are the names of these projects, and the names of Agencies to whom payments were made in the years 1956-57, 1955-56 and 1954-55 ?



**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Planning and Development)** replied :

290. (a), (b) & (c)—The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur and will be laid on the table of the House in due course.

**Re: Development Officers, Panchayat Secretaries, Rural Panchayat Secretaries and Primary Secretaries**

**Shri NARENDRANATH SARMA (Dergaon)** asked :

291. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) What are the pay scales of the Development Officers, Panchayat Secretaries, Rural Panchayat Secretaries and Primary Secretaries.

(b) Whether the above Officers and Secretaries are regarded as Government Servants or not ?

(c) If not, why ?

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Rural Development)** replied :

291. (a)—The pay scale of the Development Officers is Rs.200—20—300—E. B.—20—400—E.B.—25—600 per mensem.

There are only two categories of Panchayat Secretaries—viz., Rural Panchayat Secretaries and Primary Panchayat Secretaries and not three categories as mentioned by the Hon'ble Member. The scale of pay of each category has been suggested by the last Pay Committee as shown below :—

(1) R. P. Secretary Rs.75—4—115—E.B.—4—135—5—150 (should be trained in Accounts and Survey for 6 months).

(2) P. P. Secretary Rs.50 (Fixed for whole time worker).

(b)—The Development Officers are Government Officers. But the Panchayat Secretaries are not Government servants.

(c)—The Panchayats are non-Government Institutions like Local Boards and Municipal Boards. They have their autonomy under the Panchayat Act to appoint Secretaries and other employees. Government do not consider the employees of non-Government Institutions to be regarded as Government servants.



**Lower Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools**

**Dr. RAMPRASAD CHAUBEY (Lakhipur)** asked :

292. Will the Minister in-charge of Education be pleased to state the number of boys and girls Lower Primary Schools including the Maktabas in the Silchar, Hailakandi and Karimganj Subdivisions of the District of Cachar ? (number to be given separately subdivision-wise).

293. Whether it is a fact that at present all the Lower Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools are in the direct control of the School Boards ?

294. (a) Whether Government propose to issue circulars to respective School Boards to reorganise teachers' centres ?

(b) Whether Government propose to use the Middle Vernacular or Middle English Schools as Teachers' Centre Schools for the betterment of Primary Education ?

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

292.—

	Boys	Girls	Total
Silchar	498	54	552
Hailakandi	225	37	262
Karimganj ...	(not available)		437

293.—Yes, except Government Lower Primary, Middle Vernacular and Basic Schools.

294. (a)—No.

(b)—No, as the use of Middle English or Middle Vernacular Schools as teachers' Centre will in no way improve Primary Education.



**Number of Lower Primary Schools with one teacher  
in Assam**

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)** asked :

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

(a) How many Lower Primary Schools are there in the State with one teacher only ?

(b) Whether Government are aware of the draw back associated with the engagement of one teacher to the effect that no effective instruction can be imparted by only one teacher in Lower Primary School who is entrusted with the education of five classes ?

(c) Whether Government propose to appoint at least two teachers for a School where there is only one teacher either by amalgamation of adjacent schools or by sanctioning new posts ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister, Education)** replied.

295. (a)—8,436.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Necessary steps to appoint additional teachers are being taken up subject to availability of funds.

**Water Supply Scheme at Golaghat**

**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMAH (Dergaon)** asked :

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

(a) Whether the Municipal Board of Golaghat took loans from Government for water supply scheme for 1955-56 ?

(b) If so, what amounts have been given to the Golaghat Municipality ?

(c) What is the check to determine whether the loans were properly utilised or not ?



- (d) Whether Government are aware that the water supply scheme of Golaghat is not functioning well ?
- (e) Whether the rate payers association of Golaghat recently submitted representation to the Government for improving the water supply ?
- (f) If so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter ?

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

296. (a) & (b)—No loan was sanctioned to the Golaghat Municipal Board in 1955-56 for Water Supply Scheme. But the following loans were issued in other years to the Golaghat Municipal Board for installation of Water Works :—

Year	Amount of loan sanctioned			
	Rs.			
(i) 1949-50	...	...	...	50,000
(ii) 1951-52	...	...	...	1,00,000
(iii) 1952-53	...	...	...	2,40,390
(iv) 1954-55	...	...	...	50,000
(v) 1956-57	...	...	...	1,55,000

(c)—The plans and estimates of works to be done with, the loan money are prepared by the Board in consultation with the Executive Engineer and the approval of the Public Works Department is obtained. The Executive Engineer who is the Inspector of Municipal Works, also supervises the execution of the scheme by the Municipal Board. There is also the Examiner of Local Accounts who while auditing the accounts of the Board checks whether the money was properly utilised for the purpose for which it was sanctioned. Besides, the Board is required to furnish utilisation certificate to Government and to the Accountant General.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.



(f)—The Commissioner of Plains Division has been asked to make a thorough enquiry into the allegations of the Golaghat Rate payers Association and to submit a report to Government. On receipt of the report from the Commissioner of Plains Division, Government will take such action as deemed necessary.

**Singrimari and Kalaigaon hats in Mangaldai**

**Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Ponery)** asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that Mangaldai Local Board deposited Rs.4,448-12-0 as acquisition cost for Singrimari and Kalaigaon hats in 1954 ?

(b) If so, why possession of these hats have not been given to the Board yet ?

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

297. (a)—Out of Rs.6,216-62Np the actual cost of acquisition the Mangaldai Local Board deposited Rs.4,448-12-0 only as acquisition cost for two blocks of land in village Singrimari of Kalaigaon mauza and village Gerua of Silpota mauza for a public market. So the additional amount had to be realised subsequently.

(b)—Possession of the land in question could not be given as the formalities under sections 9, 11 and 16 of the Land Acquisition Act have to be gone through.

**Mango market near the Sikh Mandir at Gauhati**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur)** asked :

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

(a) Whether he is aware of the existence of a mango market near the Sikh Mandir at Gauhati?

(b) Whether it is a fact that retail sale of mangoes is being done in this market?



- (c) Whether he is aware that due to the opening of this market the neighbourhood is full of flies and has become a source of danger to the people living there?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the people of the locality moved the Deputy Commissioner to close the market and the Deputy Commissioner assured last year that the market would not be allowed to sit this year?
- (e) Whether it is also a fact that the Gauhati Municipality passed a resolution for the closure of the market last year?
- (f) If so, who has allowed the market to sit there this year?
- (g) Do Government propose to take immediate steps for shifting the market to an isolated place?

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

298. (a) to (g)—The information has been called for but not yet received.

### **Kaki reclamation at Nowgong District**

**Mvi. Md. IDRIS (Rupahihat)** asked :

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

- (a) What sum has been allocated and what sum has been spent by Government for the reclamation of Kaki Area in the District of Nowgong ?
- (b) What is the total area so far reclaimed and what area has been made fit for cultivation ?
- (c) What is the total area given settlement so far ?
- (d) What is the annual output of paddy after settlement from 1952 to 1956 ?



- (e) Whether it commensurates with the expenditure spent by Government ?
- (f) What is the number of families who have been settled till now ?
- (g) How many bighas are given settlement per family ?
- (h) What is the Government basis of settlement in this project ?
- (i) Whether it is on community basis ?
- (j) If not whether Government propose to supply the list of the allottees classifying the allottees in community and caste basis ?
- (k) How many families amongst the allottees are living and doing cultivation themselves in their respective holdings ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong, had to take steps to cancel allotments to many allottees for either not residing at and doing cultivation at or for giving the allotted areas in adhi, sukti terms ?
- (m) Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state whether Kaki Project has attained its object ?
- (n) If not, why not ?
- (o) Whether Government propose to rehabilitate in Kaki persons affected by Brahmaputra erosion and ravages within the district of Nowgong ?
- (p) If so, how many persons of this category have been rehabilitated in Kaki so far ?

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

299 (a) to (p)—Report have been called for from the District Officers but not yet received.



**Starting of N. E. S. Block at Gossaigaon in Goalpara**

**Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaingaon)** asked :

300. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Project be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is thinking of starting N. E. S. Block at Gossaigaon in the Goalpara District ?

(b) If so, when the work will be started ?

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

300. (a)—Yes. It is proposed to start a N. E. S. Block comprising of Circles No. IV, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI of Gossaingaon Thana, with headquarters at Gossaingaon.

(b)—Some time before the end of the Second Five Year Plan period.

**Bridges over the River Namdang and its Tributaries**

**Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)** asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that there are no bridges on the river Namdang and its tributaries which are on the National Highway between Margherita and Ledo since last year ?

(b) When Government propose to construct bridges as aforesaid ?

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

301. (a)—The bridge on river Namdang collapsed last year. Marboat is provided during the rain; the river is formidable during winter.

(b)—The estimate is under preparation and the bridge will be re-constructed after Government of India's technical approval and financial sanction is received.



## Free Studentships to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Students

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether the free studentships granted to the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes students will be given to them in the year 1957-58 ?
- (b) If the reply to question (a) above is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state why no information has been given to the schools up till now ?
- (c) Are Government aware that most of the Government Aided Schools mainly depend upon Government aid and fee income ?
- (d) Are Government aware that the schools are realising fees from the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Caste students for not receiving any information from the Department on this behalf ?
- (e) Do Government propose to take immediate steps to inform the schools and compensate the loss of fee income monthly along with their grants-in-aid bills ?

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

302. (a)—Yes. Upto Matriculation stage and also in Vocational and Technical Schools as was done in 1956-57. The question of extending the benefit to students reading in colleges upto the degree course is also under consideration of Government.

(b)—Formal orders in this respect were issued to the Director of Public Instruction by the middle of May last and the Director of Public Instruction has also issued necessary instructions to head of educational institutions in the meantime.

(c), (d) & (e)—Yes. This scheme is financed on a fifty-fifty basis by the State and the Union Governments. Although the State Government were agreeable to bear their part of the



expenditure of the scheme in the current year they had to await Government of India's approval to expenditure being incurred against the Government of India's share. The previous sanction of the Government of India was till the end of the last academic year and the renewal of sanction during the next academic year had necessarily to await their approval as they are responsible for half the expenditure of the scheme. During the interim period between the end of the last academic year and the receipt of the Government of India's approval in May, some schools are reported to have realised fees from the Scheduled Tribes and the Scheduled Castes students in the absence of specific instructions from the Department. This was inevitable as no specific instructions could be given till Government of India's approval to the scheme being continued in the current year had to be received before any instructions could be issued.

As it has already been intimated that the scheme will be continued in the current year also, any fees realised from eligible students for any specific period will be refunded in due course. Informations relating to the continuation of the scheme have already been given and steps for compensating the school for loss of fee income periodically instead of giving them the compensation towards the end of the year are under consideration.

#### **Witnesses in Pits till it is measured**

**Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur)** asked :

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

- (a) Why witnesses are allowed to remain in the pits after the earth dug out for constructing of roads and bunds and the measurement completed?
- (b) What is the check that the same witnesses may not be utilised for the second time and whom to be purely new ones for measurements?

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

303. (a)—Witnesses are allowed to remain only till the measurements taken by the Overseer in connection with the bill are check-measured by Subdivisional Officer or Executive Engineer, as the case may be or till orders for their removal are issued by Executive Engineer.



(b)—Such witnesses are cut off and removed as soon as the check-measurements are completed or on receipt of orders for removal from Executive Engineer. Hence the question of utilising them a second time cannot arise.

**New Road Projects in Golaghat Subdivision  
during 1956-57**

**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon)** asked :

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

- (a) What were the new road projects taken up for execution in 1956-57 in Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (b) What will be the total mileage ?
- (c) Whether it is proposed that priority should be given to places where there are no other means of communication ?

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

304. (a) & (b)—Road projects taken up under different schemes in Golaghat Subdivision for execution in 1956-57 are shown below :—

**Under 2nd Five Year Plan—**

	Mileage
1. Nahorani-Chokora Ali ... ..	8.5
2. Arangapara-Amlapatty Road ... ..	4.0
3. Dooria Ali ... ..	8.0
4. Extension Borbora Ali ... ..	2.5
5. Gohainmer Ali No.I ... ..	5.0
6. Link Road to Borbora Ali and Ghilladhari Ali.	0.5
7. Molaikumar Ali ... ..	3.0
8. Lukhur Khari Road from Assam Trunk Road in Kairanga Mouza.	1.25
Total ...	32.75 miles.



**Under Petrol Tax Programme—**

	Mileage
1. Nam Saraibari (from Lohitmukh Middle School to Soraibari).	2.0
2. Asun Ali from the 12th mile of G. S. Road to Gelabil River crossing Public Works Department Roads Seoni Ali and Assam Trunk Road.	3.5
3. Dubial-Kachubari-Majikuchi Ali ...	2.0
Total ...	7.5 miles.

**Under State Revenue—**

	Mileage
1. The road connecting Furkating Road and Nagora Ali.	1.7
2. Chariali-Galabil-Desoi River Road—extending upto Brahmaputra in Dergaon Mouza (Section I).	1.0
3. Extension of Senchowra Ali through Morongi Mouza.	2.0
Total ...	4.7 miles.

**Under Article 275—Plains Tribal Area—**

	Mileage
1. Murphulani Road ... ..	7.0
2. Singphura Road from Ghiladhari Ali to Kakodonga River.	1.7
Total ...	8.7
Total mileage ...	53.65 miles.

(c)—Arrangements were made to commence all these road projects during the year 1956-57.



**Nationalisation of Tinsukia Ledo road**

**Shri DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)**  
asked :

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

(a) Whether there is any proposal for nationalisation of Tinsukia-Ledo road?

(b) If so, when?

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

305. (a) & (b)—Makum-Digboi-Lekhapani route is proposed to be nationalised during the Second Plan period.

**State Transport Department of Assam**

**Shri DANDIRAM DATTA (Mangaldai)** asked :

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

(a) Whether State Transport Department of Assam was made permanent?

(b) If so, from what date?

(c) Did Government receive any representation from the public for a “through bus service” from Nowgong to Shillong?

(d) If so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

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

306. (a)—Government have decided to make permanent the State Transport passenger lines and the goods services which have been running continuously on a profitable basis for more than five years together with the various posts in connection with these lines in Head Office and workshop staffs.

(b)—With effect from 1st October 1956.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.



**Number of Unemployed under-Matriculates in Assam**

**Prof. (Shrimati) KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katani-gaon)** asked :

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

(a) Whether Government have any information regarding the number of under-Matriculates unemployed in the State who could not proceed on further studies due to their economic conditions ?

(b) Whether Government propose to take steps to remove the unemployment of these youths ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

307. (a)—The number of unemployed under-Matriculate on the Register of Employment Exchanges in the State at the end of May 1957 was 2,799. Government have no information if these under-Matriculates discontinued their studies due to economic reasons.

(b)—Yes, one of the objectives of the Second Five Year Plan is to reduce the unemployment that exists and that would exist by the likely additions to the labour force.

Apart from the various Five Year Plan projects, the Planning Commission have set up a Study Group on educated unemployment which made certain recommendations for relieving the educated unemployment problem. On the basis of this Report, the Planning Commission decided that pilot projects for small scale industries should be taken up to relieve educated unemployment and pilot centre has been allotted to Assam.

**Cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act, Payment of Wages Act and the Minimum Wages Act**

**Dr. RAM PRASAD CHAUBEY (Lakhimpur)** asked :

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

(a) What are the numbers of cases lodged, disposed of and pending under the Workmen's Compensation Act, Payment of Wages Act and the Minimum Wages Act in the matter between labourers and tea garden owners ?



(b) What steps Government propose to take for early disposal of all such cases ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

308. (a)—The respective numbers of cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act, the Payment of Wages Act and the Minimum Wages Act for the year 1956 are as under :—

(1) **Cases under Workmen's Compensation Act—**

			Lodged	Disposed	Pending
1956	...	...	10	5	5

(2) **Cases under Payment of Wages Act—**

			Lodged	Disposed	Pending
1956	...	...	18	10	8

(3) **Cases under Minimum Wages Act—**

			Lodged	Disposed	Pending
1956	...	...	125	116	9

Figures in respect of (1) relating to Sibsagar and in respect of (2) relating to Goalpara are being collected.

(b)—Government have already appointed Additional Deputy Commissioners as Commissioners under the Workmen's Compensation Act and as authorities under the Payment of Wages Act in addition to Deputy Commissioners to expedite disposal of cases.

**Implementation of the Factories Act in the P. W. D.  
Factories and Workshops**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

309. Will the Labour Minister be pleased to state why the provisions of the Factories Act are not observed at the Public Works Department Factories and Workshops at Jorhat, Kohima and elsewhere although they are declared as Factory ?



**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

309.—Excepting the Mechanical Workshop at Jorhat owned by Public Works Department there is no other factory of the said Department registered under the Factories Act, 1948. It is a fact that certain irregularities in respect of annual leave with wages were detected by the Inspectorate. The Engineer in-charge of the workshop has been directed by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department to comply with the requirements of the Act.

**Payment of Wages to Workmen in some Tea Estates in Sibsagar**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

310. Will the Labour Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the Brahmaputra Tea Company, the Bhagawan Tea Estate, Rajabari Tea Estate (Sibsagar) have become regularly irregular in not paying the wages of the workmen within the prescribed time limit and thereby causing endless hardship to thousands of workers ?
- (b) If so, what effective steps are being taken by Government to stop this regular irregularity ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Brahmaputra Tea Company has not paid any road tax and provident fund dues as required under the Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund Scheme ?
- (d) If so, what suitable steps Government have taken to realise these dues from the Company ?
- (e) Since when the money is lying outstanding under these two heads ?
- (f) What is the total amount due from this company under these two different heads right upto 31st May 1957 ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to run these concerns through official receivers or to take them over by Government ?



**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

310. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Cases under the Payment of Wages Act have been taken up. The Officers of the Labour Department are trying to see that wages are regularly paid.

(c)—Yes, so far as Provident Fund Contribution is concerned. This Department is not concerned with road tax and the information is not readily available.

(d)—A case under Section 7 of the Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund Act and Section 409/34 of the Indian Penal Code was instituted against the Managing Director and Superintendent of the Company on 24th May 1957. The case is now pending before the Subdivisional Magistrate at Golaghat. Warrants of arrest have been issued against the defaulters. It is expected that dues will be cleared shortly.

(e)—Provident Fund Contributions from the said Company are in arrears from 1st October 1956.

(f)—Total Provident Fund dues in arrear are Rs. 1,70,869.50 approximately upto 31st May 1957.

(g)—Government will consider this suggestions.

**Compensation for the death of Nandalal Barborah who died on duty**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

311. Will the Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any compensation has been paid to the unfortunate family of Late Nandalal Barborah, a tractor Driver of Public Works Department who lost his life on duty in an accident on revetment works at Dibrugarh ?

(b) If so, how much ?

(c) If not, whether Government propose to pay compensation even not to the affected family of Late Nandalal Barborah ?



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

311. (a), (b), (c)—The information is being collected from the Executive Engineer's office.

**Number of complaints of corruption received during the year 1956-57 and the steps taken thereof**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

312. Will the Minister-in-charge of Anti-Corruption be pleased to state—

(a) How many complaints of corruption were received by the Government in the year 1956-57?

(b) How many of those complaints were against :—

(1) Government Officers, and

(2) Publicmen ?

(c) How many complaints have been proved true after enquiry and what punishment has been meted and how many offenders got punishment?

(d) Whether there was any complaint lodged against any Magistrate ?

(e) Whether there was any complaint against the retired Senior Magistrate, Sri Abbasuddin Ahmed ?

(f) How many times he was re-employed after retirement ?

313. Will the Minister-in-charge of Anti-Corruption be pleased to state what step the Government are taking to stop corruption in the Government offices ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Anti-Corruption)** replied :

312. (a)—105.

(b)—(1) 104 against Government Officers.

(2) One against publicmen.

(c)—After necessary enquiries, departmental proceedings were decided in 22 cases. In two cases, the officers were exonerated in course of the departmental proceedings. In



two other cases, the officers were awarded punishments of—(1) warning in 1 case, (2) recovery of the amount of loss caused to Government from the officer in the other case. Departmental proceedings in the 18 other cases are pending. The question of launching prosecution in another case is under examination. Two complaints are under investigation. In one case the complaint has been prosecuted for lodging false information and the case is subjudice. The remaining complaints were proved to be without any basis.

(d)—Yes. There were 4 complaints. The allegations could not, however, be proved.

(e)—Yes. There was a complaint against him, but it could not be proved.

(f)—The officer was not re-employed after retirement. His leave preparatory to retirement was refused, which he availed under the rules after his date of retirement.

313.—To deal with corruption among officers of Government, a separate Branch (Anti-Corruption) had been set up in 1946 under the Criminal Investigation Department. The Branch is under the executive control of the Deputy Inspector General of Police (C.I.D.) and is under the direct administrative control of the Chief Secretary. To do justice to the innumerable complaints received in the Branch, the Anti-Corruption Department has been strengthened from time to time. A further re-organization of the Department to make its work more quick and effective is under consideration.

Government officials, both gazetted and non-gazetted have been made responsible for submission of their declaration of assets at the end of each year. The Government Servants Conduct Rules have been amended to make possession of properties by any Government servant which is disproportionate to his known sources of income an offence against the said rules. The Central Government also recently amended the Anti-Corruption Act to enable evidence to be adduced against any officer in any case against him under that Act, if his property is found to be disproportionate to his known sources of income. The question of further simplification of the procedure under which investigations into allegations of corruption can be started and dealt with is also receiving Government's attention.



**Amounts paid as Recurring and Non-recurring grants to each Government Aided High Schools in the State of Assam**

**Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai)** asked :

314. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state the amounts paid as recurring and non-recurring grants to each Government Aided High Schools in the State in the years 1955-56 and 1956-57 ?

(A subdivision-wise statement may please be furnished).

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

314.—A statement is placed on the Library table.

*Re : Mawsmmai-Shella Road*

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Cherrapunji)** asked :

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

- (i) The date of starting the Mawsmmai-Shella Road ;
- (ii) The amount of money spent on this road upto the end of year 1956-57 ;
- (iii) The mileage of the whole road from Mawsmmai to Shella and the mileage of the branch road from Mawlong to Mawshamok ;
- (iv) The amount which will still be necessary for completing the road with all the bridges and to make the road at least jeepable and also motorable all the year round and the probable time when this road will be motorable all the year round ;
- (v) The reasons why the road has not yet been completed ;
- (vi) Whether it is a fact that when the Chief Minister went to Shella last Winter he gave a hope that passenger buses would run on this road before the end of the financial year 1956-57 ;



(vii) Whether there is any possibility of implementing that declaration even at the end of this calendar year ; and

(viii) Whether the money used for this road is altogether from a Scheme of developments under Article 275(1)(b) of the Constitution of India or how is it financed ?

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

315. (i)—The work was started on—

Section I	...	...	10th February 1953.
Section II	...	...	20th April 1953.
Section III	...	...	January, 1953.

(ii)—Rupees 20,49,207.

(iii)—The mileage of the whole road is 285 miles and that of the branch road from Mawlong to Mawshamok is 4 miles.

(iv)—The road is already jeepable all the year round but due to land slips it is occasionally closed for some period of the year. An additional sum of Rs.4 lakhs will be necessary to complete the road in all respects and to make the same motorable all the year round. The entire road is expected to be completed in about 12 months after the estimate for the Mawshamok-Shella portion for bridging is sanctioned by the Government of India.

(v)—Sanction of revised estimate and bridge estimate for the road is awaited from the Government of India.

(vi)—Information is being collected.

(vii)—Please refer to reply against (v) above. The work will take at least one year to be completed after receipt of sanction from India.

(viii)—No.

Section I—5.4 Miles from Motor Tax Fund.

Section II—6.1 Miles from Petrol Tax Fund.

Section III—16 Miles from Grants-in-aid under Article 275(1)(b) of the Constitution of India.



*Re: Mawsmail to Shella Road*

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Cherrapunji)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether he is aware that the Mawsmail to Shella Road will not be able to serve the people of many villages, *e.g.*, Tyrna, Nongkroh, Nongliat, Ramdait, Nongwar, Lyngkhom, Laitkynew, Dewasaw and others who will still have to carry their produce on their back with a strap on their head climbing up the steep hill from Mawshamok to Mawmluh ?
- (b) Whether the Minister is aware that the above-mentioned villages and many other villages will be much benefited if the road from Mawmluh to Mawshamok which is only about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles is completed over which a large sum of money has been spent ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to resume the work on the Mawmluh-Mawshamok Road which is the first portion of the road, namely, Mawmluh-Phali Bazar ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that 3 Engineers went over this road and gave report about it ?
- (e) If so, whether the Minister will please lay a copy of that report before the Assembly ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the former Chief Engineer, Late R. L. Varma, also gave a report on this road on the 26th March 1950 ?
- (g) If so, whether the Minister will please lay a copy of that report before the Assembly ?

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

- (a) Whether he is aware that a road was started from Mawmihthied between Sohrarim and Laitryngew to reach to Mawsahew through Mawkma and Laitduh villages in the Cherra Syiemship in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District ?



- (b) If reply to (a) above is in the negative, will the Minister be pleased to make enquiry about this road and state whether the Public Works Department propose to take up the road and complete it ?

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

316. (a)—Most of these villages are at a distance varying 2 to 5 miles whereas the rest are even served by the Mawphlang-Balat Road.

(b)—Yes. The road may be taken up only when funds become available.

(c)—The proposal was placed before the 4th meeting of Assam Road Construction Board and it was not selected by the Board.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—A copy is placed on Library table.

(f)—Yes ?

(g)—A copy is placed on Library table.

317. (a) & (b)—No. Public Works Department have no information.

Endeavours are being made to collect the details.

**Re : Mawphlang-Balat Road**

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Cherrapunji)** asked :

318. Will the Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state when the Mawphlang-Balat road will be completed to make it motorable all the year round for Passenger buses and trucks.



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

318—Within about 12 months from the time the bridge estimate for Section II Miles 23—48 of the road is sanctioned by the Government of India.

### **Implementation of the Plantations Labour Act, 1951**

**Dr. RAM PRASAD CHAUBEY (Lakhipur)** asked :

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

(a) The progress so far made to implement the Plantations Labour Act of 1951 in regard to education, medical facilities and housing, in Cachar ?

(b) The Progress in terms of the concrete work done or undertaken upto the time for the betterment of plantation labour ?

(c) How many gardens and what number of labour force in Cachar have been benefited by the Act so far ?

320. (a) What steps Government propose to take against those owners of Tea Gardens who have failed to fulfil their part in the matter of implementation of the provisions of the Plantations Labour Act, 1951 ?

(b) Whether Government propose to make any amendment to the Plantations Labour Act in the light of the successful ending of the First Plan and in view of the demand for the workers' participation in management ?

(c) Whether the houses constructed under the Housing Scheme of the Plantations Labour Act are being done with the same specification as approved by the Housing Board or there is some go between in the matter ?



**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

319. (a)—The Rules relating to education have not been enforced yet. Regarding housing and medical facilities almost all employers have submitted schemes some of which have already been approved and the others are under scrutiny.

(b)—This has not been properly assessed yet.

Forty-nine estates in Cachar have, however, programmed for building 1,119 houses during 1957. Correspondence is going on in respect of other estates.

Medical schemes in respect of 37 estates in Cachar have been approved. The prescribed standard will be achieved within 1958 subject to availability of materials in these cases. 40 other schemes are under consideration at present and these will be approved provided the suggested amendments are carried out.

All estates have also been instructed to put up creches and recreation centres during the year.

(c)—All labourers in all estates have been benefited as a result of implementation of the provisions relating to leave with wages. Regarding other matters, the results will be assessed on receipt of the Progress Reports which are due in March next year.

The Annual returns for the year 1956 do not record any concrete achievement as the specifications in respect of housing and creche, and the standards of medical facilities were finalised towards the end of the year.

320. (a)—The matter is still under consideration. The advice of the Housing and Medical Advisory Boards will also be sought in this connection in respect of matters with which these Boards are concerned.

(b)—Amendment of the Act which is a Central enactment is not within the purview of this State Government. At present, there is no proposal for amendment.

(c)—Tea garden labour houses are required to be built according to the specifications laid down by Government on the advice of the Housing Advisory Board. The plans of such houses require the prior approval of the Chief Inspector who ensures due compliance with the specifications.



**Dibrugarh Local Board**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**  
asked :

321. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether he is aware that there is gross inequality in number of population in different Local Board constituencies in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

322. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in Bogdung-Charbandi Local Board Constituency there are 70,000 or more population and the number of Local Board member elected from there is only one and in Tinkhong Local Board Constituency there are 50,000 or less population and Local Board members elected from there are three ?

323. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that less importance of Local Board work is given in areas or mauzas which are proportionally under represented in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

324. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to furnish a list of expenditure incurred by the Dibrugarh Local Board on roads, water supply, sanitation, etc., etc., in different Mauzas (Mauza by Mauza) of Dibrugarh Subdivision in the year 1956-57 ?

325. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Mishmi Hills transferred Area (Sadiya Transferred Area) and (Abor Hills Transferred Area (Murkong Select Transferred Area) are being represented in) the Dibrugarh Local Board ?

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

321 to 325.—The information has been called for from the local officers but not received.



**Names and addresses of persons who were given permits  
for C. I. Sheets in Mangaldai Subdivision**

**Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai)** asked :

326. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state the names with address of the persons who were given permits for C. I. Sheets and Cement in Mangaldai Subdivision during the months of April, May and June 1957 showing the quantities supplied to each of them ?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMA (Minister, Supply)** replied :

326. A statement is placed on the Library table.

**Lands acquired by Government in Karimganj  
Subdivision**

**Maulavi ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South)** asked :

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

(a) Whether any payment has been made to owners of lands acquired by the Government for various roads and buildings projects in the Karimganj Subdivision under the First Five Year Plan ?

(b) If so, what amount has been paid and to whom ?

(c) If not, when do Government propose to make the payment ?

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

327. (a), (b) & (c)—Information are being collected.



**Cottage Industrial Scheme**

**Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai)** asked :

328. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any Cottage Industrial Scheme has now been sponsored by Government direct ?
- (b) If so, what are those Schemes and where these Schemes are now under operation ?
- (c) What amount has so far been spent for implementation of the Schemes and achievement made thereon ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Cottage Industries)** replied :

328. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A statement is laid on the Library table.

(c)—Column 3 of the statement already laid on the table may be referred to.

**Measure taken against the encroachers of P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs. in Assam**

**Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur)** asked :

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

- (a) Will the Government be pleased to inform whether measure will be taken to clear up the encroachers in P. G. Rs and V. G. Rs in Assam as at present ?
- (b) What steps are being taken by the Government to clear the Bongalmara P. G. R. from the unlawful encroachers, who are encroaching it for several years without any interruption?
- (c) The number of families, community-wise who are encroaching the P. G. R. and the length of their encroachment (time)?



(d) Whether any scheme for their rehabilitation has been suggested by the Subdivisional authority?

(e) If so, where and on what basis?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

329—(a) Steps have been and are being taken to clear the encroachers from P. G. Rs and V. S. Rs.

(b)—All encroachers were evicted several times. But as they re-encroached upon the P. G. R., they will be evicted again.

(c)—Assamese Caste Hindu 28 families since 1946-47, Nepali 27 families since 1950-51, Miris 27 families since 1950-51, Muslims 51 families since 1951-52 and Kaibartas 55 families since 1948-49.

(d) & (e)—All of them were offered land elsewhere but they declined to move. So, no scheme for their rehabilitation was considered necessary.

### **Number of Labour Offices and their staff under the Labour Commissioner, Assam**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

(a) How many district and subdivisional offices are there under the establishment of the Labour Commissioner, Assam through the whole State?

(b) Whether the Labour Commissioner who is also the Chief Inspector of Factories has been declared as one of the Heads of Departments?

(c) If so, since when?

(d) If not, why and what are the criteria for declaring one as such?

(e) How many office assistants are there in the office of the Labour Commissioner, Assam?



(f) Is it considered by the Government that the present establishment in the Labour Commissioner's office requires expansion ?

(g) If not, will the Government be pleased to enlarge the present staff ?

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

(a) How many office assistants and typists are provided in the offices of the Labour Officers ?

(b) If the present establishments are able to cope with the work ?

(c) If not, will the Government be pleased to increase their number ?

(d) How many office assistants and typists are given to the Labour Inspectors' Offices ?

(e) If not, why ?

(f) Whether Government propose to appoint office assistants with knowledge of typing in the offices of Labour Inspectors' who are independently running their offices ?

(g) If not, why ?

(h) Whether there was any condition prior to the appointment of Labour Inspectors that they must necessarily be typists ?

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

(a) Why the vacancies of Labour Officers caused by the promotion of Sri N. Gohain, and resignation of Shri R. L. Baruah are not filled up as yet ?

(b) Since when these posts are lying vacant ?

(c) Why the usual procedure to officiate by the Labour Inspectors are not allowed ?



333. Will the Labour Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any Labour Inspector was sent to U. K. by the Government for training ?
- (b) If so, how many applications were received by Government for this training ?
- (c) How he was selected from amongst the candidates ?
- (d) Whether he was senior and was of proved merit for being selected to be sent to U. K. ?
- (e) Why the other candidates were rejected ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the post of a Labour Officer was kept vacant for him ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Ministers, Labour)** replied :

330. (a)—Five District Officer and 12 Subdivisional officers including 3 Sadar Subdivisions.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Since July, 1944.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Twenty.

(f)—Not at present.

(g)—Yes, if the volume of work justifies.

331 (a)—Two typist clerks are provided in each of the Labour Offices at Jorhat, Silchar and Dibrugarh and one typist clerk in each of the Labour Offices at Gauhati and Tezpur.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—None.

(e)—Present work does not justify.

(f)—Yes, if the volume of work justifies.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—No.



332. (a)—The vacancy caused by the promotion of Sri N. Gohain has already been filled up in September 1956.

The other vacancy in the chain of Sri R. L. Baruah is being filled up soon.

(b)—The vacancy against Sri Gohain was laying vacant from May 1956 to September 1956.

The other vacancy against Shri R. L. Baruah has been lying vacant since June 1956.

(c)—Yes, they are allowed to officiate in addition to their own duties with a certain percentage of special pay.

333. (a)—Yes.

(b), (c) & (d)—Two applications were received and both of them were forwarded to Government of India and the final selection was made by the U. K. authorities.

(e)—Information is not available as the selection was made by the U. K. authorities.

(f)—No.

### **Future prospect of Labour Officers**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

334. Will the Labour Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the future prospect of the present Labour Officer and Labour Inspectors is practically sealed at least in the matter of promotion in view of the identical age of all the officers of the department ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to give them incentive by granting higher pay scales ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

334. (a)—No. Age is not the guiding factor in respect of promotion.

(b)—Does not arise.



## **Lower grade employees of the State Transport Department**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

- (a) Why the lower grade qualified employees of the State Transport Department who are on continuous service are not promoted to the vacancies created on opening in the new lines, etc., to the posts of Executive and Semi-Executive nature in the Upper strata ?
- (b) Why inspite of assurance to the workers associations given by the Department that 50 per cent of the vacancies will be filled up from the lower grade staff of the Department, the assurance are not implemented ?
- (c) How many posts in the upper grade were filled up from the lower grade workers of the Department, when the North Bank route was opened ?

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

335. (a)—The lower grade employees of the State Transport, if found sufficiently qualified, experienced and suitable for appointment in the higher grades, are generally absorbed in such vacancies of all categories of posts created against new lines taken over by Government from time to time.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Eighty-one posts were filled up by promotion out of 131 which is more than 50 per cent.

## **New scale for State Transport Department**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

- (a) Why the new pay scale in the State Transport Department has not been given effect to from 1st October 1956 ?



- (b) Whether Government propose to give effect to the new pay scale to the State Transport Department employees with effect from 1st October 1956 like other Departments ?

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

336. (a)—The order to give effect to new scale of pay will be issued as soon as scrutiny by Government is over.

(b)—Yes.

**Total Emoluments of the Grade IV Employees of State Transport Department**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

- (a) What are the total emoluments of the grade IV employees of the State Transport Department ?
- (b) Whether it is fact that they get seven rupees (Rs.7) less per month than their counterparts in other Government Departments ?
- (c) If so, why this discrimination ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to grant the State Transport Grade IV employees equal emoluments with the other Grade IV employees of the Government of Assam ?

(e) If so, when ?

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

337. (a)—The total minimum emoluments as per revised scales comes to Rs.61-8-0 p. m., for Hills and Rs.58-11-0 for plains.

(b)—The rates are same as per revised scales of pay. The revised scales of pay will come into effect from 1st October 1956.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d) & (e)—Yes.



## Increased trip allowance for line workers of State Transport Department

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the demand for increased trip allowances of the line workers engaged in the North Trunk Route of the State Transport has lately been placed by the workers before the authority ?
- (b) If so, whether Government propose to grant an increased trip allowances in view of the bad conditions of the route ?
- (c) If so, from what date ?

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

- (a) Why the conductors are granted only 25 per cent of the Driver's trip allowance when they are in lines ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to increase the trip allowance of the conductors in view of their hard duty ?
- (c) If so, from when ?

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

338. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—The matter is under scrutiny.

339. (a)—No. The Junior Conductors are paid 50 per cent of drivers' trip money while Senior Conductors are paid at 75 per cent of drivers' trip money.

(b) & (c)—This is under consideration of Government.



**Remission of Revenue Granted in North Lakhimpur  
Subdivision**

**Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur)** asked :

340. (a) Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state what amount of revenue remission has been granted in North Lakhimpur Subdivision since 1950 as a result of earthquake and flood ? (the figures are needed Mouza wise).

(b) Will Government be pleased to supply all remission lists in due time to the Local M. L. As. for scrutiny ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

340. (a)—A statement showing the remissions granted since 1950 is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—The remission lists are voluminous as according to Rules they are to contain every dag in respect of which remission is granted. It will not be possible to supply copies to M. L. As. M. L. As. may however see the lists in the office of the Deputy Commissioner or Subdivisional Officer.

**Number of Forest Check Gates in South Kamrup**

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari)** asked :

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

(a) How many Forest check gates are there in South Kamrup ?

(b) What is the number of officers placed in each of these check gates together with their designations ?

(c) How many cases were detected in these check gates in the year 1956-57 ?

(d) Whether Government have received reports lately to the effect that regular stealing of *sal* trees are going on without being detected ?



- (e) Whether it is fact that these check gates are not properly guarded at night ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to depute an officer to investigate into these matters ?

**Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Forests)**  
replied :

341. (a)—Six check gates on P. W. D. roads, viz., Boko, Loharghat, Rani, Azara, Kukurmara and Maliata.

Three check gates on Forest Roads, viz., Garopara, Dhani-para, Bamunigaon.

Total—Nine check gates in South Kamrup Division.

(b)—*Boko*.—A gate chowkidar in addition to a Ranger, one Deputy Ranger, one Forester and several Forest Guards.

*Loharghat*.—A gate chowkidar in addition to a Ranger, one Deputy Ranger, one Forester and several Forest Guards.

*Rani*.—One Forest Guard as gate chowkidar in addition to a Ranger, a Deputy Ranger, a Forester and several Forest Guards.

*Azara*.—One Forest Guard as gate chowkidar in addition to a Forester and another Forest Guard.

*Kukurmara*.—One gate chowkidar in addition to a Deputy Ranger and two Forest Guards.

*Maliata*.—One Forest Guard as gate chowkidar in addition to a Forester.

*Garopara*.—One Forest Guard as gate chowkidar in addition to a Deputy Ranger and another Forest Guard.

*Dhanipara*.—One Forest Guard as gate chowkidar in addition to a Forester and a Forest Guard.

*Bamunigaon*.—One Forest Guard as gate chowkidar in addition to a Forester and a Forest Guard.



In addition to the above staff, an Assistant Conservator, Forests, equipped with a jeep has been specially placed on patrolling duty for proper supervision of the working of the check gates and the control of the movement of forest produce.

(c)—During 1956-57 nearly 100 cases were detected at these gates out of which 53 were instituted as criminal cases ?

(d)—No report has been received that regular stealing of *sal* trees is going on without detection.

(e)—No.

(f) —Does not arise.

### **Occupation of Inspection Bungalow by Members of Legislative Assembly**

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari)** asked :

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

(a) Whether the Members of Legislative Assembly are entitled to occupy the Inspection Bungalows of the Forest Department ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to issue a circular to the Divisional Forest Officers concerned in this respect and specially to the Divisional Forest Officer of Kamrup Division ?

(c) Whether Government propose to issue a circular to the Divisional Forest Officers and specially to the Divisional Forest Officer of Kamrup Division to give all facilities to the Members of Legislative Assembly while occupying the Forest Inspection Bungalow ?

**Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Forest)** replied :

342. (a) & (b)—Members of Legislative Assembly are entitled to occupy any Inspection Bungalow of the Forest Department if accommodation is available.

(c)—It is not understood what facilities are referred to.



**Names of Industries and establishments where Provident Fund benefits are introduced**

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

(a) The names of Industries and Establishments of the State which have introduced the Provident Fund benefits to their employees ?

(b) Names of the Industries and Establishments to which Government have now decided to introduce Provident Fund Act for the employees ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied :

343. (a)—The Factories which have introduced the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme in this State are :—

(1) Assam Match Company, Limited, Dhubri,

(2) Steelsworth, Limited, Tinsukia and

(3) Tea Industry.

(b)—This is a Central Act and excepting tea plantation in Assam, the scheme will be administered by the Government of India.

The following are the industries in respect of which the respective employers are obliged to introduce Provident Fund benefits :—

1. Cement.

2. Cigarettes.

3. Electrical, mechanical or general engineering.

4. Iron and Steel.

5. Paper.

6. Textile.

7. Matches.



8. Edible oils and fats.
9. Sugar.
10. Rubber and Rubber products.
11. Electricity including the generation, transmission and distribution thereof.
12. Tea Plantations.
13. Printing Presses.
14. Glass.
15. Stone-ware pipes.
16. Sanitary wares.
17. Electrical porcelain Insulators of high and low tention.
18. Refractories.
19. Tiles.
20. Oil Refineries.
21. Coffee Plantations.
22. Rubber plantations.
23. Cardamon plantations.
24. Pepper plantations.

Names of the factories and establishments covered by the Employees' Provident Fund Act 1952 in the State of Assam are :—

1. Assam Match Co., Ltd., Dhubri, Goalpara.
2. Brahmaputra Match Works, Jorhat, Sibsagar.
3. Jorhat Industries, Jorhat.
4. Radhakissan Oil Mills, Gauhati.
5. Sri Dhanuka Oil Mills, Gauhati.
6. Sri Ganesh Oil Mills, Tezpur.
7. New Press, Gauhati.
8. Ramdhan Press, Gauhati,



9. Tribune Press, Gauhati.
10. Dibrugarh Electric Supply Company, Limited, Dibrugarh.
11. Jorhat Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, Jorhat.
12. Shillong Hydro-Electric Company, Limited, Shillong.
13. The Assam Tribune, Gauhati.
14. The Assamiya, Gauhati.
15. The Natin Assamiya, Gauhati.
16. The Dainik Santidoot, Pandu.
17. The Democratic Review, Shillong.
18. The Janamabhumi, Jorhat.
19. Steels Worth, Limited, Tinsukia.
20. Assam Oil Company Installation, Tinsukia, Assam.
21. Assam Oil Company Refinery, Digboi, Assam.

#### **Introduction of Employees State Insurance Scheme**

**Shri SARBESWAR BARDOLOI (Titabr)** asked:

344. (a) Whether Government have decided to introduce Employees State Insurance Scheme to any of the Plantation, Industries and Establishments of the State?
- (b) If so, what are the names of those concerns and when the Scheme will be given effect to?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)** replied:

344. (a)—Government are considering implementation of the Employees State Insurance Scheme area-wise, viz., Gauhati, Tinsukia and Dhubri and Jorhat which will cover all factories (other than seasonal factories) in which 20 or more persons are employed. The tea factories, being seasonal factories are outside the scope of the Act.



(b)—A statement showing the names of the concerns at Gauhati, Tinsukia and Dhubri and Jorhat to which the Employees' State Insurance Act 1948 is applicable, is placed on the Library table.

The Scheme will be given effect to as soon as the preliminaries relating to its implementation are completed.

**Settlement of land by Land Settlement Board,  
Dibrugarh**

**Shri DEVENDRANATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

345. Will the Minister in-charge of Revenue be pleased to furnish a list of land settled as advised by Land Settlement Board in Dibrugarh, Eastern Circle and Tinsukia Circle of Dibrugarh Subdivision during the last 5 years (*i. e.*, from 1952 to 1956).

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

345—A list of land settled in Dibrugarh East and Tinsukia Circles is placed on the Library Table.

**List of Grazing Reserve which has been dereserved**

**Shri DEVENDRANATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

346. (a) Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to furnish a list of grazing reserves if any which have been dereserved during the last 5 years (*i. e.*, from 1952 to 1956) in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) Whether any such dereserved land has been settled with any non-cultivator or Tea Planter during the last 5 years (*i. e.*, from 1952 to 1956).

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied :

346. (a)—A list is placed on the Library table.

(b)—Yes. 40 (Forty) bighas of land of Parbatia V. G. R. were settled with 43 (Forty three) landless non-cultivators. It is not known if there is any Tea planter among them.



# Mining Leases given by Assam Government in different Hills Districts

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Cherrapunji)** asked :

347. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Department of the Tribal Areas be pleased to lay on the table a statement giving information regarding Prospecting Licences and Mining Leases given by the Assam Government in the following order—

- (i) Every year from 1947 to 1957 (both years inclusive) ;
- (ii) names and addresses of persons or firms or companies to whom licences or leases were given ;
- (iii) period covered by each licence or lease ;
- (iv) whether Prospecting Licence or Mining lease ;
- (v) kind or kinds of minerals and
- (vi) area (in acres) covered, and the portion or division of the district in which the area is situated.

(The information may be given in the following form) :—

Year	Name and address of the Licence Holders or Mining Leases	Period covered	Whether Prospecting or Mining Lease	Kind of Minerals	Area covered and placed in District
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)

348. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Department of the Tribal Areas be pleased to inform this Assembly regarding the Prospecting Licences or Mining Leases given by the Assam Government in the Garo Hills in the same manner and form as stated in Question 1 above ?

349. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Tribal Areas Department be pleased to inform this Assembly regarding the Prospecting Licences and Mining Leases given by the Assam Government in the Mikir Hills in the same manner and form as stated in Question 1 above ?



350. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Department of Tribal Areas be pleased to inform this Assembly regarding the Prospecting Licences and Mining Leases given by the Assam Government in the North Cachar Hills in the same manner and form as stated in Question 1 above ?

351. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Department of Tribal Areas be pleased to inform the Assembly regarding Prospecting Licences and Mining Leases given by the Assam Government in the Naga Hills in the same manner and form as required in Question 1 above ?

352. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of the Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state whether there are minerals in the Lushai Hills ?

(b) If so, whether Government have issued any Prospecting Licences and Mining Leases in the Lushai (Mizo) Hills (The information should be given in the same manner and form stated in Question 1 above) ?

353. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(i) the names and addresses of the persons or firms, if any, who were holding mining leases before 1947 in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills, the Garo Hills, the Mikir Hills, the North Cachar Hills, the Naga Hills and the Lushai Hills ;

(ii) the period of those leases ;

(iii) the acreage covered by those leases ;

(iv) the amount of royalty accruing from those leases in each autonomous district annually during the last 7 years ; and

(v) the manner in which the royalty was utilized before 1947 and thereafter.



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

347. (i) to (vi)—A statement showing the list of mining leases and prospecting licences (with particulars connected therewith) granted in Autonomous Districts during the period from 1947 to 1957 is placed on the Library Table.

348.—No mining lease or prospecting licences was granted by the Government in the Garo Hills District during the period from 1947 to 1957.

349.—A statement (Statement No. 2) is placed on the Library Table.

350.—No mining lease or prospecting licence was granted by Government in the North Cachar Hills.

351.—A statement (Statement No. 3) is placed on the Library Table.

352. (a)—No major minerals are known to exist in the Mizo District so far.

(b)—No mining lease or Prospecting Licence was granted by Government in Mizo District

353. (i) to (iii)—A statement (Statement No. 4) is placed on the Library Table.

(iv)—Full information are not available with Government. The same are being collected ;

(v)—The royalties accrued before 1947 and thereafter from mining leases in areas now comprised in the Autonomous Districts except in the areas formerly known as Khasi States were credited to the revenues of the State. The royalties accruing from the mining leases in the former Khasi States areas prior to 1947 were credited to the Deposit Account of Khasi States. 50 per cent of the royalty so accrued was paid to the respective Siemships ;

After 1947 the royalty accruing from the former Khasi States continued to be credited to the Khasi States Deposit Account till the closure of that account on 1st April 1950 and is merged with the accounts of the State of Assam in accordance with the orders of the Government of India ;



Since the formation of the District Councils, the royalties accruing from the mining leases and prospecting licences in these areas are shared between the State Government and the District Councils at the ratio of 40 to 60 per cent of the gross receipts respectively under para 9 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution.

**Money Spent in Construction of Public Works Department Roads in Certain Areas of Jorhat Subdivision**

**Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY (North-Lakhimpur)** asked :

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

- (a) The total amount of money so far spent on
  - (1) Majuli, (2) Pahumara-Haldhibari and
  - (3) Bhebelimukh Public Works Department Roads in Jorhat Subdivision since their construction ?
- (b) The total amount of money sanctioned this year for gravelling of the said roads and how far the work has progressed ?
- (c) What was the amount sanctioned for improvement of those roads in 1956 ?

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

354. (a), (b) & (c)—Materials are being collected from the Divisional officers.

**Money spend during the First Five Year Plan for the maintenance of wooden surface of the iron bridge of the Dhansiri River near the Golaghat Town**

**Shri SARBESWAR BARDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

- (a) What amount has been spent during the First Five Year Plan to maintain the wooden surface of the iron bridge of the Dhansiri River near the Golaghat Town on the Manipur Road Link ?



- (b) What is the estimated cost to construct the surface of the above bridge permanently ?

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

355. (a)—The amount spent during the First Five Year Plan to maintain the wooden surface of the iron bridge on the Dhansiri River near the Golaghat Town is Rs.45,500.

(b)—A provision of Rs.1,20,000 has been made in the Second Five Year Plan to provide permanent R. C. decking on the existing bridge.

**Central Public Works Department Factories at Jorhat and Gauhati and Public Works Department Workers**

**Shri SARBESWAR BARDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there will be one Central Public Works Department Factory at Jorhat and one at Gauhati ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the present Central Public Works Department Factory at Jorhat which is the oldest Workshop of the Public Works Department is going to be narrowed down and 25 per cent of the present workers are to be retrenched ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the present Gauhati Workshop of the Public Works Department is to be enlarged ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the 25 per cent retrenched personnel of Public Works Department Factory at Jorhat offered their services for the proposed enlarged Workshop at Gauhati and that they were refused on the ground that the vacancies were already filled in ?



(e) Whether it is a fact that the workers with 20-25 year continuous service in the work charged establishment of the Public Works Department are yet on the temporary list without any amenities as admissible to permanent employees ?

(f) If so, what are the reasons for doing so ?

(g) Whether Government propose to include the work-charged staff of the Public Works Department in the permanent cadre so that these long deprived workmen will be benefited and will be in line with the permanent workers ?

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that some of the Public Works Department workers are compelled to serve 7 days a week without any weekly day of rest and overtime wages ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Why the Public Works Department Drivers serving at the cars of the Public Works Department Offices are compelled to serve 7 days in a week without any day of rest and overtime wages ?

(d) Why the workers of Kohima Workshop are compelled to serve 7 days a week without a day of rest and overtime wages ?

(e) Whether Government propose to stop all these practices as stated in questions (a), (b) and (d) above at an early date and make good losses so far done to the affected workmen ?

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

356. (a)—There are already two Central Workshops—one at Gauhati and the other at Jorhat.

(b) & (c)—Yes, owing to redistribution of jurisdictions of the two Mechanical Engineers and also due to opening up subsidiary Workshops (Subdivisional Workshops) a proposal for reduction of about 25 per cent of staff has been received from



Mechanical Engineer, Jorhat. This is under examination by the Department to see how far redistribution and adjustment of workers amongst the various units could be effected.

No reduction has been contemplated.

(d)—Does not arise, in view of replies to (b) & (c) given above.

(e)—Yes.

(f) & (g)—The workers in Public Works Department Workshops are in work-charged Establishment and they come under the Factories Act. The amenities and benefits under the Factories Act and the Rules framed thereunder are being extended to them. With regard to other categories of work-charged establishment, the question of making them permanent is under examination.

357. (a), (b) and (c)—Yes, in case of urgency only.

Chowkidars of Inspection Bungalows, Machines, etc., Muharrirs in-charge of ferry-ghats have to work 7 days a week. Drivers of machines, trucks, etc., also have to work part-time on Sundays in greasing, oiling and servicing their machines, trucks, etc.

There is no system of overtime wages in Public Works Department except in case of emergency no one is required to work overtime. However, the question is also under examination.

(d)—The information is being collected. It may be mentioned that there is emergency prevailing in Naga Hills area at the moment and almost everyone including workers of Public Works Department Workshop have to work hard owing to the emergency. It may also be mentioned that Government have sanctioned special allowances for all the workers in this area.

(e)—This is under examination.



**Co-operative Societies and Co-operative Stores still functioning in Dibrugarh Subdivision**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

358. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he will lay on the table a list of Co-operative Societies and Co-operative Stores still functioning within Dibrugarh Sub-division ?
- (b) Whether he will lay on the table a list of Co-operative Societies and Stores in Dibrugarh Sub-division which were liquidated during the last 5 years ?
- (c) Whether the shareholders of all these liquidated Co-operative Societies or Co-operative Stores have been paid or refunded their dues, if any ?
- (d) If not, whether the Minister-in-charge will furnish a list of such liquidated Co-operative Stores whose payment or refund to the shareholders are still outstanding ?

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operative)** replied :

358. (a)—A list is laid in the Library table.

(b)—A list is laid in the Library table.

(c)—No. A list of Co-operative Societies where share money has been refunded fully or partly is laid in the Library table.

(d)—A list is laid in the Library table.

**Karimganj Development Board and Karimganj Local Board**

**Mvi. ABDUL HAMID CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South)** asked :

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

- (a) If it is a fact that the Karimganj Development Board appointed a Sub-Committee to enquire into and report about the mal-practices alleged to have been committed by the Karimganj Local Board while acting as former's Executive Agent ?



(b) If so, whether the committee has submitted its report ?

(c) If the answer in (b) above is in the affirmative, what is the report ?

(d) If the answer is in the negative what action has been taken to obtain the report ?

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

(a) What sum of money was allotted separately for construction of new roads and for repair of old roads in the budget of Karimganj Local Board for the year 1956-57 ?

(b) What was the aggregate amount involved in contracts entered into—

(i) during the period from 1st April 1956 to 31st December 1956 ;

(ii) during the period from 1st January 1957 to 31st March 1957 ;

(c) Who were the individual contractors in each item of work in (i) and (ii) (b) above ?

(d) Whether all the contracts have been determined ?

(e) Whether the accounts of all contractors have been settled ?

(f) If not, why not ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the amount in (b) above exceeded the amount in (a) above ?

(h) If so, whether prior sanction of the Board was obtained ?

(i) If not, why not and what action Government proposed to take in the matter against the Board ?

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

(a) What amount of money was taken by the Chairman of Karimganj Local Board on account of travelling allowances during the year 1955 to 1957. (date to be given year by year) ?

(b) What amount of money was taken by the individual members of the Board on travelling allowance from the year 1950 to 1957. (to be given year by year against each member) ?



362. Will the Minister of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the budget of the Karimganj Local board for the current financial year has been passed ?
- (b) If not, why ?
- (c) What action Government propose to take in the matter ?

363. Will the Minister of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) In which year the account of the Karimganj Local Board was last audited ?
- (b) Whether there were any major misappropriation detected in the course of audit for the years beginning from the time of the former Chairman, Shri Kripamaya Bhattacharyya to the last audit in question ?
- (c) If so what action Government have taken against the persons responsible for the misappropriation ?
- (d) If the reply to (c) above be in the negative whether Government propose to take any action ?
- (e) Is Government willing to place the report on the table ?

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

- (a) At what sum of money the Puamara Ghat was leased to one Sikandar Ali Botimia in the tanure of the present Chairman of the Karimganj Local Board ?
- (b) Whether the said lessee was disposed soon after the lease was granted to him ?
- (c) If so, why and by whom ?
- (d) If it is a fact that the same ghat was subsequently leased out at a much smaller sum ?
- (e) If so, at what sum and why ?
- (f) Whether the Local Board issued any patta to any lessee of the ghat at any time ?
- (g) If not, why not ?



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

359. (a) to (d)—Government have no information. A report has been called for from the local officer but not yet received.

			Rs.
360. (a)—Original works	...	...	31,000
Repair works	...	...	12,000
	Total	...	43,000

(b)—(i) Rs. 26,000 (approx).

(ii) Rs. 29,000 (approx) (working season).

(c)—A list showing the names of the contractors is given below—

### **Repair works—Communication**

1. Shri Prafulla Kumar Deb.
2. Manager, Ramani Krishna T. E.
3. Shri Idril Ali.
4. „ Mahururrab.
5. „ Pranesh Ch. Nag.
6. „ Sajad Ali.
7. „ Jatindra Deb Purkayastha.
8. „ Abdul Noor.
9. „ Kamini Kumar Biswas.
10. „ Gunasindhu Dutta.
11. „ Lob Charan Nath.
12. „ Atar Ali.
13. „ Firoj Ali.
14. „ Lalit Bhattacharjee.
15. „ Promesh Ch. Paul.



16. Shri Abdul Rajjak.
17. „ Abdul Mannan Choudhury.
18. „ Kamakhya Ranjan Nath.
19. „ Binoy Krishna Paul.
20. „ Kadar Purkayastha.
21. „ Sashindra Laskar.
22. „ Chunahar Ali.
23. „ Jageswar Biswas.
24. „ Raman Bihari Nath.
25. „ Azizur Rahman.
26. „ Jaaid Ali.
27. „ Prafulla Das.
28. „ Usman Ali.
29. „ Kanoo Ram Namasudra.
30. „ Jamin Ali.
31. „ Rashid Ali.
32. „ Manahar Ali.
33. „ Narendra Ch. Namasudra.
34. „ Chinta Haran Deb.
35. „ Basanta Kumar Biswas.
36. „ Hifjur Rahman.
37. „ Abdus Salam Chowdhury.
38. „ Md. Ahmed Chowdhury.
39. „ Pradmuna Kumar Das.

### Original Works—Communication

1. Shri Saifuddin Ahmed Chowdhury.
2. „ Israil Ali.
3. „ Masahid Ali.
4. „ Haji Abdul Kadar.
5. „ Abdul Kadar.
6. „ Hifjur Rahman.
7. „ Rajkumar Singha.
8. „ Manahar Ali.
9. „ Makram Ali.
10. „ Jatindra Roy.
11. „ Jamin Ali.
12. „ Kalipada Sarma.
13. „ Prafulla Kumar Deb.
14. „ Idril Ali.
15. „ Chaid Ali.
16. „ Chaman Ali.
17. „ Habibur Rahman.
18. „ Abdul Bari.
19. „ Kanoo Ram Namasudra.



20. Shri Asaid Ali.
21. „ Jahiruddin.
22. „ Basi Kanta Nath.
23. „ Nooruddin Ahmed.
24. „ Srish Ch. Das.
25. „ Mahib Ali.
26. „ Sailendra Kr. Gupta.
27. „ Abdur Rahim.
28. „ Safiqur Rahman.
29. „ Pradumna Kumar Das.
30. „ Ramesh Ch. Deb Chowdhury.
31. „ Nagendra Ch. Dey.
32. „ Haji Rayub Ali.
33. „ Saroj Kumar Dey.
34. „ Suresh Biswas.
35. „ Amir Ali.
36. „ Sekai Meah.
37. „ Abdur Rasid.
38. „ Nripati Ranjan Dhar.
39. „ Sarada Charan Roy.
40. „ Satish Ch. Nath.
41. „ Girindra Das.
42. „ Jatindra Kumar Deb.
43. „ Abdur Rajjak.

(d)—Yes.

(e) & (f)—Information has been called for but not yet received.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—No. But the approval of the Board was taken subsequently.

(i)—This is being enquired into.

361. (a)—In 1955-56 ... .. Rs. 244  
In 1956-57 ... .. Rs. 871

(b)—From the year 1950 to March 1956, no travelling allowance was drawn by any member of the Board.

From 1956 to June 1957—

			Rs.	a.	p.
1.	Shri Ram Krishna Teli	...	101	4	0
2.	„ Watir Ali Chowdhury	...	39	6	0
3.	„ Sukhamy Bhattacharjee	...	135	0	0
4.	„ Yeakub Ali	...	96	15	0
5.	„ Prafulla Chowdhury	...	68	12	0
6.	„ Sailoja Mohan Das	...	134	12	0
7.	„ Rajendra Singha	...	56	4	0
8.	„ Basanta Kumar Dutta	...	112	8	0
9.	„ Abonti Nath Sarma	...	50	10	0



				Rs.	a. p.
10	Shri Nirmal Kr. Das	Purkayastha	...	102	8 0
11	" Mohbub Roy	Choudhury	...		Nil
12	" Abdur Rashid	...	...	123	12 0
13	" Abdul Majid	...	...	90	0 0
14	" Syam Lalkurmi	...	...	89	8 0
15	" Harinarayan Kanoo	...	...	60	0 0
16	" Nagesh Tewari	...	...	81	0 0
17	" Ram Lal Kurmi	...	...	78	12 0
18	" Sashi Bhusan Roy	...	...	90	0 0
19	" Premika Ranjan Nath	...	...	101	4 0
20	" Satish Chandra Das	...	...	90	0 0
21	" Kunja Babu Singha	...	...	101	4 0
22	" Kanta Prosad Roy	...	...	29	7 0
23	" Dharam Prosad Singha	...	...		Nil
24	" Maulana Abdur Raquib	...	...	112	8 0
25	" Mohit Mohan Das	Nil	} within the radio- us of 5 miles.		
26	" Haradoyal Das	Nil			
27	" Nural Haque Choudhury	Nil			

362. (a)—It has been reported by the Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj that the budget estimates of the Karimganj Local Board for 1957-58 have been passed, but the same has not yet reached Government as it has to be forwarded through the Commissioner of Plains Division.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Government have directed the Commissioner to look into the matter and report.

363. (a) to (e)—Information has been called for but not yet received.

364. (a) to (g)—Information has been called for but not yet received.

### **Sums received from the Consolidated Fund of India as grants-in-aid to revenues of the State of Assam**

**Shri HENRY COTTON (Nongstoin)** asked :

365. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(a) The sums received from the Consolidated Fund of India as grants-in-aid to the revenues of the State of Assam ;

(i) under sub-clause (a) of the 2nd proviso to Article 275 (1) ;



- (ii) under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India for the years 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 & 1956-57 ?
- (b) The sums allotted as grants-in-aid under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275 (1), and the sums actually paid and spent by the State of Assam in each of the years stated in question (a) above ?
- (c) Whether the Assam Government ever failed to utilise all the amounts allotted under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275(1)?
- (d) If so, (i) the amount which could not be utilised by the Assam Government in each of the said years, (ii) whether the amount not so utilised by the Assam Government in each of the said years lapsed or again allowed to be utilised by the Assam Government in the following year in addition to the amount allotted for that following year ?
- (e) The amount of money utilised for the District of United Khasi-Jaintia Hills from the grants-in-aid received under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275(1) and the amounts allotted and actually utilised under each major head during the aforesaid years ?
- (f) Whether there is a head of expenditure from the grant under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275(1) named as Miscellaneous ?
- (g) (i) if so, (i) what is the amount allotted under this head in each of the years stated in question (a) above ?
- (g) (ii) Whether the Chief Minister of Assam was the sole distributor of the amount under this head ?
- (h) If so, what were the details of expenditure under this head during the aforesaid years ?



(i) Whether there have been Special Grants besides grants under Art. 275(1) given during the aforesaid years by the Central Government to the State of Assam for utilising in the Tribal Areas of Assam mentioned in Part A of the Table under Paragraph 20 of the Sixth Schedule, under the heads—Education, Agriculture, Grow More Food, Roads (or communications.), Animal Husbandry (Veterinary), Public Health (Water Supply), Co-operative, Famine Relief for Border Areas of Pakistan, Fishery ?

(j) If so, what are the amounts under each of these heads for the years stated in question (a) above ?

(k) What is the special amounts given for the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills under the said heads during the said years?

366. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(a) The amount of money spent by Assam Government from the grants-in-aid given from the Consolidated Fund of India under Art.275(1) of the Constitution for the roads besides the National Highways in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills during the last 5 years?

(b) The number and names of roads made in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills which are supposed to be motorable road to reach the Border area of Pakistan?

(c) Whether any new road was made by the Assam Government in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills district since 1952 to reach the Border area of Pakistan that can be utilised for motor traffic all the year round ?



(d) Whether Government are aware that the people in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills living in the Border of the Pakistan are now in a famine condition suffering from want of rice and stoppage of market facilities with Pakistan from which they used to get their food stuff such as rice fish (fresh) and dry fish, and to which they were used to sell their Pan or betel leaves, oranges, Tezpata and other agricultural produces from the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills.

(e) Do the Minister-in-charge proposed to make investigation quickly and grant relief to the suffering people of the border area especially in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills and also in the Garo Hills and the Lushai Hills.

367.—(a) Whether it is fact that the Assam Government did not represent from the beginning to the Central Government that Betel leaves (or Pan leaves), oranges and other fresh fruits (*e. g.*, lemons) bananas, jackfruits, papayas, vegetables tezpata are the commodities which should be allowed to be exported from the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills and Garo Hills (Assam) to Pakistan.

(b) Whether it is a fact that for such non-representation at the beginning these commodities were not entered in the list of articles which could freely go to Eastern Pakistan from this part of Assam?

(c) Whether the Minister-in-charge propose to represent to the Union Government that dry fish which is much used by Hills people be allowed to be brought freely from Pakistan to our border market and to revise the Indo-Pak trade agreement to that extent?

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

365. (a)—

(i) Rs.40 lakhs annually.



(ii) 1951-52—Rs. 34.00 lakhs (including Rs. 10 lakhs as special Block grant for Naga Hills)

1952-53 ... Rs.32.24 lakhs

1953-54 ... Rs.61.60 lakhs (including Rs.10 lakhs sanctioned for setting up of the District Councils).

1954-55 ... Rs.114.61 lakhs (including Rs.40 lakhs for the Pawi Lakher Regional Council and Rs.6.50 lakhs for compensation to Lu-shai Chief)

1955-56 ... Rs.134.42 lakhs

1956-57 ... Rs.125.00 lakhs

(b) The Government of India fixed a ceiling of expenditure on schemes to be financed from grants-in-aid under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275 (1) of the Constitution for the entire First Plan period. The ceiling was originally fixed at Rs 286.80 lakhs. At the beginning of each year the State Government prepared an annual plan of development schemes to be financed under sub clause (b) of the second proviso to Art. 275 (1) and submitted the same to the Government of India for their approval. In according their approval to the schemes fully or partly, the Government of India fixed a ceiling of expenditure to be incurred on those Schemes during the year on the basis of the overall ceiling of the total grant under the head fixed for the entire Plan period.

The grants-in-aid received from the Government of India against those annual plans and amounts actually spent are shown below :—

					Sums received	Sums spent
					Rs.	Rs.
1951-52	..	..	..	..	24.00 lakhs	16.82 lakhs
1952-53	..	..	..	..	32.24 „	30.30 „
1953-54	..	..	..	..	51.60 „	49.180 „
1954-55	..	..	..	..	107.71 „	88.73 „
1955-56	..	..	..	..	134.42 „	124.55 „
1956-57	..	..	..	..	125.00 „	100.38



On the basis of expenditure incurred during the first four years of the First Plan period, the State Government requested the Government of India for an increase in the overall ceiling fixed for the Plan period at Rs.286·80 lakhs. During the last year of the First Plan period, an *ad hoc* increase in that ceiling to the extent of Rs.57·73 lakhs was agreed to by the Government of India and as such the ceiling for the First Plan subsequently stood at Rs.344·53 lakhs. The expenditure again the increased ceiling during the First Plan period came to Rs. 309·58 lakhs. The expenditure incurred was in excess of the original ceiling of Rs. 286·80 lakhs by Rs.22·78 lakhs. But it fell short of the enhanced ceiling by Rs.34·95 lakhs. As the ceiling was enhanced towards the end of the last year of the First Plan period the full amount of the additional grant could not be utilised due to shortness of time although the actual expenditure in the last year of the Plan period was much in excess of the level of expenditure incurred in previous years.

The year-wise allotment of funds against the original ceiling of Rs.286·80 lakhs was as shown below:—

							Rs.
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..	..	18·28 lakhs
1952-53	..	..	..	..	..	..	27·63 „
1953-54	..	..	..	..	..	..	47·57 „
1954-55	..	..	..	..	..	..	98·45 „
1955-56	..	..	..	..	..	..	94·87 „

In 1956-57, the amount allotted according to schemes submitted by the State Government was Rs. 125 lakhs and expenditure incurred against the same was Rs.100 lakhs. The short fall in expenditure as due to the Government of India's allotment of funds being received towards the end of the year, as for the first time the Government of India insisted on the State Government bearing one-third of the expenditure in those schemes for which there was no financial provision on the State Budget and to waive which the State Government had to carry on protected negotiations with the Government of India.



(c)—As stated in (b) above.

(d)—Any shortfall in expenditure in any particular year against grants sanctioned by the Government of India is normally adjusted against allotment of funds on schemes to be implemented during the next year. The final adjustment is made during the last year of the Plan period taking into account the total ceiling of expenditure fixed by the Government of India for the entire period.

(e)—A statement is placed on the Library table.

(f)—Yes. The head known as Miscellaneous actually covers the following items:—

- (i) Grants-in-aid to non-Government Organisation, doing welfare work in the Autonomous Districts.
- (ii) Self-help schemes.
- (iii) Grants to District Councils, Town Committees, etc., for improvement of hill stations.

(g) (i)—The amounts received from the Government of India during the years against that head are as below:—

					Rs.
1951-52	...	...	...	..	Nil
1952-53	...	...	...	...	1.85 lakhs.
1953-54	..	..	...	...	4.21 "
1954-55	...	...	...	...	7.75 "
1955-56	...	...	...	...	9.00 "
1956-57	...	...	...	...	5.70 "

(g) (ii)—No. The grants under the head "Miscellaneous" are distributed in the same way as all other grants by obtaining reports from district officers in consultation with public representatives, District Councils and also according to special recommendations made by high authorities and Members of the Legislature on the basis of their knowledge or experience of the work undertaken by any organisation or group of people.

(h)—A statement is laid on the Library table.



(i) & (j)—No special grants besides grants under Article 275(1) were received from the Government of India for utilisation in the Tribal Areas under the heads mentioned in the question during the period from 1951-52 to 1955-56. During the year 1956-57, some schemes were taken up for implementation under the Centrally-sponsored Programme for which the Government of India sanctioned special grants. The details thereof have been placed on the library table.

(k)—Rs.1.34 lakhs for the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District against Centrally-sponsored schemes in 1956-57.

366. (a)—The amount spent in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District during the last five years is shown below:—

Roads constructed by P. W. D.	Rs.72.05 lakhs
„ „ Forests	Rs.3.70 „
„ „ on self-help basis	Rs.2.454 „

(b)—The roads to reach the border areas of Pakistan in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District which are intended to be motorable are shown below—

(i) Jowai-Jarain-Muktapur road.

(ii) Mawshamok-Shella road.

(iii) Laitmawsiang-Mawthawpiah road.

(iv) Dawki-Muktapur road.

(v) Mawphlang-Balat road.

(c)—All the five new roads shown against 2 (b) are intended to be utilised for motor traffic all the year round after they are fully completed.

(d)—Government are aware that sections of the people in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District living in the border of Pakistan have been facing great hardship for reasons indicated in the question of the hon.Member.

(e)—Government have already taken appropriate steps by opening cheap grain shops, execution of test relief works, improvement of communication, distribution of rice to subsidised rates, free supply of manure, seeds granting of agricultural loans, etc., to improve the economic conditions of the



people of the bordering areas and thereby to reduce their hardship. Further measures necessary to relieve the distress of the people are under Government active consideration and a quick survey of the actual condition and extent of additional help necessary is contemplated.

367 (a)—Till June 1952 in terms of the Indo-Pak Trade Agreement of 1951, and also in the absence of any Agreement to the contrary before that period, the movement of these goods to Pakistan was free. After the Agreement of 1951 expired on 30th June, 1952, restrictions were imposed by the Pakistan Government on the export of those goods to Pakistan from the bordering areas of Assam. The State Government immediately thereafter moved the Government of India for taking up with the Government of Pakistan for the withdrawal of those restrictions. Since then the State Government have been constantly representing to the concerning authorities for the withdrawal or relaxation of these restrictions.

(b)—It is not a fact.

(c)—The State Government have already proposed to the Union Government that dried fish along with other articles should be allowed free movement from Pakistan.

**Sums received from the Consolidated Fund of India as grants-in-aid to the revenues of the State of Assam**

**Shri B. M. ROY (Shillong)** asked :

368. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(a) The sums received from the Consolidated Fund of India as grants-in-aid to the revenues of the State of Assam.

(i) under sub-clause (a) of the 2nd proviso to Article 275(1) ;

(ii) under sub-clause (b) of the 2nd proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India for the years 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 ?

(b) The sums allotted as grants-in-aid under sub-clause (b) of the 2nd proviso to Article 275(1) and the sums actually paid and spent by the State of Assam in each of the years stated in question (a) above ?



- (c) Whether the Assam Government ever failed to utilise all the amounts allotted under sub-clause (b) of the 2nd proviso to Article 275(1) ?
- (d) If so, (i) the amount which could not be utilised by the Assam Government in each of the said years, (ii) whether the amount not so utilised by the Assam Government in each of the said years lapsed or again allowed to be utilised by the Assam Government in the following year in addition to the amount allotted for that following year ?
- (e) The amount of money utilised for the district of United Khasi-Jaintia Hills from the grants-in-aid received under sub-clause (b) of the 2nd proviso to Article 275 (1) and the amounts allotted and actually utilised under each major head during the aforesaid years ?
- (f) Whether there is a head of expenditure from the grant under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275(1) named as Miscellaneous ?
- (g)—(i) If so (i) what is the amount allotted under this head in each of the years stated in question (a) above.
- (ii) Whether the Chief Minister of Assam, was the sole distributor of the amount under this head ?
- (h) If so, what were the details of expenditure under this head during the aforesaid years ?
- (i) Whether there have been special grants besides grants under Article 275(1) given during the aforesaid years by the Central Government to the State of Assam for utilising in the Tribal Areas of Assam mentioned in Part A of the Table under Paragraph 20 of the Sixth Schedule, under the heads—Education, Agriculture, Grow More Food, Roads (or communications) Animal Husbandry (Veterinary), Public Health (Water Supply), Co-operative, Famine Relief for Border Areas of Pakistan, Fishery ?



(j) If so, what are the amounts under each of these heads for the years stated in question (a) above ?

(k) What is the special amounts given for the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills under the said heads during the said years ?

369. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

(a) The amount of money spent by Assam Government from the grants-in-aid given from the Consolidated Fund of India under Art. 275 (1) of the Constitution for the roads besides the National Highways in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills during the last 5 years ?

(b) The number and names of roads made in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills which are suppose to be motorable roads to reach the Border area of Pakistan ?

(c) Whether any new road was made by the Assam Government in the United K. & J. Hills district since 1952 to reach the Border area of Pakistan that can be utilised for motor traffic all the year round ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that the people in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills living in the Border of Pakistan are now in a famine condition suffering from want of rice and stoppage of market facilities with Pakistan from which they used to get their food stuff such as rice, fish (fresh) and dry fish, and to which they were used to sell their Pan or bettel leaves, oranges, Tezpata and other agricultural produces from the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills ?

(e) Do the Minister-in-charge proposed to make investigation quickly and grant relief to the suffering people of the border area especially in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills and also in the Garo Hills and the Lushai Hills.



370. (a) Whether it is a fact that the Assam Government did not represent from the beginning to the Central Government that Betel leaves (or pan leaves) oranges and other fresh fruits, (e.g., lemons, bananas, jackfruits, papayas), vegetables, tezpata are the commodities which should be allowed to be exported from the United K.-J. Hills and Garo Hills (Assam) to Pakistan?

(b) Whether it is a fact that for such non-representation at the beginning these commodities were not entered in the list of articles which could freely go to Eastern Pakistan from this part of Assam?

(c) Whether the Minister-in-charge proposes to represent to the Union Government that dry fish which is much used by hills people be allowed to be brought freely from Pakistan to our border market and to revise the Indo-Pak Trade Agreement to that extent?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied :  
368. (a)—

(i)—Rupees Forty lakhs annually.

(ii)—1951-52—Rs. 34.00 lakhs (including Rs.10 lakhs as special Block grant for Naga Hills).

1952-53—Rs. 32.24 lakhs.

1953-54—Rs. 61.60 lakhs (including Rs.10 lakhs sanctioned for setting up of the District Councils).

1954-55—Rs. 114.61 lakhs (including Rs.40 lakhs for the Pawi-lakher Regional Council and Rs.6.50 lakhs for compensation to Lushai Chiefs).

1955-56—Rs. 134.42 lakhs.

1956-57—Rs. 125.00 lakhs.



(b)—The Government of India fixed a ceiling of expenditure on schemes to be financed from grants-in-aid under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution for the entire First Plan period. The ceiling was originally fixed at Rs.286·80 lakhs. At the beginning of each year the State Government prepared an annual plan of development schemes to be financed under sub-clause (b) of the second proviso to Article 275(1) and submitted the same to the Government of India for their approval. In according their approval to the schemes fully or partly, the Government of India fixed a ceiling of expenditure to be incurred on those Schemes during the year on the basis of the overall ceiling of total grant under the head fixed for the entire Plan period.

The grants-in-aid received from the Government of India against those annual plans and amounts actually spent are shown below :—

					Sums received	Sums spent.
					Rs.	Rs.
1951-52	..	..	..	..	24·00 lakhs	16·82 lakhs
1952-53	..	..	..	..	32·24 „	30·30 „
1953-54	..	..	..	..	51·60 „	49·180 „
1954-55	..	..	..	..	107·71 „	88·73 „
1955-56	..	..	..	..	134·42 „	124·55 „
1956-57	..	..	..	..	125·00 „	100·38 „

On the basis of expenditure incurred during the first four years of the First Plan period, the State Government requested the Government of India for an increase in the overall ceiling fixed for the Plan period at Rs. 286·80 lakhs. During the last year of the First Plan period, an *ad hoc* increase in that ceiling to the extent of Rs. 57·73 lakhs was agreed to by the Government of India and as such the ceiling for the First Plan subsequently stood at Rs.344·53 lakhs. The expenditure again the increased ceiling during the First Plan period came to Rs. 309·58 lakhs. The expenditure incurred was in excess of the original ceiling of Rs.286·80 lakhs by Rs.22·78 lakhs. But it fell short of the enhanced ceiling by Rs.34·95 lakhs. As the ceiling was enhanced towards the end of the last year of the First Plan period the full amount of the additional grant could not be utilised due to shortness of time although the actual expenditure in the last year of the Plan period was much in excess of the level of expenditure incurred in previous years.



The year-wise allotment of funds against the original ceiling of Rs.286.80 lakhs was as shown below:—

							Rs.	
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.28	lakhs.
1952-53	..	..	..	..	..	..	27.63	„
1953-54	..	..	..	..	..	..	47.57	„
1954-55	..	..	..	..	..	..	98.45	„
1955-56	—	..	..	..	..	..	94.87	„

In 1956-57, the amount allotted according to schemes submitted by the State Government was Rs.125 lakhs and the expenditure incurred against the same was Rs.100 lakhs. The shortfall in expenditure was due to the Government of India's allotment of funds being received towards the end of the year, as for the first time the Government of India insisted on the State Government bearing one-third of the expenditure on those schemes for which there was no financial provision in the State Budget and to waive which the State Government had to carry on protracted negotiations with the Government of India.

(c)—As stated in (b) above.

(d)—Any shortfall in expenditure in any particular year against grants sanctioned by the Government of India is normally adjusted against allotment of funds on schemes to be implemented during the next year. The final adjustment is made during the last year of the Plan period taking into account the total ceiling of expenditure fixed by the Government of India for the entire period.

(e)—A statement is placed on the library table.

(f)—Yes. The head known as Miscellaneous actually covers the following items:—

(i) Grants-in-aid to non-Government organisation, doing welfare work in the autonomous districts.

(ii) Self-help schemes.

(iii) Grants to District Councils, Town Committees, etc., for improvement of hill stations.



(g) (i)—The amounts received from the Government of India during the years against that head are as below :—

						Rs.
1951-52	...	...	...	..	...	Nil
1952-53	...	...	...	...	...	1.85 lakhs
1953-54	...	...	...	...	...	4.21 lakhs
1954-55	...	...	...	...	...	7.75 lakhs
1955-56	...	...	...	...	...	9.00 lakhs
1956-57	...	...	...	...	...	5.70 lakhs

(ii) No. The grants under the head "Miscellaneous" are distributed in the same way as all other grants by obtaining reports from district officers in consultation with public representatives, district councils and also according to special recommendations made by high authorities and Members of the Legislature on the basis of their knowledge or experience of the work undertaken by any organisation or group of people.

(h)—A statement is laid on the library table.

(i)&(j)—No special grants besides grants under Article 275(1) were received from the Government of India for utilisation in the tribal areas under the heads mentioned in the question during the period from 1951-52 to 1955-56. During the year 1956-57, some schemes were taken up for implementation under the Centrally-sponsored Programme for which the Government of India sanctioned special grants. The details thereof have been placed on the library table.

(k)—Rs. 1.34 lakhs for the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District against Centrally-sponsored schemes in 1956-57.

369. (a)—The amount spent in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District during the last five years is shown below—

Roads constructed by Public Works Department.		Rs.	72.05 lakhs.
" " Forests ...	Rs.	3.70	"
" " on self-help basis	Rs.	2.454	"



(b) The roads to reach the border areas of Pakistan in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District which are intended to be motorable are shown below—

- (i) Jowai-Jarain-Muktapur road.
- (ii) Mawshamok-Shella road.
- (iii) Laitmawsiang-Mawthawpdah road.
- (iv) Dawki-Muktapur road.
- (v) Mawphlang-Balat road.

(c)—All the five new roads shown against 2 (b) are intended to be utilised for motor traffic all the year round after they are fully completed.

(d)—Government are aware that sections of the people in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District living in the border of Pakistan have been facing great hardship for reason indicated in the question of the hon. Member.

(e)—Government have already taken appropriate steps by opening cheap grain shops, execution of test relief works, improvement of communication, distribution of rice at subsidised rates, free supply of manure, seeds, granting of agricultural loans, etc., to improve the economic conditions of the people of the bordering areas and thereby to reduce their hardship. Further measures necessary to relieve the distress of the people are under Government active consideration and a quick survey of the actual condition and extent of additional help necessary is contemplated.

370 (a)—Till June, 1952, in terms of the Indo-Pak Trade Agreement of 1951, and also in the absence of any Agreement to the contrary before that period, the movement of these goods to Pakistan was free. After the Agreement of 1951 expired on 30th June, 1952, restrictions were imposed by the Pakistan Government on the export of those goods to Pakistan from the bordering areas of Assam. The State Government immediately thereafter moved the Government of India for taking up with the Government of Pakistan for the withdrawal of those restrictions. Since then the State Government have been constantly representing to the concerned authorities for the withdrawal or relaxation of these restrictions.

(b)—It is not a fact.

(c)—The State Government have already proposed to the Union Government that dried-fish along with other articles should be allowed free movement from Pakistan.



**Amount of grant sanctioned as non-recurring grant to  
Schools, Colleges and School Boards in 1956 under  
Article 275 of the Constitution**

**Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS (Rangiya)** asked :

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

(a) The total amount of grant sanctioned as non-recurring grant to the Schools and Colleges in the year 1956 under Article 275 of the Constitution ?

(b) The amount sanctioned to each of the Colleges and High Schools, Middle English Schools and Middle Vernacular Schools during the year 1956-57 ?

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

(a) The grant sanctioned to each of the School Boards in the State under Article 275 since 1952 ?

(b) On what purpose those grants were utilised ?

(c) The names of Schools Middle Vernacular or Lower Primary where the grant was sanctioned since the year 1952 ?

(d) Whether the Tribal representatives in the Local Bodies or Legislative Assembly of the State are consulted at the time of distribution of such grant ?



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

371. (a)—The amounts sanctioned as non-recurring grant to the Schools and Colleges under various schemes are as below :—

Name of schemes	Plains Tribal Areas	Autonomous Districts
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Accommodation for tribal students in College hostels.	31,500	35,000
2. Grants to Secondary Schools for sports and games and improvement of play grounds.	10,000	25,000
3. Grant for hostel facilities for tribal students in Secondary Schools.	90,000	32,500
4. Grants-in-aid to non-Government Secondary Schools.	1,50,000	97,100
5. Grants for introduction of vocational subjects in Secondary Schools.	10,000	...
6. Grants-in-aid for Primary Schools ...	...	90,000
7. Grants to Nursery Schools in the Autonomous districts.	..	10,000
8. Grants to Secondary Schools to compensate the loss of free income.	..	15,000
9. Grants for improvement of existing Lower Primary Schools.	...	20,000
10. Grant for building and equipment to Basic Schools.	...	40,000

(b)—A statement is laid on the Library table.

372. (a)—No grant is sanctioned to any School Board from fund received under Art.275 of the Constitution.

(b)—Does not arise,



(c)—A statement of the Middle Vernacular Schools which received grants from Art.275 provision since 1952 is placed on the library table. In the Plains Tribal areas no grant is made to any Lower Primary School from the Art.275 provision and in the Autonomous Districts grants for Lower Primary Schools are placed at the disposal of the District Councils where they exist.

(d)—In making grants to Secondary Schools whether in the Plains Tribal areas or in the Autonomous Districts, the local Officers while submitting recommendations consult Member of the Legislature and other public representatives.

### **Financial Help given to the People of Border Areas of the United Khasi and Jaintia Hills**

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Cherrapunjee Reserved)**  
asked :

373. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Department of the Tribal Areas be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any financial help was given to the people of the Border Areas of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District during the last five years in the shape of grant ?

(b) If the answer to (a) above be in the affirmative, will the Minister be pleased to state year by year—

(i) the total amount of such grant,

(ii) the names of persons to whom such grant was given,

(iii) the purpose for which the grant was given.

374. Will the Minister-in-charge of the Department of Tribal Areas be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any loan of Rs.100 (One hundred Rupees) per family of the border area of the United Khasi and Jaintia Hills District was offered by the Government during the last five years.



- (b) If so, what was that loan meant for ?
- (c) Whether there was any printed form in which the persons who received the loan signed ?
- (d) If so, whether the Minister will be pleased to lay on the table a sample copy of that form ?
- (e) Whether the loan was issued for two or three members of the family dwelling in the same house ?
- (f) Whether there was any instruction that only a selected few persons or villages should be given the loan ?
- (g) What are the names of persons who received such a loan in the village of Shella, in the Wadadarship of Shella Confederacy in the border area, and the amount which each family received stating whether there are any persons who received the loan who are of the same family living in the same house.
- (h) What are the names of such persons as mentioned in (i) above of the village of Mawpran in the Khyrim Syiemship (border area) ?
- (i) What are the names of villages which received the said loan in the Cherrapunjee Constituency ?
- (j) What are the reasons why other villages which have written to the Deputy Commissioner, United Khasi and Jaintia Hills for grant or a loan were not at all given, *e. g.*, villages of Mynsang and Wahlakhriat of Khyrim Syiemship.

375. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of the Department of the Tribal Areas be pleased to state whether the grant and loan mentioned in Questions Nos. 373 and 374 above were meant for the sake of only helping the people who are in distress ?

(b) Whether such grant or loan was given in all the Constituencies in the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills ?

(c) If so, what was the total amount given to each constituency ?



(d) Whether such grant or loan was given to the Garo Hills and Lushai Hills border areas also ?

(e) Whether the said grants and loans were financed from the money received from the Central Government or from the State Government revenue ?

(f) If so, what are the amounts of grants so received ?

**Shri CHATRA SINGH TERON (Minister, Tribal Welfare)** replied :

373. (a)—Yes.

(b) (i) The following amounts were spent year by year as grants:—

					Rs.
1952-53	...	...	...	...	5,807
1953-54	...	...	...	...	16,083
1954-55	...	...	...	...	1,18,850
1955-56	...	...	...	...	1,22,850
1956-57	...	...	..	...	22,500

(ii) As grants were paid to innumerable persons during the five years, full information about them are being collected,

(iii) for immediate relief and long-term rehabilitation of families in acute distress due to the adverse effects of partition on the economy of the area and also on account of natural calamities.

374. (a)—Yes. In addition loans of Rs.500 per family were also granted to those families of the border who shifted for long-term rehabilitation in other areas of the district. Agricultural loans to the extent of Rs.500 per family were also given to enable cultivator families of the border area to



consolidate and improve their cultivations and to take up cultivation of new food crops with the help of irrigation projects. The total amount of loans granted during the period from 1952-53 to 1956-57 was Rs.15,51,082.

(b)—The loans were meant for immediate relief and long-term rehabilitation as well as for consolidation and improvement of existing cultivation and to assist families to take to permanent cultivation as for example, wet paddy cultivation with the help of irrigation project.

(c)—There was no printed form but cyclostyled forms were used in connection with these loans which were signed by the Loanees.

(d)—A copy of the cyclostyled form used is placed on the table.

(e)—No.

(f)—No.

(g)—A list of such persons is placed on the table. Members of the same family living in the same house were not granted loans separately.

(h)—A list is placed on the table.

(i)—A list is placed on the table.

(j)—The deserving people of the village of Mynsang and Wahlakhait of Khyrim Siemship also received loans as will be seen from the list placed on the table. The question of not granting loans to the people of any village who have applied to the Deputy Commissioner does not arise unless on enquiries it is found that they do not deserve any loan assistance.

375 (a)—The grant and loans meant for helping the people who are in distress and also to assist them in their effect for long-term rehabilitation under changed circumstances due to the effects of partition and natural calamities.

(b)—The grants and loans were given according to the need of the people in any part of the district, and not constituency-wise.



(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Loans were granted partly from State revenues and partly from finance secured by the State as loan from the Government of India. The grants were also paid by the State Government both from State revenues as well as from the State resources secured as loan from the Government of India.

(f)—As no grant from the Central Government was received the question does not arise.

**Shri NILMONEY BARTHAHAKUR (Dibrugarh)** asked :

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

(a) How many applications for loans were received by the Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, Dibrugarh from the refugees staying within the Sub-division of Dibrugarh at (i) Dibrugarh, (ii) Tinsukia, (iii) Naharkatia, (iv) Moran and Khowang, (v) Digboi, Ledo and Margherita, in 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57 ?

(b) How many of them were enquired into ?

(c) How many of them received rehabilitation benefits ?

(d) What is the total amount disbursed ?

(e) What steps Government propose to take for the speedy rehabilitation of those refugees who have waiting with their applications since 1950 ?

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that most of the applications for loan from the refugees staying within the Subdivision of Dibrugarh and made during 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54 were lost ?



(b) If so, how ?

(c) What measures Government propose to take to restore the rights of chronological priority to those applicants of 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54, whose applications were lost ?

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

(a) If the Government is aware that one Jyotilal Chakravarty is the Secretary of the Dibrugarh Branch of the All Assam Refugee Association ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that he is permanent resident of Dibrugarh and is an employee of the Central Government (Railway) ?

(c) Whether refugee loans were sanctioned for him ?

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

376. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—A statement comprising the information is placed on the Library table. As regards (c) and (d) figures relate to the entire Dibrugarh Subdivision as separate area-wise figures are not maintained.

(e)—The loan applications upto the end of 1951-52 have almost been disposed of. Steps are being taken to dispose of the remaining long pending applications number of which is very small.

377. (a) & (b)—Some of the applications were lost during the last erosion and flood when the Relief and Rehabilitation office was inundated and had to be shifted within about an hour, and thereafter from place to place on more than one occasion.

(c)—Loan applications are entered in the Receipt Register whenever received. The persons whose applications cannot be traced are asked to submit fresh applications, which are disposed of according to the dates of previous applications as in the Receipt Register.

378. (a)—Yes.



(b)—Yes. He has been in service for the last two years.

(c)—Yes. A sum of Rs. 1,250 was granted to Shri Chakravarty as House building loan on the strength of his Refugee Registration Card of 1952. Later on it was found out that he is not a genuine displaced person. Accordingly the Refugee Registration Card has been cancelled, and action has already been taken for recovery of the whole amount.

### Co-operative Movement in Assam

**Shri B. M. ROY (Shillong)** asked :

379. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government are taking all possible steps for encouraging Co-operative movement and extending its activities throughout the State ?

(b) If so, why a large number of Co-operative Societies are sent into liquidation and revealed in the *Assam Gazette* every week ?

(c) Whether he proposes to take adequate steps for improving the financial condition of the existing Co-operative Societies by granting loans wherever necessary and putting a stop to undue interference in the working of the Societies by Departmental Officers ?

(d) Whether Government propose to set up a non-official committee to investigate into the reasons for closure of a large number of Co-operative Societies almost every week and to devise ways and means for future expansion of the co-operative movement in the State ?

**M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operative)** replied :

379. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Societies which have ceased to function and where there is no scope for rehabilitation have got to be sent under liquidation.



(c)—All necessary steps have already been taken to improve the Societies. Loans can be and are granted under certain rules.

There has been no undue interference in the working of any Societies by the Departmental Officers.

(d)—Government do not consider any necessity for investigating into the causes of closure of Societies.

A Co-operative Advisory Board has already been constituted to review the progress and suggest ways and means for further development.

### **Statement made by the Speaker regarding recognition of Opposition Party in the House**

**Mr. Speaker:** I have a statement to make.

Under Rule 166(1), I have admitted the Praja Socialist Party Progressive Bloc as an Opposition Party as it consists of more than the minimum number of members required to form a quorum of the House. I have also admitted the Tribal Union Parliamentary Party as an Opposition Party under the same Rule and on the same grounds.

Under the same Rule, I have recognised the Communist Party as an Opposition Group as they have more than two members which is the required minimum.

Under Rule 166(2) which says "the Leader of the largest Opposition Party shall be recognised as the Leader of the Opposition in the House". Shri Hareswar Goswami, Leader of the Praja Socialist Party Progressive Bloc, which is the largest Opposition Party in the House, is entitled to be the Leader of the Opposition and I have admitted him as such. Capt. Williamson A. Sangma, the Leader of the Tribal Union Party, as well as Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharya, Leader of the Communist Group, have informed me about their agreement with the decision to admit Shri Hareswar Goswami as the Leader of the Opposition.



## The Assam Land and Revenue Re-assessment (Amendment) Bill, 1957

**Shri GOPESH CHANDRA NAMASUDRA [ Pathar-kandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes) ] :** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আমি গতকাল আমাদের মাননীয় রাজস্ব মন্ত্রী এবং অর্থ মন্ত্রীর বক্তৃতার কিছু অংশ উদ্ধৃত করে দেখাতে চেয়ে ছিলাম যে আসামের জনসাধারণের অর্থ নৈতিক অবস্থা সত্যি শোচনীয়। এই রাজ্যের বেশীর ভাগ লোক যেহেতু কৃষির উপর নির্ভরশীল, কৃষি ব্যবস্থায় কোন সঙ্কট আসলে রাজ্যের সমস্ত অংশের উপর তার প্রভাব পড়ে এবং রাজ্যের অর্থ নৈতিক কাঠামো বিপর্যয়ের দিকে অগ্রসর হয়। যেহেতু এই খাজানা বৃদ্ধির প্রস্তাব রাজ্যের বেশীর ভাগ জনসাধারণের উপর নতুন চাল সৃষ্টি করবে সেই কারণে আসাম রাজ্যে কৃষির ব্যবস্থাকে বিকাশের দিকে অগ্রসর না করে এই প্রস্তাব বিপর্যয়ের দিকে ঠেলে দিবে বলে আমি মনে করি।

মাননীয় রাজস্ব মন্ত্রী আধিয়ার সংরক্ষণ বিলের বক্তৃতার সময় দেখিয়েছেন আসামে গতকরা ৫২ ভাগ কৃষকের জমির পরিমাণ ১০ বিঘার কম। কাজেই দেখা যায় এই খাজানা বৃদ্ধি বেশীর ভাগ লোকের উপর আঘাত আসবে।

আমার মাননীয় সদস্য শ্রীযুক্ত দণ্ডেশ্বর হাজারিকা গত কাল এই বিলের সমর্থন করতে গিয়ে যেসব কথা তিনি বলেছেন আজ আমি তার প্রতিবাদ না করে পারলাম না। মাননীয় সদস্য বয়সে প্রবীণ এবং আইনজ্ঞ। শুধু এই দেশের নয় পৃথিবীর সমস্ত উন্নত দেশের ভূমি রাজস্ব সম্পর্কীয় আইনের ব্যাখ্যা আমরা আশা করেছিলাম তার কাছ থেকে। কিন্তু তিনি রাজস্ব বৃদ্ধির এই সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব এবং ১৯৩৬ ইংরেজীর মূল আইনটা যদি পড়ে দেখতেন তবে বোধহয় এভাবে বলতেন না। কারণ আমার ক্ষুদ্র বুদ্ধিতেও বুঝতে পেরেছি যে এই আইন চা-বাগানের ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য নয়, অর্থাৎ তিনি অবাধে বলে গেলেন খাজানা বৃদ্ধি হলে চা-বাগানের জমি থেকে বেশী টাকা আদায় হবে। যদি সত্যিই তাহত তাহলে আসামের কৃষক দুহাত তুলে সরকারের আশীর্বাদ করে করে বসে থাকতো। কিন্তু আমি জানি যেখানে হাত দেওয়ার সামর্থ্য বা মানসিক প্রস্তুতি আমাদের সরকারের নাই।

জমিহীন এবং গরীব কৃষকদের সংখ্যা যখন গতকাল এই বিধান সভার মধ্যে মাননীয় মন্ত্রী বলে গেলেন, সে তথ্য জেনেও মাননীয় সদস্য শ্রীযুক্ত হাজারিকা কোন তথ্যের উপর ভিত্তি করে বললেন যে রাজস্ব বৃদ্ধিতে বড় বড় জমির মালিকরা বেশী টাকা দেবে? শ্রীযুক্ত হাজারিকা বোধহয় একথাটা জানেন যে যদি সরকার খাজানা একআনা বাড়ান তবে ঐ সমস্ত মাটির মালিকরা তাদের অবস্তুন প্রজাদের কাছ থেকে তার দুই অথবা তিন গুণ বেশী আদায় করে নেবে। কাজেই সমস্ত চাপ গিয়ে পরবে গরীব কৃষকদের উপর।

সেই কৃষকদের অবস্থা আজ কোন পর্য্যায় এসে দাড়িয়েছে এবং তার কৃষিব্যবস্থাই বা কোন পর্য্যায়ের সেটা বিচার করা প্রয়োজন। ১৯৩৬ ইংরেজীর মূল আইনে আছে— খাজানা বৃদ্ধি করতে হলে একথা বিচার করতে হবে—

“1. Economic Conditions of those who live mainly on agriculture.

2. Cost of Agricultural Production.

3. The value of the Agricultural Produces.

4. The letting and selling value of the land.”



মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, জমির উপর চাপ বৃষ্টিশ আমল থেকে চলে এসেছে, আজও সে চাপ কমেনি। বৃষ্টিশ তার শিল্পজাত মাল এদেশে বিক্রয় করার জন্য আমাদের স্বয়ং সম্পূর্ণ গ্রামীক অর্থনীতির শিল্পীদের শিল্পকার্য ছেড়ে কৃষিতে চলে যেতে বাধ্য করলো। গ্রামের জমির উপর চাপ বাড়লো। গ্রামীণ অর্থনীতি বিপর্যয় হওয়ায় সেখানে বেকার সমস্যার সৃষ্টি হলো। কল কারখানায় নিযুক্ত করার জন্য এই বেকার সৃষ্টি করার মত-লবেই বৃষ্টিশ সরকার এই অবস্থা সৃষ্টি করে।

স্বাধীনতা পাওয়ার পর আমরা আশা করেছিলাম শিল্পে আমাদের দেশ বিকাশ লাভ করবে আর জমির উপর চাপ কমে যাবে। দেশবিভাগ এবং উদ্বাস্তু আগমনের ফলে বরং অধিকসংখ্যায় জমির উপর চাপ বাড়লো কারণ সরকার কোন পরিকল্পনা করে এই সমস্তু বাড়তি লোকদের কোন শিল্পে নিয়োগ করতে পারেননি।

যুদ্ধের বৎসর এবং পরবর্তী কালে যে সমস্তু ব্যবসায়ী বেশ মুনাফা করে অন্য কোন ক্ষেত্রে নিয়োগের সম্ভবনা না থাকায় ঐ সমস্তু ব্যবসায়ীও জমির দিকে অগ্রসর হয়। কৃষক এলাকায় যে কোন সবরেজেদ্বী অফিসের জমি হস্তান্তরের হিসাব নিলেই সরকার দেখতে পারবেন কি পরিমান জমি অকৃষকদের কাছে হস্তান্তরিত হয়েছে। যে কৃষক একইঞ্চি জমির জন্য মাথার রক্ত দিতে পারে সে যখন পাইকারী হারে জমি বিক্রী আরম্ভ করে তখন বুঝতে হবে কৃষকদের বারটা বেজে গেছে।

অন্যদিক সরকারী কোন পরিকল্পনা কৃষকদের ফসলের নিশ্চয়তা আনে দিতে পারেনি। আজও আসামের কৃষক প্রকৃতির অনুকূল আবহাওয়া এবং মৌসুমী বায়ুর উপর নির্ভরশীল। অতিবৃষ্টি আসামের ফসলকে বন্যার জলে ভাসিয়ে নিয়ে যায়। অন্যবৃষ্টির ফলে কৃষক ফসল ফলাতে পারবেনা। এই মরসুমেই দেখা গেল পাংগলাদিয়া লোনা নদীর বন্যায় কামরূপ ভেসে যাচ্ছে আর অন্যদিকে হোজাই অঞ্চলের কৃষক জলের জন্য—“আলা মেঘ দাও পানী দাও” বলে কাতর আবেদন জানাচ্ছে। অথচ এই বৈজ্ঞানিক প্রগতির যুগে এই অবস্থাকে জয় করা অত্যন্ত সহজ কাজ।

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The honourable member while speaking on the Bill should speak on the subject matter which would be relevant. In this connection it would be relevant to speak only about the economic condition of the cultivators and not beyond that.

**Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Schedule Caste)] :** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমি শুধু কৃষকদের অবস্থা বলতে গিয়ে এই প্রসংগটা তুলেছি। আমি একথা বলতে চাই যখন আমার কৃষি ব্যবস্থাকে সরকার রক্ষা করবার কোনো সুব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করতে পারেন নি। প্রকৃতির উপরই যখন কৃষকদের নির্ভর করতে হয় তখন ভূমি রাজস্ব বৃদ্ধির এই প্রস্তাব কৃষকদের নূতন উৎপাদনের দিকে না নিয়ে উল্টা দিকে নিয়ে যাবে।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, কৃষিজাত পণ্যের মূল্য বৃদ্ধি দেখে সরকার ওখান থেকে টাকা আদায়ের লোভ সামলাতে পারেননি। একবার চিন্তা করে দেখা উচিত ছিল এই বাড়তি মূল্য কে পায়?

প্রথমতঃ যেহেতু কৃষি মূলধনের জন্য কৃষকরা মহাজনের উপর নির্ভরশীল, তাই তারা মরশুমের সময় দেনার দায়ে সমস্তু ফসল সম্ভাদরে মহাজনদের হাতে তুলে দেয়। গোদাম জাত করে রেখে ঐসমস্তু মুনাফা শীকারীরা বর্ষাকালে ২/৩ গুণ দাম আদায় করে। যে



পরিমাণ বাড়তি মূল্য কৃষকরা পায় তার প্রয়োজনীয় অন্য জিনিষ চড়া দামে কিনতে গিয়ে তার চেয়ে বেশী মূল্য কৃষককে দিতে হয়। কৃষিজাত দ্রব্যের মূল্য বৃদ্ধির এবং শিল্প জাত দ্রব্যের মূল্য বৃদ্ধির এই কয় বৎসরের সূচক নিলেই তা ধরা পড়ে যাবে।

দ্বিতীয়তঃ উৎপাদনের পড়তা খরচ আজ অনেক বেড়ে গেছে। ছোট ছোট জমির মালিকরা পড়তা খরচ বেশী দেয়। যারা বড় বড় জমির মালিক তারা মূল ধন নিয়োগ করতে পারে—সার ব্যবহার করে উৎপাদন বাড়াতে পারে—ছোট ছোট সেচ ব্যবস্থা নিজেরা করে নিয়ে ফসল রক্ষা করতে পারে, কিন্তু গরীবরা পারেনা ফলে তারা সংকটে হাবু ডুবু খায়। যে টুকু মূল্য বৃদ্ধি হয়েছে পড়তা খরচ পোষাতে তা চলে যায়। এই সমস্ত কথা বিবেচনা করে রাজস্ব মন্ত্রী বিলটা আনেনাকি স্বধু কর তদন্ত কমিশন এদিকে কর আদায়ের একটা সম্ভাবনা উল্লেখ করেছেন অমনি তারা সাইলেন্সের মত অগ্রসর হয়ে গেলেন।

আমি জানি ভোটের জোর আছে। সরকার এটা পাশ করিয়ে দিতে পারবেন, আমার বলা বৃথাই হবে। তবু আবেদন করবো সরকারের কাছে আগামের বিপন্ন কৃষকদের নামে—সরকার যেন শীঘ্র এটা প্রয়োগ না করেন। পাশ করে রেখে দিন। কৃষকদের অবস্থার উন্নতির জন্য স্পষ্ট পরিকল্পনা গ্রহণ করণ। বহু মুখী পরিকল্পনা এবং সেচ ব্যবস্থার সাংখ্যিক প্রয়োগে যখন কৃষকদের গোলা প্রাচুর্য্য ভরে উঠবে তখন যদি সরকার যান বেশী আদায়ের জন্য তখন কৃষকরা মানলে রাজ্যের অর্থ ভাণ্ডারে বেশী রাজস্ব দিতে মোটেই আপত্তি করবেন না। বর্তমান অবস্থায় এই আইনের প্রয়োগে সম্পূর্ণ অযৌতিক হবে বলেই আমি মনে করি।

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I shall state briefly. Some of my honourable friends on the other side of the House have raised the question of the very propriety of charging the revenue on land. That shows our approach and their approach to the problem are totally different. I herefore cannot expect their support. It is true, in ancient India, there was no system of realising revenue from land. Rishi Jagya-balkwa, the alleged author of the Jujurvedas, says "Land belongs to him who clears the jungle and grows food. God has created land for the benefit of mankind. So he who clears the jungle and grows food is the owner of the land". The King used to get one-sixth share of the produce, but this one-sixth share he got not as land revenue but as a charge for maintenance of law and order. I give an example. Say, Rishi Gautama wanted to start an Asram. He need not take any Patta from the King. He selects the site, clears the jungle and starts the Asram. Now the demons began to create disturbance in the performance of his Jagyas. He informs Raja Harish Chandra who drives away the demons. This is maintenance of law and order, for which the Raja used to get one-sixth of the share of the produce. In course of time, that one-sixth share of the produce began to be regarded as land revenue. Later it became almost standardised. From the time of Raja Todarmal, Revenue Minister of Akbar Badshah, the present system with more or less



variations is continuing till the present time. We cannot go back to the old times.

**Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara):** Sir, we cannot agree with that.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** Have a little patience ; and if the hon. Member wants to speak, let him speak at the end.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** So, Sir, we hear a lecture on patience also (*Laughter*).

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Sir, one of my hon Friends stated that we should not follow the Planning Commission and the Taxation Enquiry Commission blindly. The Planning Commission and the Taxation Enquiry Commission want a uniform system, as far as possible, throughout India. We have correspondences and discussions with them. When we find that their suggestion is reasonable, we accept it. A workable uniformity throughout India is desirable. There is already uniformity in criminal laws. For uniformity the Hindu law has been recast. In land reforms also they want to introduce uniformity. They prepare the frame work and in the broader frame work we fit ourselves in retaining our special characteristics. There is no question of compulsion or blindly following anything.

Now, as regards the observation of the hon. Member that we accept what is favourable to Government and we do not accept what is favourable to the people, Sir, this is entirely incorrect. What is this Government and who are the people? This Government is for the people, this Government has no existence except for the people.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Only in theory:

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Yes, in theory and also in practice.

Why should my Friends fight shy of any taxation proposal ? A great economist has said that rivers dry up, the waters evaporate but return in the shape of rain fertilizes the soil for the benefit of mankind. So apparently what is bad, this drying up of rivers, is the source of immense benefit to mankind. So some money may evaporate from the pockets of the



citizens, but it returns in the shape of various beneficial measures, and benefits those very people from whom the money comes. The money is therefore not lost but is a source of benefit to the people. Thus the Government and the people are identical. It is in this way this Government administers the State. But when one puts on a coloured spectacle, one sees things in a different colour.

Now, if revenue is to be charged on land, then ours is the most scientific system. If revenue is charged, it must be assessed on the productivity of the land, on the income that the land yields. That is the most scientific system. In Zamindari areas in feudal times this system was not observed. In our main Act, this system of assessment is provided.

This Bill does not pretend to lay down any principle of assessment. It only lays down that under certain circumstances the revenue can be increased or reduced within the period provided in the main Act. That is the only provision in this Bill. Now, some of my Friends read from a section to show that the main Act provides for consideration of the fact of cost of production. The Act is there. That portion is not amended in any way. What amendments we are making will have to follow this provision. The cost of production cannot be ignored. What the Bill actually wants to do is that it puts a figure, which is the maximum limit upto which increment may go. This principle of enhancement of revenue periodically is in the Act itself. What is that period? That period is 30 years. After every 30 years, according to the productivity of land, the revenue may be enhanced. Now what the Taxation Enquiry Committee suggests is that 30 years is too long a period, it should be 10 years. For various difficulties, we have made it 15 years. Now it can be said that it is against the interests of the people? We make it 15 years so that between one settlement and another, there may be only one revision. Now, there may be revision, there may not be revision. This is only an enabling Act. It empowers Government to revise. But will Government revise it just only to increase the revenue? No, that is not so. If the productivity falls down, revenue will decrease, and if productivity increases, revenue will increase. But in no case will Government increase the revenue if the productivity falls down.

**Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara):** Can you cite any instance of revenue having been decreased?



**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** This is, Sir, an amending Bill which has not yet become an Act and yet my Friend wants an instance here and now. I request my Friend to read the Bill. There was a defect in the original Act which is now only sought to be removed. There was no provision for reduction of revenue within the settlement period. This is now provided. But yet my Friend contends that what goes against the people we provide in this Bill. If the productivity decreases, the revenue will also proportionately come down. If there is an increase of annas five in the rupee, the maximum increase will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna in the rupee. That is the maximum prescribed here, cost of production and all other things have been taken into consideration. This is also the suggestion of the Planning Commission as no State in India keeps any reliable statistics of cost of production of agriculturists, they advise us to proceed this way and to keep a good margin between the increase in price and increase in revenue. The provisions of the Bill operates this way. To-day in 1955 if a settlement is completed, then the question of revision will arise in 1971. If in 1955 a settlement is finished then in 1971 the question of revision will arise. Now what is the standard? The base period is that 15 years before the last 15 years, i.e., the period between 1940 and 1955. The price which prevails between 1940 and 1955 will be taken as base and from that base the increment in the price between 1955 and 1970 will be calculated. Then only the increase will be given effect to from 1971. Thus sufficient time is required to give effect to this Bill. Our Friend delivered very nice speeches as if from tomorrow we are going to increase the revenue. That is not so. The suggestion of the Planning Commission is also that periodically there must be revision. The main Act provides 30 years as the period. This Bill provides a revision at the expiry of 15 years. In this revision revenue may go up or come down in accordance with the rise and fall in the price level.

This is all that I want to say, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The question is that the Assam Land and Revenue Re-assessment (Amendment) Bill, 1957, be passed.



The House divided with the following result :

Noes—12

Ayes—45

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Shri Bishwanath Upadhyaya.       | 1. Shri Bishnu Ram Medhi.          |
| 2. Shri Brojo Mohon Roy.            | 2. Shri Siddhi Nath Sarma.         |
| 3. Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya.  | 3. Shri Moti Ram Bora.             |
| 4. Shri Gopesh Namasudra.           | 4. Shri Rup Nath Brahma.           |
| 5. Shri Hamdhon Mohan Haplangbar.   | 5. Shri Hareswar Das.              |
| 6. Shri Hiralal Patwary.            | 6. Shri Chatrasing Teron.          |
| 7. Maulavi Jahan Uddin Ahmed.       | 7. Shri Purnanda Chetia.           |
| 8. Shri Khagendra Nath Barboruah.   | 8. Shri Mohi Kanta Das.            |
| 9. Shri Nilmoney Borthakur.         | 9. Shri Girindra Nath Gogoi.       |
| 10. Shri Pakhirai Deka.             | 10. Dr. Ghanashyam Das.            |
| 11. Kumar Prokritish Chandra Barua. | 11. Shri Mohendra Nath Hazarika.   |
| 12. Maulavi Sahadat Ali.            | 12. Shri Indreswar Khaund.         |
|                                     | 13. Shri Khelhoshe Sema.           |
|                                     | 14. Maulavi Abdul Matlib Mazumder. |
|                                     | 15. Shri Baikuntha Nath Das.       |
|                                     | 16. Shri Bhuban Chandra Pradhani.  |
|                                     | 17. Shri Bishnu Lal Upadhyaya.     |
|                                     | 18. Shri Biswadev Sarma.           |
|                                     | 19. Shri Dandeswar Hazarika.       |
|                                     | 20. Shri Dandi Ram Dutta.          |



## Ayes

21. Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika.
22. Shri Dwijesh Chandra Deb  
Sarma.
23. Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.
24. Shri Gouri Shankar Roy.
25. Shri Hakim Chandra Rabha.
26. Shri Harinarayan Baruah.
27. Shri Hem Chandra Chakra-  
varty.
28. Mrs. Jyotsna Chanda.
29. Shri Kamala Prasad Agarwala.
30. Khagendra Nath Nath.
31. Shri Lalit Kumar Daley.
32. Shri Lila Kanta Borah.
33. Shrimati Lily Sen Gupta.
34. Shri Mohanda Bora.
35. Shri Narendra Nath Sarma.
36. Shri Omeo Kumar Das.
37. Shrimati Padma Kumari  
Gohain.
38. Shri Radha Kishan Khemka.
39. Shri Radhika Ram Das.
40. Mualavi Rahimuddin Ahmed.
41. Shri Ram Nath Das.
42. Dr. Ram Prasad Chaubey.
43. Shri Sarbeswar Bordoloi.
44. Shri Satsuo Angami.
45. Shri Tankeswar Chetia.

The Motion was adopted and the the Bill was passed.



## The Assam Municipal (Validation of Elections) Bill, 1957

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Next item, Mr. Sarma.

There is one amendment in the name of Mr. Borthakur.  
He is not in his seat.

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, L. S.-G):**  
Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that Assam Municipal (Validation of Elections) Bill, 1957, be passed.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question is that the Assam Municipal (Validation of Elections) Bill, 1957, be passed.

(The Motion was adopted.)

### Government Resolution for approval of an expenditure of Rs.10,055 under "57.—Miscellaneous—II—Donation for Charitable proposes, etc.—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas"

**\*Shri BISNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.10,055 under "57—Misc.—II—Donation for charitable purposes, etc.—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas" by re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated below, during the year 1956-57:—

	General Rs.	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas Rs.	Total Rs.
"57.—Miscellaneous"— Grant originally voted by the Assembly.	14,12,300	5,24,500	19,36,800
1. Sub-head under which the appro- priation will be accounted for—			
(i) B. Donation for charitable purposes.	46,000	2,730	48,730
(ii) Do Petty Estt. ...	49,930	4,54,510	5,04,440
(b) Other Petty Estt.			
2. Sub-head under which the amount is to be re-appropriated—			
(i) K. Works—Original Works	7,113	46,000	53,113

I hope the hon. Members will accept this.

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\*Motion was moved by the Chief Minister in absence of the Finance Minister for the time being.



**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance)**, Sir, I express my regret for not being able to turn up in time, because I was engaged in a very important discussion with the General Manager of the A. O. C.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Order, order. So far as this work is concerned, there is no work more important than the business of this House.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH** : Yes, Sir, I express my regret for this.

A sum of Rs.10,055 was necessary to be spent last year for physical removal of offenders in Garo Hills to Pakistan and for increase of porter corps in Naga Hills (Rs.9,654). As there was no budget provision under the relevant heads a sum of Rs.10,055 was re-appropriated from provision for "Original Works". The saving under the head was due to trouble in the Naga Hills but the re-appropriation of this saving will have to be approved by the Assembly through the process of a resolution as the provision was made through a Schedule with specific approval of the Legislature.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Motion moved:

That this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.10,055 under "57.—Misc.—II—Donation for charitable purposes, etc.—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas" by re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated below during the year 1956-57:—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Tot
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
" 57.—Miscellaneous "—			
Grant originally voted by the Assembly.	14,12,300	5,24,500	19,36,800
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2. Sub-head under which the amount is to be re-appropriated—			
(i) K. Works—Original Works.	7,113	46,000	53,113

( After a pause )



The question is that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.10,055 under "57.—Misc.—II.—Donation for charitable purposes, etc.—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas" by re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated in the Resolution.

(The Motion was adopted.)

### Prorogation

**Mr. SPEAKER:** We have finished the business that was before the House in this Session. Now there is an order by the Governor which I shall read out to the august House—

" Governor  
Assam.

Raj Bhavan  
Shillong  
The 5th July, 1957.

### ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) (a) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, as amended up to date, I, Sayid Fazl Ali, hereby prorogue the Assam Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of its sitting on the 6th July, 1957.

S. FAZL ALI,  
Governor of Assam".

The Assembly was then prorogued.

Shillong :

The 4th July, 1958.

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



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