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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A. M. on
Tuesday, the 7th March, 1969.

P R E S E N T

Shri Mahendra Monan Choudhury, B.L., Speaker in the Chair,
Seven Ministers, Three Deputy Ministers and Fifty-nine Members

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(Starred Question Nos. 15 and 16 were not put and answered as the
Questioners concerned were absent).

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Re: Eviction of encroachers from Gajpuria V.G.R.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

32. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is fact that S. D. C., Nazira Circle, Sibsagar Sub-
division did not evict Shri Hara Katakya, Shri Manik Katakya
and some others, from Gajpuria V.G.R., Morabazar Mauza,
Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (b) If so, why ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

32. (a)—Shri Hara Katakya and Shri Manik Katakya were not encro-
achers in Gajpuria V.G.R. All other encroachers were evicted.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Drinking habit of Government Employees

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [Nort Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled
Castes)] asked:

33. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that many Government Ser-
vants are in the habit of drinking liquor ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to stop this bad habit on the
part of Government Servants ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

33. (a)—No specific information on this point is available to Government; but it may be that some Government employees are in the habit of drinking liquor.

(b)—Rule 8A of the Assam Government Servants' Conduct Rules provides that no Government Servant shall indulge in vicious habits regarding drink, sex and gambling which reduce his efficiency and utility as a public servant or damage Government or the official generally in public esteem. For contravention of this rule action can be taken against any particular Government Servant against whom such complaints may be received.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** In connection with (a) it has been stated that it may be that some Government employees are in the habit of drinking liquor. Whether Government have made any enquiries as to whether any Government employees are actually in the habit of drinking?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** There has been no systematic enquiry.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY :-** Whether Government feel the necessity of making such enquiries?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA** We have no contemplation at the moment.

***Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi):** Are Government aware that some Government officers were caught by the Excise Department while they were drinking in the Dak Bungalow of Gauhati and a case was started?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA :** I remember of such a case, but I cannot give the hon. Member the detailed report from my memory now.

***Shri MAHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla):** Whether Government received any complaint whatsoever from any quarter?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA :** Sometimes we had.

***Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong):** Sir, if any case of drinking is detected on the spot and it is brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, then will the Government take immediate steps without delay, so that along with the passing of time, the effect of liquor also out and that he may be able to prove that he did not drink?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA :** It would be the duty of the Deputy Commissioner to take immediate steps but with regard to any offence as a result of drinking, the hon. Member knows this will have to be proved in a court of law.

***Shri DEBESWAR SARMA (Jorhat)** : Is it permissible to ask if the Government have got eyes and ears or in other words, are they not aware that very top ranking officers.....

Mr. SPEAKER : Order, order. Those questions have no relevance here.

Re: The post of Assistant Inspector for Sanskrit Education

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked: 2

34. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—
- How long the post of Assistant Inspector for Sanskrit Education has been lying vacant ?
 - Why the post has not yet been filled up ?
 - What steps the Government have taken to fill up the post ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

34. (a)—The post of Assistant Inspector for Sanskrit Education is lying vacant since 31st July, 1960 (*i.e.* since the promotion of the former Assistant Inspector for Sanskrit Education to the post of Inspector of Schools.)

(b)—Government is awaiting nomination from the Assam Public Service Commission.

(c)—The post has since been advertised through the Assam Public Service Commission.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI : How long the post was lying vacant ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : It has been given in the reply, 31st July, 1960.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI : When will the post be filled up ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : The matter is lying with the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission has advertised the post as the nomination is made by the Public Service Commission.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) : Will the Government propose to request the Public Service Commission to speed up the matter ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : We have already made the request to the Public Service Commission that the post is lying vacant and to speed up.

Shri MAHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): Is it not the policy of the Government to encourage Sanskrit education? If so, what is the cause of delay in filling up the post?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): Because the matter has not been as yet finalised by the Public Service Commission.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): Who is in charge of this particular officer?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: The Inspector of Lower Assam Cricle.

Maulavi NURUL ISLAM (Dhing): Is it similar with the Assistant Inspector of the Madrassa Education.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: Yes, Sir.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY: Are the Government aware that many of the Sanskrit tolls are not getting grants as they used to receive previously from Local Board?

Re: Quantity of C. I. Sheets for Karimganj

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Katharkadi) asked:

35. Will the Minister-in-charge, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The quantity of C. I. Sheets which was placed at the disposal of the S. D. O. Karimganj as D.C.G. Quota during the year 1958-59, 1959-60 and 1960-61?
- (b) How many bundles of C. I. Sheets were issued by the S D. O., Karimganj from this stock?
- (c) Whether any permit was issued directly from Shillong in favour of any party to lift from these stocks?
- (d) If so, how many bundles have been lifted from these stocks and who are the permit holders?
- (e) What were the balances from these stocks each year during the 1958-59, 1959-60 and 1960-61 (upto December, 1960)?

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

35. (a)—1958-59	..	...	...	...	Nil.
1959-60	..	...	...	..	75 bundles.
1960-61	..	...	...	..	91 bundles.

(b)—166 bundles were issued by the Subdivisional Officer himself against authorisation.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—None.

Re: 'Moranadi' R. C. C. bridge at Barpeta

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

36. Will the Minister of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that 'Moranadi' R. C. C. bridge at Barpeta town was sanctioned under Second Five Year Plan for construction ?

(b) If so, what are the reasons for not starting the works up till now ?

(c) What was the sanctioned amount of this bridge ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that a timber bridge is going to be constructed in place of R. C. C. one ?

(e) If so, why such a change is being made in case of this bridge ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. R. & B.] replied :

36. (a)—Yes. There was provision in the 2nd Five Year Plan for construction of a bridge over Moranadi at Barpeta town.

(b)—This being a major bridge, it usually takes a long time to finalise the scheme which is possible only after collection of all necessary hydraulic data. Work has already been started.

(c)—The sanctioned amount of the bridge was Rs.4,50,000.

(d)—A semi-permanent bridge with timber piles and steel joists is being constructed.

(e)—After preparation of the tentative estimate it is found that the amount provided is not sufficient for a R. C. C. bridge.

Re: Posts of Commissioners

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakgari) asked:

37. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of sanctioned posts of Commissioner in Assam ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that many I. C. S. and I. A. S. Officers are enjoying the scale of pay of Commissioners although they are not holding and performing the duties of Commissioners ?
- (c) If so, who are those officers enjoying the scale of pay of Commissioners and in what capacity they are working now ?
- (d) Whether the increase of the number of posts of Commissioners and also giving benefit of the scale of pay for the post Commissioners to some other officers have really improved the administration ?
- (e) What are the reasons for giving the benefit of the superior scale of pay of Commissioners to other officers who are actually not performing the duties of Commissioners ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the pay scale of Commissioner is given to many officers (even though they do not hold the post of Commissioner) for personal consideration only ?
- (g) The additional amount involved thereby ?
- (h) Whether such benefit of the scale of pay of Commissioner is given to other officers in the other States of the Indian Union and if so, in which State ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

37. (a)—There are three sanctioned posts of Commissioner in the State, viz. (1) Development Commissioner (2) Commissioner of Plains Division and (3) Commissioner of Hills Division and Appeals.

(b) and (c)—No. If the hon. Member means officers holding supertime scale posts under the State Government, Shri K. Balachandran, I. C. S., Officer on Special Duties and Special Secretary is the only other officer on that pay.

(d)—There is no increase in the number of posts of Commissioners. With the creation of the three posts as in (a) above, effective supervision of work has been possible.

(e)—There is no pay scale for Commissioners. A supertime scale fixed pay is given to officers holding posts of Chief Secretary, Commissioner or equivalent posts.

(f)—No.

(g)—Does not arise in view of reply to (f) above.

(h)—In all States of the country the same rules for pay of I. C. S./I. A. S. officers are applicable as mentioned in (e) above.

Re: Assam Trunk Road (South) from Numaligarh to Kamargaon

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

38. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) What steps Government propose to take to save the portion of Assam Trunk Road (South) from Numaligarh Bridge to Kamargaon from erosion of the river Dhansiri ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said river is fast approaching and at present it is within $\frac{1}{4}$ th mile from this National Highway ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the communication over this portion of the road was stopped during the flood of 1959 ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take immediate steps to protect the National Highway as it is the only through passage of Southern Assam and erosion causes frequent danger to all sorts of traffic ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.)] replied :

38. (a)—Immediate steps were taken by the Government for temporary restoration of the damages to the road by the flood of 1959. For this purpose, an estimate amounting to Rs.17,000 was sent to Government of India which was sanctioned by them and the work has since been completed. For permanent restoration to the damages, two other estimates amounting to Rs.3,21,200 and Rs.1,02,300 respectively were prepared and submitted to Government of India for their approval, for raising this portion of the road 2ft. above H. F. L. and for arresting the erosion. But these have been returned by Government of India raising some technical objections. The estimates are now being modified in the light of Government of India's observation and will be resubmitted to them shortly.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes. The road was closed for vehicular traffic from 3 P. M. of 15th August, 1959 till the morning of 17th August, 1959 when it was opened for light vehicular traffic only. For heavy vehicular traffic the road was opened at 2 P. M. 18th August 1959.

(d)—Yes, as stated against question at (a) above.

Obituary Reference on the death of Shri Govind Ballabh Pant

Mr. SPEAKER : Order, order. With great regret, I am to announce the shocking news, our Home Minister Shri Govind Ballabh Pant is dead. We have just now been informed by the Chief Minister that the P.T.I., has phoned to his Private Secretary that he is no more. It will, I believe, be in the fitness of things that we adjourn the House for today. Before I adjourn the House, I wish that the House will express its feeling of grief and sorrow at the loss of our revered national leader.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)**: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have lost today one of the great Indian leaders who gave his whole life for the cause of the country. Pantji's contribution in the freedom movement of the country in the different spheres was very great, and subsequently we may call him the architect of this new India. He was one man before whom we could express our joy, our sorrow and anger and all our reactions before him and he had the capacity of absorbing all those reactions and create a feeling of confidence in us. Assam had on various occasions approached him on many critical issues and every time he tried to do his best, create confidence in use and the people that there is at least one man who to look after the interest of all the States and the people. Sir, it is difficult to express my feeling after this shocking news and I am sure that it would almost be impossible to fill up the vacuum that has been created by his death. I also feel today for our Prime Minister who, with the loss of Pantji, has lost one of his best friend, philosopher and guide. Whatever little I know about their association, I know that on critical issues, he was one man whom the Prime Minister took into confidence and used to get very helpful advice.

As I have said, my heart is full with so many things about him and I can also say that in respect of Assam, he tried to do his best for the solution of the complicated problems of this State. You know, Sir, in spite of his indifferent health, what trouble he took only very recently to help us in the solution of the official language controversy. Sir, we have lost a great man of India and I pray to the Almighty for peace of the departed soul. I hope, Sir, we will all be inspired by his great sacrifices and the shining example he has held before the country.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): Mr. Speaker, Sir, man is mortal. So Pantji is no more! But with the sad demise of Pantji India has lost not only one of the best fighters for the cause of India's freedom but also one of the best administrators of this country. There were many occasions on which we differed from the policy and programme which Pantji enunciated or followed and yet we always had the honour and pleasure of admiring him for his firmness of conviction and action and his broadness of heart. Therefore, Sir, when Pantji is no more it is an universal loss for every patriot in India, whatever may be his political ideology.

There is not, and is never to be, a vacuum in the life of a nation if a nation be determined, and, therefore, I feel that though we have been extremely poorer by the demise of Pantji it should be our earnest endeavour

to see that there in no vacuum, that it is filled up. We can show proper respect to the memory of Pantji only if we resolve to play properly our own roles in the national life and if we can make ourselves imbued with the spirit of patriotism, love for the people and the determination to serve the country, which were all found in Pantji. I think that will be the best and the most fitting memorial for Pantji.

With these few words, Sir, I fully associate myself with the sentiments and emotion which have been expressed by the Leader of the House and we deeply mourn the demise of this great son of India, the great patriot and we resolve that we shall follow the lead which this great patriot has placed before us.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আজি হঠাৎ আমাৰ গৃহ মন্ত্ৰীৰ মৃত্যুৰ বাতৰি পাই সচাকৈ মৰ্মাহত হৈছো। আমাৰ দেশৰ যিসকল নেতাই স্বাধীনতা সংগ্ৰামত যোগদান কৰিছিল, যিসকল নেতাই দেশৰ বিপদৰ সময়ত ত্যাগ স্বীকাৰ কৰিছিল সেই সকলৰ ভিতৰত প্ৰথম শাৰীৰ নেতা আছিল শ্ৰীগোবিন্দ বল্লভ পণ্ড। অসমৰ বাবে যেতিয়াই আৱশ্যক হৈছিল তেতিয়াই আমি শ্ৰীপত্নীৰ পৰা স্নেহ প্ৰদান পাই আহিছো। অসমৰ ভাষা আন্দোলনৰ সময়ত তেখেত আহি স্ন-প্ৰদান দি সেই সমস্যা সমাধানত সহায় কৰিছিল দেশৰ ঐক্যতা বন্ধাৰ কাৰণে।

বৰ্তমান ভাৰতৰ প্ৰধান মন্ত্ৰী এ 'পত্নীৰ' পৰা প্ৰায় ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰদান লৈ কৰ্তব্য পথত আগবাঢ়িছিল। তেখেতৰ অবিহনে, আজি সেই স্থান কাৰ দ্বাৰা পূৰণ হ'ব চিন্তাৰ বিষয়। তেখেতে দেশৰ, সমাজৰ আৰু ৰাষ্ট্ৰৰ কাৰণে সকলো সময়তে স্নেহ প্ৰদান আগবাঢ়িছিল আৰু সকলো ক্ষেত্ৰতে তেখেতে নিজেও ত্যাগ স্বীকাৰ কৰিছিল। সেই কাৰণে, তেখেতৰ বিয়োগ বাতৰিত আজি, সদনত মুখ্য-মন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই যি লোক প্ৰস্তাৱ আগবঢ়াইছে তাক সৰ্বস্বত্বকৰণেৰে সমৰ্থন কৰিছো আৰু আমাৰ শোক প্ৰকাশ কৰিছো। ভগৱানৰ ওচৰত প্ৰাৰ্থনা যেন তেখেতৰ আত্মাৰ সদগতি হয় আৰু তেখেতৰ কৰ্তব্য প্ৰেৰণাই দেশবাসীৰ প্ৰাণত চিৰস্মৰণীয় হওক।

Shri A. THANGLURA [Aijal-West (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] : Mr. Speaker, Sir, while associating myself with the profound feeling expressed by the Leader of the House at the sad demise of a very distinguished and noble son of India, I do maintain that it is really a very shocking news, so much so that our feelings of despondency and sorrow seem to lie far deeper than we can think of expressing. As for me, being quite young in politics, I never had the privilege of associating myself with great men like Pandit Pant, nevertheless in the short time and the little experience I had with him I found him full of understanding and sympathy, especially for the depressed and the backward people. Though he is no longer with us to-day, his manifold virtues and the sweet flowers of gratitude from the people whom he served so long will be woven for him the garland of immortality. Though, as I said, he is no longer with us, yet the memories will ever linger in us of whatever services he has rendered for the country and for the people, in particular for the soft corner which he extended for the tribal peoples of Assam. His memory will ever remain alive in the minds of the people and his contribution to the cause of the depressed and down-trodden will be written deeply upon the pages of our memory.

Sir, we have been passing through a very hard life, we have passing through the rigour of events and it is in these difficult times that we really need the service of a man like him very badly. All the same, Sir, though he is not with us here, his spirit and the memory of all that was great and noble

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in him will be our guiding force specially when we are treading along a very rough and bumpy political road. Really, Sir, the death of Shri Pant is something for which the people of not only India but also the people of the world cannot cease to mourn.

With these few words, Sir, once again I associate myself with the feelings of the Leader of the House and other Members. It is absolutely impossible to convey any sufficient consoling word for the bereaved family and for the people who have been deeply moved by his death. My only little consolation is that a man like Pantji would be heartily welcome by the heavenly Father to whom we all desire to go.

Mr. SPEAKER: I once again associate myself with the feelings expressed by the Leader of the House and other Members on the sad demise of Shri Pantji. Shri Pantji was born in 1887 and for a very long time he was a dominant figure in the scene of Indian politics. He was a big giant and all his life he spent in building up India and making India greater still. He was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh from 1937 to 1955 and after the death of Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel, he was taken to the Central Government by our Prime Minister as the Home Minister of India. As the Leader of the House has rightly observed, the loss of Pantji will be irreparable to our Prime Minister. I am sure he will feel very lonely without Pantji. However, we can not stand in the ways of God. Man is mortal. Every one of us will have to face it one day or the other. We pray to God for the peace and rest of the soul of Pantji which he did not get throughout his life time. We pray to God to give us strength and wisdom so that we can follow the path on which he tread and also work hard for fulfilling the unfulfilled mission of Pantji. With these words, I want to move a Resolution for the acceptance of this House. After I read out the Resolution I hope the House will accept it by standing. After the Resolution is passed, it is better for us to adjourn the House and take up the outstanding business of the House day after to-morrow (9th March). The Budget will pre.ented on the 9th.

I now read out the Resolution. I hope you will kindly accept it by standing—after I finish reading:

“The Assembly expresses its deep and profound sorrow at the sad demise of our most valiant and patriotic statesman and Leader Pandit Govinda Ballav Pant.

“This Assembly also adjourns the House for the rest of the day as a mark of honour to the great departed soul and prays The Almighty for eternal peace and salvation of Pandit Pantji”.

(The House stood up in silence for a minute).

ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A.M. on Thursday, the 9th March, 1961.

R. N. BARUA,

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