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The House met at 9.00 A.M. of the Clock in the Assembly Chamber at
Dispur, with Shri Prithibi Majhi, Speaker in the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Speaker : Hon'ble Members present, the Governor is addressing the House to-day at 9.08 A.M. He is alighting in the main Porch of the Assembly premises at 9.05 A.M. Myself, the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Secretary will receive him at the porch. The instructions as to how the Governor is to be received in the House have been laid on each Member's table. As soon as the Governor arrives in the House, I think, we should comply with these instructions. In the meantime, the Address will be distributed to the Members.

With your permission, I now leave the House to receive the Governor at the Main Porch.

(Mr. Speaker, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly left the House to receive His Excellency, the Governor of Assam at the Main Porch of the Assam Legislative Assembly Building)

(His Excellency, the Governor of Assam arrived in the House with Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly and the National Anthem was played. After the National Anthem everybody took their respective seats).

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Mr. Speaker : Now, I request the Hon'ble Governor to Address the House.

Hon'ble Governor : Respected Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly,

I am very happy to address this August House on the occasion of the Budget Session 2005. I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best in life and work. I believe, the considered deliberations in the session will lead the State in its forward march to peace, progress and prosperity.

Since my government has taken over the reins of the state a perceptible change for the better has taken place in all spheres of governance. Law and order situation has improved visibly. (There were uproar in the House from the opposition Bench and the members belonging to AGP and BSP staged walkout in protest and the Hon'ble Governor continued his Addresses.) Investors have shown their interest in the State. Financial situation of the state has improved. Salary and pensionary benefits have

been disbursed regularly. Not only that. Government have been able to pay D.A. to its employees at par with Central Government. Debt burden has been reduced. The Planning Commission has appreciated the steps taken by the Government.

The problem of unemployment has been addressed in right earnest. Opportunities have been created for both wage and self-employment. Depressed classed like S.C. and S.T. have been given special attention for their all round development.

Non-Governmental Organisations also have been encouraged in various fields for their participation in building a new Assam free from want, hunger and disease. It is the earnest endeavour of my Government to provide a clean, transparent and corruption free administration. This is our commitment to the people of the State.

Home and Political :

The law and order situation in the State is under control. There has been discernible improvement of the law and order situation in Assam during the past four years. The ULFA sponsored violence transforming itself from the insurgency mode to a distinct terroristic mode has manifested itself through attacks on vital installations and killing of innocent civilians. On account of the focused counter insurgency operations and the policy of encouraging militants to join the mainstream, the

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violence levels including the violence on civilians has been contained in the state during the year. Further, consequent to the concerted efforts of the State Government, all the major militant groups in the state except the ULFA have declared cessation of hostilities and come forward for negotiations.

The State Government have been consistently pursuing the policy of encouraging militant groups to eschew violence which has contributed significantly towards the coming to over ground of all the major militant groups except ULFA. In this regard, it is pointed out that the ongoing talks with UPDS (anti-talk) and DHD have been progressing satisfactorily. Similarly the State Government's parleys with the Adivasi Cobra Militant and the Birsa Commando Force has also made significant headway during the year.

Another major militant outfit, the NDFB had declared ceasefire (Oct' 15/2004) in pursuance of CM, Assam's offer for peaceful negotiations. In this regard, though the State Government and the Government of India had responded positively to the NDFB's overture, the NDFB leadership has not yet come forward for finalizing the framework for the initiation of talks.

The State Government has been consistently sincere in seeking a peaceful solution to the ULFA problem. This has however, not deterred the State Government from supporting any individual or third

party effort at bringing the banned outfit to the negotiation table. The State Government firmly believes that the ULFA problem will be solved only through negotiation in a peaceful manner. In a word doors are open for negotiations with extremist groups.

Efforts have been continuing for modernization of Police Force under the modernization of State Police Force Scheme as well as award from Eleventh Finance Commission. Special attentions have been given for improving all police stations, police outposts and also police buildings. Procurement of latest sophisticated equipments has strengthened the Police Communication Network and also Forensic Science Laboratory.

So far, the Government of India has sanctioned six India Reserve (IR) Battalions, out of which four battalions have already been raised. The State Government is in the process of raising the remaining two (IR) battalions and commandants of both the battalions have been posted.

Government of India has already sanctioned an outlay under Five Year Perspective Plan (2002-07) for modernization of prison administration amounting to Rs. 39.17 crores on 75:25 basis commencing from 2002-2003. The scheme is meant for construction of new jails, expansion and renovation of existing jails, construction of staff quarters, improvement of sanitation and water supply in jails.

Implementation of the scheme has already commenced under the provision of Annual Plan outlay.

Problem of floods :

The year 2004 witnessed three waves of floods. The first wave of flood was caused due to incessant rain in the catchments of the river Brahmaputra and the Barak, during the month of March-April and affected 9 districts of the State. The flood and hail storms in Cachar district was so devastating and unprecedented that it compelled the District Administration to postpone the scheduled Parliamentary Elections from the month of April to the month of May. The entire Barak Valley region was cut off from the other parts of the State due to over flooding of the major rivers and its tributaries.

The second wave of flood started in the late June and early part of July due to heavy rains in the upper catchments of river Brahmaputra and also in the Bhutan territory and affected all the twenty seven districts. The devastation of the second wave of flood was so enormous that as many as 1,34,93,392 population of 12,293 villages were affected, besides loss of 497 numbers of human lives. 6,45,819 houses were damaged fully or partially in the flood and 65,967 cattle heads were lost.

The third wave of flood occurred in the month of October, 2004 heavily affected the district of

Goalpara where 182 persons lost their lives as a result of sudden flash flood rushing from Meghalaya. The part of the City of Guwahati also got submerged due to very heavy rainfall and a number of people died in landslides.

Corpus of Calamity Relief Fund for the year 2004-05 in Rs. 123.36 crore. Of which Central share is Rs. 92.52 crore. The entire amount of the corpus including the State share was spent for providing relief to the flood affected districts. The Government of India on recommendation of the Inter Ministerial Central Team extended Central assistance of Rs. 171.87 crore and Rs. 39.68 crore to the State Government from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) besides recommendation for sanction of Rs. 127.00 crore for taking up damaged flood control structures. The amount is yet to be received by the State Government. The Government of India has also constituted a Task Force to examine the problem of floods in the States and the members have visited the State for detailed examination of the problem.

Implementation of Assam Accord :

My Government is committed to implementation of various clauseds of Assam Accord. While some of the projects have already been implemented, construction of International Convention Centre in the Shrimanta Shankardeva Kalakhetra is

in progress. Proposals for phase-III of the modernisation of Jyoti Chitravan Film Studio have already been submitted to the Central Government and are awaiting release of fund. 30 Historical monuments/sites have been selected for preservation/ restoration and the list is being submitted to the Government of India for further necessary action.

Measures continue to be taken to check illegal infiltration. The first phase of Border Roads Schemes has been completed and Rs. 27.61 crores for the second phase has been sanctioned. The target date for completion of the Border Roads is March, 2006. Construction of IBB fence is also in progress. The Ministry of Home Affairs have released an amount of Rs. 15 crores during 2003-2004 for the aforesaid two projects. My government has moved the Government of India for Punjab type border fencing in Assam as well.

As regards detection and deportation of foreigners : as on Nov.' 04, 29238 persons of the 1966-71 stream have been declared as foreigners under the Foreiner's Act, 1946. 12411 persons have been declared as illgal migrants under the I.M.(D)T. Act, 1983 and 1549 persons have been expelled. Measures are also being taken to expedite the process of detection and deportation.

Revival of Ashok Paper Mill is in progress. Another project namely construction of Rail-cum-Road Bridge at Bogibeel, is in progress.

It would be our sincere endeavour to facilitate completion of all the projects/ schemes under the Accord as expeditiously as possible.

Welfare of SC, ST & Backward Classes :

My Government have been paying special attention to the Socio-economic upliftment of the people belonging to SC/ST/OBC including Tea & EX-Tea Garden Tribes in the State of Assam. For the speedy development of Tea and Ex-Tea Garden Tribes in the state the government has created a new administrative department namely Tea Tribes Welfare Department to take specific measures for the development of Tea Tribes of Assam.

After creation of Bodoland Teritorial Area District (BTAD) with three newly created districts - Udalguri, Baska and Chirang. State Government entrusted and delegated 39 Departments to BTAD by providing of Rs. 54.65 crores during 2004-2005.

State Government has framed rules for holding election to General Council and the process is going on to hold the election within May, 2005.

To make the Autonomous Councils more effective, Govt. decided to divide the villages under the perview of Mising Autonomous Council, Tiwa Autonomous Council and Rabha Hasang Autonomous Council into two areas viz (i) Core Area and (ii) Satellite Area.

Government is considering a proposal to grant autonomy to Deori and Sonowal Kachari of the State like Mising, Tiwa and Rabha Autonomous Council.

To solve the unemployment problem Government decided to fill up 10% ST(P), SC and ST(H) backlog post through Special Recruitment drive during 2005-06.

Considering the demand of OBC/MOBC community of the state for increasing the reservation quota of 15% Government decided to increase the quota from 15% to 27% keeping in mind better employment facilities of OBC/MOBC community of the state. Besides the Govt. is pursuing vigorously the matter of scheduling Koch Rajbongshi, Tai Ahom, Moran, Mattak, Chutia, Tea Tribes with the Government of India.

Power (Electricity) :

Reform in the Power Sector : The Government of Assam has launched a comprehensive programme for a major reform of the Power Sector in the state for efficient delivery of quality services to electricity consumers and at the same time to make the sector a viable industry in itself. For this purpose, actions have been initiated for restructuring the Assam State Electricity Board effecting functionwise

divisions. Functional unbundling of ASEB has now been taken up by formation of five new companies under the Companies Act, 1956 as follows :

1. Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd. for generation of electricity.
2. Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Ltd. for bulk transmission of electricity.
3. Upper Assam Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. for distribution of electricity to consumers in the Upper Assam area.
4. Central Assam Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. for distribution of electricity to consumers in the Central Assam area.
5. Lower Assam Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. for distribution of electricity to consumers in the Lower Assam area.

The Government of Assam has notified the First Transfer Scheme on the 10th of December, 2004. In the process, it is ensured that there will be no retrenchment of any of the employees of the ASEB and the facilities to be enjoyed by them in the new corporate entities will not be less favourable than the present conditions. With the functional unbundling, each of the new entities will have its own responsibility and accountability for its viability and this is expected to ensure quality and efficient power supply to the consumers. Besides steps

have been taken to improve the functioning of each of the companies. In line with national policy Government of Assam has targeted 100% rural electrification by 2007. Measures have been taken to complete Karbi Longpi hydel Project (KLHP) and to revive Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station (BTPS) to augment power supply.

Transport :

The Transport Department after revival of Assam State Transport Corporation has also taken several measures to increase the revenue of Assam State Transport Corporation. A.S.T.C. has been allowed to undertake the business of sale of petrol/diesel by setting up retail outlets in collaboration with I.O.C. Two Inter-State Bus terminus at Guwahati and Silchar are ready for operation through which A.S.T.C. will earn additional revenue. Volvo buses manufactured in Sweden are also running under Assam State Transport Corporation providing cozy and comfortable drives to the passengers. This is the first of its kind in the whole of Eastern Region.

In The Transport Department several new schemes for employment generation have been started in the name of Rural Cab-2004 and Tourist Cab-2005. Under the Tourist Cab-2005 scheme, the Government has proposed to provide assistance of Rs. 25000/- for each of the unemployed Youths in fa-

your of contribution towards margin money. This year it is proposed to provide assistance to 200 youths under the scheme.

In the Inland Water Transport Sector, several measures have been taken up for attracting foreign tourists/local tourist by introducing 26 floating restaurants and cruise vessels including one long distance river cruise "M.V. Charaidew" in between Dhubri and Dibrugarh in collaboration with Assam Bengal Navigation Company. The river front of Brahmaputra in Guwahati has been beautified. Three River terminus to handle cargo service are under construction at Badarpur and at south and North bank of river Brahmaputra at Guwahati.

Health and Family Welfare :

Improvement of healthcare facilities in the State has been a priority of the State Government.

To meet up the shortage of Doctors in Rural areas, 35 posts of Medical and Health Officers (Ayur) have been created by way of conversion. A proposal is under consideration to add further 50 posts in the cadre of Medical and Health officer (Ayur) with a view to make available health care facilities in the inaccessible areas on contractual basis.

The Emergency and Trauma Care Centre with Rs. 150.00 lakhs is in progress at Nalbari and it is proposed to have six such centres in the State.

20 community Health Centres have been up-graded to First Referral Units (F.R.U.) to provide services of institutional deliveries including caesarean section and other surgical operations at such units other than district and sub-divisional headquarters. Another 30 C.H. Cs are proposed to be converted to F.R.U. within this year.

Immunization coverage of the State has increased from 17% (1999) to 54% (2004). The coverage of last Pulse Polio immunization programme was 94%

Health Establishment Act has been amended for streamlining the Nursing Homes of the State under private sector to ensure quality health care services. The State Government has taken initiative to encourage private participation in establishment of Medical Colleges in the State. All total there are 203 Registered Nursing Homes in the State.

Infant Mortality rate (IMR) has reduced to 70/1000 live, birth and Maternal Mortality Rate from 507/1,00,000 (2002) live birth.

For academic development, forty three number of posts of teaching staff have already been created in respect of Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh by way of fresh creation and up-gradation similarly eleven posts have been created in respect of Regional Dental College. Besides, proposals have been processed for creation of posts to meet the

academic requirement in respect of Guwahati and Silchar Medical College/Government Ayurvedic College, Homoeopathic Medical Colleges of the State.

The State Government notified the constitution of Assam Rural Health Regulatory Authority with a view to establishing an Institute at Jorhat for imparting course of Diploma in Medicine in Rural Health. A fund of Rs.100 crore has been provided in the State Plan which is being released to the Regulatory Authority. The course formulated for education and training will help us to produce a set of professionals to take care of the basic requirement of health care facilities in rural areas.

A fund of 1.00 crore has already been provided for development of Mohendra Mohan Choudhury Hospital, Guwahati. The State Government has already taken the initiative to develop BBCI as one of the premier Institutions in the Country for treatment of cancer. The State Government has already signed three tripartite agreements with the funding agencies.

A fund of Rs. 1.00 crore each has been released to the three Medical Colleges for infrastructural development.

For expansion of Medical Education, the State Government is going ahead with its plan to establish three medical colleges in the state. A provision of

fund of Rs. 10.50 lakhs has been made for collection/ submission of application forms to Medical Council of India (MCI).

Panchayat and Rural Development :

My Government has been able to get Rs. 582.61 Crores during this financial year from GOI as the central share under different Rural Development Programmes by timely releasing the state matching share to the tune of Rs. 158.45 Crores till date. Another huge bundle of fund is expected as the 2nd instalment within this march.

Till date my Government has been able to improve the rural infrastructure by completing 52368 schemes of works under SGRY and hence by creating wage employment to the rural poor generating 452.2 lakh mandays in this financial year. Simultaneously a total of

9,803 Km. rural link road has been constructed.

1290 Bridges and culverts are constructed.

879 Nos. of school building/additional class rooms are constructed.

159 Hectares of afforestation work has been done.

For the rural roofless poor my Government has provided newly constructed houses to 53273 families till date with a target of 95299 houses within the financial year. Similarly, 27794 houses

of BPL families have been upgraded to permanent houses till date.

For repairing of damages of last flood and taking up flood mitigation measures as well as to provide meaningful employment to the flood affected people of the State, my Government has been successfully cleared 1.00 Lakh MT of rice under SGRY special component.

Again for the people whose houses are damaged by the devastating flood last year, my government has decided to provide two bundles of CGI sheet alongwith Rs. 1500.00 in cash to each of 54.129 families, under PMGY. In addition 10.000 families whose houses were fully damaged will be provided with new houses.

Apart from releasing the pension amount to the 299000 Nos. of beneficiaries under National Old age Pension Scheme, my Government has been able to impress upon the UPS Government to increase the target under NOAPS from 299000 to 598013 as such to cover 299013 fresh beneficiaries and according the fund has been received. The process of disbursing the same has started.

The most significant progress of P & RD Deptt. of my Government is to provide self employment to the rural youth by forming more than 95,000 SHGs under SGSY Programme out of which-

More than 45,000 groups are provided with revolving fund.

More than 11,000 groups are provided with term loans.

More than 55,000 groups are all women groups.

All the SHGs are involved in income generating activities in different sectors.

Very recently, a new scheme "jiban jyoti" has been launched to provide term loan to more than 20,000 SHGs consisting of unemployed educated youths of both rural and urban areas to the tune of Rs. 100.00 Crores within this year.

Under Annapurna, the State Government have received Rs. 253.36 Lakhs against a target of 26640. The distribution is under process.

These measures, it is expected, will go a longway towards the uplift of rural poorest of the poor.

Education :

In higher education government has laid emphasis on development of professional and vocational education as well as employment oriented courses.

Under the State Priority Schemes both the Universities of Guwahati & Dibrugarh has been given 150 lakhs each during 2004-05 under Plan in addition to normal grant.

The department has maintained its development activities in the field of technical education in the State. The following achievements were made during 2004-05.

1. An amount of Rs.100 lakh has been given to Assam Engineering College, Guwahati for improvement of hostel.

2. An amount of Rs. 100 lakh has been given to Jorhat Engineering College for improvement of hostel.

3. Rs. 2.02 lakh has been to DTE for installation of EPABX system.

4. Rs. 15.26 lakh has been given for improvement of Girls Polytechnic, Guwahati.

5. Two new Diploma course in Fashion Technology & Garment Technology have started at Assam Textile Institute.

6. At Girls Polytechnic three year Diploma Course have started in Civil Engineering and Planning.

The Government of Assam has reaffirmed its commitment in "EDUCATION VISION 2025" documents for UEE through the scheme of national educational scheme of SEA with the following objective as a part of peoples movement for EFA, which will provide useful and relevant elementary education of satisfactory quality bridging all social

and gender gaps with the active participation of the community in the affairs of the school.

All children of 6-14 years complete 5 years of schooling by 2007, all children of 6-12 years complete 8 years of schooling by 2010.

Focus on elementary education of satisfactory quality with emphasis on education for life.

Bridge all gender and social category gap at primary stage by 2007 and at elementary level by 2010.

Zero dropouts by 2010.

It may be mentioned that the Department has taken up the matter of regularisation of the services of the teachers who are under perview of Monoharan Committee and the same is under process.

The Blind High School, Guwahati is under process of being provincialised.

My Government has decided to provide financial assistance to 3, 963 Nos. of venture educational institutions like LP, ME, MV, High and Higher Secondary School, Junior Colleges, Madrassa, Sr. Madrassa etc. for providing honorarium to teachers and employees at fixing rate by which nearly 18,000 employees will be benefited. For implementation of the same the process has already been started.

My Government has already started the Cooked Mid-Day Meal Programme for about 47,00,000 pupils of more than 37,000 schools. It is a very bold decision of my Government in the field of primary education and also in the matter of nutritional support to our future generation.

Another noteworthy progress achieved by my Government is to construct pucca building to all provincialized LP and ME schools with drinking water and toilet facilities. Target has been set to complete construction of permanent building to all schools of the state by 31st March, 2006.

Hill Areas :

My Government is committed to the development of the Hill Areas. To ensure that availability of funds do not become a constraint there is a system of half yearly release of funds for schemes relating to the transferred Departments.

Shri Dharamsing Teron : Sir, I oppose the statement that funds has been released half yearly for the transferred departments. The information submitted by the Govt. is not correct. Sir, two blocks of Karbi Anglong are included in the Official map of Meghalaya Govt. This is the map.

Honble Governor: Your point is noted, you can submit the Map.

(After submitting the Map the Honble Mem-

bers, Shri Dharamsing Teron and Shri Jagat Sing Engti staged walk out from the House.)

Emphasis has been given development of social services, diversification of agriculture, forest conservation and infrastructure development in the areas of roads, transport and tourism. Schemes have also been taken up under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, Integrated Jhumia Development Programme and from funds under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources.

Industries :

My Government recognises the importance of the industrial sector in the overall economic growth of the state. It has announced an industrial policy, which has come into effect from the 1st October 2003. This policy provides for single window clearance for encouraging large industrial units to be set up in the state. A number of Central Sector Schemes for promotion of industrial development in the state are under implementation. These include three Industrial Growth Centres at Matia, Chariduar and Chaygaon-Patgaon, the six Integrated Infrastructure Development Projects at Dalgaon, Bhomaraguri, Malinibeel, Demow, Titabor and Rangia and the Food Processing Industrial Park at Chaygaon.

The Chief Minister's Swa-Niyojan Yojana for apprenticeship training outside the state continues to get very good response from the people. So far

903 youths have completed their training outside Assam and presently 150 youths are undergoing training in different advanced States of the Country. My Government is also conducting other Entrepreneurial Programmes within the State. Training is also being imparted in the Central Institute for Plastic Engineering and Technology at Changsari and in the Tool-cum- Training Centre at Amingaon.

Pre-PIB approval has been accorded for setting up of the Gas Craker Project under Assam Accord in a meeting held on 27-1-05. Government of Assam has decided to grant Sales Tax exemption for 15 years. Similarly expenditure on Entry Tax on plants and machineries etc. has been agreed to Government of Assam will offer 10% equity participation in the project to be set up jointly by GAIL with AIDC. It is likely to have an investment of Rs. 5139.00 crores.

For faciliating trade with Bangladesh two Border Trade Centres have been identified at Sutarkandi and Mankachar and preliminary works commenced. For faciliating border trade with Bhutan another Centre has been proposed at Darranga in Nalbari district.

Construction of a permanent exhibition ground with total project cost of Rs. 19.25 crores in the line of Pragati Maidan, New Delhi is being started at Guwahati with the assistance of Government of

India and it is expected to be completed in the current year.

Food and Civil Supplies :

My Government is implementing the Antodayas Anna Yojana. This Yojana has been expanded to cover an additional 1,40,800 families and another 1,35,200 beneficiaries are being identified for coverage during coming financial year. The Randhanjyoti Scheme is also under implementation in the State to provide LPG connections to one lakh woman from these BPL families. An amount of Rs. 5.5 crores has been released for this purpose to the district authorities and from the year 2005-06, the scheme is being revamped to provide free burner etc. also to the beneficiaries, for which an additional provision of 8.0 crores has been made.

AGRICULTURE :

The department has taken up diversification programme from paddy to other high value crops like wheat, pulses and oilseeds during Rabi season and horticultural crops as a strategy due to creation of irrigation potential.

The flood of 2004-05 has affected 11 lakh ha. of Kharif crop area covering all the districts of the State. This has resulted in the loss foodgrain production. In view of that the department has undertaken major Rabi crop production under Calamity

Relief Fund. An additional area of 90,000 hac. under wheat, pulses and oilseeds have been brought under cultivation. In addition to the above assistance to the flood affected farmers under CRF, the Department has arranged to undertake free tractorisation in one bigha of land of each of 5,25,300 small and marginal farmers of affected districts.

In the pursuit of diversification of crops, the department has put the horticulture sector as the priority area. Under the aegis of Technology Mission for Horticulture, the department has taken up area expansion programme under fruit, spices and flowers. The use of power tiller and tractors by the farmers are gaining popularity in recent years.

3. **Kishan Credit Cards** - Since 2001-02 the use of KCC in the state has gained popularity among the farmers. At present 1.49 lakh KCC have been issued worth of Rs. 146.55 crores. In order to popularize the KCC more, the department has undertaken special publicity drive through mass media and other means of publicity.
8. **World Bank assisted Programme** - With the successful completion of ARIASP, the Government has taken up new World Bank programme called Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project (AACP) from 2004-05 for a period of 5 years. Allocation under Agriculture Sector is fixed at Rs. 362 crores.

In the just concluded ARIASP, the Depart-

ment has installed 70,000 STWs which has created 1,40,00 hac. of assured irrigation area. Distribution of 554 tractors and 1500 Power Tillers and 300 Power Threshers have helped to develop agricultural mechanization in the state.

In the new AACP programme, priority has been given to develop minor irrigation, agricultural mechanization, reform in agricultural extension and development of agricultural marketing in the State.

In order to develop minor irrigation 60,000 STWs, 20,000 Low Lift Pumps and 200 Sprinkler Irrigation Sets have been proposed for installation in the State. Similarly in the mechanization programme under AACP, 750 tractors, 1500 Power Tillers will be distributed.

Cooperation

The Government has also initiated a number of steps for reviving the sick cooperative undertakings, viz- Nagaon Coop. Sugar Mill. West Assam Milk Producers' Coop. Union, Assam Polyester Coop. Society Ltd., Staffed etc. by liquidating liabilities of the societies under onetime settlement schemes. Voluntary Retirement Schemes and other revitalisation schemes. During the financial year 2004-05 a total sum of 1824.00 lakha was allocated in the Budget of the Cooperation Department out of which a total sum of Rs. 1314.15 lakhs has already been sanctioned.

Steps have also been taken for strengthening the Coop. at the grass-root level for which an amount of Rs. 150.92 lakhs have been earmarked in the budget for providing financial assistance to the primary level Coop. under decentralised plan. The Government has also taken steps to revitalise 2486 of Women Coop. in phased manner in the State. For the Fishermen of the state, an insurance scheme at free of cost has been sought to be implemented through Fishfed.

Environment and Forest :

The activities of the Forest Department have been geared towards striking a balance between conservation of the rich bio-diversity of the State and capacity building for meeting the livelihood of the people living in and around the fringes of the forests.

Government of Assam has adopted a Forest Policy of Assam 2004. With this new Forests Policy the policy paradigm of management of forest resources has been radically shifted. The basic thrust areas of the new Forest Policy are :

1. Facilitation for income and employment generation for the people of fringe areas of Reserved Forests by throwing open selective degraded areas for economic activities involving them as stake holders.

2. Promotion of eco-tourism.

3. After necessary base line surveys the entire bio-diversity spectrum would be protected and conserved. Under Joint Forest Management initiative of the Forest Department 28 Forest Development Agencies and nearly 600 Joint Forest Management Committees covering each of the Reserved Forests were constituted and individual micro plans prepared and submitted to the Government of India.

The Government of Assam has revised payment of ex-gratia in the cases of loss of life by elephant to Rs. 50,000. In addition provision has also been made for damage to livestock, agricultural crops and dwelling houses.

The Forestry sector has also taken up a pilot project "NARMIL"

(Natural Resource Management & Integrated Livelihood) under Assam Agriculture Competitiveness Project from 2004-05 funded by World Bank. This is expected to usher in a new era in Forest Management.

During the current year, three new wildlife sanctuaries have been declared viz. Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary, Dihing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary and Borail Wildlife Sanctuary.

During the current year, about 15.02 sq. km of land was brought under the forest cover through different plantation programmes. Preparatory works

are undergoing to cover about 30.07 sq. km. of additional area during the coming year. About 50 lakhs seedlings were distributed to the people this year.

The Kaziranga Centenary was celebrated in a big way from 11th to 17 th February this year highlighting it as the Century's greatest success story and showcasing not only its mega-biodiversity but also the rich social and cultural heritage of the region. A few heads of Rhino presumed to have been existing in the first decade of the last century is estimated to have now enlarged upto about 1700. A forum in the name of "Friends of Kaziranga" was also lounded to garner support from the world community for its protection and conservation. On the concluding day a Kaziranga Charter was published by the "Friends of Kaziranga" specifying their intention and support for the cause of the biodiversity conservation of the Kaziranga landscape.

Revenue :

My Government has taken action for the reassessment of land revenue in the major towns of Assam. It is also proposed to rationalise other sources of revenue like, Stamp Duty, Court fee etc. As a significant step towards land reforms, the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act 1976 was repealed during the year.

The Government has spent Rs. 330.27 crores during the year for providing relief to the flood affected people and for taking up repairs of critical infrastructure. It has taken a decision to complete the survey and settlement in the permanent char areas of Assam and in the tribal areas of Dhemaji district. It has also taken a decision for settlement of land to the eligible persons in such char and tribal areas and such distribution has started.

One notable decision of the Government is to make arrangement for preservation of environment from degradation. With a view to implement this decision the Government have taken steps to preserve all the wet lands of the State and thereby to conserve the environment and reduce the chances of water logging in different areas.

Judicial :

State Government has established twenty Fast Track Courts under the award of the 11th Finance Commission in order to ensure quick disposal of long pending cases. Meanwhile, the Fast Track Courts have disposed of quite a good number of cases as reported by the Guwahati High Court.

The State Government has also established a special court for trying anti corruption cases investigated by the C.B.I. at Guwahati. The court is functioning.

Relief and Rehabilitation :

The activities of Relief and Rehabilitation Department during 2004-2005 are mainly related to relief measures extended to the victims of ethnic violence between Bodo-Adivasi in Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon and Dhubri Districts, ethnic violence between Hmar-Dimasa in Cachar and N.C. Hills District, ethnic violence between Assamese- Bihari in several parts of the state which occurred in November, 2004. In addition to this, the department extended ex-gratia grants, financial assistance, Rehabilitation Grants to the victims of extremist violence/group clashes etc. Apart from this, the department has contributed to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the victims of Tsunami in December, 2004.

The relief and Rehabilitation Department has enhanced the quantum of ex-gratia grant from the present rate of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) to Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakhs) each to the next of kin of persons killed in extremist/Terrorist violence in the state with effect from 22-06-2004.

The Government is contemplating to rehabilitate 19,505 families during 2005-2006 who were affected in the ethnic violence between Bodo and Adivasi in the district of Kokrajhar provided fund is released in advance by the Government of India.

Labour and Employment :

Considering the gravity of unemployment problem, the State Government have constituted a Committee to draft an employment policy of the state backed by scheduled employment generation activities with certain quantified target to be reached by the end current Tenth Five Year Plan.

Moreover, the State Government have constituted a Standing Committee on employment generation to examine and to suggest measures to create avenues for employment/self employment of the unemployed youths of the State.

As per recommendation of the Second Commission of Labour, the State Government have submitted various proposal to rationalise the Labour Laws for the socio-economic benefits of the working labourers in organised and unorganised Sectors. There are 80% of the total work force engaged in unorganised sector. The State Government have already drafted a legislation namely "ASSAM UNORGANISED WORKERS WELFARE BILL 2004" for Social Security of the unorganised workers in the State. Moreover, another legislation namely "THE ASSAM PRIVATE SECURITY GUARD" (regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Bill has also been drafted for the welfare of employees engaged in such employment.

Considering the high cost of living State Government have proposed to revise the floor level minimum wage at Rs.66/- under the provision of Minimum Wages Act, 1948 in 34 schedule employment. In the thrust areas of scheduling employments under the provision of M.W. Act. 1948 the State Government have proposed to bring three schedules of employment i.e. Bought Tea Leaf Factory, Panmasala and Gutkha manufacturing and Private Security Agency Houses for social security and economic protection of the workers.

Public Health Engineering :

The Government of Assam has given the highest priority for providing safe drinking water to rural habitations. Upto the year 2003-04, safe drinking water facilities have been provided to 58739 habitations fully and 11625 habitation partially.

During 2004-05, out of balance 305 nos. NC and 11625 PC habitations, safe drinking water supply has been provided to 1547 NC and 4283 PC habitations within remaining period of current financial year under different programmes like Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) and State Plan.

Besides these, under the Prime Minister's 15th August Announcement Programme, 7447 spot sources

in water scarce habitations, 2703 spot sources in primary school have been installed and work in 4297 schools is under progress as well as 514 traditional sources have been developed having the funding pattern 90 : 10 between Government of India and beneficiaries.

SWAJALDHARA Scheme with 10% beneficiary's contribution has been launched in the State and upto the year 2003-04, 796 spot sources in 13 districts have been installed and 70 nos. of P.W.S.S. are under execution in 11 districts of the state.

Public Enterprise :

There are 48 State Level Public Enterprises under the administrative control of 22 departments. The Department of Public Enterprises finalized a series of recommendations on the State Public Sector through detailed analysis and deliberations at different levels. Broadly, the recommendations were to close and sell 5 unviable Enterprises; to divest in 5 Enterprises; to consider the option of merger of 3 Enterprises; to revive 24 Enterprises and to improve further 11 Enterprises. In addition, the Government revised guidelines on implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme; constituted an Empowered Committee to look into the matter of rationalization of human resource in the State Level Public Enterprises; issued guidelines for introduction of the concept of "Chair Person-cum-Managing Director"

in selected Enterprises through selection process by the Public Enterprises Selection Board has taken steps to introduce concept of "Memorandum of Understanding" between the Public Enterprise and the Government from 2005-06. The administrative departments will identify Enterprises for closure/revival/disinvestments etc. taking all relevant factors and recommendations into consideration and submit enterprise-wise proposals to the development of public Enterprises for consideration of the Public Investment Board and funding under Assam Governance & Public Resource Management Programme. In the year 2005 Government will pursue the reform and restructuring programme to bring it to a satisfactory level.

Government have further decided to shoulder the liabilities of the Assam Tea Corporation to the tune of Rs. 170 crores as a special package for revival of this important Agro-Industry in Assam.

Minorities Development :

My Government has taken up a number of schemes for the socio-economic upliftment of the people residing in the char areas of Assam. Schemes have also been taken for the welfare of minorities through the Assam Minorities Development Board and the Assam Minorities Development and Finance Corporation. The Assam Minorities Commission has been set up during 2003. An amount of Rs. 1

crore has been proposed for the development of minorities during 2004-2005. Government have decided to increase the allocation for development of char areas in the State. Distribution of patta to the eligible char dwellers has always been a policy of the Government. My Government has started distribution of patta to this depressed group and the process is continuing.

Science & Technology :

The twelfth National Children's Science Congress (NCSC) was held successfully at Cotton College, Guwahati, on 27th to 31st December, 2004 and was met with great enthusiasm. Assam is the only State in the country to host the Congress for a second time.

The event was of special significance as His Excellency, the President of India, attended the valedictory function and had an interactive session with the child scientists. In order to make available the benefits of the Congress and to give exposure to our children, about 3700 school children of 10 to 17 years were selected from all the districts including remote rural areas under the "Gyanjyoti" programme to attend the Congress.

His Excellency, the President of India, also visited the new campus of the Institute for Advance Study in science and Technology and addressed and interacted with the scientific community.

Sports & Youth Welfare :

My government has taken up a number of schemes for promoting and encouraging the participation of youth in sports and youth welfare activities. It has sponsored Inter School and Inter District Tournaments, provided coaching facilities in different sports, encouraged NCC, Scouts and Guides activities as well as promoted the participation of the youths from the state in different youth activities organised by the Government of India and the other national bodies. The construction of Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex in every Block of the State is in progress. My Government has also taken up the construction of stadium in some districts and will take the remaining districts in the next year. My Government has taken the responsibility for holding the 33rd National Games in Assam along with the Assam Olympic Association. Necessary actions in this regard are being taken in a time bound manner.

During 2004, the Government of India had taken pains to formulate a policy wherein the ASEAN countries would be able to interact with India through the North Eastern States. Against this background the Government of Assam took up the responsibility of flagging off the first ever India-ASEAN Car Rally from Guwahati via Nagaland and Manipur to Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Philipines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Brunei

covering a distance of 8000 Km. The exercise involved meticulous planning and was personally supervised by the Chief Minister of Assam.

The 22nd of November, 2004 will remain a red letter day in the annals of Assam's history when the Hon'ble Prime Minister himself ceremonially flagged off the Car Rally comprising not less than 60 participants from the Nehru Stadium. The gathering also included 11 Ministers from the ASEAN countries who were given a rousing welcome.

The Government of Assam had taken this brave and splendid opportunity to showcase Assam's sincerity in promoting cultural and economic linkages with ASEAN countries

Handloom, Textile and Sericulture :

Handloom and weaving is one of the glorious tradition of Assam and hand weaving is the art of love of the women folk of the state. The Handloom industry is next to agriculture in respect of creation of self employment opportunities and has substantial contribution towards socio-economic development of the State. The State is providing direct and indirect employment to 23.22 lakhs of people in handloom weaving and its allied activities in 13.22 lakhs of looms.

33% of the weavers population is under cooperative fold and doing commercial activities. Rest 67% are under unorganized sector and most of them

are part time weavers generating subsidiary income for the family. The weavers of unorganized sector has also been organized by and large through Self Help Group (SHGs), Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) etc. and talking up production of hand woven fabrics on commercial basis.

Marketing is one of the most important linkages for allround development of this sector to develop the marketing infrastructure. Assam Apex Weavers & Artisans Cooperative Federation (ARTFED), Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd. (AGMC), 23 Nos. of District Cooperative societies & some of the primary weaving cooperative societies are doing tremendous business in the national and international level.

Assam leads the nation in non-mulberry silks. The State produces 99% of the nations muga and 63% of eri silk yarns. There being a number of viable economic activities in the silk production chain from plantation to finished product, sericulture provides tremendous employment opportunities, especially for women, in both rural and urban areas. Thrust has therefore been given to organise and establish a strong and vibrant silk sector in the State. Already, almost 2 lakhs families earn livelihoods from silk production activities and significant milestones have been achieved in the silk sector.

Animal Husbandry & Veterinary :

The gap between the demand and supply of milk, meat and egg in Assam is significant. My Government has taken a number of schemes to increase the milk and meat production, Special focus has also been given to increase the egg production in the state. An Entrepreneurship Development Programme has been taken up to encourage unemployed youth to take up animal husbandry activities as a full time source of income.

The Swarnadhenu Scheme under ARIASP is under implementation and aims to increase the milk production through improvement of the local stock of cattle.

Water Resources :

During 2004, the State of Assam suffered major setback so far as development is concerned because of the unprecedented flood in both the Brahmaputra and Barak Valley. The loss was colossal. As many as 336 breaches occurred in the embankment system of the State. There was also overtopping of embankments in many places deluging large areas of agricultural and habitable land.

The Government has taken steps in its right earnest to plug the breaches and to repair damaged embankment system through Calamity Relief Fund. Also the Government has taken steps for taking up

critical flood control measures through the RIDF from NABARD.

In the aftermath of devastating floods of 2004, Government of India constituted a "Task Force" for looking into the flood and erosion problem of the State and suggesting remedial measures thereof. The final report with recommendation is awaited.

The aim of Government is to ensure that all works are completed before flood season of 2005.

Irrigation :

During the flood of 2004, altogether 335 Irrigation schemes were damaged and an area of 112,976 hectares were affected. The Bardikarai Irrigation Scheme (Major) was worst affected. Government has decided to reconstruct this scheme under one time Central Assistance at a cost of Rs. 50.31 crores. Accordingly, adequate budget provision has been made during 2004-2005 as well as in the budget for 2005-2006.

For reconstruction of the remaining schemes, provision is made in the budget of 2004-2005 under CRF. Also under one time Central Assistance of Rs. 41.44 Crores is proposed and works to be taken up subsequently.

The department has obtained sanction of financial assistance from NABARD to take-up completion of 22 Minor Irrigation Schemes for creating

7111 Hects. of irrigation potential at a cost of Rs. 9.96 crores. The works on some of the schemes have started recently. Moreover another batch of schemes costing Rs. 35 crores are being submitted for NABARD (RIDF-X) Assistance.

Implementation of Innovative Schemes :

My Government have launched five innovative schemes viz Buniyaad, Kalpataru, Rajiv Gandhi Computer Literacy Programme, Dharmajyoti and Gyanjyoti for all round development of the State.

Kalpataru (Employment Generation) Schemes:

The scheme has been introduced in 2003-2004 with a view to providing direct self-employment to the youth of the society. Priority has been given to the people living below poverty line both in rural and urban areas of the state except 6th schedule areas. Self-employment will be provided costing each scheme between Rs. 7000/- to Rs. 25,000/- only for which contribution of each selected beneficiary has been fixed at 20 per cent of the scheme cost. The main thrust area has been identified giving the the weightage on traditional activity by providing appropriate technology, skill upgradation and quality inputs etc.

Buniyad Scheme :

The scheme has been introduced in 2003-04 with a view to providing basic infrastructure to all

educational institutions so as to make a direct benefit to the student community of the State. At the beginning (2003-04), an amount of Rs. 2.00 crore was released to the concerned Deputy Commissioners for infrastructure development of both Gauhati University and the Dibrugarh University (Rs. 1.00 crore each). Moreover, out of total 189 deficit colleges in the State, 101 nos. of colleges were funded Rs. 10.00 Lakh each for development of infrastructure. IN 2004-05, the balance 88 deficit colleges have been assisted with Rs. 10.00 Lakh each under untied fund. Besides, steps have also been taken to upgrade the infrastructure of both Higher Secondary and the High Schools of the State and accordingly, almost all the 547 Higher Secondary Schools has been sanctioned @Rs. 5.00 Lakh each to the concerned Deputy Commissioners for its execution. In addition, about 50 per cent of total nos. of High Schools are expected to be funded soon @ Rs. 4.00 Lakh each for development of its infrastructure. The scheme is expected to be continued in the next financial year also.

Dharmajyoti scheme :

The scheme has been introduced in current financial year 2004-05 with a view to encouraging pilgrimage by elderly persons to religious and historical places both within and outside the State.

Gyanjyoti scheme :

This scheme would provide educational excursion and cultural exchange among the school students of Class-XII particularly in rural areas of the Districts. In 2004-05, target has been fixed at 7,500 students. Amount of Rs. 16.00 crore has already been released. A total of 2,700 students taken from different districts have been facilitated under this scheme.

Under **Rajiv Gandhi Computer Literacy Programme (RGCLP)**, 200 selected Higher Secondary Schools were provided facility for computer education during the financial year 2003-04. Target for the year 2004-05 is 200 Higher Secondary Schools. 400 Higher Secondary Schools are proposed to be covered under this programme by the end of this financial year and remaining schools by 2005-06.

Women Empowerment :

The women have been a perpetually depressed group of society. In order to give them a share in the governance through capacity building measures. Government have decided to adopt a policy to give 30% reservation of women in all spheres. I believe this bold step for women empowerment will usher in a movement for social balance and all round development of the state.

Mukhya Mantrir Jiyanjyoti Bima Achani :

A comprehensive insurance scheme covering health

and accident care called Mukhya Mantrir Jibanjyoti Bima Yojana covering the entire population of Assam is being finalised and will be implemented shortly.

Administrative Reforms & Training :

Raising the efficiency of the administrative system and improving the delivery of public services to the citizens are the constant endeavours of the State Government which is reflected in the Mission statement of the State Government - CARES, i.e. proving committed, accountable, responsible, efficient and service oriented Government to its people as a whole. In order to achieve these objectives, the Administrative Reforms and Training Department had constituted the Assam Administrative Reforms Commission in June, 2002 with a set of expressed terms of reference. The Commission has so far submitted four interim reports and a High Powered Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to supervise implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.

In order to promote transparency and openness in Public Administration, it was felt necessary by the Government of Assam to enact the Assam Right to Information Act, 2001 and this Act has come into force on the 1st December, 2004, and the Rules framed thereunder have come into force from 8th December, 2004 as notified in the Assam Gazette.

With a view to introduce e-governance in the State Government have already created Information Technology Department to spearhead all information technology related matters and to gear up e-governance activities like Land Records Computerization, Registration, Public Grievances Redressal and Interlinking CICs with Sub-Divisional and district headquarter as well as State Capital at Dispur. In addition to this, the Government has also constituted an E-Governance Mission for development of an integrated e-governance approach covering all the State Government departments under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, IT Department with defined vision, mission, specific function and coordination with other agencies/departments.

Further for effective and timely redressal of public grievances a computerized **Public facilitation Centre** is being established very shortly at the **Ganaseva Bhawan** of Assam Secretariat Complex.

Greater attention has been paid on manpower development. To achieve this, the Assam Administrative Staff College under this department, being one of the Regional Training Centre of excellence imparting on an average 70 training programme every year has been directed to redesign its training modules/curriculum so as to best suit day to day needs of good governance. In addition, the Secretariat Training School another pioneer training insti-

tution of the State which is organizing Group-A and Group-B training courses for UDAs and LDAs of the Assam Secretariat has been shifted to Assam Administrative Staff College Complex as recommended by the Assam Administrative Reforms Commission for improving the quality of training.

Excise :

My Government is actively engaged in the enforcement of the provisions of the State laws for prohibition of illicit liquor, ganja, bhang and opium. It is also enforcing the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act and the Medicinal and Toilet Preparation Act. District Level Task Forces have been set up to check the distillation and sale of illicit liquor. The Assam State Anti Drug and Prohibition Council is also engaged in creating awareness against drug abuse and alcoholism.

Border Areas :

Assam has an extended border with Bangladesh and Bhutan. The Border Areas Development Programme is being implemented to provide basic facilities to the people living in the backward border areas. Such facilities include provision of drinking water, construction of roads and bridges, installation of Shallow Tube Wells, construction of school buildings, community halls, market sheds etc.

Social Welfare :

My Government has been taking up schemes for the welfare of disabled persons and for the welfare of neglected, orphan and destitute children and women. The Integrated Child Development scheme is presently operational in 195 Blocks through 25,302 Anganwadi Centres with supplementary nutrition provided under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana. Skill based training is being provided to create self-employment opportunities for women through the Vocational Training-cum-Rehabilitation Centres.

Tourism :

The State Government has taken steps to prepare and introduce a new Tourism Policy of the State and a draft has been drawn up. This should be ready in the next few months time.

Also, for the first time, steps have been initiated for preparation of a Master Plan and Marketing Strategy of Assam Tourism. This important document will contain the medium and long term vision for development of tourism infrastructure covering all the important segments of Assam Tourism and also strategy for its promotion in the domestic and overseas market.

A new innovation scheme for involvement of educated unemployed youths in tourism sector in a systematic way to bring about qualitative changes is

also under implementation. The scheme will be implemented in association with State Bank of India and for this scheme, a budget provision of Rs. 1 crore in the Current year budget has been made so as to provide 20% of the project cost as grant/margin money assistance to the selected Groups for implementation of the projects.

The tourist flow to Assam has increased substantially and is expected to reach 28 Lakhs by the end of 31st March, 2005.

Pension & Public Grievances :

The Government have constituted Pension Adalat to look into and take remedial measures on the grievances of pensioners on the spot at the district Head Quarters.

In the mean time Pension Adalat was held in the three South Assam Districts and disposed of 194 numbers of long pending cases. It is the endeavour of the Government to dispose of the pension cases speedily to ensure payment of pension from the next month of retirement of a Government employee.

It is further proposed to introduce contributory pension Fund Scheme in line with the Government of India effective from this year.

Personnel:

Government have recently raised the retirement age of State Government employees from 58 years to 59 years.

With a view to giving a incentive to the ACS Officers, this department has amended the Service Rule of ACS officers, 1998. Accordingly for giving better promotional avenues to the ACS Officers Senior Posts viz. Selection Grade, Addl. Secretary to the Government of Assam, and Commissioner and Secy. to the Government of Assam has also been created.

General Administration :

The new Secretariat Building was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 21st of November, 2004. the new Secretariat building with its imposing structure and better amenities has generated a better work environment.

fisheries :

The Department of Fishary has been implementing number of schemes in the state with a view to achieving self sufficiency in fish production and Socio-Economic development of poor section of society.

Hon'ble Members, I have placed before you the achievements, policies and programmes of my Government. My Government will take determined steps to implement these policies and programmes for bringing all round development to the state. It will ensure that the climate of peace that is now coming to Assam improves further and that the fruits of development are spread to all sections of the society. I hope your deliberations in the House will help achieve this objective.

Joi Aai Asom

Jai Hind.

(National Anthem was played. After the National Anthem Hon'ble Governor left the House escorted by the secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly.)

Mr. Speaker : Now, under Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 13 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I hereby report that the Governor has been pleased to make a speech. A copy of the speech has already been laid on the table and copies of the speech have been distributed to the Hon'ble Members also.

Tea & Snacks have been arranged in the Central Hall of the Assembly Building in Honour of the Hon'ble Governor.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Ministers of States, Hon'ble Members of the House, Chief Secretary, Commissioners, Secretaries to the Govt. of Assam, DGP, DIGs and other Senior Police Officers and the Head of the Depts. present in the Officer's Gallery, Gentlemen of the Press in the Press Gallery, including Electronic Media persons, Official Reporters to join the Hon'ble Governor at a tea arranged in the Central Hall.

The House stands adjourned for 40 minutes.

(The House reassembled at 11-15 A.M. after tea break with Shri Prithibi Majhi, Speaker in the Chair.)

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Mr. Speaker : Now, item no.2. I have received a notice on the Motion of thanks on the Governor's Address from Dr. Haren Das. Now, I request Dr. Haren Das to move the Motion.

Dr. Haren Das : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to move "That the Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are grateful to the Governor for the Address he has been pleased to deliver to the House today, the 1st of March, 2005.

Mr. Speaker : Now, I call upon Dr. Idris Ali to move for seconding the motion of thanks on the Governor's Address.

Dr. Md. Idris Ali : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I second the Motion.

Mr. Speaker : The Motion has now been moved. Debate on the Governor's Address has been allotted on 2nd, 3rd and 4th March, 2005. Amendments to the Motion of thanks will be received by the Assembly Secretariat upto 3.00 p.m. today, the 1st March, 2005. Hon'ble Members may submit the notice of amendments on the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address on the time and date fixed above to the Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly or in the notice office if they so desire.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker : Now. Item No.3. There is an announcement on the Report of the Business Advisory Committee settling the Business for the Budget Session of the Assembly,2005.

Announcement is that " under Rule 230 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly. I called a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee at 11-30 A.M. on 22nd February, 2005 in the conference Room of

my office Chamber at Dispur to finalize the calendar for the Budget Session of the Assembly commencing from today, the 1st March, 2005.

The Committee after a threadbare discussion decided that the current session of the Assembly should continue till 8th April, 2005. There would be 22 working days, 19 days would be devoted for transaction of Government business and 3 days would be devoted for transaction of private Members' Business.

The calendar for the current session has been circulated amongst all the Hon'ble Members of the House.

I hope, this has the approval of the House.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No.4. Now there is an announcement.

"Under Rule 9(1) of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly I nominate the following Hon'ble Members to Constitute the Panel of Chairmen for the Budget session of the Assembly, 2005.

- 1) Dr. Idris Ali
- 2) Sri Pranab Gogoi
- 3) Sri Hitendra Nath Goswami
- 4) Sri Bimolangshu Roy.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No.5 Sri Tarun Gogoi, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay the "The Guwahati Municipal Corporation (Amendment) ordinance, 2004"

Sri Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister, P&D) (on behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Minister) : Hon'ble speaker Sir, I beg to lay the "Guwahati Municipal Corporation (Amendment) ordinance 2004".

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No.6. Sri Tarun Gogoi, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay "The Assam Contingency Fund (Amendment) ordinance 2005".

Sri Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister P&D) (on behalf of the Hon'ble Chief Minister) : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay "The Assam Contingency Fund (Amendment) ordinance 2005".

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No.7. Sri Hem Prakash Narayan Hon'ble Minister, Urban Dev. etc. lay "The Assam Urban Water Supply and Swerage Board (Amendment) ordinance 2004".

Sri Hem Prakash Narayan (Minister, Urban Dev): Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the "Assam Urban Water Supply and Swerage Board (Amendment) Ordinance 2004."

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 8. Sri Anjan Dutta, Hon'ble Minister, Transport to lay "The Annual Account and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1992-93".

Sri Anjan Dutta (Minister, Transport) : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay "The Assam Annual Account and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1992-93".

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 9. Sri Anjan Dutta, Hon'ble Minister, Transport to lay "The Annual Accounts and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1993-94".

Sri Anjan Dutta (Minister, Transport) : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay "the Annual Account and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1993-94."

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No.10. Sri Anjan Dutta, Hon'ble Minister Transport to lay "The Annual Accounts and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1994-95".

Sri Anjan Dutta (Minister, Transport) : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Annual Accounts and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1994-95.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 11. Sri Anjan Dutta, Hon'ble Minister Transport to lay the Annual Account and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1995-96.

Sri Anjan Dutta (Minister, Transport) : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Annual Accounts and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the 1995-96.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 12. Sri Anjan Dutta, Hon'ble Minister Transport to lay "the Annual Accounts and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1996-97".

Sri Anjan Dutta (Minister, Transport) : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Annual Accounts and the Audit Report of Assam State Transport Corporation for the year 1996-97.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 13. Sri Wazed Ali Choudhury, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture to lay "The Audit Report of Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project Society for the year 2001-02".

Sri Wazed Ali Choudhury (Minister, Agriculture): Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Audit Report of Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project Society for the year 2001-02.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 14. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister, Power to lay "The Assam Gazette Extra ordinary Notification No. AERC 65/2003/101 dated 7th May. 2004".

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind). Power): Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay "The Assam Gazette Extra ordinary Notification regarding Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission".

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 15. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister to lay "The Assam Gazette Extra

ordination, Notification No. AERC 69/2003/73 dated 26th July, 2004".

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind). Power) :
Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification regarding AERC Regulation for State Advisory Committee.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 16. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind). Power to lay "The Assam Gazette Extra ordinary Notification No. AERC 2004/12 dated 10th December, 2004".

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind), Power):
Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Extra ordinary Notification of Assam State Electricity Regulatory Commission regulation for distribution of lincencing Date.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 17. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind) Power to lay the "Assam Gazette Extra ordinary Notification No. AERC 2004/7 dated 4th February, 2005".

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind), Power) :
Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Extra ordinary Notification of Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission Regulation for Metering Code for Assam Grid Regulation.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 18. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble of State (Ind). Power to lay "The Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification No. AERC 2004/12 dated 9th February, 2005".

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind). Power) :
Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification on AERC Regulation for Assam Electricity Grid Code.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 19, Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind), Power to lay the "Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification No. AERC 2004/10 dtd. 10th February, 2005".

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind), Power) :
Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Notification for AERC Regulation for conduct of business.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 20. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind) Power to lay the Assam Gazette Extra ordinary Notification No. AERC 2004/ 24 dated 14th February, 2005.

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind), Power):
Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification regarding Distribution Code Regulation.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 21. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind), Power to lay the "Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification No. AERC 2004/8 dated 5th February, 2005".

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind), Power):
Hon'ble Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary regarding Distribution of Metering Code Regulation.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 22. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind), Power to lay the Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification No. AERC 2004/9 dated 4th February, 2005.

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind), Power):
Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification on Transmission Licence Date of Performance.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 23. Sri Pradyut Bordoloi, Hon'ble Minister of State (Ind), Power to lay "The Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary Notification No. AERC 2004/11 dated 4th February, 2005".

Sri Pradyut Bordoloi (Minister of State (Ind), Power):
Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Gazette Notification regarding Distribution of Metering Code Regulation.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 24. Obituary References.

যোৱা ১৭ ডিচেম্বৰ, ২০০৪ তাৰিখে অসম বিধান সভাৰ অধিবেশনৰ সমাপ্তিৰ পৰা আজি ১-৩-২০০৫ তাৰিখে অসম বিধান সভাৰ অধিবেশন অনুস্থিত হোৱাৰ এই কালছোৱাৰ ভিতৰত আমাৰ দেশ আৰু ৰাজ্যৰ বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্ৰলৈ বিশেষ বৰঙণি আগবঢ়োৱা ভালে কেইগৰাকী বৰেণ্য ব্যক্তিৰ পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। অতি দুখ আৰু ব্যথিত হৃদয়েৰে আজি অসম বিধান সভাৰ পবিত্ৰ মজিয়াত নাম উল্লেখিত প্ৰয়াত ব্যক্তি সকলৰ প্ৰতি শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলি জনাই শোক প্ৰস্তাৱ গ্ৰহণ কৰিবলৈ লোৱা হৈছে।

- (১) নৰসিংহ ৰাও : ভাৰতৰ প্ৰাক্তন প্ৰধান মন্ত্ৰী কংগ্ৰেছৰ বৰ্ষীয়ান নেতা, কংগ্ৰেছ দলৰ প্ৰাক্তন সভাপতি, ভাৰতৰ অৰ্থনৈতিক সংস্কাৰৰ পিতামহ স্বৰূপে পৰিচিত পি- ভি নৰসিংহ ৰাওৰ যোৱা ২৩ ডিচেম্বৰ, ২০০৪ তাৰিখে সৰ্বভাৰতীয়

আয়ুৰবিজ্ঞান চিকিৎসা প্ৰতিস্থানত দেহাৱসান ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৮৩ বছৰ।

১৯২১ চনৰ ২৮ জুনত অন্ধ্ৰপ্ৰদেশৰ এটি কৃষক পৰিয়ালত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত ৰাওদেৱে ওছমানিয়া আৰু নাগপুৰ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা ক্ৰমে বি- এছ- চি আৰু এল, এল, বি ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰি ১৯৩৮ চনৰ পৰা ৰাজনৈতিক জীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰে। সত্তৰ দশকৰ প্ৰাৰম্ভতে তিনিবাৰকৈ অন্ধ্ৰপ্ৰদেশৰ মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীৰ পদ অলংকৃত কৰা ৰাও ডাঙৰীয়াই ১৯৭২ চনত সাংসদ হিচাপে লোকসভালৈ নিৰ্বাচিত হয়। তেখেতে ৮০ ৰ দশকত কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ বিভিন্ন গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ পদবীত কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। ১৯৯১ চনত কংগ্ৰেছ দলৰ সভাপতি ৰূপে নেতৃত্ব বহন কৰে। দক্ষিণ ভাৰতৰ প্ৰথম জন প্ৰতিনিধিৰূপে ১৯৯১ চনৰ পৰা ১৯৯৬ চনলৈ তেখেতে ভাৰতৰ প্ৰধান মন্ত্ৰীৰূপে কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰে। বহুমুখী প্ৰতিভাৰ অধিকাৰীৰ লগতে তেখেত আছিল বিশিষ্ট ৰাজনীতিবিদ, পণ্ডিত, আইনজ্ঞ আৰু সাহিত্যিক।

এই গৰাকী বহুমুখী প্ৰতিভাশালী আৰু বিশিষ্ট ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞৰ মৃত্যুত দেশখনৰ জনসাধাৰণে এগৰাকী ৰাইজৰ প্ৰকৃত নেতাক হেৰুৱালে।

- (২) নিবাৰণ বৰা : সমাজবাদী আদৰ্শৰ অন্যতম পুৰোধা, ৰাজ্যৰ জাতীয়তাবাদী শিবিৰৰ অন্যতম প্ৰধান নেতা, নিবাৰণ বৰাৰ যোৱা ৬ জানুৱাৰী ২০০৫ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৮৪ বছৰ।

১৯২১ চনৰ ২৬ এপ্ৰিলত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত বৰা ডাঙৰীয়াই ছাত্ৰাৱস্থাতে জাতীয়তাবাদী চিন্তাধাৰাৰ প্ৰতি আকৃষ্ট হয়। প্ৰয়াত বৰা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ হিন্দী ইংৰাজী, বাংলা আৰু উৰ্দু ভাষাত বিশেষ বুৎপত্তি আছিল। ১৯৪২ চনৰ পৰাই তেখেত দেশৰ শ্ৰমিক আৰু সমাজবাদী আন্দোলনৰ সৈতে জড়িত হৈ পৰে। ১৯৬৭ চনত ছচিয়েলিষ্ট পাৰ্টীৰ সম্পাদকৰ গুৰুপদত কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। সমাজবাদী আন্দোলনৰ অক্লান্ত কৰ্মী তথা নেতা বৰা ডাঙৰীয়াই কেইবাবাৰো চৰকাৰৰ ৰোষৰ বলি হৈ কাৰাবৰণ কৰিব লগা হৈছিল। ১৯৭৫ চনৰ জৰুৰীকালীন সময়ত তেখেত ১৯ মাহ কাল কাৰাৰুদ্ধ হৈ আছিল। ঐতিহাসিক বিদেশী বিতাড়ণ আন্দোলনৰ এগৰাকী অন্যতম হোতা বৰা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ নেতৃত্বতে ১৯৭৮ চনত “পূৰ্বাঞ্চলীয় লোক পৰিষদ” নামৰ এটা ৰাজনৈতিক দলৰ জন্ম হয়। “লুকিং বেক” আৰু “স্বাধীন অসমৰ সম্ভাৱনা” নামৰ তেখেতৰ দ্বাৰা প্ৰণীত দুখন বিশিষ্ট গ্ৰন্থ।

এই গৰাকী মহান সমাজসেৱী আৰু জাতীয়তাবাদী আদৰ্শৰ অন্যতম কাণ্ডাৰীৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনৰ লগতে দেশৰো অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

শ্ৰীবিপুল বৰা (মন্ত্ৰী) : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহাশয়, শ্ৰীনিবাৰণ বৰাৰ যিটো বাক্য লিখা আছে যে তেওঁ কেইবাবাৰো চৰকাৰৰ ৰোষৰ বলি হৈ কাৰাবৰণ কৰিব লগা হৈছিল এই বাক্যটো উঠাই লব নেকি?

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : হব' হব মই চাই লম।

(৩) হৰেন্দ্ৰ মোহন তালুকদাৰ : অসমৰ এগৰাকী বিশিষ্ট লেখক, সমাজকৰ্মী আৰু গান্ধীবাদী নেতা হৰেন্দ্ৰ মোহন তালুকদাৰৰ যোৱা ২৪ ডিচেম্বৰ, ২০০৪ তাৰিখে দেহাৱসান ঘটে।

১৯৩৪ চনৰ ৮ জুন তাৰিখে জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত তালুকদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই অসমৰ সাহিত্য জগতলৈ বিশেষ বৰঙণি আগবঢ়াই গৈছে। তেখেতে কেইবাখনো গৱেষণা মূলক গ্ৰন্থৰ উপৰিও ভাৰতৰ কেইবা গৰাকী বিশিষ্ট লোকৰ জীৱন আধাৰিত গ্ৰন্থ প্ৰণয়ন কৰিছিল। তালুকদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়া বিভিন্ন সামাজিক অনুষ্ঠান, প্ৰতিস্থানৰ সৈতে ওতঃপ্ৰোতঃ ভাৱে জড়িত আছিল।

এই গৰাকী বিশিষ্ট জীৱনীকাৰক আৰু যশস্বী লেখক, গান্ধীবাদী নেতাৰ মৃত্যুত অসমীয়া সাহিত্য তথা সমাজ জীৱনৰ এক পূৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

(৪) সুৰেণ হাজৰিকা : অসমৰ কমিউনিষ্ট আন্দোলনৰ অন্যতম বাটকটীয়া তথা বামপন্থী আন্দোলনৰ পথিকৃত ব্যক্তি তথা মাৰ্ক্সবাদী নেতা সুৰেণ হাজৰিকা দেৱৰ যোৱা ২৭ ডিচেম্বৰ ২০০৪ তাৰিখে দেহাৱসান ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৮০ বছৰ।

চল্লিছৰ দশকত ৰাজ্যখনৰ বিভিন্ন শ্ৰমিক আন্দোলনৰ নেতৃত্ব দিয়া প্ৰয়াত হাজৰিকা ডাঙৰীয়াই দেশৰ স্বাধীনতা আন্দোলনতো অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। পাছলৈ তেখেতে কৃষক আন্দোলনক অধিক গতি দিয়াৰ লক্ষ্যৰে বামপন্থী দলৰ লগত জড়িত হৈ চি-পি-আই (এম) দল গঢ়ি তোলাত বৰঙণি আগবঢ়ায়। তেখেতে চি-আই-টি-ইউৰ ৰাজ্যিক সভাপতি আৰু নিখিল ভাৰত কৃষক সভাৰ অসম ৰাজ্যিক সমিতিৰ উপ-সভাপতি হিচাপেও কাৰ্য্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। “সমাজবাদৰ সন্ধানত” শীৰ্ষক নিজৰ অভিজ্ঞতা সম্বলিত এখন ৰচনাৱলী তেখেতে প্ৰকাশ কৰি উলিয়াইছিল। প্ৰয়াত হাজৰিকাদেৱে তিতাবৰ আৰু যোৰহাটৰ পৰা একাধিকবাৰ অসম বিধান সভাৰ নিৰ্বাচনত প্ৰতিদ্বন্দিতা কৰিছিল।

হাজৰিকা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ মৃত্যুত দেশ তথা ৰাজ্যখনে এগৰাকী বিশিষ্ট বাওঁ গণতান্ত্ৰিক নেতা তথা ৰাজনৈতিক চিন্তাবিদক হেৰুৱালে।

- (৫) গিৰিশ মজুমদাৰ : প্ৰবীণ সাংবাদিক নাট্যকাৰ, প্ৰৱন্ধকাৰ গিৰিশ মজুমদাৰৰ যোৱা ২ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী, ২০০৫ তাৰিখে ৫৭ বছৰ বয়সত ঘগ্ৰাপাৰস্থ তেখেতৰ নিজা বাসভৱনত পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে।

১৯৪৮ চনৰ ১৩ জানুৱাৰীত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত মজুমদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই সত্তৰ দশকতে “দৈনিক অসম” কাকতৰ স্থানীয় সংবাদসেৱীৰূপে আত্ম প্ৰকাশ কৰে। সংবাদ মাধ্যমৰ লগতে সাহিত্য আৰু নাট জগতলৈও তেখেতৰ অৱদান আছিল লেখত লৱলগীয়া। তেখেতে ২০ খন নাটক আৰু ভালেমান মূল্যবান প্ৰৱন্ধ পাতি ৰচনা কৰি থৈ গৈছে। স্থানীয় ভালেমান ৰাজহুৱা অনুস্থান প্ৰতিস্থানৰ সৈতে তেখেত ওতঃপ্ৰোতঃ ভাৱে জড়িত থাকি সমাজৰ সৰ্বাঙ্গীণ উন্নতিৰ কাৰণে চেষ্টা কৰিছিল।

সাহিত্য আৰু সংবাদ জগতৰ এই গৰাকী ব্যক্তিৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ সমাজ জীৱনৰ এক পূৰ্বাৰ নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

- (৬) কান্দাৰাম বসুমতাৰী : প্ৰবীণ ক্ৰীড়াবিদ, অভিনেতা তথা প্ৰযোজক কান্দাৰাম বসুমতাৰীৰ যোৱা ২ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী ২০০৫ তাৰিখে পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৫৬ বছৰ।

১৯৪৯ চনৰ ৮ জানুৱাৰীত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত বসুমতাৰীদেৱে এছিয়ান মাষ্টাৰ্ছ এথলেটিকছত কেইবাবাৰো ভাৰতীয় দলক প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰি পদক লাভ কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। তেখেতে ২০০০ চনত বেংককত অনুস্থিত এছিয়ান মাষ্টাৰ্ছ এথলেটিকছত ১০০ আৰু ২০০ মিটাৰ দৌৰত ক্ৰমে ৰূপ আৰু ব্ৰঞ্জৰ পদক লাভ কৰিছিল। অসম প্ৰবীন এথলেটিকছ সন্থাৰ বাছনি শাখাৰো তেখেত এগৰাকী সদস্য আছিল। ক্ৰীড়া আৰু সংস্কৃতি জগতত সমান্তৰাল ভাৱে বৰঙণি যোগাই অহা বসুমতাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই বড়ো ভাষাৰ “গৌড়িনি ওনাও” নামৰ জনপ্ৰিয় বোলছবি এখনত অভিনয় কৰাৰ লগতে প্ৰযোজনাও কৰিছিল।

এই গৰাকী প্ৰবীণ ক্ৰীড়াবিদৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনে এগৰাকী খ্যাতি সম্পন্ন ক্ৰীড়াবিদক হেৰুৱালে।

এতিয়া ইয়াত নাম উল্লেখিত প্ৰয়াত ব্যক্তিসকলৰ পবিত্ৰ স্মৃতিত আৰু তেখেত সকলৰ বিদেহী আত্মাৰ সদগতি আৰু চিৰ শান্তি কামনা কৰি এক মিনিট কাল থিয় হৈ মৌনতা অৱলম্বন কৰিবৰ বাবে মই এই সদনৰ মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ প্ৰতি মই অনুৰোধ জনালোঁ।

(মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে ১ মিনিট সময় থিয় হৈ মৃতকৰ আত্মাৰ সংগতিৰ কাৰণে মৌনতা অৱলম্বন কৰে।)

শ্ৰীপবিত্ৰ ডেকা : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, ধীৰেণ ৰাভা সঞ্চালক গুৱাহাটী দূৰদৰ্শনৰ কেন্দ্ৰ আৰু ভাৰতৰ বিখ্যাত অভিনেতা অমৰিষ পুৰিৰ নামো মৃত্যু প্ৰসংগত অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰিব লাগে।

শ্ৰীশৰৎ শইকীয়া : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, হৰি চৰণ শৰ্মা প্ৰাক্তন সভাপতি অসম চাহ মজদুৰ সংঘ তেখেতৰ নামটোও মৃত্যুৰ প্ৰসংগত অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰিব লাগে।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : তেখেত সকলৰ নামো মৃত্যু প্ৰসংগত অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰা হব।

The House stands adjourned till 9 A.M. on 2nd March, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

The House then stood adjourned at 11-31 A.M. till 9 A.M. on Wednesday, the 2nd March, 2005.

Dispur:
The 1st March, 2005

B. C. Das
Secretary,
Assam Legislative
Assembly.

