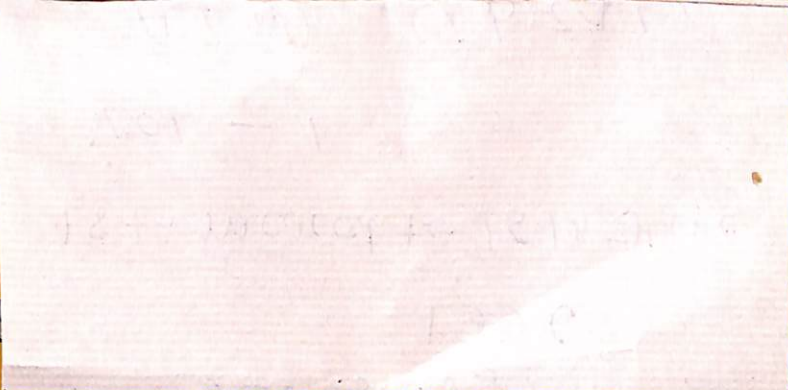


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DEBATES OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Monday, the 18th March, 1996

The House met at 9 A.M. of the Clock in the Assembly Chamber at Dispur with Prof. Debesh Chakraborty, Speaker, in the Chair.

Mr. Speaker : Hon'ble Members Present, the Governor is addressing the House today at 9.10 A.M. He is coming by Eastern Gate of the Assembly premises at 9.05 A.M. Myself, the Deputy Speaker and the Secretary will be going to receive him at the Gate. The instructions as to how the Governor is to be received in the House have been laid on each Members table. As soon the Governor comes, I think, we should comply with these instructions. In the meantime, the Address will be distributed to the Members.

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

(Mr. Speaker entered the House with the Hon'ble Governor of Assam. National Anthem was played. Hon'ble Governor took his seat.)

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

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

(Hon'ble Governor read out the Address.)

I have great pleasure to welcome you and to address this august House. I hope, you will have very useful deliberations during the session and the year ahead will see our State making rapid strides in every sphere of its life.

★ শ্রীআলাউদ্দিন সৰকাৰ : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ চৰকাৰে বহুদিনৰ আগৰে পৰাই আমাৰ ৰাজ্য ভাষাক সন্মান দিয়াৰ বাবে যত্ন কৰি আহিছে। গতিকে মই আশা কৰিছো যে, আজিৰ ভাষণটো মাননীয় ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয়ে অসমীয়াতে পাঠ কৰিব লাগে।

Hon'ble Governor: My Government has given topmost priority in restoration of normalcy and bringing peace and tranquility in the State. The law and order situation in the State has shown much improvement during the last 5 years. Even though there has been occasional attempts by the different extremist groups to disturb the law and order situation in the State, the Police and the Para Military Force have been able to achieve success in their drive against the extremist groups in the State. More particularly the action of the State Police Force against the extremist groups has been a marked success. Peace and normalcy in the State has been restored by effectively checking terrorist activities.

Law and
order
situation

(সন্দেহত গণ্ডগোল)

The Government have been pursuing with its

★ Speech not corrected.

rehabilitation measures to rehabilitate the surrendered ULFA, Bodo Security Force and Dimasa National Security Force, under 100% Special Margin Money Scheme.

(ছলস্থলীয়া পৰিবেশ । ভালে কেইজন মাননীয় সদস্যই ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণৰ মাজতে উচ্চস্বৰে কথা কৈ সদনৰ টেবুলৰ ওচৰত থিয় হয় গৈ) (কণ্ঠস্বৰ : আইন শৃংখলাৰ কথা ইয়াত একেবাৰে নাই এই কথাখিনি বাদ দি কওঁক । এইটোৰ বিৰোধিতা কৰি সদন কক্ষ ত্যাগ কৰিছে। (বিধায়ক কৰেন্দ্ৰ বসুমতাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই সদনৰ মেজৰ কাষত গৈ ইংৰাজীত স্মাৰক পত্ৰ ডাঙৰ ডাঙৰকৈ পঢ়ি থাকে আৰু শেষত ৰাজ্যপালক উদ্দেশি দাখিল কৰে) (এই সন্দৰ্ভত ক্ষোভ প্ৰকাশ কৰি আপোনাৰ মধ্যস্থতা কৰিবলৈ দাবী জনালো । আৰু বিষয়টো উপস্থাপন কৰিলো ।)

On the communal front also the situation remains completely under control of the State Government.

The Government have again constituted two Enquiry Committees headed by Shri B. K. Misra, Principal Secretary, Government of Assam, Health etc. Department to enquire into the remaining portion of irregularities of LOC scam in Veterinary Department since and including the financial year 1986-87 which could not be completed by the Rao Committee and to enquire into irregular drawal of money by the other Departments from the year 1981-82 to 1993-94. Government have entrusted the LOC Scam Cases of Veterinary Department to the CBI.

Criminal
Investigation

The State Government is continuing efforts for necessary implementation of the provisions of Assam Accord. 11 Foreigners and 16 IMDT Tribunals are functioning. The construction of the buildings of Sankardev Kalakhetra is nearing completion. Two Central Universities have been functioning at Tezpur and Silchar. Classes at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati has already started functioning. Ashok Paper Mill has started production. Commissioning of Numaligarh Refinery is expected on the date of target. Preliminary work on Assam Gas Cracker Complex has already been started.

Assam
Accord

At the effort of my Government there has been visible improvement in the Railway Networks. Broad Gauge line has already been extended to Dimapur and is expected to be extended to Dibrugarh during current year. Work on Naranarayan Setu rail-cum-road bridge on the Brahmaputra at Jogighopa-Pancharatna is progressing satisfactorily.

Assam
Accord

A persistent long pending demand for a Railway Divisional Headquarter at Rangiya has been fulfilled at the effort of my Government. Fourth Brahmaputra Bridge at Dibrugarh and conversion of Meter Gauge to Broad Gauge of Rangiya Morkangchelek section, branch line to Tezpur and Lumding Silchar section has been intended to be taken up.

At the effort of my Government, the Telecom facilities in the State has been widely extended.

Guwahati Airport is in the process of upgradation to International Standard. North Eastern Development Finance Corporation has already been inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 23.2.96.

Handloom
&
Textiles

Dwelling houses to more than 2000 poor weaver families and worksheds to 3200 poor weaver families with improved looms have been provided. Steps have also been taken to provide yarn to Women Co-operatives through Artfed. Stress has been given for development and expansion of Eri, Muga, Mulberry and Tassar industry.

Social
Welfare

My Government have taken care of the special needs of the destitute women, orphans, helpless widows, aged and infirm, juvenile delinquents, physically hardicapped. beggars, expectant and nursing mothers and malnourished children. The old age pension at the rate of Rs. 100/- per month is being provided to 43,500 beneficiaries and 71,100 beneficiaries have been covered under revised rate. In addition 20,000 destitute widows above the age of 18 years have been given financial aid in the form of monthly pension at the rate of Rs. 100/- per month Free mid-day meal schemes have been introduced for primary school children from April 17, 1995. The most important social benefit programme implemented by my Government is distribution of rice at subsidised price of Rs. 2/- per Kg. to poor families living below the poverty line. Approximately 16 lakh families with a population of about 80 lakhs have been covered under

this scheme. Under the National Social Assistance Scheme (NSAS) a one time financial assistance of Rs. 5,000/- in case of death due to natural causes and of Rs. 10,000/- in case of accidental death is being extended to the poor bereaved family members on the death of the principal bread earner of the family. All the Development Blocks except 8 have been covered under ICDS Project. Approval for coverage of remaining 8 Development Blocks is under process. Assam stood first in the country in achieving target under Mahila Sambriddhi Yojana.

The State has achieved almost self-sufficiency in rice production. The Government of Assam has formulated a development project assisted by World Bank which has started from 1995-96 covering a period of Eight Years. The Government has taken up rice based demonstration programme under multiple cropping system. Power tillers have been provided to farmers at a nominal hire charge in the State.

My Government has given priority in the development of Small Scale Industries in the State. During last 4 years, 12,012 Nos. of Small Scale Industry units, 11,244 Nos. Handicraft units providing employment to 44,000 and 29,000 persons respectively have been established. Government of India has identified 4 places viz. Dalgaon, Numaligarh, Amingaon and Dimow under the Intergrated Infrastructure Development Scheme. Under the

Agricultural

Industry

rehabilitation of the Misguided Youth Programme, 5898 have completed training and 4308 loan proposals have been sanctioned

**Panchayat
and Rural
Development**

Panchayat elections have been held in Assam after a gap of 12 years by my Government. Employment Assurance Schemes (EAS) has been extended to 142 Development Blocks. Altogether 2,39,423 poor families have been assisted through Integrated Rural Development Programme. 806.22 lakh mandays created through Jawahar Rojgar Yojana and 233 lakh mandays generated through Employment Assurance Schemes. More than 40,000 lives have been insured under Rural Group Life Insurance Scheme for an amount of Rs. 5,000/- for each individual. 25,560 numbers of dwelling houses have been provided to the poor under Indira Awas Yojana.

**Finance
Commission**

The Assam Finance Commission, constituted in June, 1995 under the provision of the Assam Finance Commission (Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 1995 to recommend the pattern of distribution of resources to the Panchayat bodies and Urban Local Bodies within the State has since submitted Report to the Government and the recommendations of the Commission have been accepted by the State Govt.

65,422 acres of ceiling surplus land have been distributed among landless families. In addition, my Government has provided financial assistance of more than Rs. 1244 lakhs. to 49760 rural homeless

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Revenue

families for land development and construction assistance under the Rural House Site Schemes during the period. 3,62,542 Bighas of Annual/allotted land have been converted into periodic pattas during the tenure of this Government. 97,293 bighas of Government land have been settled with 26,150 Nos. of landless deserving families. 8,800 families living in permanent chars for more than 15 years have been allotted/settled 22,428 Bighas of land. 317 bighas 3 Kathas 17 Leehas Government land under long occupation with dwelling houses in Greater Guwahati have been settled with 1046 Nos. of deserving families and the progress is continuing. In addition to gratuitous relief and rehabilitation grant to the flood affected population the repair and restoration of damaged roads, bridges and embankments etc. have been done under Calamity Relief Fund by my Government.

Power

Power position in the State has improved considerably. There has been a marked improvement in generation and availability in the system. The last unit of 20 MW generating capacity has been commissioned in Lakwa Thermal Power Station Extension Project, 3 (three) units at Kathalguri Gas based project of NEEPCO have been commissioned, generating additional 90 MW. Works for Adamtilla and Baskandi Mini Gas based projects with total capacity of 24.5 MW in Barak Valley have already been started. State Government have agreed to the proposal of NEFPCO for execution

of the 150 MW Lower Kopili Hydro-Electric Project. During last 4 years under Kutir Jyoti Scheme 18,051 Nos. of connections have been released to Families below the poverty line. Moreover 151 villages were electrified and 350 villages are being electrified through Rural Electrification Scheme.

The main thrust of the State Forest policy is in conservation and protection of Forests and Wild Life and maintenance of ecological balance in the State in accordance with the National Forest policy. Percentage of Reserved Forests areas of the State has been increased from 22% to 23.25% by constituting 136.03 sq. km. of land into Reserved Forest. An area of 20,515 hectares of Degraded Forest Land under the General Forestry and 23,401.50 hectares of P. G R./V. G. R./Government land / road side land etc. under Social Forestry have been covered by new plantation.

Forest

On the basis of the Memorandum of understanding signed on 1.4.95 the State Government have delegated executive powers of the State in respect of 30 Departments to Karbi Anglong Hills Areas Autonomous Council. North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council has not yet expressed its willingness to change the existing arrangement.

Hills Areas
and Tribal
Affairs

The Government of India on its part has amended the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution to incorporate several provisions as agreed upon in the MoU dated 1.4.95.

My Government have implemented various socio-economic schemes for the development of the

Schedules Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other Backward Classes people of the State. This year Government have already increased the rates of scholarship for the children of the pre-matric classes. Efforts have been made to cover more children under the scholarship scheme with emphasis to reduce the drop out. The Autonomous Councils of Rabha, Lalung and Mishing have already been set up and efforts will be made to hold elections to these Councils as early as possible. Koch-Rajbansis of Assam have been given the status Scheduled Tribes at the efforts of my Government.

Hill Areas
and Tribal
Affairs

The State has long-standing Border problems with the neighbouring States due to encroachment by the neighbouring States. Efforts are being made to sort out the long-standing Border problems through bilateral discussions.

Border Areas

With a view to improve the socio-economic condition of the People living in the char-chapari areas of the State, a number of welfare schemes are being implemented in these areas by the Assam State Char Areas Development Authority. The Authority has also started two nos. of mobile dispensary through motor boats.

Char Areas

During the period of the present Government 25,631 posts of teachers have been created for provincialisation of 3,000 primary Schools Another 468 Middle Schools in Tea Garden, TSP and SCCP Areas have been provincialised 819 Nos. of High School/High Madrassa have been provincialised

Education

out of which 256 Nos. have been provincialised during December, 1995. More than 13,138 posts of teachers and staff have been newly created for Secondary Schools. 214 Nos. of Secondary Schools have been upgraded to Higher Secondary Schools and 20 Nos. of Junior Colleges have been provincialised. By creating 1,158 Nos of post of teachers, 190 Nos. of college have been brought under Deficit System of Grants-in-Aid. Cotton College, Guwahati has been upgraded as Centre of Excellence and post-Graduate Institution. 300 posts of teacher for Bodo medium Primary Schools, 100 posts of Mising Language teacher, 100 posts for Nepali Language teacher, 200 posts of Tai Language teacher and 25 posts, for Karbi Language teacher have been newly created. Total Literacy Campaign has been launched in 16 Districts of Assam. Navodaya Vidyalaya has been set up in 15 Districts and Government have provided land and necessary infrastructure for the same. Construction of District Library and museum in all Districts of the State have been taken up.

Co-operation

In the Co operative sector, steps have been taken to strengthen the co-operative credit structure and to increase the flow of credit for production and investment purpose. G. P. level Samabay Societies have been given working capital to take up distribution of subsidised rice to the weaker section. 2486 Multipurpose Women Co-operatives have been organised in coterminus with newly created Gaon-Panchayats.

During the period from 1991-92 till date repair works of 3852 nos. of Timber Bridges, 6099 kms. of Gravel roads, 1425 Kms. of surfaced roads have been completed. The repairing of the balance works have been taken up. Till now 100 Kms. of border roads, 49 bridges on the border roads and 123 Kms. of border fencing under Indo-Bangladesh Border Scheme have been completed. Construction of one RCC bridge on the Nanoi river of National Highway No. 36 also has been completed. 109134 Sq. metres of functional buildings and 10277 Sq metres of residential buildings have been completed during 1995-96. Construction of rural roads has been taken by the P.W.D. under the World Bank assisted Assam Rural Infrastructure & Agricultural Services Project.

During the period of the present Government, drinking water supply facilities have been extended to 83 'no source' villages, 868 partially covered villages and 2,072 'no source' habitations. 2843 Nos. of low cost latrine have been constructed under Rural Sanitation programme in the current financial year 1995-96 Zoo Road Water Supply Scheme at Guwahati has been commissioned.

My Government is implementing various schemes for urban development. Election to Guwahati Municipal Corporation has been held after a long gap of 16 years. Specific schemes under centrally sponsored integrated development of small and medium towns and Nehru Rojgar Yojana are

P. W. D.

Public
Health
Engineering

Urban
Development

being implemented to alleviate the problems of the urban poor.

Preliminary works on the proposed permanent Capital Complex of the State of Assam at Dispur has already been started. Construction of Administrative Building in newly created District and Sub-Divisional Headquarter have been taken up. Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority is implementing developmental schemes like development of Parks, Markets, Truck Terminus and Administrative Complex.

Irrigation

Additional potential of 60,000 hectares under Major/Medium and Minor sectors has been created. Total Cumulative potential created comes to 6.30 lakh hectares. On going works of Dhansiri Irrigation Project has been stepped up. 139 Minor Irrigation Schemes have been completed, Works for completion of 12 Major/Medium and 1470 Minor irrigation Projects are running smoothly.

Flood Control

In 1995, the State has been subjected to four successive flood waves causing intensive damage to the standing crops, embankments, roads, bridges, dwelling houses and loss of livestock and human lives. The Government have taken action to start execution of some major anti-erosion projects at Palasbari, Mukalmua, Nagaghuli-Maijan, Uriamguri and a retirement bund and Tezpur. One emergent scheme at Bhojaikhaiti area of Morigaon District, another emergent scheme at Chumonigaon of Tinsukia District and a major anti-erosion scheme

Flood
Control

at Hatisal Namanati area of Jorhat District are being started during the current working season. Major protection work at Tarapur-Sibbari area of Silchar town is also now under execution. Flood Restoration works is also being taken up in Jorhat District including Majuli Sub-division.

Soil
Conservation

My Government have taken up anti-erosion measures to control erosion by implementing schemes like Land Development, terracing of slopy land in hill areas, land reclamation, protective afforestation, gully control, cash crop development etc. The achievement on above stands at 12,380 hectares of agriculture land and 12,000 hectares of forest land in Plains Districts, and 970 hectares of agricultural land and 1763 hectares of Forest land in hills Districts. National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Areas has been implemented. 25,000 cultivators have been benefited under schemes like Gully Control Project, Land Development Project during the period. Valuable schemes have been taken up under State Land Use Board.

Fishery

Due importance has been laid to the development of the fishery in the State of Assam. My Government have reserved lowlying areas measuring more than 20 bighas for fisheries. New programmes have been taken up.

A Veterinary Polyclinic with X-Ray and Ultrasonic equipments has been established at Guwahati. The ELISA Laboratory has been set

Veterinary
and Animal
Husbandry

up at Guwahati under National Project on Reinderpest A World Bank Project for Livestock development. Through expansion of Artificial Insemination programme Disease Control and Fodder Development has been taken up. Intregated Dairy Development project at the instance of National Dairy Development Board worth 100% financial assistance from the Government of India has been implemented.

Food &
Civil
Supplies

The Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) has been implemented in 69 Development Blocks. The scheme is now being further extended in all 142 Employment Assurance Scheme Development Blocks. The Public Distribution System network has been functioning through 29,721 Fair Price Shops. Special Fair Price Shops numbering 1640 for women have been introduced in the Gaon Panchayat area. 23 District Forums and a State Commission have already been constituted in the State.

Labour &
Employment

My Government have provided employment to 11,63,085 Nos. of unemployed youths during the period from 1st of April, 1991 to 30th April, 1995. Out of this 88,123 nos. are salaried employees, 7,31,907 self-employed and 3,43,055 nos. employed on mandays created. Thus, my Government has exceeded the target of 2,00,000 unemployed person every year as promised.

My Government have given emphasis on effective control of communicable diseases like Malaria,

Leprosy. Goitre, Iodine deficiency and also early detection and treatment of diseases like Cancer, T. B. etc. During the period, 95 public Health Centres and 27 Community Health Centres have been established with necessary staff and equipments. 200 bedded Civil Hospitals have been established at Nalbari, Goalpara, Diphu while such hospitals are being Completed at Mangaldoi, Barpeta, Nagaon and Karimganj 100 bedded Hospitals at Gossaigaon and Biswanath Chariali are established while works for setting up such Hospitals at Udalguri, Rangiya, Hailakandi, Nazira, Sonari, Garmur, Hojai and Hatsingimari are in Progress. During last four years 1,44,000 cases of sterilisation and 1,23,861 cases of IUD insertion were performed. Homeopathic and Ayurvedic sections are being expanded to cover more and more rural areas. AIDS Cell has been set up at State Headquarters to deal effectively with the dreaded disease. Drug de-addiction Centre at Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh has already been completed and two other Drug de-addiction Centres at Guwahati Medical College and Silchar Medical College have been taken up

My Government have laid importance on Science and Technology for the overall development of the State. Modern Planetarium at Guwahati has completed its first year of successful and uninterrupted operation. Priority has been given for development of non-conventional energy, remote sensing,

conservation of bio-diversity, promotion of programme on environmental awareness etc.

Cultural

The Government have been implementing various schemes of the Art and Culture of the different communities of State with due emphasis on the preservation and propagation of Tribal Culture and traditional dances and music of the various communities of Assam. Importance has been given for documentation and preservation of rare and dying Arts through the production of documentary films. Drama & Folk Dance and workshops have been organised in different Districts in Assam. Fairs, functions festivals etc have been held to give impetus to the artists.

Sports and
Youth
Welfare

The Government during 1995-96 have initiated action for construction of 14 Mini stadium, 2 indoor Halls and 2 Swimming Pools and development of 200 Nos. playfields in Schools. Special Merit Scholarships to 660 students of exceptional merit have been awarded during this year in addition to Sports pension to 37 sports personalities. Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex at Amingaon, Guwahati with all modern enclave has already been started. Financial assistance to 850 youth organisations at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- each has been provided.

Tourism

The tourism scenario in the State has undergone a spectacular change in the financial year 1995-96. The Restricted Area Permit has been lifted by the Government of India in May, 1995. The Government have also framed a Tourism policy

of the State spelling out the nature and extent of development of the tourism project in the State both in State and private sectors.

In tune with economic policy and liberalised permit system, my Government is giving high priority to provide basic transport facility through private transporters leading to better passenger amenities 246 A. S. T. C Buses have been added to the existing fleet and the buses have been placed on 47 new routes. 18 new Ferry routes have been introduced.

Transport

Government have taken steps to streamline the administrative arrangement for prompt disposal of pension and other retirement benefits. Government have also taken steps for implementing a comprehensive system for redressal of public grievances through sound arrangement of monitoring by the Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional officers in the Districts and Sub-Divisions and by the Head of the Department/Secretary of the Department in respect of his Department.

Pension &
Public
Grievances

The State Anti-Drug & Prohibition Council Assam was brought into existence with its Head quarters at Guwahati. The main object of the Council is to create a movement against alcoholism as well as drug-abuse and involve people in its efforts to create awareness against drug-abuse amongst the masses.

Excise

My Government have taken steps to improve the condition of service the Judicial Officers and also to improve the infrastructural facilities for the Judiciary.

Judicial

Lok Adalats as a part of the Legal Aid Scheme and also as the most effective measure to solve the long pending litigations and thereby to build up amity and good conscience among the people have been held most frequently almost in every District and Sud-Divison of the State. A State Level Committee, namely Assam State Legal Aid and Advice Board has been constituted as required by Article 39-A of the Constitution so as to supervise the implementation of the Scheme. Sub-Divisional Legal Aid Committees have also been constituted in almost all the Districts and Sub-Divisional Headquarters of the State.

Legislative

My Government have taken steps to raise the efficiency and quality of public service in different Departments. Government have also taken steps to assist the educated youths to sit for competitive examination like Central Civil Services etc. Examination by arranging pre-examination coaching class through Assam Administrative Staff College. In addition, Assam Administrative Staff College has conducted various training courses.

Administrative
Reforms and
Training

Some of the major achievements and broad policy thereon taken as well as proposed to be adopted for all round development of the State have been indicated in brief. My Government are making utmost efforts to bring peace and tranquility among the people for accelerated socio-economic development. The Hon'ble Members, I hope, will offer valuable suggestions and also extend full co-operation.

Thanking you

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.

I request the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition in the Assam Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Ministers of States, Hon'ble Members of the House, Chief Secretary, Commissioners, Secretaries to the Govt of Assam, DGP, IGPs and other senior police officers present and the Head of the Department in the office's Gallery, Gentlemen of the press in the press Gallery, official, Reporters to join the Hon'ble Governor at a tea arranged outside the Assembly chamber.

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The House do now stand adjourned for 35 minutes.

22 Report of the Business Advisory Committee 18th March

(House re-assembled after 35 minutes of adjournment)

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker : 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 11.00 AM of 4th March, 1996 in my office chamber, Dispur to finalise the calender for the current Budget Session of the Assembly.

The Committee decided that the current Session of the Assembly which begins today would continue till 22nd March 1996. There would be five working days and all these days would be devoted for transaction of Government Business.

To make more time available to the Hon'ble Members for taking part in the Debate on Governor's Address and other Business including legislative business, the Committee after a threadbare discussion decided that on 19th, 20th and 21st March the House would sit in two shifts from 9.00 AM to 1.30 PM and from 5 PM to 7 PM. On the afternoon sessions of the House on 19th and 21st March the Debate on Governor's Address would be taken up and on the afternoon session on 20th March, consideration and passing of Government Bills would be taken up by the House.

The copies of the calender for the current session have already been circulated amongst all the Hon'ble Members of the House.

I hope this has the approval of the House.

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Mr. Speaker : I have received a motion of thanks on the address of the Governor from Hon'ble Member. Shri Abdul Jalil Ragibi. Now Shri Ragibi.

★ Shri Abdul Jalil Ragibi : I hereby given notice under Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly to move the following "Motion of Thanks" on the "Address of the Governor" which has been delivered in the House to-day.

"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 18th March, 1996."

★ Shri Mujibur Rahman : I seconded the Motion of Thanks.

★ Dr. Zoli Nath Sharma : Sir, as per Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly it should be Motion of Thanks not Motion of gratitude. So instead of gratitude it should be a Motion of Thanks.

(Amendment not accepted)

PANEL OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No 4. Under Rule 9(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly I nominate the following Hon'ble Members to constitute the panel of Chairman for the current Budget Session of the Assembly, 1996.

1. Shri Abdul Jalil Ragibi,
2. Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary,
3. Shri Dhruba Kumar Sen,
4. Dewan Joynal Abedin.

* Speech not corrected.

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LAYING OF REPORT, ORDINANCES, STATEMENTS ETC.

Mr. Speaker: Here is a message from the Governor of Assam.

"Under the provision of Article 207 (1) of the Constitution of India, I Loknath Misra, Governor of Assam, recommended the introduction in the Assam Legislative Assembly of the Assam Classical Institutions (Sanskrit and Pali-Parkrit) (Provincialisation) Bill, 1995".

★Shri Jaman Singh Branna, Minister of State Elementary Education.):

Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Classical Institutions (Sanskrit and Pali-Parkrit) (Provincialisation) Ordinance, 1995.

Mr. Speaker: Now Hon'ble Minister, Finance.

★Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi, (Minister, Finance): Sir, I beg to present before the House, the List of Supplementary Demands for Grants and Supplementary Appropriation for 1995-96.

Mr. Speaker:

★Shri Jaman Singh Brahma, (Minister of State Elementary Education): Sir, I beg leave to introduce "the Assam College Education (Provincialisation) Bill, 1996"

★ডঃ জয়নাথ শর্মা : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, বিলখন ইনট্র'ডিউচ কৰাৰ আগতে আমি জানিব বিচাৰিছো। আমি এই বিলখন অপোচ কৰিব বিচাৰিছো। মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : আগতে বিলখন ইনট্রোডিউচ কৰিবলৈ দিয়ক।

শ্রীচন্দ্রমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : অসমৰ সকলো কলেজ শিক্ষকৰ কাৰণে পেকন বিল আনক।

(leave granted)

Mr. Speaker: Now Minister of State Education will Introduce the Assam College Education Provincialisation Bill, 1996:

★Shri Jaman Singh Brahma, (Minister), Sir I beg to Introduce the Assam College Education (Provincialisation) Bill, 1996.

(Interruptions continued)

Mr. Speaker : Here is message from the Governor of Assam :

“Under the provision of Article 207 (1) of the Constitution of India, I, Loknath Misra, Governor of Assam, recommended the introduction in the Assam Legislative Assembly of Assam Junior College, Education (Provincialisation) Bill, (1996)

★Shri Jaman Sing Brahma, Minister : Sir, Beg to introduce the Assam Junior College Education (Provincialisation), Bill. 1996.

(Leave granted)

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister of State Education will lay a statement under Rule 69 (1) of the Rules of procedure and conduct (of business)

★Shri Jaman Singh Brahma, (Minister) : Sir, beg the lay a statement under Rule 69 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate Legislation by ordinance.

★শ্রীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়ে আচলতে এই বিলখন কেইজনমান মুষ্টিমেয় প্ৰফেচাৰৰ বেনিফিটৰ কাৰণেই অনা হৈছে। এই বিলখনৰ সলনি সমগ্ৰ অসমৰ শিক্ষকৰ কাৰণে এখন পেক্ষন বিল আনক।

(সদনৰ ছলস্থলৰ মাজতে অগপ সদস্য সকলে প্ৰতিবাদ কৰি সদন ত্যাগ কৰে)

Speaker : Here is message from the Governor of Assam :

“Under the provision of Article 20 (1) of the Constitution of India, I, Loknath Misra, Governor of Assam, recommended the introduction in the Assam Legislative Assembly of the Classical Institutions (Sanskrit and Pali-Prakrit) (Provincialisation) Bill, 1996.”

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★Shri Jaman Singh Brahma, (Minister of State, Elementary Education) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce The Assam Junior College Education (Provincialisation) Bill, 1996.

(Leave granted)

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister of State Education will lay to introduce the Assam Junior College Education (Provincialisation) Bill, 1996.

★Shri Jaman Singh Brahma, (Minister) : Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Junior College Education (Provincialisation) Bill, 1996.

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister of State Education :

★Shri Jaman Singh Brahma, Minister of State Elementary Education) : Sir I beg to lay a statement under Rule 69 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate Legislation by ordinance.

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister State Education will lay to introduce "The Assam Classical Institutions (Sanskrit and Pali Prakrit) (Provincialisations) Bill, 1996.

★Shri Jaman Singh Brahma, (Minister of State Elementary Education) : Sir I beg leave to introduce 'The Assam Classical Institutions (Sanskrit and Pali Prakrit) (Provincialisation) Bill, 1996.

(Leave granted)

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister of state Education.

★Shri Jaman Singh Brahma, (Minister of State) : Sir, I beg to introduce The Assam Classical Institutions (Sanskrit and Pali Prakrit) (Provincialisation) Bill, 1996.

★Speech not corrected

Mr. Speaker : Now Chief Minister will lay to Introduce The Assam Administrative Tribunal (Amendment) Bill, 1996

★Shri Hiteswar Saikia, (Chief Minister) : Sir, I beg leave to introduce The Assam Administrative Tribunal (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

(Leave is granted)

Mr. Speaker : Now Chief Minister.

★Shri Hiteswar Saikia, (Chief Minister) : Sir, I beg to introduce 'The Assam Administrative Tribunal (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister of State W.P.T. & B.C. will lay to introduce "The Rabha-Hasongs Autonomous Council (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

★Shri Gomeswar Pegu, (Minister of State, W P.T. & B.C) Sir, I beg leave to introduce 'The Robha-Hasongs Autonomous Council (Amendment) Bill, 1996.

(leave is granted)

Mr. Speaker : Now Shri Gomeswar Pegu, Minister of State WPT & BC.

★ Shri Gomeswar Pegu, (Minister of State WPT & BC) Sir, I beg to introduce 'The Rabha Hasongs Autonomous Council (Amendment) Bill, 1996'

Mr. Speaker • Now Minister of labour will lay "The Assam Control of Industrial Hajor Accident Hazards Rules, 1992.

★ Shri Dileswar Tanti, (Minister of Labour) Sir, I beg to lay 'The Assam Control of Industrial Hajor Accident Hazards Rules, 1992'.

Mr. Speaker : Now Shri Dileswar Tanti, Minister of Labour.

★ Shri Dileswar Tanti (Minister, Labour) Sir, I beg to lay 'The Assam Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Rules, 1995'.

Mr. Speaker : Now Dileswar Tanti, Minister of labour.

★ Shri Dileswar Tanti (Minister, Labour) : Sir, I beg to lay 'The Assam, Industrial Establishment (Conferment of Permanent Status of workmen) Rules, 1995'.

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister of Finance will lay the Notification No ETX. 96/95/6 dt. 15-9-95 issued under sub section (2) of section 9 of the Assam General Sales Tax act, 1993.

★ Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi (Minister, Finance) : Sir, I beg to lay the notification No. FTX 96/95/6, dated 15-9-95 issued under sub section (2) of Section 9 of the Assam General Sales Tax Act. 1993.

Mr. Speaker : Now Finance Minister, Mr. Jiba Kanta Gogoi.

★ Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi, (Minister, Finance) : Sir, I beg to lay the Notification No. FTX. 98/95/7, dated 15-9-95 issued under Sub Section (2) of Section 8 of Assam General Sales Tax Act, 1993.

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister of State, WPT & DC will lay 'The Bodoland Autonomous Council (Election) Rules 1995.

★ Shri Gomeswar Pegu (Minister of State, WPT & BC) Sir, I beg to lay 'The Bodoland Autonomous Council (Election) Rules, 1995'.

Mr. Speaker : Now Minister Parliamentary affairs.

★ Shri Golok Rajbongshi (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) Sir, I beg to lay the Reports of the Controller and Auditor General of India (Revenue Receipts) for the year ended 31st March, 1995.

Mr. Speaker : Now Giasuddin Ahmed, Chairman, Committee of Public Accounts.

★ Shri Giasuddin Ahmed (Chairman, Committee of Public Accounts) : Sir, I beg to present the 71st Report of the Committee on Public Accounts Committee, Assam Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker : Now Shri Anowar Hussain, Chairman Committee on Estimates.

★ Shri Anowar Hussain (Chairman, Committee on Estimates) : Sir, I beg to present the 68th Report of the Committee on Estimates. Assam Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker : Now Anowar Hussain, Chairman Committee on Estimates.

★ Shri Anowar Hussain (Chairman, Committee on Estimates) Sir, I beg to present the 69th Report of the Committee on Estimates, Assam Legislative Assembly.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Mr Speaker :- With a heavy heart and profound grief, I rise to condole the sad demise of the following personalities.

Shri Dev kant Barooah, an eminent poet, veteran politician, former Speaker, former Governor, Union Minister and statesman was born on February 22, 1914 in Dibrugarh. Mr. Barooah had a brilliant academic career. He had earned a plethora of fame for his unchallenging contributions to the world of modern Assamese Poetry particularly for his treatise "Sagar Dekhisa". Shri. Barooah was elected Member to the Central Legislature in 1950 and to Lok Sabha in 1952. Shri Barooah was elected to Assam

Legislative Assembly in 1957, and became the Speaker where he continued up to 1959. As the Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly he renovated the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly in the line of parliament. He was also the architect of restructuring of the Legislative Committees of the Assam Legislative Assembly. Shri Barooah was appointed the Governor of Bihar 1967. He was also Union Petroleum Minister in 1972. In 1976, Shri Barooah became the President of Indian National Congress. This eminent Parliamentarian renowned poet administrator and shrewd Politician breathed his last in Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi on the 28th January, 1996 at the age of 82. In his death, the nation has lost a front ranking politician, statesman in general and a popular poet and litterateur. The void caused due to his death is an irreparable loss to Assam.

Noted Freedom Fighter, devoted Parliamentarian and a sincere social worker, Shri Rabin Kakati was born on September 3, 1910 at Balighat in the then Sibsagar District. Responding to the call of freedom movement, Shri Kakati left the College in 1930 and took active part in the freedom struggle of the country and was courted imprisonment. He was sent to jail several times by the British Government for taking part in the freedom struggle of the nation. He was elected as a Member to Assam Legislative Assembly in 1952 as a Congress Candidate from Amguri Constituency. In 1968, he was elected as a Member to Lok Sabha; and again in 1978 elected as a Member to Rajya Sabha. He left the active politics and

and became the founder member of Indian National Trade Union Congress. In 1988 he was elected President of the 'Freedom Fighters' Association of Assam' and continued till his death. The veteran Gandhian freedom fighter and politician breathed his last in the Gauhati Medical College Hosdital on 3rd March, 1996. At his death, the nation has lost a distinguished octogenarian leader, a Parliamentarian, devoted social worker and true Gandhian.

Former Cabinet Minister and President of All Assam Scheduled Caste Association, and Senior Advocate, Shri Upendra Chandra Das was born at the Dihing Satra, North Gauhati 1917. Mr. Das was elected to Assam Legislative Assembly in 1972 and appointed Minister. He breathed his last on December 31, 1995 at the age of 80. At his death, Assam has lost an administrator and a social worker.

Freedom Fighter, Journalist, Social Worker and Former Minister of Assam, Shri Santiranjana Dasgupta was born on May 16, 1914. He joined the freedom struggle of India and was imprisoned for several times during 1934 to 1943. He was elected a Member to Assam Legislative Assembly in 1962, 1967, 1978 and 1985. He was also appointed Cabinet Minister under the Ministry headed by Shri Jogendra Nath Hazarika. Mr. Dasgupta breathed his last on February 17, 1996. At his death, our State has lost a veteran freedom fighter and a noted politician.

Born in July 19, 1925 in Lukhnow, Shri Dinesh Singh started his career as an IAS Officer. Serving for a short span, he resigned from the service and joined the Indian National Congress. He had also served as private

Secretary to the first Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. He was appointed Union Minister in the Union Cabinet headed by Smti Indira Gandhi and P.V. Narasinha Rao and held various portfolios. This able administrator and politician breathed his last on November 30, 1995. At his death, the nation has lost an able administrator and veteran politician.

Popularly known as NTR, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Chairman of the National Front, noted matinee idol, founder Chairman of Telegu Desham Party, Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao was born in a remote Nimmakuru village of Krishna District in Andhra Pradesh on May 28, 1923. He played the leading role in more than 320 films and was dominating the cinematic industry for three decades. He founded regional political party called "Telegu Desam" in 1983 and became the first Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh when TDP came to power. He breathed his last on January 18, 1996. In his death, the nation has lost one giant politician and reputed artist of the cinematic world.

Noted economist and well known professor. Parameswar Sarma was a Member of the Assam Pay Commission of 1979, 1988 and 1994. This renowned teacher, founder Director of Assam institute of development studies, former member of the Assam Planning Board, passed away on January 1, 1996 at the age of 79.

Popular Dramatist, distinguished play wright, actor and a legend of comedy world of Assam. Durgeswar Barthakur was a former Director, All India Radio. He acted in several Assamese films, dramas and was associ-

ated with the serials produced by Guwahati Doordarsan Kendra. Mr. Barthakur, passed away on January 22 1996 in Guwahati. In his death, our State has lost a comedian of outstanding calibre.

Nirmalmayee Devi, Wife of noted freedom fighter and founder of the Janambhumi Group of News Papers 'Jananayak' Debeswar Sarma, had to undergo great sacrifices during the freedom struggle. This leading social worker left for heavenly abode on 15th December, 1995 at the age of 88. In her death, our State has lost a sincere social worker.

Former Director of Sports and Youth Welfare, Guwahati University Sports Organiser, Shri Surendra Nath Das breathed his last on December 24, 1995. In his death, our State has lost an outstanding personality in the field of sports and youth welfare.

Shri Ajodhya Prasad Goswami. Veteran Journalist was the leader of Panchayati Raj movement in our State. Mr. Goswami who was closely associated with 'Natun Asomiya' and 'Rastriya Batori' passed away on October 22, 1995 at the age of 67. In his death, our State has lost a Prominent Journalist.

Born in Zalarapattam in Rajasthan on October 1920 'Prakash Chandra Seth', former Union Minister and Ex-Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, was a shrewd politician and involved in the labour movement in the backward region of the State. He was elected to Rajya Sabha in 1961. This veteran politician passed away on February 21, 1996. In his death, our country has lost a politician of National repute.

Dr. Leely Mazindar Baruah, daughter of the first Chief Minister, Assam, Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi who was a noted educationist, social worker, author of many books was born on October 10, 1939. She started her teaching career in 1962 and was actively participated in socio-cultural organisations. Dr. Mazindar Baruah breathed her last on December 11, 1975. In her death Assam has lost one eminent social worker and an educationist.

Aditya Birla, noted industrialist, former director of the central board of the Reserve Bank of India, received many awards for his contribution in social and industrial spheres. This outstanding industrialist passed away on October 1, 1995 at the prime age of 51. At his death, our country has lost an prominent industrialist of rare quality.

Noted lyricist and cine actress Smti. Anuradha Das was born in a renowned choudhury family of Tezpur. She was involved with quite a large number of social and religious organizations including "Asom Sahitya Sabha". She played prominent role in several Assamese films. She passed away on February 14, 1996 at the age of 66

Shri Bijoy Narayan Acharyya who was an eminent freedom fighter was imprisoned for his involvement with the freedom movement of India. This true patriot of our country left for heavenly abode on September 19, 1995 at his Dhuburi residence.

Distinguished surgeon and former President of the State Unit of BJP. Dr. Jogesh Chandra Mahanta was born at Kathalguri in erstwhile Kamrup District. Passing M.B.B.S. from Calcutta, Dr. Mahanta joined the Assam Medical College as a surgeon in 1951. Distinguishing

himself in Medical teaching Dr. Mahanta was elevated to Principal of Guwahati Medical College and retired from such position. This renowned surgeon and active politician breathed his last on December 24, 1995 in Guwahati. At his death, our State has lost a surgeon of outstanding quality.

Padmasree winner Dr. Nekibur Zaman had a brilliant academic career. While serving as the Professor in Surgery Dr. Zaman was awarded the "Padmasree" the national award for his outstanding services to the mankind in 1976. This eminent surgeon breathed his last on January 8, 1996 at the age of 67. At his death our country has suffered an irreparable loss in the field of Medical Science

Founder Organizer of Forward Block, President of All India Freedom Fighters Organtions, close associate of Subhash Ch. Bose. Secretary. AICC. Journalist. Litterateur. Mr. Sheel Bhadra Yajee was born on March 22, 1906, in Bihar. He served about 15 years as Member of "Rajya Sabha". This noted politician, social organiser and renowned author breathed his last on January 28, 1996 in New Delhi at the age of 90.

I also express on behalf of this august House profound grief for the tragic death of about 312 persons mostly School children in the sad fire incident which was occurred on December 23, 1995 in Dabawli Town of Haryana. We also pray our heartfelt sympathy for early recovery of over 300 persons who had been injured in that tragic incident.

As a mark of respect to the departed souls, I request the Hon'ble Members to rise in their seats to observe one minute Silence.

(Voices - Names of Emily, wife of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Malati Barua to be included)

(One minute silence has been observed)

Mr. Speaker :- The House stands adjourned till 9 am of 19. 3. 96.

ADJOURNMENT

The House then stood adjourned at 10 55 AM. till 9. A. M. tomorrow, the 19th March, 1996.

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The 18th March, 1996

D. Talukdar,

Secretary,

Assam Legislative Assembly.