

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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 9 A.M. on
Friday the 6th October, 1961.

PRESENT

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, B.L., Speaker in the Chair, Seven
Ministers, Three Deputy Ministers and Seventy-five Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Re: Breach of Na-Dehing Bund

*Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the breach of Na-Dehing
bund near Dirakbmukh on the 14 miles east of Saikhowa-
ghat in the month of July last was caused due to holes
made by white ants on the embankment ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the breach occurred at the distance
of about 2 furlongs from the place where Embankment and
Drainage staff and workers were working in that night to
prevent breach due to overtopping of water on that portion
of the embankment ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the breach occurred where there was
no fear of overtopping of water ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there were big holes in different
places of the embankment made by white ants ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, Public Works Department
(Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

38. (a)—The breach occurred on 14th July 1961 due to sudden
development of heavy seepage and percolation which might be due to
hidden holes of white ants in the particular portion, in spite of all pre-
cautionary measures adopted by the supervising staff.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, there was 1½ ft. free board in that portion of the embankment before the occurrence of breach.

(d)—Yes, but adequate action was taken to fill up the holes as soon as was detected.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Sir what step was taken to remove the white ants which was the root cause of the breach which led to loss of human life ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, P.W.D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] : These are not always visible but wherever they were detected, the holes were filled up.

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) : এই মঠাউৰি বিনাক পোণপটীয়া সোঁতৰ পৰা বন্ধা কৰিবলৈ কিং বন্ধ দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে কৰিছেনে ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : এতিয়াও প্ৰয়োজন হোৱা নাই।

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : Whether it is a fact that due to non-removal of woods from that site at the time of construction of the embankment and also for not taking proper step to tighten the earth the white ants could make the holes there which caused this breach ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : That is not correct.

Re: Nadlajan of Nalbari

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

*39. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Control and Irrigation Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the Nadlajan under Subdivisional Officer, Nalbari forming almost a river is causing tremendous loss to the paddy field every year ?
- (b) Why the embankments with necessary sluice gates have not been completed ?
- (c) When regular embankments with sluice gates may be completed upto the river Buradia ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

39. (a)—Yes, to some extent by this drainage channel.

(b) & (c)—A Scheme for construction of Flood Embankments along both banks of Nadlajan with sluice gates is no solution, in view of the fact that the flood problems of the area are not due to the flooding of Nadlajan alone but due to the floods of two or three rivers. Detailed investigation and collection of data for preparing a comprehensive scheme for the entire area as advised by the Government of India, are in progress.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West): Sir, what are those two or three rivers ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, P.W.D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)]: The rivers are Buradia, Mara-Pagladia and Main Pagladia in the upper reaches north of the Railway line.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA: When the investigation is expected to be completed ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : I cannot give the exact date. This requires study of the entire basin.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA : If not the date and month, may I know the year ?

Mr. SPEAKER : He cannot say.

Shri HARESWAR DAS : That also I cannot indicate.

Re : Breach of Maiahola Bund in Bokakhat Mouza

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*40. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the breach in the Maiahola Bund in Bokakhat Mouza in Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this is the 7th bund in this area that has not been able to withstand the force of Brahmaputra to Dhansiri ?
- (c) How much money has been spent for constructing these bunds ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to put up spurs to divert the current here ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, etc.) replied :

40. (a) to (e)—Information called for is awaited.

Re : Owna Bund

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

*41. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E. and D. Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the bending current of the Brahmaputra (Mohzarh Suti) is coming nearer and nearer towards Hazari Mouza in Jorhat Subdivision and the Owna Bund, protecting an area of nearly 45 sq. miles, is at the point of being eroded away by the Brahmaputra very shortly ?

- (c) Whether Government received any representations from the public as well as from the questioner during the last 4-5 years regarding construction of a closing bund or a current diverting spur at Mohgarh Suti near Gohaingaon, Jorhat to protect the aforesaid area from erosion by diverting away the current of the said Suti ?
- (d) If the answer to (a) and (c) above, be in the affirmative what measure Government propose to take to save the said area from such devastation ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, etc.) replied :

41. (a)—Yes, to some extent.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The closing of Mohgarh Suti which is very active and anti-erosion measures as deflectors near Gohaingaon are not considered desirable from both technical and economic points of views. Retirement will be done when Embankments is eroded.

Re : Compensation for 'Zirat' damaged due to construction of Embankment in North Kamrup

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

*42. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (F. C. and I. Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government has not paid any compensation for the 'Zirat' damaged in course of construction of Embankments in North Kamrup area ?
- (b) Whether it is also a fact that for the lands falling towards the river side but outside the area of 100 feet no compensation has been paid to the owners ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the people have been demanding compensation for the damaged 'Zirat' and for the lands they lost outside the area of 100 feet ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, etc.) replied :

42. (a)—No. Compensation for 'Zirat' is included in compensation for land during assessment under the Assam Acquisition of Land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion Act, 1955.

(b)—Under the Act compensation is paid for the area acquired for the scheme.

(c)—Yes.

Re : Shri Lakhmi Sinha Das who served as Gram Sevak

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*43. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Lakhmi Sinha Das was the Gram Sevak under Gobardhana Community Project during last two years ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he is a Matriculate and belongs to a Scheduled Caste (Namasudra) family and that his services were terminated ?
- (c) Whether it is also a fact that his salary for the last month has not been paid up to this time ?
- (d) Why this has been done ?
- (e) Whether he will get his arrear pay and if so, when ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc.) replied :

43. (a)—Shri Lakhmi Sinha Das served as Gram Sevak from 4th July 1959 to 30th November 1960.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

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

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : Why his services were terminated ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development) : Because he was not a trained per-on. I may inform the hon. Member that it is the policy of the Government that for such untrained persons opportunity for training should be provided. Arrangements have been made for this training and this particular person has been asked to join the training from this month.

Re : Majuli Community Development Block, Stage I

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

*44. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a post of the Extension Officer-in-charge of Cottage Industry has been lying vacant

in the Majuli Community Development Block, Stage II for a pretty long time causing great inconvenience to the rural public ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that large number of applications for grants-in-aid for improvement of their Cottage Industry, such as tailoring, carpentry, etc., have been left unattended due to absence of the said officer and thereby depriving the applicants of their due subsidies ?
- (c) If the answer to (a) and (b) above, be in the affirmative, what step Government propose to take to fulfil the grievances of the public ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge of Community Development) replied :

44. (a)—Yes. The post has been lying vacant since 1st February 1961.

(b)—The applications when received in the Block are sent to the Assistant Director of Cottage Industries, Jorhat for disposal. The applicants are not thus deprived of their due subsidies though the process naturally involves some inconvenience.

(c)—The post will be filled up as soon as the selected officers complete the training which they are now undergoing.

†**Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO** [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] : এই দখলত বিলাকৰ local enquiry কাৰ দ্বাৰা কৰোৱা হৈছে ?

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED** : Assistant Director of Cottage Industries.

†**Shri RAMNATH SARMA** (Lumding): Can one Assistant Director of Cottage Industries in the District get sufficient time to enquire into all the cases ?

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED**: We cannot help it. As I already said the Extension Officer in this Block has not been appointed as there is dearth of trained person. We have already sent 5 or 6 persons for training and as soon as they complete their training, they will be posted in different blocks.

†**Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO** : এই দখলত কৰাৰ শেষ তাৰিখ আছিল ১৫ আগষ্ট । তাৰ পিচত আৰু দখলত দিয়াৰ সময় নাই । কায়েই মিনিটাক দৰ্জাস্ত পাইছে সেই বিলাক লোককালে বিবেচনা কৰিবনে ?

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED**: এই বিষয়ে মই চান্স আৰু দৰ্জাৰ হলে expedite কৰা হব ।

Re: Mendipathar Primary Marketing Co-operative Society

Shri NALLINDRA SANGMA [Dainadubi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

*45. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Societies be pleased to state—

- (a) When the Mendipathar Primary Marketing Co-operative Society was registered?
- (b) When the construction of the Mendipathar Primary Marketing Co-operative Society's Godown was completed?
- (c) Why the said Godown has not been handed over upto now to the said Primary Marketing Co-operative Society?
- (d) What are the circumstances under which the Police Department is occupying the said Godown which is meant for the Mendipathar Primary Marketing Co-operative Society?
- (e) How long they will occupy the building in future?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied:

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

Re: School Benefit Fund Ltd. and Goalia Bank of Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

*46. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) The numbers of members of the (1) Khowang High English School Benefit Fund Ltd., (2) Dinjoy High English School Benefit Fund Ltd. and (3) Sunairam High English School Benefit Fund Ltd., in Dibrugarh Subdivision?
- (b) The total amount of money deposited in each of these Benefit Funds and when the last transaction occurred there in each?

*47. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Phutaholla Goalia Bank and Romai Bongali Goalia Bank in Dibrugarh Subdivision has yet been functioning?
- (b) When these two Goalia Banks were formed and whether there were any transactions this year?
- (c) What steps Government is taking to make them functioning?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied:

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

47.(a), (b) & (c)—Information is being collected.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Sir, in 46 (a) (3) the name of the School should be "Senairam" and not "Sunairam"

Re : Emporium Building at Mendipathar

Shri NALLINDRA SANGMA [Dainiadubi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*48. Will the Minister-in-charge of (Community Project) Development be pleased to state—

- (a) For what purpose the Arts and Crafts Emporium building was constructed at Mendipathar ?
- (b) Why it was not handed over to the appropriate authority although the construction of the building was completed long time back ?
- (c) What are the circumstances under which the Police Department is occupying the Emporium building since October 1960 ?
- (d) Whether the Police Department pays rent to the Community Project Department or the said building occupied by them ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister, Development Panchayat and Community Development] replied :

48.—Information has been called for. Sir this question was received on 27th of last month. As the information has to be collected from Garo Hills, it will naturally take some time. As soon as the information is collected, it will be supplied to the hon. Member.

Re : Purchase of machines for Silchar Polytechnic Institute

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Engineering machines for Silchar Polytechnic worth over one lakh of rupees were imported from Calcutta and the Principal of the Institution delayed in taking delivery at Gauhati from the steamer company and M/s. R. S. N. Co. at Gauhati claimed a demurrage of about Rs.1,500 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that these machines were re-booked from Gauhati by train which reached Silchar Railway station on or about 19th May 1961 ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Principal did not take any action to take delivery and the Railway authorities claimed a demurrage of about Rs.9,000 (nine thousand) in the month of August last ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Railway authorities served notice on the Principal that the goods would be auctioned if no immediate delivery was taken ?

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

49. (a)—It is a fact that towards the end of the financial year booking space was not available from Calcutta to Silchar. R. S. N. Co. was agreeable to book equipment upto Gauhati by steamer. Therefore, machines, worth Rs. 1 lakh was booked to Gauhati by steamer. Information regarding demurrage is being collected.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, Rs.5,853.40 nP. were paid. Railway authority is being requested to refund this amount. The question of fixing responsibility will thereafter be considered if no refund is obtained.

(d)—Being collected.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Is the Deputy Minister of Education aware that machines and tools worth about a lakh of rupees meant for this polytechnic have been sent by the Railway authorities from Silchar to the Dibrugarh lost property godown for auction as unclaimed property ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) : I want notice for that.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: Is it not a fact that machines reached Silchar on the 25th of May but no action for taking delivery was taken upto the 6th of September ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : When the machines arrived at Silchar there was disturbance there. Curfew was in force. So, the Principal could not get any information about their arrival. When the situation improved and he got information about their arrival he took delivery.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): The Minister said that about Rs.5000 had to be paid as demurrage to the railway authorities and that a claim has been submitted for refund. He also said that if refund is not obtained the question of fixing responsibility will be taken up. The question is whether the Principal of that institution delayed in taking delivery of the goods when they reached Silchar.

Mr. SPEAKER : The Deputy Minister said that the goods arrived at Silchar during the period of disturbances and the Principal was in a very inconvenient position for which he could not take delivery in time.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): If that is so, the question of fixing responsibility does not arise. How can the Deputy Minister reconcile these two statements of his?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: It is the report of the Principal that he did not get any information. That will be enquired into whether he got information in time or not.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Is it a fact that the Principal left Silchar for Calcutta in the month of May and he did not return upto the 15th July and no charge was given to anybody during that period and it is for this that nobody could take delivery of the goods?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): He might have left for Calcutta, but there was somebody in charge of the institution.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS: When did the machines arrive at Gauhati and when did the Principal come to Gauhati to rebook that from Gauhati to Silchar?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: The Principal did not rebook them, from Gauhati to Silchar. It was done by the Department.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj): How long the machines were lying at Gauhati?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: I cannot give the exact information now.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: Whether it is a fact that the goods were not taken delivery from 25th May upto 27th August and on that day the goods were sent to Dibrugarh from Silchar by the railway authorities?

Mr SPEAKER: He has already replied to that question.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: Whether it is a fact that the railway receipt had to be sent to the Principal in Calcutta for his counter-signature as nobody in the Silchar polytechnic was authorised to do so?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: I am collecting this information.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur): The Deputy Minister said that a sum of Rs.5,843 was paid as demurrage. If delivery of the goods was taken why this demurrage was paid?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): Because these were not taken delivery in time.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): There were two consignments. One was taken delivery of paying a heavy demurrage and the other was sent to Dibrugarh from Silchar as unclaimed property. Is it not a fact?

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : If the Principal went to Calcutta due to fear of disturbances, it was his duty, as a responsible officer, to place somebody in charge of that institution so that the latter could take delivery of the goods in time. May I know why this was not done ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS . I have already stated, Sir, that if he was not there somebody must have been in charge of the institution.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS : May we know whether the Deputy Minister is going to take suitable action against the person at fault ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Yes, this will be done.

Re: One appointment in the Industrial Institute

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(a) Whether one Khageswar Saikia was appointed as a Pattern Maker Instructor in the Industrial Training Institute in 1951 ?

(b) When was his services terminated ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that he subsequently took training as Carpenter and was appointed as Carpenter Instructor in the said Institution.

(d) Whether it is a fact that although he passed Test Examination, his case was not considered for appointment as Carpenter Instructor by the Industrial Training Institutes for that ?

(e) If so, what was the reason for discarding his service ?

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

50. (a)—It is not a fact.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Appointed temporarily in 1957 pending recommendation of Assam Public Service Commission and replaced after about a year on recommendation of Assam Public Service Commission as he was not recommended by Assam Public Service Commission.

(d)—Yes, as he could not compete.

(e)—In view of availability of a better qualified and experienced candidate.

Re: The Principal, Silchar Polytechnic Institute

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Principal of Silchar Polytechnic, Dr. B. Khastogir is on contract service ?
- (b) If so, when his term of contract would expire ?
- (c) Whether Government received any report that his quarters which is a Government building was used as an office of the Sangram Parishad ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that he has been observing 19th of every month since 19th May 1961 as a "Sahid Day" by lighting 11 (eleven) candles as decided by the Sangram Parishad ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that 5 (five) additional chowkidars were appointed with effect from 1st August 1961 ?
- (f) If so, what for these 5 chowkidars were appointed ?
- (g) Whether Government received any complaints that this Principal allowed to use the Government vehicle under his charge by volunteers of Sangram Parishad ?

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

51. (a)—Yes.

(b)—His contract would expire on 14th June 1962, but he submitted resignation which has been accepted with effect from 1st October 1961.

(c) (d) and (g)—Some complaints were received from an Anchalik Panchayat to this effect. The matter has been referred to the Police for investigation.

(e)—No, only one day-Chowkider was appointed since 1st August 1961.

(f)—For guarding Government property.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding): Then the Principal was to have left service on 1st October, 1961.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): Yes Sir.

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Sonari): Then how can Government take action against him.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : It will not be difficult to realise Government money by legal action.

Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Sonari): Has he been relieved ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): I have not received any information as yet, but he was to be relieved on 1-10-61.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) The Deputy Minister said in reply to question 49 that the Government will take up the question of fixing responsibility for the loss due to demurrage if no refund is obtained from the railway authorities. How can Government take any action against the Principal since he has already left service ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS - I have already replied that it will not be difficult to take legal action against him for realisation of Government dues.

Re: Roads of Nalbari Circle

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*52. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there was lately any representation for taking over the road from Adabari and Nalbari and for taking the road from Marowa to Barnibari in Nalbari Circle through Madhapur-Charuajaha Mijbhahajani and Bagurihati ?
- (b) Whether any works for these roads have been taken up ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware of the condition of the road between Bahajan and Jaha ?
- (d) What is the reason for not completion of this area ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Road and Buildings)] replied :

52. (a)—Yes.

(b) to (d)—Informations have been called for.

Re: Bridge over Gera River

MD. SAHADAT ALI (South-Salmara) asked :

*53. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Road and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Since when the construction of bridge over Gera River near Lakhipur in the district of Goalpara was started and by what time it is expected to be completed ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the earthwork of the bridge approach is objected to by the land owner ?

(c) If so, what steps Government have been taken in the matter ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Road and Buildings)] replied :

53. (a) to (c)—Information has been called for.

Re: Kakapathar-Tangana Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that there had been demands from the public that the Kakapathar-Tangana Road should be taken over by the Public Works Department ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that there was a bus service from Tangana to Doom Dooma via Kakapathar and this service found difficulties as the road from Tangana to Kakapathar are not maintained by the Public Works Department ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the existing road from Kakapathar to Tangana is almost of the standard of Public Works Department village road ?

(d) What amount would be required to take over it by the Public Works Department ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Road and Buildings)] replied :

54. (a)—Yes.

(b) and (c)—Government have no information.

(d)—An amount of Rs.66,000 approximately.

Mr. SPEAKER : Yesterday I pointed out in connection with reply to a question given by Shri Radhika Ram Das that the reply "Government have no information" is no reply at all.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D (R. & B.)] : Sir, question (b) was "whether Government is aware that there a bus service from Tangana to Doom Dooma via Kakapathar and this service found difficulties as the road from Tangana to Kakapathar are not maintained by the Public Works Department?" But this is not a Public Work Department road.

Mr. SPEAKER : In that case the reply should be "No", instead of "Government have no information".

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Whether the Deputy Minister knows that this road was formerly maintained by the Local Board but at present nobody is looking after this road ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : I am not concerned since it is not a Public works Department road.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding) : Whether bus service is allowed to ply over non-Public Works Department road by Government ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : Government have no information.

Mr. SPEAKER : Is there any bar ?

Shri RAMNATH SARMA : Yes, I think there is bar.

Re: Dikrong Bridge

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*55. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Road and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the cost of construction of the Dikrong Bridge in North Lakhimpur ?
- (b) What is the cost of construction of the approach road from Narayanpur through the hill to the bridge ?
- (c) What is the reason for selection of this alignment as against the existing alignment near Bihpuria ?
- (d) What is the reason for not selection of the site near the Railway Bridge ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister Public Works Department (Road and Buildings)] replied :

55. (a)—Rs. 18,12,000

(b)—Rs. 5,67,500

(c)—The bridge site was selected at a gorge where the banks are stable and high. On these important technical considerations the site was selected near Harmuthy as against on the old route through Bihpuria.

(d)—Consideration of selection of a site near the Railway Bridge did not arise as at that time there was no Railway bridge.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Whether construction of the railway bridge was started first or the construction of the approach road was started first ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: The approach road was constructed first.

Re: Gumi-Chaigaon Road

Sbri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*56. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings), be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any officer of the rank of Executive Engineer, Superintending Engineer or Chief Engineer visited the Gumi-Chaigaon Road during the July and August this year ?
- (b) What was the amount that has been spent for completion of the road during the last financial year ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that due to inadequate expenditure on the road, the road has been breached at several places ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the member from the Constituency represented the Government to spend the necessary money and complete the road once for all ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that during flood of 1960 the whole earth work was washed away resulting in heavy loss ?
- (f) What was the lost involved ?

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

56. (a)-(f)—Informations have been called for.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): This question I tabled about a month back and it is from Gauhati that information has to be collected.

Mr. SPEAKER : But he has not received the information.

Re: Jagra-Bongaon Road

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

*57. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a length of about 2 furlongs of the Jagra-Bongaon Road under Nalbari police station in the N. K. Division has yet to be completed ?

- (b) How long it will take to be completed ?

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

57. (a)—Yes, a portion of the road in the 7th furlong of 1st mile could not be completed due to dispute over the alignment. The matter is under correspondence with the civil authority.

(b)—The incomplete portion will be completed as soon as the land is acquired and made over to P. W. D. by the civil authority.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-west): Since when the dispute started and when it will be over ?

Shri GIRIN DRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. R. & B.] This road was taken up in 1951 at the cost of Rs.50,000.00. The length of the road is eight and half miles and a portion of the road in the 7th furlong of 1st mile could not be completed due to dispute over the alignment. Formerly, it was agreed that the people will donate land but afterwards they did not donate. Therefore, 15 families were involved in the matter and they represented to us that if the road should go by this way they will be nowhere. These things are going on. The Deputy Commissioner at long last, on 28 August, 1961, ordered for acquisition of land and hence the delay.

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur): Whether '60 or '50 ?

Mr. SPEAKER: '61.

Re: Construction of Second National Highway

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI asked :

*58. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Road and Buildings) be pleased to state —

- (a) How far works are in progress for the construction of the Second National Highway ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware of the urgency of the speedy completion of the said road specially at this hour when our border are being threatened and conversion of Railway metre gauge to broad gauge has been abandoned ?
- (c) What is the allotment so far received and amount utilised in the project ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Road and Buildings)] replied :

58. (a)—It is not clearly indicated in the question what the hon. Member meant by the 'Second National Highway'. Presumably he means the portion of the North Trunk Road from North Salmara to Charali which will link the North Bank approach to Brahmaputra bridge under construction.

(b)—The detailed estimates have not yet been prepared. However, the rough estimated cost is Rs. 422 lakhs approximately.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re: Hydel Project at Manas

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

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

(a) The result of the negotiation with the Government of Bhutan about the proposed setting up of Hydel Project at Manas or Ai River in the district of Goalpara ?

(b) Whether any alternative scheme Government proposes to take up for electrification of the district of Goalpara in case of break down of the negotiation ?

(c) If so, what is that ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity) replied :

61. (a)—As a result of negotiation between the Government of India and the Bhutan the taking up of investigation of the Manas River Project has been finally accepted and the question of fund for investigation is now under consideration of the State Government in consultation with the Central Water and Power Commission, Government of India.

(b)—As at (a) above. Further there is a proposal to supply power upto Bongaigaon town from the Umiam Umtru Grid transmission system sometime in the year 1964-65 after the completion of the 1st stage of Umiam Project. There is also another proposal to supply power upto Goalpara town from a transmission system to be drawn from the proposed Garo Hills Thermal Power Plant. Barapani and Garo Hills Thermal Plant Projects have been included in the 3rd Plan period.

(c)—As at (b) above.

†**Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)**: Government have said that there is a proposal to supply power upto Bongaigaon town from the Umiam-Umtru Grid transmission system will be able to supply power upto Goalpara and Bongaigaon. What about Dhubri Subdivision ?

†**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity)**: All that we are thinking if we can increase the power supply from Garo Hill station then it will be connected upto Bongaigaon and if this is connected with Bongaigaon then it can naturally be connected with Dhubri also.

Re : Posting of Medical Officer in Umden Dispensary

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

*62. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical and Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Medical Officer has yet been posted to the Umden Dispensary in Bhoi Area ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that only a Compounder has been posted there ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the said Compounder made use of the Surgical instruments and as a result of which one woman died ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that the same Compounder mishandled a delivery case and as a result of which another woman died at his hands ?
- (e) What action Government propose to take against the particular Compounder ?
- (f) When a Doctor is going to be posted to the said Dispensary ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

*62. (a)—No.

(b) to (e)—Information being collected.

(f)—As soon as one is available.

U JOR MANIK SIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Whether Government have received any complaint from the public against the Compounder ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical): We have asked the Civil Surgeon to enquire into the matter and to submit a report, but the report has not yet been received.

Shri CHATRASING TERON [Mikir Hills-West (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: এই দিচপেনচেৰী বিলাকৰ দ্বাৰা যি বৰ আছেনে নাই ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: আছে।

Shri CHATRASING TERON: কৈছিল তেওঁলোকক শিল পৰা নাই।

†**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister Medical)**: এই বছৰৰ আগ ভাগটোকে ৪ (চাৰি) জন ডাক্তৰ নিয়োগ কৰি পঠোৱা হৈছিল, কিন্তু আওহতীয়া ঠাই দুৰ্গি তেওঁলোকে কামত অহিব নকৰিলে। ডাক্তৰ পালেই পুনৰ প'ষ্ট কৰা হ'ব।

†**Shri CHATRASING TERON**: বিহেতু এনে ধৰণৰ অভিজ্ঞতা আমাৰ ইয়াত বহুতো পাই আহিছে, সেই কাৰণে, ডাক্তৰ খানা পতাৰ আগৰে পৰা ডাক্তৰ দিয়াৰ চিন্তা কৰিবনে?

†**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA**: ডাক্তৰ খানা পতাৰ আগতে ডাক্তৰ post কৰা সম্ভৱ নহয়। ডাক্তৰ খানাৰ ঘৰ আদি সম্পূৰ্ণ হোৱাৰ পিচত হে ডাক্তৰ post কৰা হয়।

†**U. JOR MANIK SIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]**: I did not follow the reply to (e). What action has been taken against the Compounder ?

†**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical)**: The matter is under enquiry and we have asked the Civil Surgeon, Khasi and Jaintia Hills to enquire into the matter and to submit a report. The report has not yet been received.

†**Dr. GHANASYAM DAS [North Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]**: The Minister has said that several doctors have been appointed, but no doctors are going. Whether there is any proposal to give any special allowance for Doctors serving in backward area just to encourage them to serve ?

†**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical)**: We are thinking of giving some allowance to doctors who will be posted in remote area.

†**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal)**: এই ডাক্তৰ বিলাকৰ ভিতৰত লডী ডাক্তৰ দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছেনে নাই ?

†**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA**: ব্যৱস্থা আছে কিন্তু লেডী ডাক্তৰ পাবলৈ নাই। I. Sc. পাচ কৰাৰ পিচত ছোৱালী বিলাকে মেডিকেল পঢ়িবলৈ গলেহে লেডী ডাক্তৰ পোৱা যায়। লেডী ডাক্তৰৰ বৰ অভাৱ।

Re: Supply of Medicine in Civil Hospitals

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katanigaon) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Medicines are not properly and regularly supplied in Civil Hospitals?

(b) Whether it is a fact that medicines for T. B. patients are not available in Jorhat Civil Hospital from a long time ?

(c) What actions are taken for regular supply of medicines ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

*63. (a)—Medicines are properly and regularly supplied in Civil Hospitals.

(b)—Information being obtained from Civil Surgeon, Jorhat.

(c)—Necessary action is always taken for regular supply of medicines to all Hospitals.

Re: Advertisement in approved Newspapers

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA asked :

*64. Will the Minister-in-charge of Information and Publicity be pleased to state—

(a) The names of Newspapers to which the Government of Assam send their advertisements and notices for publication ?

(b) Whether there are any Communist or Pro-Communist Newspapers among them to which such advertisements, etc., are sent ?

(c) Whether Government are still in favour of helping such Newspapers with a party bias ?

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

64. (a)—A list of approved Newspapers, periodicals, etc., of the State to which Government advertisements and notifications, etc., are sent is given below.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Advertisements are given to Newspapers which are in the approved list of Government irrespective of their political ideologies.

APPROVED LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS, ETC.,
PUBLISHED IN ASSAM

| Serial No. | Name of paper | Daily or Weekly or Monthly | Language | Place of Publication |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Assam Tribune | Daily | English | Gauhati, Assam. |
| 2. | Natun Asamiya | Do. | Assamese | Do. |
| 3. | Shillong Times | Weekly | English | Shillong, Assam. |
| 4. | Jananbhumii | Do. | Assamese | Jorhat, Assam. |
| 5. | Jugasakti | Do. | Bengali | Karimganj, Assam. |
| 6. | Democratic Review | Do. | English | Shillong, Assam. |
| 7. | Yugasankha | Do. | Bengali | Silchar, Assam. |
| 8. | Asam Bani | Do. | Assamese | Gauhati, Assam. |
| 9. | Nabayug | Do. | Bengali | Karimganj, Assam. |
| 10. | Biswa-Dut Patrika | Do. | Assamese and Bengali. | Dhubri, Assam. |
| 11. | Arunodoy | Do. | Bengali | Silchar Assam. |
| 12. | Frontier Times | Daily | English | Shillong, Assam. |
| 13. | Pranta Jyoti | Weekly | Bengali | Silchar, Assam. |
| 14. | Mazdoor | Fortnightly | Assamese | Dibrugarh, Assam. |
| 15. | Nam Nai | Monthly | Do. | Gauhati, Assam. |
| 16. | Sramik | Fortnightly | Bengali | Silchar, Assam. |
| 17. | The Amar Swasthya | Monthly | Assamese | Haibargaon, Assam. |
| 18. | Samaj | Do. | Do. | Gauhati, Assam. |
| 19. | Ka Pyra U Riewlum | Weekly | Khasi | Shillong, Assam. |
| 20. | Pratham Parichay | Monthly | Bengali | Do. |
| 21. | Ramdhenu | Do. | Assamese | Gauhati, Assam. |
| 22. | Akela | Weekly | Hindi | Tinsukia, Assam. |
| 23. | U-Pyman | Do. | Khasi | Shillong, Assam. |
| 24. | Janashakti | Do. | Bengali | Silchar, Assam. |
| 25. | Shillong Observer | Fortnightly | English | Shillong, Assam. |
| 26. | Matribhumi | Weekly | Bengali | Silchar, Assam. |
| 27. | Young India | Do. | English | Shillong, Assam. |

***Shri HIRALAL PATAWRY (Panery):** Sir, I do not find the name of 'purbajyoti' in the list. What is the reason?

Mr. SPEAKER: Because it is not in the list.

***Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla):** এই বাতৰি কাকত বিলাকৰ ভিতৰত কোনখন 'কমিউনিষ্ট' কোনখন প্র-কমিউনিষ্ট অথবা কোনখন কংগ্ৰেছ চৰকাৰে কব পাৰেনে?

***Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education):** কোৱা টান।

***Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding):** এই বাতৰি কাকত বিলাক চৰকাৰে Approve কৰাব কিবা নীতি আছেনে?

***Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS:** হয়, আছে।

The criteria on which a newspaper is included in the approved list are as follows:—

- (a) Circulation figure of the paper.
- (b) Area of circulation of the paper.
- (c) Periodicity of publication.
- (d) Language and standing of the paper.

Paper having a circulation figure of less than 500 copies are not included in the approved list and the certified circulation figures are obtained from the Deputy Commissioner concerned. কিন্তু চৰকাৰে ৫০০ ব কম হব নোৱাৰিব। তেতিয়া হলেহে চৰকাৰে approved list ভুক্ত হয়।

***Shri LILAKANTA BORA (Kaliabor):** Whether the Government has any power to cancel a newspaper from this list, through it has a circulation of about 500 and though it fulfils all the conditions except that its publication is detrimental to the national interest.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: Yes.

***Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong):** What is the criterion, the basis on which one newspaper is to be cancelled?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir, it is difficult to give a criterion because each case will have to be decided on merit, whether there are sufficient reasons. Generally Government

would not like to remove any approved newspaper from the list, but if there be sufficient reasons in that case the question comes.

It is difficult to say precisely what particular newspaper will be removed from the approved list.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): অসমীয়া আৰু বঙালী যি কেইখন কাগজ ধুবুৰীৰ তাৰ বাহিৰেও অসমীয়া, বঙালী, হিন্দী কাগজ আছে নেকি ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): হয় অসমীয়া বঙালী কাগজ আছে।

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): চৰকাৰে এই বিলাক কাগজত বেচি বিজ্ঞপ্তি দিবনে ?

Shri KAMALA PRASAD AGARWALLA (Tezpur): এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি বিলাকত বছৰি কিমান টকা খৰচ কৰা হয় ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): যিমান খৰচ কৰা হৈছে, তাৰ সংখ্যা উলিয়াবলৈ সময় লাগিব। মৃত্যুওপৰত নহ'ল লাখ টকা হয় যেনেকৈ জমিদাৰী প্ৰথা উচ্ছেদৰ সময়ত 'নটিক্কেচন' আদিতোই তিনিলাখ টকা খৰচ হৈছে আৰু তাৰ বাহিৰেও অন্য বিজ্ঞপ্তি আছে।

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): ইমান দিনে মেগাজিন আদি প্ৰকাশ কৰাত পুৰণেই আগভাগ লৈ আছিল। কিন্তু এতিয়া মহিলায়ো এই ক্ষেত্ৰত আগবাঢ়ি অহা দেখা গৈছে তাৰ চানেকি আনি সাৰথি বোলা মেগাজিনত পাও—(হাঁহি) ইয়াৰ যোগেদি চৰকাৰে আমাৰ মহিলা সকলক উৎসাহ উদ্দীপনা দিবনে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS, (Deputy Minister, Publicity): সাৰথিৰ তৰফৰ পৰা এখন Application কৰিছে এইটো বিবেচনাধীন হৈ আছে।

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): আমাৰ যিবিলাক বিপ্লৱৰ বাহিৰত প্ৰচাৰ হোৱাৰ দৰ্কাৰ তাৰ Advertise ব কাৰণে বাহিৰ কাগজতো দিয়া হ'বনে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : সেইটো তেনেকৈ দিয়া নহয়। যেতিয়া বাহিৰত দৰ্কাৰ হয় তেতিয়াহে মাত্ৰ দিয়া হয়।

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): এই Advertisment বিলাক দিলে কাগজৰ স্তম্ভৰ প্ৰতি ইন্ধিত কিমান বোট ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): তাৰ বেলেগ বেলেগ নিৰ্ধাৰ আছে কাগজলৈ সেইটো নিৰ্দ্ধাৰিত কৰা হয়।

Starred question No.65 standing in the name of Shri Prabhat Narayan Chaudhury was not put and answered as the Member was absent.)

Re: State Dispensary in Majuli

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

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

- (a) Date of which the State dispensary near Rangachahi in Majuli was sanctioned ?
- (b) Whether the site for the dispensary, formerly proposed to be at Rangachahi, was finally selected at Baraguri last year?
- (c) Whether plan and estimates for buildings of the said dispensary were submitted to the Government during that year ?
- (d) If the answer to (b) and (c) above, be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for not starting the dispensary buildings till now ?

Shri MAHAM SINGH (Minister, T. A. and W. B. C.) replied :

66. (a)—The Director of Health Services was informed on the 12th September 1957 that the Government had decided to establish a dispensary at Rangasahi and he was accordingly asked to select a site.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The plans and estimates were sent by the D. H. S. to the Chief Engineer on 1st December 1959 for scrutiny. The Chief Engineer submitted the plans and estimates to the Government for approval on 25th May 1961.

(d)—The work could not be started earlier because Administrative Approval could not be issued till 18th September 1961, as it took some time to collect further information required in connection with the plans and estimates.

Re: Evaluation Committee

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj): asked

*67. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether an Evaluation Committee was set up for finding out the working difficulties of the Paddy Husking Co-operative Societies in the Subdivision of Dhubri ?
- (b) If so, whether Government have obtained its report ?
- (c) What action Government propose to take on the report ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

67. (a)—No. The Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board has set up an Evaluation Committee to evaluate the progress of all industries in the State taken up by the Board including the difficulties of Paddy Husking Co-operatives.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Shri BHUBAN [CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj) : Sir, is it not a fact that the Evaluation Committee express their view in presence of public of Golokganj that the Supply and the Co-operative Department were responsible for failure of the scheme ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister Co-operative) : Evaluation Committee's work has not yet been completed. The Committee has visited a few districts and their report is awaiting.

Re: Dibrugarh Assembly Bye-election

Shri MOLIA TATI (Dcom-Dooma) asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that in the last Dibrugarh Assembly Bye-election the Dibrugarh Municipality engaged many of its employees and workers with pay for election works rather than for their Municipal works ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware or received report to the effect that after the above election, the Chairman began to evict some shop-keepers, dismantle sheds, cancelled sites held by these persons who voted for Congress ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that just before the Dibrugarh Bye-election the Chairman of the Dibrugarh Municipality allotted works of the Zig-Zag road in Chowkidinghee Ward to one Shri Haniff Khan before the tenders were opened ?
- (d) Whether this fact was later detected in the P. W. D. Sub-Committee of the Board ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

68. (a) to (d)—Information has been called for.

Shri LILA KANTA BORA (Kaliabor) : Sir, whether according to rules the Municipal employees can be employed in the election work out of Municipal Fund ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L.-S.G.)- I think they cannot, but as I said already that the information and other materials for questions (a) to (d) are called for.

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member wants to know whether Municipal employees drawing pay from the Municipality are entitled to take part in election ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : No.

Re: Permit system for going to Mizo Hills**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog)** asked:

*69. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many permits have been issued since 1947 to go to the Mizo Hills ?
- (b) Whether those permit system will be abolished ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

69. (a)—The number of permits issued from 1947 upto the 25th September 1961 was 6,243.

(b)—No.

(c)—The Government does not consider the time opportune or appropriate to abolish the system of issuing permits.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog)** : Who issues the permit to go to Mizo Hills.Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)** : Deputy Commissioner.**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER** : Whether the Government of Assam will consider to recommend to the Government of India for the abolition of this permit system ?***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA** : We have no such contemplation now.***KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)** : Sir, what is the necessity of keeping the permit system when there is a strong demand from public of Mizo district of abolish it.***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)** : Because it goes beyond the inner line ; this an important consideration. On the other-hand there is no demand atleast from the people of the Mizo district for abolition this permit system.**Re: Implementation of the Assam Shramik Bahini Act****Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether any action for the implementation of the "Assam Shramik Bahini Act" has been taken ?
- (b) Whether the rules for implementation of this Act has been framed ?
- (c) Whether any State or Subdivisional Board has been formed and whether any instruction has been issued to the Divisions for registering "Shramik Bahinis" according to the Act ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

70. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. Rules have already been published and circulated.

(c)—Steps have already been taken to form the Pradesh Shramik Advisory Committee and the Subdivisional Shramik Advisory Committees.

Powers of registration of Shramik Bahinis have already been delegated by notification to the Executive Engineers, who have also been instructed to register Shramik Bahinis as early as possible.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) : Sir, whether the Government will utilize the man power of our country in developmental works by implementing the Shramik Bahini Act in the interest of our country ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [(Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R. & B.))]: Quite right sir.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Sir, the Act was passed more than an year back, why such a long time has been take for framing the Shramik Bahini rules ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : Sir, the rules have already been framed and these have now been scrutinized by the Sub-ordinate Legislation and when these rules will be approved it will be enforced.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA : Sir, is it not a fact that mere enactment of certain Acts is not profitable for the man power unless the provisions of the acts are organised in a proper manner ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : Sir, for the first part we have appointed an Organiser of the Sharamik Bahini for organizing the Sharamik Bahini and after this the State Committee, and the Subdivisional committee are being formed for implementation of the Bahini.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : Whether the formation of the Subdivisional and State Committees will be expediated ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : Yes Sir, we are wring to Deputy Commissioner and we are also issuing remainders. But no reply is forthcoming.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) : Whether the Government will issue instructions to the department for Co-ordination so that the Sharamik Bahini organization may be utilized for all sorts of developmental work ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.)]: Instructions are already there.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) : Whether the Government is proposing to undertake work through this Organization of Sharamik Bahini and [whether Government will call for tender or not ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : Yes, as per rules and Act. The tenders are called for, but Bahinis also given works at Scheduled rates.

Mr. SPEAKER : How will you know the willingness of undertaking the works by the Sharamik Bahini without calling for tenders ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : The tender will be called for and the Sharamik Bahini will be given a scheduled rate as replied earlier.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Re: Construction of Ring Bund

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thora) asked :

133. Will the Minister-in-charge of E. and D. be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that the Sericulture Department Sanctioned funds for construction of a ring bund at Nitaipukhuri Mouz Beurichiga village to Ahompathar ?
 - If so, whether any land has to be acquired for the purpose ?
 - When will this be completed ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing etc.) replied :

133. (a), (b) & (c)—Information call for is awaited.

Re: Pagladiya Embankment

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

134. Will the Minister, P.W.D. (F.C.) be pleased to refer the calling attention notice given by the Questioner during the Budget Session of the Assembly, 1961 on the subject of putting obstruction to the natural course of river Pagladiya following from its original bed of Buradiya and state—

- Whether after completion of the bund over out of Pagladiya Embankment at Chengnoi, the Department propose to provide sluice gate over Pagladiya Embankment without delay?
- Whether construction work of the proposed sluice gate over Pagladiya Embankment has already been started ?
- If not, when it is proposed to start work and complete the sluice gate over Pagladiya Embankment ?
- When the Department propose to provide a flood-escape at Chengnoi without delay ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister-in-charge, P.W.D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

134. (a)—No sluice gate over Pagladiya Embankment at the site of evulsion near Chengnoi is contemplated at present.

(b) & (c)—Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d)—A flood escape channel in the upper reaches of Pagladiya river may be provided after thorough investigation. The feasibility of providing such controlled by-pass in the upper reaches is under examination from technical, and financial point of view and necessary hydrological observation and surveys will be made in coming years.

Re: Moinarjan sluice gate**Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS** asked :

135. Will the Minister, P.W.D. (E. and D.) be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that the Moinarjan sluice gate has not been completed ?
 - Whether it is a fact that the work of the sluice gate was started three years back ?
 - What is the amount sanctioned for the project ?
 - Whether it is a fact that crops of poor cultivators there are being damaged every year by flood ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister-in-charge, P.W.D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

135. (a)—Moinarjan sluice, was practically completed but it was since damaged by floods.
- (b)—Yes, the work of sluice gate was started on 8th March 1958.
- (c)—Rupees Eighty-nine thousand was provided for construction of the sluice.
- (d)—Yes, the crops are damaged to some extent.

***Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi):** মইনাব জান Sluice gate টো ভাঙি তাৰ বহু খেতিবাতি বানপানীয়ে নষ্ট কৰিছে তাৰ কাম আৰম্ভ কৰিছেনে নাই ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, P.W.D. Flood Control and Irrigation]: তাৰ কাম আৰম্ভ কৰা হৈছে আৰু Winter Season ত শেষ হব।

Re: Brahmaputra Bund from Dibrugarh to Dihingmukh**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

136. Will the Minister (E. & D.) be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that the progress of works of the Brahmaputra Bund from Dibrugarh to Dihingmukh was slow due to the fact that the Revenue Officers of Dibrugarh did not take prompt action to acquire land for the purpose of this Embankment ?
 - Whether it is a fact that an application from leading public of the area handed by Shri Akhoy Kumar Gogoi was submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur on 17th March, 1961 pointing out the delay by Revenue Officials ?
 - What action Government are taking to expedite construction and completion of this Bund ?
 - What is the present progress ?

*Speech not corrected.

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister-in-charge, P. W. D. (Flood control & Irrigation Wing, etc.)] replied :

136. (a)—Land Acquisition proceeding takes time, even so, advance possession was received for the first Section but due to public opposition in certain stretches work was slowed down.

(b)—There is no such information.

(c)—Every possible steps have been taken to expedite construction and completion of the bund.

(d)—The progress upto 31st July, 1961 is about 40 per cent so far earthwork is concerned.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): In reply to (d) it has been said that "the progress upto 31st July, 1961 is about 40 per cent so far earthwork is concerned." Whether the remaining 60 per cent of the work will be completed during this financial year ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister-in-charge, P.W.D., F.C. & I.W.]: It is expected.

Re: Embankment of Puthimari river

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

137. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the embankment of Puthimari river was eroded at 2/5 F. P. to 2/6 F. P. on the right bank in the year 1959, during the great flood of June and an earth filled palisading had to be constructed through the homestead of Late Tithiram Kalita of village Hahara to prevent flood spills and to save the embankment from complete erosion ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that all the houses numbering five of Shri Tithiram Kalita were destroyed by the E & D. Department and a large number of standing trees were destroyed of the said Tithiram in constructing the bamboo Mohari ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Shri Tithiram Kalita was supplied a list of the damaged crops and destroyed houses which he had on his periodic Patta land by the Officers of the Department and assured him adequate compensation for the loss he sustained for execution of the project ?

(d) What was the amount of compensation assessed for the loss or damage sustained by the Pattadars ?

- (e) Whether any compensation has been paid to the Pattadars ?
- (f) If not, why no compensation has been paid during these three years ?
- (g) How long the Government will take to settle up the matter ?

138. Will the Minister-in-charge, P. W. D. be pleased to state—

- (a) How many wooden spurs have been constructed to protect the embankment of Puthimari river on the right bank at Dipteswari ?
- (b) How many wooden spurs have been constructed at Kendukona ?
- (c) On which date Government sanctioned the wooden spurs for Dipteswari and Kendukona ?
- (d) Who were the Contractors to whom the works were entrusted ?
- (e) Whether their contracts have been cancelled ?
- (f) What penalty has been realised from the defaulting contractors ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister-in-charge, P. W. D. (Flood Control & Irrigation Wing)] replied :

137. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—No. Two houses and fifty-six numbers of standing trees including one bamboo clump fell on the alignment of the Mohari.
- (c)—Yes. The list included all the houses of which two numbers were removed. The other three were outside the alignment.
- (d)—No estimate of assessment has yet been received.
- (e)—No.
- (f)—Land acquisition proceedings could not yet be finalised due to public obstruction to the construction of the retirement.
- (g)—Compensation as admissable under Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion Act, will be paid after finalisation of the Land Acquisition proceedings following cessation of public obstruction.
138. (a)—One timber-cum-bamboo spur has been completed and the remaining two are in progress.
- (b)—Three spurs have been completed, and the remaining three are under progress.
- (c)—Dipteswari on 22nd April, 1961 and Kendukona on 4th May, 1961.
- (d), (e) & (f)—Information called for are still awaited.

***Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur):**
চৰকাৰে এইটো জানেনে যে প্ৰস্তাৱিত retirement ব alignment টোৰ লগত
বাৰ্দ্ধকটো বন্ধা কৰিবৰ বাবে যি ঠাইত মানুহ ঘৰৰ ঘৰ বস্তি নষ্ট কৰি বাহৰ মোহাৰি
তৈয়াৰ কৰিছিল দুটা সম্পূৰ্ণ বেলেগ ঠাই ?

***Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, P.W.D. (F.C.&I.)]:**
ইয়াৰ উত্তৰ এতিয়াই দিয়া টান। কথাটো Enquiry কৰিছে উত্তৰ দিব পৰা হ'ব।

***Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI:** মোৰ প্ৰশ্নটো হৈছে
যোৱা ১৯৫৯ চনৰ জুন মাহত হোৱা প্ৰলয়ঙ্কৰী বানপানীৰ সময়ত হহাৰা গাঁওৰ এই
ঠাইত পুঠিমাৰী নদীৰ মথাউৰি খহি পৰাৰ উপক্ৰম হোৱাত মথাউৰিটো বন্ধা কৰিবৰ
বাৰে নদীৰ পাৰত থকা ৩টিখি বাসৰ আটাইবোৰ ঘৰ ভাঙি আৰু বাৰী বস্তিৰ জিৰাত
নষ্ট কৰি এই মথাউৰীটো নিৰ্মান কৰা হৈছিল, আৰু সেই সময়তে এই মানুহ জনক
নষ্ট কৰা ঘৰ আৰু জিৰাতৰ লিষ্ট এখন Sectional Officer এ দি উপযুক্ত ক্ষতিপূৰণ
দিয়া হ'ব বুলি আশ্বাস দিছিল আৰু সেই আশ্বাসত মানুহজনে ঘৰবাৰী ভাঙি মথাউৰী
নিৰ্মান কৰিবলৈ সক্ষম দিছিল। সেই লিষ্টখনৰ এটা শুদ্ধ নকল Chief Engineer
লৈ দি ক্ষতিপূৰণ দিবলৈ আবেদন কৰা হৈছিল কিন্তু আজি ৩ বছৰ কোনো ক্ষতিপূৰণ
পোৱা নাই।

এই সম্পৰ্কে চৰকাৰে সোনকালে বিহিত ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিবনে ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, P.W.D. (F.C.&I.)):
এইটো নিশ্চয় Enquiry কৰি ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হ'ব।

**Re: Compensation for land acquired for construction of
Embankment**

Mr. TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

139. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- Whether it is a fact that no land compensation has been given to the owner for periodic Patta land acquired for the Bahai Bagbor Embankment ?
- When the Embankment was constructed ?
- Why no compensation has been given to the pattadars up to this time ?
- When it will be given ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, Revenue for Minister, P.W.D. (R and B.)] replied:

139. (a)—Yes. No land compensation has been paid to the owners.

(b)—The embankment was constructed during 1954-55.

(c)—The E. and D. Department took possession of the land on amicable settlement with the consent of land owners who volunteered to offer the strip of land for construction of the embankment and its maintenance, as such no formal acquisition was made and compensation paid.

(d)—When land acquisition proceedings are started and award given.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Whether there is any document given by the Pattadar giving the consent.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): এই বিষয়ে কোনো Document নাই। Consent তো Verbally লোরা হৈছিল।

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED: Is it a fact that the existing Pattadars did not give their consent and the E & D Department officer there collected some petitions from them to give them compensation afterwards?

Shri HARESWAR DAS: ক্ষতিপূরণ করেক্টরে access-করি দিয়ে। স্থানীয় বিষয়র ভাত কোনো হাত নাই। যদি কিবা গোলমাল হৈছে তেত্তে তদন্ত করি চাব পারি।

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED: Will the Government enquire whether at the time the embankment was constructed, the Executive Engineer, E & D took petitions from the Pattadars on the spot saying that they would get compensation if they would allow to construct the embankment? Will the Government be pleased to enquire into this matter?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Yes, Sir, we shall enquire.

Re: Kharoi Bund

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYA (Gohpur) asked:

140. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (E. and D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the public of Kalabari area upto the bank of the Irahmaputra have greatly been benefited by constructions of the Kharoi Bund?
- (b) Whether Government proposed to maintain the bund including a few bridges over it specially the portion from Majikuchi to the extreme west point near Gohpur?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that even a pedestrian had to be stranded during summer near the breach of the bridge there being flood water spread to a vast low lying area?

- (d) Whether steps would be taken to maintain the bund and the bridges every year for protecting the crops and habitation in the area ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, P. W. D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

140. (a)—Yes. Before construction of Brahmaputra dyke.

(b)—The embankment is being maintained within the limit of funds.

(c)—Temporary bamboo bridge was provided over the breach, which could not be closed due to public opposition last year.

(d)—Yes. The embankment will be kept in proper order and bridges will be kept fit for foot traffic.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lokhimpur) : I have one question, Sir. Many of these bunds are used by the people as roads. Do the Government propose to maintain all such bunds so that the traffic can pass over these at all times ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) : The bunds are used by the people as roads but these are not meant for vehicular traffic until stable.

Re: Desang Bund

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

141. Will the Minister-in-charge of E. and D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the construction of Desang right bund from Dihingia to A. T. Road, Irrigation of Darika channel and Reclamation project of Jokaisuk Mauza in Sibsagar Subdivision were included on the Third Five-Year Plan ?

(b) If so, what action Government have taken so far to start the works ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the Executive Engineer, E. and D., Sibsagar Division forwarded proposal for acquisition of land for execution of the works ?

(d) If so, whether the Civil authorities have already acquired the land so that progress can be made within this year ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, P. W. D. (F. C. and I. Wing)] replied :

141. (a)—Schemes for construction of Desang right bund, Drainage of Darika basin and Drainage of Jokaisuk mauza have been included in Third Five-Year Plan.

(b)—Arrangements are being made to get approval of Government of India to take up these works for execution during 1961-62.

(c) and (d)—Necessary formalities as required under the Assam Embankment and Drainage Act, 1953 are being done to give a start to the above schemes during the current year.

Re: Pre-extension blocks

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

142. Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) How many of the Pre-Extension Blocks in Assam has been converted to Stage I Blocks this year ?
- (b) Whether he would give the number of Pre-Extension Blocks in Assam which could not qualify for conversion to Stage I this year although such conversions were due ?
- (c) How many Stage I Blocks have been converted this year to Stage II in the Stage ?
- (d) The number of Stage I Blocks in Assam which could not qualify for conversion to Stage II on due dates ?
- (e) Whether the period of Stage I of certain blocks which could not progress, are going to be extended by another year ?
- (f) If so, which are those Blocks ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc.) replied :

142. (a)—No Pre-Extension Blocks of this State have been converted to Stage I Blocks yet. Twelve Pre-extension Blocks are due for conversion to Stage I Block by October this year.

(b)—Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)—Fifteen Blocks.

(d)—There are no such Stage I Blocks in the State which have not been converted to Stage II Blocks on due dates.

(e)—Some such proposals have been received by the Government and the matter is under consideration.

(f)—(1) Dambuk-Aga M.P.C.D. Block.

(2) Lungleh M.P.C.D. Block.

- (3) Mairang M.P.C.D. Block.
- (4) Saipung-Darrang M.P.C.D. Block.
- (5) Rongkhong M.P.C.D. Block.
- (6) Diyung Valley M.P.C.D. Block.
- (7) Morkongsell-k-Sadiya M.P.C.D. Block.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding): What are the reasons for which these Stage I Blocks could not do the necessary progress for which extension is to be given by another year?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc.): Sir, the reasons are difficult terrain, bad communication approaches and also because this Block could not be given the technical personnel in time for implementing the programme on account of such staff not being available.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA: Whether technical personnel are available for the extension of the new Blocks?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: We are trying to get as many persons possible and I think the situation has now improved.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA: Can we expect further extension again?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: No, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: Whether further extension will be given?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: We hope that after this extension is given, they will complete the programme and no further extension will be necessary.

Shri CHATRA SINGH TERON [Mikir Hills-West (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Is it a fact that the extension has to be given only because there is not sufficient progress in these Blocks for want of technical personnel? May I also know how this progress is being measured?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: The progress is being measured by the extent of expenditure out of the total allocation and the result it has produced.

Shri CHATRA SINGH TERON: May I know from the Minister-in-charge that there is delay in the progress of work in the National Extension Service Blocks because of lack of technical personnel and also because of the difficulty in the terrain and that it has not been possible on many occasions to spend the amount that is being allotted, whether Government propose to chalk out a different kind of programme for these National Extension Service Blocks?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc.): I have already stated that because of the terrain difficulty some of the expenditure has not been incurred, we are prepared to take such advice as the hon. Members can give us to overcome this difficulty.

Shri CHATRA SINGH TERON [Mikir Hills-West (Reserved for Schedule Tribes)]: May I know from the Minister-in-charge whether Government is seriously considering it because of the difficulties and also of the peculiarities of the areas to change the set programme of work in these areas?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development etc.): There is a scope for changing it and I shall welcome a suggestion which Hon'ble Member has in his mind.

Shri CHATRA SINGH TERON: Whether to that effect, the Government of India has been moved?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: I have already stated that there can be no difficulty in bringing about a modification, if it is considered necessary.

Re: Panitola Development Block

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

143. Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) Amount remaining as balance under each main head on 1st April, 1961 out of the funds allotted in Stage I to Panitola Development Block?

(b) The amount of money allowed to be spent during financial year 1961-62 out of the Block fund in Stage I of Panitola Development Block?

(c) The balance amount of this Block yet to be permitted out of the fund from Stage I?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development and Panchayat, etc.) replied:

143. (a)—Rupees 5,08,912 under all minor heads excepting Block Headquarter and expenditure under Block Headquarter has exceeded the Ceiling by Rs.79,170 (as per Annexure I given below).

(b)—Rupees 43,500 under Block Headquarter and Rs.1,14,300 under other minor heads (as per Annexure II given below).

(c)—Rupees 3,94,612 excepting Block Headquarter (as per Annexure III given below).

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** In reply to (c) the balance amount of the Panitola Development block has been given at Rs.3,94,612. Will this money be surrendered ?

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development) :** There is no question of surrender.

***Shri DEVENRA NATH HAZARIKA :** In reply to (c) it is admitted that permission to spend this amount of Rs.3,94,612 has not been given and the Stage of this block would be over by the next 31st March.

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED:** These amounts have been allotted out of the current year's allotment and if reasons are given that this amount could not be spent by this Block though the period from Stage I to Stage II might not be extended, we may give permission to spend this amount.

*Speech not corrected.

ANNEXURE I

| Minor Heads | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Remarks |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| Block Headquarter | | | | | | | | | |
| A.H. and Agriculture | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |
| Health and Rural Sanitation | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |
| Education | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |
| Social Education | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |
| Communication | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |
| Rural Arts, Crafts and Industries | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |
| Housing | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |
| Irrigation and reclamation | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |
| Total excluding Block Headquarters | Rs. | Rs. | | | | | | | |

(a) Balance on 1st April, 1961. *79,170 98,298 88,719 16,612 24,716 27,094 46,941 5,951 2,00,584 5,08,912 *Excess allotment.

ANNEXURE II

(b) Allotment for 1961-62. *43,500 12,700 22,500 14,000 16,700 16,700 14,700 5,000 12,000 1,14,300 *Excess amount allotted.

ANNEXURE III

(c) Balance .. *1,22,670 85,598 66,216 2,612 8,016 10,394 32,241 951 1,88,584 3,94,612 *Excess amount allotted so far.

Re: Conversion of Stage III Blocks

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

144. Will the Minister of Community Development Projects be pleased to state—

- (a) How many blocks in Assam will be converted to Stage III this year on termination of Stage II ?
- (b) What are the names of these Blocks ?
- (c) What would be the staffing pattern of a Stage III Block and what would be the allotment of funds from C. D. Budgets ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development and Panchayat, etc.) replied :

144. (a) & (b)—The following six Development Blocks will be converted to Stage III during the current financial year with effect from 1st October, 1961 :—

- (1) Bhurbandha Development Block in Nowgong District.
- (2) Sarupathar Development Block in Sibsagar District.
- (3) Bihpuria Development Block in Lakhimpur District.
- (4) Nowbaisha Development Block in Lakhimpur District.
- (5) Resubelpara Development Block in Garo Hills District.
- (6) Aijal Development Block in Mizo District.

(c) —The staffing pattern of the post Stage II Development Blocks has not yet been fully finalised. However, the following pattern for staff and their entertainment in the post Stage II Development Blocks has been tentatively evolved :—

- (1) **B. D. O.**—The posts of B. D. Os. in such Blocks will be retained and the Development (Panchayat and C. D.) Department will provide funds in their budget for the purpose.
- (2) **Gram Sevaks.**—As regards retention of the posts of Gram Sevaks in the post Stage II Development Block, the matter is awaiting further discussion with the Agriculture Department for decisions.
- (3) **Gram Sevikas.**—For the present, the Gram Sevikas of the six Development Blocks mentioned above, which are completing Stage II on 30th September, 1961 will be transferred to other Stage I Blocks where there are vacancies. The final decision as to the continuation or not of the posts of Gram Sevikas in future pattern of post Stage II Blocks is, however awaiting further consideration of Government.

- (4) **Office Staff.**—It was decided that the Office Staff should be borne in the Establishment of the D. C. of the District concerned so as to facilitate better recruitment and giving the Assistants a permanent footing. Due to amalgamation of the Anchalik Panchayats and C. D. Offices, it has been decided to abolish the posts of the Upper Division Assistants after completion of the Stage II period of all the Blocks as one Lower Division Assistant and one Upper Division Assistant are maintained from the Panchayat side.
- (5) **Fourth Grade.**—As to the Fourth Grade staff, it has been decided to provide funds from the C. D. budget for the following:—
- (1) Peon for B. D. O., (2) Office peon and (3) Chowkidar I.
- (6) **Extension Officers.**—To be continued under respective Departmental budgets.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**: Sir, whether any financial assistance will be forthcoming from the Government of India in Stage III Blocks?

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc.)**: Sir, Government of India have expressed their inability to give financial assistance but then the matter has been taken up by us with the Finance Commission and we hope some assistance will be coming under the award of the Finance Commission.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur):
 গাইত Stage III হৈছেগৈ; সেইবিলাকত Stage I আৰু Stage III ব
 সময়ত থকা সকলো যন্ত্ৰপাতি, জীপ গাড়ী আৰু অফিচাৰ হঠাতে আতৰাই
 লৈ যোৱাৰ কাৰণে সেই ঠাইৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ মনত এটা হতাশৰ ভাব আহিছেবুলি
 অনুমান হৈছে—এই নিৰাশায় ব ভাব দূৰ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে কি ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN AHMED (Minister, Community Development): সেইটো revice কৰা গণ।

Correctoon to the reply given to a supplementaay to starred question No. 35 put on 5th October, 1961.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)**: Sir, before you proceed to item 2, may I make a submission? In reply to a supplementary Question of Starred Question No.35 on 5th October 1961, I told from my memory subject to correction that the percentage of promotion quota for Assam Civil Service II in the Assam Civil Service I was 33% per cent but on checking the exact percentage is 30% per cent. and not 33 per cent I am sorry for this mistake.

Re: Speedy recovery of overdue of Co-operatives

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked:

145. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether measures for speedy recovery of overdue of Co-operatives have been formulated by the Government by appointing Bakijai Officers of Co-operatives?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that some Arbitration cases of Gauhati Subdivision are pending disposal in the office of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Gauhati for more than four years and there is heavy accumulation of undisposed of cases in that office ?
- (c) Whether Bakijai proceedings cannot be started without receiving the awards in the Arbitration cases first ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to take effective measures for speedy disposal of Arbitration cases by splitting the jurisdiction of the Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Gauhati into two, by appointing the Subdivisional Co-operative Officers, Revenue Officers and some other non-officials as Arbitrators for the purpose ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation)
replied :

145. (a)—Yes.

- (b)—Information has been called for and will be supplied on receipt of reply from Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Gauhati.
- (c) Bakijai proceedings cannot be started without issue of Co-operative Demand Certificate by the Assistant Registrar, by disposing the Arbitration cases.
- (d) Government have appointed an Assistant Registrar for Barpeta Subdivision. He will be able to dispose of the pending Arbitration cases of that Subdivision. For the remaining part of Karup District an Assistant Registrar has been specially posted for disposal of Arbitration cases. These steps are expected to lead to speedy disposal of Arbitration cases

Re: Dibrugarh Umbrella Co-operative Society

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

146. Will the Minister of Co-operative be pleased to refer to unstarred Question No.138 asked by the Questioner on 9th April, 1960 regarding Dibrugarh Umbrella Co-operative Society and state—

- (a) When the last meeting of this Co-operative Society was held ?
- (b) Whether any meeting of this Co-operative Society was held in the year 1959 and what was the profit or loss in that year ?
- (c) Since when this Dibrugarh Umbrella Co-operative Industries stopped functioning ?

146-A. Will the Minister, Co-operative be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No.502 asked by the Questioner on 11th April, 1960 and state—

- (a) Whether Chengelijan Kriasi Samabay Samity within Kakapatar Anchalik Panchayat has since been registered ?
- (b) If so, when it was registered ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation)
replied :

146. (a) to (c)—Information is being collected.

146-A. (a)—Yes.

(b)—On 29th June 1961.

Re: Shyama Devi, member, Gandhiya Sipini Co-operative Society, Ltd.

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

147. Will the Minister, Khadi and Village Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Shyama Devi, member, Gandhiya Sipini Co-operative Society, Ltd., at village Gandhiya of Mauza Dharmapur under Nalbari Police Station in the District of Kamrup has given repeated representation to the Government of Assam, stating that as per direction from the Nalbari Marketing Organisation she presented a "Fulam Gamocha" for winning reward ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that a reward of Rs.100 has been given on the same "Fulam Gamocha" not to Shyama Devi, but to a girl who practically does not know to weave such "Fulam Gamocha" ?
- (c) Whether Government aware that Shri Shyama Devi submitted petitions to the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Handloom Development Scheme, Assam and to some other concerning officers informing them the injustice done to her, on 18th December, 1960 and 12th December, 1960.
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Shri B. C. Barua wrote a letter to her, dated 21st December, 1960 informing her that the matter was under scrutiny ?
- (e) If so, what is the result of the scrutiny ?
- (f) How the scrutiny has been done ?
- (g) Whether scrutiny has been made asking both of them to weave separately ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :—

147. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A reward of Rs.100 was given on a 'Phulam Gamocha' to one Shrimati Sabitri Bala Das on understanding that the same 'Phulam Gamocha' was actually woven by Smti. Sabitri Bala Das.

(c)—Yes, Smti. Shyama Devi submitted petitions to the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Handloom Development Schemes on 18th December, 1960 and 12th December, 1960. The manager-cum-salesman of the Government Emporium who collected this Gamocha labelled it as a product of Smti. Sabitri Bala Das, accordingly the Selection Committee awarded the prize to Smti Sabitri Bala Das.

(d)—Yes, the Subdivisional Deputy Co-operative Officer, Nalbari enquired into the complain of Smti Shyama Devi.

(e)—It appears from the enquiry report of the Subdivisional Deputy Co-operative Officer, Nalbari that no concrete proof of supplying the said 'Phulam Gamocha' by Smti. Shyama Devi could be produced before him.

(f)—Enquiry was made by going through records and contacting both weavers.

(g)—No.

Re: Co-operative Marketing Societies of Goalpara District

Md. SAHADAT ALI (South Salmara) asked :

148. Will the Minister in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount granted to each of the Co-operative Marketing Societies during the last two years in Goalpara District to be shown Society-wise ?
- (b) Whether these Co-operative Marketing Societies yielded any profit ?
- (c) If so, what is the amount (to be shown against each of the Societies) ?
- (d) Whether is it a fact that the Goalpara Co-operative Marketing Society squandered huge amount and there is no proper account for the same ?
- (e) If so, what steps have been taken by the Government against this Society ?

148A. Will the Minister in-charge, Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) The total amount of money drawn by the Chairman and Secretaries of the Co-operative Marketing Societies in Goalpara District since the year 1959-60 and 1960-61 (to be shown against each of the Chairman and Secretaries) ?
- (b) What is the maximum and minimum amount fixed for their travelling and halting allowances ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

148. (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e)—Information is being collected.

148A. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected.

Re: Somabay Samiti of Panitola Anchalik Panchayat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhoa) asked :

149. Will the Minister, Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the (i) Chabua Boakata Samabay Samity, (ii) Mulukgaon Boakata Samabay Samity and the other Boakata Samabay Samities within Panitala Anchalik Panchayat are functioning effectively ?

- (b) How many of these Samities could sell cloths during the last two years ?
- (c) What are the grants and facilities wanted by these Samities from Government and the Block ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister Co-operative) replied :

149. (a), (b) & (c)—Information is being collected.

Re: Gaolia Bank and Service Co operative Societies

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

150. Will the Minister of Co-operative be pleased to refer to Starred Question No.43 asked by Shri Joga Kanta Barua in this Assembly on 18th March, 1960 on the subject of Goalia Banks in Dibrugarh Subdivision and state—

- (a) How many of the 90(ninety) Gaolia Banks in Dibrugarh Sub-division are functioning now actively ?
- (b) Whether all the 22 (twenty-two) large size credit Societies are functioning satisfactorily and there are regular transactions in all ?

151. Will the Minister of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Service Co-operative Societies formed within the area of Lahoal Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (b) Whether the Minister will please lay on the table Mauzawise list of these Service Co-operative Societies ?

152. Will the Minister of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Service Co-operative Societies so far formed within the jurisdiction of Panitola Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (b) Whether the Minister will be pleased to lay on the table Mauza wise list of these Co-operative Societies within that Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (c) How many of them are functioning effectively ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operative) replied :

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

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

152. (a), (b) & (c)—Information is being collected.

Re: Co-operative Societies in Goalpara District**Md. SAHADAT ALI (South Salmara)** asked :

153. Will the Minister in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Co-operative Societies were organised in Goalpara District during each of the years 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60 ?
- (b) How many of these Societies were duly registered during these years ?
- (c) What is the maximum and minimum time necessary for registration of Co-operative Society from the date of its application ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

153. (a), (b) & (c)—Information is being collected.

Re: Co-operative Societies in Panitola Anchalik Panchayat**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

154. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of different types of Co-operative Societies within Panitola Development Block on 1st April 1957, the day of inauguration of the Block ?
- (b) The present number of different types of Co-operative Societies within Panitola Development Block area ?
- (c) Why the increase in number of Co-operative Societies within the area of this Panitola Anchalik Panchayat is small although Community Development activities are there for the last 4½ years ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that a considerable number of registered Co-operative Societies within the area of Panitola Anchalik Panchayat are not functioning satisfactorily ?

155. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of membership of different Co-operative Societies within the area of Panitola Development Block on 1st April 1957, the day of inauguration of the Block ?

(b) The present total number of membership of different Co-operative Societies within Panitola Development Block ?

(c) The periods since 1st April, 1957 the post of Co-operative Extension Officer of this Block remained vacant ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied

154. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—Information is being collected.

155. (a), (b) & (c)—Information is being collected.

Re: Mohmora Krisi Samabay Samity

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

156. Will the Minister, Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) The number of share holders of Mahmora Krisi Samabay Samity, Ltd. of Solaguri Mauza, Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) The total area allotted to this Co-operative ?

(c) Total area of land actually occupied ?

(d) Why entire land is not yet allotted to it yet ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some persons have been forcibly encroaching the Co-operative land ?

(f) Whether the farming society has lodged formal complaints to the Co operative department for this encroachment ?

(g) If so, what action to protect the interest of the Society has been taken ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation, etc.) replied :

156. (a) to (g)—Information is being collected.

Re: Co-operative Societies of Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

157. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of Co-operative Societies so far formed and registered in Murkongsellek Transferred areas ?

- (b) What are the Weaving Co-operative Societies formed in Murkongsellek Transferred Area and what are the grants and other helps that are extended to those societies in that area ?
- (c) What are the other Co-operative Societies so far formed in that area ?

158. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of Co-operative Societies formed in Sadiya Transferred Area in both banks of the Brahmaputra and got registered ?
- (b) How many of them are weaving societies ?
- (c) The names of these societies and the amounts of help and grants extended to these societies by Government ?
- (d) What are the other Co-operative societies in that area ?

159. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Weaving Co-operative Societies that have been and registered in Saikhowa Mauza ?
- (b) The names of Sub-Societies in Saikhowa Mauza showing the amounts of grants and other helps so far extended by the Government to these societies ?

160. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to refer to unstarred question No.265 asked by the Questioner in the Budget Session of the Assembly 1959 on 8th April, 1959 and state—

- (a) When Lahoal Primary Trading Co-operative was liquidated ?
- (b) Whether the share moneys were refunded ?
- (c) If so, when ?
- (d) If not, why it has been delayed so long ?

161. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to refer to unstarred question No.767 asked by the Questioner in the Budget Session 1959 on 8th April, 1959 and state—

- (a) Whether Chungichuk Gaolia Bank which was formed in 1937 in Bogdung Mauza is still functioning ?
- (b) Whether the departmental officers enquired of this society till the end of the year 1958 ?

162. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to refer to unstarred question No.768 asked by the Questioner in Budget Session 1959 on 8th April, 1959 and state—

- (a) Whether Jerai Gaolia Bank in Bogdung Mauza (Dibrugarh Subdivision) formed on 9th March, 1937 is still functioning ?

(b) What action was taken by the department to keep this Gaolia Bank active during the last 10 years ?

(c) Whether the Gaolia Bank is active now ?

163. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to refer to unstarred question No.773 asked by the Questioner in the Budget Session of the Assembly 1959 on 8th April, 1959 and state—

(a) When Dibrugarh Umbrella Co-operative Industries Limited, has gone into liquidation ?

(b) Whether the share moneys have since been refunded ?

(c) If not, why there is such delay in refund of the share moneys ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation, etc.) replied :

157. (a)—Total number of Co-operative Societies so far formed and registered in the Morkongsellek Transferred Area is 9 (Nine).

(b)—The names of the weaving societies so far formed and registered in the area given below with the amounts of grants extended to them :—

| Names of societies | Amounts of grant | Loans | Looms and accessories |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| | | | |
| 1. Laika S. S. S. Ltd. | 1,000 | 300 | 8 looms 1 sewing machine. |
| 2. Gali S. S. S. Ltd. | 1,047 | .. | 9 looms 1 sewing machine. |
| 3. Ujani Bijoypur B. S. S. Ltd. .. | 1,039 | 300 | 4 looms 1 sewing machine. |
| 4. Ramdhan Dikhari W. C. S. Ltd. .. | 1,000 | 300 | 4 looms 1 sewing machine. |

(c)—The names of other Co-operatives formed in area are given below :—

1. Morkongsellek Transferred Area Missing Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd.

Credit societies—

1. Gali S. R. S.

2. Janai R. S. S.

3. Ramdhan Dikhari R. S. S.

Trading Co-operative—

1. Morkongsellek Trading Co-operative Ltd.

158. (a)—Total number of Co-operative societies so far formed and registered in the Sadiya Transferred Area is 16 (sixteen).

(b)—Out of 16 (sixteen) societies in the area 3 (three) are weaving Co-operative.

(c)—The names of the Weaving Co-operative with grants extended to them are given below:—

| Names of societies | Amount of grants | Loan | Looms and Accessroies |
|---|------------------|------|------------------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | |
| Kundil S. S. S. Ltd. .. | 1,000 | 300 | 4 looms 1 sewing machine. |
| 2. Borgayon Dewrigaon B. S. S. Ltd. ... | 884 | 300 | 5 looms 1 sewing machine. |
| 3. Arhoimuria S, B. B. Ltd. ... | 575 | 300 | 5 looms 1 sewing machine. |

(d)—The names of other Co-operatives in the area are given below:—

Service Co-operatives—

1. Dukanigaon K. S. S. Ltd.
2. Borgaon K. S. S. S. Ltd.
3. Buraburihal K. S. S. S. Ltd.
4. Lafangkala K. S. S. S. Ltd.
5. Halowgaon K. S. S. S. Ltd.
6. Kundil Sadiya K. S. S. S. Ltd.
7. Mechaki K. S. S. S. Ltd.
8. Sunpura Bill Bill Basti K. S. S. Ltd.
9. No.1 Santipur K. S. S. S. Ltd.
10. Purani Bormua K. S. S. S. Ltd.

Multipurpose Co-operatives—

1. Lohit Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd.

Trading Co-operatives—

1. Upper Sadiya Trading Co-operative Ltd.

Fishery Co-operatives—

1. Sadiya Fishery Co-operative Society Ltd.

159. (a)—The number of Weaving Co-operative Societies in Saikhowa Mouza is 1 (one).

(b)—The name of the society with grant and help extended by Government as given below :—

| Name of societies | Amount of grants | Loan | Looms and Accessories |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | |
| 1. Dongari B. K. S. S. Ltd. | ... | 420 | 4 looms. |

160. (a)—On 13th April, 1959.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Action has been taken to realise the assets to discharge the liabilities.

161. (a)—Chungichuk Gaolia Bank in Bogdung Mouza was formed on 20th March, 1937. The society is inactive since some time past and repeated attempts were made to revive the society by converting it into service Co-operative as it has some own fund but all attempts have failed. Now steps have already been taken to send it into liquidation.

(b)—Departmental officers paid several visits to the society for enquiry, audit and inspection up to the end of 1958 and thereafter and tried their best to revive its working.

162. (a)—Jerai G. B. in Bogdung Mouza is still functioning.

(b)—The society has been functioning.

(c)—Yes.

163. (a)—Dibrugarh Umbrella Co-operative Industries Ltd., has not gone into liquidation.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise as the society has not been sent into liquidation.

Re: Payment of compensation to land owners of Kakapather Maithong Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether compensation to the land owners has been paid by now for the Kakapather Maithong Road ?
- (b) If so, when ?
- (c) If not, why there was such delay ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that revenue is being realised from the patta holders on whole land although this road was constructed there ?
- (e) Why revenue is still realised when P. W. D. have taken over the land ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D.

(R. & B.)] replied :

164. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Payment of compensation could not be made due to non-finalisation of land acquisition proceedings.

(d)—We have no information.

(e)—Informations have been called for.

Re: Bridge at Mridongpara-Dhadum-Maithong Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the bridge at Mridongpara Dhadum Maithong Road has been damaged to a certain extent ?
- (b) What is the extent of damage of this bridge and the amount that would be necessary to repair it ?
- (c) When this bridge was completed and what should be its life ?

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

165. (a)—(c)—Information have been called for.

Re: Construction of Bridge over Dangari River

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the planks of the recently constructed bridge over Dangari River on Kakapather Maithong P.W.D. road under Doom Dooma P. W. D. Subdivision has been damaged and has become unsafe to cross over it ?
- (b) When this bridge was completed and what was the total expenditure on this bridge ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that due to use of inferior timber the bridge has been damaged so soon ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to repair this bridge immediately ?
- (e) Whether provision of expenditure has been made ?
- (f) Who has been found responsible for this inferior type of work and whether the contractor also will be taken to task ?

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

166. (a) --(f)—Information have been called for.

Allotment of C.I. Sheets to Industrialists in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) The number of bundles of C.I. Sheets allotted to Industrialists in Dibrugarh Subdivision out of general quota during the period of last two years ?
- (b) The number of total bundles of C.I. Sheets allotted to Dibrugarh Subdivision during the last two years and the number of bundles received there ?
- (c) The total number of bundles of C.I. Sheets allotted to consumers of rural areas of Dibrugarh Subdivision during the above period ?

- (d) The number of bundles of C.I. Sheets allotted to different consumers of Town areas of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia during the period of last two years ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge, Supply)

replied :

167. (a)—22 bundles.

(b)—25,735 bundles allotted and 5,796 bundles received.

(c)—1,867 bundles.

(d)—1,882 bundles.

Allotment of C.I. Sheets to Goalpara and Dhubri

Md. SAHADAT ALI (South-Salmara) asked :

168. Will the Supply Minister be pleased so state—

(a) The number of total bundles of C.I. Sheets allotted to Goalpara and Dhubri Subdivisions during the year 1960 and the number of the bundles of C.I. Sheets actually received there ?

(b) The number of bundles of C.I. Sheets distributed to the consumers of rural areas in above subdivisions during the above period to be shown subdivisionwise ?

(c) The number of C.I. Sheets allotted to different consumers of town area of Goalpara and Dhubri and also fire victims of these two subdivisions during the said year (figure to be shown subdivision-wise) ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge, Supply Department) replied :

168. (a)—Two thousand five hundred and eleven and one thousand seven hundred and thirteen bundles of C.I. Sheets were actually received for Goalpara and Dhubri Subdivisions respectively. As allotment is usually made on half-yearly basis for the periods April-September and October-March, number of bundles actually allotted during the Calendar year 1960 cannot be given.

(b)—Goalpara Subdivision 430 bundles.

Dhubri Subdivision 1,188 „

(c)—For Dhubri Town 307 „

For Goalpara Town 105 „

For fire-victims of Dhubri Subdivision ... 44 „

For fire-victims of Goalpara Subdivision .. 2 „

Re: Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Jorhat

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

169. Will the Minister-in-charge, Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that in the month of June, 1960, there was a vacancy of post of Head Assistant in the office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative, Jorhat ?
- (b) Whether it is also a fact that there were more than one application for the said post ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that one J. Barkataki, a Junior Lower Division Assistant was pushed through to fill up the vacancy superseding claims of several seniors ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that one Janardon Changkakati who is serving for a period of about 15 years in the same office claimed the post ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the same Shri Changkakati made a departmental appeal on 23rd of November, 1960 for the said post ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that a number of 12 reminders on 10th December, 1960, 21st December, 1960, 21st February 1961, 17th March, 1961, 26th April, 1961 5th May, 1961, 13th May, 1961, 20th May, 1961, 31st May, 1961, 7th June, 1961, 17th August, 1961, respectively were submitted to get the decision of the appeal ?
- (g) Whether any decision on appeal has been given ?
- (h) Whether any advertisement was given to fill up the saidpost.
- (i) If not why ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

169. (a)—Yes. A post of Head Assistant was sanctioned for the newly created office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Jorhat.

(b)—No application was invited for filling up the post but the Assistant Registrars, Co-operative Societies of the Zone were asked by the Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies to recommend names of Assistants of their offices and the offices of the Deputy Co-operative Officers for the post

(c)—Shri J. Barkataki, an Assistant of the Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Jorhat was selected and appointed by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Jorhat from the list of Assistants recommended by the Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies, being considered more efficient and suitable for the post in view of his past experience and service records. He officiated as Head Assistant in the Assistant Registrar's Office

(d)—Shri Janardon Changkakati was not considered suitable for this post. He was working in a subordinate office of the Deputy Co-operative Officer as a Lower Division Assistant.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—The matter is under examination.

(h)—No.

(i)—Higher posts in ministerial cadre are filled up by promotion on the basis of efficiency *cum* seniority laying greater stress on the former.

Re: Polytechnic School, Nowgong

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

170. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) When the Nowgong Polytechnic School will start functioning?
- (b) How many courses will be there in the first year?
- (c) Whether Government has contemplated to constitute a Governing Body for the said School?
- (d) Whether National Certificate Course of Engineering will be there?
- (e) If so, the total number of seats that will be available for the said Course?
- (f) What is the minimum educational qualification required for this Course?
- (g) Whether applications for admission to this National Certificate Course of Engineering have been called for?
- (h) What is the total number of applications for admission have been received till now?

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

170. (a)—The Polytechnic will start functioning with effect from the current Session, that is October 1961.

(b)—Only Civil Engineering Course will be started this year.

August. (c)—A Governing Body has already been constituted in last

(d)—Yes.

(e)—60.

(f)—Matriculation.

(g) -Yes.

(h)—148.

Re: Provident Fund amounts of Teachers deposited in Tripura Modern Bank

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

171. Will the Minister-in-charge of L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is fact that some Local Boards deposited the Provident Fund amounts of the teachers of Tezpur in Tripura Modern Bank which was subsequently liquidated ?

(b) Whether it is fact that the teachers under Tezpur Local Board had to suffer the loss of their Provident Fund deposits as the Board kept the money in Tripura Modern Bank ?

(c) Whether it is not the liability of the Tezpur Local Board to pay the amounts due to the teachers ?

(d) Whether the Tezpur Local Board showed the amount as liability at the time of handing over charges when the Local Boards were abolished ?

(e) Whether the assets and liabilities were accepted by the Government of the defunct Local Boards ?

(f) If so, whether it is not the responsibility of the Government to pay off the liabilities of the Board ?

(g) What is the total amount the teachers are entitled for their Provident Fund deposits from the Tezpur Local Board ?

(h) What steps the Government have taken to settle the matter ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

171 (a)—Yes.

(b) Yes, but the deposits were made by the Board with the consent of the subscribers.

(c)—No.

(d)—Yes, but Government cannot accept this liability as it is not a legal liability of the Board.

(e)—The position of assets and liabilities as reported by the Board is under scrutiny.

(f)—No, in view of reply against (d).

(g)—Total loss incurred by the teachers due to deposit of Provident Fund money in the Bank was Rs.89,853.62 nP. only. Out of Rs.1,53,000 deposited by 357 employees in the Bank an amount of Rs.25,590 was however realised by the Board from the Bank and its debtors.

(h)—1/6th of the loss money has been paid to the teachers who retired and the share of the teachers who are still in service has been handed over to the School Board.

Re: Murkongsellek Sadiya Multipurpose Community Development Block

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

172. Will the Minister of Development (Community Projects) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs.12,50,543 remained to be spent on 31st March, 1961 out of the funds of the Murkongsellek Sadiya Multipurpose Community Development Block excluding the fund under the heads "Block Headquarters".
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the stage I of this Multipurpose Community Development Block is going to be over on 31st March, 1961 or on 30th June 1962 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Accounts Officer of the Directorate of Development (Community Development) permitted the Block Development Officer to spend a sum of Rs 5,83,500 only excluding the amount for headquarters ?
- (d) Why the balance expenditure of Rs 6,67,043 has been restricted during the financial year, 1961-62 from the funds of this Murkongsellek Sadiya Multipurpose Community Development Block ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that the area of this M. P. C. D. Block is 1,121 square miles and it takes 3 days or more to go to the Block Headquarters from the office of the Assistant Project Officer (now Additional Block Development Officer) by the quickest available communication ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Block staff at Headquarters had to travel over 150 miles to reach the Sub-Headquarter of the Additional Block Development Officer ?

- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Block activities suffered in 1958 and 1959 for want of accommodation for offices and other difficulties ?
- (h) Whether Government is aware that schemes for the whole remaining unspent amount were prepared and works are under progress within this block area both in Sadiya and Murkongsellek Regions ?

Sbri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister-in charge of Development (Panchayat and C. D.)] replied :

172. (a)—Rs.11,82,959 remained unspent.

(b)—Normally the stage I would expire on 31st March, 1962 but the question of extension of this stage is now under the consideration of the Government of India.

(c) and (d)—The allotment of fund was made on the basis of funds available on the current year's plan and budget.

(e)—The area of this M. P. C. D. Block is 1,221 square miles and it takes about 2 days to reach the Block Headquarters from the Office of the Assistant Project Officer.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—It suffered in 1958 but in 1959 some camps were constructed and since then the Block activities never suffered. During the current year Rs.25,000 was sanctioned for construction of office buildings and staff quarters.

(h)—The extract of resolution passed by the Anchalick Panchayat in its meeting held on 10th September, 1961 received here on 28th September, 1961 indicate that the schemes were being sent to the Deputy Commissioner for sanction except the Soil Conservation Scheme for Rs.72,000 which is still under the scrutiny of the Public Works Department.

Re: Ex-employees of the Local Board now absorbed in Mohkuma Parishad

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

173. Will the Minister, Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) Whether *ex-employees* of the Local Boards, now absorbed in the Mohkuma Parishad, are Government employees ?

(b) If so, whether they will get pension after retirement and their service under the Local Board will be counted towards pension ?

(c) If not, whether Government have made any provision of the benefit of contributory provident fund and safeguarded the remuneration they enjoyed under the Local Boards ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister in-charge of Development (Panchayat and C. D.)] replied :

173. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(c)—Government have safeguarded the remuneration but in view of (b) above the question of contributory fund does not arise now.

Payment of compensation to the owners of land in Nongkhlaw via Pathar Khmah

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

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

(a) Whether compensation has been paid to the persons whose lands have been affected by the construction of the road to Nongkhlaw via Pathar Khmah ?

(b) Whether Government received any petition from the affected persons ?

(c) If so, when those claims will be settled ?

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

174. (a)—Due to non-finalization of L. A. proceedings compensation to the affected persons could not be paid as yet.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Allocation of Funds for construction of Roads

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

175. Will the Minister in-charge of Public Works Department (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

(a) When allocation of funds of Road and Buildings Wing for the Second Five Year Plan was finalised ?

(b) What was the total amount of allocation, for the West-Nalbari Constituency for Roads and Buildings during the Second Five Year Plan ?

(c) Whether suggestion of the then Local M. L. A. was taken into consideration in finalisation of the second Plan-allocation ?

(d) Whether the total allocation for the 2nd Plan was fully expended ?

(e) Whether more money besides allocation has been spent during the Second Plan Period ?

- (f) If so, what is the additional amount so spent ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that some amounts allotted for Chamata-Kaithal Kuchi Road and Jagra-Bangaon P. W. D. Road has not yet been expended ?
- (h) What is the amount ?

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

175. (a)—In September, 1955.

(b)—Allocation of funds for Second Five Year Plan Roads as was made on the basis of civil subdivision and not on constituency-wise.

(c)—Second Five Year Plan allocation was finalised by the State Development Committee and hence the question of taking the then local M. L. A's suggestion into consideration does not arise.

(d)—No

(e)—No

(f)—Does not arise in view of (e) above.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—Rs. 13,499.

Number of roads constructed during 2nd Five Year Plan

Md. SAHADAT ALI (South Salmara) asked :

176. Will the Minister in-charge, Public Works Department (R&B) be pleased to State—

- (a) The number of Public Works Department Road in Western side of the Goalpara town specially in the South bank of the Brahmaputra River up to Pakistan border in the District of Goalpara ?
- (b) Name of the roads and its length approximately ?
- (c) Whether there are any incomplete roads under the Second Five Year Plan in South Salmara and Mankachar constituencies ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Government are distributing a sum of Rs.50,00,000 (Fifty lakhs of rupees) under the Second Five Year Plan to complete the incomplete Public Works Department roads of Assam ?
- (e) Whether any allocation has been made out of these 50 lakhs of Rupees for completing any incomplete roads under the South Salmara and Mankachar Constituencies ?

(f) If the answer is in affirmative, what is the amount of money allotted for each road ?

(g) If the answer is in negative, what is the reason for non-allotment ?

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

176. (a).—Eight numbers.

| (b)— | Name of the roads | Length |
|------|---|------------|
| (1) | Goalpara-Karaikhowa road | 9.00 miles |
| (2) | Karaikhowa-Taltola road | 12.63 „ |
| (3) | Lakhipur-Chunari road | 6.40 „ |
| (4) | Agia-Lakhipur road | 19.98 „ |
| (5) | Abhirampara road | 7.69 „ |
| (6) | Fakirganj-Tikrikilla road <i>via</i> Hamidabad and Berkakoli. | 15.00 „ |
| (7) | Fulbari-South Salmara-Fakirganj road | 10.00 „ |
| (8) | Pancharatna-Khutamari road | 2.87 „ |

(c)—No.

(d)—In fact an additional amount of rupees 50.50 lakhs was allocated during 1959-60 under 2nd Five Year Plan for completion of incomplete Public Works Department roads.

(e), (f) and (g)—Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Re: Construction of Borka-Kamalpur Road

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Borka-Kamalpur Road has been completed ?

(b) When the contracts for construction of the bridges were finalised and work orders issued ?

- (c) What is the name of the contractor who was given the contract for construction of the bridges on the beel portion of the road ?
- (d) Why the work could not be started in the year 1960-61 or till now ?
- (e) What steps the department has taken against the defaulting contractor ?

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

177. (a) to (e)—The information has been called for.

Re: Local Board Bungalows in Assam

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

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

- (a) How many Local Board bungalows are there in Assam on Public Works Department Road side ?
- (b) When they will be taken over by the Public Works Department ?
- (c) Who is maintaining these Local Board Bungalows ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister-in-charge of Development (Panchayat & C. D.)] replied :

178. (a)—47.

(b)—Hojai Inspection Bungalow has already been taken over by the Public Works Department which has also agreed to take over 44 such buildings on or near Public Works Department Road on payment of valuation of building and value of land. The assessment of valuation on buildings has been completed and that of land is in progress. Action will be taken when this is completed.

(c)—In a few cases, these are being maintained by the Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers and a few buildings are being maintained by Panchayats concerned.

Re: Rowna Pukhuri reclamation Project in Majuli

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

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the Rowna Pukhuri Reclamation Project in Majuli was undertaken by the Community Development Block, Majuli a few years back ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said work was given by the Block to "Madhya Majuli Multipurpose Co-operative Society" on contract basis ?
- (c) If so, when the work was started and when it was completed ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that full payment to the Society for reclamation of the Pukhuri has not been made by the Government as yet and that the Society with its labourers are put into extreme financial difficulty ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the said Project after reclamation has been taken over by the Fishery Department for rearing fish ?
- (f) If so, which Department either Community Development or Fishery is now liable to pay up the outstanding amount due to the said Society ?
- (g) What are the reasons for so much delay in payment to the party concerned for this work ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Projects) replied :

179. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—Yes.
- (c)—The work was started in November 1958. All items of work except removal of debris were completed by 30th March 1960.
- (d)—Yes. Only Rs.11,360 being value of work done by 31st March 1959 was paid to the Society.
- (e)—Yes.
- (f)—As there is no fund in the Schematic budget of a Stage II Block for such purposes, Fishery Department have been asked to pay the balance.
- (g)—The main reason for the delay is that the Society could not complete the work by 31st March 1959 when the Block completed Stage I.

Re: Approach roads to Noontula Ghat within Ruposi Block of Barpeta Subdivision

Dr. SHRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

180. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat be pleased to state—
- (a) Why approach roads to the Noontula Ghat within the Ruposi Block, Barpeta Subdivision have not been properly maintained ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to open the roads properly ?

- (c) What is the minimum distance for starting new ghats from this ghat ?
- (d) Why the Manikpur Anchalik Panchayat has started another ghat just about two furlongs down stream ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to close the new ghat of Manikpur Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (f) When Nuntoola ghat and Manikpur ghat were opened ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat & C. D.) replied :

180. (a)—The management of the ferry falls under Ruposi Anchalik Panchayat. The Anchalik Panchayat has provided one bamboo bridge on the approach road and has since decided to improve the approach roads in the next winter season.

(b)—Please refer to reply to (a) above.

(c)—No new ghat can be opened within one mile on either side from this ghat without Government's approval.

(d)—Not known.

(e)—Order to close the new ghat of Manikpur Anchalik Panchayat has since been issued by the Subdivisional Officer, Kokrajhar.

(f)—The Nuntola ghat was started in 1946 and that of Manikpur ghat about 7 months back.

Re: Kakilamukh-Auniati ferry

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

181. Will the Minister, L.S. G. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that there is a ferry across the Brahmaputra touching Kakilamukh and Auniati called "Kakilamukh-Auniati ferry" in Jorhat Subdivision which is running under L.S.-G. Department ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the official name of the ferry under P. W. D. touching Neamati and Kamalabari (popularly known as Neamati-Kamalabari ferry) is "Kakilamukh/Neamati-Kamalabari ferry" ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the above ferry under P.W.D. is not touching Kakilamukhghat for the 10-13 years but the lessee claims and collects tolls from the passengers within the jurisdiction of Kakilamukh-Auniatighat on the South Bank and has never allowed the lessee of the "Kakilamukh-Auniatighat" to collect the same in the strength of misnomer of the above P. W. D. ferry touching only Neamati and Kamalabari ?

- (d) Whether it is a rightful claim on the part of the lessee of "Kakilamukh Auniatighat" to collect tolls with his ghat area ?
- (e) If not, why ?
- (f) If the answer to (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to remove such irregularity ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat) replied:

181. (a)—Yes. The ferry in question now fall under Panchayat Department.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes. The P.W.D. ferry is not touching Kakilamukh since 1955 due to shallow water at Kakilamukh. As the approach is maintained by the P.W.D. the lessee of the P.W.D. ferry is entitled to tolls under Section 14 of Northern India Ferry Act.

(d)—Yes. But he is not entitled to use P.W.D. approach and collect tolls.

(e)—As stated at (d) above.

(f)—The matter is under consideration.

Re: Mohila Samities within the Panitola Development Block

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

182. Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Mahila Samities organised within the area of Panitola Development Block during the period of activities of Community Development, i.e., 1st April 1957, to date ?

(b) The number of Libraries opened during the period of last 4½ years of the Panitola Development Block ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat and G.D.) replied:

182. (a) & (b)—Information has been called for.

Re: Preventive Inoculation

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA asked:

183. Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) The number of persons given preventive inoculation within the area of Panitola Development Block since 1st April 1957, the day of inauguration of the Block upto now ?

(b) The number of persons treated within this Block during the period of Block activities ?

(c) The number of Rural latrines constructed within this Block during the aforesaid period ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

183. (a), (b) & (c)—Information has been called for.

Re: Industrial Training Institute, Jorhat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

184. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state —

(a) The number of seats available this year for new students in different trades at Industrial Training Institute, Jorhat ?

(b) What was the number of applicants this year for admission there ?

(c) What is the minimum educational qualification required for admission to each of these trade in this institute ?

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

184. (a) to (c)—The replies are furnished below in a tabular form—

| Existing Trades and Seats | Application received | Minimum qualification required |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) |
| 1. Blacksmithy ... | 32 | 40 |
| 2. Carpentry ... | 48 | 40 |
| 3. Draughtsman (Civil) ... | 32 | 20 |
| 4. Draughtsman (Mech.) ... | 32 | 18 |
| 5. Electrician ... | 48 | 140 |
| 6. Lineman and Wireman ... | 32 | 57 |
| 7. Machinist ... | 24 | 53 |
| 8. Mech. (I.C. Engine) ... | 32 | 88 |
| 9. Motor Mechanic ... | 48 | 400 |
| 10. Fitter ... | 48 | 383 |
| 11. Surveyor ... | 32 | 12 |
| 12. Turner ... | 36 | 106 |
| 13. Welder ... | 16 | 69 |
| 14. Bleaching and Printing ... | 16 | 13 |
| 15. Weaving ... | 16 | 114 |
| 16. Tailoring ... | 32 | 102 |
| 17. Stenography ... | 20 | 88 |

Re: Technical Institute, Jorhat**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

185. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of seats which were available this year at H. R. H. P. O. W. Technical Institute, Jorhat ?
- (b) What was the number of applicants for admission there this year ?
- (c) What is the minimum educational qualification required there for admission ?

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

185. (a) —One hundred and eighty seats (Civil—120, Electrical—30 and Mechanical—30).

(b)—Four hundred and seventy-six (Civil 278, Mechanical—101 and Electrical - 97).

(c)—Matriculate.

Re: Scheduled Castes People of Nalbari Constituency**Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbri-west)** asked :

186. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that there are Scheduled Castes people at villages Godira, Jaera, Kakaya, Barnibari, Naptipara, Banmaza, Dirowa, Iplibari, Kaihati, Solmara, Dahudi, Hetacha, Amani, Chawata, Rupiabathan, Belsor, Panigaon, Bihampur, Kharhitha, Pangaon, Barkhetribari, Bangaon, Chandukuchi, Charia, K. murikata, Jowardi, Gamerimuri, Bari, Tapa, Dahudi, Kaithalkuchi and some other villages of West Nalbari Assembly Constituency ?
- (b) What is the total number of such Scheduled Castes people in the above area ?
- (c) How many Scheduled Tribes people are there in this area ?
- (d) What is the amount of Housing grant, and other grants under Art. 275 of the Constitutions of India given to these people of this area during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?

Shri MAHAM SINGH (Minister, T.A.D.) replied :

186. (a), (b) & (c)—Information is being collected.

(d)—Information is being collected.

Re: Scholarships for students of other Backward Classes Communities

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

187. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total amount spent for Special Scholarship to the students belonging to the other Backward Classes communities during the year 1960-61 ?
- (b) What is the total amount spent for Special Scholarship to the students belonging to the more backward of the other Backward Classes communities during the same period ?
- (c) What was the amount of Special Scholarship paid to each student belonging to the other Backward Classes in 1960-61 ?

Shri MAHAM SINGH (Minister, T. A. D.) replied :

187. (a)—The total amount spent on Special Scholarship including Free Studentships given to the other Backward Classes students is Rs.13,50,819.

(b)—No separate account was kept of the amount given to the particular communities of other Backward Classes.

(c) The amount given to each student in respect of Special Pre-Matric Scholarship is Rs.5 p. m. in the M. E. Classes and Rs.7 p. m. in the High School Classes. The rates for Post-Matric Classes are laid down by the Ministry of Education and they vary according to the different courses of studies and whether the scholar lives in a hostel or not as shown in the statement below :—

| Course of Study | Monthly rates | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| | for hosteller | for day scholar |
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| I. Pre-University, I. Sc., I. A., I. Com., I. Sc. (Ag.), B. Sc., B. A., B. Com. | 40 | 27 |
| II. M. Sc., M. A., M. Com., LL. B., and III Years in Hons. Courses. | 50 | 35 |
| III. D. Sc., D. Litt., Ph. D. | 60 | 45 |
| IV. Diploma Courses in Agriculture Veterinary Science, Hygiene and Public Health Course, Sanitary Inspector's Course, Pre-Engineer- ing and Pre-Medical Course. | 40 | 27 |

| Course of Study | Monthly rates for hosteller | Monthly rates for day scholar |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| V. Diploma and Degree Courses in Indian Medicine. | 40 | 27 |
| VI. Teachers' Training and Physical Education— | | |
| (a) Under Graduate Course | 40 | 27 |
| (b) Post-Graduate Course | 50 | 35 |
| VII. B. Sc. in Agriculture, B. VSc. ... | 50 | 35 |
| VIII. Post-Graduate course in Agriculture | 60 | 45 |
| IX. Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Pharmacy. | 65 | 50 |
| X. Diploma/Certificate courses in Engineering Technology, Architecture, Medicine and courses for Overseers and Draftsmen. | 65 | 50 |
| XI. Degree courses in Engineering Technology, Architecture and Medicine. | 75 | 60 |
| XII. Trade courses, e. g., Telegraphy, Book-keeping, Short-hand, Tailoring, Tanning and Leather goods manufacture. | <i>Ad-hoc financial assistance at the rate of Rs.20 p. m. (inclusive of fees).</i> | |

Re: Leper patients of Santipara Leper Colony in Goalpara

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

188. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that many Leper patients belonging to non-Christian Community have been driven out or discharged uncured from the Santipara Leper Colony (District Goalpara) by the authority there ?

(b) If so, what are the reasons of driving them from the Colony ?

(c) Whether Government received any such complaint ?

- (d) Whether Government is aware that non-Christian patients are generally illtreated by the staff there ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to make an enquiry publicly ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

188. (a)—No.
 (b)—Does not arise.
 (c)—Yes.
 (d)—No.
 (e)—An enquiry has been made and allegation found to be false.

Re : Rules for quarrying Stones, etc.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

189. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Kuladhar Saikia and others of Dibrugarh represented to the Government on 26th August 1951 to delete foot note 3 to rule I of the Rules for quarrying stones, etc. ?
- (b) If so, what action Government are taking on this representation ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Forests) replied :

189. (a)—Yes.
 (b) It is under examination.

Removal of Bhuyapara Forest Bungalow

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

190. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests Department be pleased to state—
- (a) Why the furnitures of Bhuyapara Forest Bungalow have been removed to Matharguri ?
- (b) Why such a bungalow is maintained without being utilised and what was the cost of construction of this bungalow ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware or lately received any report of bad behaviours of the Forest Beat Officer, Bhuyapara ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to instruct the Officer to be polite ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

190. (a)—The furniture of Bhuyapara Forest inspection bungalow were removed temporarily to Mathanguri Low income Group Hostel as sufficient furniture were not available there to cope with the increased number of visitors. The furniture were brought back to Bhuyapara I. B. during the last financial year.

(b)—The Bhuyapara Forest Inspection Bungalow is utilised by the visitors as well as by the Departmental Officers. But after the construction of the Mathanguri Low Income Group Hostel, the number of visitors to Bhuyapara has come down. With the improvement of communications and other facilities it is expected that the number of visitors to Bhuyapara Bungalow would increase again.

The cost of construction of this Bungalow was Rs.14,406·15 nP.

(c)—No report of bad behaviour to any one by the beat Officer, Bhuyapara has been received yet.

(d)—Does not arise.

Conversion of Local Board Bungalows to Public Works Department

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

191. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

(a) When the Local Board Bungalows will be converted into P.W.D. Bungalows ?

(b) Whether the list of such bungalows have been finalised ?

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

191. (a)—Government have already agreed to the handing over of the defunct Local Boards Inspection Bungalows and S. S. hut, etc. 43 in numbers to P. W. D. But Government have also decided that besides the value of the buildings already assessed by P. W. D. the value of lands on which these buildings stand should also be included and adjustment made accordingly. The Panchayat Department is taking steps for valuation of the lands and as soon as this is finalised, the adjustment of the value will be made and buildings formally taken over by P. W. D. for maintenance.

(b)—Yes.

Names of roads taken over by the P. W. D. for construction in Sadiya area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

192. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the names of 3 roads taken over by the P. W. D. for construction in Sadiya area during this year and last year ?
- (b) What is the length of each road and what amount has been sanctioned for each ?
- (c) What is the progress of construction of each of these roads in Sadiya Area ?

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

192. (a)—The following 4 roads were taken up only in the last year.

- (i) Construction of a Road from 5th mile of Lohit Valley Road to 12th mile of the (same) Road.
- (ii) Construction of a Road from Ramdhan to Simenmukh.
- (iii) Construction of a Road from Gorkekuri to Chumainiali then to Chapakhowa *via* Borgaon, Magla, etc.
- (iv) Construction of a Road from 10th mile of Lohit Valley Road to Sunpura *via* Telikala, etc.

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| (b) (i)—7 miles approximate | ... | ... | ... | Rs. |
| | | | | 4,10,920 |
| (ii)—21 miles approximate | ... | ... | ... | 12,39,500 |
| (iii)—6 miles approximate | ... | ... | ... | 3,34,000 |
| (iv)—6 miles approximate | ... | ... | ... | 3,39,800 |

(c)—Constructional works of all the roads started this year and about 20 per cent of earth work has been done.

Diversion of Assam Trunk Road between Hansora and Doom Dooma

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) When the construction of the diversion road of the Assam Trunk Road between Hansora and Doom Dooma was started ?

- (b) What is the progress of construction of this diversion road and what amount of money so far spent by the Government ?
- (c) What is the length, breadth and height of this portion of the road so far constructed and what was the length, breadth and height according to the specifications ?
- (d) Who were the contractors engaged in this works ?
- (e) Whether additional amount of money will be required to be spent by Government in bringing the earth up to the standard provided in specifications ?
- (f) Whether all bills for earth work have been paid ?
- (g) Whether any technical examination of the work and the payment was made ?

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

193. (a)—In November, 1955.

(b) & (c)—The length, breadth and height of the road so far constructed are 4,980 rft, 34' and 12' (average) respectively and the length and breadth as per specifications are 8,480 ft and 32 rft, and the height 1'—16'. Upto date expenditure on earth work and bridge work is Rs.1,00,797 and Rs.2,85,066 respectively.

(d)—Shri Suleman Khan, contractor for earth work and M/s. Gannon Dunkerly and Co. Ltd. for bridge work.

(e)—It is too early to say whether any additional money will be required.

(f)—Yes. All bills for earth work so far done have been paid.

(g)—Yes. For the work paid for technical examination was made.

Re: Rest House for the Tribal People of N. E. F. A.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

194. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.303 asked by the Questioner on 29th October, 1950 and state—

Whether Government have decided to take action to construct rest house for the Tribal people of N. E. F. A. (such as Mishmis and Abors) at Sadiya or Kundilghat ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

194. The Government feels that this is a matter on which the views of the Advisory Council for welfare of the Plains Tribals should be first obtained. This will be done at the next meeting of the Council.

Re: Additional Subdivisional Collectors offices in Mangaldai Subdivision

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

195. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have finalised the location of the Additional Subdivisional Collector Offices to be created in the Mangaldai Subdivision by the time ?
- (b) If so, where they will be located and what will be the number of the additional circles ?
- (c) If not, whether Government propose to take steps to expedite the work for the same ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

195. (a), (b) & (c)—Does not arise as there is no Additional Subdivisional Collector's post anywhere in the State.

Re: Nowgong Court Building

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

196. Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total estimate of the Nowgong Court Building ?
- (b) What is the total amount paid till now against running bills for the construction ?
- (c) When the foundation of the third wing will be laid down ?
- (d) When the Court Building can be expected to be completed ?
- (e) When it was scheduled to be completed ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

196. (a)—Total estimate is Rs.12,94,000.

(b)—Total amount paid till now is Rs.7,66,000.

(c)—It is expected to be laid down after the ensuing Durga Puja Holidays.

(d)—It is expected to be completed by 31st March, 1962.

(e)—It was scheduled to be completed on 3rd March, 1960.

Re: Flood affected areas of Sibsagar Subdivision**Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)** asked:

197. Will the Minister Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) The names of the Mauzas of Sibsagar Subdivision which are being affected by Flood recently, *i.e.*, this year?
- (b) The number of flood affected families of each such Mauzas?
- (c) The amount of gratuity and loan sanctioned to each Mauzas?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

197. (a), (b) & (c)—A Statement is placed on the Library Table.

Periodic Settlement of land within two miles of town area**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon)** asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that land cannot be settled permanently to any person if it falls within two miles of a town area?
- (b) If so, whether any land which is within two miles from town has been settled permanently to any person in Sibsagar, Jorhat and Golaghat subdivision?
- (c) If the reply to (a) above is in the affirmative what are the location of these areas and who are the persons to whom lands have been settled?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied—

198. (a) No permanent settlement of land with any person is made not only within two miles of a town but in any area; but there is no bar to periodic settlement within two miles of a town Area.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

National Water Supply Scheme for Tangla**Shri PAKHI RAI DEKA [Panery (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]** asked:

199. Will the Minister in-charge, Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Rural Water Supply Scheme has been taken under National Water Supply Scheme for Tangla area?

- (b) If so, when the work was started and when the people of those villages will get water ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

199. (a)—Yes, one Scheme was taken up at Tangla under the National Water Supply Scheme Rural.

(b)—The work was started in 1959-60 and is almost completed. The people will be supplied water from the 2nd week of October, 1961.

Re: Employees of Local Board Dispensaries

Shrimati USHA BORTHAKUR (Sumaguri) asked :

200. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether all the employees of Local Board Dispensaries have been absorbed by Government ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that some of the Vaccinators have not been absorbed ?

(c) How many Local Board Vaccinators were in Nowgong at the time of taking over charge by the Government ?

(d) How many of them are in service at present ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that all the Vaccinators of Nowgong were discharged on February, 1961 though there is Government sanction for the posts and new appointments were being filled up from August, 1961 for the same posts.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

200. (a)—Yes.

(b)—All permanent Vaccinators have been absorbed. Temporary, *i. e.*, seasonal Vaccinators have been appointed only to carry out vaccination work for the vaccination period or at the time of epidemic emergencies and retained as situation demand.

(c)—Exact figures of temporary Local Board Vaccinators is not known, as they are discharged after the season when epidemic period is over.

(d)—At present 19 Ex-Local Board Vaccinators are in Service, which includes the two permanent Vaccinators.

(e)—Yes, all the temporary and seasonal Vaccinators were discharged as their services were considered not necessary upto August, 1961.

Number of Health units

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

201. Will the Ministers Medical be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Health Units newly opened during the period 1960-61 and 1961-62 upto date ?

(b) The number of Health Units of the State under the charge of—(i) Medical Graduates (ii). Licentriates of recognised Government Schools (iii) Licentriates of unrecognised school but registered (iv) unregistered doctors and (v) how many such Units are without doctors ?

(c) Reasons of appointing unregistered doctors in State Services at the risk of human lives ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that our State Government has not given adequate allowances to doctors serving in rural areas as has been given in the West Bengal and other States ?

(e) Whether Government propose to give adequate allowances and other facilities to doctors serving in the rural areas to attract more qualified doctors in State Services ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

201. (a)—Ten during 1960-61 and one during 1961-62 (to-date).

(b)—(i) Fifty.

(ii)—Two.

(iii)—Two.

(iv)—Nil.

(v)—Nil.

(c)—Only 3 unregistered doctors in the erstwhile Local Board Dispensaries on being taken over by Government have been allowed to continue temporarily till they qualify themselves for registration.

(d)—Information being collected from other States.

(e)—Under consideration of Government.

**Establishment of a Weaving Training Class
at Sibsagar**

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

202. Will the Minister-in-charge of Weaving be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the questioner represented to the Government to establish an institute for Certificate Course Training of Weavers at Sibsagar ?

(b) If so, whether Government have taken steps to sanction the same ?

Shri MOHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Sericulture and Weaving) replied :

202. (a)—No.

(b)—Government have, however, decided to establish a Weaving Training Class at Sibsagar during the Third Five-Year Plan period.

Subsidy of the Subsidised Dispensaries

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

203. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the subsidy of the Subsidised Dispensaries has been raised from Rs.400 to Rs. 750 as was proposed by the Government ?

(b) Whether the remuneration of the attending Physicians in the dispensaries has been increased from Rs.80 to Rs.125 as was proposed ?

(c) From which date these benefits have been given effect to ?

(d) Whether these benefits have been given to Ayurvedic Subsidised Dispensaries or to Allopathic ones only ?

(e) Whether Government will consider to raise the subsidy of the Ayurvedic Dispensaries to Rs.1,000 at least for purchase of medicine in view of the higher prices of Ayurvedic medicines ?

(f) Whether the grant for annual repairing of the Subsidised Dispensaries have been increased to Rs.250 as was proposed ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

203. (a) & (b)—No, but there is a proposal under consideration.

(c) & (d)—Does not arise.

(e)—No such proposal is under consideration of Government at present.

(f)—No.

Electoral Rolls of Laika Gaon Sabha

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

204. Will the Minister, Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he would refer to Unstarred Question No.299 asked in this Assembly on 29th October, 1960 by the Questioner and state whether the Electoral Rolls of the villages of Laika Gaon Sabha were since been prepared ?

(b) Whether this Gaon Sabha will be allowed to form their Gaon Panchayat and to elect their representative to Murkongselek Sadiya Anchalik Panchayat ?

(c) If so, when ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat) replied .

204. (a)—The enumeration work has already been completed and it is expected that the Electoral Rolls will be finalised and completed within a very short time.

(b)—The Government has already considered the question of extension of the Panchayati Raj to Forest villages and decided that Panchayats should be constituted in all Forest Villages with necessary provisions for protection of the Forests. The protective measures which will be necessary are under consideration of the Forest Department. When the details are finalised, necessary action will be taken to extend the provisions of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959, with necessary modifications to the Forests villages.

(c)—It will naturally take some more time.

Complaint against Shri Prahlad Chandra Das, Overseer, Barpeta

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) Whether any complaint against Shri Prahlad Chandra Das, an Overseer under the P. W. D., Barpeta was received by the Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.) on or about the last part of March, 1961 ?

- (b) Whether during his last visit to Barpeta, the Finance Minister was also handed over a public petition against the self same Overseer, on 14th August, 1961 ?
- (c) Whether a reminder to the said petition was received by him (Finance Minister) on or about 8th September, 1961 ?
- (d) What action was taken on the complaint and public petition and with what result ?
- (e) Whether the said Overseer is a local man of Barpeta Town ?
- (f) How long he is serving at Barpeta ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that corruption and deterioration in administration is mostly due to placing such local Officer in the Local offices ?
- (h) Whether there is immediate prospect of his transfer in public interest ?
- (i) Whether a Mar-Boat and a single boat were constructed in 1960-61 for Debradi Fingua Road under the Barpeta P. W. D. Division ?
- (j) Whether the S. D. O., P. W. D., Barpeta, assisted by the above-named Overseer (Shri Prahlad Chandra Das) was in-charge of supervision of the said works during execution ?
- (k) Whether delivery of the boats was taken by the P. W. D. on 4th June, 1961 ?
- (l) Whether after using the mar-boat for about four months by the Department the Contractor has not been given final payment on the false pretext of some defects in the hinges fitted ?
- (m) Whether there was proper supervision ?
- (n) If so, how can defects remain without detection then and there ?
- (o) Whether any notice asking to rectify any defect was served on the contractor during execution ?
- (p) Why delivery of defective mar-boat was taken and why such a defective mar-boat is being used for about four months past ?
- (r) Whether Government propose to pay the contractor immediately ?

(s) Whether the above-named Overseer paid the Shramik Bahini their full dues for removal of water-hyacinth from Moranadi in 1960-61 ?

(t) Whether there is any complaint to that effect also ?

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

205. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The said petition was not received in the P. W. D. (R. & B.).

(d)—(i) Action on the complaint does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d)—(ii) The Overseer was transferred following receipt of the public petition.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—He has been at Barpeta since 13th June, 1959.

(g)—Not necessarily so.

(h)—Does not arise in view of (d) (ii) above.

(i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (r), (s) and (t)—Information are being collected.

Vacancies in A. C. S. Classes I and II

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

206. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What was the total number of vacancies to be filled up for the A. C. S. Class I and II respectively in July last ?

(b) When was the examination for appointment in A. C. S. Class I and Class II and D. S. P. held and when the result of nomination were announced ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that immediately after two days of the results the next examination was held on 24th July, 1961 and for the short space of time many people who could not succeed in the previous examination could not appear ?

(d) When was the last appointment in A. C. S. Class I and Class II made ?

(e) How many persons have been appointed in A. C. S. Class I, and Class II and D. S. P. respectively on the basis of the results of nomination this year ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

206. (a)—Assam Civil Service (Class I)—16 vacancies and A. C. S. (Class II)—41 vacancies.

(b)—The examinations were held from 28th December 1960 to 7th January 1961; the results were announced by the Assam Public Service Commission on 17th July 1961.

(c)—No. The last date for applying for appearing at the examination to be held in July 1961 was 10th March 1961. The individual candidates were sent intimation of the date of the examination from the 16th of May 1961 onwards and public announcement through the leading newspapers of the State was made from the 20th June onwards. The results of the previous examination were announced by the Assam Public Service Commission on 17th July 1961 and published in the Gazette of the 19th July 1961.

(d)—The last set of appointments in A. C. S. (Class I) was made during September to November 1958 and in A. C. S. (Class II) during October 1958 to May 1959.

(e)—No person has yet been appointed on the basis of the nominations received from the Assam Public Service Commission this year. The numbers proposed to be appointed are: A.C.S. (Class I)—16; A.P.S.—5 and A.C.S. (Class II)—41.

Bus permits at Sorbhog

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

(a) How many bus permits are there in Sorbhog-Barpeta Bus Route ?

(b) Why only three buses are plying on that route ?

(c) When the rest of the buses will ply on the line ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied:

207. (a)—5 (Five).

(b) & (c)—Out of 5 (five) permits granted, one permit holder surrendered his permit on the ground of the route being un-economic. Another permit holder could not place the vehicle. The Regional Transport Authority, Gauhati is taking action for running two more buses by filling up the two vacancies caused as above.

Construction of guest house at Darrangamela in Kamrup

Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS [Rangia (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether there was a proposal to construct a guest House at Darrangamela (Kamrup) ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that for want of a guest house there, the respectable visitors could not take shelter and rest there ?
- (c) Whether construction of the same will take place as early as possible ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied :

208. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—It is under consideration of Government.

Detection of illegal trade in timber at Barhulung and Soruhulung Forests

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

209. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether illegal trade in timber was detected at Barhulung and Soruhulung Forests in Buridihing Mouza in the year 1959-60 ?
- (b) If so, who was the party and what happened to the case ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

209. (a)—No

(b)—Does not arise.

Location of different offices at Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

210. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to refer to Starred Questions No. 127 asked by the Questioner on 29th October, 1960 in this Assembly regarding location of offices of different departments at Dibrugarh and state—

- (a) What action Government are taking to remove the difficulties of the public due to location of different offices such as Cottage Industries, Weaving, Sericulture, Agriculture, Veterinary Development and other offices at different places of Dibrugarh ?

(b) What is the decision that have been taken on the proposal submitted by the then Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur Shri D. Das, I. A. S., to bring all offices concerning rural population in one premises ?

(c) When the difficulties at Dibrugarh may be removed ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

210. (a) & (b)—Necessary plan and estimate for construction of multi-purpose court building at Dibrugarh are under preparation and for this purpose a token amount of Rs.943·00 nP. has been sanctioned. In the plan for the new building it has been proposed to provide accommodation for various district-level offices which are now located in hired houses in different localities in the town.

(c)—The difficulties will be removed when the construction of the proposed building is completed.

Silonipam ferry at Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

211. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R & B) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Boatmen and drivers of Silonipam Ferry (Tezpur) have to start work at dawn and that they do not know when they would get off duty ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Boatmen and drivers are not paid overtime allowances even when they are made to stay on boats on duty at work overnight ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that they have no weekly off days or holidays ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that they made representation of their grievances to the higher authority but they were not heeded ?

(e) Whether Government are aware or received reports to the effect that absent workmen are sometimes shown as present and their haziras are shown as paid ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that they have demanded an enquiry into their grievances and declared that they will go on hunger strike if their grievances are not enquired into ?

(g) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire into all the allegations and take steps to redress their grievances ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R & B)] replied:

211. (a)—No, it is not a fact. Generally they are not to work more than eight hours a day. There are two shifts.

(b)—They were not required to work overtime except on a few rare and very emergent occasions. The question of overtime payment for these occasions is under examination.

(c)—They are allowed to avail weekly off days. It has not been possible to allow them off on holidays (for festival, etc) as the ghat cannot be closed on these days. The question of allowing them financial benefit for this is being examined.

(d)—No, a few representations have been received by the Department, and their grievances are in the process of enquiry.

(e)—Such reports have been received and these are being enquired into.

(f)—Yes. Necessary enquiry is being held by the Executive Engineer.

(g)—Enquiries have already been started and action as called for will be taken in due course.

Acreage under tea in Woka Tea Estate in Golaghat

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(a) What is the acreage under tea in Woka Tea Estate of Golaghat?

(b) What is the production per acre?

(c) What is the average price fetched per pound of tea in 1960?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD THIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied:

212. (a)—469.77 acres.

(b)—293 Kgs. or 622½ lbs.

(c)—Rs. 2.76 nP.

Money paid to Nowgong Municipality during last three years

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked:

213. Will the Minister-in charge of L. S.-G. be pleased to state—
 (a) How much money has been paid to the Nowgong Municipality during last 3 years ?
 (b) Whether Government is aware that the Nowgong Municipality has not even repaired the most important roads of the town, not to speak of improving them ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L. S.-G.) replied :

213. (a)—The following amounts were paid as communication grants to the Board:—

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| 1958-59 | ... | ... | ... | Rs.3,210 |
| 1959-60 | ... | ... | ... | Rs.3,210 |
| 1960-61 | ... | .. | ... | Rs.3,210 |

(b)—No. The Board has spent the following amount for repairs and maintenance of the roads:—

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|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| 1958-59 | ... | ... | ... | Rs.22,755 |
| 1959-60 | ... | .. | ... | Rs.30,803 |
| 1960-61 | ... | .. | .. | Rs.48,820 |

The Board has submitted a scheme for black-topping of all important roads costing about Rs.2,11,841 and has submitted a petition for loan which is under consideration of Government.

Criminal cases pending in Barpeta Subdivisional Magistrate's Court

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

214. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state how many criminal cases are pending in the Barpeta Subdivisional Magistrate's Court and for how long these are pending ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

214. The following are the pending cases in the Barpeta Subdivisional Magistrate's Court

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|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Over two years | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Over one year | ... | ... | ... | 59 |
| Over six months | ... | ... | ... | 84 |
| Over three months | ... | ... | ... | 109 |
| Below three months | ... | ... | ... | 662 |

Total pending cases upto July 1961... 918

Transport arrangement from Kundilghat and Kundil Bazar to the new township of Sadiya

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

215 Will the Chief Minister be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No.305(c) asked by the Questioner on 29th October, 1960 and to state—

- (a) What transport arrangement had been made from Kundilghat and Kundil Bazar to the new township of Sadiya at Chaphakhowa ?
- (b) When the Assistant Political Officer's Court was shifted to the new township and when the arrangement of bus service for the distance of over 12 miles from Kundil Bazar was made ?
- (c) What is the alternative conveyance available to this new township in absence of a regular bus service ?
- (d) Why there was such delay in introducing or sanctioning a private bus route from the Ghat to the new township the distance of which was over 12 miles ?

216. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No.305 (f), (g) and (i) asked by the Questioner on the 29th October, 1960 and state—

- (a) Whether allotment of land have since been made in the new township at Sadiya ?
- (b) If so, when ?
- (c) What are the difficulties of the people that they are not constructing their dwelling houses in the new Town ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

215 (a) to (d) and 216. (a) to (c)—Information has been called for.

Evacuee properties

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

217. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many cases of evacuee properties are there in each Circle ?
- (b) For how long these will remain as evacuee properties ?
- (c) When these will be finally disposed of ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

217. (a)—There are 772 evacuee properties in Gahati, 510 in Mangaldai, 456 in Barpeta, 365 in Goalpara, 48 in Dhubri and 21 in Kokrajhar. These are Subdivision-wise figures, Circle-wise figures are not available.

(b) & (c)—These will remain as evacuee properties and will continue to be managed by the Evacuee Property Management Committee so long as the evacuee owners concerned do not dispose of such properties by sale, exchange, gift or otherwise.

Amount spent on account of salary allowances etc., to the employees of different employees of State Dispensaries, etc.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-west) asked :

218. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health and Medical be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount spent in the shape of salary, allowance, etc., to the employees in the different State Dispensaries and Subsidised Dispensaries within the area of West Nalbari Assembly Constituency since 1st April 1957 to 31st August, 1961?

(b) What is the amount given so far as grants, and as prices of medicines to the dispensaries of the above area during the aforesaid period?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

218. (a)—Total amount spent on salary, allowance, etc., on account of the different category of staff (which includes Doctors, Pharmacists Dressers, Dhais, Midwives, Chowkidars and Sweepers) of the State Dispensaries, viz., Chamata, Natun Dehar Burinagar, Bolowa and Belsor, is Rs 54,679.50 nP. Total amount spent for subsidy to the Doctors of the Subsidised Dispensaries viz., Solmora, Barnibari, Nizbahjani and Bhadra for the period from 1st April 1957 to 31st August 1961 is Rs. 16,960.00.

(b)—Total amount spent for purchase of medical stores, equipments, etc., in respect of the above mentioned four State Dispensaries for the period from 1st April 1957 to 31st August 1961 is Rs. 58,700.00. The total amount spent for purchase of medical stores, equipments, etc., in respect of the above mentioned four Government Subsidised Dispensaries for the period from 1st April 1957 to 31st August 1961 is Rs. 8,000.00.

Assam Medical College Hall

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Dibrugarh) asked :

219. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the construction of the hall for the Assam Medical College was completed about 3 years ago?

(b) If so, whether it has been handed over to the College authority?

- (c) If not, why ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact the hall is not a sound proof one and is quite unfit for use as an auditorium ?
- (e) What action has been taken to make it useful by making it sound proof ?
- (f) If the answer to (e) above is in the affirmative when it can be expected to be completed as sound proof ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that no lighting arrangements have yet been made in the stage of the hall ?
- (h) If so, when it is going to be completed ?
- (i) Whether Government has taken any action to fit the stage of the hall with necessary fitting as requisitioned by the College authority since it was completed ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

219. (a)—No.

(b) & (c)—The building has not yet been formally handed over by the P. W. D. as the electric works in the stage have not yet been completed. But it is being used by the students and staffs for holding examinations, social functions, etc.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Administrative approval will be accorded on receipt of plan and estimate for removal of acoustic defects which have been called for.

(f)—By the middle of 1962.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—The matter is under correspondence with P. W. D. as some alteration is necessary.

(i)—Yes, plans and estimates have been called for.

Assam Medical College Hall

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

220. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the construction of the hall for the Assam Medical College has been completed ?

- (b) If so, when it was completed ?
- (c) Whether it has been handed over to the College authority ?
- (d) If not, what are the reasons ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the hall is not a sound proof one and is quite unfit for use as an auditorium ?
- (f) If so, what steps have been taken to remove the defects ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that no lighting arrangement has yet been done ?
- (h) If so, when it is going to be electrified ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

220. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In February, 1960.

(c) & (d)—It has not yet been formally handed over to the College authority by the P.W.D. as the electrical works in the stage have not yet been completed. But the building is being used by the students and staffs for holding examinations and social functions, etc.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Administrative approval will be accorded for the removal of acoustic defects on receipts of plans and estimates which have been called for.

(g)—The lighting arrangements have been completed in the hall but not in the stage.

(h)—The matter is under correspondence with P. W. D. as some alteration is necessary.

Villages eroded by river in Barpeta Subdivision during last ten years

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

(a) How many villages of Barpeta Subdivision have been eroded by river during the last ten years and what is the number of eroded families in each such village ?

(b) How many families eroded by river within Barpeta Subdivision during the last 10 (ten) years have been given land for rehabilitation up to this time ?

- (c) Whether land for the remaining eroded families will be given ?
- (d) If so, from what place and when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

221. (a)—There has been erosion in 61 villages affecting 2,404 families. Village-wise information of affected families are not available.

(b)—One thousand and seven hundred families have been provided with Government land.

(c) & (d)—Yes. Those families who have been rendered landless due to erosion are given preference in matters of land settlement and are being gradually allotted land by removing encroachment from Government waste lands now under occupation of undeserving persons.

Persons who were allotted lands at Barpeta Road during last three years

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

- (a) How many persons have been allotted lands at Barpeta Road during the last three years ?
- (b) What are their names and addresses ?
- (c) How many of them belong to Barpeta Road ?
- (d) Whether the people of Barpeta Road have been given preference in the matter ?
- (e) If not, why not ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to direct to settle all lands of Barpeta Road to the people of Barpeta Road and Gobardhana Mouza only ?
- (g) If so, when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

222. (a)—No person has been allotted any lands at Barpeta Road town during the last three years.

(b) to (e)—Does not arise.

(f)—No.

(g)—Does not arise.

**Third and Fourth Grade Employees of the
Assam Medical College**

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Dibrugarh) asked :

223. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the 3rd and 4th grade employees of Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh have been made permanent ?

(b) If not, the reason for not doing so ?

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

223. (a)—No. Only two 3rd grade Employees, viz., the Head Assistant and the Accountant have been made permanent along with the Gazetted staff of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh.

(b)—The proposal for making permanent of the 3rd Grade staff has been received and is under examination. The proposal for permanency of 4th Grade employees is awaited.

**Recommendation of the Pay Committee vis-a-vis the Assam
Medical College Employees**

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Dibrugarh) asked :

224. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the recommendations of the Pay Committee of 1956 have been given effect to in case of all the employees of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh ?

(b) If not, the categories of such employees who have not got the benefit and the reason thereof ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

224. (a) & (b)—Yes, except in the case of Night Chowkidars which is under scrutiny.

Loan for Soap Industries by Ex-Rural Panchayat of Bokakhat

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMAH (Dargaon) asked :

225. Will the Minister of Khadi and Village Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Ex-rural Panchayat of Bokakhat, Golaghat Subdivision received a loan of some thousands for soap industries ?

(b) If so, what is the amount ?

(c) Whether the entire amount was utilised for the above purpose ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge, Khadi and Village Industries) replied :

225. (a), (b) & (c)—The informations have been called for from the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board.

Petitions Pending in Baghbar Circle Office

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

(a) How many copy petitions are pending in Baghbar Circle Office within Barpeta Subdivision and since when they are pending ?

(b) Why they are pending ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

226. (a)—127 copy petitions are pending of which 3 petitions are pending since 1959, 15 petitions since 1960 and 109 petitions are of the current year.

(b)—In most cases the petitioners have not supplied requisite stamps and folios.

Establishment of Subdivisional Publicity centres

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thoura) asked :

227. Will the Minister of Publicity be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the M. L. As. from Sibsagar represented to the Chief Minister to sanction a Publicity Unit for Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) If so, what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

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

227. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Government have decided to establish nine Subdivisional Publicity Centres during the current financial year 1961-62. Steps are being taken to establish these Centres shortly.

Re: Panchayat Orientation Training Camp at Khowang**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

228. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the Director of Publicity issued non-official Note No. 369, dated 18th August, 1961 regarding orientation Training Camp of Gaon Sabha Presidents and Secretaries of a particular Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that our Publicity Department did not publish any report regarding training camp of Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Members of Anchalik Panchayat held on to District or Subdivisional level ?
- (c) Why the Publicity Department did not notice the higher training camps of Anchalik Panchayat Presidents, Vice-Presidents and members which was held in all plains districts of Assam except Lakhimpur ?

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

228. (a)—Yes, one un-official Note No.369 headed "Panchayat Orientation Training Camp at Khowang" was issued by the Directorate of Information and Publicity on 18th August, 1961.

(b)—This is not correct. The Publicity Department did publish reports regarding training camps of Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Members of Anchalik Panchayats held in District or Subdivisional level.

(c)—This is not true. Publicity Department did notice such training camps and issued Press releases on reports received from the District Publicity Officers concerned.

Recruitment of Sub-Registrars, Special Sub-Registrars and Deputy Co-operative Officers**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)** asked :

229. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Sub-Registrars and Special Sub-Registrars belong to the Assam Government Subordinate services and these officers are recruited by Public Service Commission through some competitive examination ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that Deputy Co-operative Officers, Excise Inspectors, Statistical Inspectors, Sub-Registrars, etc., are of Assam Subordinate Service and they are recruited in the same manner and all these services are of the same Cadre ?

- (c) What are the pay scales and other amenities allowed to each of these Services coming under Assam Subordinate Service ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Registering Officers though they are to reside in towns are not allowed any house rent allowance like some other categories of services coming under the same cadre who are allowed house rent allowance ?
- (e) Whether Government be pleased to consider the representations submitted from time to time and redress their grievances ?

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

229. (a)—Yes, but the appointment to the posts of Special Sub-Registrar is made by promotion from the posts of Sub-Registrar.

(b)—Yes, but they are not of the same cadre. The appointment of Deputy Co-operative Officers is made exclusively by promotion from the lower rank of Assistant Co-operative Officer.

(c)—The scale of pay of these services are as follows :—

(a) D. C. O. Rs.150—10 - 220—(E.B.)—10—300—(E.B.)—10—350 per mensem.

(b) Excise Inspector and Inspector of Statistics Rs.150—15—255—(E.B.)—15—360—(E.B.)—15—450 per mensem.

These posts also carry usual allowances as admissible under the Rules. The D. C. Os. get also house rent allowance at Rs.25 per mensem.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The matter was examined and it has been decided to wait till the next general pay revision.

Re: Sub-Registrars

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

230. Will the Minister-in-charge of Registration be pleased to state—

(b) Whether Government propose to upgrade the Sub-Registrars in Class II gazetted post and Special Sub-Registrars in Class I gazetted post ?

(c) Whether Sadar Sub-Registrars are authorised to perform duties of District Registrars according to the Statutory order No.3 of the Assam Registration Manual ?

- (f) Whether District Sub-Registrars are also marriage Registration officers of the District under Special Marriage Act of 1954 ?
- (g) Why gazetted officers are appointed to do the work where Sub-Registrars are on leave ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the Sub-Registrars remain in-charge of offices and manage duties of District Registrar in addition to their own duties where District Registrars remain on leave ?
- (i) Whether Sub-Registrars are allowed to draw their pay and travelling allowances in the gazetted officers' bill form without the counter signature of District Registrars ?
- (j) Whether the Sub-Registrars are custodian of Government revenue and remain in-charge of valuable records ?
- (k) Under the circumstances whether Government propose to consider the cases of the Sub-Registrars and raise their status to Class I and Class II Government posts ?
- (l) Whether the Government propose to raise the pay scale of the Sub-Registrars ?
- (m) Whether the rate of commission of the commission basis Sub-Registrars will be raised ?
- (n) How many representations have been received by the Government up till now in this respect within the course of last two years ?

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

- (a) Why the Special Sub-Registrars are not given Class I status ?
- (b) Whether they are also to inspect the Sub-Registration Offices and Muslim Marriage Registration Offices ?
- (c) Whether they are to hear appeals like the Munsiffs of the court ?
- (d) Under the circumstances whether Government propose to raise the status of the Special Sub-Registrars to Class I A. C. S. ?

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

230. (b)—No.

(c)—Yes.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—For administrative convenience.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—The Sub-Registrars are allowed to draw their pay in gazetted officer's bill form without the counter signature of the District Registrar but their Travelling Allowance bills are always to be countersigned by the District Registrars.

(j)—Yes.

(k)—No.

(l)—The proposal was examined recently and it has been dropped for the present.

(m)—The proposal is under the consideration of Government.

(n)—3 (three).

231. (a)—Government do not consider it necessary.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No.

C. I. Sheets allotted to Gauhati Subdivision from 1st April, 1961

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

232. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total quantity of C. I. Sheets that has been allotted to Gauhati Subdivision and obtained for distribution to the consumers from 1st of April, 1961 till now ?

(b) What is the quantity of C. I. Sheets obtained for distribution to the Consumers through Supply Advisory Board in the different Subdivisions of the State during the period from April, 1961 till now ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Consumers have not been allotted any C. I. Sheets during this period though sufficient quantity of C. I. Sheets has arrived in the State in other accounts ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge Supply Department) replied :

232. (a)—12,045 bundles allotted and 1,536 bundles procured respectively.

(b)—A Statement is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—No.

Re: Issue of Gun License**Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko)** asked :

233. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Why in issuing gun license for purpose of self protection and sporting purpose, affidavit and land revenue receipts are required apart from Police verification ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to issue licence more liberally without much harassment to the applicants ?
- (c) The number of licenses that have been issued district-wise from January 1961 up to date ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

233. (a)—No affidavit is required for issuing gun licences but in some districts production of land revenue receipts and other tax clearance certificates have been introduced before issue of gun licences as a step to minimise arrears of various revenues and taxes.

(b)—Gun licences are issued liberally to deserving applicants without any harassment.

(c)—

| Name of Districts | No. of New licences issued from 1st January, 1961 to date |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. Nowgong | 134 |
| 2. Goalpara | 44 |
| 3. U. M. & N. C. Hills | 57 |
| 4. Garo Hills | 106 |
| 5. U. K. & J. Hills | 47 |
| 6. Darrang | 21 |
| 7. Lakhimpur | 61 |
| 8. Cachar | 82 |
| 9. Mizo District | 32 |
| 10. Sibsagar | 62 |
| 11. Kamrup | 64 |
| Total | 680 |

Adjournment Motion Re: [the Situation arising out of the recent decision of the Supreme Court declaring the State Trading (Monopoly purchase of paddy) void.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have received a motion for adjournment from some hon. Members—Shri Hiralal Patwary, Shri Ghanashyam Talukdar Shri Phani Bora and Shri Pakhirai Deka. But before I give my views about this motion I want to get the views of the Minister in-charge as to the admissibility or otherwise of this motion.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister in charge Supply) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have just seen the notice given by the hon. Members and I would like to place a few facts before you. Sir, I submit that this motion is not admissible under Rule 59 of our Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business. Sir, in the case in respect of which the supreme Court's decision has been given and the effect of which is proposed to be raised by this Motion two objections were raised by the petitioners before the supreme Court. One of the grounds challenging the order of Licensing Authority was that sub-clause (e) of the Licensing and Control order 5 of 1960 was *ultra vires* of the Constitution. Under Sub-clause (e) of Control Order 5 of 1961, the matters to be taken into consideration for granting licenses is whether the applicant is a co-operative society or not. So far as this ground is concerned, it was contended on behalf of the petitioner that sub-clause (e) of clause 5 of the control order, 1961 is *ultra vires* because it goes beyond powers granted to the State Government under section 3 read with section 5 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

This contention has been repeated both the minority and majority judgments of the supreme court which has held sub-clause (e) of clause 5 of the control order, 1961 is to be *Ultra Vires*. The other objection that was raised was that there was discrimination in the administration of the rule and that this was done for the purpose of achieving the ulterior motive of creating monopoly in favour of the co-operative. So far as this house is concerned the majority judgement has squashed the rule of the Licensing Authority and directed the Authority to consider the application respondent No. 6, of the petitioner and other pending application for a license for the year 1961 on merits and in according with the provision of rules. In dealing with these applications the Licensing Authority will have to dispose them of in accordance with the provisions of clause 5 of the control order, 1961, such other provisions of law as have a bearing thereon in the light of the observations made in this judgement. So, and I submit Sir, that so far as the second ground is concerned the matter has not finally been disposed of by the supreme Court but it has been referred back to the Statutory Authority with certain directions and the matter therefore is pending. It

will not be desirable to raise any discussion at this stage as such discussion is taken to prejudice and interfere with the exercise of discretion of the Licensing Authority. Therefore I submit that under rule 59 of our Assembly Rules this motion cannot be allowed 59. This rule reads as follows: "59. Motion for discussion on matters before tribunals, commissions, etc. No motion which seeks to raise discussion on a matter pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions or any commission or court of enquiry appointed to enquire into, or investigate, any matter shall ordinarily be permitted to be moved".

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) Sir, the hon. Minister has just now said that only with regard to one point the matter has been referred back to the appropriate authority or tribunal. Now, so far as this motion is concerned, it does not want to discuss any matter which is pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial functions. The motion only wants to discuss the situation which has arisen in the State of Assam as a result of the decision of the Supreme Court on the State monopoly on trading. Now, as the motion does not seek to discuss the merits or otherwise of that decision or does not seek to discuss the particular point which has been referred back to the appropriate tribunal, I do not think Sir, that Rule 59 can be invoked in this connection because so far as the adjournment motion is concerned it only says that it seeks to discuss the situation which has arisen in the State of Assam as a result of the Supreme Court's decision on the Government's policy of State Trading and therefore, we have to see whether this motion covers the fundamentals that are necessary under Rule 56, that is to say, whether this matter is an urgent matter, whether this matter is a definite matter of recent occurrence and whether this matter is of great public importance.

Now, naturally this question of State Trading is a matter of great public importance, there can perhaps be no doubt about it. So I need not elaborate that point at all.

That this matter is of "urgent" public importance also does not require any explanation because as a result of the judgment of the Supreme Court the entire structure of our grain trade has come to a crisis. What will happen to the hundreds and thousands of co-operatives that are depending on this State Trading? What will happen to the Marketing Society which was given the monopoly of trading in paddy and rice in the State? So, this matter is of public importance and it is of "urgent" public importance. It is also definite because this pertains to the definite matter of grain trading. It is also of recent occurrence, namely, emanating from the recent judgment of the Supreme Court. When we see that these three aspects are really fulfilled in this motion, without going into the merits or otherwise of the findings of the Supreme Court, I feel that this matter can be discussed. If the Minister of course, has other reasons, that is different. But taking into consideration the point which the Minister has just now given and the arguments made out by him, I do not think they are convincing enough to say that this motion is barred under Rule 59.

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, in-charge of Supply):** Sir, the Adjournment Motion moved by Shri Hiralal Patwary and others says that "This Assembly do now adjourn to discuss the serious situation arises on the fact that the hon. Supreme Court has declared the State Trading (Monopoly of purchase of paddy) void recently."

Sir, my submission is that no serious situation has arisen for the simple reason that order which has been upheld by the Supreme Court was not passed by the authority concerned. Therefore, the matter has been referred back to the authority which has passed the order.

Now, Sir, so far as the motion is concerned, it must be definite, there must be definite public importance and it must be of recent occurrence. That an order has come from the Supreme Court is not enough. It will only depend after the matter has been considered by the Government in the light of Supreme Court's decision. So, Sir, it is not desirable to discuss the matter now.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** Sir, I do not like to discuss the judgement of the Supreme Court. My point is, Sir, if Government issue all licences to the private parties, then what will be the position of the private parties of existing Co-operative Societies? Hence for the interest of Co-operative, the matter is most public importance.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** The question of issuing licences to the Co-operatives will be taken into consideration along with the private parties

Mr. SPEAKER: As Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharya has pointed out that for the admissibility of a motion three things are necessary. Firstly, it must be definite, secondly, the matter must be urgent and thirdly, it must be of recent occurrence. I do not think, the present motion, fulfils all the three conditions. There is no doubt, that it is of public importance and also of recent occurrence, but regarding the urgency of the matter, I differ from Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya. Because the matter is not a new thing though some information has been supplied anew by the mover of the motion. This is a matter which has been continuing for some time. The matter was in the High Court then in the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court has not finally adjudicate upon it. They have referred the matter to Government licensing authorities to review it again. May's Parliamentary Practice, at page 370, we find that—

"The fact that a grievance is continuing is not sufficient if it is not of recent occurrence. The fact that new information has been received regarding a matter that has been continuing for some time does not in itself make that matter one of urgency."

So, it is not correct to hold that the motion has satisfied all the three conditions for an Adjournment Motion.

On the above grounds I hold that the subject matter of the motion is not sufficient for an adjournment motion. Hence I rule it as out of order.

However, if time would have permitted I would have requested the Government to give some facilities to Members to discuss this important subject in the floor of the Assembly. As our Agenda is full and tight I find no scope for that even. I hope hon. Members moving the motion will therefore kindly excuse me for not being able to accommodate them.

**Calling attention to matter of urgent public importance under
Assembly Rule 54 Re: Sense of insecurity growing in the minds
of the people living in Naga Hills border of the State.**

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong): Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to draw the attention of the House under Assembly Rule 54 on a very important and urgent matter of the public importance. Sir, the Government of Assam has extended the period of operation of the Disturbed Area Act declaring Silchar and Karimganj Sub-divisions as disturbed areas for another year and the same Act also is in operation in the Districts of Sibsagar, North Cachar and Mikir Hills and it is due to that fact that there is no peace in the minds of people and that the hostile elements from Naga Hills are constantly disturbing the peace and security of people living in the border areas. Therefore, Sir, so far as the information goes, people in the border areas are constantly suffering from fear and insecurity of the hostile Nagas. This sense of panic and insecurity increases particularly after the murder of Dr. Ao and as the murderer of Dr. Ao could not be traced upto now and as further looting arson etc could not be prevented. Some villagers in the Sibsagar District left their home and some are passing sleepless nights. Many people from Ahom Pathar and other bordering villages have already evacuated. Immediately after splitting up of Naga Hills District from Assam, everybody expected that peace and security would be restored and people in the neighbouring areas would live in peace. I hope by the people is belied. It was also assured in the Governor's Address delivered in this House in the last Budget Session. But due to recent disturb law and order situation in Naga Hills, peace and security in the neighbouring areas also disturbed. The question of security and insecurity in Assam should not be dependent on the situation in the Naga Hills. People of Assam are always looking forward for their own interest only. But when people see insecurity and breach of peace in the neighbouring District, naturally they will be panicky. Now, immediately after the murder of Dr. Ao many unknown factors have come to light. These are not now unknown to the public in Assam. Although administration of Naga Hills is not within the purview of discussion of this House; developments that take place in Naga Hills definitely influence the people living in the adjoining areas of Naga Hills. So I can not but refer to some of them. Attempts are being made to negotiate with these hostile elements who are considered as the causes of disturbance and insecurity in the State of Assam also. Negotiations are going on and we find that on the opening day of the Interim Body Council the Councilars themselves complained that Dr. Ao was killed because he was not even provided with a single vehicle and no step was taken to protect and save his life. Moreover allegations are there that the officials go and contact with the hostile people and as a result of that the Interim Body feels that.....

Mr. SPEAKER: The question of murder of Mr. Ao and whether protection was given to him by the Central Government do not come under the purview and scope of this discussion in this Assembly. Therefore you should speak only as to how the Naga situation has got any bearing on the insecurity of the State.

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong): I have only tried to refer to the effect and reaction that is there. That the counsellors are considered as only peon, and clerks there are undermined by the officials.

Sir there is one retired Government official, and it is everywhere known that this gentleman is in direct contact with the hostiles and he is also in direct contact with the Governor who is also our Governor and who can be called the common friend of both of us. I also know that the gentleman whose name is Mr Kevisuisha had an interview with our Chief Minister. We do not know what were the talks about. Sir, talks are also going on with regard to the bringing in of the hostile elements to the administration, and this thing has created some confusion in the minds of our people in the State as to whether these hostile elements are to be relied upon in order to restore peace there, because restoration of peace there only creates condition for the restoration of peace and security in the State. So, if all these matters are left confusing and are not clearly explained by our Chief Minister and our Governor to our people then the people cannot have a clear idea whether in the near future peace will be restored in the Naga Hills and as a result of that we can feel secure so that our people also feel that at least in the near future this kinds of things will not happen.

Sir, I do not want to take much time of this august House. I only want that the Chief Minister should take this House into confidence and tell us what is going on. Our Chief Minister knows very well about the whole thing and so he can tell the people what is their duty, what would be their attitude towards these developments in the Naga Hills. My only concern is that there should be peace and tranquillity in the Naga Hills and also there should be security and peace in the border areas of our State, and unless and until this is done then the entire people living in the border areas will have to pass sleepless nights, always apprehending attacks from the other side of the border. If this thing goes on I think it will not be good for the whole country. Great conspiracies are also suspected that attempts are being made to hand over the entire administration to the hostile Nagas. If all these things are correct then tell the people clearly as to what would be their attitude towards solving this matter. Therefore this thing has agitated the minds of the people. Everyday news are appearing in the News Papers about the Naga hostilities. Therefore, I hope that there should be clear statement from the Government on these matters.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I had occasion to refer to the raids by Naga hostiles in the bordering districts of Assam during the Budget Session of the Assembly in March, 1961. In my statement before the House, I had given a detailed account of the incidents which took place during the year 1959-60 and upto the end of February 1961. In response to the Calling Attention Motion tabled by Shri Phani Bora, I wish to place before the House details of incidents which took place from March, 1961:

On March 13, between 0040 hours, and 0115 hrs. the Naga hostiles fired on our Army Patrol Special Down Train between Rangapahar crossing and Rangapahar siding. There was heavy exchange of fire between the Army and Naga hostiles. The place of occurrence was at mile post No.415/4-5 where two broken sleepers were found on the Railway track the next morning (14.3.61). The two sleepers were probably used by the Naga hostiles to stop the train. Special piloting of passengers trains by search light engines at night was arranged in the affected area of the Railway line.

*Speech not corrected.

On April 3 at 1540 hours, the Naga hostiles fired at the down empty patrol special train from the right side after it passed through the Tunnel No.5 between Mupa and Maibong. Two bullet marks were seen on the right side of the engine. It was suspected that the party stayed at Guilar g on April 2, and moved along the Mupa river towards the Railway line.

On April 28, at dawn Naga hostiles in batches of 4 or 5 wearing olive green uniform and armed with rifles and bayonets simultaneously raided Bandar Solla, Paninala, Dcoghoria, Bahond and Kheremia villagers, and took away ten shot guns and some cartridges belonging to inhabitants of those villages. About 40 Nagas armed with pistols, service rifles and shot guns raided the villages in batches in quick succession. They caught hold of 5 villagers and compelled them to show the houses raided, under threat of death. Besides guns, they looted cash about Rs.7464 and 28 gold mohurs of the Ahom Kings from a house at Kheromia and cash of Rs.1,708 and a wrist watch from one house at Bahoni. At the approach of the Police Patrol, the raiders retreated under cover of fire to thick jungle.

In the early morning of April 29, an armed gang of Naga hostiles dressed in olive green uniform raided Tingajan village and looted two shot guns, with four cartridges and cash about Rs.220.

On June 18, three Kabui Nagas of the hostile party visited Abinbasti of Manipur and demanded Rs.10 from each house as House Tax from the villagers of Abinbasti, Mandu and Kedeikabasti under threat of violence in case of default.

About 30 Naga hostiles armed with rifles were reported to be moving in Khelma area of Naga Hills bordering North Cachar.

On June 26, 10 Naga hostiles visited Prasadindik village and looted two guns and cash of Rs.200 from the villagers, after which the party left towards Langting side.

The gaonburah of village Bangkhai reported that on July 26, about 10 Naga armed with three rifles and Khukhris raided their village and decamped with booties worth Rs.78.

On the night of June 27/28, about 12 hostile Naga dressed in olive green and armed with rifles raided three Nepali houses and one Kachari house at Fulbaribasti Tengajan and took away cash, clothes, utensils etc. Some Nepalis and Kacharit of the village were also kidnapped by the raiders. Of the kidnapped persons, one Nepali and a Kachari were released after taking them to a distance of 1 mile from the village.

The untimely death of the Naga leader, Dr. Ao, took place on the 22nd of August, 1961. As will be seen from what I have said above, it is not a fact that since the death of Dr. Ao, the Naga hostile activities have considerably increased. Though on one or two occasions in September, some information was received regarding the movements of a few Nagas suspected to be hostile about which all concerned were alerted in time, there has not been any raid or other incident in any of the bordering districts of Assam since the 22nd August 1961 till today. The House will appreciate

that it is not possible for me to give details of the measures taken by Government in the interest of security. I may, however, assure the hon. Members that Government are keeping a close watch on the situation and are in contact with the Army authorities, and are taking all measures which are necessary and possible in the circumstances. In particular, I may add that steps have been taken for increasing the mobility of our Security Forces by construction and improvement of border roads and increasing the number of the Border Out-posts, where called for.

Sir, in this statement I have tried to give the number of incidents which have taken place since my last statement which I made in the Budget Session of the Assembly. The hon. member has raised certain points with regard to the administrative policy in Naga Hills. Sir, I am not quite sure whether it will be proper for me to discuss the administrative matters relating to Naga Hills here.

Mr. SPEAKER : That is outside the scope of this House.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :** But at the same time I would like to tell here for the information of the House and I hope the hon. Members will appreciate that it is in the interest of this State as well as in the interest of the other neighbouring areas we are keeping ourselves informed about the various developments in the Naga Hills. I am grateful to our Governor for frequently keeping me informed about the various developments in the areas which are directly under his administration.

The hon. Member has referred to an interview or a discussion which I had with Mr. Kevichusa. Sir, it is a fact that I had an occasion of discussing with Mr. Kevichusa recently and my discussions with him were, naturally, informal. I wanted to know from him about the developments there because I have not personally gone to Naga Hills for a long time. I also wanted to know his views and suggestions as to how peace can be restored in Naga Hills because Naga land being a contiguous to our State we are very much interested in restoration of peace and prosperity in that area. The discussion was pretty long. At first I tried to ascertain from him as to why he, after joining Naga Peoples' Convention in its first session, could not find himself in a position to continue in the association of the Naga Peoples' Convention. The second point which I wanted to know from him is about the peace and prosperity in the Naga Hills and the present situation obtaining there. Sir, as you know, Mr. Kevichusa is a retired Government Official and he served Assam Government for a long time and he is a very important person in the Naga Hills. Therefore, Sir, I felt that I should avail of that opportunity of discussing with him about the present situation there and also to know his views. Sir, it is not only Mr. Kevichusa with whom I discussed about Naga Hills but also with others. As a matter of fact I missed no opportunity of discussing this matter whenever I met a Naga friend or a known person. In belief, the views of Mr. Kevichusa are that first priority should be to bring peace in Naga Hills. With regard to political settlement, his view is that it is not very important at this moment. As a matter of fact his view is that negotiation for political settlement might even delay restoration of peace there. I could not, naturally, or should not, give my views in this matter because I am not in touch with this matter for a long time. There was a time, of course, when I had frequent contact with the people of Naga Hills, but for the last few years I have not been able to

*Speech not corrected.

go to Naga Hills. So, Sir, I did not feel myself competent to give my views in this matter to anybody. In any case, I tried to know the mind of Mr. Kevichusa and all that I could understand from him is that he wants peace to be restored in Naga Hills first and then the question of political settlement might come.

As far as my knowledge goes and whatever I could know from the Governor, there is no contemplation for change of policy for the administration of Naga Hills. That is all that I have to submit Sir. I think the hon. Members will appreciate that for obvious reason - for security—I have not given the details with regard to the measures which are already in force and which are contemplated to be taken in the statement I have made in this House.

Presentation of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Accounts 1958-59 and Audit Report, 1960 and on the Finance Accounts 1958-59 and Audit Report, 1959

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Chairman): Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Accounts 1958-59 and the Audit Report, 1960, and on the Finance Accounts 1958-59 and Audit Report, 1959.

Presentation of the Report of the Plantations Labour Act Implementation Inquiry Committee

Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Chairman): Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Plantations Labour Act Implementation Inquiry Committee.

The Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1961

Mr. SPEAKER: There is a message from the Governor which runs as follows.—

“Under the provision of Article 207(1) of the Constitution of India, I, S. M. Shrinagesh, Governor of Assam, recommend the introduction in the Assam Legislative Assembly of the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1961

S. M. SHRINAGESH,
Governor of Assam’.

(a) **Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance):** Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1961.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1961 be introduced.

(The Bill was introduced.)

(b) **Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister Finance):** Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.IV) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER: There are no amendments in regard to (c) and (d).

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No.IV) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.IV) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

The Assam Appropriation (No.V) Bill, 1961

Mr. SPEAKER: There is a message from the Governor which runs as follows—

“Under the provision of Article 207 (3) of the Constitution of India, I, S. M. Shrinagesh, Governor of Assam, recommend that the Assam Appropriation (No. V), 1961, be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. M. SHRINAGESH,
Governor of Assam”.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister Finance): Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1961.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.V) Bill, 1961 be introduced.

(The motion was put as question and adopted).

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill 1961 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was put as question and adopted).

The Assam Secondary Education Bill, 1961

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Secondary Education Bill, 1961, as amended, be passed.

***Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari—West):** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিল খনৰ দ্বাৰা বোর্ডৰ হাতত বিবিলাক ক্ষমতা দিয়া হৈছে, সেইবিলাক যদি ঠিক মতে কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰা যায় তেতিয়া আমাৰ আৰু কিছু আগ বাঢ়ি যাব। বৰ্ডক বহুত ক্ষমতা দিয়া গৈছে মূলতঃ সেইবোৰ চৰকাৰৰ হাতত। গতিকে বৰ্ডক ঠিক মতে কাম কৰিবলৈ চৰকাৰে স্বযোগ-সুবিধা দিব লাগিব তেতিয়াহে, আচল উদ্দেশ্য সাধন হোৱাৰ আশা আছে।

দ্বিতীয় কথা হৈছে যে এই বিলত Secondary Education সম্পূৰ্ণ সামৰি লোৱা হৈছে। গতিকে Secondary Education আৰু সাধাৰণ হাই স্কুলৰ মাজৰ পাৰ্থক্য বেচি হৈ যাব যদি ই দীৰ্ঘদিন ব্যাপি বেলেগ হৈ থাকে। সেইবাবে চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ কৰো যে যিবোৰ Higher Secondary School সৃষ্টি কৰিছে সেইবোৰৰ পৰ্য্যায়লৈ আটাইবোৰকে অনতিপলমে নিবলৈ লক্ষ্য কৰা উচিত। যদি লক্ষ্য নোৱাৰে তেন্তেহলে Higher Secondary আৰু সাধাৰণ হাই স্কুলৰ পাৰ্থক্য লগতে শিক্ষাৰ তাৰতম্য বৈ যাব আৰু বিলখনৰ উদ্দেশ্যত বাধা পৰিব।

দ্বিতীয় অনুৰোধ হৈছে যে শিক্ষাদাতা শিক্ষক সকলৰ যিবোৰ অভাব-অভিযোগ বৈ গৈছে—সেইবিষয়ে দুটা মোচন দাঙি ধৰা হৈছে যদিও চৰকাৰে একো সমিধান দিয়া নাই; সেইবোৰ দূৰ কৰা দৰকাৰ। কাৰণ শিক্ষাদাতা সকলে উৎসাহ আৰু প্ৰেৰণা নেপালে প্ৰকৃত শিক্ষা দিব নোৱাৰে। সিদিনা সদৌ অসম সাহায্য প্ৰাপ্ত হাইস্কুলৰ শিক্ষক মহুই দাবী দিবস পালন কৰিছে তেওঁলোকৰ cash allowance কটাৰ কাৰণে আৰু Provident Fundত চৰকাৰী contribution এক নয়া পইচা কমোৱাৰ কাৰণে। তেওঁলোকে দাবী কৰিছে চৰকাৰী চাকৰিালৰ সমান cash allowance আৰু আগৰ দৰে Provident Fund contribution from Government side চৰকাৰে অৱশ্যে এতিয়ালৈকে একো সিদ্ধান্ত লোৱা নাই। ইয়াৰ বাহিৰেও anomaly in pay scale আছে। এজন আৰবী শিক্ষক আৰু এজন সংস্কৃত শিক্ষকৰ দৰমহাৰ পাৰ্থক্য আছে। হাই স্কুলত কাম কৰা ২-৩ জন আৰবী শিক্ষক আছে খেজুৱেটৰ দৰমহা পায়। সেই কাৰণে বাকী বোৰৰ অসন্তোষ। এই এই শিক্ষক সকলৰ দাবী নেমানিলে অহা নবেম্বৰ মাহৰ পৰা প্ৰত্যক্ষ আন্দোলন কৰিব বুলিও কৈছে। তাৰ দ্বাৰা ছাত্ৰবোৰ ক্ষতি হব আৰু অনুষ্ঠান বোৰবোৰ ক্ষতি হব। গতিকে যাৰ ওপৰত শিক্ষা নিৰ্ভৰ কৰিছে তেওঁলোকৰ অভাৱ-অভিযোগবোৰ দূৰ কৰিবলৈ যত্ন কৰে তেতিয়াহে পৰিকল্পিত শিক্ষা ক্ষেত্ৰত আগ বাঢ়িব পৰিব বুলি ভাৱা।

Secondary Education Board বিলত syllabus কমিতিৰ উল্লেখ আছে। এই কমিতিয়ে যেতিয়া syllabus নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰে চৰকাৰে তেতিয়া যেন চকু বন্ধা উচিত; কাৰণ অতীতত বহু বেমেজালিৰ কথা এই সদনত আলোচনা কৰা হৈছে। এই বিলমতে যেতিয়া কাম হাতত লোৱা হব তেতিয়া চৰকাৰে চকু বন্ধা উচিত যাতে কোনো প্ৰকাৰৰ স্বজন প্ৰিয়তা বা স্বার্থপৰতা থাকিব নোৱাৰে। লগে লগে syllabus আধুনিক যুগৰ লগত খাপ খোৱা হব লাগে। কাৰণ পৃথিবী বহুত উন্নত হৈছে, ৰুচিয়ান বৈজ্ঞানিকে মহাকাশলৈ মানুহ পঠাইছে। এতিয়া বিজ্ঞানৰ যি বিকাশ হব লাগিছে তাৰ লগত খাপ খুৱাই আমাৰ syllabus কৰিব লাগে।

যাতে আমাৰ এই Secondary শিক্ষা লাভ কৰাৰ পিচত আমাৰ ছাত্ৰ সকলে বিজ্ঞান সম্বন্ধে যিটো প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা সেইটোত কিছু উন্নত ধৰণ

শিক্ষা লাভ কৰি পৃথিবীৰ অন্যান্য বিজ্ঞান বিষয়ত উন্নত দেশবাসীৰ লগত সমান শাৰীত আগবাঢ়ি যাব পাৰে সেইফালে চকু বাধিব লাগে।

ভাবপিত্ত, আৰু এটা বিশেষ কথা হল, আমাৰ সৰু লৰাছোৱালীৰ কাৰণে বাধ্য কৰা কিছুমান syllabusত কিছুমান গল্প আৰু কবিতাত কিছুমান এনেধৰণৰ ভাব আছে য'ৰ পৰা সৰু ছাত্ৰ ছাত্ৰীৰ sex প্ৰবৃত্তিৰ জাগৰণ হোৱাৰ সম্ভাৱনা থাকে। সেই ধৰণৰ গল্প বা কবিতা বিলাক কিছুমান syllabus ৰ পৰা আতৰাই দিব লাগে। তেতিয়া হলে মই ভাবো আমাৰ পাঠ্য পুথি বিলাক উন্নত হ'ব সেইবিষয়ে চৰকাৰে গনোনিবেশ কৰিব

শেষত মই আশা কৰো এইবিলাক ব্যৱস্থা কৰিলে আমি শিক্ষা বিষয়ত কিছু দূৰ আগ বাঢ়ি যাব পাৰিম।

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, বৰ্তমান এই Secondary Education বিলখনৰ সম্পৰ্কত মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে বাচনি কমিটিৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ কৰি এই সদনত ভালখিনি মূল্যবান আলোচনাই কৰিলে; সেই প্ৰসঙ্গত নানা মূল্যবান পৰামৰ্শও আগবঢ়াইছে। তাৰ বাবে চৰকাৰে বহুত বিষয়ত লাভবানো হৈছে আৰু বহুত বিষয়ে তেখেতসকলে আৱশ্যকীয় মতামতো দিছে। তাৰ বাবে মই চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা সকলো মাননীয় সদস্যক আন্তৰিক ধন্যবাদ জ্ঞাপন কৰিছো।

এই বিষয়ে মই এইটোকে অনুভব কৰো যে শিক্ষা বিষয়ৰ গুৰুত্ব সৰু-সুৰা বিবেচনাৰ পৰা সদায় ওপৰত ৰাখিব লাগে। এই শিক্ষাই আমাৰ ভবিষ্যতৰ স্নাতক সংস্কৃতি ভবিষ্যতৰ জাতি গঠনৰ আলম এই কথা আমি ভালকৈয়ে উপলব্ধি কৰো।

নানা ধৰণৰ সমালোচনাত, আমাৰ স্কুলৰ পাঠ্য পুথি সম্পৰ্কে ভাল মূল্যবান আলোচনাই হৈছে। মই ইয়াকেই উপলব্ধি কৰো যে আমাৰ পাঠ্য পুথি বিলাক আধুনিক যুগৰ লগত সামঞ্জস্য ৰাখি তাৰ লগত খাপ খৱাই ৰাখিব লাগে এই সকলো কাৰণতে মই তেখেত সকলক ধন্যবাদ দিছো।

পাঠ্যপুথি বিষয়টো সমগ্ৰ ভাৰতৰে এটা গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয় হিচাবে লৈ সকলোৱে বিবেচনা কৰিছে। মই আশা কৰো এই সদনৰ সদস্য তথা অসমৰ শিক্ষাবিদ সকলৰ বুদ্ধি, পৰামৰ্শ আৰু সহায় আদি লৈ এইবিষয়ে উন্নতি পথত আগবাঢ়িব পাৰিম।

পাঠ্যপুথি সম্পৰ্কে যিবিলাক কথা আছে, আমাৰ মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীতৰুনায়েন ডেকাই কৈছে যে কিছুমান sex সম্বন্ধীয় কথাই আমাৰ পাঠ্যপুথি বিলাকৰ কিছুমান স্তৰত ঠাই পাব নালাগে। কিন্তু sex বিষয়ৰ অভিজ্ঞ সকলে কয় যে আমাৰ লৰা ছোৱালী বিলাকৰ সবধৰে পৰা sex instruct হয় আৰু এটা curiosity হয় তাক ঠিকমতে পৰিচালনা কৰিবলৈ লকৰে পৰা মাক বাপেকে সেইজ্ঞান দিয়া আবশ্যক। যদি নহয়, লৰাছোৱালীৰ curiosity ৰ কাৰনে সেই জ্ঞান অপ্ৰাপ্তৰ পৰা আহৰণ কৰিব আৰু ধ্বংসোন্মুখী হ'ব। সেইকাৰনে বিষয়টোত অৰ্ধগণ কৰি মতামত মিদিদে আমাৰ ভবিষ্যতে অসুবিধা হ'ব।

তাৰ পিচত আমাৰ মাননীয় সদস্য ডেকা ডাঙৰীমাই আমাৰ শিক্ষক সকলৰ অত্যন্ত অজিৰোপ সম্পৰ্কে যিখিনি কথা দাঙি ধৰিছে, সেইটো অবশ্য

দৰ্কাৰী বিষয়। মই এইটো কথা কব খজিছো; এতিয়া নহয়, বোধকৰো কংগ্ৰেছে শাসন ভাৰ গ্ৰহণ কৰা সময়ৰে পৰা শিক্ষকৰ কথা অকল বিবেচনা কৰি থকাই নহয়, তাৰ ক্ৰমোন্নতিও কৰা হৈছে। আজি হবপাৰে আমাৰ শিক্ষকসকলৰ বহুত অভাৱ আমি পূৰণ কৰিব পৰা নাই। কিন্তু সেইকাৰণে ধৰিব নালাগে যে চৰকাৰে এইবিষয়ে মনোযোগ নাই বা মনোনিবেশ কৰি থকা নাই।

মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে যদি চায়, তেখেতসকলৰ লগত পৰায়ণ আদি কৰি ক্ৰমান্বয়ে উন্নত কৰি আনিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰা হৈছে। কিন্তু ৰাজ্যৰ বৰ্তমান আৰ্থিক অবস্থাৰ চাপত যদি আমাৰ সেই আশা ততালিকে পূৰ্ণ কৰিবলৈ অসমৰ্থ হও তেন্তে কিছুসাময় অপেক্ষা কৰাৰ বাহিৰে অন্য গতি নাই।

বৰ্তমান অসমৰ আৰ্থিক পৰিস্থিতি মাননীয় সদস্যসকলৰ অবিদিত নহয়। সিদিনাখন মাননীয় বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ অসমৰ বৰ্তমান আৰ্থিক অবস্থাৰ বিষয়ে যি বিবৃতি এই সদনত দাখিল কৰিছে তাৰ পৰাই এটা পৰিস্কাৰ আভাস পাইছে। গতিকে আমাৰ প্ৰবল ইচ্ছা থকা স্বত্বেও আমি শিক্ষকসকলক যিমান দিব নাগে সিমান দিব পৰা নাই। সেই ফালৰ পৰা কিছু দিন ধৈৰ্য্যধৰি থাকিবই লাগিব। তাৰ কাৰণে যদি আমাৰ শিক্ষকসকলে মিটিং, ধৰ্ম্মঘট আদি কৰি থাকিব খোজে সেইটো দেশৰ আৰু ছাত্ৰ সমাজৰ আদৰ্শৰ পৰিচায়ক নহয় ফলত সকলোৱে সেই পথেই গ্ৰহণ কৰে।

মই আজি সদনত এইটোকে জনাব খোজে যে তেখেতসকলে আজি ৰাজ্যৰ উন্নতি কৰিবলৈকেই আহিছে, সেই কথা মই স্বীকাৰ কৰো; এই সম্পৰ্কে মোৰ দ্বিতীয় মত নাই।

তাৰ পিচত, এই বৰ্ডখনৰ সম্পৰ্কত কও যে, এই বৰ্ডখন আমাৰ ৰাজ্যত এটা নতুন অনুষ্ঠান। ইতিমধ্যে, আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ বাহিৰে, বহুতো ৰাজ্যত Board of Secondary Education গঠিত হৈছে আৰু কাম কাজো পৰিচালিত হৈছে। আমাৰ ইয়াত, এই বৰ্ডখনে কাম চলোৱা কি সহজ কথা সেই কথা মই ভবা নাই কাৰণ বৰ্ডৰ মৰ্য্যদা ৰাখি নিপুণ ভাবে কাম কৰা ডাঙ্গৰ কথা আৰু ইয়াৰ লগতে বহু খিনি কথা থাকে। মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে এই কথা জানে যে, কেইখনমান ৰাজ্যত বৰ্ডৰ প্ৰশ্ন কাগজ leak out হৈছে। ইয়াৰ মানে, এইটোকেই প্ৰমাণ কৰে যে, স্ত্ৰনিপুণ আৰু পাবদৰ্শীভাৱে কাম চলোৱাটো বৰ্ডৰ কাৰণে বৰ জটিল কথা। ইয়াত চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা, বৰ্ডৰ তৰফৰ পৰা জননাধাৰণৰ আৰু শিক্ষাবিদ সকলৰ পৰা সকলো প্ৰকাৰৰ সহায় সহযোগ হলেহে এই বৰ্ডে কাম চলাবলৈ সক্ষম হব। আমি আশা কৰিছো, আজিৰ সদনত যিখন বিল পাচ হব, তাৰ বলত, আমাৰ ৰাজ্যত এটা নতুন অনুষ্ঠান হিচাবে যিখন বৰ্ড গঠিত হব তাৰ দ্বাৰাই, দেশৰ উঠি অহা যুবক যুবতী সকলৰ ভবিষ্যত শিক্ষাৰ পথ আৰু ভেটি সগৌৰৱান্বিত কৰি তুলিব আৰু এই বৰ্ড পৰিচালনা কাৰ্য্যত সকলো প্ৰকাৰৰ সহায় সহযোগীতা থাকিব। চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা মই ইয়াকে কব খজিছো যে, যি সৎ উদ্দেশ্যৰে সদস্যৰ মাননীয় সদস্যসকলে শিক্ষা আৰু অন্যান্য আনুষ্ঠানিক বিষয় সম্পৰ্কত এই বিলৰ ওপৰত হোৱা আলোচনাত অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিলে সেই বিলাকত আমিও এক মত; দ্বিতীয় আমাৰ মত নাই। যদিও, চৰকাৰী অথবা বিৰোধী দলৰ সদস্য হিচাবে, দুফালৰ পৰা আলোচনা হয়, তথাপি আমি বিষয়ৰ গুৰুত্ব অনুযায়ী অনেক বিষয়ত, বহুত সময়ত এক মততেই কাম কৰিছো। সেই হিচাবে কাম কৰিলে, আজি আমি যি সৎ উদ্দেশ্যৰে এই সদনত আহীন গুৰুত্বন কৰিছো

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Secondary Education Bill, 1961 as amended be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted)

The Sylhet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no amendment in clauses 1 to 13, so I put the main question. The question is that the clauses 1 to 13 of the Sylhet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961 as reported by the Select Committee do form part of the bill.

(The question was adopted)

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West): Sir I beg to move that in the proposed new section 217 going to be inserted by clause 14 after sub-section (1) the following shall be added :—

“Explanation—Khanabari of the landlord means for the purposes of this Act, the area of the homestead lands with compounds of the landlord occupying with his family upto 31st March, 1961.”

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister Revenue): Sir this amendment is out of order, because the word “Khanabari” has been defined in the main Act itself under section 143 (1) (c). If this amendment is accepted then there will be two explanations.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Deka, will you withdraw your amendment?

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA: Yes Sir. Now I move the other amendment. Sir, I beg to move that the proviso to sub-section (3) shall be substituted by the following:

“Provided further that the occupant shall be given lands of equal area within the vicinity, with reasonable compensation for the houses.”

Sir, the main object and reason of this bill is to give some right to the tenants. By this Act the right of the tenants living in the Khanabari area has been denied. But here Sir, in the proviso to the Original clause it has been stated that:—

“Provided further that if the occupant has constructed a house in the homestead land at his own cost for his dwelling purpose the landlord shall pay reasonable compensation to the occupant before the land is actually resumed.”

But my amendment seeks to protect the interest of the tenant by giving equal area of land in the vicinity. I am told there are a great number of tenants living in the Khanabari area of zamindari and they are actually landless people and if they are driven away from that area or if they are evicted from this area without giving them atleast the equal area of land in the place it would be had it to them. Because these people

are living there for a long time and they have formed a community together in that area adopted the same customs and mode of living etc. If they are not given land in the same vicinity and if they are driven away to distant place the homogenous and compact living of these people might be affected and therefore I submit Sir, that equal area of land and also reasonable compensation for the houses should be given, but here, Sir, in the original Bill it has been referred to as 'if the House is constructed by the tenant' but in my amendment it has been stated that if a tenant is to leave his place, leave his house, compensation must be the given by Zamindar even though he does not construct any house thereon. The purpose of this amendment is this that if years together when a man lives in a particular area or a house, though the house may belong to the landlord, still then he makes some improvement in that area, in that house, where he stays. If one fine morning if he is to leave the place and the house, it is not possible on the part of poor tenant to construct a separate house on a separate plot of land if any compensation is not given by the landlord. While this tenant is serving under the landlord surely it is from the point of view of equity and justic also, these landlords, even though the houses may belong to them, give reasonable compensation to the tenants so that the tenant can erect his own house on a separate plot of land. So when the purpose of the main Bill is to give some rights to the tenants my amendment is an appropriate one and I hope it will be accepted by the Revenue Minister.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister Revenue): Sir, I am unable to accept this amendment. My Friend has missed the entire thing. It is clause 217 and under Sub-clause I, he has tabled no amendment.

The existing sub-clause stands like this

"A person who holds land of another person, under the system known as "Chakran", "Kiran", Non-kar", "Etmandar", "Bhandari", or the like, shall not be deemed to have acquired any tenancy right in respect of the homestead land occupied by him within the Khanabari of the landlord."

Under the proposed amendment he has sought to pay compensation to the tenant by the landord even when no tenancy right has been acquired. That is an absurd thing.

Shri GAURISHANKAR BHATTACHARAYYA (Gauhati): How can it be, Sir ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Because the occupier has acquired no right over the land, the landlord cannot be compelled to pay copensation for such land.

Mr. SPEAKER The amendment is not under Sub-clause (1) Section 217 which gives no rights to the tenants.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Here Shri Bhattacharyy ais making a mistake. This section deals with Khanabari land and in Khanabari land the occupier acquire no rights. Therefore this amendment is not in order.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West): I was saying that if the man has no land.....

Mr. SPEAKER: You have accepted Section 217(1) which gives no rights to the tenants. So this amendment is out of order.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA: I move that in sub-clause (5) after the word "thereto" in the fifth line, a (,) "coma" and the words "and cost of improvement of the land" shall be inserted; and the words "but not the value of the land used for such reconstruction" occurring in the fifth and sixth lines shall be deleted.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): As the other two have been rejected, this is merely a consequential one, this also should be rejected.

The SPEAKER: This also stands rejected, as this is out of order. I now put the question. The question is that the Clause 14 of the Sylhet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961 as reported by the Select Committee form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted)

The questions is that the short and long title of the Bill and the preamble of the Bill do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted)

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): I beg to move that the Sylhet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961, be passed.

The SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Sylhet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA: I am opposing this Bill. Sir when in the objects an reasons it is stated clearly that this bill wants only to give rights to the tenants, in some sections it has denied the rights to the tenants and it has failed to protect the interests of the tenants. Sir, in the last session of the Assembly my friend Shri Gopesh Namasdrah brought a Bill to this august House and this Bill sought to give rights to the tenants. At that time the Revenue Minister assured the House and stated that a comprehensive Bill would be brought to this House. After that assurance, though the Bill did not come in time, after repeated pressures from different corners of this House, he was compelled to bring this Bill. But, Sir, I have found that this Bill has failed to protect the interests of the tenants who live in the Khanabari area of the landlords. When we are just proceeding towards a socialistic pattern of society, if we, by legislation, fail to protect the interests and rights of the tenants, we will be failing in our duty. So, Sir, when this Bill has failed to protect the interests of the tenants living in the Khanabari areas of the landlords, I strongly oppose the passing of the Bill.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): Sir, I see that my friend Shri Deka is rather indignant and I think rightly indignant ; because a very important omission is there in the Bill in that so far as the tenants, or rather I would say so far as the persons remaining in the 'Khanabari' area of the landlords are concerned, they will be denied all the facilities that are sought to be given by the amending Bill. That of course, makes the Bill a very weak one because the purpose of this Bill was a laudable one. Even after so many years Independence we see that there are serfs in some parts of our State, namely in Karimganj subdivision, in the name of chakran, kiran, monkar, etmandar, bhandari etc., this is the worst type of feudalism and it is still there in the State and therefore, when there was a move from the side of Government to do away with these remnants of dirty feudalism we were really very happy and if I remember alright, when my friend Shri Gopesh Namasudra came forward with a Bill, the Minister was pleased to say that he very much appreciated the idea which prompted Shri Namasudra to come with the proposed Bill. The Minister said that he would come with a more comprehensive Bill whereby all the remnants of feudalism would be removed from the subdivision of Karimganj and it must be admitted that the present Bill is wider in its scope than the Bill which was brought by Shri Namasudra. To that extent the Minister should get our congratulations and thanks.

Now Sir, I am rather in a tight corner and that is because of this omission of the homestead land in the 'khanabari' that keeps some people in a difficulty as they were in the past. I see that some oppressed sections of the people like those who are in the system of chakran, kiran, nankar, Bhandari etc., will get some benefit under the Bill. We cannot, therefore, oppose it. We cannot also whole-heartedly support it because of the omission of "Khanabari" occupiers from the benefits of the Bill. This khanabari is, so to say, a personal estate of the Zamindar wherein the Zamindar or the landlord has his own house also. Unlike us poor people who keep small orchards or compounds or kitchen gardens, these landlords are in the habit of keeping very big plots of land where they can have their "khana" and for their "pina" and many other things also. Therefore, this area is not to be construed as one which is absolutely necessary for the innocent personal purposes of the landlord. But, of course, technically the Minister was right when there were no amendments in some clauses. What I do not understand is why the Minister himself cannot say that the amendment is a consequential one. I do not want to impute any motive to the Minister ; but I want to say that this attitude towards the khanabari should not have been taken by him. At any rate, we shall be happy if we get an assurance from the Minister that so far as the other actors are concerned at least those factors in the Bill, when it is enacted, will be implemented quickly. I have to make this request because in Karimganj the people there are in great difficulty. The Acquisition of Zamindari Act was passed in 1951 or something like that, at any rate it is now ten years. The zamindaries existing in Goalpara have been taken over by the Government ; but up till now the zamindaris of Karimganj preliminary surveys have not yet been completed, they are still in the process and if I remember alright, during the last session the Minister was pleased to say that this can be completed by now because there are certain special complications and one of such complications was that there are some petty zaminders who have got only some bighas of land and yet they go by the name of zaminders. If that is so, it is all the more necessary that

there should be taken particular care by the Government to settle up the issue promptly because if the zaminder be a big one he can go on with his luxuries even at a lower rate of rent from the tenants, he can satisfy all his needs taking a lower rate of rent from his tenants. But if the zaminder is comparatively a small one, he will require a bigger rent because he also shall have to maintain himself in Zamindar like luxury. If a zamindar is a small one, if he has only, say, 30 bighas of land, he cannot afford to live in the style of the Raja of Gourpur taking only a small rent from his tenants. Therefore, it is very necessary that the issue be settled quickly. Let us hope, therefore, that Government will take steps to settle these things quickly, urgently and speedily and whatever good provisions are there in this Bill will be implemented forthwith and without any further delay.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): Sir, I also oppose the passing of this Bill. While supporting the observations made by my Friends from Nalbari and from Gauhati, I want to say that this word 'Sylhet' is a misnomer. Sylhet as we all know is in the jurisdiction of a foreign country. If instead of this name Sylhet, the name of Karimganj is put, I would have accepted this Bill.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): It is not the name of a country here. It is name of the Act. This procedure is followed all over the world. As for example, we have the Bengal Court of Wards Act, the Bengal Public Demands Recovery Act and many such other Act in force in our State.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH: However, Sir, that is my only objection.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): We have also so many instances in Bengal... ..

Mr, SPEAKER: Mr. Das, how long will you take to conclude your speech? It is already 11-30 A. M.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I will not take more than 6 or 7 minutes to finish my speech.

I assure the hon. Members that actually there is no cause for misapprehension. We cannot confer rights on one section of people divesting another section. The Bill provides that a person, who occupies land of another person under the system of non-kar, chakran, etc., does not acquire any tenancy right within the Khanabari of the other person. Now what is Khanabari? Khanabari is defined in Section 143 (i)(c) of the Act--it is an area, whether cultivated or not reserved by the proprietor for the accomodation of his family and relations or of his personal and estate staff for which no rent is realised and this must be so recognised at the time of passing of the main Act, i. e. in 1936. A landlord cannot point out any plot as his Khanabari now. This is a very reasonable provision.

As regards area of Khanabari, my friend Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya has made a reference. Sir, all Zamindars in Sylhet are not very big landlords. They cannot be compared with the Zamindars of Goalpara. In Goalpara two-third of the District is under Zamindari covering an area

of 18 lakhs acres. There were actually six families of Zamindars though there are 19 entries in the Torji. But in Karimganj, 1,82,000 acres of land are under Zamindari but the number of Zamindars is 5,063. From this, you will realise that they are not so big as Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya said. So, those areas kept reserved for Khanabari under these Zamindars are naturally not very big. Now, if a landlord keeps an area for his own people and does not realise any rent from the occupier, if any, because he does not want another man to acquire any right over it, it will be unreasonable to allow acquisition of right by a permissive occupier, over such land.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya has again raised another point. He said that we have upto now not acquired a single Bigha of land in Karimganj. This is not correct. We have acquired over 50,000 acres of Zamindari land and some land will be acquired in the next year. Besides the biggest Zamindari, Dewan Manikchand Estate is under the management of the Court of Wards. I assure my friends that we want to implement this Act immediately.

Shri Gopesh Chandra Namasudra's name has been referred to. I like to say in this connection that I have had discussions with him two or three days back. He wanted the definition of Khanabari and when he was told that it was in the main Act, he opined that he had no other objection. He is not here in this House, but he is in the visitor's gallery.

This is the position. So, I request the hon. Members to withdraw their objections and allow the Bill to be passed.

(The objection was withdrawn).

Mr SPEAKER : The question is that Sylhet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The question was adopted).

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A. M. on Saturday, the 7th October, 1961.

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