

**Proceedings of the Second Session of the Assam Legislative
Assembly assembled after the Third 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 10th August, 1962.

PRESENT

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, B.L., Speaker in the Chair ten Ministers, the two Ministers of State, three Deputy Ministers and seventy-nine Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Re: Enquiry Committee to enquire anomalies and irregularities of the Gauhati University

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

*1. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that an Enquiry Committee was set up by the Chancellor of Gauhati University to enquire about the alleged anomalies and irregularities of the University?
- (b) What were the terms of reference of the the Enquiry ?
- (c) Who were the members of the Enquiry Committee ?
- (d) Whether the Enquiry has been completed and the report submitted to the Government ?
- (e) What are in brief the findings of the Enquiry Committee regarding the terms of reference of the Enquiry ?
- (f) Whether the report will be published for public information?
- (g) What steps do Government propose to take regarding the findings of the Enquiry Committee ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied:

1. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The terms of reference of the enquiry into the affairs of the Gauhati University were—

- (1) Causes and nature of the incident of 16th August, 1961 which led to the resignation of three Administrative Officers and the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the University.
- (2) General state of discipline in the University.
- (3) The Finances and Financial transactions of the University from 1955-56, as well as the Accounts of the Gauhati University Development Committee from the beginning to date and the Audit objections relating to the Accounts of the past years.
- (4) To the recruitment, appointment, promotions and conditions of service of Teachers and all other employees of the University and also the general conditions of the residence and buildings.
- (5) General Administration of the University.
- (6) Finally to make recommendations on all the above five issues.

(c)—The members were—

- (1) Shri D. C. Pavate.
- (2) Rev. B. M. Pugh.
- (3) Shri B. C. Barua.
- (4) Dr. M. N. Goswami, Member Secretary.

(d)—The Enquiry has been completed and the report submitted to the Chancellor. The question of submission of the report to Government does not arise as the Committee was not set up by Government. The Chancellor may in due time refer the matter to Government.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—The report will be placed before the University Court on 21st August 1962.

(g)—Government will consider what action is called for after the views of the Gauhati University Court are known.

(Printed Answers to the Short Notice Question have been amended as follows :

1 (c) **Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) :—**

The Members were—

- (1) Shri D. C. Pavate, Vice Chancellor, Karnatak University;
- (2) Rev. B. M. Pugh, Ex-Principal U. C. C.
- (3) Shri B. C. Barua, Advocate General.

(4) Dr. M. N. Goswami, Member Secretary.

1 (e) Government is not in a position to say at this time.

1(f) The report will be placed before the University Court on 21st August 1962 ; after that I presume it will be published.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : Sir, is it a fact that the findings of the Gauhati University Enquiry Committee have been published?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH : I have seen a Press Report purported to have been the substance of the Report of the Gauhati University Enquiry Committee.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Sir, whether the report is considered to be confidential ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH : I presume so. It is the convention of the Government.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS : Sir, if it is a confidential report, the report was published in the Newspapers before it was published by the Government ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : Sir, Government is not primarily concerned what is published in the Newspapers. Government has nothing to do with the statements published in New papers.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA : Did the Government receive any information from the Gauhati University Enquiry Committee ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH : Yes, some important points of the Committee has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : When this will be made Public?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : The hon. Member is aware that the Gauhati University Committee was set up by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Chancellor and the report will be placed before the University Court on 21st August, 1962.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) : Sir, in view of the fact that the context of the report has already been made known to the public, will the Government approach the Chancellor to make the report public now ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: Sir, I will take the House into confidence that as soon as we receive the report from the Chancellor, it will be made public.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): Did the Chancellor of Gauhati University ask the Government of Assam to give its opinion on the recommendation of the Commission?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): No, Sir.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA: What action Government proposes to take on the recommendation of the Enquiry Commission?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: It is not the time what action Government will take on the recommendation of the Commission. It will be decided when the Government receive the report.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA: Will Government take up the administration of Gauhati University if occasion arises?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: Government is prepared to do justice in every matters if they think just and right.

Re: Construction of Jorhat and Shillong Civil Hospitals

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked:

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

(a) When the construction of new buildings for Jorhat and Shillong Hospitals commenced?

(b) What is their present position?

(c) When the construction is expected to be completed?

(d) When Government proposes to shift the present Shillong/Jorhat Hospitals to the new buildings?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister in-charge, Medical) replied:

144. (a)—Jorhat—The construction works of the new buildings for Jorhat Civil Hospital commenced in February, 1958.

Shillong—Subsidiary buildings were started in December, 1958 and the main building in January, 1959.

(b)—Jorhat—The work is in fair progress and about 85 per cent of the work has been completed.

Shillong—All Subsidiary buildings are now complete and the major portion of the main building including foundation, walls, frames, roofs, floor, doors and the windows is also completed.

(c)—Jorhat—The construction is expected to be completed by December next.

Shillong—Expected to be completed with the current financial year provided the building is vacated by the Military.

(d)—Jorhat—The Hospital will be shifted as soon as the buildings are finally available.

Shillong—The Hospital will be shifted as soon as it is made free from Military occupation and also from the occupation of others.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): Sir, when the Government can expect to get the hospital from military authority?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): Sir, it is very difficult to give a definite date, but Government is trying to find out alternative accommodations for the Army personnel.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA: Did the Government take up the matter with the military authority and point out the importance of the matter?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: Yes, Sir, we realise the importance, but we cannot overlook the exigency and importance of other cases also. The importance of maintenance of law and order cannot be ignored.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora): May I know from the hon. Minister when the hospital building was taken over by the Military?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: It was never taken over by the military, but it was given to the military personnel for lodging them at the time of emergency some time back.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE: I want to know, Sir, when the building was handed over to the military?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: It may be over a year, or so I cannot give a definite date now.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): What are the capital costs involved for construction of both the Jorhat Civil Hospital and the Shillong Civil Hospital?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): I am not in a position to say that at the moment.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): In view of the great congestion in the Civil Hospital at Shillong, will Government take early steps to see that the newly-constructed building is vacated by the military and the hospital shifted there?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: Yes, Sir, Government are trying their best to make the hospital building available for the purpose for which it has been built.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): Is it not a fact that more than 200 T. B. cases have been kept in the waiting list at the Jorhat Civil Hospital due to lack of accommodation as the newly-constructed building is under the occupation of the Regional Research Laboratory?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: I am not aware of that. The number may be more or less?

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) What is the amount involved in its construction ?

Mr. SPEAKER: He said he wanted notice.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA Is it not a fact that due to the occupation by the Regional Research Laboratory, the construction of the Jorhat Civil Hospital building cannot be completed ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE May be Sir, we are trying to get the buildings back early. As soon as we get them back, the incomplete portions will be completed and the hospital will be shifted there.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE: Is it not a fact that even during the war-time no hospital building was occupied by the military?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): I do not remember those days and I did not travel throughout the entire State to find out whether any hospital building under construction was occupied or not. But I think no hospital was under construction then and the question of occupation does not arise.

Mr. SPEAKER: What is your information ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: At that time, Sir, no hospital building was under construction which could be occupied by the military.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara): Will the hon'ble Minister consider the desirability of discontinuing the practice of giving hospital buildings for the occupation of the military in future ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: We are not in the habit of doing this. The question is whenever any exigency arose in the past not only buildings under construction but also occupied school hostels and college buildings were given for occupation by the military. In this case, Sir we have not given any building, which was in occupation but some building which were under construction were given for maintenance of Law and order.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): On what terms and conditions the hospital buildings were given to the military ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: There are no terms and conditions. The point is this as soon as we can make some alternative arrangement for the military people will be made they will be shifted necessary steps are being taken for this.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN: Was it the responsibility of the State Government to provide accommodation to the Military ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): Yes Sir, under the prevailing circumstances it was so.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): When the Military comes in aid of the Civil Authority, it is the obligation of the Civil Authority to provide accommodation for them.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat): The question is whether it is proper or expedient to allow hospital buildings to be occupied by the military.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: It is very proper whenever any emergency arises. The law and order question should receive first priority. In this case, no hospital but some buildings meant for hospital which were under construction were made available.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur): As the buildings were under construction and were handed over to the Military before they were completed, is it not a fact that the completion of the buildings will be hampered due to their occupation?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: Naturally, Sir, it is quite evident. These army personels who are there to help us cannot be thrown out in the streets.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora): May I know whether any part of the building is under the occupation of any Minister or Deputy Minister?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: No building which was under construction is under such occupation. It may be that some buildings which were within the hospital compound are under occupation.

Re: Silchar Enquiry Commission

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked:

*145. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total cost involved for setting up the Commission of Enquiry for the Silchar firing that took place on May, 1961?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

145.—Rs.1,04,831.96 nP.

Re: Municipal Elections

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Aimguri) asked:

- *146. Will the Minister, Local Self-Government be pleased to state—
- (a) The dates when the Municipal Election was held recently in the different towns by Assam?
 - (b) Whether the members have taken oaths?
 - (c) If not, why not?
 - (d) When the oath will be taken and charges will be handed over and the newly elected Board are expected to function?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

146. (a)—

Names of Boards	Date of holding election
(1) Kokrajhar Town Committee ...	12th March 1962.
(2) Gauhati Municipal Board ...	18th April 1962.
(3) Sibsagar Municipal Board ...	3rd May 1962.
(4) Nowgong Municipal Board ..	7th May 1962.
(5) North Gauhati Town Committee	22nd May 1962.
(6) Shillong Municipal Board ...	23rd May 1962.
(7) Jorhat Municipal Board ...	24th May 1962.

(b)—No.

(c) & (d)—New Members/Commissioners elected or appointed to a Town Committee/Municipal Board take oath on the date of their first meeting which is fixed by the Deputy Commissioner concerned only after the appointments of 2 Members/Commissioners, to be appointed by Government, are made. In cases of Kokrajhar Town Committee and Gauhati Municipal Board, the date of first meeting has been fixed on 27th July 1962 and 6th July 1962 respectively. Members of this Town Committee/Municipal Board will take oath and elect their Chairmen on 27th July 1962 and 6th July 1962 respectively and the new Town Committee/Municipal Board will start functioning from that day. The new Town Committee/Municipal Board are expected to take over charge from the old Town Committee/Municipal Board as soon as the Chairman of the Town Committee/Municipal Board is elected. In cases of the other Town Committees and Municipal Boards mentioned in reply to (a) above, Government have not yet appointed the 2 Members/Commissioners to the Town Committees/Municipal Boards

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

146. (a)—The names of Municipalities and Town Committees to which elections have been held are—

Name of Board and Town Committees	Date of holding election
(1)	(2)
(1) Kokrajhar Town Committee ...	12th March 1962
(2) Gauhati Municipal Board ...	18th April 1962.
(3) Sibsagar Municipal Board ...	3rd May 1962.
(4) Nowgong Municipal Board ...	7th May 1962.
(5) North Gauhati Town Committee ...	22nd May 1962.
(6) Shillong Municipal Board ...	23rd May 1962.
(7) Jorhat Municipal Board ...	24th May 1962.
(8) Kharupetia Town Committee ...	29th June 1962.
(9) Karimganj Municipal Board ...	25th July 1962.

(b)—No.

(c) & (d)—New Members/Commissioners elected or appointed to a Town Committee/Municipal Board take oath on the date of their first meeting which is fixed by the Deputy Commissioner concerned.

In cases of Kokrajhar Town Committee and Gauhati Municipal Board, the first meeting was held on 27th July 1962 and 6th July 1962 respectively. Members of this Town Committee/Municipal Board have taken oath and elected their Chairmen on 27th July 1962 and 6th July 1962 respectively and the new Town Committee/Municipal Board started functioning from that day. The new Town Committee/Municipal Board are expected to take over charge from the old Town Committee/Municipal Board as soon as the Chairman of the Town Committee/Municipal Board is elected. In cases of the other Town Committees and Municipal Boards mentioned in reply to (a) above, Government have not yet appointed the 2 Members/Commissioners to the Town Committees/Municipal Board.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalia): Is it not a fact that the regular constitution of some of these Boards is delayed due to delay in nominating members?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government): I do not think so, because there is not much delayed. I should say.

Re: Deficit Grants

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

*147. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that Kaiya Kushi High School and Majgaon High School are suffering due to irregular payment of deficit grants?
- (b) Whether Government propose to enquire and take appropriate action so that the grants may be paid regularly?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied:

147. (a)—Kaya Kuchi High School and Majgaon High School are not in receipt of deficit grants as they are not yet affiliated.

(b)—Does not arise.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied:

147. (a)—Kaya Kuchi High School and Majgaon High School are not in receipt of deficit grants as they are not yet affiliated.

(b)—Government would consider the cases of these two Schools with sympathy as they are situated in backward areas.

Re: Distribution of C. I. Sheets

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

***148.** Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that C. I. Sheets are distributed arbitrarily by the Supply Officers particularly at Gauhati ?
- (b) Whether Government will devise proper method to stop this ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

148. (a)—No. Distribution of C. I. Sheets at Gauhati is always made by the Deputy Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner in consultation with the Supply Advisory Board.

(b)—Does not arise.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether the Supply Officers distribute C. I. Sheets and whether in some cases the supply Officers refused to allot C. I. Sheets in spite of orders given by the Deputy Commissioner or the Additional Deputy Commissioner ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : I am not aware of that at the moment.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister enquire about it ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : It may be looked into.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : May I know whether there is any uniform policy regarding distribution of C. I. Sheets and if so, whether instructions have been given to Supply Advisory Boards accordingly ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : We have got certain principles and we have issued instructions to the district officers accordingly.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS : Are Government aware that different Boards follow different principles with regard to the distribution of C. I. Sheets. In some cases, C. I. Sheets are given to the Panchayats for distribution and in some cases the Boards themselves distribute them ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : It may be in certain cases.

Mr. SPEAKER : But it is done on the advice of the Supply Advisory Board.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : Are the Supply Advisory Boards functioning ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : Yes, we are going to constitute new Supply Advisory Boards very soon.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : May I know from the hon'ble Minister whether Government will follow a uniform policy regarding distribution of C. I. sheets ?

Mr. SPEAKER : Honourable Minister has already replied that they have been following a uniform policy and that policy is that the C. I. sheets are distributed on the advice of the Supply Advisory Boards.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : Is it a fact, Sir, that C. I. sheets are distributed in the rural areas through the rural panchayats ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : How can the rural panchayats distribute C. I. sheets when there are Supply Advisory Boards ? It must be done through the Supply Advisory Boards. But in a particular area the Subdivisional Supply Advisory Board may have the function of distribution of C.I. sheets to either an Anchalik or a rural panchavat.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) : Is it a fact that in Gauhati and Tezpur the distribution of C.I. sheets was made through Panchayats since the year 1959 as an experimental basis.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : Sir, it is a new question which I can not reply off-hand. I will have to make an enquiry into the matter.

Shri HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) : গুৱাহাটী Supply office ত চিন পাটৰ কাৰণে হাজাৰ হাজাৰ দৰখাস্ত পৰি আছে, সেই বিলাক কেনেকৈ scrutiny কৰিব ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : First come first serve basis ত দৰখাস্ত বোৰ serially scrutiny কৰা হয় ।

Shri HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY : হাজাৰ হাজাৰ দৰখাস্ত পৰীক্ষা কৰাৰ সময় পাৰ নেকি ? সময় নাপালে যেনেকৈ ইচ্ছা তেনেকৈ দিয়া হয় নেকি ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA মই কৈছোয়েই যে, দৰখাস্ত বোৰ carefully পৰীক্ষা কৰা হয় ।

Re: Land for Sporting Associations

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*149. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Sporting Associations of Golaghat, Dergaon and Bokakhat applied for some lands for their respective places from last year ?
- (b) Whether the Minister is aware that they were unable to receive help from the Assam Sports Council for want of land of their own ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to allot some land immediately in those places in the name of their respective Sporting Associations ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

149. (a)—Yes. Golaghat District Sporting Association and Dergaon Sporting Association applied for land last year. Bokakhat Sporting Association has applied recently.

(b) It was reported that Golaghat District Sporting Association would get aid from the State Sports Council for construction of pavillion, etc., if they could get title and ownership over the land. As regards Dergaon and Bokakhat Sporting Associations, Government have no such information.

(c)—The proposals are under consideration of Government.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat): May I know Sir, whether it is a fact that the M. L. As. from Golaghat submitted a representation for settlement of land to the Golaghat Sporting Association.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue): Yes, Sir, that has been sent to the Land Settlement Advisory Board for consideration because the previous Land Settlement Advisory Board did not recommend settlement of land with the Golaghat Sporting Association.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA: Is it a fact that that a case is still pending in the office of the S. D. O. Golaghat because of the Land Settlement Advisory Board not being constituted still now.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) : Yes, Sir, but when the Land Settlement Advisory Board will be constituted, it will be placed before it.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA : May I know Sir, how long the matter is pending and why was it not placed before the previous Land Settlement Advisory Board ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Sir, it was placed before the previous Board but was not recommended by that Board.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : May I know from the hon'ble Minister whether there are certain places where the students are not having lands for the purpose of games and sports ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) : It may be so. But whenever we receive any application, it is duly considered and in case land is available, land is settled with the applicant.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA: Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to see that land is made available for this purpose immediately ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) : Sir, If an application is submitted we will surely consider it.

Mr. SPEAKER : When the Government has made it a policy to settle the lands with the Sporting Associations, why was this plot of land at Golaghat not settled with the Sporting Association.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Because the previous Land Advisory Board objected to it on the ground that this is the only public place available there where religious functions are held and sports and games conducted by other associations are played. That is why the previous Land Settlement Advisory Board objected to the proposal of the Golaghat Sporting Association.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUA (Amguri) : May I know whether Government is aware that in certain places Government have not settled lands even after recommendation of the Land Advisory Board ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) : If a specific case is brought to our notice, we will surely take action.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : Will the Government be pleased to make a survey of the available lands for giving over for the purpose of play grounds to the students ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Lands, provided they are available, are always given for play ground purposes. Therefore, there is no question of any survey being undertaken by Government.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : Will the Minister be pleased if necessary to adopt a definite policy.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) : I have already replied that whenever land is available, it is given to the Sporting Association. If land is not available, how can it be given ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : In view of scarcity of playground at Gauhati will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to enquire whether lands may be made available to students for playground purposes ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : At Gauhati there is the Stadium and the Judge Field.

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) : In view of the importance of sports and games, will the Government be pleased to take steps to expedite such matters so that the various schemes undertaken by different sporting associations may be expeditiously executed ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) : Such questions are always expedited. But in case of Golaghat, however, this delay is due to the objection of the Land Settlement Advisory Board to settle the plot of land in question with the Sporting Association.

Re: Higher Secondary and Multipurpose Schools

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*150. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that some syllabus prescribed by the Department for class X and XI of Higher Secondary and Multipurpose Schools such as Sanskrit Pathyam, Parts III, IV, by B. K. Acharyya, M. A., are not available in Gauhati, Nowgong, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, etc., till to-day ?
- (b) If so, what steps have been taken to secure these books to the students ?
- (c) What steps Government have taken to compensate the loss of study, and anxiety caused by the non-availability of these prescribed books ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied :

150. (a)—On enquiry it is found that the Sanskrit Text Book is not in short supply.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise.

Re: Government Subsidised Dispensary at Dullabcherra

Shri RAMDEB MALAH [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*151. Will the Minister in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any proposal to open a Government subsidised dispensary at Dullabcherra ?
- (b) If not, whether Government propose to consider the proposal to open the dispensary soon ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

151. (a) — There is a Government subsidised dispensary (Allopathic) at Dullabcherra.

(b) — Does not arise.

Re: The North-Gauhati Ferry Service

Shri KHOGENDRANATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*152. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) The steps taken to improve the Gauhati Ferry Service ?

(b) Why Ferry-ghat is constantly changing ?

(c) Whether Government has taken any step to find out a suitable place permanently.

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

152. (a) — One Twin-hulled Diesel Ferry Vessel is under construction for this Ferry Service by M/S. Garden Reach Workshop, Calcutta.

(b) — There is no change of Ferry-ghat on the South Bank since the year 1960-61 except changing the positions of jetties due to rise fall of water level in the river.

On the North Bank, two ghats are maintained—One for rainy season and the other for winter season. A huge area of this ghat is silted up in the winter season forming a Baluchar. The ghat for the use in the winter season is situated on this Baluchar. In the rainy season this Baluchar goes completely under water. But, mooring of the vessels on this ghat is not possible due to non-availability of sufficient depth of water for that purpose. Hence, in the rainy season, the ferry-ghat has to be shifted two furlongs away from the winter season ghat towards down stream. Also, the ghat for the use in the rainy season cannot be used in the winter season, as the ferry cannot moor on this ghat by crossing the Baluchar so formed in the winter season.

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

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Is it a fact that the Steamer Ferry of North Gauhati suffering from the malady since a long time past and it has failed to render service to the people in this important Ghat ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, P.W.D.) : Not always, but sometimes it happens.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : May I know from the hon'ble Minister whether this ferry service has not been plying since last June and thereby causing a lot of inconvenience to the travelling public, and more particularly, to the Military service personnel ? In view of this fact Sir, may I know what arrangements have been made by Government to do away this difficulty to the public ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, P. W. D.) : Sir, several questions have been joined together No. 1—It is not correct to say that the Ferry is stopped or not plying. There are difficulties, as I have already said, regarding Military people ferrying over this N. G. Ferry. We have taken up this matter with the Military Authority.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) : Sir, is it a fact that this particular Ferry steamer has stopped plying, I think from the 16th of June and till now it is not going.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, P.W.D.) : Sir so far as the steamer is concerned it is a fact that there are certain defects and these defects were examined by the Chief Ship Engineer and he said that the Steamer can not ply; and for this reason, we are trying to get some other Steamers from the Steamer Company but the charge everyday is above Rs.1,200 or something like Rs. 30,000 per month, so it is not possible to run the Steamer because of financial stringency. But now, Sir, though there is some difficulty we have got some Mar Boats and they have been plying. The ferry Steamer was suspended from plying from 9th July 1962.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Sir, is it a fact that recently while passengers including Shri Bijoy Chandra Bhagavaty, M. P. while taking across, the engine failed, that is of the motor launch, and they were saved from serious catastrophe by providence ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : Sir, it is a fact that the motor launch failed to carry the Deputy Minister. There is a steamer to carry over to the other side of the river, but the Ferry failed and that is why he was carried by the Mar Boat. There were three Boats one, in the centre being the bigger one; the engines of the bigger one failed and the other two engines were carrying the Deputy Minister without serious catastrophe or by Providence as my friend had pointed out.

Mr. SPEAKER : I think some other boat had to be engaged for taking the Deputy Minister Shri B. Bhagavati from the north bank of the river.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : Sir, may I know as the hon'ble Minister has admitted that this ferry went out of order since 12th of June, why this Ferry was not examined before hand by the Department concerned, in view of the fact that flood was imminent and for which the ferry might go out of order and the people may be put to difficulties ?

Mr. SPEAKER : Mr. Sarma, you should inculcate the habit of putting short questions. You should not mix up so many questions in one question. You should be precise.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA : Sir, may I know why this ferry was not examined by the Department concerned ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, Public Works Department) : Sir, this ferry steamer M.V. by name was supplied by the lessee. Primarily, it was the responsibility of the lessee to see whether this Steamer is in order or not, but at the same time our Department is also responsible to see to this. Our Engineers see things at times but when actually these defects came to the notice of the department they brought it to the notice of the chief ship surveyor and the Chief ship surveyor Engineer came and he after examining these things, said that it is not in order, it cannot ply. So, it is a fact Sir, that these defects were there and the vessel was suspended from plying.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : Are the Government aware that there is no restraint placed ?

Mr. SPEAKER : That is a separate question.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : Sir, in view of the importance of the Ghat, will the Government make special arrangement for the crossing of the passengers in this Ghat ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, Public Works Department) : Sir, we have engaged one officer just to see to the convenience of the passengers.

Mr. SPEAKER : Is it a fact that the Steamer plying that Ferry Ghat has been condemned for good. Is there some mechanical defect or physical defect and for this reason it has been condemned permanently ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : I do not know whether it has been condemned permanently, but the ship's Surveyor refused to give certificate and that is why the ships cannot ply.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that while going from this side to the other side the ghat on these marboats, on several occasions engines failed and the passenger were rather very panicky about it ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, Public Works Department) : Sir, it is a fact.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : My question is this in view of the importance of this Ghat, will the Government be pleased to take some special arrangement for the crossing of the river.

Mr. SPEAKER : He said that special arrangement has already been made. He has engaged two marboats and also one officer to look after the passengers.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : Sir, the main problem for that Ghat is to get a good Steamer. We have tried with the Steamer Companies and we have not been able to get a good Steamer. The River Steam Navigation Company through our request agreed to spare one

Steamer for one month but the charge was exorbitant. It was about Rs. 2,000 a day. They came down to about Rs. 1,200 or so. Then we tried with other Steamer Companies at Calcutta also but from there also we could not get. Now in Garden Reach one Twin-hulled Diesel Ferry Vessel is under construction for this Ferry Service by M/S. Garden Reach Workshop Calcutta. We hope that this will be ready in course of a few months.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) : Sir can the Government give the average number of passengers crossing by this Ferry per day ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State P.W.D.) : Sir, I have not got this number. I will Supply this afterwards.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : Sir, until a new ferry vesse is placed will the Government be pleased to have an insurance scheme for the crossing of the passengers for safety of their lives ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : Sir, the Brahmaputra in our State is about 450 miles in length. Except in a very few points, the Brahmaputra is crossed by ordinary boats in all these places. Therefore, whatever risk is there, it is throughout these 450 miles of Brahmaputra. Therefore, because we have not been able to provide a steamer, I do not think that we are taking undue risk in providing mar-boat for the purpose.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : This is not my question, Sir, my question relates to the crossing of the Brahmaputra by Government mar-boats.

Mr. SPEAKER : Order, please. The Chief Minister replied to the question put by Shri Sarma about the interim scheme to cover the risk of the passengers crossing the Brahmaputra by mar boat or country boats.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : My question was relating to this ghat Sir, because Government have undertaken the responsibility of crossing passengers.

Mr. SPEAKER : By allowing people to cross the river, people are not taking undue risk for which insurance is warranted.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA SINGHA (Galakganj) : May I know from the hon'ble Minister whether Mr. Speaker was also involved in such an accident ?

Mr. SPEAKER : The question was replied to by the hon'ble Minister in charge of Medical.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Balipara) : My question is whether the passenger cross the North Gauhati ferry by Government mar boat at their own risk or at the risk of the Government.

Mr. SPEAKER At their own risk.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether the new deisels ferry vessel would be placed at the disposal of a private lessee or it will be run by the Government directly ;

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, P.W.D.): It will be supplied to lessee and the lessee will take the responsibility, Subject to condition of sale. The lessee will take responsibility to ply the vessel subject to condition of sale.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar): May I know from the hon. Minister how many mar boats are plying in this ghat ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: I cannot reply off hand, Sir. I shall require notice but, perhaps, it is 3 Single engine leads boats and two marboats.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): Are life belts attached to the launches, Sir ?

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes, they are there.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur): এই জাহাজ খন বাৰিষাব দিনত বছৰি বছৰি যে, বেয়া হয় আৰু চলাচল কৰিব নোৱাৰে, এই কথা চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

উত্তৰ নাই ।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব পাৰোনে কিয় এই জাহাজখন চৰকাৰে নচলাই প্ৰায়ভেদ পাৰ্টীক দিয়া হয় ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): এই বিষয়ত দুটা ব্যৱস্থা আছে। Advertisement কৰোতে চৰকাৰে অথবা 'লেটীয়ে' জাহাজ দি চলোৱা কথা আছে। যদি 'লেটীয়ে' জাহাজ দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব পাৰে তেওঁলোকে চলাব। এই অৱস্থাতো ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰৰ দলং হোৱাৰ পিচত, কি কৰিলে ভাল হব, পিচত চাব লাগিব।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria): Regarding the 3 ferry ghat of Brahmaputra there are volleys of questions since 1957 and every time Government say that we are purchasing steamers. May I know from the Government whether those steamers have been purchased.

Mr. SPEAKER: Not purchased: the vessels are under construction

It has already been replied that one twin-hulled diesel ferry vessel is under construction by Messrs. Garden Reach Workshop, Calcutta.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: To be more precise, Sir, the order was placed, on 4th May 1961 to be supplied within 14 or 15 months.

Mr. SPEAKER: His question is when the construction order was issued.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: On 4th May 1961.

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patachar-kuchi): এই ঘাটটো State Transport ৰ জৰিয়তে চলাব নোৱাৰি নেকি ? -

Mr. SPEAKER: পাণ্ডু আমিনগাওঁ বেইলৱে ফেবীৰ' দৰে।

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): এইটো বিৱেচনা কৰি চোৱা যাব।

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon): মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জনা-বনে, এই ঘাটৰ কেইখন মাৰনাওঁ আছে ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, P. W. D.): ৬ খন।

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA: এই মাৰনাওঁ বিলাকৰ এখনীয়া আৰু দুখনীয়া (Single and double marboot) ধৰণৰ; দুখনীয়া (double) মাৰনাওঁ কেইখন আছে ? মাৰনাওঁ বিলাকৰ ওপৰত টে নং কৰি কাৰণে, যাত্ৰী বিলাকৰ ব'দ আৰু বৰষুণত হোৱা অসুবিধাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

Mr. SPEAKER: ৬ খন বুলি কৈছেই নহয়।

Shri DANDIRAM DUTTA: মাৰনাওঁৰ সংখ্যা কম হোৱাই যিবিলাক যাত্ৰী পাব হ'ব নোৱাৰে তেওঁলোকৰ অসুবিধাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে ভাবিছেনে ?

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): এই মাৰনাওঁ বিলাকৰ লগত Safety measure ৰ কাৰণে 'বিলিফ' নাও পঠোৱাৰ কিবা ব্যৱস্থা আছে নেকি ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: বৰ্তমান নাই কিন্তু Life feed আছে।

• Re: Posting of Armed Forces at Nilmoni Tea Estate

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

- (a) Whether armed forces were posted at Nilmoni tea estate during the recent strike period ?
- (b) If so, when the forces were deployed ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the strike took place from the date of posting of the armed forces ?
- (d) If not, from which date the strike took place ?

(e) Whether there arose any trouble in the Garden since the commencement of the strike till the posting of the armed forces ?

(f) If not, why armed forces were posted in the garden ?

(g) When was the strike called off ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

153. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Armed Police force was deployed from 22nd April to 28th April 1962.

(c)—No.

(d)—The strike commenced from the morning of 11th April 1962.

(e)—No.

(f)—Armed Police Force was posted at the request of the Managing authorities of the garden as they apprehended serious danger to lives and property of the management.

(g)—The strike was called off on 26th April 1962.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA : মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কৈছে যে গুগুগোল হোৱাৰ সন্তাৰনা হোৱাৰ কাৰণে, সশস্ত্ৰ বাহিনী পঠোৱা হৈছিল। মই ইয়াৰ পৰা এইটোকেই ধৰিব পাবোনে যে, বনুৱা সকলে যেতিয়াই Strike কৰে তেতিয়াই তেওঁলোকক দমন কৰিবলৈ, সশস্ত্ৰ বাহিনীৰ সহায় লোৱা হয় ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA : সেইটো নহয় ; গুগুগোল হোৱা আৰু হোৱাৰ সন্তাৰনা দুটা কথা। যেতিয়া গুগুগোলৰ সন্তাৰনা আছে তুলি কোনো পক্ষৰ পৰা আবেদন কৰে, তেতিয়া জিলা মেজিষ্ট্ৰেটে আৱশ্যক বুজ পুলিচ পঠোৱাত লক্ষ্য দিয়ে। এতেকে পুলিচ পঠোৱা কাম চৰকাৰে নকৰে।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA : সেই বাগানখনত, সঁচাকৈ গুগুগোলৰ স্থিতি হৈছিল নে নাই চৰকাৰে তদন্ত কৰি চাবনে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA : এইটো চোৱা নহব ; কাৰণ আবেদন পোৱাৰ পিচত, জিলা মেজিষ্ট্ৰেটে এই কথা বিবেচনা কৰিছে সশস্ত্ৰ বাহিনী মান্দি লক্ষ্য দিছিল।

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : বহুতো সময়ত শিল্প মালিক সকলে বনুৱা সকলৰ ভয় খুৱাবলৈও এনে ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লয় এই কথা চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA : চৰকাৰৰ তেনে ধৰণ নাই

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) : মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে এই কথা জানেনে যে, কিছুমান চাহ বাগানত গুগুগোলৰ কোনো কথা নহলেও পুলিচ পঠোৱা হয়।

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : মই আগতেই উত্তৰ দিছো যে যি কোনো বিষয়ত পুলিচ কেতিয়া যাব লাগে বা কেতিয়া যাব নালাগে সেইটো মহকুমাধিপতিয়ে বিবেচনা কৰে, কোনো ঠাইত কেতিয়া পুলিচ পঠিওৱা হয় সেই সিদ্ধান্তটো মহকুমাধিপতিয়ে কৰে এতিয়া এক এক পৰিস্থিতিত কোনো পুলিচ পঠিয়াই সেই বিলাক পীৰস্থিতিৰ এটা General আভাষ দিয়া টান।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জানেনে যে এই বাগিচা খনত কোনো বছৰেই বনুৱাৰ দাবী পূৰণ নকৰে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): এই প্ৰশ্নটোৰ আগ-জাননী নহলে উত্তৰ দিয়া টান ।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA: কোনো দিনেই বনুৱাৰ দাবী পূৰণ নকৰা কাৰণেই এই বছৰ ধৰ্ম্মঘট কৰা মাত্ৰেই বাগিচালৈ Management এ Armed police নি বনুৱা সকলৰ ন্যায় দাবী প্ৰত্যাহাত কৰিছে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: মাননীয় সদস্যই মোৰ লিখিত উত্তৰতে দেখিব যে বনুৱাৰ ধৰ্ম্মঘট আৰম্ভ হৈছে ১১ এপ্ৰিলৰ পৰা আৰু বন্ধুকাৰী পুলিচ পঠিওৱা হৈছে ২২ এপ্ৰিলত ; গতিকে ধৰ্ম্মঘট কৰা ১১ দিনৰ পিছতহে তালৈ পুলিচ গৈছে । গতিকে ধৰ্ম্মঘট কৰা মাত্ৰেই তালৈ পুলিচ পঠিওৱা হোৱা নাই ।

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): প্ৰায় ১১ দিন শান্তিপূৰ্ণ ভাৱে ধৰ্ম্মঘট চলি থকাৰ পিচত তালৈ পুলিচ কিয় পঠিয়াইছে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: ধৰ্ম্মঘট চলি থকাত কোনোবা মুহূৰ্ত্তত অশান্তিৰ সৃষ্টি হ'ব পাৰে বুলি আশঙ্কা কৰিয়েই হ'বলা সতৰ্কতাৰ কাৰণে তাত পুলিচ ৰাখিছিল ।

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI: এখন বাগিচাত কোনো গোলমাল নেহোৱা স্বত্তেও যদি Management এ বাবে বাবে পুলিচ মাত থাকে তালৈ পুলিচ পঠিয়াই থাকিবনে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: কলৈ পুলিচ পঠিয়াব লাগে বা কলৈ পঠিয়াব নালাগে, সেই বিষয়ে স্থানীয় দায়িত্বশাল অফিচাৰেহে নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰে ।

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI: বনুৱাক ভয় দেখুৱাবলৈ যে বাগিচাৰ Management এ পুলিচ মাতে সেই কথা গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে জানেনে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: কোনো এটা নিৰ্দ্ধিষ্ট ঘটনাৰ বিষয়ে নকলে উত্তৰ দিয়া সম্ভৱ নহয় ।

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI: কোনো বাগিচাত বনুৱাক ভয় দেখুৱাবলৈ যদি পুলিচ মতাটো হয় তেন্তে তালৈ পুলিচ নপঠিওৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: সেই দায়িত্ব স্থানীয় কৰ্ম্মচাৰীৰ তেওঁলোকে ঘটনাৰ গুৰুত্ব নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰিছে দাবী মতে পুলিচ পঠিয়াইছে ।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): বনুৱাব নায্য দাবী পূৰণৰ কাৰণে শান্তিপূৰ্ণ ধৰ্ম্মঘট চলি থকাত, তলৈ বন্দুকধাৰী পুলিচ পঠোৱাৰ ফলত Trade Union ৰ শক্তিৰ ব্যাঘাট কৰা হৈছে নে নাই, সেই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰে তদন্ত কৰিব নে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): নকৰে। আমি Trade Union আন্দোলনটো ইমান দুৰ্বল বুলি নাভাবো যে কেইজনমান পুলিচ গলেই তেওঁলোকৰ শক্তিৰ ব্যাঘাট কৰা হ'ব।

মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে নিশ্চয় উপলব্ধি কৰিব যে আইন শৃংখলা বন্ধাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত জিলাৰ উপায়ুক্ত আৰু মহকুমাধিপতিৰ বিশেষ দায়িত্ব আছে। এই স্থানীয় অফিচাৰ সকলে সকলো পৰিস্থিতিৰ গুৰুত্ব নিৰ্ণয় কৰি সকলো প্ৰকাৰে আইন শৃংখলা অক্ষুণ্ণ ৰাখিব লাগে। গতিকে কোনো ঘটনা স্থানলৈ পুলিচ পঠিয়াব লাগে নে নোলাগে, সেই কাম বিলাকত চৰকাৰে হস্তক্ষেপ কৰা উচিত নহয়। কাৰণ, এই বিলাক কাম তেওঁলোকে নিবলম্ব ভাৱে কৰা দৰ্কাৰ। সেই মৰ্ণে আমাৰ circular দিয়া আছে আৰু তাত সকলো পৰামৰ্শও দিয়া হৈছে।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA: মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে যে, শান্তি শৃংখলা বন্ধাৰ কাৰণেই পুলিচ পঠিওৱা হয়। নিলামপি বাগানত Armed Force posting কৰাটো শান্তি শৃংখলা বন্ধাৰ কাৰণে নহৈ বনুৱাব নায্যদাবী পূৰণৰ পথত বাধা দিয়াৰ কাৰণহে যে হৈছে সেই কথাটো তদন্ত কৰিবনে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: কেতিয়াও তদন্ত কৰা নহ'ব; কিয়নো তাৰ দ্বাৰা আইন শৃংখলা বন্ধা কৰাত বাধা পাব, আৰু উপায়ুক্ত বা মহকুমাধিপতিৰ কৰ্তব্যত বাধা দিয়া হয়।

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara): পুলিচ শক্তি ব্যৱহাৰ কৰাত যদি ইউনিয়নৰ শক্তিৰ ব্যাঘাট হয় তেন্তে গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে তদন্ত কৰিব নে ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: তেনে ক্ষেত্ৰত পুলিচৰ শক্তি কতিয়াও ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা নহয়; কোনো অনুসন্ধান পালে নিশ্চয় তদন্ত কৰা হ'ব।

Re: Health Unit at Karimganj

Shri ABDUL MUNIM CHOUDHURY (Karimganj South) asked:

- * 4. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether Government proposed to open a health unit at South Karimganj this year ?
 - (b) Whether Government is aware that the people of this area need urgently a health unit as the area is a backward one there being no good private practitioner too ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

154. (a)—This case will be considered along with others.
(b)—Yes.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora): Has the Government received any representation from the local people ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE : Yes, Sir.

Re : Spreading of T. B.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*155. Will the Minister, Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the T. B. has been spreading alarmingly and rapidly ?
(c) Whether Government is aware that 'free treatment' of T. B. so far offered, obviously appears to be far from sufficient besides being inaccessible to the poor rural people ?
(d) Whether Government will make immediate arrangement to extend "free treatment" to all patient especially to low income group, and to make adequate preventive measures by looking upon T. B. as a 'national evil' ?
(e) If so, when ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

155. (a)—The T. B. is not spreading alarmingly and rapidly, but more cases are coming up for treatment now.

(c)—Facilities for free treatments are not far from and sufficient not inaccessible to poor rural people, because free treatment is afforded and financial assistance is also given to some deserving T. B. patients. Government have recently sanctioned fund for the purpose of maintaining stock of Anti-T. B. Drugs in all T. B. Clinics, etc., for free treatment.

(d) & (e)—Government is doing all that is possible according to availability of funds.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) : (Replied as in print except (c), which was amended and read as follows :—

(c) Facilities for free treatments are not far from sufficient and not inaccessible to poor rural people, because free treatment is afforded and financial assistance is also given to some deserving T. B. patients of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes. Government have recently sanctioned fund for the purpose of maintaining stock of Anti-T. B. Drugs in all T. B. Clinics, etc., for free treatment.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) : May I know from the Minister whether Government have collected any statistics about the number of people who are suffering from T. B. and who are rotting in the streets of Assam ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) : We are in the process of doing it.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE: In the reply the Minister said that this T. B. disease has not alarmingly increased, how does he know that ?

Mr. SPEAKER: From random survey.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) May I know whether any figure has been collected by the Government about the T. B. patients in the State ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): No, Sir, not yet.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA: Then how the Minister replied that T. B. has not alarmingly and rapidly increased ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): From the cases coming to the doctors for treatment, in the Hospitals and Dispensaries.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): Will the Minister state the number of case coming to the doctors for treatment ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): I am sorry, I cannot give the number off hand

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): যি বিলাক বগী হস্পিটালত থকাৰ কাৰণে seat নাপায়, সেই সকলে যদি ঘৰত থাকি চিকিৎসা কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰে তেন্তে তেওঁলোকক বিনামূল্যে দৰৱ দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): I have already stated that some funds have been provided for the free treatment of the deserving people. That has been done recently, now whenever patients will approach the district or sub-divisional hospitals they will be given free treatment so far as examination and medicine are concerned.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI: জনজাতীয় লোকসকলৰ সকলো প্ৰকাৰৰ বোগীক বিনা মূল্যে দৰৱ দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE It is not meant for scheduled castes and Scheduled only but for all unfortunate patients.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Loharighat): What is the number of beds in our hospitals in Assam earmarked for T. B. patients ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: I cannot give answer to that question, without notice this cannot be done.

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon): চিকিৎসাৰ সুবিধাৰ কাৰণে যিটো অলপ Allotment দি 'ফাণ্ড' কৰিছে সেইটো কাৰ কাৰণে কৰিছে হস্পিটালত থকা বোগী বিলাকক Free Treatment কৰিবলৈ নে বাহিৰত থাকি চিকিৎসা কৰা বোগী সকলেও কিবা সুবিধা পায় ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): ঔষধৰ সুবিধা পায় ।

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara): এজন বোগী যদি কিছু দূৰত থাকে তেন্তে সেই বোগীজনে কি বকমে বেমাৰ চিকিৎসা কৰিব ?

Shri BAIDYA NATH MOOKERJEE : উষ্ণ লব, খাব, আৰু ঘৰলৈ লই বাব ডাক্তৰে ব্যৱস্থাও দিব পথাৰদি বিষয়ত।

Shri BISWADEV SARMA : উষ্ণ কিনিবলৈকেই যাৰ পইছা নাই সেইজনে আকৌ অহা-যোৱাৰ খৰছ বহন কৰে ক'ৰ পৰা ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) Government cannot provide expenses to the patients for their coming to the hospital and going back to their residences.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) Whether in view of increased number of T. B. patients, Government will consider to increase the number of beds for these patients ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE : The problem cannot be solved by only increasing the number of beds, though we are gradually increasing the number of beds.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : Is the Minister aware that in the Silchar Hospital the number of T. B. patients have increased four times since 1951.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Re: Construction of embankment on the western bank of Pahumara river

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked:

581. Will the Minister-in-charge of embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that after the construction of an embankment on the western bank of Pahumara river in Bajli circle the village namely Katakbari, Bangti, Dolorpathar, Barbhitha, Chakia, Mathjapur, etc. were subject to heavy rain water flood ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that to control the flood, a sluice gate (namely Moinajan) was constructed at Moinajan ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that this sluice gate was washed away by flood some years ago ?

(d) Whether it is fact that due to destruction of this sluice gate, river flood water centers into these villages through this destructed gate, and causes heavy damage to jute, paddy and other crops every year ?

(e) Whether it is a fact many public petitions were submitted to the Government for re-construction of this sluice gate ?

(f) Whether Government for has taken up proposal for construction ?

(g) If not, why and when it will be re-constructed ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, F. C. and I. Wing) replied:

581. (a)—yes.

(b)—yes.

(c)—Yes. The Mainajan sluice of Pahumara river right bank was damaged badly due to abnormal flood on 25th May 1959.

(d) Yes, to some extent.

(e)—Yes.

(f) and (g)—sluice on upstream of Mainajan is proposed at M.P. 10/3 right bank under the scheme "Constructing sluices and openings in the Dykes/embankments in Kamrup District (Third Five Year Plan, 1061-62 Programme)". Tenders for this have been called for and work will be taken up during next working season. This will help in relieving flood congestion in the area.

Re: Bisshanala Jan (Drain)

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked:

582. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be placed to state—

(a) When the Bisshanala Jan (Drain) in Sariha Mouza was excavated?

(b) Whether Government have any statistic to show that more crops have been produced by excavating the Jan (Drain)?

(c) If so, what are the figures of production during Pre and Post excavation period?

(d) Whether Government have lately received any public representation petition, resolution of meeting from the local people to block the Jan?

(e) Whether Government propose to enquire about the Jan and block the same to improve cultivation of the field?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied:

582. (a)—The Jan was excavated in 1953-54

(b)&(c)—Government do not have any statistics of increase or decrease in production of crops, etc. due to the excavation of the Jan.

(d)&(e)—No. On receipt of statistics from Agricultural Department if the trend shows towards a decrease of crop, fresh investigation will be made. If it is found that due to changed circumstances the channel is having adverse effects on the fields, it will be closed in the interest of cultivation.

Re: Maintenance of Sub-centre under Health Units

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked:

583. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state how Government proposed to maintain the Sub-centres under Health Units without Government quarters ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

583. Staff attached to Sub-centres are granted house-rent allowance in lieu of rent free Government quarters.

Re: Rice Mills in Gauhati Sub-division

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

584. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Rice Mills are there in the Gauhati Sub-division ?
- (b) What is the total quantity of paddy allotted for milling to each of the mills in the year, 1960-61 and for the four months from January to April, 1962 ?
- (c) Whether the Mills were allowed to procure or purchase paddy from any other channel by the Government ?
- (d) What is the normal milling capacity of each of these rice mills in a month ?
- (e) Whether any rice mill has been closed for want of paddy to run the mill as a remunerative concern ?

Shri RUP NATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied:

584. (a)—Thirty-six.

(b)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—Before the introduction of the State Trading Scheme, mills were allowed to procure paddy direct from the growers. But with the introduction of the Scheme the mills are not allowed to procure paddy from the growers. Special agencies have been engaged for the purpose of the procurement and the mills are to receive paddy from those special procuring agencies (Co-operatives).

(d)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.

(e)—No.

Re: Enlisting of Tea Garden Communities as other Backward Classes

Shri INDRESWAR KHAUND (Jaipur) asked:

585. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas and other Backward Classes be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that many tea garden communities are not included in the list of other Backward Classes of the State?

(b) If so, which are the communities and why they are not so included?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister-in-charge Tribal Areas & Welfare Backward Classes) replied:

585. (a) & (b)—The following main tribes with their sub-tribes have been recognised as other Backward Classes of this State. However, the whole matter of including the remaining tea-garden tribes with sub-tribes in the list of other Backward Classes of this State will be placed before the next meeting of the Advisory Council for the Welfare of Other Backward Classes for its consideration—

Gonds.—Includes such names as Agaria, Dhanwar, Koyi (Koya), Káwar (Kanwar, Kaur), Pardhan and Paroja (Parja).

Mundas.—Includes such names as Birhor, Binjhar, Gandaba (Gadba), Ho, Kol, Kharai, Korku, Korwa, Savara and Turi.

Khonds.—Includes names like Jatapu and Konda-dora.

Oraons.—Includes Kurukh.

Santhals.

Savaras.

Pans.—Includes such names as Chik-Baraik, Ganda and Tanti, the last named being related to the Mahars of Madhya Pradesh.

Re: Purchase of Cement by the Executive Engineer, Barpeta for construction of Roads, Buildings, etc.

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

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

(a) How many bags of cement were purchased since 31st March 1961 to 31st March 1962 by the Executive Engineer, Barpeta P. W. Division for utilisation in Roads, Buildings, culverts, etc.?

- (b) How many bags of cement so purchased were actually utilised during the said period ?
- (c) What is the actual balance that remained un-utilised ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that a large quantity of cement amounting to several hundreds of bags were spoiled for non-utilisation in proper time ?
- (e) If the reply to the question (d) above is in the negative, whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the matter ?
- (f) If the reply to question (d) above is in the affirmative, how many bags were so damaged and what is the total loss so sustained ?
- (g) Why these were not sold to needy public ?

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

- 586 (a)—16,575 bags.
- (b)—16,540 bags.
- (c)—35 bags.
- (d)—In view of reply against (c) above does not arise.
- (e)—Does not arise.
- (f)—Does not arise.
- (g)—Does not arise.

Re: Subsidised Dispensaries in Bhabanipur Constituency

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Casts)] asked :

587: Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that there are three Subsidised Dispensaries (*viz.*, Phinguya, Kayakuchi, Amrikhoya Dispensaries) within the Bhabanipur Constituency in the Barpeta Sub-division ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the Phinguya and Kaiyakuchi Dispensaries are situated in the most Backward Areas ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge of Public Health visited Phinguya and Kaiyakuchi Dispensaries personally in the year 1960-61 ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that there are numerous representations to Government to convert these three dispensaries into the State Dispensaries ?

(e) If so, how long will it take for such conversion ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

587. (a)—There are no Government Subsidised Dispensaries by the names of (1) Phinguya, (2) Kayakuchi, (3) Amrikhowa in Barpeta Subdivision.

Amrikhowa is an out centre under Saruketri State Dispensary and Phinguya an out centre under Barpeta Development Block.

(b)—Yes. These places are in Backward Areas.

(c)—The then Minister-in-charge of Medical and Public Health might have visited Phinguya and Kayakuchi sometimes.

(d) —Some representation was recently received from Amrikhowa.

(e)—This representation is under examination. No fixed date can be given but this case will be considered along with others.

Re: Arrangement of Medical Facilities in Amguri Town

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

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

(a) Why Government have not yet made any arrangement to provide medical facilities to the Amguri Town of Sibsagar Sub-division ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Plan and Estimate for a Hospital at Amguri was finalised ?

(c) If so, why administrative approval is not yet given ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the public have already given land for this purpose ?

(e) Whether Government propose to open a hospital, or sub-centre of Primary Health Unit or a Dispensary or any other Medical Institution for Amguri at the earliest ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied:

588. (a)—No medical facilities are available at Amguri proper. But *the people of the Town* get medical facilities from Mourabazar Primary Health Unit and from Jhanji Dispensary, both of which are about 4 miles from Amguri.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Government have not yet taken any land from public.

(e)—There is no such proposal at present as there is already a Primary Health Unit at Mourabazar and a Dispensary at Jhanjhi.

Re: Rural Health Centre in Lahowal, Rohmuria and Modarkhat Mouzas

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

589. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any Rural Health Centre in Lahowal, Rohmuria, Modarkhat Mouzas ?

(b) If so, where ?

(c) If not, why not ?

(d) What is the total Number of Health Visitors in these three Mouzas and who are those ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied:

589. (a)—No. There is no Rural Health Centre or Primary Health Unit there.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Primary Health Units will be established block-wise. Those stocks which have attained stage I or II are gradually being selected for establishment of Primary Health Units. All the three Mouzas under question (c) fall under Lahowal Block, which is still in its shadow stage. So, this Block has not yet been selected for establishment of Primary Health Unit.

(d)—None, as there is no Primary Health Unit there.

Re: Compulsory Primary Education

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

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

(a) Whether compulsory Primary Education in the State of Assam has been enforced, and if so, from what date ?

(b) How many Schools for Primary Education (i) Governmental (ii) Government Aided, and (iii) Private Venture are there in entire State (figures may please be furnished district-wise) ?

- (c) What was the total amount of money spent by Government for Primary Education in the State in 1961-62 ?
- (d) What is the estimated expenditure for the above purpose in 1962-63 for the year out of the Third Five Year-Plan ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take up all the Primary Schools in the State including those in the Tea Estates and Industrial Areas directly under the State Government?
- (f) If so, from what date ?
- (g) If not, why not ?
- (h) What will be the approximate expenditure required (per year) for running all the existing Primary Schools in the State by the State Government ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education)

replied :

590 (a)—It was enforced in selected areas with effect from 1st February 1949.

(b)—A statement is placed in the Library Table.

(c)—Rs. 3,10,27,831-00 only.

(d)—Rs. 1,38,83,500-00 only.

(e)—No.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Government maintain only a few Primary School directly. The Schools in the Hills Districts are managed by the District Councils and the Schools in the Plains Districts by the School Boards. The Tea Industry maintains the Tea Garden Schools. Government do not like to maintain all the Schools directly.

(h)—Rs. 3.5 Crores annually (approximately).

Re: Primary Health Units

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon) asked :

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

- (a) How many Primary Health Units have been taken up in the State since 1960 to date ?
- (b) How many of them are in the Mangaldai Sub-division ?
- (c) Where they are located ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

591. (a)—27.

(b)—None, during this period but there are 4 Primary Health Units functioning from before 1960.

(c)—Does not arise for the period from 1960.

The Primary Health Units functioning prior to 1960 are located at Udalguri, Sipajhar, Patharighat and Orang.

Re: Free Forest Permit

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

592. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that consolidated Free Forest Permit is issued by the Divisional Forest Officer to the Executive Engineers to minimise the constructional cost of Government buildings within his division ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that in recent years the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar is taking dilatory process in issuing consolidated Free Forest Permit to the Executive Engineers and contractors at the recommendation of the Executive Engineers ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the said procedure of the Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar is hampering the progress of the Development work in Cachar ?

(d) If so, what action the Government propose to take for better co-ordination ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

592. (a)—Yes.

(b), (c) & (d)—Government has no such report. However, an enquiry will be made in view of the hon. Member's Question.

Re: Kanaklata Memorial

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

593. Will the Minister-in-charge, Political Sufferers be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is a demand from public for construction of the Kanaklata Memorial in front of the Gohpur Thana where martyr Kanaklata Baruah was shot dead during the 1942 movement ?

- (b) How many proposals for the perpetuating the memory of the martyrs are there with the Government for consideration ?
- (c) What are they ?
- (d) Who submitted them ?
- (e) What would be the cost of the memorial in each case ?
- (f) What is the cause for so much delay in taking final decision of the matter ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Martyrs Memorial Trust will have to recommend the proposal for acceptance of the Government ?
- (h) Who are the members of the said Trust ?
- (i) Whether Government will take early decision of the matter and fulfill the aspirations of the people ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister-in-charge, Political sufferers) replied :

593. (a)—Yes.

(b), (c), (d), (e) & (f)—Two representations were received from the people of Gohpur—one from the ladies of Gohpur and the other from the Secretary, Kanaklata Smriti Stambha Samiti, Gohpur. As there were no special proposals, the cost of the memorial is not known. However, the State Advisory Board for Political Sufferers discussed the matter and requested Shri O. K. Das to submit concrete proposals for the purpose. Two proposals have been submitted by Shri O. K. Das and one proposal has been submitted by Shri Robin Kakati for consideration of the State Advisory Board. Another proposal has also been submitted by the Congress Committee, Tezpur. All these proposals are under examination and will be considered by the State Board in its next meeting.

(g)—No.

(h)—A list of the members of the Trust Board is placed on the Library Table.

(i)—The proposal will be placed before the State Advisory Board for Political Sufferers in its next sitting for a final decision and the decision of the Board will be forwarded to the Government for early action.

Re: Government Fisheries

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

594. (a) What is the total number of Government Fisheries in each of the Subdivisions of the State ?
- (b) What is the total amount invested in these fisheries in each of the Subdivisions during the last five years ?

- (c) What is the annual recurring expenditure in the Government Fisheries Subdivision wise ?
 (d) What is the annual out-turn of these fisheries in each of the Subdivision during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Fisheries) replied :

594. (a) to (d)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.

Re: Fishery Loans

(Advanced Loans of Fisheries)

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

595. (a) What is the total amount advanced as loans to (I) individual and (II) Co-operatives for fisheries during the years 1957-58 to 1961-62 in each of the Subdivision of the State ?
 (b) What amount of Fishery Loan has been advanced by the Agriculture Department and what amount has been advanced by Land Mortgage Banks during these years ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Fisheries) replied :

595. (a) and (b)—Amount of Fishery Loan advanced by the Department directly and through Land Mortgage Bank are as follows:—

	By the Department		Amount placed at the disposal of Land Mortgage Bank	
			Rs.	Rs.
1957-58	42,300	...
1958-59	49,300	...
1959-60	45,000	...
1960-61	14,200	55,800
1961-62	45,000

[Subdivision-wise figures are placed on the Library Table.]

No loan was advanced to any Co-operative Societies for Fisheries Development during the years under reference.

Re: Cattle population under Gossaigaon Veterinary Dispensary

Shri MATHIUS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

596. Will the Minister, Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Total cattle population in the area under Gossaigaon Veterinary Dispensary ?

- (b) Total number of cattle treated there during the year 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?
- (c) How many of the cattle treated died ?
- (d) Who is the Veterinary Surgeons there at present ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Veterinary Surgeon's quarter there is almost worn out and unsuitable for human habitation ?
- (f) If so, what steps Government are taking for reconstruction of the same ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

596. (a)—Eighty-five thousand, one hundred and fifty-four.

(b)—The total number of cattle treated are :—

				Rs.
1960-61	...	...		6,107
1961-62	...	...		3,865

(c)—Twelve.

(d)—Shri Chani Ram Das.

(e) and (f)—Yes, the quarter is in a bad condition and arrangement for its repairs is being made.

Re: Establishment of Artificial Insemination at Tihu Veterinary Dispensary

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked :

597. Will the Minister-in charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government lately received any representation from the public of Tihu Town for establishment of an Artificial Insemination Centre at the Tihu-Bhandoram State Veterinary Dispensary ?
- (b) Whether the Officer-in-charge, Key Village Scheme, Assam, requested the Director, Veterinary, Assam to make a budget provision for an Artificial Insemination Centre at the said Dispensary in the year 1960.
- (c) Whether the District Veterinary Officer, submitted such a scheme for the dispensary.

(d) Whether the former Chief Minister (Shri B. R. Medhi) gave an assurance to open an Artificial Insemination Centre at Tihu ?

(e) In spite of all these recommendations why it has not yet been implemented ?

(f) When it will be implemented ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

597. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Yes, there was such a proposal from the Officers.

(d)—Not known.

(e)—The Key Village Scheme approved by Government of India during second plan did not provide for attachment of A. I. Centre to Veterinary Dispensary Hospital in Rural Areas.

(f)—Funds are inadequate to open A. I. Centre everywhere. It cannot therefore be said when it will be possible and whether it will be possible to open A.I. Centre at this place.

Re : Dubia Veterinary Dispensary

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

598. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) When the Dubia Veterinary Dispensary was started ?

(b) What is the present staff appointed there ?

(c) Whether annual repair of Dispensary building and staff quarter has ever been done since its establishment ?

(d) Whether there is a proposal to construct the buildings at a new site in the locality ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some local people have voluntarily donated land for the said dispensary ?

(f) What is the total acreage of the land so donated ?

(g) Whether the land has been formally transferred to the appropriate authority ?

(h) If not, what is the cause of delay ?

- (i) Whether steps will be taken for early transfer of land to the dispensary authority for its proper utilisation ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that necessary plan and estimates have already been prepared for construction of buildings, etc. ?
- (k) Whether administrative approval has been accorded ?
- (l) If not, whether Government will be pleased to accord the same ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE] CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary)
replied :

598. (a)—In the year 1953.

(b)—The present staff of the dispensary are :—

(i) Veterinary Assistant Surgeon	.	One.
(ii) Veterinary Field Assistants	..	Two.
(iii) Grade IV	... ..	Two.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Near about three acres.

(g)—No.

(h)—The donors could not hand over the land in time for acquisition.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—No.

(k)—Does not arise.

(l)—After taking over the land necessary plans and estimates will have to be prepared and administrative approval will be accorded.

Re: Taking over of Lands from persons of Barpeta

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) asked :

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

- (a) The names of the persons whose lands were taken over by the Government for extension of Barpeta town, in Jati and Meteuakuchi areas, along with the area of each ?

- (b) Whether Government paid compensation to those persons whose lands were thus taken by the Government ?
- (c) If not, whether Government now contemplate to pay compensation to them ?
- (d) If not, why ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Government took premium from the allottees in those areas (Jati and Metuakuchi) for lands taken by them from the old pattadars ?
- (f) Whether the Minister is aware that at the time of making planned settlement in Jati and Metuakuchi Town extension areas, the homestead lands with residential houses of some of the old settlers were allotted to some other persons and thereby creating a most anomalous condition ?
- (g) If the answer is in affirmative whether Government will take necessary steps to settle those anomalies ?
- (h) If the answer is in negative, whether the Government will make enquiry to ascertain the real position ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

599. (a)—A list containing the names of persons whose annual patta lands were made Sarkari after issue of non-renewal notices for extension of Barpeta Town, in Jati and Metuakuchi areas, along with the area of each, is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—No. According to the term of the lease, the annual lease holders were not entitled to get compensation for the lands taken over by Government for public purpose.

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

(e)—At the time of planned settlement Government realised premia from the allottees including the old pattadars.

(f)—It is not a fact that the homestead lands with residential houses of some of the old pattadars were allotted to some other persons.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Government are aware of the real position. The real position is as follows :—

After allotment of lands on planned manner in 1952, some persons (other than the allottees and old pattadars) encroached upon some allotted plots by constructing residential houses thereon and applied for settlement of the same depriving the original allottees. Their prayers were not favoured by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee. The matter is still under consideration of Government. The matter is

Re: Tezpur-Silghat Ferry Service**Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara)** asked :

600. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state —

- (a) How long Tezpur-Silghat Ferry Service was suspended in the month of April and why ?
- (b) When the Steamer Co. notified this suspension of this ferry service and to whom ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that passengers including ladies had to be stranded with babies due to this suspension without any notice ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that for want of regular Bus Service from Bhomoraguri to Tezpur a distance of six miles passengers are suffering from untold miseries ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to make some permanent arrangement in this Ghat for the convenience of the passengers in future ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

600. (a)—From 15th April 1962 to 26th April 1962. Due to change in the course of the channel of the river and non availability of approach roads to a new site immediately thereafter.

(b)—On 15th April 1962 suspension was notified to Chief Engineer, P. W. D., Transport Department, D. C. Tezpur and Nowgong and the Superintendent of Police, Darrang along with others.

(c)—The suspension of the ferry service without adequate notice caused inconvenience to all passengers.

(d)—There are 3 Up and 3 Down buses for plying regularly between Tezpur and Bhomoraguri with connection with the ferry. No report of any suffering of passengers has been received.

(e)—The Steamer Co. and the P. W. D. Authorities are surveying the area to find out a suitable permanent Ghat therein.

Re: Fire at Singri and Borchala**Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Borchalla)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that several houses at Singri and Borchala and other places of Tezpur Subdivision were gutted by fire during January and February, 1962 ?

(b) Whether Government have received any report of the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang about the havoc caused by fire in Tezpur Subdivision ?

(c) Whether Government have sanctioned any grant by way of relief to any of the fire victims ?

(d) If not, what are the reasons ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire into these cases and grant adequate relief to fire victims so that they can rehabilitate themselves ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

601. (a) & (b)—Yes. 46 families were affected.

(c)—Yes. Government sanctioned Rs.1,350 as G. R. for the fire victims.

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

Re: Dereservation Nij-Hachang Village Grazing Ground for rehabilitation

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

602. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether an area measuring 189 B. 1K. and 16 Lessas of land of Nij-Hachang Village Grazing Ground has been dereserved for rehabilitation of the Puthimari river embankment affected people as was replied by the Revenue Minister on 11th October 1960 in reply to unstarred question No.26 and No.391 of 28th March 1961 asked by the questioner on these days ?

(b) Whether the dereserved land has been settled with the people ?

(c) How many families have been provided land in the dereserved portion ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

602. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—No. The list of allottees is under preparation by the Settlement Officer, Kamrup and Settlement will be made on finalisation of the list.

Re: Influx of outsiders

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

603. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has any statistical figure about the influx of people from outside this State during the last three years (1959, 1960, 1961) as 1. unskilled and ordinary labours, 2. semi-skilled labour, 3. technically trained labour, 4. high-class technicians, 5. managerial employees ?
- (b) Whether Government feel the necessity of mobilising our local people who are wholly and partly unemployed and who can easily be employed in different developmental projects taken up in our State ?
- (c) What procedure the Government is taking for this so that money spent in our projects may remain in our State ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge, Labour) replied :

603. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes, subject to suitability.

(c) Steps taken by Government are as under :—

- (i) Shramik Bahinis are being organised under the State Act.
- (ii) Government policy regarding employment of suitable local persons in Industrial and Commercial undertakings in the State has been announced by a Resolution, dated 22nd October 1959. All concerned have been invited to fully co-operate in the implementation of that policy.
- (iii) A machinery headed by the Industries Liaison Officer has been created with a view to assist in the implementation of Government policy regarding increased employment of suitably qualified and trained persons of the State in all Industrial and Commercial undertakings.
- (iv) Employment Exchange coverage has been extended to bring within their purview all areas of the State with a view to facilitate registration and placement of all qualified and trained persons in the State against suitable vacancies in Government and private Sector organisations.
- (v) Vocational Guidance and Employment Counselling Unit have been started to deal with the problem of imbalance between the supply and demand of manpower and to advise the unemployed in the right selection of careers to facilitate suitable employment.

- (vi) Employment Market Information Bureaux have been opened to collect information in respect of demand and supply of manpower in various industries.
- (vii) The statutory provisions of the Employment (Compulsory Notification of vacancies) Act, 1959 have been brought into force with a view to secure through the Employment Exchanges full information regarding availability of vacancies of all categories and to sponsor qualified and trained persons for employment against the same.
- (viii) A Screening Committee consisting of official and representatives of the Tea Industry has been set up to assist in increased employment of suitable young men of the State in managerial and supervisory posts in the Industry. Setting up all similar committees for other Industries has also been under consideration.
- (ix) Training programmes have been undertaken with a view to facilitate employment of suitable young men of the State in various posts in Industrial and Commercial Undertakings where there may be scope for profitable employment.

Re : Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

604. Will the Minister in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether the "Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board" constituted in 1959 is still continuing to function ?
 - (b) The present representatives of the Government of Assam in the said Board, if any ?
 - (c) The expenses incurred by the Assam Government for the above Board during the years 1959, 1960, 1961 and 1962 ?
 - (d) The suggestions of the Board, if any, to render the Brahmaputra navigable between Dibrugarh and Disangmukh, which become virtually unnavigable some time ago ?
 - (e) Whether the said Board entrusted the Government of Assam with the construction of a port at Pandu ?
 - (f) If so, the cost of construction estimated and sanctioned by the Board ?
 - (g) When the work of construction started and the progress made so far ?
 - (h) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs.1 lakh was placed at the disposal of the Government for the above construction in 1959-60 ?

- (i) Whether any further amount was received during the following years till 1961-62 ?
- (j) If the Third Five Year Plan included any expenditure under this head ?
- (k) Whether there is any proposal to provide port facilities at Dhubri and Badarpur ?
- (l) Whether Government propose to approach the Central Government for a port at Dhubri ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

604. (a)—Yes. From 1952 when the Board was first constituted.

(b)—Secretary, Transport Department or the Director, Inland Water Transport represents Assam Government on the Board.

(c)—Assam Government has to contribute Rs.2 lakhs annually to the fund of the Board and the total expenditure incurred during the 3 years 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62 is 6 lakhs.

(d)—On the advice of the Board, a hydrographic survey of the Brahmaputra between Desangmukh and Dibrugarh has been undertaken by the Inland Water Transport Department of the State.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The Board has sanctioned Rs.36 lakhs for the construction of the port upto the end of the 3rd Plan period and the work has been taken up in phases. Final estimates for the whole work are under preparation.

(g)—Construction started from 14th December 1960. 50 per cent of the work of the river bank protection and 25 per cent of the work on the approach roads have so far been completed. Materials necessary for two transit sheds have also been collected.

(h)—Yes. Materials for the construction were collected there-with.

(i)—Yes. Rs.5 lakhs during 1960-61, Rs.1,64,830 during 1961-62.

(j)—Yes. Rs.30 lakhs.

(k)—Not at present.

(l)—The question may be considered on completion of the Pandu Port project.

Re: Inland Water Transport Companies

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked:

605. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) The names of all the companies carrying on Inland water transport services from Calcutta and other places to Assam ?
- (b) The total tonnage capacities of these companies ?
- (c) The total tonnage carried up and down during the last financial year by these companies ?
- (d) Whether these companies or any one of them received any contribution or loan from the Government for improvement of conservancy or increment of tonnage capacity ?
- (e) If so, how much per year ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

605. (a)—M/s RSN & IGNR Co. Ltd.

M/s The East Bengal River Steam Service Ltd.

M/s The Indian Shipping Co. Ltd.

M/s The Great Indian Boating.

M/s The Pioneer Shipping Co. Ltd.

M/s The United Navigation Ltd.

M/s The Bengal Assam Steam Ship Co. Ltd.

M/s Waterways Enterprise Ltd.

(b)—About 6 lakh tons either way during a year.

(c)—About 10 lakh tons bothways.

(d) & (e)—M/s RSN and IGNR Co. Ltd., known as Joint Steamer Cos. receive Rs.5,000 annually from Assam Government for snag clearance in the Brahmaputra and other rivers of the State. The Joint Steamer Cos. have also been given Rs.20 lakhs between 1958-59 and 1961-62 at Rs.5 lakhs a year by Government of India towards expenditure annually incurred by them on conservancy work. The Government of India have also decided to give a loan of Rs.2 crores to this Company to assist them in rehabilitation of their old and obsolete craft. No financial assistance has been received by the other Companies so far either from the State Government or the Government of India.

Re: Carrying capacity of Motor Vehicles**Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding)** asked :

606. Will the Minister-in-charge, Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether according to the current Motor Vehicle Act and Assam Motor Vehicle Rules a vehicle carrying more load than the capacity of the vehicle is punishable according to law ?
- (b) Whether Road Taxes are to be determined on the actual carrying capacity of the vehicle ?
- (c) Whether under Executive instructions in the District of Nowgong taxes for motor vehicles have been realised by DTO's office at a rate higher than the actual carrying capacity of the vehicle, *i.e.*, for a 3 ton capacity truck taxes are realised even upto for a 5 ton capacity truck ?
- (d) Whether it would be possible for an owner of 3 tons vehicle, paying taxes for 4 tons or 5 tons vehicle, to carry load upto 4 tons or 5 tons without seriously endangering public safety ?
- (e) Whether the excess carriage of load as stated in (d) above would defy the existing law ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

606. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No. On adequate expert advice, Government of India recommended increase of RLW. to the extent of $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, in case of 1952 and pre-1952 model vehicles and 25 per cent in case of later model vehicles to off-set the current under-utilisation of Goods vehicles. Instructions were issued to all DTO's. to increase the RLW. of vehicles accordingly keeping in view the condition of roads and bridges. Taxes at enhanced rates in proportion to the increase of RLW. permitted have been realised in pursuance of these instructions.

(d)—No. Taxes are related to the maximum RLW fixed for Goods vehicles.

(e)—The increase in the RLW on the basis of Government of India's recommendation in the light of expert advice which can be allowed had been duly notified under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. The question of defying the existing law does not arise.

Re : Posting of Doctors at Jarain and Pdengshakep Dispensary

Shri ENOWELL POHSHNA [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

607. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state why no doctors have been posted for (i) Jarain State Dispensary and (ii) Pdengshakep Dispensary ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

607.—As there is acute dearth of doctors in the State and also for remoteness of the places none could be posted to the said dispensaries yet, but we are trying to post Doctors there.

Re : Accountants in Civil Surgeons' offices

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

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

- (a) Whether there are Accountants in the District Civil Surgeons' offices ?
- (b) If not, how the accounts matters of a district office can be smoothly managed without an Accountant ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the Head Assistant of Civil Surgeons' offices are allowed only Rs.20 per mensem as charge allowance in addition to the pay of U.D. Assistant in the scale of Rs.125—5—175 which has been fixed as the pay of Head Assistants ?
- (d) Whether the responsibilities of the Head Assistant of the Civil Surgeons' office are less than the Head Assistants in other district offices ?
- (e) If not, whether Government propose to revise the scale of pay of Head Assistants of Civil Surgeons' offices considering their work load and responsibilities since 1959 ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that due to inadequate office Assistants in district offices of the Civil Surgeons payment to staff, submission of financial statement and statistical datas are delayed ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

608. (a)—No.

(b)—Government have recently sanctioned 11 posts of Accountants—one under each Civil Surgeon.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Presumably not.

(e)—The Head Assistants in the offices of the Civil Surgeons were granted a special pay at Rs.20 per mensem for supervising the work of the office staff only recently although the Last Pay Committee did not recommend any higher scale or special pay for them. This was agreed to in consideration of increased volume of work and creation of more Upper Division posts in the establishment after amalgamation. This will be considered by the Pay Commission recently appointed.

(f)—In view of the increased volume of work and inadequate staff to cope with the increased work of Civil Surgeon's office, Government have already sanctioned 7 posts of Typist and 11 posts of Accountant, for the Civil Surgeon's offices.

Re: Sanction of Subsidised Dispensary at Phumguya

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

609. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a subsidised Dispensary was sanctioned at Phumguya in Paka Mauza of Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the public were asked to construct necessary buildings for the dispensary ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the public constructed a C.I. sheeted dispensary building ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that by several representations and deputations the authorities were requested to open the dispensary from 1957 ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that an enquiry was made by the Government through the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to order the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup to open the dispensary in the said building immediately ?
- (g) Why Government have taken these long 6 years (six) to open the dispensary though the building was completed long ago ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

609. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)— May be.

(d)—There is nothing on record.

(e)—No.

(f)—As there is no such proposal, this cannot be done.

(g)—Does not arise.

Re: Appointment of Medical man at Ahotaguri Hospital

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government is unable to appoint a Medical man at Ahotaguri Hospital since 10 to 12 years ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Minister assured to appoint Medical man at Ahotaguri in the floor of the Assembly severel times ?
- (c) What are the difficulties of the Government to appoint a doctor in such a hospital which is in a backward area ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the present dispensary is in a moribund condition and the hospital was damaged by flood ?
- (e) Whether the public represented this matter to Medical Minister and Chief Minister several times ?
- (f) Whether the Government propose to shift the hospital from the present place to a suitable place ?
- (g) Whether Government proposed to reconstruct the hospital in the current financial year ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

610. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—As the dispensary is situated in a remote locality and no good communication is available particularly in the summer seasons, no doctor likes to join there.

Ahotaguri dispensary was previously a Local Board Dispensary. It has been taken over by Government from April, 1959. For the period prior to April, 1959, it was not the responsibility of the Department to post doctor. In the year 1960, one doctor was appointed on contract basis to hold charge of the dispensary and he joined duties on 3rd October 1960 there. After working only for two months he submitted resignation and he left the job before his resignation could be considered. Again in July, 1961, another doctor was appointed to hold charge of the dispensary but he declined to join there. For the present, however, a doctor in-charge of Karatipur Travelling Dispensary has been directed to attend the Ahotaguri dispensary twice a week temporarily till a whole time doctor is appointed there and steps are also being taken to appoint one whole time doctor at Ahotaguri Dispensary.

The difficulty in getting doctor for Ahotaguri dispensary is due to the fact that the dispensary situates in a remote area where no proper communication nor facilities are available.

(d)—Yes, to a certain extent.

(e)—Information not available.

(f)—The matter is under examination.

(g)—Pending decision regarding shifting, it is not proposed to reconstruct the buildings during the current financial year.

Re: Tezpur Mental Hospital

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked:

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

- (a) Who is the inspecting and supervising authority of the Tezpur Mental Jail ?
- (b) What is a approximate annual expenditure of the Jail Hospital for the last three year (recurring, non-recurring and details of all items) ?
- (c) Whether there is any one to see that the expenditure are made in a regular and proper way ?
- (d) Whether any superior authority visited the hospital in the period from 1st April, 1961 to 31st March, 1962 ?
- (e) If so, who visited, how many times, what are their special comments in these visits ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

611. (a)—There is no Tezpur Mental Jail. The Tezpur Mental Hospital is under the control of the Director of Health Services, Assam.

(b)—The annual expenditure of the Mental Hospital for the last three years is as follows:—

	Recurring grant for the year 1959-60	Non-recurring grant for the year 1959-60
	Rs.	Rs.
Pay of officers	6,540	..
Pay of establishment	1,01,424	Nil.
Allowances and honoraria	66,089	...

	Recurring grant for the year 1959-60	Non-recurring grant for the year 1959-60
	Rs.	Rs.
Contingencies :—		
(i) Diet of patients ...	2,43,000	..
(ii) Pay of contingent menials	24,089	...
(iii) Other contingencies ...	90,253	...

For the year 1960-61

	Recurring grant	Non-recurring grant
	Rs.	Rs.
Pay of officers... ..	9,128	..
Pay of establishment	1,08,404	...
Allowances and honoraria ...	68,964	Nil.

Contingencies :—

(i) Diet of patients ...	2,42,834	..
(ii) Pay of contingent menials	23,929	...
(iii) Other contingencies ...	97,901	...

For the year 1961-62

	Recurring grant	Non-recurring grant
	Rs.	Rs.
Pay of officers... ..	9,736	..
Pay of establishment	1,03,528	Nil.
Allowances and honoraria ...	65,447	...

Contingencies :—

(i) Diet of patients... ..	2,57,332	...
(ii) Contingent menials ...	23,864	...
(iii) Other contingencies ...	1,03,460	...

(c)—Audit always checks the accounts to see that expenditure is made in a regular and proper way.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The Hospital was visited twice by the hon'ble Minister Medical, once by the hon'ble Minister of Finance, twice by the Director of Health Services, twice by the Deputy Director of Health Services, and once by the Special Officer, Planning during the period from 1st April, 1961 to 31st March, 1962.

The remarks of the visitors who noted in the visitor's book are given below—

Copy of Inspection note of Shri R. N. Brahma, Minister Medical, dated 3th May 1961

Total number of inmates on the day is 782 and the Hospital is almost full. There is a great demand for more accommodation and to meet this growing demand the hospital should have been expanded with more necessary building by now. Unfortunately for want of provision nothing could be done within the Second Five Year Plan period. In the Third Five Year Plan though adequate fund have not been provided attempts should be made from now to make necessary fund available by adjustment and diversion if possible for constructing essentially necessary building including staff quarter. The hospital needs improvement and development. We had a scheme for this. Director of Health Services will please see that the scheme is executed as far as possible.

**Inspection note by Dr. G. C. Das, Special Officer (Planning)
Directorate of Health Services, Assam,
dated 21st March, 1961**

Water supply arrangement is not adequate. Municipality could not supply the same to extent of requirement. Plan and estimate for deep tube well with overhead tank are to be submitted early. All staffs are not provided with quarters specially more so for keepers. As Third Plan amount is limited only a few could be provided with the same for which plan and estimate to be submitted. Regarding expansion only forty beds should be taken at present.

**Copy of the Inspection note of D. H. S., Assam,
dated 23rd April 1962**

There is a proposal to expand the hospital by 120 beds of modern type in the 3rd Plan on the old T. B. enclosure on the eastern side of the main road. Plans and estimate have been received by the Superintendent to-day from P. W. D. There are at present two Nurses, one Male and other Female. The Male Nurse had his training at Bangalore Mental Hospital and has come back with D. P. N. The other Nurse his wife should also be sent in the next course.

This hospital is in need of more trained Nurses. There is another D. P. N. Nurse in Assam Medical College Hospital. Till the new would come up atleast one more post of Nurse should be sanctioned and that trained nurse from Assam Medical College should be transferred.

Water supply position is very bad in the Hospital as well as in the staff quarters.

Re: Settlement of land with landless people of Symabari and Sealmari mouzas

Shri MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

612. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total area of waste land under the Symabari and Sealmari mauzas that have been settled with the deserving people from 1957 onward ?
- (b) What is the total number of such settlers ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

612. (a)—2,600 B-4K-3L.

(b)—295.

Re: Acquisition of lands from the Bargong Tea Co. Ltd.

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

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

- (a) Whether there is a proposal to acquire some land from the Bargong Tea Co. Ltd., for public institutions, homestead and cultivations ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said Company possesses excess land ?
- (c) If so, what is the total acreage of such land according to Government assessment ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Manager has voluntarily agreed to relinquish 351 acres of land to Government ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Manager has informed the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang by a letter, dated 16th February, 1962 to take over at present 39-69 acres and 17 acres from grant A. K. 11 and P. K. 8 respectively ?

- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Behali Anchali Panchayat (now converted into a Development Block Stage I) requested Government to give possession of the said land near the Marketing Society's Godown for establishment of its Head-quarter ?
- (g) What steps Government have so far taken to take over the land offered by the Tea Company ?
- (h) Whether effective steps will be taken to make the said land available to the Anchalik Panchayat for its proper planning and utilisation ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

613. (a)—There is no acquisition proposal but there is a proposal to take over some land for public purposes from this garden on relinquishment by the garden authority.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—2781.09 acres after allowing the garden to retain the area under tea *plus* twice the area under tea for ancillary purposes.

(d) & (e)—The garden authority originally offered an area of 350 acres for requisition. Subsequently, the garden authority changed their mind and raised objection. Ultimately having regard to the large areas already acquired from this garden for the Railways and considering the fact that some more areas would be acquired, it was decided by the Deputy Commissioner to accept relinquishment of 39.69 acres from Annual Khiraj Patta No.11 and 17 acres from Periodic Khiraj patta No.8. But formal relinquishment petition is yet to be submitted by the garden authority. Copy of the letter, dated 16th February, 1962 from the garden authority was received by the Deputy Commissioner with their letter dated 24th March, 1962.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—The relinquishment of the land by the Company is being awaited by the Deputy Commissioner. If necessary other steps will be taken.

(h)—The requirements of the Anchalik Panchayat will be considered after the area is formally relinquished and relinquishment accepted.

Re: Relief for the Distressed People of Jowai Subdivision

Shri ENOWELL POHSHNA [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

614. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Areas and Welfare of Backward Classes be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has received a representation dated the 15th March, 1962 from the people of Saipung Sirdarship, Jowai Sub-division praying for immediate relief from their present distress ?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) What action has been taken ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Tribal Areas and Welfare of Backward Classes) replied :

614. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Sometime in April, 1962.

(c)—For immediate relief of the people in the area, Government have sanctioned Test Relief works amounting to Rs.22,000.

Re: Purchase of building materials by the Forest Department

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

615. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether building materials are purchased by the Forest Department from a store at Dhubri at a high cost without calling for tenders ?

(b) If so, whether such materials are not available elsewhere or in other local stores at the same price ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister-in-charge of Forests) replied :

615. (a) & (b)—It is difficult to answer the question as there is no indication of the commodity or the store referred to by the hon. Member. However, the Department purchases materials from stores which are mostly controlled commodities. In other cases, normally tenders are invited.

Re: Opening of Reserve for Cultivators of Lumding Constituency

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

616. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government will open any Reserve for the landless cultivators of the Lumding Assembly Constituency ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that there are reserves known as Hawaipur Reserves, Amring, Kumrakatha, Teralangsu Forest Reserves having no forests on these lands ?

(c) Whether Government propose to open these reserves for these landless cultivators ?

(d) Whether Government propose to enquire from the Forest Department whether they are getting benefit in the shape of revenue out of these reserves ?

(e) If not, whether the Revenue Department propose to take over these reserves ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

616. (a)—There is no such proposal.

(b)—The density of stocking of trees in these Forest Reserves vary from place to place. But it is incorrect to say that there is no forest in these Forest Reserves.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d)—Revenue that is being derived at present is relatively small compared with other Reserves. But Government propose to plant up these areas with valuable species and already a scheme for plantations has been taken up in the Kaki Reserve (which has been referred as Teralangsu Reserve in question (b) above under the fast-growing plantation scheme financed by the Government of India.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Compensation of acquired land in Karimganj

Shri RATHINDRA NATH SEN (Karimganj North) asked :

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

- (a) Why the poor villagers of the bordering areas of Karimganj town have not yet been paid compensation of their land acquired by the P. W. D. (R. & B.) for construction of Karimganj-Lakshibazar road long ago?
- (b) When the Government propose to pay such compensation to those owners of such acquired lands?

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

617. (a)—Due to non-finalisation of Land Acquisition formalities.

(b)—Payment will be made shortly after finalisation of Land Acquisition formalities.

Re: P. W. D. Vehicles Drivers

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(a) The number of P. W. D. Vehicles Drivers in each district who have been made permanent and who have not been made permanent?

(b) Whether it is a fact that many such temporary Drivers are working for more than five years?

(c) If so, what is the reason for not making them permanent?

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

618. (a)---

Name of districts	No. of Drivers made permanent	No. of Drivers not made permanent
(1) Kamrup	13	24
(2) Cachar	22	6
(3) Sibsagar	16	16
(4) Darrang	8	21
(5) Goalpara	10	15
(6) Garo Hills	4	14
(7) Mikir and North Cachar Hills	1	11
(8) Lakhimpur	10	23
(9) Nowgong	9	5
(10) Mizo District	3	18
(11) U. K. & J. Hills	11	20

(b)—Yes. 50 numbers of such Drivers are working for more than five years.

(c)—They could not be confirmed due to the absence of permanent post in the cadre. They will, however, get their chance of confirmation as soon as vacancy occurs in the permanent cadre due to retirement of present incumbents.

Re: Funds for Nowboisha Primary Health Unit

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

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

(a) When the funds for Nowboisha Primary Health Unit buildings were sanctioned and when the works were begun by the P. W. D. ?

(b) Who were the contractors of these buildings and whether there was any time limit for completion of these buildings ?

- (c) If so, why the contractors were not taken to task ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the sanitary latrines of these buildings were without septic tanks and the bills were passed without the tanks ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to hold a thorough enquiry into these matters ?

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

619. (a)—Funds for Nowboisha Primary Health Unit were sanctioned since 22nd October 1959 the date on which administrative approval was accorded. The works were started on 27th February 1960.

(b)—The following were the Contractors, building works shown against their names and time limit for completion—

1. Shri Prahlad Ch. Purkayastha—Dispensary building.

Date of completion as per tender—27th July 1960.

Actual date of completion—2nd December 1960.

2. Shri Betharam Neog—Compounder's quarters, Visitor's quarters and Cookshed.

Date of completion as per tender—27th May 1960.

Actual date of completion—29th October 1960.

3. Shri Cheniram Saikiā—Midwives' quarter, Chowkider's shed, existing Doctor's quarters with passage.

Date of completion—27th May 1960.

Actual date of completion—15th December 1960.

(c)—The Contractors prayed for extension of time on reasonable grounds. Extension of time was granted, so they were not taken to task.

(d)—The Sanitary fittings to Dispensary buildings are still remaining incomplete. No bill has been paid for items of work not yet done in these buildings.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: All weather road from Guijan to Laikaghat

Shri UPENDRA NATH SANATAN (Bogdung) asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the necessity of an all weather road from Guijan to Laikaghat a distance of about 12 miles ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that the fair weather road there cannot serve the purpose of that area as well as the Murkongselek area for about 8 months of the year ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that this road is the only communication to Murkongselek Transferred area ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that this is the only land communication to Abor Hills Division or Pasighat Division of the North-East Frontier Agency ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take up this road from the funds under Article 275 or any other fund as soon as possible ?

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

620. (a) & (b) Yes. This was previously an all weather motorable road but the same was badly damaged and sunk down by the earthquake of 1950 and subsequent floods thereafter. Efforts were made to restore the damages during 1951, but the work had to be abandoned as it was observed that the road would not stand against the fury of floods. Since then the road remained under water from April to November every year and was being maintained as a fair weather road and opened to traffic during the dry seasons only.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e) —Yes, a scheme costing Rs.8.96,000 for permanent restoration of the road was prepared but due to paucity of funds the proposal could not be materialised.

Re: Constitution of Land Settlement Advisory Committees of Goalpara, Dhubri and Kokrajhar

Shri HAKIM CHANDRA RABHA [Dudnai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

- (a) Whether Land Advisory Committees in the Subdivisions of Goalpara, Dhubri and Kokrajhar are going to be constituted?
- (b) If so, when?
- (c) If not, what are the reasons?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

621. (a) & (b)—The Land Settlement Advisory Committees in the Subdivisions of Goalpara, Dhubri and Kokrajhar have already been constituted.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Settlement of Neamati-Kamalabari Ferry

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked:

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

- (a) With whom the Neamati-Kamalabari ferry was settled this year?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the same person who could not get settlement last year even going to the Supreme Court and being the highest bidder that time also, was allowed settlement this year?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that on last occasion settlement was refused to this very man on the ground of inefficiency though he was highest bidder that time?
- (d) Whether there is any rule in settling these ferries under N. I. Ferries Act or the Authority's consideration is final?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the toll of the ferry is also increased for the benefit of this lessee from the date of his taking charge?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that Rs.20 is charged for each car or jeep in crossing this ferry which was Rs.15 till March last?
- (g) If so, who made this sudden increase in the toll?
- (h) Whether there is any ferry crossing Brahmaputra or any river of India where the toll is so high?
- (i) Whether it is not a fact that this Government is fixing Rs.3 for crossing car or jeep at Gauhati and Rs.10 for crossing at Tezpur-Silghat (which will be more or less equal in distance with Neamati-Kamalabari)?

(j) If so, on what basis this was made Rs.15 at Neamati/Kamalabari and that too raised suddenly Rs.20 ?

(k) Whether Government has received any report about ill-treatment to North Lakhimpur people only because his rival in bid was a man from this Subdivision ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)) replied :

622. (a)—Shri Dharmeswar Kalita.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d)—The settlement of ferries are made in accordance with the provisions of the N. I. Ferries Act and the rules framed thereunder. Copy placed on the Library Table.

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings).

(h)—The tolls of some other ferries over the river Brahmaputra is comparatively higher (based on mileage to be crossed) than that of the Kokilamukh/Neamati/Kamalabari ferry. The Government have got no information as to charging of tolls in other States of India.

(i)—Rupees three is charged for motor car, motor cab jeep for Gauhati, North Gauhati ferry, the distance of which is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Regarding Tezpur-Silghat ferry, the distance of which is about 12 miles, Rs 11.87 nP. is Charged.

(j)—The distance of Kokilamukh Neamati-Kamalabari is about 10 miles. The increased fare is in conformity with the distances crossed in certain ferries over Brahmaputra.

(k)—No.

Re: Deforestation of Part of Bihamari Forest Reserve

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

623. Will the Minister in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) The reason for deforestation of a part of Bihamari Forest Reserve ?

b) The total acreage of such land ?

c) When the first proposal of deforestation was taken up and whether this is complete now ?

d) If not, why ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that the deforested part of land was handed over to the local Sub-Deputy Collector for settlement with the landless and erosion affected people ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the cultivators were not allowed to enter into the land on the plea that certain formalities had yet to be followed ?
- (g) If so, when the land will be made available to the people ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that Conservator of Forests accompanied by the Divisional Forest Officer, Darrang visited Behali very recently and enquired into the delay of transfer of the land to the Sub-Deputy Collector ?
- (i) Whether Government propose to expedite this matter in the interest of the poor cultivators ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied:

623. (a)-(i)—Informations are being called for.

Re: Illegal Passing of Timber under Dharamtul Range

Shri ABU NASAR MD. OHID (Rupohihat) asked :

624. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that many allegations of illegal passing of Timber from Forest Reserve under Dharamtul Range in the district of Nowgong, have lately been brought against the Deputy Ranger of Jagiroad Forest Beat Office by some local persons of Jagiroad and Palaguti ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that the aforesaid Deputy Ranger is possessing a very big plot of Sarkari land at Gubha Mauza in the district of Nowgong and another plot of 25 bighas of Sarkari land at Kalikuchi village in Kamrup district (adjacent to Jagiroad) and in the latter plot is planting orange plants with the labourers of Forest Department free of charge ?

(c) If so, what actions are taken by the authority concerned ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

624. (a)—Yes. These allegations have been investigated and found to be false.

(b)—The matter is under investigation.

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

Re: Survey of Rhinos of Kaziranga Game Sanctuay**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat)** asked :

625. Will the Minister of Forest be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have instituted any survey of the Rhinos of Kaziranga Game Sanctuary ?
- (b) What are the number of Rhinos in the Sanctuary ?
- (c) How many Rhinos were killed by poachers in 1959, 1960 and 1961 ?
- (d) How many Rhinos met with natural death during the said period ?
- (e) What steps Government have taken to stop the illegal killing of Rhinos in Kaziranga Game Sanctuary ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that some Forest experts opined that the Rhinos and deer of Kaziranga will be extinct within fifteen years, if Government do not take any serious steps ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forest) replied :

625. (a)—Yes. A rough survey was conducted in 1961.

(b)—Three hundred, eighty four approximately.

(c)—One in 1959, one in 1960 and two in 1961.

(d)—Nine in 1959, eleven in 1960 and seventeen in 1961.

(e)—Government have since appointed a full-time Wild Life Warden for better protection of the Sanctuary. Vigorous investigation into known cases of poaching have started and offenders are being prosecuted.

(f)—Government have not received such opinion from Forest experts. But it is a fact that indiscriminate killing will destroy any wild life. The Sanctuary has been constituted only to avoid such indiscriminate killing and extinction of these species.

Re: State Range Head Quarters Training Centre of the Assam Rifles at Silchar**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that with the establishment of State Range Headquarters Training Centre of the Assam Rifles at Silchar, the Assam Rifles has been creating troubles to the public and Silchar Municipal Board by stopping maintenance work by excavating ditch and providing barricade across Municipal roads ?

- (b) Whether his attention has been drawn to public representation and unanimous resolutions of Silchar Municipal Board that in the conditions prevailing at Silchar the Assam Rifles should be removed from town area and for handing over the vacant plot of land to Silchar Municipal Board ?
- (c) Whether Government has recommended to the External Affairs Ministry of the Union Government for removal of the Assam Rifles from town area ?
- (d) If so, Union Government's reply thereto ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

626. (a)—The Assam Rifles have not established their Range Headquarters but they have stopped Municipal work on Jail Road upto the junction of Jhalupara Road.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—The matter is being taken up with the Government of India. The Inspector General of Assam Rifles was moved in the matter but he has intimated that they are not prepared to shift the Assam Rifles from their present site.

Re: Golaghat Water Supply

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Golaghat water supply has completely failed to meet the demands of the people of this town ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that in the year 1960 the Chairman accepted security deposit from certain tax payers of Salikipatty area of Ward No.V for water supply connection ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman failed to give connection to those ryots till now though the ryots placed their grievances before him several times ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the proposal for street electrification of Salikipatty and Santipur road was sent about one year back and no sanction has been obtained as yet ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the sanction for street electrification was obtained for Salikipatty road and subsequently it has been transferred to Nagabungla road on the request of the Chairman ?

(f) Whether Government is aware that the Municipal authority of Golaghat do not take any interest for improvement of certain road of the town though the tax payers paid their tax regularly ?

(g) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the above affairs of the Golaghat Municipality and take necessary action ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

627. (a)—No.

(b)—Four persons deposited the premium for house connection in the Municipal Board's Office without having obtained the prior approval of the Chairman.

(c)—Yes, as no water main has been laid in the area where those persons reside.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No.

(f)—No.

(g)—Does not arise.

**Re: Residential Quarter of Subdivisional Officer (Civil)
Barpeta**

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) asked :

628. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that the residential quarters of the Subdivisional Officer (Civil), Barpeta has been completed since several months past ?

(b) If so, why the Subdivisional Officer is not occupying the houses and what is the amount of loss that has been suffered by Government for its non-occupation by the Subdivisional Officer concerned ?

(c) When the construction work started and when it was completed ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

628. (a) —Yes.

(b)—The Subdivisional Officer has not occupied the building due to the following inconveniences :—

(i) The low-lying compound becomes water-logged in summer and as such earth-filling is required.

(ii) Some defects in the bath-rooms and some other rooms have to be rectified and the plinth which was made on filled-up earth has to be improved.

(iii) Necessity for construction of a servant shed to replace the old one.

(iv) Necessity of installing an electric pump for supply of water to the overhead tank. There is no loss as such as the Subdivisional Officer who is entitled to rent-free accommodation in occupying a Government quarter.

(c)—Construction was started on 21st April 1960 and completed on 4th March 1962.

**Re: Residential Building of Subdivisional Officer (Civil),
Barpeta**

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

629. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) When the construction of Barpeta Subdivisional Officer (Civil) residential building was completed ?

(b) Whether the building has been occupied by the Subdivisional Officer ?

(c) If not, why ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

629. (a)—Construction of the building was completed on 4th March 1962.

(b)—No.

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(c)—The Subdivisional Officer has not occupied the building due following inconveniences:—

(i) The low-lying compound becomes water-logged in summer and as such earth-filling is required.

(ii) Some defects in the bath-rooms and some other rooms have to be rectified and the plinth which was made on filled-up earth has to be improved.

(iii) Necessity for construction of a servant shed to replace the old one.

(iv) Necessity of installing an electric pump for supply of water to the overhead tank.

Re : Stipends, Loans and Grants for Students sent abroad for Study**Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Borchalla)** asked :

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

- (a) The number of students sent abroad for foreign education on the following subjects during 1960-61 and 1961-62 by sanctioning stipends, loans and grants ?
- (i) Medical, (ii) Agriculture, (iii) Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, (iv) Engineering, (v) Education.
- (b) What are their names ?
- (c) How many of them belong to Backward Classes (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) and what are their names category-wise ?
- (d) Whether there is any machinery for the selection of the candidates ?
- (e) If so, what is the machinery and what is its composition ?
- (f) What are the main principles under which candidates are selected ?
- (g) How many of them have returned after successfully completing their course ?
- (h) Whether all of them have been absorbed in Government services ?
- (i) If not, how many of them have been so absorbed ?

Shri DEV KANT BAROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

630. (a)—

STIPENDS (OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS)

	1960-61	1961-62
Medical	3	5
Agriculture	1
Veterinary and Animal Husbandry
Engineering
Education

EDUCATIONAL LOANS

	1960—61	1961-62
Medical	10	8
Agriculture ... ..	..	1
Veterinary and Animal Husbandry ...	..	..
Engineering	2	1
Education ... ..	..	..

EX-GRATIA GRANTS

Medical ... ..	..	3
Agriculture	1	..
Veterinary and Animal Husbandry ...	..	..
Engineering ... ..	..	4
Education ... ..	..	..

(b)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—As the selection of candidates is not made on reservation basis, there are no records to show their names category-wise.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The Selection Board is composed of (1) Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Chairman, (2) Secretary, Education and (3) Secretary, Planning and Development Department as Members. Other Members are co-opted according to subjects.

(f)—Overseas Scholarships are awarded only on merit. With regard to educational loans and grants, the students/trainees should have given evidence of conspicuous merit and who are likely to be of benefit to the State after completion of their studies/training.

(g)—None of the students mentioned in the List have completed their course of studies.

(h) & (i)—Do not arise.

Re: Gazetted Post of Handloom Officer at Gauhati

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a gazetted post of Handloom Officer with Headquarters at Gauhati was sanctioned by the Government?

- (b) If so, whether the post has been filled up ?
- (c) If so, who is the person and what is his academic qualification ?
- (d) Whether the present Handloom Officer is in the rank of a Gazetted Officer ?
- (e) If not, why the work of a gazetted post is being carried on by a non-gazetted person ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co operation) replied :

631. (a)—No. A non-Gazetted post of Handloom Officer was sanctioned with Headquarters at Gauhati.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Shri H. Ahmed, Under Matric.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Refuses of the Sugarcane of Sugar Mill

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

632. Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the bad smell from the refuses of the sugarcane of the Sugar Mill thrown into the rivulet Lohardung, is making the whole locality unhygienic ?
- (b) If so, what steps are being taken to remove the refuses before it gets into the stream or to destroy them ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

632. (a)—The refuses of the Sugarcane of the Mill are not thrown into the rivulet Lohardung and hence the question of any bad smell making the locality unhygienic does not arise.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Godowns of Agricultural produce under Warehouse Scheme

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Borchalla) asked :

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

- (a) What are the places where Godowns have been constructed for storage of Agricultural produce under "Warehousing Scheme"?

(b) What is the cost involved in constructing these godowns ?

(c) What are the principles under which places are selected for construction of Godowns under the scheme ?

(d) What are the subdivisions which have not received the benefit up till now under the scheme ?

(e) Whether Government propose to implement this scheme in every subdivision ?

(f) What are the reasons for exclusion of some of the subdivision from the benefit of the scheme ?

(g) Whether Government will be pleased to consider the cases of these subdivisions which have not up till now received the benefit under the scheme ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

633. (a)—Hojai and North Lakhimpur.

(b)—Hojai Rs. 2,90,800 and North Lakhimpur Rs. 1,00,320.

(c)—Availability of marketable surplus of agricultural commodities and business potentialities from warehousing point of view.

(d)—Jowai, Garo Hills district, Aijal, Lungleh, Diphu, Haflong, Dhubri, Goalpara, Barpeta, Jorhat, Golaghat, Sibsagar, Silchar, Hailakandi and Karimganj.

(e)—Yes.

(f) As the Warehousing Board proposes to undertake opening of warehousing Centres in each subdivision the question of exclusion of any subdivision does not arise.

(g)—The opening of Warehouse Centres is being undertaken by the State Warehousing Corporation in a phased manner and it is proposed to cover all the subdivisions.

Re: Co-operative bye-laws of Weaving Societies

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Aimguri) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that Co-operative bye-law of Weaving Societies are not available in many parts of Assam, for an instance in Sibsagar ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that many Weaving Societies such as Belimukhia, Parbatia Weaving Societies of Sibsagar subdivision have sent required sum to the Co-operative authority, Shillong, to send them the necessary copies of the bye-laws long ago ?
- (c) Why neither the remitted money nor the bye-laws are sent to them ?
- (d) How many copies of such bye-laws are at present in the hand of the Government ?
- (e) Whether Government will provide the Sibsagar Deputy Co-operative Officer's office with sufficient number of bye-laws at the earliest ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

634. (a)—No.

(b)—Only one case of non-receipt of bye-laws was reported by one Shri Gobinda Kumar Gogoi of Parbatia Gaon in Sibsagar subdivision. The required number of bye-laws were sent in June 1962.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—11,093 copies.

(e)—Yes.

Re: Grants-in-aid to Co-operative Societies for Shillong and Jowai Subdivisions

Shri ENOWELL POHSHNA [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

635. Will the Minister in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state the total amount of grants-in-aid to Co-operative Societies for each of the Shillong Subdivision and Jowai Subdivision during the year 1961-62 ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

635. A sum of Rs.27,500 was sanctioned as grants-in-aid to 8 Co-operative Societies of Shillong Subdivision. No amount was sanctioned to the societies of Jowai Subdivision during the year because the societies of Jowai Subdivision were given assistance from other sources to the tune of Rs.60 thousand.

Re: Assam Co-operative Sugar Mill at Baruabamungaon

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

636. Will the Minister for Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) When the Assam Co-operative Sugar Mill at Baruabamungaon was started ?

- (b) What is the amount of public share to the Sugar Mill ?
- (c) What is the amount invested by the State Government ?
- (d) How many persons on the Board of Directors and who are they ?
- (e) The total sittings of the Board of Directors from the inception of the Sugar Mill, showing relevant dates of sitting ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that this Sugar Mill sustained a heavy loss ?
- (g) If so, what is the total amount of loss and why the loss was sustained ?
- (h) Whether Government has taken all new plans to improve the Sugar Mill ?
- (i) If so, what is that plan ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied:

636. (a)—From 8th December, 1958.

(b)—Rupees thirteen lakhs eighty-four thousand eight-hundred and ninety.

(c)—Rupees twenty-seven lakhs towards participation in the share capital.

(d)—Twenty-one persons. A list is laid on the Library table.

(e)—Thirty-three sittings. Relevant dates are as follows:—

10th November, 1955 ; 3rd February, 1956 ; 12th February, 1956 ; and March, 1956 ; 10th May, 1956 ; 31st July, 1956 ; 20th December, 1956 ; 3rd February, 1957 ; 14th March, 1957 ; 28th April, 1957 ; 16th July, 1957 ; 5th September, 1957 ; 7th October, 1957 ; 25th November, 1957 ; 26th November, 1957 ; 10th February, 1958 ; 21st March, 1958 ; 7th May, 1958 ; 21st June, 1958 ; 6th August, 1958 ; 4th September, 1958 ; 4th November, 1958 ; 5th December, 1958 ; 13th January, 1959 ; 23rd May, 1957 ; 27th March, 1959 ; 11th May, 1959 ; 24th October, 1959 ; 23rd April 1960 ; 2nd November, 1960 ; 4th March, 1961 ; 8th December, 1961 ; 21st December, 1959.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Total amount of loss is Rs.31,13,030.10 nP. The loss was sustained because of the following reasons:—

- (i) Unfavourable weather condition,
- (ii) Insufficient supply of cane.
- (iii) Transport bottle-necks.

(iv) Loss of working hours due to mechanical failures.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Attention is drawn to the report of the Committee appointed by the Government to enquire into the working of Mills which was already placed on the Library Table in reply to the question No.11, asked by Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami during the current session.

Re: Saikhowa Lohit Co-operative Society

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

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

- (a) When the Saikhowa Lohit Co-operative Society was established ?
- (b) Who is the President and Secretary of it ?
- (c) What amount of business the Society made during the last financial year ?
- (d) What amount of paddy the Society purchased and at what rate ?
- (e) Amount of profit made by the Society and the Dividend paid to the Share-holders during the last time ?
- (f) What is the present position of the Society ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the accounts of the said Society had been seized by the Officer concerned ?
- (h) What are the findings of the officer ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

637. (a)—There is no such registered society in existence.

(b)-(h)—Does not arise.

Re: Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank has failed for last few years in giving loans even to its share-holders ?

- (b) What steps Government have taken to grant loans against the petitions which are pending for last few years ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Finance Department has turned down a loan proposal ?
- (d) If so, what are the grounds ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation)
replied :

638. (a)—Yes. Due to paucity of fund the Assam Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank Ltd., Gauhati, has been working on without any loan business since June 1959.

(b)—The Government is trying to help the Bank to secure fund for its business. An Act has been passed to enable the Bank to issue debentures and the Rules framed thereunder has been placed in the Assembly for its approval. After the enforcement of the Rules, the Bank will be able to float debentures for raising its working fund. Moreover as an interim measure to enable the Bank to dispose of the loan cases, pending floatation of its debentures, the Government have agreed to stand guarantee for a sum of Rs.5 lakhs to be borrowed by the Bank from the State Bank of India to be released soon.

(c) & (d)—Government turned down a loan proposal due to tightness of the State's financial position.

Re: Licensing Authority

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

639. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state -

- (a) Who was appointed Licensing Authority by Government to issue licence to defunct mills, after decontrol order was withdrawn ?
- (b) Who was appointed by Government to hear appeals on the order of the Licensing Authority ?
- (c) Number of licences to defunct mills that were issued during the last two years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?
- (d) Whether the licenses issued to the defunct mills by the Licensing Authority were issued on his own authority and responsibility or whether they were issued under direction of some Higher Authority ?
- (e) If by the latter, whether such directions were in conformity with recommendations of the Supply Directorate or Secretary, Supply ?
- (f) If not, whether Government will be pleased to give the number where such orders were not based on their recommendations and on what basis the order of the Higher Authority was made ?

- (g) Whether any enquiry to ascertain that the mills were really defunct mills was conducted and, if so, who conducted the enquiry ?
- (h) Whether the petitions for license were processed from below in the normal way and came to the Supply Directorate in normal course and went to the Higher Authority in the normal way through the Secretary of Supply ?
- (i) Whether Government be pleased to place the petitions for licences on the Library Table ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

639. (a)—No officer has been specifically appointed to grant license to “defunct” mills as defined in the Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958. Under the Act “defunct” mill means a Rice Mill in existence at the commencement of this Act but in which rice milling operations have not been carried on for a period exceeding one year prior to such commencement.

The Act came into operation on 22nd April, 1959.

Application for permission to resume Rice Milling Operation of a “defunct” rice mill has to be submitted to the Government under Section 5 of the Act. It is only when Government have granted the permission that the Joint Director of Supply as Licensing Officer may issue the licenses. The Licensing Officer cannot of his own authority issue licences to “defunct” Rice Mills unless Government permission as stated above is first obtained.

(b)—The Secretary to the Government of Assam, Supply Department.

(c)—Nil.

(d), (e) and (f)—Do not arise in view of reply to question (c) above.

(g)—Yes, the District Authorities including Local Supply Staff.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—The applications are placed on the Library Table.

Re: Requisition of Lands in Tarapore Part I in Silchar Thana

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINGHA (Silchar-West) asked :

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

- (a) The area of land requisitioned by the Government in Tarapore Part I in Silchar Thana in the district of Cachar for the Border Security Force ?
- (b) Whether compensation has been paid to persons whose land has been requisitioned and, if so, the amount paid as compensation ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

- (d) How many persons are agriculturists amongst those whose lands have been requisitioned ?
- (e) Whether any arrangements have been made to give alternative land to those people whose agricultural land has been requisitioned ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

640. (a)—422B-11K-15Ch.

(b) & (c)—The requisitioned compensation has not yet been paid. The amount is under process of sanction by Government.

(d)—All the owners of the requisitioned land are agriculturists.

(e)—The owners of the requisitioned land did not ask for any alternative plot of land.

Re: Requisition of Grant No.4 of Heelika T.E.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

641. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether Government is aware that the Jorhat Land Settlement Advisory Committee in 1958 decided unanimously to requisition Grant No.4 of Heelika T.E. ?
- (b) If so, what steps the Government are taking towards requisitioning the grant from 1958 uptill now ?
- (c) Whether Government will be pleased to take up these lands requisition matter expeditiously so that the landless cultivators can get employment ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

641. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Government policy is to allow tea gardens to retain twice the area under tea for ancilliary purposes. This garden was found to have no surplus land according to that formula and hence no land was requisitioned.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Compensation for acquired Lands in Gossaigaon in connection with Crude Oil Pipe Line

Shri MATHIUS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked:

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

- (a) Why (1) Suphal Murmu, (2) Rabindra Murmu, (3) Munshi Murmu and (4) Bhima Murmu of Tarinipur Village under Police Station Gossaigaon in Union No.6, have not yet been paid compensation for their land which has been acquired by the Government for Crude Oil Pipe Line ?

- (b) Whether Government propose to do the needful for the immediate payment of the amount of compensation to those persons ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

642. (a)—An amount of Rs.139.28 nP. was jointly awarded in favour of Sarbashri (1) Suphal Murmu, (2) Rabindra Murmu, (3) Munshi Murmu and (4) Bhima Murmu of Tarinipur Village under Police Station Gossaigaon in Union No.6 and notice was served for receiving payment on 11th December 1960 at Tamahat Inspection Bungalow. As all the four awardees did not appear at a time and the absentees did not send letters of authority on their behalf for receiving payment, the payment was delayed.

(b)—Payment has since been made to all the four awardees.

Re : Afghan nationals in Assam

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

643. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the State Government is aware of the number of Afghan nationals staying in Assam ?
- (b) If so, what is their number district-wise ?
- (c) What normally is their trade and occupation ?
- (d) How many of them have been granted naturalisation district-wise and year by year ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that money lending at exorbitant compound interest is their only profession in violation of the provisions of money lenders Act but none of them has so far been prosecuted ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

643. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Cachar	...	...	...	...	...	44
United Khasi and Jaintia Hills	..	..	..	..	..	17
Goalpara	...	...	...	...	...	10
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	...	86
Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	24
Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	80
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	24
Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	...	90
United Mikir and North Cachar Hills	...	...	...	...	...	3
Mizo District	...	...	..	...	..	Nil
Garo Hills	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
			Total	...	...	378

(c)—Petty trade and money lending.

(d)—None.

(e)—It is not a fact that money lending is their only profession. Of the 378 Afghan nationals in the State, 34 are reported to be engaged solely in money lending, 290 in petty trade and the remaining 54 in both money lending and petty trade. It is believed that Afghan money lenders charge exorbitant interest but no specific case has been reported so far.

Re: Pending cases of Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Barpeta

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

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

(a) How many cases are pending at the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) The number of sittings of Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Barpeta Subdivision held between January, 1958 to December, 1961 ?

(c) The area of Land distributed by the above Committee and the persons benefited within the above period ?

(d) Why the proceedings of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Barpeta have not been sent to the members of the Committee since 1958 ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

644. (a)—Nil.

(b) - 22 sittings.

(c)—Area distributed on the recommendation of the Committee during this period is 9,949 bighas, 1,303 persons, 6 Co-operatives, 3 public organisations and one Satra were benefited.

(d) Copies of proceedings are being regularly sent to the members since Government instruction in this regard were issued in the month of March, 1961. Previously this procedure was not followed in Barpeta Subdivision.

Re: Encroachment cases in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MAHADEB DAS asked:

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

(a) The number of encroachment cases in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) Since when these encroachment began ?

(c) What are the reasons of such encroachment ?

(d) Why they have not yet been disposed of ?

(e) When they will be disposed of ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

645. (a)—762 cases are now pending.

(b)—Some of them from before 1958-59.

(c)—The reason varies from encroacher to encroacher.

(d)—The following are the important reasons :—

(i) General stay-order from 23rd December 1961 to 1st March 1962.

(ii) Difficulty of field work due to rains and water logging after March, 1962.

(iii) Stay-orders by Government and Deputy Commissioner in certain cases from time to time.

(e)—During next dry season.

Re : Assam Government Marketing Corporation

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

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

(a) The date on which the Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd., started functioning ?

(b) What is the working result of the Corporation upto the end of financial year 1961-62 ?

(c) What is the present value of its assets in land, buildings and stocks, and also its liabilities under different heads ?

(d) Whether all the assets and liabilities of the Government Emporia in different district and subdivisional towns were made over to the aforesaid Corporation ?

(e) If so, what were the actual figures of assets and liabilities of the respective emporia ?

(f) In which year the Karimganj Government Emporium was started and with what capital from the State fund ?

(g) Whether initial capital was subsequently supplemented and if so, when and to what extent ?

- (h) What is the present value of the assets as also of the liabilities of the Karimganj Emporium (now branch of the Marketing Corporation) and what are the actual figures of liabilities due to the Karimganj Emporium by other branches as also by the Central Stores at Gauhati? (a detailed list may kindly be furnished).
- (i) Whether Government is aware that the Karimganj Emporium (now branch of the Marketing Corporation) is facing difficulty in properly feeding the weavers and artisans due to inadequacy of funds and materials, etc., and also for lack of suitable accommodation?
- (j) If so, what steps the Government have taken for its proper growth and development?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister for Industries) replied :

646. (a)—The Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd., was incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 on 16th December 1959. The actual business of the Corporation started from May 1960.

(b)—During the period from 16th December 1959 to 31st March 1960, the Corporation sustained a loss of Rs.4,770.56 nP. on account of preliminary expenses incurred on registration, etc.

During the year 1960-61, the Corporation sustained a loss of Rs.71,787.19 nP.

As for the working result of the Corporation for the year 1961-62, the balance sheet is under preparation.

(c)—Assets.

(i) Land and Buildings	...	...	...	Nil
(ii) Stock in trade, etc.	...	...	Rs.14,72,456.06	nP.
(iii) Furniture, fixture, etc.	Rs.37,364.50	nP
		Total	...	Rs.15,09,820.56

Liabilities—

Loans and advances	...	Rs.3,68,688.00	nP.
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(d)—The Corporation, till 31st March 1961 took over the Government Emporia at Calcutta, Gauhati, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Karimganj and Silchar. The other Government Emporia situated at different places will be taken over by the Corporation gradually.

(e)—The actual figures of assets and liabilities of respective Emporia as on 31st March 1961 are as follows:—

Emporium				Assets	Liabilities
				Rs.	Rs.
1. Calcutta	...	...	...	2,38,668	65,680
2. Gauhati	..	...	...	2,33,939	80,448
3. Silchar	...	...	...	58,711	11,317
4. Jorhat	...	...	...	75,852	50,237
5. Karimganj	...	...	...	1,42,938	23,436
6. Dibrugarh	...	...	...	67,424	35,523

(f)—The Government Emporium at Karimganj (previously at Sylhet) was started in 1935 with a working capital of Rs.8,000.

(g)—The initial working capital was supplemented by a State Government Loan of Rs.50,000 in January 1956.

(h)—The value of assets and of liabilities of the Emporium as on 31st March 1961, is given in reply to questions (e) above.

A detailed list showing the liabilities due to the Karimganj Emporium by other Emporia including Central Stores at Gauhati, as on 30th April 1960, i.e., the date preceding the date of taking over of the Emporium by the Assam Government Marketing Corporation, is placed on the Library Table.

(i)—No. The Karimganj Emporium had a cash balance of Rs.60,000 on 31st March 1961. Credit facilities have also been extended by the Government Emporia at Gauhati and Calcutta to the Karimganj Emporium, which at present, has a working capital of Rs. one lakh.

(j)—The Marketing Corporation has been looking for a suitable accommodation of the Emporium in a business centre. In case the Emporium faces difficulty, its working capital will be supplemented by cash or kind.

Re: Establishment of River Research Station at Burnihat.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri) asked :

647. Will the Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (E. and D.) be pleased to state:—

(a) The date of the decision for the establishment of the River Research Station at Burnihat?

(b) The dates of commencement and completion respectively of the construction of the buildings and other necessary appurtenances?

- (c) Total non-recurring expenditure incurred on (i) lands, (ii) improvement of the site, (iii) buildings and (iv) other necessary appurtenances and equipments, etc., for the Research Station.
- (d) The date from which the River Research Station has been put into commission and the details of the personnel employed (specifying the number of gazetted and non-gazetted employees) and the total recurring expenditure incurred to date on such staff?
- (e) Total recurring expenditure incurred on the repair and maintenance of the buildings and premises till date?
- (f) To what use the buildings have been put during the intervening period between the date of completion and the date of occupation by the staff?
- (g) Whether the Research Station has been provided with the full complement of the necessary staff and if not, the reasons for not procuring such staff in full strength so long?
- (h) Whether in case, the required personnel in full has not been provided, what steps, if any, have been taken and when for the recruitment of the balance of the required personnel?
- (i) Whether any officer or officers were deputed by Government for training to acquire the requisite qualifications to undertake research work, and if so, the particulars of the institution to which such officers were deputed and the period of training undergone in each case?
- (j) What research work, if any, has been undertaken by the River Research Station and whether any report on its activities has been published or can be made available?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, Public Works Department) replied.

647. (a)—The decision for establishment of a River Research Station at Burnihat was taken by the State Flood Control Board in its meeting held on 27th September, 1954.

(b)—The dates of commencement and completion of the construction of the buildings and other appurtenances are as under:—

	Date of Commencement	Date of Completion
(i) Main laboratory buildings ...	1st February, 1957	31st March, 1961
(ii) Barrack type quarters ...	7th December, 1957	15th June, 1959.
(iii) Pump house ...	10th May, 1958	30th March, 1959.
(iv) Electrification ...	24th February, 1958	(Work is still in progress).
(v) Water supply and sanitary fittings ...	26th December, 1957	(Work is still in progress).
(vi) Construction of residential buildings.	...	Construction of residential buildings and staff quarters are being taken up now.

(c)—The total non-recurring expenditure incurred item-wise is as under:—

(i) Lands	...	...	...	Rs.39,413.00	nP.
(ii) Improvement of site	...	..	...	Rs.1,12,647.00	,,
(iii) Buildings	...	...	...	Rs 8,08 451.00	,,
(iv) Other appurtenances and equipments	...	...	...	Rs.3,12,411.00	,,

(d)—The River Research Station was put into commission in 1961. The details of personnel employed both gazetted and non-gazetted from time to time are as under:—

Gazetted Staff—

Director, River Research Station	...	...	1 No.
Temporary Assistant Engineer (Technical)	...	...	1 No.
Temporary Assistant Engineer (Laboratory)	...	...	1 No.

Non-Gazetted Staff—

(i) Accountant (for Director's Office)	...	...	1 No.
Upper Division Assistant	..	...	1 No.
Lower Division Assistants	...	...	2 Nos.
Grade IV	...	...	4 Nos.
(ii) Photographer (for Laboratory)	...	...	1 No.
Statistical Assistant	...	...	1 No.
Driver	..	...	1 No.
Grade IV	...	..	1 No.
Laboratory Assistant	...	..	1 No.
Junior Engineer	..	...	1 No.
Typist	...	...	1 No.
Subordinate Engineers	...	...	2 Nos.
Store Keeper	...	...	1 No.
(iii) Tracer (Technical)	...	...	1 No.

The total recurring expenditure incurred for entertainment of the staff mentioned above upto 31st May, 1962 is Rs.75,101.75 nP.

(e) The total expenditure on repairs and maintenance year-wise is as under :—

1958-59	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.16,793.00 nP.
1959-60	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.20,000.00 nP.
1960-61	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.19,956.00 nP.
1961-62	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.23,079.00 nP.

(f)—Does not arise in view of the fact that the buildings were occupied immediately after their completion.

(g)—The sanctioned technical staff could not be fully entertained yet. The non-technical staff including the ministerial staff have already been employed to the required extent. The main reason for non-availability of the technical staff in full is that qualified and experienced staff could not be recruited even by advertising thrice through the Assam Public Service Commission in sanctioned scales of pay, nor could they be arranged on deputation from other stations or through the Central Board of Irrigation and Power by personal contacts due to shortage of such staff all over India.

(h)—Inexperienced staff to be got trained in other established stations is now being recruited locally through the Assam Public Service Commission. Last date for receiving applications by the Assam Public Service Commission expired on 1st June 1962.

(i) (1)—The Director who is a permanent officer of Assam Engineering Service Class I Cadre received training in U. S. A.

(2) An officer of the rank of Executive Engineer is being sent for training in hydraulic model technique in Poona Research Station under Central Water and Power Commission first and then to abroad under Colombo Plan.

(3) As stated in reply to (h) above, other staff are being recruited through the Assam Public Service Commission for training within India.

(j) The following research-works have so far been carried out by the Research Station :—

(i) Analysis of Soil samples of bed soil collected from different boreholes at different depths in connection with the design of depth of foundation for the Jia-Bhorelli Road Bridge.

(ii) Bearing and penetration tests carried out at site of work and in the Laboratory in connection with the design of foundation of the Flood Control and Irrigation Wing Building.

(iii) Investigation of foundation condition for the proposed Kachua Lock gate.

- (iv) Testing of sand from the Dihing River at 22nd mile of Lower Haflong Road for use in concrete.
- (v) Investigation of foundation condition of Gorjan Sluice at Gorjan in Nowgong Subdivision and testing of samples of soil foundation.
- (vi) Testing of concrete samples from Laksha Headwork site.
- (vii) Investigation of foundation condition of Sukhajani headworks, causes of failure and design of new headworks.
- (viii) Testing of cement for the State Electricity Board.
- (ix) Testing for physical and physico-chemical properties of sand from Dayang River at 2nd mile of Lower Haflong Dapoo Road.
- (x) Investigation of foundation for the proposed weir across the Jamuna in connection with the Jamuna Irrigation Scheme. Mechanical testing and analysis of about 400 Nos of Soil Samples of about 40 bore-holes in the different alignments of the proposed weir.

The Annual Reports of the Research Station for the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 are under compilation for publication.

Re: Tama Dingdinga Irrigation Scheme

Shri MATHIUS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Tama Dingdinga Irrigation Scheme has been completed ?
- (b) If not, why not ?
- (c) When it will be completed ?
- (d) When was it scheduled to be completed ?
- (e) What is the size of the scheme ?
- (f) When was the work on the scheme started ?
- (g) Who are the contractors working on the scheme ?
- (h) Whether they are experienced on such schemes ?
- (i) Whether Government is aware that the public had a bund constructed on the same river about 2 miles below the present bund which has been closed to be replaced by the new one ?

(j) Whether Government is aware that due to the closure of the previous bund and also due to the failure of the department to construct new one for a long time, the public have been very much suffering?

(k) What steps the Government are going to take for immediate supply of water for the public of that locality where their bund has been closed?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (F. C. and I. Wing)] replied:—

648. (a)—No.

(b)—Due to unforeseen phenomenon, *e. g.*, boulders in bed and high uplift pressures of water, change in design of head works had to be made.

(c)—This is going to be completed by December, 1962.

(d)—Originally it was expected to be completed by March, 1962.

(e)—The Scheme is a Minor Irrigation Scheme. Its revised estimated cost will be about Rs.6,55,700 on completion it is to benefit an area of about 10,000 acres.

(f)—October, 1956.

(g)—(1) For head works—Shri Kishori Mahan Sarkar.

(2) For cement concrete outlets—Shri Rajyeswar Singh.

(3) For cement concrete drop—Shri Sakal Singh.

(4) For cement concrete dividing dams—Shri Gharu Shah.

(5) For earthwork—(i) Zain Uddin Ahmed. (ii) Sarju Singh. (iii) Jamuna Prasad. (iv) Ali Ahmed Hussain. (v) Nawab Hussain. (vi) M. Das. (vii) Zainul Haque Khan. (viii) Mahbul Alam. (ix) Basudeb Lalwari. (x) Motilal Prasad. (xi) Raghunath Thakur. (xii) Md. Sukur. (xiii) Manir Uddin Ahmed. (xiv) Saifuddin Ahmed. (xv) Dharendra Mohan Adhikari. (xvi) Sakal Singh. (xvii) Azizuddin Ahmed. (xviii) Kamala Kanta Roy. (xix) Faizuddin Sarkar. (xx) Isahak Miah. (xxi) Moktar Ahmed Khan. (xxii) Nek Mohammed. (xxiii) Sukur Mohammed. (xxiv) Sakal Singh. (xxv) Gharu Shah. (xxvi) Rajyeswar Singh. (xxvii) Hareswar Pathak.

(h)—Only a few irrigation schemes were taken up for execution prior to taking up of this irrigation scheme. So the question of experience of contractors in such irrigation schemes was not accounted for.

(i) — The public bund at 2 miles down stream has never been closed by the department.

(j) — Does not arise in view of the fact that the public have not been denied of supply of water.

(k) — The public bund has never been closed by this department but all possible steps have been taken to complete the scheme as early as possible.

Re: Floods in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there were floods in Sibsagar Subdivision during this year?
- (b) If the reply is in the affirmative, which are the places affected and to what extent?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that due to heavy floods of the Brahmaputra and its tributaries, the Test Relief Bunds were breached in several places?
- (d) What steps Government have taken to close the breaches?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that there was breach of the Brahmaputra dyke at Singioni of Panidening Mouza on the 7th of July?
- (f) What was the reason of this breach?
- (g) Whether the department took precautionary measures to save the bund from being breached?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that one Ramkumar Agarwala reported the facts but action was not taken?
- (i) What will be the total estimated amount for closing the breach and what is the extent of damage in terms of rupees?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge Flood Control, etc.) replied:

649. (a) — Yes.

(b) — (i) Places from Teliadongapakhuri to Dikhowmukh in Jakaisuk Mouza have been affected. About 2,000 acres of land have been inundated by the Brahmaputra flood due to non-existence of bund in that reach.

(ii) In Konwarpur Mouza about 3,500 acres of land have been inundated by the back flow of the Brahmaputra.

(iii) In Panidehing Mouza about 2,000 acres of land have been inundated due to breach in the Brahmaputra Embankment near Tengapania.

(iv) In Bokota Mouza about 1,500 acres of land have been inundated by recent flood of the Desang due to non-existence of bund from Bahgarh to A. T. Road.

(c)—Yes. Test Relief Bund at Goskata-Gotonga, Borali to Chintamari Garh, Barali to Mokaloni and Mazumalia were breached in several places.

(d)—Steps have been taken by Subdivisional Officer (Civil) Sibsagar to formulate schemes for repairing the breaches and also raising the level of these bunds on Test Relief Basis again.

(e)—Yes.

(f) - Undermining piping action.

(g)—Yes, in the places where the seepage was detected.

(h)—No. Shri Ram Kumar Agarwalla met Subdivisional Officer, Embankment & Drainage Subdivision, Sibsagar on 5th July 1962 in connection with payment of repair work done by the local people on 27th June 1962 during high flood. But he did not mention about the seepage of the place where the breach has occurred.

(i)—The rough cost for closing the breach will be about Rs.12,500 and value of damage will be approximately Rs 4,500.

Re: Loan for establishing Cottage Industries or Small Scale Industries

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked:

650. will the Minister in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Cottage Industries Department has not yet sanctioned loan to the deserving applicants trying to establish Cottage Industries or Small Scale Industries whose cases were recommended by the subordinate officers like superintendent of Industries in the later half of the year 1961-62? If so why?

(b) What was the total amount sanctioned for the loan purpose and granted to individuals in that year?

(c) whether it is a fact that many of the third grade officers in the Marketing section of the Cottage Industries Department working for more than five years against their permanent establishment have not been confirmed? If so what is the reason?

- (d) What is the total number of third grade confirmed officials in the said Department and the total number of third grade officials awaiting confirmation ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that most of the emporiums particularly the Marketing Corporation Selling Emporiums are selling Maradabadi bell metal and brass made articles when the local indigenous bell metal and brass made articles producers have been greatly suffering for want of markets ?
- (f) Whether it is also a fact that almost all the emporiums under the said department have the regular practice of selling Manipuri handloom products and some Mill made products when the local artisans of handloom are greatly suffering. If so what is the reason behind it ?
- (g) How many officers of the marketing section of the Cottage Industries Department have got departmental promotion and how many have been recruited directly ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

650. (a)—No. Even though a large number of recommendations were received from the subordinate offices, all of them could not be considered during 1961-62 by the Cottage Industries (Advisory) Board due to paucity of funds. The pending applications will however be considered by the Cottage Industries (Advisory) Board in its next meeting to be held as early as possible.

(b)—The total amount of loan sanctioned during 1961-62 to individuals was Rs.14,52,000.

(c)—Yes. The question of confirmation of these Government employees is now under consideration.

(d) There are 17 permanent posts against which three officials have been confirmed and the question of confirming 14 others is now under consideration.

(e)—It is not a fact. A very small quantity of Muradabad bell metal and brass-made articles is stocked in the emporia. All the emporia are primarily marketing the bell metal and brass-made articles produced by the Assamese artisans.

(f)—Yes, it has been a regular practice to sell the Manipuri handloom products in the said emporia, but not mill-made textiles. The reason behind selling the Manipuri handloom products is that there is a great demand for these articles on account of their attractive and artistic designs and cheap prices. It is not a fact that the local artisans engaged in handloom industry are suffering for this. On the other hand, the local artisans are inspired by these products to produce better designed textiles at cheap prices.

(g)—Two salesmen have been departmentally promoted to the posts of Manager, and 46 officials have been recruited directly.

Re: Loans and Grants in Sericultural and Weaving Department**Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :**

651. Will the Minister-in-charge of Weaving and Sericulture be pleased to state—

- (a) What amounts were given for Weaving and Sericulture purpose during the last three years (1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62) in each of the subdivision and what amount of previous loans realised during these three years in each subdivision ?
- (b) What are the amounts sanctioned as grants during these three years in each of the subdivisions of Assam ?
- (c) Whether the progress of the Co-operatives or the individuals in the sphere of Sericulture and Weaving are satisfactory ?

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

651. (a)---

1959-60

1960-61

1961-62

Subdivision

Subdivision	Amount sanctioned		Amount realised		Amount sanctioned		Amount realised		Amount sanctioned		Amount realised	
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Goalpara	6,300	00	170	00	22	78	4,400	00	400	00	49	40
Dhubri	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,200	00	..	..	..	..
Kokrajhar	2,000	00	320	00	26	22	4,000	00	240	00	25	00
Gauhati	83,100	00	2,630	00	1,027	99	90,900	00	8,660	00	3,353	59
Barpeta	11,300	00	..	..	..	..	22,150	00	250	00	109	65
Nowgong	18,100	00	2,235	00	775	64	17,450	00	990	00	219	18
Sibsagar	5,750	00	200	00	30	00	9,250	00	200	00	189	46
Jorhat	3,700	00	680	00	199	02	..	..	200	00	27	54
Golaghat	1,950	00	..	..	..	..	1,600	00	..	..	..	..
Dibrugarh	1,000	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Lakhimpur	6,700	00	..	..	..	..	500	00	..	..	..	..
Karimganj	12,150	00	420	00	54	86	2,800	00	1,150	00	260	12
Hailakandi	1,900	00	..	..	..	..	1,000	00	..	..	..	..
Silchar	10,600	00	1,060	00	304	39	1,000	00	740	00	110	75
Shillong	18,750	00	1,160	00	260	48	16,800	00	1,864	00	578	74
Garo Hills	1,000	00	..	..	..	..	1,000	00	1,100	00	271	07
Mangaldoi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tezpur	..	..	550	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

No amount was sanctioned in the year 1961-62 due to non-allotment of fund in the year.

(b)—The amounts sanctioned as Grants for Sericulture and Weaving subdivision-wise—

Name of the Subdivisions	Amounts Granted		
	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62
	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
Dhubri	4,319·00	8,385·00	617·00
Goalpara	5,690·00	4,500·00	2,132·00
Kokrajhar	5,950·00	6,034·00	1,900·00
Barpeta	4,855·00	4,385·00	500·00
Gauhati	17,110·00	17,987·00	7,255·00
Mangaldoi	3,145·00	8,262·00	2,100·00
Tezpur	9,105·00	5,290·00	8,145·00
Sibsagar	3,945·00	4,520·00	8,903·00
Golaghat	1,800·00	2,335·00	1,175·00
Jorhat	6,551·00	9,493·00	2,010·00
North Lakhimpur	6,907·00	11,245·00	16,581·00
Dibrugarh	5,350·00	8,687·00	2,672·00
Nowgong	12,255·00	13,745·00	7,683·00
Silchar	1,955·00	4,614·00	11,050·00
Karimganj	865·00	4,384·00	3,100·00
Hailakandi	500·00	940·00	262·00
Shillong	23,596·00	6,880·00	6,930·00
Jowai	12,232·00	4,500·00	4,685·00
Diphu	14,273·00	8,875·00	11,040·00
Lungleh	3,875·00	1,625·00	840·00
Haflong	4,833·00	8,050·00	2,405·00
Tura	29,625·00	9,235·00	2,980·00
Aijal	6,537·00	4,900·00	1,475·00

(c)—No loans have been granted by the Sericulture and Weaving Department to the Co-operatives and so the extent of progress achieved in that sphere cannot be assessed by this Department ; but so far as loans sanctioned to individuals are concerned, the progress has been satisfactory. The progress of realisation of arrear loans has also been maintained satisfactorily.

Re: Illegal encroachment in Diju valley and Anjugpani areas bordering Mikir Hills

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that about five thousand bighas of reserved land in Diju valley and Anjugpani areas in Duarsola Mauza bordering the Mikir Hills District are in illegal occupation of encroachers ?
- (b) If the answer to the above is in affirmative, the number of such encroachers and their original place of residence from which they have come ?
- (c) What steps Government have taken to evict these encroachers ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

652. (a)—About 1,000 bighas of land were under illegal occupation of encroachers.

(b)—The number of such encroachers is about 400. They were immigrants from Oksepathar side and they had no homestead land.

(c)—The encroachers have already been evicted.

Re: Eviction in Naldhora and Sindhisar Reserves

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

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

- (a) Whether there was any eviction in Naldhora and Sindhisar Reserves in Marigaon Circle ?
- (b) What was the number of persons affected as a result of this eviction ?
- (c) Whether the Government ascertained that these evicted persons were landless peasant ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that about 800 bighas of land has been dereserved in the same reserves ?
- (e) Who are the allottees of this 800 bighas of land and whether they had any land elsewhere ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that most of these allottees have enough land elsewhere and some of them are not agriculturists by profession ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that persons who were evicted had permanent dwelling houses there and lived there permanently for ten years after being put into possession of the land by Mandals ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that there are litigations between the old settlers and the new allottees ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

653. (a)—Yes, there was eviction in the Sindhisar area of the Deosal Professional Grazing Reserve.

(b)—Forty encroachers were evicted.

(c)—No.

(d)—Formal dereservation has not yet been made as proceeding have not yet been finalised.

(e)—The land had been allotted to one hundred Plains Tribal (Kachari) families of Gauhati who were rendered landless owing to acquisition of their lands for Railways.

(f)—No.

(g)—No.

(h)—Government have no such information.

Re : Actual achievements of targets under different schemes under Second Five Year Plan

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

654. Will the Minister-in-charge of Planning and Development be pleased to place in the Library table a detailed statement showing the actual achievements of targets under different schemes according to Plan allocations on State level basis as also on District and Subdivisional level, as made for the Second Plan period and state—

(a) The reasons for the shortfalls in the achievement of targets under different schemes ?

(b) What steps, if any, have been taken for making up the backlogs created in the Second Plan targets and also what measures are being taken to prevent recurrence of any similar situation in the achievement of Third Plan targets ?

(c) Whether Government proposed to make available any publication containing the detailed allocations under the Third Plan under different schemes to respective districts and subdivisions ?

(d) If so, when ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

654. A comprehensive review of the Second Plan indicating the targets and achievements under different schemes is under preparation and copies will be supplied to hon. Members as soon as they are ready. This review will, however, indicate the progress of different Plan schemes for the State as a whole. To prepare district or subdivision-wise break-up it will be necessary to collect figures afresh which in view of the large number of schemes undertaken will involve considerable time and energy which will be hardly worthwhile at this stage.

(a)—It is not possible to give the reasons for the shortfalls under each of the numerous schemes in reply to a question. In general the main reason for shortfalls were scarcity of construction material, (ii) transport bottleneck, (iii) delay in selection of site for some of the projects, (iv) time involved in acquisition of land, (v) shortage of technical personnel, (vi) Foreign exchange difficulties, and (vii) unfortunate disturbances which took place in different parts of the State during the last year of the Second Plan.

(b)—The backlogs of the Second Plan are treated as spillovers into the Third Plan and constitute its first charge. Some of the steps taken to avoid similar shortfalls under the Third Plan are (i) enhanced delegation of financial powers to Departments and Heads of Departments, (ii) expeditious financial sanction of Plan schemes by joint discussion among the administrative Departments, Finance and Planning and Development Department (iii) avoidance of shortfalls of annual financial targets by a system of review and diversion of savings to sectors and schemes capable of speedy execution, (iv) continuous assessment of manpower requirement and co-ordination of the training programme to meet the same.

A proposal to entrust specific responsibility for execution of schemes is also under consideration.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Subdivisional Plan for the Third Five Year Plan is under preparation and is expected to be sent to the Press in short time.

Re: Inclusion of representatives from Nikhil Cachar Hairamba Barman Samiti in the Assam Tribal Advisory Council

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

655. Will the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there was a decision in the Assam Tribal Advisory Council to include one of the representatives of Nikhil Cachar Hairamba Barman Samiti as a member of the above Council ?
- (b) If so, whether this decision was approved by the Government ?
- (c) Whether the decision has been communicated to the Nikhil Cachar Hairamba Barman Samiti ?
- (d) Whether any member from Tribal people of Cachar has been included in the above Council ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister-in-charge, Tribal Areas and W. B. C.) replied :

655. (a)—Yes. The Advisory Council for the Welfare of the Scheduled Tribes living in the Plains District of Assam at its Sixth Meeting recommended that the President or in his absence, General Secretary of the Nikhil Cachar Hairamba Barman Samiti, and also one member from the Transferred Areas of Lakhimpur District to represent various tribes of those areas, be nominated in the Advisory Council for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes living in the Plains Districts of Assam. But while preliminary and necessary steps were being taken to implement the said recommendation the Council, at its Seventh Meeting recommended that the nomination of the said two members should be taken up along with the question of the nomination of a President or Secretary of each of the Tribal Organisation representing particular tribal communities by the next Council to be constituted after the last General Election. Hence, no representative of the Nikhil Cachar Hairamba Barman Samiti was included in the last Council the term of which expired with the term of the last Legislative Assembly.

(b), (c) & (d)—Does not arise.

Re: Venture Lower Primary School

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

- (a) How many Venture Lower Primary Schools have been taken by the Schools Board of Barpeta, Gauhati and Mangaldai during the last one year ?
- (b) How many of those new teachers are Teachers Training passed and how many of them are matriculate ?
- (c) How many unemployed Teachers Training passed people are there under these three School Boards ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that some College students who are regular students of the College, also have been appointed teachers by the Schools Board authority ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that some persons who are not teachers Training passed have been appointed although there are Teachers Training passed persons available ?
- (f) If so, why ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

656. (a)—Gauhati	...	...	...	...	83
Barpeta	...	...	...	...	24
Mangaldai	...	...	...	...	72

(b)—Teachers Training Passed	...	...	...	...	55
Matriculate	...	..	..	...	50
Guru Trained	...	...	...	...	3
Basic Trained	...	..	..	...	4
Others	...	...	...	...	128
(c)—Gauhati	...	...	...	...	195
Barpeta	...	...	...	...	142
Mangaldai	...	...	...	...	Nil

(d)—There was one teacher under Barpeta School Board prosecuting studies in college who is no longer in service. There is also no rule deterring of school teachers from prosecuting further studies.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The teachers working in Venture Schools were also taken over along with the schools taken over and some of them happened to be non-teachers Training passed teachers. They have been given three chances to passed the examination.

Re: Taking over of Venture Lower Primary Schools by Government

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

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

- (a) The number of Venture Lower Primary Schools taken over by Government this year in the State ?
- (b) The number of Venture Schools not yet taken over, though functioning ?
- (c) The names of those Venture Schools which have not yet been taken over by Government of Silchar and Hailakandi Subdivision ?
- (d) When these Venture Schools would be taken over ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

657. (a)—Nil.
 (b)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.
 (c)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.
 (d)—Some of the Venture Lower Primary Schools will be taken over in February next.

**Re: Schemes of Road Development in the Assam Border
of the Naga Hills Disturbed Area**

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

658. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any schemes of road development in the Assam Border of the Naga Hills in the disturbed areas ?
- (b) If so, what is the scheme ?
- (c) How many of these have been made and when the remaining roads will be built ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that a new road is proposed to be constructed along the foot hills of the border ?
- (e) If so, when the roads are to be built up ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

658. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—A statement showing the roads already constructed, roads on which work is in progress, and roads which are proposed to be taken up is placed on the Library Table.

(d) & (e)—The construction of new roads is taken up according to necessity, priority and availability of funds.

Re: Package Programme District

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked:

659. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) The conditions prescribed by the Government of India for selection of Package Programme district ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that one of the essential conditions was that the district selected should be free from natural hazard?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that in view of the above condition the District of Nowgong was suggested by the Department as the best and safest for the Package Programme ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the original Central allotment of Rs.12 crores has been reduced to Rs.1 crore by the Government of India because the present selection of district is not to the liking of the Government of India ?

- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to place on the Library table copies of all the correspondence between the department concerned of the State Government and the Central Government regarding selection of Package Programme district with their recommendations ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister of Agriculture) replied :

659. (a)&(b)—The Government of India's suggestions were that the district to be selected should have assured water supply as far as possible, minimum of natural hazards and well developed village institutions like Co-operative and Panchayat.

(c)—No such recommendation was given by the Directorate of Agriculture. However, the case of Nowgong was duly considered along with other districts at Government level.

(d)—No.

(e)—No.

Re: Secretary of Aided High Schools

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

660. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Ramesh Chandra Saraswati is Secretary, Gauhati Bengali High School ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that Shri Kaliprasanna Dass is the Secretary, National High School, Lumding ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sorkar is Secretary, Deshabandhu Bidyapith, Hojai ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that all these gentlemen worked in favour of Congress candidates in last General Election ?
- (e) How far it is a fact that Government generally nominate a man as a Secretary of an Aided High School who belongs to the Congress Party ?
- (f) Whether there is any Secretary of an Aided School who has not worked in favour of Congress candidate in last General Election ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

660. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Government are not aware if they worked for any particular party candidate.

(e)—It is not a fact. In most cases, the Headmasters are appointed Secretaries of the Managing Committee of Aided High Schools.

(f)—Government have no information.

Re: High Schools, Middle English Schools, etc.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

661. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many High Schools, Middle English Schools, Middle Vernacular Schools, and Lower Primary Schools are there in Lumding Assembly Constituency ?

(i) With Assamese as médium of Instructions, and

(ii) With Bengali as medium of Instructions ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

661. (a)—(i) High Schools	...	...	...	...	3
Middle English Schools	...	...	...	...	3
Middle Vernacular Schools	...	...	...	...	3
Lower Primary Schools	...	...	...	...	165
(ii) High Schools	...	...	...	...	3
Middle English School	...	...	...	...	1
Middle Vernacular Schools	...	...	...	...	Nil
Lower Primary Schools	...	...	...	...	12

Re: Kayakuchi High School

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the people of Betbari and some parts of the Paka Mouza of Burpeta Sub-division started a High School at Kayakuchi since 1955 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Government recognition has been granted to the school up to Class VIII from the year 1961 ?
- (c) Whether Government granted any aid to the school before recognition ?
- (d) If so, how much ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to give grant-in-aid from the year of recognition ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that the present enrolment of the school is 320 and consider to give the school grant-in-aid in deficit system ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

662. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. With effect from 1st January 1961.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—A lump-sum grant of Rs.1,800 for general maintenance was sanctioned during the year 1960-61.

(e)—No. Owing to shortage of funds the recurring grant to the School could not be sanctioned with effect from the date of recognition.

(f)—The present enrolment of the school is 319.

The school is not yet affiliated to the Gauhati University. Deficit grant may be considered when the school is affiliated, if fund permit.

Re: M.E. Madrassas and M.E. Schools and High Madrassas and High Schools

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

663. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that M.E. Madrassas and M.E. Schools and High Madrassas and High Schools impart education of the same standard and the final Examinations of these schools are recognised as equivalents of each other respectively ?

- (b) Whether the Additional course prescribed for M.E. Madrassa; and High Madrassa examinations can be introduced in M.E. Schools, High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools as a separate group or groups of elective subjects ?
- (c) Whether the Government is aware that side by side with the existing M. E. Schools and High Schools new M. E. Madrassas and High Madrassas have been started and encouraged in the large number of places ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to consider the feasibility of amalgamation of such neighbouring M. E. Schools and M. E. Madrassa High Schools and High Madrassas providing facilities for imparting Arabic and such subjects which constitute the difference in syllabus and courses of study in these schools ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to introduce other subjects in the High Madrassas so that student of the locality irrespective of Caste or Community can take up subjects of their choice to appear in the Matriculation or Higher Secondary Board Examination and do away with the necessity of starting new High Schools in the locality ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

633. (a)—Yes.

(b)—This matter can be examined along with the report of the Islamic Education Committee which is under consideration of Government.

(c)—Yes, only in a few places.

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

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

Re: Condition of Road in the Kokrajhar Subdivision

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that a standing grievance of the Public of Bengtol and the neighbourhood and the Bus Association of Bongaigaon regarding the bad condition of the road between the North Trunk Road and the Bengtol bazar in Kokrajhar Subdivision ?

(b) Whether the said road was taken up by the P.W.D. about seven years ago and it has not reached the usual standard of a P.W.D. Road ?

- (c) Whether the said road is not motorable now due to damaged bridge ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Bus owner of the Bongaigaon Bus Association are suffering from loss as they are to pay permit fees through their buses cannot ply on the road ?
- (e) Whether the relevant authorities have attended to the petitions of the public regarding this road ?

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

664. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The road was taken over by P.W.D. in 1955-56. This is a fair weather Road with light gravelling only.

(c)—There is no damaged bridge over this road.

(d)—This is fair weather road and vehicular traffic is to ply only during fair weather. The Bus Association was allowed permit by the R.T.A., Dhubri to ply their buses over this temporarily only during fair weather. But in spite of this clear order from the authority granting them the permit, they ply their buses through out the year damaging the road extensively.

(e)—One petition dated 16th March 1961 addressed to Minister, P.W.D., was received and due attention was paid to it.

Re: Re-constitution of North Kamrup P.W.D. Subdivision

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

645. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (R & B) be pleased to reconstitute the existing P.W.D. Subdivisions of North Kamrup P.W.D. Division with the jurisdictions of the N.E.S. Blocks for better supervision and effective work so that one Block does not fall under several P.W.D. Subdivisions.

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

665. The P.W.D. Subdivisions are created for the facility of efficient control of the works from a certain point, which is the Head Quarter of the Subdivision. It is doubtful if better control can be achieved by reconstituting the P.W.D. Subdivisions according to the jurisdiction of the N.E.S. Blocks.

Re: Load Capacity of Bridges and Culverts**Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon)** asked :

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

The load capacity of the bridges and culverts of—

(i) Gauhati-Shillong Road ?

(ii) Amingaon-North Lakhimpur Road ?

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

666. Generally Class IX to Class XII except a few permanent Reinforced Cement Concrete bridges which are of Indian Road Congress Standard Class AA Loading.

Re: Kalabari Rest House**Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur)** asked :

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

(a) Whether the information called for in regard to the Unstarred Question No.375 asked by questioner on 7th October 1961 on the subject of rest house at Kalabari has been received by Government ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs.26,000 has been sanctioned for improvement of Kalabari Rest House (Mornoi) and the work will be started during the current financial year ?

(c) Whether provision for dismantling the house, furniture and latrine with sanitary fittings has also been made to make it up-to-date and comfortable ?

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

667. (a)—Yes.

(b)—This is not a fact. An estimate amounting to Rs.13,100 for reconstruction of the rest house at Kalabari is under consideration of the Government. The work will be taken up when funds are made available.

(c)—Yes, provision was made in the estimates for dismantling the house and reconstruction of the same with sanitary fittings. Provision of furniture will be also added in the estimates.

**Re: Transfer of lands at Doom-Dooma to State Government
by the Defence Department**

Shri MOLIA TANTI (Doom-Dooma) asked :

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

- (a) Whether an area of 1243 Bighas, 14 Kathas, 11 Lessas of land at Doom-Dooma previously acquired by Defence Department, was transferred to State Government ?
- (b) Whether Government proposed extension of Doom-Dooma Town after allotting the transferred area to individual landless people of Doom-Dooma Town and flood affected people of Saikhowa and Sadiya Mauza ?
- (c) Whether most of the area transferred to State Government constitutes the "run way" and taxi-tracks which the Defence Department has recently requested to the State Government not to damage or demolish ?
- (d) Whether the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh thereafter moved the Government to request the Defence Department to exchange the run-way and the taxi-tracks with the 300 acres of jungle with abandoned tea bushes referred by the Defence Department ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that the Defence Department still realises taxes for private aviation for landing in the Sookeriting Air Field after the same has been transferred to the State Government ?
- (f) Whether the Government ultimately is not going to lose the area already transferred to them as the same cannot be utilised for rehabilitation purpose without demolishing the run-way and taxi-tracks and also the jungle area now utilised by Defence Department which does not serve any purpose to them ?
- (g) Whether the State Government is going to take any further step to acquire the area now retained by the Defence Department for rehabilitation of the landless people of Doom-Dooma Town and flood affected people of Saikhowa and Sadiya Mauza ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

668. (a) An area of 469.20 acres, *i. e.*, about 1419 Bighas, 1 Katha, 13 Lessas of land at Doom-Dooma acquired by the Defence Department was transferred to the State Government for rehabilitation of earthquake affected people.

(b)—The matter is under examination of Government in the context of the extension of the Doom-Dooma Town.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Report on this point has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur.

(f)—Reply as in (b) above.

(g)—Reply as in (b).

Re: Erosion of River Kushiara

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

669. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to State —

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a substantial area of the village Tukergram, under Katigora Police Station in the district of Cachar has been washed away due to erosion of River Kushiara and that large number of people who were rendered homeless and landless are living in extreme misery without shelter in that village and other places ?
- (h) If so, the area washed away so far and the number of families affected thereby ?
- (c) The area that has re-appeared on the other side of the river and the manner in which the Charland that has re-appeared has been settled ?
- (d) Whether any application has been received by the Government from the landless people of Tukergram for settlement of the Charland with them ?
- (e) If so, what steps have been taken so far to provide land to those landless people ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the abovementioned Charland which appertains to village Tukergram according to latest survey is being illegally occupied by some other people ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

669.—(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f)—Information has been called for from the Local Officer.

Re: Erosion by the river Barak in Silchar Town**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a large area of Silchar town has been eroded by the river Barak ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that many Government buildings and quarters have been affected by this rapid erosion ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that besides the Government buildings, a considerable private properties have also been gone into the bottom of the river due to erosion ?
- (d) If so, what is the value of the properties both of Government and private, which have been destroyed by this erosion ?
- (e) What steps Government is going to take to stop erosion ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

670. (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)—Information has been called for from the Local Officer.

Re: Families belonging to Ex-Tea Garden Communities in Moderkhat Mauza**Shri UPENDRA NATH SANATAN (Bogdung)** asked :

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

- (a) The number of families belonging to *ex*-Tea Garden Communities in Moderkhat Mauza whose land, both periodical patta land and annual patta land taken over by Shri Budhkaran Chowkhani, Shri Bajrangal Chowkhani and others who are not tillers of land, during the period of last 10 years ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that annual pattas of certain non-cultivators were cancelled in Moderkhat Mauza who manage to procure annual patta land of *ex*-Tea Garden labour communities ?
- (c) If so, the names of villages in that Mauza where the lands in question are situated ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to take any action to prevent the non-cultivators in procuring lands belonging to *ex*-Tea Garden labour communities in Dibrugarh Eastern Circle ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

671. (a), (b), (c) and (d)—Information has been called for from the Local Officer.

Re: Settlement of land at Chata and Majdia

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that dag No.168 of village Chata, mouza Chenga, within Barpeta Subdivision with an area of 4 Bighas was a Khas area ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that people of Chata filed petition to get settlement of this area and subsequently people of Majdia of another Mouza, *i. e.*, Sarukhetri also filed petition to get settlement of this area ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that both the Village Secretaries got the settlement for 2 B. 1 K. 1 Lecha and the rest remain Khas ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that due to irregular settlement, name of the Chata Secretary was dropped on appeal and 2 B. 1 K. 1 Lecha remain in the name of Majdia Secretary ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that people of Chata filed petition to get settlement of the remaining Khas area ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the people of Chata have constructed mosque on it, as the Khas area is within their village ?
- (g) If so, why this area cannot be settled with them ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

672. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g)—Information has been called for from the Local Officer.

Re: Opening of Champupara P. G. R. for Settlement

Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked:

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

- (a) When the Champupara P. G. R. in the district of Kamrup was opened for settlement to the public ?
- (b) On which date the Government gave approval ?
- (c) Whether the Land Settlement Advisory Committee had approved the proposal ?

- (d) Whether Government gave some instructions for land distribution ?
- (e) If so, what are these ?
- (f) Whether the Settlement Officer or Assistant Settlement Officer has followed these ?
- (g) Whether the Settlement Officer, Kamrup gave the Assistant Settlement Officer, Chaygaon necessary instructions for demarcating and to deliver possession of 600 bighas of lands to tribal group, 150 bighas to Sonaula's party and 150 bighas to Abdul Jalil's party by the 3rd April, 1961 ?
- (h) If so, whether the Assistant Settlement Officer informed the Settlement Officer by the 11th May, 1961 that the blocks were demarcated and boundaries were pointed out to the parties concerned on the 7th May, 1961 ?
- (i) Whether the Settlement Officer, gave next order by the 17th November, 1961 to the Assistant Settlement Officer, to give individual settlement to Jalil and Sonaula's parties ?
- (j) Whether the Settlement Officer gave the next order to the Assistant Settlement Officer by the 8th January, 1962, stating therein that some Mayankhas' party and Bahaja' party would be given 50 bighas from Sonaula's party and 50 bighas from Jalil's party respectively ?
- (k) If so, whether the order was written in handwriting ?
- (l) Whether Government is aware that there was a rioting between Mayankha's party and Sonaula's party on the 14th April, 1962 over the demarcated area for Sonaula's party ?
- (m) Whether Government has taken any action in this matter ?
- (n) If not, whether Government is going to take action ?
- (o) How long it will take for permanent settlement ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

673. (a) & (b)—On 11th March, 1955.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Government's instructions were that at the time of allotment preference should be given to the applicants in the following order :

- (i) Landless persons who originally held Pattas in the area before formation of the P. G. R.

(ii) Landless and flood affected people of Pub-Chamaria mouza and also landless tribal people who were not encroachers.

(iii) Other landless persons.

(f)—The former Assistant Settlement Officer failed to comply with these directions and made Settlement which were not in keeping with the Government instructions for which necessary action is being taken.

(g)—The Settlement Officer, Kamrup issued instructions to the Assistant Settlement Officer, to deliver possession of 600 bighas of land to Tribals and to point out 150 bighas to Sonaula's party and 150 bighas to Jalil's party.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—Yes.

(k)—Yes.

(l)—Government are not aware of any such incident.

(m) & (n)—Do not arise.

(o)—It is difficult to set a time limit. The whole matter is under scrutiny.

Re: Encroachment of Bokapara Chapari

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is heavy encroachment of Bokapara Chapari, which is a P. G. R. within Dhing circle by some people of unknown identity ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Graziers of the P. G. R. moved the Government for eviction of these encroachers long ago ?

(c) What steps the Government has taken to evict the encroachers and to give protection to the graziers who have been paying tax for the P. G. R. ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

674. (a)—At present only about 5 bighas of land of Bokapara Chapari is under encroachment by eleven landless immigrant people. Bokapara Chapari has not yet been constituted into a P. G. R.

(b)—No.

(c)—Steps have been taken to evict the eleven encroachers from the Bokapara Chapari, but the eviction could not be carried out due to floods.

Since the area has not yet been constituted into a P. G. R. the question of payment of tax by the graziers does not arise.

Re: Dereservation of Chandbasa-Handique Reserve

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government had received copy of resolution adopted in the public meeting of Upper Nazira held on 7th June 1962 requesting Government for dereservation and also for proper constitution of the Chandbasa-Handique Grazing Reserve ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that some people who are not landless have been occupying portions of this Grazing Reserve paying 'Tazubahi' Revenue to Government ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to allow them to continue to occupy the Grazing Reserve uninterrupted ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to settle some landless people on this Grazing Reserve after dereservation ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to reconstitute the Grazing Reserve in the interest of cattle population ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

675. (a)—No such resolution appears to have been received.

(b), (c), (d) & (e) --Information is being collected.

Re: Patta-holders of lands at Kharghuli

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

676. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Tamijuddin Ahmed and Syed Toslimuddin Ahmed were the patta-holders of a plot of land at Kharghuli, Gauhati since 1937 and the area of the land were 2 bighas ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this patta was cancelled and the pattadars filed appeal petition to restore the patta.

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup submitted his report in March 1960 and since then no order has been passed ?

(d) What is the fate of this matter ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

676. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—Yes, the Deputy Commissioner submitted the report but the matter is still under consideration.

Re: Evacuee property in Gossaigaon Circle

Shri MATHIUS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

677. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Total number of persons occupying the Evacuee Property in the Gossaigaon Circle ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that some of the persons have documents to show that they have exchanged their property in Pakistan with those who left for Pakistan ?

(c) Whether Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and consider their case ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

677. (a)—Fifty-six only.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Venture High Schools

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barcahalla) asked :

678. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Venture High Schools in the State ? (Please state the number Subdivision-wise).

(b) When do the Government propose to take them over ?

(c) What is the principle underlying taking over of these schools ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

678. (a)—A statement is placed in the Library Table.

(b)—Venture schools are taken over gradually subject to availability of funds, and subject to their fulfilling the conditions of grant-in-aid and recognition.

(c)—The schools are taken over when they fulfil the conditions as mentioned at (b) above, subject to limitations of funds ; preference being given to schools of the educationally backward areas.

Re: Distribution of Scholarships amongst poor students

Shri ABDUL JALIL CHOUDHURY (Badarpur) asked :

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

(a) How many scholarships are being distributed every year from 1960-61 amongst the poor students in the State of Assam ?

(b) Whether these are being distributed according to the stage of various categories of education ?

(c) If so, how many such scholarships are fixed for—

(i) Colleges,

(ii) High Schools,

(iii) Middle School,

(iv) Title Madrassas,

(v) Senior Madrassas,

(vi) High Madrassas, and

(vii) Middle Madrassas ?

(d) Whether these scholarships are being distributed Community wise ?

(e) If so, the number allotted for each community for 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?

(f) How many such scholarships are proposed to be distributed in the year 1962-63 ?

(g) If the system of distribution does not fall under columns (c) and (d) above what is the system of distribution of such scholarships ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied:

679. (a)—

1960-61

One thousand and five hundred scholarships were distributed for General Education.

One hundred and fifty-four scholarships were distributed for Technical Education.

1961-62

One thousand and five hundred scholarships were distributed for General Education.

One hundred and seventeen scholarships were distributed for Technical Education.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—(i) Five hundred scholarships for General Education. Number of Scholarships for Engineering Colleges is not rigidly fixed.

(ii) & (vi) Five hundred scholarships for High Schools and High Madrassas.

(iii) & (vii) Five hundred scholarships for Middle School and Middle Madrassas.

(iv) & (v) There is no special scholarships for Title Madrasa and Senior Madrasa.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—One thousand and five hundred scholarships for General Education. The number of scholarships for Technical Education will be decided according to the budget provision and availability of deserving candidates.

(g)—Scholarships are distributed to different categories of education as stated in the reply at (c) above.

Selection for award of scholarships are made on the basis of merit of a scholar and means test of the parents.

Re: Managing Committee of High or M. E. Schools

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is one Managing Committee in each High School or M. E. School ?

- (b) What is the total number of members in Managing Committee ?
- (c) Whether all the members are elected or some of the members are nominated by the Inspectors or D. I. ?
- (d) If some members are nominated, what is the procedure of such nomination ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

680. (a)—Yes

(b)—The total number of members of the Managing Committees in different categories of Schools are as below :—

Government High School	...	9, but not more than 10.
Government M. E. School	...	6, but not more than 10.
Government Aided High School	...	12, but in special cases two more members may be nominated by Government.
Government Aided M. E. Schools	...	11, but in special cases two more members may be nominated by Government.

(c)—In the case of Government High Schools all members except an Assistant Master elected by the teaching staff are either official members or are nominated. In the case of Government M. E. Schools all non-official members are nominated.

In the case of the Aided High and Middle Schools, three members are elected, two by the guardians and one by the donors.

(d)—The nominations are made either on the basis of personal knowledge or in consultation with the local public and the District or the Sub-Divisional Officer, where necessary.

Re: Rehabilitation of Refugee families at Algachar in Goalpara

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

681. Will the Minister-in-charge, Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government of Assam rehabilitated about 400 families of East Bengal refugees at village Algachar, in the district of Goalpara about 11 years back ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that after 11 years of their rehabilitation they have been or are being evicted from their lands now ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that Government has ordered to settle those lands with the immigrant muslims after the eviction of the refugees ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some representatives of the refugees of that areas met the Revenue Minister at Gauhati some time before ?
- (e) What assurance or relief, the Minister gave them ?
- (f) Why Government evicted the East Bengal refugees and settle those lands with the immigrant muslims after eviction ?
- (g) Whether it is not possible to settle immigrant muslims, elsewhere without disturbing those poor refugees ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to issue stay order ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Relief & Rehabilitation)
replied :

681. (a)—Originally 386 displaced families from East Pakistan were rehabilitated in Majheralgachar Colony in the year 1951. In the year 1956, 350 families were found to be living in the above colony and the rest left for elsewhere and subsequently in the last part of 1961, all the rehabilitated families left the colony leaving a balance of 62 families.

(b)—It is not a fact that the displaced families were evicted from their allotted land.

(c)—The existing 62 refugee families were settled on the Government's khas-land with the allotment of 10 bighas per family and the lands of the Guzastadars requisitioned in the year 1951 for rehabilitation of displaced persons which were found in excess were de-requisitioned and given back to the owners concerned. Hence the question of eviction of refugees and settlement of the land with the muslims does not arise.

(d) & (e)—The question is vague. Unless the names of the representatives with the date of interview are mentioned and the date of representation if any, submitted by them before the Minister, Revenue in that connection referred to, it is not possible to furnish the information.

(f)—Reply furnished in (c) above.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Question of stay order does not arise as the refugees have already been settled on Government khas land.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, Order, the question hour is over.

Mr. SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Shri Santi Ranjan Das Gupta and Shri Tarapada Bhattacharjee. It is regarding the acute drought condition prevailing in certain parts of Nowgong district. But I am sorry, I cannot allow this adjournment motion because already in the agenda of the House there is a calling attention motion under Assembly rule 54 tabled by Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami and it has been fixed up for discussion on 13-8-62. In view of this the adjournment motion is redundant and at the same time becomes unacceptable.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) : Sir, may I speak a few words? Sir, for your information and for the information of the House I want to speak just a few words.

Mr. SPEAKER On 13-8-62. I can give you some 10 minutes time to speak on the drought condition prevailing in certain parts of Nowgong and I think the House will not object to it.

Speaker's statement Re: certain remarks on speaker's ruling

The next thing I want to point out that yesterday there was something like a mild breeze over the issue of admissibility of the adjournment motion tabled by Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami, Shri Tajuddin Ahmed and Shri Dulal Chandra Barua. In that connection Shri Goswami made certain remarks which were interpreted to be casting some sort of aspersion on the Chair. Shri Goswami was kind enough to go to my Chamber and discuss with the situation. He has now been pleased to tender an apology for what he did yesterday. For the information of the House I read out the letter of Shri Goswami.

"I am extremely sorry for what happened during the discussion of the adjournment motion over the no-work day. It was not my intention to show any disrespect to the Chair, etc".

I thank my friend, Shri Goswami for his chivalrous spirit. This is the way we should work. We may commit mistakes and mistakes of serious nature even, but if we realise the mistake we should try to rectify it by mutual discussion and even by confession of what we have done. I think the matter ends here.

Privilege Motion

Mr. SPEAKER : There is another thing. There is a Privilege motion moved by Shri Madhusudhan Das.

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) Sir, I do not have the copy with me.

Mr. SPEAKER : Alright, I am reading out the complaint on behalf of the hon. Member as he does not have a copy of it.

"To

The Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly,
Shillong.

Sir,

I beg under Rule 158 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly to give notice to make a complain

of breach of privilege on the floor of the House on the 4th August, 1962 on the following:—

That it appears from the contents of the telegram addressed to the Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly by the General Secretary, Assam Medical Services Association, that the said Association discussed and arrived at the decision that the discussion on the floor of the House with reference to Director of Health Services was "vindictive". The wordings of the telegram quoted are this — "Assam Medical Services Association deeply deplores the vindictive attitude and personal attack censuring Direct health on the Assembly floor. The words "vindicate attitude" have attributed improper motives. The association by the above expression has cast reflection on and imputed motive not only to a particular member but also to the whole House. Hence this observation has infringed upon the privilege of the Member who referred to the Director of Health services during the discussion on the floor of the House, as well as of the whole House.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- M. S. Das.

In this connection the relevant rule is Rule 162. "If the Speaker holds the matter proposed to be discussed in order, he shall refer it to the Committee of Privileges for report within a period to be specified, unless he is of opinion that the matter is such as may be disposed of by the House without reference to the Committee, in which case the member making the complaint shall make a motion that the matter be taken into consideration forth with or at some future time". Under this Rule I think the matter is in order and I, therefore, refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges for report on or before 30th October, 1962 under Rule 162 of the Rules and Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

Calling Attention Regarding death of Cattle in Sibsagar Subdivision

Mr. SPEAKER: Now, the calling attention motion tabled by Shri Khagendra Nath Barbaruah.

Sri KHOGENDRA NATH BORBARUAH (Amguri) মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আজি সদনৰ সকলো সদস্য আৰু ভেটাৰীনাৰি বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিব খোজো এটি বিষয়টলৈ—সেইটি হৈছে শিৱসাগৰ মহকুমাত অকালত তিন বোগত গৰু আৰু ম'হৰ মৰণ। গৰু-ম'হ খেতিৰ নিমিত্তে অতি লাগতিয়াল জন্তু গৰু ম'হ নহলে খেতিয়কৰ হাত বন্ধা।

Mr. SPEAKER Mr. Barbaruah you spoke about it yesterday. Now you speak about treatment of the cattle.

Sri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): মই ডাক্তৰ-নহণ্ড। চিকিৎসাৰ বিষয়ে মোৰ জ্ঞান নাই। ১৯৫৭ চনত গোৱালপাৰাত গৰুৰ বোগ হৈ মৰিবলৈ আৰম্ভ কৰে। সেই বোগ লাহে লাহে গোটেই অসম বিয়পী পৰে। অসম চৰকাৰ ব্যতিব্যস্ত হ'ব লগা হৈছিল। এতিয়া শিৱসাগৰ মহকুমাত আৰম্ভ হৈছে আৰু লাহে লাহে ই গোটেই অসমতে বিয়পী পৰিব পাৰে, সেই কাৰণে **Veterinary** পণ্ড বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিবৰ নিমিত্তে এই দৃষ্টিকৈ **Calling attention** অনা হৈছে। কি বেমাৰত মৰিছে ক'ব নোৱাৰো; কিন্তু চিঠি-পত্ৰৰ পৰা জানিব পাৰিছো যে পেট ওফলি পৰা জলকা লগা বা ঠাচকৰে পৰে আৰু মৰে। কোনো কোনো ঠাইত চৰকাত মৰিছে আৰু কোনো কোনো ঠাইত মুখ ফেনায় বা ভেজ ওলাই মৰিছে। মই নিজে ডাক্তৰ নহণ্ড। সেই কাৰণে বেমাৰৰ কথা ক'ব নোৱাৰোঁ।

মোৰ বোধেৰে যথোচিত ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে প্ৰথমৰ পৰাই লোৱা দৰকাৰ। যদিও

২-১ জন ডাক্তার গাৰে-ভূয়ে পঠাইছে তেওঁলোকৰ পৰা একো কাম হোৱা নাই সেই কাৰণে সময় থাকোঁতেই কথাটো সদনত দাঙি ধৰিছোঁ। এই বিষয়ত গোটা-চেবেক উদাহৰণ দিওঁ সদস্য সকলে মনোযোগেৰে শুনক। ম'ৰা বজাৰ মৌজাৰ চলিহা কাকতি গাঁৱৰ শ্ৰীগেবজাই নাথৰ হালোৱা গৰু মৰিছে, চাৰিৰংব শ্ৰীৰাপুতি নাথৰ হালোৱা গৰু মৰিছে, গজপুৰীয়াৰ শ্ৰীকমল কাকতি আৰু বগা গোহাঁই খণ্ডৰ শ্ৰীদেউতি কাকতি, সোণতালিছিগাৰ শ্ৰীতুলসী নাথৰ হালোৱা গৰু মৰিছে। চাৰিৰংব গাঁৱৰ শ্ৰীবেজীয়া দুৱাৰাৰ ম'হ ৩টা, নামতিয়ালৰ শ্ৰীতুলসী শইকীয়া, শ্ৰীবেথা-বাম দত্ত আৰু শ্ৰী অৰুণ চন্দ্ৰ শইকীয়াৰ যোৱা আহাৰ মাহত হালোৱা গৰু মৰিছে। নামদাং গোহাঁই গাঁৱৰ শ্ৰীগুৰু প্ৰসাদ বৰগোহাঁইৰ ম'হ ৪ টা, শ্ৰীফতিক বৰ-গোহাঁইৰ ৩ টা, শ্ৰীকুলধৰ বৰগোহাঁইৰ ৩টা ম'হ আৰু শ্ৰীনেমুবাম বৰগোহাঁইৰ ২ টা হালোৱা গৰু মৰিছে। জোকতলী মৌজাৰ মলাগাৰৰ সেধ কেৰিম আলিৰ ১ টা হালোৱা গৰু যোৱা ১৪ আহাৰত মৰিছে শ্ৰীকুন্তেশ্বৰ গোহাঁইৰ ২ টা হালোৱা গৰু আৰু এজনী গাঁই মৰিছে। শ্ৰীখণেশ্বৰ শইকীয়াৰ মণিপুৰীয়া হালোৱা গৰু মৰিছে। আমগুৰিৰ আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ মেম্বৰ শ্ৰীকপেশ্বৰ বৰাই জনাইছে যে তাত গৰু মৰিছে। এই আমগুৰি অঞ্চলত গৰু মৰাৰ প্ৰমাণ চৰকাৰে পাইছে।

Mr. SPEAKER: এই গৰুবোৰ abnormal condition ত মৰিছে নেকি ?

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): হ'ব, অস্বাভাৱিক অৱস্থাত মৰিছে। যিবিলাক মানুহৰ হালোৱা গৰু মৰিছে তেওঁলোকক আকৌ গৰু কিনিবৰ বাবে চৰকাৰে সাহায্য দিয়া দৰকাৰ। ইয়াকে কৈ মোৰ Calling attention motion বা দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ সূচক প্ৰস্তাবটো সদনত দাঙি ধৰিছোঁ।

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary): অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীবৰবৰুৱাই এই বিষয়টো সদনত ডাঙি ধৰাৰ বাবে তেখেতক ধন্যবাদ জনাইছোঁ। এইটো ঠিক যে, যোৱা এপ্ৰিল মাহৰ পৰা শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ কিছুমান অঞ্চলত গৰু-ম'হৰ ব্যাধিয়ে দেখা দিছে। আমাৰ বিভাগীয় বিষয়া আৰু বিশেষজ্ঞ তালৈ গৈ খবৰ দিছে যে তাৰ গৰু ম'হৰ এন্ট্ৰিক্চ (Anthrax) আৰু হেমৰেজিয়া চেপ্টিচেমিয়া (Haemorrhagic Septisemia) নামৰ ২ টা বেমাৰে দেখা দিছে। তেখেতে যি কেইটা উদাহৰণ দিছে সেই কেইটা কিমানদূৰ সত্য মই সঠিক কৰ নোৱাৰোঁ। অৱশ্যে এইটো ঠিক যে মে' আৰু জুন মাহত ১২৫ টা গৰু-ম'হ মৰিছে। সেই বিলাকৰ ভিতৰত Anthrax আৰু Haemorrhagic Septisemiaৰ বাহিৰে ১০ টা গৰু মৰিছে ৰবিচ (Rabis) নামে বেমাৰত। এইবোৰ বেমাৰ হোৱাৰ খবৰ পোৱাৰ লগে লগে ১৩১১ হেজাৰ H. S. Adjuvant vaccine আৰু Anthrax ৰ কাৰণে vaccine আৰু অন্যান্য ঔষধ পাৰ্টি লৈ তাৰ গৰু-ম'হ বিলাকক চিটা দিয়া হয়। এই H. S. Adjuvant vaccine অনা হয় ইজাত নগৰৰ চৰকাৰী লেবৰটৰীৰ পৰা। দুভাগ বশতঃ দৰব পঠোৱাৰ কাগজ পত্ৰবোৰ পোৱা হ'ল কিন্তু ঔষধ ৰেলৰ বেমেজালীৰ কাৰণে সময় মতে পোৱা নহল। খবৰ কৰি যেতিয়া পোৱা হল সেইবোৰ আৰু কাৰণে ঠিকত থকা খিনিও শিৱসাগৰলৈ পঠোৱা হল। আমাৰ বিষয়াসকলে জুন মাহৰ পৰা এতিয়ালৈকে Anthrax ৰ কাৰণে ৯,৯০৪ টা চিটা আৰু ৩১০ টা বেজি হেমৰেজিয়া চেপ্টিচেমীয়াৰ কাৰণে দিছে। চৰকাৰৰ ফালৰ পৰা এইবোৰ কাম বিষয়াসকলে কৰি আছে আৰু কাৰব। এই বিষয়ত চৰকাৰী বিষয়াৰ লগতে বাইজৰ দানৰ ফালৰ পৰাও সম্পূৰ্ণ ভাৱে সহযোগ কৰিলেহে আশানুকূপ ফল পোৱা যাৰ বুলি মোৰ বিশ্বাস আৰু মই সেইটো কামনা কৰোঁ।

Election of Members to Assam Town and Country Planning Advisory Committee

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) : Sir, I beg to move that this House do now elect three Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly from amongst its Members to the Assam Town and Country Planning Advisory Council under Section 3(1) (x) of the Assam Town and Country Planning Act, 1959 (Assam Act II of 1960).

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that this House do now elect three Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly from amongst its Members to the Assam Town and Country Planning Advisory Council under Section 3(1)(X) of the Assam Town and Country Planning Act, 1959 (Assam Act II of 1960).

(The motion was adopted)

I want to make certain observation in this connection. The hon'ble Minister in-charge should not remain absent and left the House without entrusting the bill to one of his colleagues. Yesterday also one Deputy Minister remained absent during the question hour when I called out her name. I hope this practice will not be repeated in future. They should attach more importance to the Assembly works during Session than other works.

The Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference applications) Bill, 1962

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference applications) Bill, 1962.

Sir, I express my regrets for bringing this matter at such a late stage, and I hope the hon. members will excuse me for this delay. The House may be aware that recently we passed Amendment Act of the Assam Sales Tax and Assam Agricultural Income Tax by which the Board of Sales Tax and Board of Agriculture Income Tax have been abolished with effect from 18th July, 1962. The references and applications now be filed before the Revenue Board which has been constituted. But there are certain number of cases which are still pending before the Sales Tax Board and the Board of Agriculture Income Tax and under the amending act, there is no provision as to the fate of these cases. The reference and the petitions that are now pending will be considered to be pending before the Revenue Board.

Sir, I hope in view of this fact the House will excuse me for the delay in bringing this matter before the House. I may also inform the House that this Bill involves no expenditure and, therefore, under Rule 66 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly no memorandum is called for. No memorandum under Rule 67 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly for delegated legislation is also called for as there is no necessity to go for delegated legislation.

Sir, I hope, having regard to these circumstances the House will condon the delay and give me leave to introduce this Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER : Is it the sense of the House to condone the defect pointed out by the hon'ble Finance Minister ?

(The House expressed assent).

The motion moved is that leave be granted to introduce the Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference Applications) Bill, 1962.

(Motion was put as question and adopted)
(Secretary, A. L. A. read out the title of the Bill)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): I beg leave to move that the Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference Applications) Bill, 1962 be introduced.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is that the Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference Applications) Bill, 1962 be introduced.

(Motion was put as question and adopted).

The Assam Panchayat (Amendment Bill, 1962

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat): Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was put as question and adopted)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat): There are several amendments.

Mr. SPEAKER : There are no amendments in Clauses 1-8. I put the question. That clauses 1-8 of the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1962 do stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was put as question and adopted).

Clauses 1-8 do stand part of the Bill. Then there is an amendment to Clause 9.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : I beg to move that in clause 9 in sub-clause (1) after the word "thereof" in the second line all the words beginning with "and" to "substituted" shall be deleted.

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, পঞ্চায়ত বাজ, আমাৰ দেশৰ এখন বৰ ভাল আচনি। ইয়াত আমাৰ সকলোৰে সহযোগ আৰু আস্থা আছে। যদি এই পঞ্চায়ত বাজ, আমাৰ ৰাজ্যত অকৃতকাৰ্য্য হয় তেনেহলে, ইয়াতকৈ ভাল আঁচনি আৰু আমি দিব নোৱাৰিম। সেই কাৰণে, এই পঞ্চায়ত বাজৰ আচনি যাতে কৃতকাৰ্য্য হয়, তাৰ কাৰণে জাতিবৰ্ণ নিৰ্ব্বিৰোধে সকলোৱে অপ্রাণ চেষ্টা কৰিব লাগে। সেই কাৰণে, এই বিলাক বিষয়ত যিবিলাক আইন পাচকৰা হয়, সেই বিলাক যাতে ভাল ৰকমে পাঁচ হয়, তাৰ কাৰণে চেষ্টা কৰিব লাগে। মই সেই উদ্দেশ্যেৰে, এই ৯ নং 'ক্লজ' টোৰ এই সংশোধনীৰ দ্বাৰাই এইটোকে বিছাৰিছো যে, পঞ্চায়ত আইন মতে বৰ্ত্তমান পঞ্চায়তৰ কাল তিনি বছৰত শেষ হ'ব, আৰু এই তিনিবছৰীয়া কালটো, আৰু এবছৰ বঢ়াই চাৰি বছৰ কৰিব নালাগে। কাৰণ, পঞ্চায়ত আইন প্ৰৱৰ্ত্তন হোৱাৰ পাঁচত

গাওঁসভা, আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়ত আৰু মহকুমা পৰিষদ আদিত বহুতো ভাল মানুহ লগতে বহুতো ঠাইত বেয়া মানুহ নিৰ্বাচিত হৈ আহিছে। বিশেষকৈ সেই বিলাক ঠাইত য'ত শিক্ষাৰ অভাৱ আৰু মানুহ বিলাক অশিক্ষিত তেওঁলোকে পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজনে। কি বস্তু সেইটো একেবাৰেই বুজিপোৱা নাই। মই জানো, বহুতো ঠাইত ভাল মানুহতকৈ বেয়া মানুহহে বেচি নিৰ্বাচিত হৈ আহিছে; আৰু এই.....

(বেয়া মানুহ মানে কি ? Voices)

বেয়া মানুহ মানে, সেই বিলাক মানুহ, যি বিলাকে সমাজৰ উন্নতিৰ কাৰণে কাম নকৰে আৰু যি বিলাক দুৰ্নীতিত লিপ্ত আৰু দুৰ্নীতিয়েই যাৰ কামনা। এই শ্ৰেণীৰ লোক সকলে যদি আৰু এবছৰ কাল পঞ্চায়তত থাকে তেন্তে তেওঁলোকে আৰু বেচি দুৰ্নীতি কৰি সমাজৰ অপকাৰহে সাধন কৰিব। এই 'ক্লজটো' যদি মই সংশোধনী দিয়াৰ দৰে পাচ নকৰে, "The State Government may, by notification for reasons to be stated therein, extend the term of office referred to in sub-section(1) by such period not exceeding one year as may be specified in the notification."

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই চৰকাৰৰ ক্ষমতাত হস্তক্ষেপ কৰিবলৈ প্ৰয়াস কৰা নাই। চৰকাৰৰ ক্ষমতানুযায়ী এবছৰ কাল বঢ়াব পাৰে যদিও, মই বওঁ যে, এই প্ৰথমটা টাৰ্মটো তিনি বছৰেই বাখি পিচৰ টাৰ্ম বিলাক অভিজ্ঞতাৰ পৰা অসুবিধা আৰু আশোৱাহ সংগ্ৰহ কৰি, বঢ়াবলৈ অসুবিধা নহব। আনহাতে লোকেলবোৰ্ড আইনতো তাৰ কাল তিনি বছৰ আছিল। এই পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজৰ কালত পঞ্চায়ত গঠন হওঁতে হওঁতে দুই তিনি বছৰ হ'ল আৰু গল বুলি আৰু এবছৰ বঢ়াই দিব নালাগে কাৰণ, ভাল ভাল মানুহ বিলাকে ভাল কামকেই কৰিব যদিও, বেয়া মানুহ বিলাকে বন্ধিত বছৰটোত আৰু ভৱিষ্যতে যেহেতু ইয়াৰ কাল চাৰি বছৰ হৈ যাব, তেতিয়া বেচি অপকাৰ কৰিবলৈ সুবিধা পাব। কায়েই, মোৰ এই সংশোধনীৰ পৰা, অন্ততঃ বেয়া মানুহ বিলাকক কমকৈও এবছৰ কালৰ আগতে এই পঞ্চায়তৰ পৰা আতৰাব পাৰিব। যদি এইদৰে, বেয়া মানুহ বেচিদিন ইয়াত সোমাই কামকৰে তেনে—জনসাধাৰণে ইয়াৰ ওপৰত আস্থা হেৰুৱাব যে আৰু আন হাতে, পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজৰ আঁচনি আৰু কাৰ্যা-ৱলী অকৃতকাৰ্য্য হৈ, সমাজৰ, দেশৰ অমঙ্গল বচনা কৰিব। সেই কাৰণে চৰকাৰৰ হাতত যেতিয়া ক্ষমতা আছেই এই পঞ্চায়তৰ কালৰ ম্যাদ বৰ্ত্তমান তিনি বছৰেই বাখি, তাৰ ফলাফল আৰু অভিজ্ঞতা সংগ্ৰহ কৰিব লাগে আৰু এবছৰ বঢ়াব নালাগে। ইয়াকে কৈ মোৰ সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটো মাননীয় সদনত দাঙি ধৰিলো।

Mr. SPEAKER: Amendment moved is that in clause 9 in Sub-clause (1) after the word "thereof" in the Second line all the words beginning with "and" to "Substituted" shall be deleted.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীযুত তাজুদ্দিন আহমদে যিটো সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে তাৰ যুক্তি-বুদ্ধতা বিচাৰ কৰি পঞ্চায়তৰ কাল ৩ বছৰ বা চাৰি বছৰ যিটোৰে দৰ্কাৰ তাকেই কৰাত মোৰ আপত্তি নাই। কিন্তু সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটো আগ বঢ়ায় তাৰ ভিত্তি হিচাবে যি বিলাক যুক্তি দিলে সেই বিলাক হৈ মই প্ৰতিবাদ কৰো। তেখেতে কৈছে যে, যিমান বিলাক গাওঁসভা, আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়ত আৰু মহকুমা পৰিষদ আছে তাত বেয়া মানুহ আছে।

Shri 'TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): মই সকলো বিলাক বেয়া বুলি কোৱা নাই ; কিছুমান বেয়া মানুহ আছে বুলি কৈছো ।

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS : (Barchalla): আৰু তেওঁলোক দুৰ্নীতিপূৰ্ণ লোক আৰু পুনৰ নিৰ্বাচন হলে, এই বিলাক মানুহেই যে নাহিব তাৰ কি 'গাৰাণ্টী' আছে । সেই কাৰণে মই কওঁ যে আজিৰ গণতন্ত্ৰৰ যুগত যদি বাইজৰ নিৰ্বাচিত প্ৰতিনিধিক বেয়া বুলি দোষাকপ কৰা হয়, তেন্তে ই গণতন্ত্ৰৰ ওপৰত আঘাত দিব ।

এইটো বৰ আচৰিত কথা যে আজি এই গণতান্ত্ৰিক যুগত বাইজে তেওঁলোকৰ প্ৰতিনিধি বাচি ভোট দি পঠিয়াইছে । কোনো এটা দলৰ মানুহক ভোট নিদিয়াৰ কাৰণেই সেই দলৰ লোক সকলে কৰ লাগিব নে যে বাইজে দুৰ্নীতিৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি বেয়া মানুহ পঠিয়াইছে ? ইয়াৰ ঘাৰা গণতন্ত্ৰক অবমাননা কৰা হৈছে আৰু বাইজৰ গণতান্ত্ৰিক অধিকাৰক কলুষিত কৰা হৈছে ।

এই ভোট বাইজে গুপ্তভাৱে বেলাটৰ সহায়ত দিয়া নাই সকলোৱে দেখা-কৈ নিভিকভাৱে ভোট দিছে । এই আধুনিক যুগত এনে কিবা আইন হব পাৰেনে যি আইনৰ সহায়ত বাইজে দুৰ্নীতিৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি বেয়া মানুহ পঠিয়াইছে ? মই এনে মন্তব্যৰ ঘোৰ প্ৰতিবাদ কৰো । বোধকৰো তাকে প্ৰত্যাহত কৰিলেহে চাৰি বছৰ ঠাইত তিনি বছৰ কৰিব খুজিছে । প্ৰধান কথা হল আজি এই পঞ্চায়ত নিৰ্বাচনত তেখেত সকল হাৰিছে । প্ৰধান গোট্টেই অসমত শতকৰা ৯০ ৰ পৰা ৯৫ জনলৈকে অকল হাৰিছে আৰু মানুহেই আহিছে ; গাঁওসভাৰ সভাপতি সকলৰো শতকৰা ৯৫ জনেই কংগ্ৰেছী ।

Mr. SPEAKER: তেখেতে কংগ্ৰেছী মানুহ অহাত আপত্তি কৰা নাই । তেখেতৰ মতে নিৰ্বাচনৰ মধ্যবৰ্তী সময়টো ৪ বছৰৰ পৰা তিনি বছৰ হব লাগে ।

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS: সেই কাৰণে ভাল মানুহ দেখিয়েই ভোট দিছে । বাস্তব ক্ষেত্ৰত বাইজে কংগ্ৰেছক তেখেত সকলৰো ১০।১২ জন হৈছে । দুৰ্নীতিৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি গতিকে দুৰ্নীতি সোমালে ৪ বছৰ ঠাইত ৩ বছৰ হলেও সোমাব । মই এই কথাটো সম্বন্ধন কৰিব নোৱাৰো, সেই কাৰণে মই ইয়াৰ ঘোৰ প্ৰতিবাদ কৰিছো ।

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): Mr. Speaker, Sir, While supporting the amendment motion moved by my esteemed friend, Sri Tajuddin Ahmed regarding the Panchayat Bills I want to speak a few words. Sir, all the hon. Members of this august House are aware that we are taking Bill on experimental basis. Now, as my friend has already referred that due to the misunderstanding of common people in the rural areas who are not in a position to understand things, it has worked in a wrong way. Therefore, as we are taking up this scheme as an experimental basis, we should not extend the time for one more year. Because in one more year, we may have some new developments out of expense. Panchyat Raj is really a very good scheme which was started by our Father of the Nation, Mahatma

Gandhi. Sir, we want Swaraj and we do not want Swaraj in paper or in Bills. Unless and until we make the people understand about the value, about the necessity of such kind of Bills, it is of no use on the part of this august House to have such kind of extension. Sir, as my esteemed friend Mr. Das has referred to various defects in election system, I want to submit that due to these defects in election system actual bonafide social workers who have ability to work have not been elected. Sir, I can speak from my own personal knowledge that people are afraid of casting vote in favour of such people or forced to vote in favour of unwanted man for only in consideration of party in power. Therefore, it is not the proper time to extend the period for one more year. We are to take time, we are to see and we are to create an opinion in the minds of the common people with which we are greatly concerned about the scheme. Now, Sir, I belong to no party, I want to submit as a no party man, Sir, that it is the party in power who wants to extend the time for one more year for their own benefit. They are in power so they get nominated their people through defective system of election and for that purpose they want to extend for one more year for their own interest. Sir, I submit that it is not the question of majority but we are to consider the matter very carefully and we are to follow the principles laid down by the Father of the Nation. It is a very important matter for the administrative units from which the common people can voice their feelings and grievances. Now, Sir, our society is not up to the mark. So, unless and until we create a healthy feeling and healthy opinion in favour of these things and make people understand about the value of this bill, with necessary modification of voting system in electing members it is not proper to extend the time. Therefore, I think, the hon. Members will agree with the amendment put forward by our friend Shri Tajuddin Ahmed and they will consider the gravity of the matter in the proper way, and then and then only we will be able to come to the conclusion that is what is the defect. Now, it is of course a good endeavour of the Government and irrespective of party affiliation, and party ideology, we are to join hands to implement the scheme in the proper way and make people understand about the value and necessity of the bill. Therefore, my contention is that unless and until we create such kind of thing and atmosphere it is not the proper time to extend this period. With these words, Sir, I support the amendment motion tabled by Sri Tajuddin Ahmed.

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় এই সদনৰ সদস্য তাজুদ্দিন আহমদ ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাব দাঙি ধৰিছে সেইটো মই সমৰ্থন কৰিছো আৰু লগতে আমাৰ সদনৰ বৰচৌলাৰ পৰা নিৰ্বাচিত হৈ অহা সদস্য জনে সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটোৰ কথা ব্যাখ্যা কৰাৰ বাবে দুখ পাইছো। তেখেতে এই সংশোধনীৰ দ্বাৰা কংগ্ৰেছক আক্ৰমণ কৰা বুলি কৈছে। মই বুজি নাপাওঁ ইয়াত ক'ত কংগ্ৰেছক আক্ৰমণ কৰা হ'ল। তেখেতৰ বোধ হয় মনত আছে যে পঞ্চায়ত নিৰ্বাচনৰ সময়ত কংগ্ৰেছ দলে আনুষ্ঠানিক ভাৱে নিৰ্বাচনত অংশ গ্ৰহণ নকৰে বুলি ঘোষণা কৰিছিল। গতিকে যি সকল লোকে তিনিওবিধ পঞ্চায়তলৈ নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছে, তেওঁলোকে ব্যক্তিগত ভাবেহে নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছে--কংগ্ৰেছ আনুষ্ঠানৰ প্ৰতিনিধি হিচাবে নহয়। এনেস্থলত পঞ্চায়তলৈ নিৰ্বাচিত নাবুহ বোৰৰ বেচি ভাগেই ভাল নহয় বুলি কলে কংগ্ৰেছৰ মানুহক দোষাৰোপ কৰা বুলি কয় তেওঁ ধৰিছে তাক মই বুজি পোৱা নাই।

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Das, we are not concerned with the Congress resolution but with the P. W. D. Amendment.

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta): অৱশ্যে সদস্য জনে নিজে মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ চেয়াৰমেন সেই কাৰণে হইতো পঞ্চায়তৰ প্ৰতিনিধিৰ কথা কওঁতে তেওঁৰ গা জিকাৰ খাই উঠিছে—কিন্তু সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাব আনোঁতাৰ্থে মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ নামক লোৱা নাই। গণতন্ত্ৰত কিবা আসোয়াহ থকা একো অসম্ভৱ কথা নহয়; কিন্তু যদিও সেইটো দুঃখৰ কথা। দোষবোৰ ঢাকি কথা উচিত নহয়। সেই দোষবোৰ আতৰাবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিব লাগে। যোৱাৰাৰ যি পঞ্চায়ত election হল সেইটো আচল election নহয়। ভৱানীপুৰ পঞ্চায়ত election ত এজন কম বয়সীয়া বাজ বিষয়াক Presiding Officer কৰি দিয়া হৈছিল। তাত কিছুমান সৰু লৰা ভোট দিবলৈকে আহিছিল। সেই অফিচাৰ জনে লৰা কেইজনক তাৰ পৰা ওলাই যাবলৈ কোৱাত, সিহতে ওলাইতো নগলেই, বৰং অফিচাৰ জনক আকৌ মাৰিবলৈকেহে খেদি আহিছিল। ফলত তেওঁ সেইদিনা নিৰ্বাচন স্থগিত ৰাখিব লগা হৈছিল। পিছত আনতাবিধত যি নিৰ্বাচন হ'ল, তাতো মৰামবিহে কেৰা জনবো যখন হ'ল।

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): Under the rules personal reflections should not be made.

Mr. SPEAKER: So Mr. Das, you please speak on the merit of the Amendment.

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta): মূঠৰ ওপৰত যোৱা পঞ্চায়ত electionত large scale অব corruption হৈছে। কেবাঠাইতো মানুহৰ মৰ ভঙা হৈছিল, কাছাৰত নিৰ্বাচন সম্পৰ্কত হোৱা মৰামবিহ এজনৰ মৃত্যু হৈছিল। কোন ভোটাৰ কোন ভোটাৰ নহয় তাৰ কোনো চিন নাইকিয়া হৈছিল। গতিকে এই corruption আৰু অনীতিবোৰ স্বীকাৰ কৰি কেনেকৈ এই বোৰ আতৰাব পাৰি তাৰ চেষ্টা কৰিব লাগে। তেতিয়াহে আচলতে প্ৰকৃতগণতন্ত্ৰৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাৰ বাবে চেষ্টা হব। সেই কাৰণে কও বৰচোলাৰ সদস্য জনে যি কৈছে তাত কোনো যুক্তি দেখা নাই। হক কথা হল পঞ্চায়তৰ আয়ুস্কাল ৩ বছৰ ঠাইত ৪ বছৰ কৰাৰ প্ৰয়োজন কিয় হল আমি বুজা নাই। আমেৰিকান হাউচ অব পিপুলচ্ মাত্ৰ ২ বছৰ কাৰণে। ব্ৰিটিশৰ পাৰ্লেমেন্ট ৪ বছৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ ইয়াত এচেঞ্চলি ৫ বছৰ কাৰণে নিৰ্বাচিত হয় যিহওক ওপৰৰ সভা বিলাক দীৰ্ঘস্থায়ী হয় হওক কাৰণ সেইবোৰ electionত বহু খৰচ হয়, অবশ্যে পাৰিলে Assembly ৰ Election ৩ ২ বছৰ পিছত হব লাগে; কিন্তু তলৰ বিলাক ২ বছৰতকৈ বেচি দিন স্থায়ী হবলৈ দিয়া মোটেই উচিত নহয়।

গতিকে এই কেৰাৰ কথা কৈ মই সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাবটো সমৰ্থন কৰিলো।

Mr. SPEAKER: You need not explain it.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Finance Minister): May I know Sir, whether the hon. Member was personally present when this incident took place?

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta): This is the report of the Presiding Officer, who was present on the occasion, and I am speaking here on the authority of the report of the Presiding Officer.

Mr. SPEAKER: You are concerned with the amendment.

Order, order.

I find in sub-clause (3) of Clause 5 in sub-section (3) for the word "three" occurring between the words 'b' and 'years' the word 'four' shall be substituted. That means by the sub-clause we accept the term of 4 years instead of 3 years and that clause has not been challenged. It is therefore consequential when we have accepted in sub-clause 3 of Clause 5 in sub-section (3) for the word "three" occurring between the words 'b' and 'years' the 'four' shall be substituted and thereby we extend the life of the Anchalik Panchayats by a year from three years to 4 years.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): We put the whole amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: But we have already accepted Clause 5 and have held that Clause 5 stands part of the Bill. Therefore when we challenge it now in Clause 9 that we are, I think, acting in contravention to that. It is almost like a consequential amendment and therefore I do not understand why you should take the time of the House in discussing it.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Finance Minister): Sir, may I make a submission to remove the confusion created by this amendment.

The Hon. Mover of this amendment has tabled it with the purpose that the existing provision regarding the term of a Gaon Panchayat should not be changed to extend the period from 3 years to 4 years. I think that is the purpose. But unfortunately the hon. Member, instead of submitting an amendment to provide three years as the term of Gaon Panchayat to Clause 5, sub-section (3), has submitted an amendment to reduce only the term of the Anchalik Panchayat unless it is provided to restrict the term of the Gaon Panchayat to 3 years, how can the purpose be achieved by an amendments which seeks to fix the term to 3 years? So, if it is the intention of the hon. Members that the existing provision should remain, he ought to have come forward with an amendment to sub-section (3) under Clause 5 and also to sub-section (1) under Clause 9 and other clauses but without placing any amendments in respect of the Gaon Panchayat Mahkuma Parishad he seeks to amend only the provision under the bill so far as the Anchalik Panchayat is concerned. Now, Sir, I shall have no objection to accept the proposed amendment if you and the House will also permit similar amendment relating to the Gaon Panchayat and Mahakuma Parishad.

I find that.....

Mr. SPEAKER: I agree with you.

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHUR (Patackar-kuchi): অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয় সদস্য শ্রীতাজুদ্দিন চাহাবে যিটো সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তৰ সন্দৰ্বে দাঙি ধৰিছে মই সেই প্রস্তাব সমর্থন কৰিছোঁ। তেখেতে গাওঁ পঞ্চায়ত আৰু আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ কাৰ্য্যকালৰ বিষয়ে সংশোধনী দিওঁতে কৈছে যে—

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ বিষয়েহে সংশোধনী দিছে গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তৰ বিষয়ে দিয়া নাই

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) :

মই দুয়োটাৰে কথা কব খুজিছোঁ? এই পঞ্চায়তৰ কাৰ্যকাল কিয় ৪ বছৰ হব নেলাগে সেই কথা মাননীয় শ্ৰীতাজুদ্দিন শ্ৰীবৰুৱা আৰু শ্ৰীদাসে ডাঙৰীয়াই ফঁহিয়াই কৈ গৈছে। অৱশ্যে মাননীয় শ্ৰী মহীকান্ত দাস ডাঙৰীয়াই এওঁলোকে কংগ্ৰেছক দোষাক্ৰম কৰা আৰু কংগ্ৰেছৰ দুৰ্নাম কৰা বুলি কোৱাত মই দুখ পাইছোঁ। কংগ্ৰেছৰ কথা কোৱা নাই কৈছে পঞ্চায়তৰ কথাহে। তথাপি নিজে যদি কংগ্ৰেছক দোষী সাব্যস্ত কৰিব খোজে খোজক। আমাৰ আপত্তি নাই; সেই কথা চৰকাৰে গ্ৰহণ কৰিব খুজিলেও আমাৰ আপত্তি নাই।

মহাশয়, বৰ্ত্তমানে নিৰ্ব্বাচিত হৈ থকা পঞ্চায়তৰ সভ্যসকলক মই বেয়া বুলি কব খোজা নাই; ভাল মানুহ। কিন্তু বহুতে সমাজত নতুনকৈ ওলোৱা মানুহ, প্ৰতিপত্তি থকা হলেও কাম কৰিব নাজানে আৰু আত্মভোগী মানুহ আছে। সেই কাৰণে আমি বহু ঠাইৰ বহুত পঞ্চায়তৰ বহুত কেচ কাচাৰীতো হোৱা শুনিছোঁ আৰু বাতৰি কাগজতো দেখিছোঁ। উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে বজালী অঞ্চলৰ গোমুৰা আৰু পুঠিমাৰি শিৱালমাৰী গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত। এই পঞ্চায়ত দুখনৰ সভ্যসকলৰ মাজত কাজিয়া হৈ আছে? কাৰণ হল পঞ্চায়তৰ যিবোৰ অফিচ ঘৰ সাজিছে সেইবোৰ চেয়াৰমেনৰ ইচ্ছামতে জোৰেৰে নিজৰ ঘৰৰ ওচৰতে সাজি লৈছে। হয়তো এদিনৰ নোটিচ দি সভা পাতিছে যাতে সকলোৱে সভা আহিব নোৱাৰে। আৰু উপস্থিত সভ্য সকলৰ সভাতো স্থিৰ কৰি লৈছে। গাঁৱ জোৰেৰে আৰু ক্ষমতাৰে সেই ঘৰ সজা ঠাই বাকী সভ্য সকলে কিন্তু মত দিয়া নাই। তেওঁলোক সংখ্যা গৰিষ্ট হোৱা স্বত্বেও তেওঁলোকৰ মতামত সাব্যস্ত কৰিব নোৱাৰিলে। এতিয়া এই বিলাক case বৰপেটা মহকুমাধিপতিৰ ওচৰত পেচ কৰা হৈছে। এনেকৈ নিজৰ ঘৰৰ ওচৰতে অফিচ ঘৰ সাজিবলৈ ধৰা আৰু বহুত ঠাইত এনে কৰা গোলমাল হোৱাৰ খবৰ পোৱা গৈছে। তাৰোপৰি এই পঞ্চায়ত সকলে পৰিকল্পনা বা আঁচনি কৰিব নজনাৰ ফলত বহু টকা নষ্ট হব ধৰিছে। দলং মেৰামতি কৰিবলৈ এহেজাৰ বা ৫০০ টকা বিচাৰিলে ৫০ টকা বা ৪০ টকা দিয়ে, আলি বান্ধিবলৈ ৫০০ টকা প্ৰয়োজন হলে ৫০ টকা দিয়ে। এই অলপীয়া টকাৰ পৰা দলং নহয়, দলং খুটাও কিনিব নোৱাৰে, বাস্তাও নহয়; একো কাম নহয়, অথলে যায়। এনেবোৰ খাম-খেয়ালীৰ কাৰণেই অৱশ্যে খাম-খেয়ালী নকৈ নজনাৰ ফলতেই বুলি কলে ভাল হয়। এই গাঁও পঞ্চায়তে একো কাম কৰিব পৰা নাই। আৰু টকাও বহু খৰচ কৰিছে। যোৱা পঞ্চায়ত নিৰ্ব্বাচনত যি বিলাক গাঁৱৰ প্ৰতিপত্তিশীল লোক, সেই বোৰেই নিজৰ ক্ষমতা আৰু টকাৰ নামৰ জোৰতে নিৰ্ব্বাচিত হল। এই সকলৰ কিছুমানে পঞ্চায়তৰ কামত তেওঁলোকৰ স্বার্থ জড়িত কৰি ৰাখে। আৰু কিছুমান সদস্যই পঞ্চায়তৰ কথা নাভাৰেও। গতিকে এই সংগ্ৰহহীন আৰু স্বার্থস্বেষ্টী মুব্বৰী সকল এই পঞ্চায়তৰ ভিতৰত থাকিলে পঞ্চায়ত নষ্ট হব। এই লোক সকলক নমাৰ লাগিলে গোটেই পঞ্চায়েত উদ্ধাৰ বাহিৰে উপায় নাই। সেই কাৰণে নতুন পঞ্চায়ত কৰিবলৈ, এই বাৰৰ পঞ্চায়ত তিনি বছৰতকৈ বেচিৰাখিব নালাগে। পিচলৈ ৪ বছৰ ৰাখিব লাগেনে নালাগে পাচত চোৱা যাব। ইয়াকে কৈ মই সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱ সমৰ্থন কৰিছোঁ।

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) :

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাদেৰ মাননীয় বিধানসভা সদস্য শ্ৰীতাজুদ্দিন লাহেব যে, শাধনী অ প্ৰস্তাৱ উপস্থাপিত কৰেছেন সেতা আমি সৰ্ব্বাস্তঃ কৰনে সমৰ্থন কৰে। আমাদেৰ দেশে যে গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত ৰাজ প্ৰতিস্থা কৰবাৰ চেষ্টা চলেছে তাৰ অৰ্থ

হল গণতান্ত্ৰিক ভাবে গ্ৰাম্য পঞ্চায়তৰ কাৰ্য পৰিচালিত কৰা। এই গাঁও পঞ্চায়তৰ হাতে আৰু অধিক ক্ষমতা দিয়ে স্বতন্ত্ৰ ভাবে চলিবলৈ সুযোগ দিয়ে সভ্যতা গ্ৰাম্য কেন্দ্ৰিক কৰতে চেষ্টা চলিছে। মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীমহি কান্ত দাস বলেছেন যে গণতন্ত্ৰৰ সমাধি হবে যদি ৩ বৎসৰে পৰিবৰ্ত্তে ৪ বৎসৰ কৰা না হয়।

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS : No.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : আমেৰিকাৰ House of Representative আছে। সেখানে ২ বৎসৰে নিৰ্বাচন হয়। সেটা হয় গণ-তন্ত্ৰৰ জন্ম। যেখানে recall কৰাৰ ব্যৱস্থা নাই সেখানে নিৰ্বাচনৰ সময় বাঢ়িয়ে দিলে নুতন নুতন ৰকমেৰ ব্যাধি সৃষ্টি হতে পারে। সে জন্য নিৰ্বাচনী সময় যত কম কৰা যায় ততই ভাল। আমাদেৰ বিধান সভাৰ কাল ৫ বৎসৰ। এটা যদি ২ বৎসৰ কৰা হয় তাহলে দেশেৰ এবং জনসাধাৰণেৰ মঙ্গল হবে। গত পঞ্চায়ত নিৰ্বাচনে কাছাৰে অনেক দুৰ্ঘটনা ঘটেছে। গ্ৰামে দলাদলিৰ সৃষ্টি হয়ে অনেক মারাত্মক ৰকমেৰ মারামারি পৰ্যন্ত সংঘটিত হয়েছে। সেই জন্য আগামি নিৰ্বাচনে Secret ballot ব্যৱস্থা হওয়া দৰকাৰ। বিধান সভায় কংগ্ৰেছ এই সমস্ত বিষয় আলোচনাৰ বা বিৰোধী দল হিসাবে চিন্তা কৰে আলোচনা কৰা উচিত নয়। এখন দেশেৰ এবং জনসাধাৰণেৰ মঙ্গল কৰাটাই আদৰ্শ হওয়া উচিত। সেজন্য ৪ বৎসৰ অন্তৰ অন্তৰ নিৰ্বাচন না কৰে ৩ বৎসৰ পৰে কৰাই উচিত। এই বলে আমি শ্ৰীতাজুদ্দিন সাহাৰেৰ সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাবটি সমৰ্থন কৰছি।

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, পঞ্চায়তৰ কাল দীঘলীয়া হলেই ভাল নে কম হলেই ভাল, এই কোৱা টান। দুবছৰ হলে ভাল নে তিনি বছৰ হলেই ভাল নে চাৰি বছৰ হলেই ভাল এই কথাও কব নোৱাৰো। আইন মতে পঞ্চায়তৰ কাল তিনি বছৰ ধৰা হৈছে। এই তিনি বছৰীয়া কালটো সুবিধা জনকেই নে অসুবিধা জনক ভাব কাৰণে, আমাৰ কেইটামান টাৰ্ণৰ অভিজ্ঞতা আহৰণ কৰা দৰকাৰ। কিছু বছৰ অভিজ্ঞতা আহৰণ কৰা উচিত। পঞ্চায়ত আইন প্ৰৱৰ্ত্তনৰ পিচত, আজিলৈকে এটা ফালো (এটা টাৰ্মো) পূৰা হোৱা নাই। এনে অৱস্থাত এই এই কালছোৱাৰ কাৰণে আৰু এবছৰ বৃদ্ধি কৰিবলৈ যোৱাটো উচিত হোৱা নাই। গণতান্ত্ৰিক দেশত, সচৰাচৰ এই বিলাক কাম নিৰ্ভৰ কৰে জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামতৰ ওপৰত। গাওঁসভা, আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়ত আৰু মহকমা পৰিষদ বিলাকে কেনে কাম কৰিছে তাৰ critical observationৰ ওপৰত অৰ্থাৎ ভালদৰে চাই চিন্তিহে ভিত্তি কৰিহে ইয়াৰ কাল অৰ্থাৎ জীৱনৰ কাল বঢ়াব বা কমাব লাগে। দুঃখৰ বিষয়, গণতন্ত্ৰৰ ওপৰত প্ৰতিস্থিত আমাৰ ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰে এই বিষয়ত, আজিলৈকে আমাৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ মতামত লোৱা নাই আৰু এই দৰে ওপৰৰ পৰা হস্তাক্ষেপ কৰা উচিত হোৱা নাই। গণতান্ত্ৰিক দেশত, চৰকাৰে বাইজৰ মতামতৰ ওপৰত মৰ দোৱা উচিত আৰু সংকল্পিত এবছৰ অধিক কাল বঢ়োৱাটো উচিত নহব।

নিৰ্বাচন সম্পৰ্কত, শ্ৰীযুত দাস ডাঙৰীয়াই মুকলি 'ভুটৰ' ব্যৱস্থা ভালেই বুলি মন্তব্য প্ৰকাশ কৰিছে। মই সমৰ্থন কৰিব নোখোজো গোপন ভোটহে হোৱা উচিত। একোখন গাওঁ সভাৰ এলেকাত দুটাকৈ এচেহলী নিৰ্বাচন কেন্দ্ৰ আছে য'ত এহেজাবকৈ প্ৰতি কেন্দ্ৰত ভোটৰ আছে। এই আদৰ্শ গোপন ভোটৰ যোগেদি এচেহলীৰ প্ৰাৰ্থী নিৰ্বাচিত হয় আৰু মূল নীতিটো সচাকৈয়ে ভাল। আমাৰ ইয়াৰ ভোটৰ

বা জনসাধারণ ইমান আগবঢ়া নহয় যে কাৰোবাৰ বিৰুদ্ধে দেখাদেখিকৈ ভোট দিব পাৰে। কোনো কোনো অঞ্চলত একোজন প্ৰতিপত্তি থকা লোক আছে সেই সকলৰ বিৰুদ্ধে দেখাদেখিকৈ ভোটদিব নোৱাৰে কিন্তু গোপন ভোট হলে দিব পাৰে। গোপন ভোটৰ দ্বাৰা মনৰ আচল ভাৱ প্ৰকাশ হয় বা প্ৰকাশ কৰিব পাৰে।

সেই কাৰণে, মই শ্ৰীযুত তাজুদ্দিন আহমদ ডাঙৰীয়াই জনা সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটো অৰ্থাৎ পঞ্চায়তৰ নিৰ্বাচনৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতো গোপন ভোটৰ ব্যৱস্থা সমৰ্থন কৰিছো আৰু আশাকৰো চৰকাৰে এই সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটো গ্ৰহণ কৰিব।

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as we have tried to point out, this particular amendment to clause 9 has been very inconsistent because it is against the very principle which intends to bring out this amendment. The idea is this that a period of 3 or 4 years for the life of a Gaon Panchayat or an Anchalik Panchayat is sufficiently long and there is no scope or necessity to extend the same by one year Sir, that is the point. The question now is whether there is any merit behind the amendment put forward. Now, Sir, the Panchayats have been taken as units of self-government, units of self-government at the lowest level, in pursuance of the policy of decentralisation of power of the Government. Now, Sir, this Assembly has got life for 5 years and so is the case with the Parliament. Actually, decentralisation of power at the lowest level, at the level of the people, is extended on the same principle. The question is this that these institutions, more or less units of self-government, having powers and authorities to function effectively should have a reasonable length of time as their life.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): That is not our point.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN: Now, Sir, at the beginning it was thought that a period of for 3 years the Panchayats to function successfully would be reasonable, but as my hon'ble friend has pointed out that this is a very big experiment in the hand of the people, therefore, whatever may be the effects and difficulties, we have launched the programme and we believe in democracy. There may not have been the required degree of consciousness of the people politically, but it is they who count; otherwise how we are functioning in the Assembly today? We have passed the 3rd General Election, the biggest democratic election in the world, and both the election passed off peacefully and systematically. We have set an example before the world how in a country with 440 million population, election can be held on such a gigantic scale peacefully. Our people have shown that example. There might have been isolated instance of some trouble here or there, but some difficulties here and there should not cause us to lose our faith in the people. My hon'ble friend Shri Tajuddin said that some bad elements have gone into the Panchayats and if we allow the life of the Panchayats to be extended by one year, these people will get an upper hand in the Panchayats and will create more trouble. Sir, the performance of the Panchayats will be seen and judged by the people themselves, and if the people in general see that some bad elements in them are creating trouble, they will be ousted by the people and they will never get a chance next time to creep in.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : Next time also, they will repeat the same.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri) : They can not, Sir. By thinking in that line, you will be accused of 'no confidence' or lack of confidence in the character of the people. We can prevent the bad elements from doing mischief by creating a favourable public opinion. I would request my friend Mr. Tajuddin Ahmed to create such public opinion among the rural people. We have got to do it when we have faith in the people and the country has launched that programme. Then, Sir, I admit we may have some trouble in the beginning and in fact, every country in the world had to face such troubles in an experiment of this nature. But the point is that the success of these Panchayats is in the functioning of the self-government institutions and it depends on the consciousness of the people.

Now, when the Anchalik Panchayats start functioning, they have certain development programmes in their hand they must have sufficient time at their disposal, not only initiate but to carry them out successfully. Apparently, they have no prior experience in the task. Therefore, it is felt that we should give them 4 years' time, sufficient to settle down and function effectively. If there are some people creating trouble, in the next election, they will be eliminated by the people. Therefore, at least one year is necessary for the Panchayats to settle down primarily. In case of emergency also, Government have got the power to extend the time of the Panchayats by another year. That is also done in the case of municipal and other local bodies as well. Therefore, Sir, this extension of time by one year will not cause any harm to the people. Our main object is that the Panchayats should have sufficient time to enable them to function properly, so that they can fulfill the programme they have taken in hand, and each member will thereby gain some experience in the field. If we give them sufficient time, we will be able to build up the requisite leadership. Local leadership will also be built up thereby, and bad elements will consequently disappear. In the case of State Assembly also, the usual tenure of office is for a period of five years and on expiry of this period of five years, bad elements cannot be expected to be returned by the electorate for the next term. Therefore, Sir, I feel that these remarks which have been made cast reflection and aspersions on the people. So, Sir, my friend is not only inconsistent from the technical point of view because it leaves clauses 5 and 10 and brings out amendment to clause 9, but also brings in some inconsistency which cannot be reconciled. On the other hand, the question of principle is involved and the argument put forward is untenable and does not stand on fact. Also it brings some undesirable reflection on the people.

With these few words, Sir, I oppose the amendment..

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) :

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, ৫ নং ধাৰাত যিটো সংশোধনী ৩ বছৰৰ ঠাইত চাৰি বছৰৰ হ'ব লাগে বুলি এই সদনত ইতিপূৰ্বে গৃহীত হৈ গৈছে সেই কথা সন্মুখত ৰাখি চালে, ৯ নং ধাৰাৰ এই সংশোধনীটো আছিল নোৱাৰে। কাৰণ ৫ নং ধাৰাৰ ৩ নং উপধাৰাত তিনি বছৰৰ ঠাইত চাৰি বছৰ হ'ব বুলি সদনত গৃহীত হৈছে। তেনেদৰে পাচৰ ৯ নং ধাৰাত তিনি বছৰ আগৰ দৰেই থাকিলে ৫ নং ধাৰাটো দিবং ক

হব আৰু ৯ নং ধাৰাৰ সংশোধনীটো গ্ৰহণ কৰিলে ৫ নং ধাৰা নাকচ কৰিলে আইন খনৰ মৰ্যাদা ক্ষুণ্ণ হব। এই সংশোধনীটোৰ কথা যদি তেখেত সকলে সচাকৈয়ে বিবেচনা কৰিছিল, তেনেহলে আগতে ৫ নং ধাৰাৰ সংশোধনী আনিব লাগিছিল। যেহেতু সেইটো তেখেত সকলে নকৰিলে এতিয়া ৯ নং ধাৰাৰ ওপৰত সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাব আৰু তাৰ ওপৰত কৰা আলোচনা বিলাক নিৰ্বৰ্ধক হৈ পৰিছে।

এতিয়া clause 5 ত এই সংশোধনীটো নিদিয়াৰ কাৰণে এই আলোচনাটো অপ্ৰসঙ্গিক হৈ পৰিছে। তেখেত সকলে যি যুক্তি দেখুৱাইছে দাস ডাঙৰীয়া প্ৰমুখ্য কৰি মোৰ বন্ধু দুজনে সেই বিষয়ে কৈ গৈছে। অৱশ্যে এইটো কথা ঠিক সদনে ভালকৈ বিবেচনা কৰি ইচ্ছা কৰিলে ৪ বছৰৰ ঠাইত এতিয়াও ৩ বছৰ কৰিব পাৰে বুলি মই ভাবো।

Clause 5 ৰ অনুসাবে পঞ্চায়ত নিৰ্ব্বাচনৰ গুৰুত্ব সম্বন্ধে গাৱে গাৱে যদি ভালকৈ আমাৰ বাইজক বুজাব পৰা নাই আৰু পঞ্চায়ত আইনত বাইজৰ ওপৰত যি দায়িত্ব দিয়া হৈছে তাক বাইজে ভালকৈ উপলব্ধি কৰিব পৰা নাই। এতিয়াও যদি সদনে গ্ৰহণ কৰে তেন্তে আগতে গ্ৰহণ কৰা হিচাবে ৪ বছৰৰ ঠাইত ৩ বছৰ কৰা কথাটো বেয়া নহয়।

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat):

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I feel that this amendment has been sufficiently discussed by the hon. Members. Both the hon. Mover and his supporters have given certain reasons in support of this amendment. Sir, I do not accept many of the arguments advanced by them. Sir, I take pride in the fact that the panchayat elections, which were held in our State about a year and a half ago demonstrated very clearly the peaceful manner in which our people conducted themselves in an extensive area on the occasion of the Panchayat election or some disorders of the nature complained of by my friend, Mr. Madhusudhan Das might have taken place in one or two places. From this it cannot be inferred that everything was wrong with the election machinery set up in this purpose or the people who participated in such elections. I take pride in the facts that in spite of defects, shortcomings and drawbacks in some respects generally a peaceful atmosphere prevails and the Panchayat election, throughout the State were held peacefully.

Then, Sir, I am not one with them when they assume a role and take an attitude not encouraging initiative or activity necessary for undertaking the development work in the Panchayats. These Panchayats have been set up for no other purpose but for the purpose that the people under their jurisdictions have shown full opportunities and scopes without any interference from the political parties to take initiative and put forward their effort for the development of their areas. It was for this reason that Congress did not take part in the last panchayat elections on the Party basis. We shall have to leave the entire matter to the people of the areas in future also and in this direction we seek the support and co-operation from other Political Parties. I hope, Sir, in the years to come when elections are held for these Panchayats, these will not be held on political lines, and only with the idea of helping the people and that those who are interested in the taking work of development should be left alone and helped in under-democratic manner. This is the policy and which we have to proceed in a democratic manner. This is the policy and which we have to pursue in

future and to make this a success we require the co-operation and good wishes not only from the Members behind us but also from the Members of the Opposition Parties. It is necessary to create such an atmosphere as will not make the people election minded but will keep them to within the panchayats in the purpose of giving service and co-operation for the development of the areas. Sir, only then the Panchayat Raj can be successful in our State and in the country.

One of the reasons why we wanted to extend the term of the panchayats from 3 to 4 years was that only recently we had election and the next election should not take place in some time more inside to provide the office-bearers elected in the last election with adequate opportunity and scope to chalk out programme and undertake activities and work for development of their areas. We also had in mind that in other States the legislation fixing 4 years for the term of Panchayats has been enacted.

Then, I would like the hon. Members to remember that these elections are an expensive affair and to have elections more frequently would invariably involve a heavy expenditure. Besides, to hold elections too frequently would wake the office-bearers of the Panchayats election minded instead of their giving attention to development work in their panchayats. I have not therefore been able to appreciate the reasons announced by my hon. Friend in support of the amendment. If the Gaon Panchayats have not shown progress in work and development or are not in a position from which much development cases be expected that cannot be achieved simply by decreasing the term of the panchayats. We are not concerned to consider for our present purpose the extent to which the Gaon Panchayats and Anchalik Panchayats have succeeded in developing the areas within their jurisdictions during the short period.

Now, I wish to repeat that it was for the reasons of giving opportunity and scope to those in charge of the Panchayats to develop their respective jurisdictions and to reduce expenditures on election as far as possible, Government thought that extension of term from 3 years to 4 years might be useful.

But I have no objection if the hon. Members do not want to extend the period from 3 to 4 years. Sir, the hon. Members who have submitted amendments have not carefully gone through the Bill placed before them. The intention of the hon. Member is that the term of the Gaon Panchayat should not be extended from 3 to 4 years but he has tabled the amendment in respect of the term of Anchalik Panchayat only. If the Gaon Panchayats are left out it will not serve the purpose he has in view. I leave the entire matter to you and the House to decide. If the intention of the House is that the time should not be extended then the House will have to give me permission to amend sub-clause 3 of Clause 5 of the Bill and also to make some other consequential changes in sub-clause 4 of clause 5 and other clauses take for instance the sub-clause 3 of Clause 5. We have said there that the word "three" should be substituted by "four". Now, if the House wants that the term of Gaon Panchayat should remain as it is in the principal Act. We shall have to delete the sub-clause 3 of clause 5 of the present Bill and in sub-clause 4 the words "so amended" will have to be deleted. If the House permits me to make these used other consequential changes, I have no objection in accepting the amendment moved by my hon. Friend. So Sir I leave these to you and to the House to decide.

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister is prepared to accept the amendment provided he is allowed to amend sub-clause 3 of Clause 5 and sub-clause 4 in conformity with sub-clause 1 of Clause 9.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat): The sub-clause 3 of Clause 5 is to be deleted and in sub-clause 4 of Clause 5 the words "so amended" is to be deleted.

Mr. SPEAKER : The amendments moved by the hon'ble Minister may be accepted.

(The amendments were accepted by the House)

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is that the clause 5 as amended does stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was adopted).

Mr. SPEAKER : As the amendment has been accepted I put the question. The question is that in clause 9 in sub-clause (1) after the word 'thereof' in the second line all the words beginning with "and" to "substituted" shall be deleted.

(The motion was adopted)

The clause 9 as amended does stand part of the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER : As there is no amendment in clauses 10 to 21, both inclusive I put the question.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): Sir, the first question put by you regarding clause, 1 to 8 should be in two parts. From 1 to 4 one part and from 6 to 8 another part, since clause 5 has been amended.

Mr. SPEAKER : Automatically it will be so.

Now, I put the question. The question is that clauses 10 to 21, both inclusive, do stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. SPEAKER : Now, Clause 22 Mr. Tajuddin Ahmed.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Sir, I beg to move that in sub-section (1) of new Section 76 A going to be inserted by clause 22, for the words "a Committee constituted by the Mohkuma Parisad" occurring in the sixth and seventh lines, the following words shall be substituted:

"the Deputy Commissioner or the SubDivisional Officer, as the case may be, or any other responsible person authorised by them, in presence of the President and the Vice-President of Anchali the Panchayat."

I also move that at the end of the proposed Section 76A going to be inserted by clause 22 the following shall be added as sub-section (6):—

"(6) No new hat should be allowed to establish within two miles of an old hat in the same day whether they are within the area of the same Gaon Panchayat or of a different Gaon Panchayats."

চাৰ মহকুমা বা আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ মেম্বাৰ বা প্ৰেচিডেণ্ট সকলো বেয়া নহয় অৱশ্যে ২/১ জন বেয়া হব পাৰে। কিন্তু হাট বিলাকৰ ডাক দিয়া সম্পৰ্কত মোৰ সংশোধনীৰ যোগেদি কব খোজা যে, হাট বিলাক এটা কমিটিৰ যোগেদি ডাক লোৱাৰ কথা আছে কিন্তু এই কমিটিৰ মেম্বাৰ সেই পঞ্চায়তৰ মেম্বাৰৰ পৰাই লোৱা হব, কিন্তু মোৰ সন্দেহ হয় স্থানীয় লোকৰ দ্বাৰা কমিটি পাতিলে বহুত দুৰ্নীতি হব পাৰে। কাৰণ কিছুমান স্থানীয় সমস্যা আহি পৰে, যেনে কোনোবা স্থানীয় মানুহ বা কমিটিৰ সদস্যৰ লগা ভগা মানুহে হাট লব খজিলে তেতিয়া দুৰ্নীতি আহি পৰাত সন্দেহ নাই। আজি ৩ বছৰে এনে দুৰ্নীতি হোৱা দেখি আহিছে। গতিকে হাটৰ ডাক লোৱাৰ দায়িত্ব D. C. বা S. D. O. ক দিব লাগে লগতে চেয়াৰমেন ভাইচ-চেয়াৰমেন উপস্থিত থাকিব। ২/১ জন অফিচাৰ বেয়া হব পাৰে কিন্তু বেচিভাগ অফিচাৰেই ভাল বুলি মোৰ বিশ্বাস কাৰণ অফিচাৰ সকলৰ প্ৰমোচনৰ আশা আছে, suspension ৰ ভয় আছে। family দায়িত্ব আছে, আগত চাকৰী জীৱনৰ দীৰ্ঘ দিন পৰি আছে সেই কাৰণে তেওঁলোকে দুৰ্নীতি কৰি চাকৰী যোৱালৈ ভয় কৰি থাকে। কিন্তু এজন স্থানীয় সদস্যৰ সেই ভয় নাই আৰু তেওঁ যদি জানে যে তেওঁ আৰু পুনৰ নিৰ্বাচন হোৱাৰ আশা নাই তেতিয়া যিমান পাৰে সদনত হৈ থকা কালৰ ভিতৰতে দুৰ্নীতি কৰি লব। কিন্তু অফিচাৰ এজনৰ হয়তো ১০/২০ বছৰ চাকৰী আছে তেতিয়া তেওঁ দুৰ্নীতি কৰি সোনকালে চাকৰীৰ পৰা খেদা খাবলৈ ইচ্ছা নকৰিব। আমি বহুত ঠাইত দেখিছো যে একোখন ১০/২০ হাজাৰৰ হাট ৪।৫ হাজাৰতে ডাকি লৈছে।

স্থানীয় স্বাধৰ্জীত লোকৰ হাতত এইবোৰ কামৰ ভাৰ দিয়াও দুৰ্নীতি ভাৰ পৰিছে। আমি জানিব পাৰিছো বহুত সময়ত হাট বোৰ খুব কম ডাকত দিয়া হয়। এইদৰে যদি decentralisation of power কৰা হয়, পবলিক কা ৱাজ পবলিক ক হাথ ম' ৱেণ বুলি কোৱা হয়, তেন্তে দুৰ্নীতিৰ বাজহে হব।

Mr. SPEAKER : Order order, is the sence of the House to sit longer ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) : We shall rise at 12 panctual.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture etc.,) : There is half an hour discussion also.

Mr. SPEAKER : That will be stayed.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : আমাৰ যিবিলাক অফিচাৰ আছে যেনে D. C. বা S. D. O. আদি দায়িত্বশীল অফিচাৰ আছে তেওঁলোকৰ চাকৰীৰ আশা আছে পৰিয়াল আছে গতিকে স্থানীয় মানুহৰ লগতে তেওঁলোকক লগ লগায় দিলে দুৰ্নীতিৰ আশ্ৰয় লোৱা সম্ভৱপৰ নহয়। কিন্তু আমাৰ যিবোৰ স্থানীয় লোক আছে বা মেম্বাৰ আছে সেইবোৰৰ পৰাহে দুৰ্নীতি হয়। সেই কাৰণে এইটো খব বেয়া হৈছে আৰু ই আৰু বেয়া হব। যিবোৰ হাট ৯০ হেজাৰত দিব লাগে তীবো ৬০ হেজাৰত দিছে। মই জনাত এখন হাট ২৫ হেজাৰৰ ঠাইত মাত্ৰ ১২ হেজাৰত দি দিছে।

২ নং সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব হৈছে Act মতে গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তক হাট পাতিবলৈ
কমতা দিছে গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তৰ এটা ধাৰা অনুসাবে
on the issue of an order under sub-section (1) the Gaon
Panchayat may grant within the local limits of its jurisdic-
tion a licence for the use of any land as a market and im-
pose an annual tax and such conditions as may be
prescribed by rules গতিকে আইনে হাট পাতি বলৈ দিছে হয় কিন্তু নিয়মাবলীত
একে বান্ধিদিয়া নাই। আনফালে আগৰ Act সংশোধন কৰি গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তক ৩
হেজাৰ পৰ্য্যন্ত টকা বাধিবলৈ দিছে। পঞ্চায়তে নিজৰ আয় বঢ়াবৰ কাৰণে টেক্স
আদি লগাবলৈকে দিয়া হৈছে। কিন্তু মেম্বাৰ সকলে নিজৰ বেপাৰ বাণিজ্যৰ সুবিধাৰ
অৰ্থে ২ মাইলৰ ভিতৰতো হাট পাতি লয়। এইলৈ হাটলি আৰু হিলামাৰত
গঙগোল হৈছে। তাৰাবাৰীত বহৰি হাটলৈ গঙগোল হৈ ৩৭৫ টা বেচ বজু
কৰিছিল পিচত উঠায় লয়। চৰকাৰৰ যদি নীতি ঠিক হ'ল হেতেন বা আইন
ঠিক হ'লহেতেন এনে গঙগোল নহ'লহেতেন। সেই কাৰণে ষাটং ভাৱে
আইনত থাকিব লাগে যে ২ মাইলৰ ভিতৰত হাট বজাব পাতিব নোৱাৰে।
আশাকৰো সংশোধনীটো সদনে গ্ৰহণ কৰিব।

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SHARMA (Guhati): Mr. Speaker Sir
I rise to oppose the amendment moved by my friend, Shri Tajuddin Ahmed.
I am really sorry that Mr. Tajuddin Ahmed desires to handover power to
the D.C. or S.D.O. instead of the elected president of the Mahkuma
Parishad. In his speech he has referred about corruption and I am
confident of saying that corruption is not common in our Society as Mr.
Ahmed finds.

Mr. SPEAKER: He wants to give the authority to the Mahkuma
Parishad itself.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SHARMA: He wants to give the power
to the D.C. or S.D.O. Sir, he has developed his point from the corruption
point of view to which I object very much. I do not think that the
representative of the people who are elected to the position of President
of Mahkuma Parishad are persons having corruption. I do not think the
Government servants are more capable than the elected representatives.
I do not consider it necessary to hand over this power either to the
D.C. or to the S.D.O. instead of the elected representatives.

Sir, another point which I want to submit is that if the power to
auction is entrusted to the D.C., S.D.O. who will approve that auction.
Whether the State Government or the Mahkuma Parishad? Under this
Act Mahkuma Parishad is to approve it. If this power is entrusted with
the D.C. or S.D.O. and if the auction is disapproved by the Mahkuma
Parishad then what will be the position. So, it is a very important
point.

Therefore I consider that this authority should be given to the
President of the Mahkuma Parishad and not to the D.C. or S.D.O. In
our amendment also it is necessary to entrust this authority to the
President of the Mahkuma Parishad instead of the D.C. or S.D.O.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara): I very strongly oppose the first amendment. The hon. Mover of the amendment made a sweeping remark that if this is entrusted to the non-officials, they will be subject to corruption. If such a sweeping remark is made when we are experimenting with democratic principles and especially such remarks by a member of the Opposition are a very serious matter. He feels that if it is entrusted to the non-officials, namely, the Presidents, they will be subject to corruption. Sir, we are experimenting with a very revolutionary change by introducing Panchayat Raj in the State. Now, if we fail to give due importance and have confidence on the non-officials elected by the people, it will be very unfortunate and this experiment will not bear the desired results. Sir, it reminds me of the story of the frog in the well. The frog thought that his well is the whole world. There are black-sheep in every society. But to generalise from a single instance in a certain area is a dangerous thing. I, therefore, very strongly oppose this amendment.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): While supporting the amendment moved by my friend Shri Ahmed, I shall speak something from my personal experience. I was not connected with public affairs of such a nature till I was elected to the Assembly. I am an *ex-officio* member of the Lanka Panchayat but I was not invited on the ground that unless and until my name was published in the Gazette, I could not be invited. I lodged a complaint to the Chief Minister against the affairs of Lanka Panchayat and this matter is now under enquiry.

Sir, the Lanka hat is a very old hat. It fetches more than Rs.1 lakh of revenue. From about ten years past during the time of my predecessor, Shri Ram Nath Sarma when he was Chairman of the Local Board this hat was leased out to certain people for Rs 8,000 or so every year. After my election I received certain complaints from the people of those areas and for your information I may say that last year the hat was auctioned at Rs.55,000 but the Anchalik Panchayat people without giving to the highest bidder gave it to some one at Rs.30,500. I personally enquired about this matter and finding the truthness in the report reported the matter to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry. I also told him that I was not invited to attend the auction for this year and requested him to depute an officer from the district. He sent the D. D. O. While the auction was continuing and bid rose upto Rs.36,000, suddenly the President of the Lanka Anchalik Panchayat stopped the bid and closed it. The public made a strong clamour and even the officer present wondered why the bid was abruptly closed. I am a new man; I do not know whether the Anchalik Panchayat President can stop the bid when the public are eager to bid.

Mr. SPEAKER: We are not concerned with the settlement of a particular hat. We are concerned with a particular motion.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): Though it is a particular hat, I am now stating how the particular President of the Anchalik Panchayat acted or even the members of that Panchayat acted. Here it has been given to the Mohkuma Parishad and my criticism of Shri Sarma was.....

Mr. SPEAKER: At that time Mohkuma Parishad had no hand in it and the Anchalik Panchayat settled the matter.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat): Sir, in this manner no insinuation or reflection on the character of a man can be brought in this House.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): I am not bringing it, Sir. After this the bid went upto Rs.51,000.

Mr. SPEAKER: If you want to refer to the matter of the Lanka hat, it must be connected with the motion. You are not doing it. Unless you do it, your whole thing is irrelevant.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA: These irregularities are there in the Anchalik Panchayat. In support of this amendment, I want to cite this instance before this House.

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat)**: I oppose both these amendments for the simple reason that today there can be no question of going back on what we have already decided by centralising and giving power to our Panchayats at different levels. There were some complaints in the matter of auctioning of hats and for that reason—after considering all these matters—we have come to the decision that instead of leaving the subject of settlement of hats to a Panchayat, we have now devised methods under which settlement will be made by the President of the Mohkuma Panchayat or the settlement will be made by the President of the Mohkuma Panchayat under which had with the association of a Committee which will help him in the purpose of settling these hats. Not only that. After the auction has been made, the settlement will have to be confirmed in a meeting of the Mohkuma Parishad. There can be no more guarantee, no more security than what has been provided under the amended Act. If the hon. Member has an impression that A to Z of the people are so corrupt that they will not be able to look after the interests of the people in the Panchayat and there is danger of these hats being given at a lower rate and on personal grounds and so on and so forth, I do not know how that problem can be solved by merely handing over the settlement of a hat to an officer. I personally say that the procedure suggested in the amended Act gives better security and guarantee and that it will be done in the proper manner and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

I am afraid it will be a very bad day for the country and for the State. I think Sir, when we have decided upon this experiment of trusting the people of the locality and giving powers to them for all kinds of things, it will be unfair to deny them this authority of settling hats, which are under their jurisdiction.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): On a point of clarification, Sir. Under the former Assam Local Self-Government Act, was not the Chairman fully authorised to settle hats?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat): Yes, Sir, subject to the confirmation of the Board. This principle has been followed here. For these reasons I oppose this amendment.

Sir, the second amendment seeks to make a statutory provision prohibiting setting up of a new hat within two miles of an existing hat. I fully appreciate the hon. Member's point of view, but there are some difficulties in the way of accepting his amendment. The amendment in its present form will bring about some complications and will not safeguard the interest which the hon. Member has in mind. We have issued executive instructions, and wherever necessary we shall do so that new hats should not be allowed within two miles of existing hats,

as far as possible. But there can be no hard and fast rule about it. Sometimes, an area is divided by a wide river and it may not be possible for the people from one bank of the river to come to the other bank, although the distance may be within two miles. It may be inconvenient if on that ground the people of that bank are denied the right of establishing a new hat in their locality. For these reasons I am not prepared to accept this amendment, but the hon. Members perhaps know that we have already issued executive instructions that as far as possible no new hat should be permitted within two miles of an existing hat. But if we make provision in the Act, we will have to take action accordingly in all cases and this may result in inconvenience to the people in some areas and even the areas where new hats are necessary will be prevented from setting them up.

For all these reasons, Sir, I oppose both the amendments.

Mr. SPEAKER: Are you prepared to withdraw your amendments?

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Yes, Sir.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Assam Panchayat): Mr. Speaker, Sir, there will be a consequential amendment. Mr. the amendment which we passed before this. Sub-clause (1) result of 11 should be deleted and sub-clause (2) should be renumbered as sub-clause (1).

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes, this is only a consequential amendment and may be adopted.

Then I put the question. The question is that clauses 22 to 24 both inclusive do stand part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted).

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Long and Short Title and the Preamble of the Bill do stand part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted).

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1962, as amended, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1962, as amended, be passed.

(The motion was put question and adopted.)

Adjournment

The Assembly was then Adjourned till 10 A. M. on Saturday the 11th August, 1962.

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary, Legislative Assembly,
Assam.