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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 9 A.M. on Friday, the 3rd April, 1959.

PRESENT

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah, B.A., LL.B., Speaker in the Chair, Six Ministers, the four Deputy Ministers and Seventy-one Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answer were given)

Furniture and equipments for Lower Primary Schools
under Jorhat School Board

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

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that most of the Lower Primary Schools under Jorhat School Board are not provided with furniture and equipments even maps and blackboards for which the teachers are facing extreme difficulties in teaching ?
- (b) Whether Government will be pleased to take adequate measure to fulfill the primary needs of the said school by the early part of the current calendar year ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

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

96. (a)—Supply of furniture and equipments is insufficient and poor throughout the State.

(b) & (c)—These needs are being fulfilled according to the availability of funds.

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] : এই Lower Primary School বিলাকৰ furniture আৰু Equipment ৰ কাৰণে প্ৰত্যেক বছৰে অন্যান্য আঁচনি কিছু বাদ দি হলেও এটা বিশেষ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে গ্ৰহণ কৰিবনে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) : হয়, অহা বছৰতো কিছু টকা দিব পৰা হব ।

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] : মাজুলী অঞ্চলত যিবিলাক Lower Primary School আছে, সেইবিলাকৰ যব বিলাকৰ অৱস্থা যে শোচনীয় চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : গোটেই ৰাজ্যতে ১৫ হেজাৰ স্কুল আছে ; প্ৰায় আটাইবিলাকৰে অৱস্থা শোচনীয় ।

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY : কোন বছৰ এইবিলাক সম্পূৰ্ণ কৰিব ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : ফাগুত টকা থাকিলে সোনকালেই কৰিব পৰা হব ।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) : মাজুলীত এখন বেলেগ স্কুল বোর্ড আছে নেকি ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : নাই ।

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) : মাজুলীত নতুন স্কুল বোর্ড গঠন কৰাৰ কিবা Proposal আছে নেকি ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : তেনে কোনো Proposal নাই ।

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO : এই বছৰত Equipment আৰু Furniture ৰ কাৰণে তাকসীয়াটক হলেও কিছু টকা পোৱাৰ আশা আছে নেকি ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : তাৰ কাৰণে এই বছৰত ৩ লাখ টকা ধৰা হৈছে ।

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) : এই বছৰত যি ৩ লাখ টকা ধৰিছে তাৰে সকলো স্কুলক দিবপৰা হবনে ? কাৰণ কোনো স্কুলৰ Furniture নাই কোনো স্কুলৰ ঘৰ নাই ।

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : টকাৰ পৰিমাণ অনুপাতে দিব লাগিব ।

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA : কোন স্কুলৰ ঘৰ ভাঙিছে কোন স্কুলৰ Furniture নাই সেইটো চৰকাৰে Survey কৰিবনে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): বেচিভাগৰে ঘৰৰ অৱস্থা ভাল নহয়।

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon): Furniture আৰু Equipment ৰ Grant কোন কোন Subdivision ত দিয়া হৈছে?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: সেই হিচাবে দিয়া হোৱা নাই কোনো কোনো স্কুলক কিছু টকা Furniture আৰু Black-Board আদি কিনিবলৈ দিয়া হৈছে।

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA: এই টকা কোন শিভানৰ পৰা দিয়া হয়?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: কোনো সময়ত কিছুটকা Savings হয় তাৰ পৰা দিয়া হয়। এইটো School Board ৰ Savings ৰ পৰা দিয়া হয়।

Grant-in-aid to Abhayapuri College in the District of Goalpara

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government contemplate to sanction grant-in-aid to Abhayapuri College in the District of Goalpara?

(b) How long the College is functioning and whether the College got affiliation from the University?

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

97. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Since 1955. Yes, the College is affiliated to the Gauhati University.

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon): When was this college started?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): In 1955.

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara): With regard to (a), may I know what amount Government contemplates to give to this college?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: Rupees 12,000.

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: এই বাৰ হাজাৰ টকা ক'ৰ পৰা পাইছে?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) : Not under Article 275. There is Budget provision for Shillong College and Abhayapuri College for 1959-60.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) : What are the criteria for sanctioning grants-in-aid to colleges ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : As soon as a college is affiliated to the University grant-in-aid is sanctioned.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY : Are all colleges getting equal amounts of grants ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : No, different grants are given to different colleges.

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA : May I know whether the revised scale of pay for the professors has been granted to this particular college ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : This will be considered next year.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : What is the basis of allotment of grants to different colleges ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : In order to be eligible for consideration for grant-in-aid, the Intermediate Arts Class should have a minimum enrolment of 200 and Science 80, in case of Degree colleges, the minimum enrolment required, in case of Art 300, and Science 120. This condition may be relaxed in case of Girls' Colleges.

Shri MAHADEV DAS [Barpeta (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] :
 স্কুল কলেজ বিলাকক যে Non-Recurring Grant দিয়া হয় সেইটো সদায়
 দিয়া হয় নেকি ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Saving হলেহে দিয়া হয় ।

Shri MAHADEV DAS : এই Saving টো কেনেকৈ হয় বুজাই
 দিবনে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : এইটো বছৰাব কোৱা হৈছে ।

Bonggaon-Borpamua Public Works Department Road in Majuli

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

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the construction work of the remaining portion of the Bonggaon-Borpamua Public Works Department Road in Majuli has not yet commenced ?

(b) If so, what is the reason for this undue delay ?

(c) Whether the said portion of the road will be completed before summer ?

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

98. (a)—No. The construction work has commenced since February 1958.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—No. The length taken up is expected to be completed by March, 1960.

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: এই বাস্তাব অসম্পূৰ্ণ অংশৰ কাম কেতিয়া আৰম্ভ হব আৰু কেতিয়া সম্পূৰ্ণ হব ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: The date for completion is March 1960.

I am sorry, Sir, the date of commencement cannot be given now.

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes):] বিশেষকৈ উত্তৰ লক্ষীমপুৰৰ বাস্তা বোৰ দ্বিতীয় পৰিকল্পনাৰ লোৱা হৈছে। সেই বাস্তাৰ দুবাৰকৈ Tender Call কৰিও কাম আৰম্ভ কৰিব পৰা নাই। এইবিলাক গভৰ্ণমেন্টে অবহেলা কৰিছে বুলি কব নোৱাৰিনে ? বিশেষকৈ এইবিলাক সংবিধানৰ ২৭৫ ধাৰাৰ কাম নহয় নে ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: হয় 2nd Plan ত আৰম্ভ হৈছে; চৰকাৰৰ অবহেলাৰ কথা নাই।

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY: কিয় পলম হৈছে ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: Administrative Approval দিয়াত অলপ পলম হয়। 2nd Plan period ৰ ভিতৰত আৰম্ভ কৰা হৈছে আৰু তাৰ ভিতৰতে শেষ কৰা হব বুলি আশা কৰো।

Asphalting of G. S. Road in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Road Communication Board in its meeting held on the 10th December 1956 had recommended asphalting of G. S. Road in Golaghat Subdivision which was to be financed out of the Central Road Fund, Ordinary, Reserved ?

- (b) Whether any approval of the said proposal has since been received from the Government of India ?
- (c) If not, what steps are being taken by the Government to receive approval of the Government of India ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that the condition of the G. S. Road in Golaghat is most deplorable ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that asphaltting of the above road which connects the Headquarters with the Border Security Centre and is essentially necessary ?
- (f) If so, what steps are being taken by the Government to meet this urgent demand ?

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

99. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—The matter is still under correspondence between the State Government and the Government of India. They have been reminded on 16th March 1959.

(d)—The road is an all-weather gravelled one and not in deplorable condition.

(e)—Yes, it is desirable to have such important roads asphalted subject to availability of funds.

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

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon): Sir, is it not a fact that the second portion of the road from Dergaon Chariali is not properly maintained and so the people cannot go through this road during the rainy season ?

Shr GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (Roads and Buildings)]: The gravelled portion is maintained upto the standard.

Starred Questions No. 100 Standing in the name of Shri Hareswer Goswami, No. 101 Standing in the name of Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyy and No. 102 standing in the name of Shri Tarunsen Deka were not put and answered as the questioners were absent.

Procurement of Sugarcane by the Co-operative Sugar Mill of Golaghat

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that procurement of Sugarcane by the Co-operative Sugar Mill of Golaghat Subdivision has been greatly hampered due to deplorable condition of the Roads leading to the Sugarcane cultivation centres ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that bad means of communication is one of the main reasons for failure to procure the full quantity of Sugarcane by Assam Co-operative Sugar Mill Limited.
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Board of Directors of the said Co-operative Sugar Mill and other influential persons urges upon the Government to improve some more important roads of Golaghat and Jorhat Subdivision for easy procurement of Sugarcane ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge had assured the Mill Authority for improving these roads early ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware the State Government of Bihar, Punjab, U. P. and other States had spent a huge amount for improvement of communications for procurement of sugarcane from their State Revenue ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that the questioner wrote several letters to the Chief Minister, the Public Works Department Minister, (Roads and Buildings) and the Finance Minister in this connection ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that both the Finance Minister and the Public Works Department Minister gave assurance to take immediate steps in the matter ?

- (h) Whether Government is aware that failure to improve the roads would greatly hamper the smooth running of the Sugar Mill ?
- (i) Whether Government propose to improve the neighbouring roads leading to the Sugar Mill in the current Financial Year ?

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

103. (a)—Yes, the Government have received representations to this effect.

(b)—May be so.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—He assured that the roads and bridges would be improved, so that loaded trucks could ply, if funds would be available.

(e)—The Government have no information but presumes so.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Does not arise in view of the reply at (d) so far Minister, Public Works Department is concerned.

So far Finance Minister is concerned the matter is being considered.

(h)—Please refer to (b) above.

(i)—In this connection four projects, estimated to cost Rs.2,03,900 have already been sanctioned by the Government.

Shri RAJENDRA NATH BARUA (Golaghat): Sir, do I understand that administrative approval has been given to this road, as referred to in reply to Question (g), by the Minister Public Works Department ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: The matter is under consideration.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): চেনী কলৰ পৰা বোৰা মহাবন্ধা বাস্তাটোৰ কাৰদোঙা নৈৰ ওপৰৰ ছোৱা নললে কুহিয়াৰ আনিব পৰা হবনে ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: It is matter of details. So, I want notice of this question.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA: Sir, on the other side of the Kakodonga bridge there is no road and so people cannot carry sugarcane through this road. What steps Government is taking for constructing this road ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (Roads and Buildings)] : Four projects have been sanctioned to improve the neighbouring roads leading to the sugar mill and in those projects whether this portion of the road referred to by the hon. Member is included or not I will inform him later on.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): 103 (e) প্রশ্নৰ উত্তৰত, চৰকাৰে কৈছে যে চৰকাৰৰ information নাই—মই জানিব খুজিছো আমাৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয় সকলে অসমৰ বাহিৰত Tour কৰোতে এই বিলাকৰ information নাৰাখে নেকি ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : That is a different question which I cannot reply off hand.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East): Sir, from what fund these projects are going to be financed ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : From State fund.

Recommendation by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Sibsagar for requisition of Tea garden land

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

- (a) How many proposals are pending with the requisitioning authority, Sibsagar till now for requisitioning the tea garden surplus land ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that not a single bigha of land was given to any of the cultivators by requisitioning tea garden land since January, 1957 in Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (c) What is the number of proposals recommended by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Sibsagar for requisition of Tea Garden land and what were the names of Tea gardens and on what dates the recommendations were forwarded since January, 1957 ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) for (Minister, Revenue) replied :

104. (a)—Only 4.

(b)—It is not a fact. 14 evicted families from Bhadhara Village Grazing Reserve got settlement of Kanu Tea Estate requisitioned land.

(c)—Four proposals for requisitioning of land from the following Tea Gardens were recommended by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee held on 25th February 1959—

1. Muttrapore Tea Estate.
2. Dumar Dullung Tea Estate.
3. Suffrai Tea Estate.
4. Mahkhuti Tea Estate.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): মাননীয় মন্ত্রী মহোদয় যে যি কেন্দ্রৰ কথা কৈছে, তাৰ বাহিৰেও আৰু ৬/৭ টা গ্ৰান্ট আছে আৰু তাৰ উত্তৰ মিনিষ্টাৰে নিদিলে এই সম্বন্ধে পঢ়ি চাই উত্তৰ দিবনে ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture etc.): বাক আমি পঢ়ি চাম।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA: ১৯৫৫ চনৰে পৰা আজিলৈকে এই তিনি বছৰৰ ভিতৰত ১০ (দহ) হেজাৰ বিঘা মাটি requisition কৰিছে; কিন্তু তাৰ এক বিঘা মাটিও বিতৰণ কৰা হোৱা নাই।

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: কিয়—? বিতৰণ কৰিয়েই আছে।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA: মই জনাত এতিয়াও তাৰ বিতৰণ হোৱা নাই।

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: আমাৰ information মতে মাটি দিয়া হৈয়ে আছে।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA: ১৯৫৭ চনৰে পৰা বিতৰণ কৰা কৰা বুলি এতিয়াও বিতৰণ কৰা নাই। ইয়াৰ ফলত ৰাইজে কেতিয়া মাটি পাব বুলি আশা কৰা যায় ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: সভ্য মহোদয়ৰ প্রশ্ন আৰু মোৰ উত্তৰৰ কিছু difference হৈছে কাষেই তদন্ত কৰিব লাগে।

Shortage of forms in Dhubri Court

Shri JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked :

*105. Will the Minister-in-charge of Printing and Stationery be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that all kinds of forms are not available in Dhubri Court including even the forms for summoning witnesses ?

(b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to issue instruction to the Deputy Commissioner or Sub-divisional Officer of the Subdivision concerned to have those forms printed locally ?

Pu LALMAWIA (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

165. (a)—Yes, certain kinds of forms including the forms for summoning witnesses were not available for sometime.

(b)—The Deputy Commissioner was already allowed local printing of all essential forms and necessary expenditure to that effect was also sanctioned in August, 1958.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Whether the Government is aware of the fact that dearth of such forms are felt almost in all parts of Assam ?

Pu LALMAWIA (Parliamentary Secretary): It is a fact.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: What steps Government is taking to remove the difficulty ?

Pu LALMAWIA: Government issued instructions to Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers to print forms locally, excepting forms which are saleable and also money Receipt Forms and other forms used in account matters.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: Whether Government knows that in different District or Subdivisional Courts extra charges are made from people for such forms ?

Pu LALMAWIA: Government received no such information.

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA: Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter ?

Pu LALMAWIA: Yes.

Amount sanctioned to Gharbandi Rural Panchayat for Children's Park

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*106. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.675 was sanctioned to Gharbandi Rural Panchayat by the Government for Children's Park with the condition that equal amount should be contributed from Panchayat Fund for the purpose ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Rural Panchayat submitted budget proposal making this provision of Panchayat contribution in 1957-58 and in 1958-59 each year ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that this provision in the budget was not allowed by the Development Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur who scored out the provision each year without showing any reason ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the above Rural Panchayat submitted a supplementary budget in 1958-59 making this provision of Panchayat contribution again ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that this provision was not allowed and scored out once again ?
- (f) Whether the condition of giving contribution by the Panchayat has since been waived ?

†Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge, Rural Development Department) replied :

106. (a) —Yes, on condition that fifty per cent of total expenditure was to be met either from Panchayat Fund or from People's contribution.

(b) —Yes.

(c), (d) & (e) —As the Panchayat had very little amount as its income it was expected that the amount of contribution would be forthcoming from the people themselves and as such the provision was deleted.

(f) —No.

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge, Rural Development Department): 106 (a) হয়, এইটো সৰ্ত্ত যে মুঠ খৰছ আধা পঞ্চায়ত পুঁজি বা বাজহুৱা চান্দাৰ পৰা বহন কৰিব লাগিব।

(b) হয়।

(c) (d) (e)—বেহেতু পঞ্চায়তৰ আয় নিচেই তাকৰীয়া, সেই কাৰণে বাইজে নিজে চান্দা দি কামটো সমাধা কৰিব বুলি আশা কৰি পুঁজিৰ ব্যৱহাৰটো কাটি দিয়া হল।

(f)—নাই গুচোৱা।

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): মঞ্জুৰী দিওঁতে পঞ্চায়তৰ পৰা আধা টকা দিব বা খৰছ কৰিব বুলি কৈছিল। কিন্তু D. C. অফিচৰ পৰা এই টকা বাবে বাবে কাটি দিয়াৰ কাৰণ কি? ১৯৫৭ চনতো কাটিছে আৰু ১৯৫৮ চনতো কাটিছে।

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: আমাৰ পৰা যি টকা দিয়া হৈছে তাৰ কিছু অংশ বাইজে আৰ্থিক সাহায্য দিব লাগিব নহলে কাৰিকৰ শ্ৰম দান কৰিব লাগিব। সম্পূৰ্ণ টকা দিয়াৰ সামৰ্থ্য নাই।

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: কাৰিকৰ শ্ৰম দান কৰিব লাগিব হয়; কিন্তু শিশু উদ্যানৰ কিছুমান বস্তু সংগ্ৰহ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে ধনৰ আৱশ্যক—সেইটো মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জানেনে?

Mr. SPEAKER: তেখেতৰ প্ৰশ্নটো হৈছে যে শিশু উদ্যানৰ কাৰণে বাইজে শ্ৰমদান কৰি কিছুমান কাম কৰিব, কিন্তু আটাইবোৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰে। শিশু উদ্যানৰ আৱশ্যকীয় বস্তুবোৰ সংগ্ৰহ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে ধনৰ আৱশ্যক।

††**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** বাইজে শ্ৰমদান দি কিমান খৰছ কৰিছে সেইটো দেখুৱাই দিয়া হলে আমি দিব পাৰিলোঁহেতেন।

††**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** পঞ্চায়ত বাজেটৰ টকা নিয়ম মতে অনুমোদন কৰা হৈছে। সেইটো দেখুৱাই দিয়া স্বত্তেও বাবে বাবে Turn-down কৰি পঞ্চায়তক অনাহকত আমনি কৰা হোৱা নাইনে?

††**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** পঞ্চায়তৰ কামেই হৈছে আত্ম-সাহায্য—আধা বাইজে কৰিব আধা চৰকাৰে কৰিব। চৰকাৰৰ পৰা সম্পূৰ্ণ কাম কৰি দিব লাগিলে পঞ্চায়তৰ কামেই নেখাকিব।

††Speech not corrected.

Flood and erosion caused to four Mauzas within Jorhat Subdivision by Gosala Suti

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

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the Gosala Suti near Kakilamukh in Jorhat Subdivision is creating a great havoc to the people of 4 mouzas namely, Hazari, Baligaon, Parbatia and Harucharai with floods and erosion of the rivulet since few years back ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said affected riverine area is the granary for milk, vegetable, thatch, ekra, etc., of Jorhat ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that there is only a little space remaining near Kareng Chapori where the Gosala takes its southern courses to mingle with Bhogdoi, Kakodonga at Malow, the lowlying area of Jorhat to render nearly 60 thousand peasants homeless and landless ?
- (d) If the answer (a), (b) & (c) above be in the affirmative whether Government propose to consider the feasibility of closing the said rivulet either near at Kokilamukh or at Gohain-gaon to the miseries of the local people ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage)] replied :

107. (a)—Government are not aware of any great havoc created by the Gosala Suti except some minor erosion along its bank here and there and some flooding of the adjoining areas due to spilling of the banks of the Suti during high floods.

(b)—The particular riverine area like all other riverine areas of Brahmaputra and its tributaries supplies milk, vegetable, thatch, ekra, etc., to nearby urban areas.

(c)—No. Gosala Suti is nearly three miles off from the Bhogdoi river and there should not be any apprehension of its merging with the Bhogdoi river in near future.

(d)—It is not technically considered desirable to close the Suti as it stands now.

(e)—Does not arise.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog): What is the area of land eroded ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : It is negligible.

Canteen in the Junction of Nowgong State Transport

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

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that Nowgong is the centrally situated State Transport junction where both male and female passengers accumulate from both direction ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the Catering run by the State Transport Service is quite inadequate to meet the needs of a large number of passengers due to insufficient accommodation of the building ?

(c) If so, whether Government will be pleased to consider the necessity of extension of catering house at the earliest to meet the long-felt grievance of the public ?

(d) If not, why not ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

108. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Yes, and as such steps have already been taken to establish a new Railway Catering-Type Canteen buildings at Nowgong with sufficient accommodation, at an

estimated cost of Rs.36,100 as per plan and estimate prepared by Executive Engineer, Public Works Department for which proposal has already been submitted. It is expected that the work will be started early in 1959-60.

(d)—Does not arise.

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: চাব, Building ব কাম কেতিয়া আবন্ত কৰিব ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A SANGMA (Minister, Transport) : It is expected that the work will be started in 1959-60, *i.e.*, during the financial year.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) : চাব, নগাঁও ষ্টেট ট্ৰেন্সপোর্ট জংচনত এটা কেনাটিন আছে— কিন্তু তেজপুৰ জংচনত এটাও নাই—চবকাৰে প্ৰত্যেক জংচনত কেনাটিন দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA : From wherever there is a demand for canteen Government will consider the feasibility to establish it.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) : May I know whether this Canteen at Nowgong is run by the State Transport or by private persons ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA : It is leased out.

Lavatories in State Transport Stations

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

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that most of the lavatories in the State Transport Stations have not been provided with adequate sanitations and disinfectants ?

(b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to consider the matter seriously in the interest of the public ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

109. (a)—Departmental sweepers are there to clean the Departmental lavatories. Besides, stock of phenyle and

disinfectants are kept in the Central and other Stores and supplied to out-station officers on requisition. There are altogether sixty-four sweepers in different Stations and Sub-Stations.

(b)—All Divisional Superintendents and Station Superintendents have again been advised to take necessary steps to ensure that the departmental lavatories are kept clean.

(c)—Does not arise.

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: State Transport ব Latrine ৰোবত বিজ্ঞাপু নাশক বস্তুবোৰ দিৱাত বিশেষ খৰছ নহয়, এইবোৰ নিয়মিত ভাবে ব্যৱহা কৰিবনে ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport): I have already replied that we are keeping stock of phenyle and disinfectants in our Central and other Stores and on requisition these things are supplied to the outstations.

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO : কথাটোৰ গুৰুত্ব বিষয়ে বিবেচনা কৰিবনে ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA : In view of the information given just now by the hon. Member, we would enquire into the matter.

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara): Whether the Minister-in-charge knows that there are no urinal and latrine in some stations, particularly at Dudnoi ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA : It may be in the case of pick-up stations, but almost in all other stations we have urinal and latrine.

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED : Particularly about Dudnoi which is an important station ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA : It may be so. I will enquire into the matter.

Flood affected people in some villages of Bihpuria Mauza, North Lakhimpur by Dikrong river

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*110. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that the people of some villages in Bihpuria Mouza, North Lakhimpur, are badly affected by the erosion and flood of the river Dikrong ?

(b) If so, what protection measure has been taken up so far by the authority concerned ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Public Works Department, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied:

[110. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The problem of protection against erosion has been closely examined and investigated. The cost of any permanent protection works will be prohibitive and will not be commensurate with the cost of property intended to be saved here and as such, people will not be in a position to pay up the cost through betterment levy. Further, in view of the paucity of fund and non-inclusion of such a Scheme in the Second Five Year Plan execution of such a scheme is out of question for the present. Retirement of the existing road is considered to be the easiest solution, which has already been undertaken at places by the R. & B. Wing of the P. W. D.

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: এই অঞ্চলত কিমান গাওঁ affected হৈছে ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I have not got the number of villages, but I can give the number of families. It is 700 families.

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY: কিমান বছৰৰ পৰা affected হৈছে গৰ্ণমেন্টে জানেনে ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: যোৱা দুই তিনি বছৰৰ পৰা ।

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY: এইটো চৰকাৰে জানেনে যে একো কাম নোহোৱাব কাৰণে এজন বিশিষ্ট কংগ্ৰেছীয়ে অনশন ব্ৰত ধৰিছিল ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: মোৰ সময়ত কোনোও fast কৰা নাছিল, আগতে হৈছিল যদি মই কব নোৱাৰো ।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur): এই দুঠাইৰ ভিতৰত কিমান টকা লাগিব ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: এঠাইত ৩৫ লাখ আৰু এঠাইত ২০ লাখ টকা লাগিব ।

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY: ডিকুং নদীৰ course টো সলনি হৈ থাকে, সেইবাবে গৰ্ণমেন্টে চিন্তা কৰিবনে ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY: সেই নদীৰ গতি বদলি থাকে বুলি বাইজৰ টকাটো লোকচান হব বুলি গৰ্ণমেন্টে নাভাৰে ।

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which replies were laid on the Table)

Tea garden waste land requisitioned for giving to landless peasants

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

230. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total area of tea garden waste land requisitioned by the Government to distribute the same to the landless peasants for agricultural purpose from the year 1952 ?
- (b) What is the area of land in each of the gardens so requisitioned ?
- (c) The number of families given settlement to in each garden area so requisitioned ?
- (d) Whether each of the families were given physical possession on the allotted land ?
- (e) If not, why not ?
- (f) Whether any requisitioned area was subsequently de-requisitioned ?
- (g) If so, what is the reason in each case ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

230.(a) to (f)—Upto the year 1957, a total area of 1,56,567B-0K-17L of tea garden waste land have been requisitioned. A Subdivision-wise statement of the areas requisitioned, areas allotted, areas occupied, areas unoccupied, areas unallotted and areas de-requisitioned is placed on the Library Table. Information regarding requisition of land from each of the garden and allotment thereof have been called for from the local officers.

(g)—As the allottees did not turn up and occupied the areas for more than one year and other landless people were also not forthcoming, the lands lying waste were de-requisitioned.

Names, qualifications and addresses of Lower Primary Teachers appointed from 1955-1958 under Hailakandi School Board

Shri GAURI SHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked :

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

- (a) The names, residential addresses, qualifications of Lower Primary Teachers appointed from 1955 to 1958 under School Board, Hailakandi along with the names of the schools they are serving now ?
- (b) What is the minimum qualification necessary for appointment of Lower Primary School Teachers ?

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

231.(a)—The statement is laid on the Library Table. (Please see Library Register No.S.79).

(b)—The minimum qualification necessary is Middle English or Middle Vernacular passed.

Lowzan Bund and Embankment in Godhuli Bazar Mouza, Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

232. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Lowzan Bund and Embankment in Godhuli Bazar Mouza, Sibsagar Subdivision was sanctioned and the contract was given to Shri Janak Gogoi, Secretary to Lowzan Bund and Embankment, *vide* Order No. 619, dated 17th December, 1957 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that according to the said order the work had to be completed within January, 1958 ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that after the work was completed, abruptly another order, *vide* No.678, dated 23rd January, 1958 was issued to stop any further work ?

(d) Whether Government proposed to pay the contractor for the work done ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Agriculture) replied:

232.(a)—Yes, the Lowzan Bund and Embankment Project in Godhuli Bazar Mouza of Sibsagar Subdivision was sanctioned for Rs.1,219 as Government contribution. Shri Janak Gogoi was Secretary of the Project.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, the Secretary was asked to stop further work on the project on receipt of a complaint lodged by Superintendent, Amgoori Tea Estate.

(d)—A report is being called for as to whether the bund would be completed on the basis of the original specification or revised specification. On receipt of the report it will be examined whether the work can be completed and payment made.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): With regard to answer (c), may I know why Government did not invite any complaint before the construction was begun ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) : It is not a Government construction. Public undertake this project on self-help basis. Government was to give technical advice and half of the cost. When we were about to do so at that time complaint came and naturally it had to be enquired into and actually it was enquired into.

Resignation of Shri Abu Saadat Bhuyan from Mauzadarship in Bagribari Mauza

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

(a) Whether Shri Abu Saadat Bhuyan was the Mouzadar of Bagribari Mouza and if so, since when he resigned from this Mouzadarship ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that upto this time his money, the irrecoverable amount paid to the Government by this Mouzadar has not been refunded to him ?

(c) If so, what is that amount and since when this is not paid ?

- (d) When the amount will be paid to him ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the late Mouzadar submitted several petitions for the refund of his money ?
- (f) Why there has been delay in making this payment ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

233.(a)—Yes. He resigned in 1950.

(b) & (c)—It is not a fact that no amount has been refunded to the Mouzadar. A sum of Rs.195 75 n. P. has already been paid and a claim for Rs.303.36 nP. is now pending since 1954.

(d)—The claims of the Mouzadar are being investigated and the amounts due will be paid to him as soon as the investigation is completed.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The Mouzadar preferred claims in May, 1954. The claims were found vague as they did not contain necessary particulars of the defaulters. He was asked to furnish the required particulars in June, 1954 ; but these were not furnished till June, 1957. This delay in furnishing the particulars is causing delay in verifications of the claims as the concerning records have become old. Also the claims relate to a good number of defaulters living in widely separated villages in the Char areas of the Brahmaputra. This has also caused delay in completing the investigation and in payment.

A grant of Rs. 500 to each Lower Primary School taken over by Government

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government have granted Rs. 500 to each Lower Primary School taken over last year, *i. e.*, in March, 1958 ?
- (b) Whether the said amount has since been paid to the Schools concerned ?
- (c) If not, why not, and if paid, when it was paid ?

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

234. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Necessary funds were placed with the respective School Boards. It is being ascertained if these Boards made payments to the Schools concerned.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) : In reply to (b) & (c) it said : It is being ascertained. আমাৰ প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক পঠাৰ একমাহ হল ইমান সময় পোৱাৰ পিচতো কিয় এতিয়ালৈকে ascertain কৰিব লাগে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) : মই জনাত টকাটো বিতৰণ কৰা হৈছে।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA : কোন মাহত টকা পঠিওৱা হৈছিল ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : ১৯৫৮ চনৰ ৩১ মাৰ্চৰ ভিতৰত।

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) : সত্ৰী মহোদয়ে পাঁচশ টকাকৈ non-recurring grant দিয়াৰ কথা কৈছে সেইটো কোন শিতানৰ পৰা দিয়া হৈছে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : সেই টকা Savings Head ৰ পৰা দিয়া হয়।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) : Lower Primary School বিলাকত দিয়া টকাটোৰ হিচাবৰ বাবে কি ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education) : Deputy Inspector ৰ জৰিয়তে টকাৰ হিচাব লবলৈ বন্ধ কৰা হয়। বহুত সময়ত টকাৰ অপব্যয় হোৱাৰ কথাও জনা হৈছে।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) : এনে-কৈয়ে টকা দিয়া চলি থাকিব নে বন্ধ হব ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education) : উপায় পালে আমি সবহ ধন দিবলৈ ভাল পাওঁ। কিন্তু বৰ্তমানৰ সম্বললৈ চাই আৰম্ভ কৰাৰ শক্তি অনুসাবে প্ৰসাদ বিলোৱাৰ নিচিনাকৈ দিবলৈ বাধ্য হৈছোঁ—

Shri HARINARAYAN BARUA (Teok) : এই বছৰ যোৰহাটত কোন কোন স্কুলক দিয়া হৈছে ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH : সেইটো নতুন প্ৰশ্ন—নাটিক লাগিব।

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) : এই পাঁচশটক যে টকা দিয়া হৈছে সেইটকা State Basic Board ব জৰিয়তে দিছেনে চৰকাৰে নিজে দিছে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM RAS (Deputy Minister, Education) : Basic Education Officer ব জৰিয়তে দিয়া হৈছে ।

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY : Basic Board ব জৰিয়তে কিয় দিয়া নহয় ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education) : আমি এই State Basic Board টো এটা Advisory Committee বুলি লও আৰু সেইমতে ডাঙৰ ডাঙৰ Policy matter বিলাকৰ কাৰণে পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ে । এনে ধৰনৰ সৰু-সুৰা কামবিলাকত এই বোর্ডক আবদ্ধ ৰাখিলে আমাৰ ডাঙৰ কামবিলাকত বাধা পৰিব ।

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katanigaon) : চৰকাৰে কিছুমান টকা পোনপটিয়াটক দিয়ে আৰু কিছুমান টকা Basic Board এ দিয়ে তেতিয়া একেটা স্কুলে কেইবাটাও grant পোৱাৰ সম্ভাবনা নাথাকেনে ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH : আমি সমুদায় টকাই Basic Board ব শিতানৰ পৰা দিও । সেই টকা জিলাই জিলাই Basic Education Officer বিলাকে দি দিয়ে । চৰকাৰৰ পোনপটিয়াটক দিবলৈ আন ব্যৱস্থা নাই ।

Mr. SPEAKER : প্রশ্ন হল সেই গ্ৰাণ্ট চৰকাৰে দিয়ে নে Basic Board এ দিয়ে ।

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH : সেই বিলাক চৰকাৰে Basic Education Officer ব জৰিয়তে দিয়ে ।

Mr. SPEAKER : Here the question was that the Basic Education Board gives grants to the schools. This money was paid by the Government to the Schools Boards without reference to the Basic Education Board. The question is whether there is any overlapping.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : No Sir, there is no overlapping because the amounts were paid through the Basic Education officer.

Shri RADHA KISHAN KHEMKA (Tinsukia) : যি টকা দিয়া হৈছে সেইটো আমাৰ ডিব্ৰুগড়ত দিয়া হৈছে নে নাই ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : য'ত য'ত স্কুল লোৱা হৈছে সেই সকলোতে দিয়া হৈছে ।

Dr. RAM PRASAD CHAUBEY (Lakhipur) : Regarding appointment of teachers there is a provision that the Secretary in consultation with the Chairman would appoint the teachers, but sometimes other members also want that they should be consulted whether this is practicable ?

Mr. SPEAKER : That does not arise from this question. The hon. member will have to put another question to that.

Srimati JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West): It has been said that the money was given through the Basic Education Board Secretary and it has also been said that the Basic Education Board is not consulted: I want to know from Government whether it is desirable or not that the Basic Education Board should be referred in such cases?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): Sir, the Basic Education Board sits once or twice a year and generally at the time of preparation of the Budget, these things are done by the Basic Education Officer and all matters are not placed before the Basic Education Board.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জানেন যে Basic Education Board Act মতে এই Board তিনি বাহে তিনি বাহে বহির নাগে?

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member says that under the Act the Basic Education Board should meet four times in a year.

DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education): এই বিলাক কাগজতহে আছিল আগতেও বহা নাছিল বর্তমান আমি আইন মতে বহুবাৰ যত্ন কৰিছোঁ।

Mr. SPEAKER: No, no. There is a difference between the two statements. The hon. member says that under the Act there is a provision that the Basic Education Board is to meet four times a year, but the Deputy Minister says that this Board sits only once or twice a year—how do you reconcile that?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: Sir, the Sarda Act was passed a decade ago but that Act was not implemented. In this case also although provision in the Act is there, in the past sittings were not held as provided therein. We have discussed this matter in the Basic Education Board and we are trying to hold meetings according to law.

Middle Vernacular Schools sanctioned in the State from the provision of 1957-58 Budget

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that some Middle Vernacular Schools were sanctioned in the State from provision of 1957-58 Budget?

(b) If so, what was the number?

(c) Whether it is also a fact that only two teachers were sanctioned for each of the schools?

(d) Whether such Middle Vernacular School teachers submitted memorandum to Government requesting for additional teachers and other staff?

(e) Whether Government propose to consider their representation ?

(f) Whether it is also a fact that Government, have sanctioned one English teacher for each Middle Vernacular School ?

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

235. (a)—Yes.

(b)—45.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The question whether additional teacher for any of the schools is necessary will be examined on merit of each case.

(f)—Yes, only in Middle Vernacular Schools proposed to be converted into Senior Basic Schools because English has been introduced as an additional subject.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra):

প্রশ্নোত্তর (E) ত আছে যে—

এতিয়া যে Merit ত ভিত্তি কৰি লব লাগে সেইটো Merit নোচোৱাটোকেই স্কুলবিলাক লৈছিল নেকি ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education) : চাব, এই স্কুলবোৰ যেতিয়া লোৱা হয়, তেতিয়া ইয়াৰ প্ৰসাৰণ (Expansion) ইমান খব খেদাটো হৈছিল যে উপযুক্ত Standard লৈ চালে বহুত স্কুলেই বাদ পৰিব। Standard কম থাকিলেও লব লগীয়া হৈছে।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA : কালি মন্ত্ৰীসহোদয়ে কৈছিল যে আমি Quality হে চাব লাগে আজি আকৌ কৈছে যে Lower Primary স্কুলবিলাক লগতে Standard চোৱা হোৱা নাই। এইটো কেনে যুক্তি দিছে।

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education) : যুক্তি দিয়াৰ কোনো কথা নাই। বহুতেই জানে যে If wishes were horses even beggars could ride যিহওক মুহূৰ্ত্ততে সকলোখিনি নহয়। আমাৰ মুখ্য উদ্দেশ্য হল Quality বৃদ্ধি কৰা। ইয়াৰ কাৰণে স্কুল অনুপাতে প্ৰশিক্ষণ প্ৰাপ্ত শিক্ষকৰ প্ৰয়োজন। এই প্ৰয়োজন অনুসাৰে শিক্ষক উলিয়াবলৈ আমি পৰিচালনে যত্ন কৰিছো শিক্ষক পালেই সংখ্যা আৰু মানদণ্ডৰ সমন্বয় ঘটিব।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): মই কৈছো তিনিটা Class দুজন শিক্ষকে পঢ়াব পাৰে নেকি ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education): হয় চাব, আমি যেতিয়া প্ৰাইমাৰী মহলাত অধ্যয়ন কৰিছিলো, তেতিয়া এজন শিক্ষকে তিনিটা শ্ৰেণীক পঢ়াইছিল। তাৰ ঠাইত বৰ্তমান দুজনে পঢ়ায়। সেই অনুপাতে এতিয়া শতকৰা একভাগ বৃদ্ধি হৈছে। (হাঁহি)

Mr. SPEAKER: I think there is a lot of improvement since the Minister was a student.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: Yes, Sir, there is 100 per cent improvement, but we require a few years to come to a certain reasonable standard.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur): কথা হৈছে যে Middle Vernacular স্কুল বিলাকত English টো এটা অতিৰিক্ত বিষয় সন্মুখাই দিয়াৰ পিচতো Middle Vernacular স্কুলৰ মানদণ্ড ওখ খাপৰ বুলি নবৰি এতিয়াও তল খাপৰ বুলি অভিহিত কৰাৰ যুক্তি কি ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: ইয়াতো যুক্তি আছে। মধ্য-ইংৰাজী স্কুলৰ সাহিত্য, গণিতৰ মান অপেক্ষাকৃত ওখ কৰা হৈছে।

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog): How many English Teachers have been appointed so far in the Middle Vernacular schools ?

Shri RADHIKARAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): Two hundred Sir.

The two flood affected Mauzas, Mahmora and Khaloighogra by the Desang river

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that the entire Mahmora and Khaloighogra are affected by the flood of the Desang every year ?

(b) Whether Government has received any representation to construct bund from Banamali to Nangalamara on the right bank of the Desang ?

(c) Whether the mauzas Khaloighogra and Mahmora fall under the Sonari National Extension Service Block ?

- (d) Whether the bund from Desangpani (joining point of Sepon Suffry Road) to Patsaku Sepon Suffry Road can be constructed from out of the C. D. Fund of Sonari Development Block ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W. D. (Embankment and Drainage)] replied:

236. (a)—Some areas of the two mouzas are sometimes affected to some extent by floods of Desang river.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—A sum of Rs.1,80,000 is available for construction of this bund out of funds of the Sonari Development Block and an estimate amounting to Rs.2,68,800 for the same has already been prepared and is under the scrutiny of the Superintending Engineer, Eastern Embankment and Drainage Circle, Dibrugarh.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) : বৰ্ত্তমান দিয়া এই মঠাউৰিব কাণ্ডটো গবল কৰিবৰ যত্ন কৰিবনে ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W. D. (Embankment and Drainage)]: Sir, under the Financial Rules two funds can be combined together. Therefore, either this present estimate will have to be lowered to one lakh eighty thousand or the programme should be phased in such a manner that we can do the work from two different funds.

Professional loan to Shri Phikir Chand Adhikari, a refugee Muktear of Barpeta Bar

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

237. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that sanction was given for Rs. 3,000 as professional loan to be given to Shri Phikir Chand Adhikari, a refugee Muktear of Barpeta Bar?

(b) Whether it is a fact that half of the said amount has not yet been paid to this refugee Muktear?

(c) If so, whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the causes of this non-payment till now?

(d) When Government propose to pay the balance?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

237. (a)—Yes, once by the Subdivisional Officer for Rs. 1,500 and later by the Deputy Commissioner for the balance as the Subdivisional Officer is not competent to sanction a loan beyond Rs. 1,500.

(b)—No, the amount has been paid in full.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : May I know, Sir, when the second instalment was sanctioned and when it was paid ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) : The second Instalment was sanctioned on 1st October, 1958 and paid on 18th March, 1959.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED : What is the reason of the delay in payment ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : The sanction was sent by the Deputy Commissioner on 1st October, 1958 to the Subdivisional Officer which was lost on transit. Sub-divisional Officer took some time to make enquiries and thereafter the money was paid.

Number of Primary and Middle Schools in Tihu, Bara-ma, Bortola, Ghograpar, Tamulpur and Nalbari

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

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

(a) The number of Primary and Middle Schools under the recognised Sub-Inspector of Schools circle of Tihu, Barama, Bortola, Ghograpar, Tamulpur and Nalbari to be shown circle by circle ?

(b) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties of the people of Uparbarisleg Mauza in the Nalbari circle and Thana for the Schools of the area not being attached to Nalbari Circle?

(c) Whether Government propose to set up another Sub-Inspector of Schools Circle at Nalbari to remove the difficulties ?

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

238. (a)—Number of Schools :—

| | | | | | Primary | Middle Vernacular |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------------------|
| Tihu | .. | ... | ... | ... | 96 | 5 |
| Barama | .. | ... | ... | ... | 124 | 7 |
| Bortola | .. | .. | ... | ... | 115 | 8 |
| Ghograpar | ... | ... | ... | ... | 128 | 18 |
| Tamulpur | | ... | ... | ... | 110 | 5 |
| Nalbari | ... | .. | ... | ... | 159 | 18 |

(b)—No formal complaints have been received although it has been pointed out by some that this mauza could be conveniently attached to Nalbari Circle. The new distribution of the Sub-Inspector's Circle was made only this year (April, 1958) and it will be examined if the distribution of circle calls for adjustment.

(c)—There is a possibility of having a few more Sub-Inspectors for Gauhati Subdivision next year. But it is too early to say how many new posts will be created and how the circles will be re-distributed. Nalbari is one of the heavier circles and its case will of course be considered along with others.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) : Sir, the Education Minister has said that the number of schools placed under each Sub-Inspector is 70. May I know why the number of schools under all Sub-Inspector of Schools in Nalbari area is more than 70 ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) : This is the case not only in Nalbari circle but in all other areas due to dearth of Sub-Inspectors. But we are taking up the question of Nalbari this year for appointing more Sub-Inspectors there.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY : But Government has stated that the number of schools per Sub-Inspector is 70 and now the Deputy Minister has said that the number of schools in other areas also is more than 70 per Sub-Inspector. How can this be Sir ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): Yes, Sir, it has been mentioned by the Minister that it should be 70 but in many other areas the number of schools have had to be more than 70 due to dearth of Inspectors.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East): Sir, I want a clarification about this.

Mr. SPEAKER : If the hon. member is not satisfied he can raise a half an-hour discussion on this point.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY : I am not satisfied Sir.

Removal of the fencing for entrance to the adjoining road of the Panitola Bazar

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur was requested by the President, Gharbandi Rural Panchayat, *vide* letter No.GRP./92, dated 11th October, 1956 to take steps to remove the fencing or to grant entrance to the adjoining road of the Panitola Bazar which was erected by the Panitola Tea Estate in 1955 or 1954 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Road to which the entrance has been closed from the Bazar was being used by the public since 1930 or so ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that a copy of the said letter was also sent to the then Revenue Minister by the President, Gharbandi Rural Panchayat, *vide* his letter No.GRP./93, dated 11th October, 1956 ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the Dibrugarh Local Board had to abandon a Bazar on Dag No.53,32 and 31 of Panitola Town due to the closure of the entrance by the said Tea Company ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Dibrugarh Local Board also represented the case to the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur in 1954 or 1955 ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that no action has yet been taken by the local Deputy Commissioner on the representation of the Rural Panchayat in spite of reminders ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

239. (a) to (f)—The hon. Member is referred to the Assembly question No. 206 (Starred) replied on 25th April last in the Budget Session of the Assembly 1958.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Sir, may I know why the Deputy Commissioner did not take any action to remove the fencing which was erected by the Tea Garden Manager on the thoroughfare which was used by the public since the year 1930 ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) : The Deputy Commissioner had no power to remove it. This is a private property and the fencing was erected on a private land and therefore the Deputy Commissioner has no power to remove it.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : May I know whether the Minister-in-charge know that the road was being used by the public as a thoroughfare although the land belongs to the tea garden ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : I am not personally aware of that and the reply was already given on a previous occasion. Regarding the question as to whether it was used by the public from 1930; even if that be so, if the garden kept it closed form time to time, even for a day in a year, the public will acquire no right.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : May I know whether the Minister-in-charge know that due to the erection of this fencing, the public was put to difficulty ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : That may be so.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : Does the Minister himself know that the Deputy Commissioner was approached by the local rural panchayat asking him to requisition that portion of land ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : That we are not aware of.

Confirmation of Shri Dharma Prasad Gogoi and Shri Kamoda Sarma as Sub-Inspector of Police

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)

asked :

240. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Dharma Prasad Gogoi and Shri Kamoda Sarma, both Sub-Inspectors of Police had been confirmed just before their retirement after rendering more than 23 years service in officiating rank of Sub-Inspector ?
- (b) Whether there is any difference in condition of service between a permanent and confirmed officer and if so, what is that ?
- (c) What principles are followed in confirming officer in Government service ?
- (d) Whether the same principle is applied in all Departments ?
- (e) What is the maximum time limit for serving in an officiating capacity for an officer to be confirmed ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)

replied :

240. (a)—Both Shri Dharma Prasad Gogoi and Shri Kamoda Mohan Sarma were confirmed in the rank of Sub-Inspector with effect from 18th March, 1958, *i.e.*, about four months before their retirement. Sarvashri Sarma and Gogoi rendered continuous officiating service in the rank of Sub-Inspector for 9 years 7 months 16 days and 7 years 8 months 24 days respectively before their confirmation as Sub-Inspector.

(b)—There is no difference.

(c)—The principles generally followed in confirming officers in Government service are seniority-*cum*-suitability subject to availability of vacancies and subject to passing of departmental examination where necessary.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No maximum time limit for serving in an officiating capacity has been laid down by Government. Government servants are confirmed when permanent vacancies occur in the rank in which they officiate subject to their suitability for the purpose.

Concurrence of the Assam Public Service Commission for promotion of Inspector to the rank of D.S.P.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)
asked :

241. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether promotion to the rank of D. S. P. from Inspector requires the concurrence of the Assam Public Service Commission ?
- (b) Whether the promotion made under Regulation 3 (e) of the Assam Public Service Commission Regulation to the rank of D. S. P. requires approval of the Public Service Commission for ultimate confirmation ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that in the month of November 1958, Inspector of Police, Shri Jogesh Chandra Rajkhowa was promoted to the rank of D.S.P. under Assam Public Service Commission Regulation 3 (e) ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that his case was turned down by the Public Service Commission twice when submitted for approval ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that he was the junior-most of those Inspectors whose cases were turned down similarly by the Public Service Commission ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied:

241. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Regulation 3 (e) and 4 (d) of the Assam Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1951, provides for direct recruitment to a temporary

post created in a service which is not likely to last for more than four months and for officiating promotion for a period which is not likely to last for more than one year respectively. The appointment or promotion, as the case may be, made under the above provisions requires regularisation through Public Service Commission if these are to continue beyond the period mentioned in these provisions. Once the appointment of officiating promotion is thus regularised further approval of Public Service Commission is not necessary for confirming the incumbents in those posts.

(c)—Shri Jogesh Chandra Rajkhowa, Inspector of Police was promoted as a purely temporary measure as Assistant Commandant (D. S. P. rank), 3rd B. S. F. in the month of November 1958, under Regulation 4 (d) of the Assam Public Service Commission (Limitation of Functions) Regulations, 1951. He has since been reverted to his substantive post in February last.

(d)—The case of Shri Jogesh Chandra Rajkhowa was not approved by the Assam Public Service Commission in recommending names of Inspectors for promotion as D. S. P. in 1957 only.

(e)—No.

Quota of Corrugated Iron Sheets allotted to the District of Nowgong in the year 1957-58 and 1958-59

Maulavi NURUL ISLAM (Dhing) asked:

242. Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The quota of Corrugated Iron Sheets allotted to the District of Nowgong during the year 1957-58 and 1958-59 ?
- (b) How many individual persons applied for permits to buy Corrugated Iron Sheets and how many of them got permits in the above mentioned years ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that many people have done frame works which were rotting in the sun and rain for years together and thereby entailing great loss and whether it is a fact that no Corrugated Iron Sheets are granted without having the frame work done by the applicant for permits ?

- (d) Whether Government regard the District of Nowgong as a Subdivision instead of a District without any Subdivision in distributing quota of Corrugated Iron Sheets ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to raise the quota of G.C.I. Sheets of Nowgong and supply sufficient stock to meet the local demand ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied:

242.(a)—1957-58—319 tons.

1958-59—105 tons (upto period II/1958-59).

(b)—4769 individuals applied in 1957-58 and 1045 individuals received permits. During 1958-59, 1235 individuals applied and 314 individuals received permits.

(c)—Yes, due to inadequate supply. Preference is generally given to those having standing frame.

(d)—No. Nowgong is regarded as a District in the matter of distribution of Corrugated Iron Sheets.

(e)—Government will raise the quota if increased allotment is made by the Government of India.

Demand for a School Board at Pathsala by the people of Bajali Circle

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the people of the Bajali Circle is demanding a School Board at Pathsala ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the creation of a separate School Board at Pathsala has been raised in the memorandum read out on behalf of the people in the largely attended public meeting, held on 17th November, 1958, during the A. P. C. C. Session ?
- (c) Whether Government will be pleased to create a separate School Board at Pathsala ?

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

243. (a) & (b)—Government have no information.

(c)—Not at present as the question will have to be examined in all its aspects.

**Medicines given to patients by Medical Officers
of European-owned Tea Gardens
without a written prescription**

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked:

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

(a) Whether he is aware that the Medical Officers and Assistant Medical Officers of most of the European-owned Tea gardens give medicine to patients without a written prescription as provided in the prescribed form under the Plantation Act ?

(b) If so, what action has been taken by the Government in the matter ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister for Labour) replied :

244. (a)—Under the provisions of the Plantation Labour Act, 1951 and the Rules framed thereunder, no form has been prescribed for writing such prescription.

(b)—Does not arise.

**Auditing the Accounts Kharupatia Government
Aided High School**

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgoan) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that the accounts of the Kharupatia Government Aided High School were audited by an auditor of Local Accounts last year ?

(b) If so, what steps have so far been taken by Government to settle the irregularities and objections as noted by the Auditor ?

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

245. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Inspector of Schools, Central Assam Circle was asked to take necessary actions in respect of irregularities and objections.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) : May I know what are the irregularities ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : There are irregularities and some defalcations of money by the *Ex-Headmaster* and by the Secretary and there are also many other objections.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) : In view of the defalcations of money of many High School, will Government consider to strengthen the Inspectors by providing them with audit staff ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : That matter is under consideration of the Government to strengthen the audit staff.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN : Are Government aware that the person at fault has been kept under suspension by the Committee ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Yes.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : What step has been taken by Government to realise the money defalcated ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : We have instructed the Inspector of Schools to take action for realisation of the money.

Md. MATLEBUDDIN : May I know When the money will be realised ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : If it is proved to be a defalcation case, it shall have to be handed over to the police.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education): The position is like this Sir. The accounts are to be audited by the Examiner of Local Accounts but there is a great shortage of staff with the Examiner of Local Accounts. Some of them are also so raw that they cannot detect cases. So a large number of the Aided High Schools Accounts are not what they ought to have been.....

Mr. SPEAKER : From what we heard from the hon. members in this House, things seem to have been under-estimated. But in view of the fact that the Deputy Minister revealed that there was a defalcation case, a question arises as to what step is proposed to be taken to realise the money.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education): In this case, the matter will be examined as to whether it will stand in the court because if two or three cases fail in the court then there will be some sort of demorale in the mind of the persons concerned. Therefore we are trying to take the help of the Public prosecutor to find out as to whether there is a likelihood of the case to stand in the court. If not then we do not like to go to the court but just try to realise the money otherwise.

Introduction of Provident Fund Scheme in Tea Gardens

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked:

246. (a) Whether Provident Fund Scheme is introduced in Bidyanagar Tea Estate ?

(b) If not, why not ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that some of the tea garden owners or planters in Assam have been penalised for not introducing the Provident Fund Scheme in their gardens ?

(d) If so, will Government be pleased to lay the full particulars of the same on the table ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

246. (a)—It has not been introduced as yet.

(b)—The main ground is paucity of funds.

(c)—Government are not aware of any such case.

(d)—No case has so far been instituted for non-introduction of Provident Fund Scheme.

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi): May I know whether there is any justification in asking the other tea garden owners to introduce the Provident Fund Scheme when Government itself is a defaulter :

Shri HARESWAR DAS: This scheme has not been able to be introduced in the Government-managed garden due to paucity of funds. Now there is a proposal to change the management and an advertisement has already been issued inviting private parties to undertake this management. If that is done, the scheme should be introduced in that garden.

Proposal to extend the Kirai-Ali of Salaguri Mauza up to the Trunk Road, Via Charing

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government propose to extend the Kirai-Ali of Salaguri Mouza, Sibsagar Subdivision up to the Trunk Road *via* Charing ?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) If not, why not ?

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

247. (a), (b) & (c)—The proposal for improvement of the remaining portion of the Kirai Ali (4 miles out of total 6 miles) in Salaguri Mouza in Sibsagar Subdivision was put in the last meeting of A. R. C. The Board recommended that all new proposals should be sent up to the Subdivisional Development Board for initial consideration and allocation of priority when any new development programme is drawn up in future, or inclusion in the 3rd Five Year Plan.

Regarding the Vacant Post of Chairman, Silchar School Board

Shri TAJAMMUL ALI BARLASKAR (Udarband) asked :

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

(a) From what date the post of the Chairman, Silchar School Board is vacant ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that due to the absence of the Chairman, the School Board is not functioning properly ?

(c) Why the post of the Chairman is not filled up as yet ?

(d) Whether Government propose to nominate a Chairman for the said Board immediately ?

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

248. (a)—10th January 1957.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—Government is considering the matter.

Regarding the Scheme of Three Years Degree Course

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon)
asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government has formulated the details of three years degree course ?
- (b) Whether the Scheme has been finalised ?
- (c) When it will be implemented ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister for Education)
replied:

249. (a)—The details are being worked out by the Gauhati University.

(b)—No.

(c)—Likely date is 1962-63.

Facilities to Women Educations

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon)
asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government of India has decided to help the State Government for giving more facilities to Women Educations ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that accordingly an amount of Rs. 2,500 (two thousand and five hundred) will be given to the Girls Schools of rural areas for construction of quarter of female teachers ?
- (c) If so, whether the State Government has taken up the Scheme ?
- (d) If so, how many Schools have been given this grant ?

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

250. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. Government have fixed the grant at Rs.450 per quarter.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—200 (two hundred) Schools.

Number of Labour Welfare Centres during the Second Five Year Plan period

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

(a) The number of Labour Welfare Centres proposed to be opened in the State during the Second Five-Year Plan period ?

(b) Whether any of the above Centres has been started so far ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister for Labour) replied :

251. (a)—25 Community Centres for Plantation Labour and 4 Welfare Centres for Urban Industrial Labour.

(b)—Construction of 2 Community Centres for Plantation Labour and 1 Welfare Centre for Urban Industrial Labour have been taken up this year.

(c)—The Centres will be opened as soon as the constructions are completed. Due to difficulties in getting suitable land and the revised type plan the work could not be started earlier.

Granting of special privileges to the students of other Backward Classes

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

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

(a) Whether some sort of survey was made for the students belonging to the other Backward Classes in all institutions during 1957-58 ?

- (b) Whether Government contemplate to grant some special privileges to the students of the other Backward Classes ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that some institutions allowed free-studentships to all students of the other Backward Classes ?

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

252. (a)---No such survey was made.

(b)—Special privileges are being given to the students of Backward Classes and Government have recently issued orders to increase the number of reserved scholarships by 100 per cent in addition to the existing scholarships available for the students of other Backward Classes.

(c)—Government have no information.

Disbursement of storm damage repair grants for 1957-58 by the Gauhati School Board

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked:

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

- (a) To how many Schools Gauhati School Board disbursed storm damage repair grants for 1957-58 fully and for what was the amount granted ?
- (b) To how many Schools repair grants was in 1957-58 by the Gauhati School Board and the amount so granted ?
- (c) Whether Dokaha L. P. School, and Balitara L. P. School and Khajara Kanya Bidyalaya was paid the storm damage repair grants sanctioned by Government and if so, what amounts ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that self-help grants of Rs.1,500 sanctioned to Dokaha L.P. School, Balitara L.P. No. I by Government for 1957-58 have not been fully paid by the Gauhati School Board to the Schools concerned ?
- (e) Whether the School Board is authorised to withhold payment of earmarked Government grants ?

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

253. (a)—374 Schools.

The amount was Rs.1,96,750

(b)—121 Schools.

The amount was Rs.30,000

(c)—Yes, Dokaha L. P.—Rs.1,125 and Balitara L.P.—Rs. 600 were paid in full. As regards Kharjara Kanya Vidyalaya, the second instalment has not been paid pending scrutiny.

(d)—The Schools have been paid fully.

(e)—Yes, when conditions are not fulfilled.

Financial Assistance to the Co-operative Farming Society of Nowgong

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that some of the *ex-servicemen* of Nowgong District, have formed a Co-operative Farming Society (Registered No.76, dated 13th February 1955) and started agricultural farming at Dwarsalona, Nowgong District?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Government is not yet offering any financial assistance to this Society though prayed for many a times?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to extend such assistance at the earliest?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge of Co-operation) replied:

254. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Financial assistance by way of loan to all Co-operatives is given through the Central Financing Agency, *i.e.*, Central Bank and not directly by the Government.

(c)—Loans are granted by the Central Bank. The case of a deserving society will receive due consideration of the Bank.

Delay in sanctioning Stipends to the Plains Tribal Students of Assam during the year 1958-59.

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

- (a) Why there was delay in sanctioning stipends of the Plains Tribal students in the State of Assam during the year 1958-59?
- (b) Whether steps will be taken for early sanctioning of stipends to deserving Plains Tribal students in future?
- (c) If not, why not?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas Department) replied:

255. (a)—Under the existing procedure applications for these special scholarships as well as renewal of those sanctioned in previous year are to be submitted to the Director of Public Instruction through the respective Heads of Institutions on or before 14th of August every year. Even the time now allowed for submission of applications is not sufficient, as most of the schools where the Plains Tribal students are reading are situated in the outlying areas and in fact applications from deserving students continued pouring in the Director of Public Instruction's office even after the prescribed date.

The applications are scrutinised and tabulated in Director of Public Instruction's office and in view of the huge number of applications involved, a considerable time is needed to complete the process. On completion of the tabulation work the lists are then placed before a Selection Committee, constituted on the recommendation of the State Advisory Council for welfare of Plains Tribals for final selection of the students for award of the scholarships. The observance of these formalities at the different stages takes time and award of the scholarships was, therefore, unavoidably delayed.

(b)—Yes. Government is examining the steps and procedure that may be taken whereby the award of these

scholarships can be made early in the year for the benefit of the Plains Tribal students.

(c)—Does not arise.

Requisition of Land in Bhergaon Tea Estate, Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is a Tea Estate "Bhergaon" by name in the Sekhare Mouza, Kalaigaon Circle of Mangaldai Subdivision ?
- (b) What is the total quantity of land of that garden ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Government has requisitioned a portion of land of this garden since five years back ?
- (d) If so, what was the total quantity of land requisitioned ?
- (e) Whether that land has been distributed ?
- (f) If so, what criterion has been taken at the time of distribution ?
- (g) If not, why not ?
- (h) When will it be distributed ?
- (i) Whether the other portion of the grant which is suitable for cultivation be requisitioned ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

256. (a)—Yes.

(b)—700 acres.

(c) & (d)—An area of 159B-1K-9L of land was requisitioned on 25th March 1958.

(e)—No, the land was derequisitioned on appeal by proprietor of the garden.

g) & (h)—Do not arise.

No. An area of 120 Bighas is under paddy. But
 er cultivation of tea garden labourers and as
 requisitioned.

Construction of Chakchaka-Dhupguri Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

- (a) When was Chakchaka-Dhupguri Road constructed ?
- (b) What was the cost of the road ?
- (c) Why the road has been abandoned by Public Works Department ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the road was constructed under the supervision of the present Additional Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) ?

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

257. (a) & (c)—There is no road named as Chakchaka-Dhupguri Road borne in the books of Public Works Department. Perhaps the hon. Member means the road taken up under Defence Budget during last Great War under the name "Construction of Diversion Road near Sorbhog Air Field" abandoned since 1st April 1946 when allotment was stopped by Defence Department.

(b)—The total expenditure upto 1st April 1946 is Rs.1,58,384.

(d)—May be, but it cannot be definitely said as it is a very old matter.

District Transport Officer, Shillong

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

258. Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is an attached District Transport officer posted in the Headquarters at Shillong?

(b) If so, since when ?

(c) What particular functions and duties are allotted to him ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport)
replied :

258. (a)—Yes as a leave reservist.

(b)—8th July, 1953.

(c)—Assisting the State Transport Commissioner and performs duties allotted to him.

Transfer of District Transport Officer, Mr. Bora from Dhubri

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)
asked :

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

(a) What are the circumstances that led to the transfer of District Transport Officer, Mr. Bora by telegram from Dhubri ?

(b) When the said officer handed over charge at Dhubri and to whom ?

(c) Whether his successor has joined his duties ?

(d) If not, when his successor is expected to join ?

(e) Whether Government are aware of the difficulties of the public due to long absence of District Transport Officer at Dhubri and loss sustained thereby ?

(f) Whether Government are prepared to compensate the loss incurred by the public ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport)
replied :

259. (a)—For administrative reasons and in the interest of Public service.

(b)—On the 18th January 1959 to Shri Asfar Hussain, Head Assistant of the District Transport Officer's office at Dhubri.

(c)—Yes.

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

(e)—Head Assistant of the District Transport Officer's Office, Dhubri was in charge of the current duties of the District Transport Officer.

(f)—Does not arise.

Matriculation Certificate of Shri S. R. HAZARIKA, a District Transport Officer

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked:

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

- (a) Whether any action has ever been taken to investigate allegation, about the forged Matriculation Certificate of Sri S. R. Hazarika, D. T. O. asked by the questionnaire during the last Budget Session ?
- (b) How long Government will take to verify the certificate from the University ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware of the public feeling that Government is taking dilatory method to shelve the matter ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

260. (a)—On receipt of information from the Union Public Service Commission about the tampering of the age in the Matriculation Certificate by Shri S. R. Hazarika, the Union Public Service Commission was requested to send the original Matriculation Certificate. They indicated their inability to part with the record and sent a photostat copy of the same. We have written to the Calcutta University for a duplicate copy of the Matriculation Certificate of Shri Sreemanta Ram Hazarika.

(b)—Verification of the certificate will be done immediately on receipt of the report from the Calcutta University.

(c)—No, nor has the case been shelved.

Burglary in the Office of D. T. O., Dibrugarh

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that of late there was a burglary in the Office of D. T. O., Dibrugarh ?
- (b) If so, when and what is the amount involved therein ?
- (c) Whether any responsible departmental Officer *viz.*, Transport Commissioner or any other Officer made any local enquiry into it ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

261 (a)—Yes.

(b)—On the 8th November, 1958. The amount involved was Rs. 929.

(c)—No. The matter is investigated by the Police and their report is awaited.

Widening operation of Gauhati-Shillong Road

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

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that occupied lands in and near Nongpoh village were taken by force for widening the Road ?
- (b) Whether the settlers concerned were informed or warned their lands were cut ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that standing crops were also buried under ground by dumping loose earth on paddy fields ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that several complaints were made against such forcible acquisition ?

263. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (R. & B.) be pleased to inform the House if it is the intention of the Government to acquire land for such or any other purpose in the autonomous district by force and not by negotiation ?

(b) What action Government propose to take against those officers who have cut the occupied lands without informing the owners concerned ?

264. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to lay on the table the list of all persons whose lands have been cut during the recent widening operation of the Gauhati-Shillong Road between miles 8 and 31 ?

(b) How much compensation has been paid for these lands and at what rate per acre ?

(c) Whether the Minister-in-charge propose to cause an enquiry made into the allegation of destroying standing crops and make adequate compensation for crop and lands demolished by workers in the road ?

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

262. (a)—No, it is not a fact.

(b)—Yes, their verbal permission was taken and subsequently written confirmations from them have been obtained.

(c)—No, it is not a fact.

(d)—No, there was no forcible occupation.

263. (a)—No, never by force. But by negotiation and seeking co-operation.

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

264. (a)—Recent widening operation is only in miles 30 and 31. The list of owners of land are laid on the Library Table. (Please see library Register No.S.80)

(b)—Compensation as assessed by the Revenue authorities will be paid.

(c)—Enquiry has already been made and it is found that no standing crop was destroyed. Earth cutting or filling operation was carried out with the consent of the owners of respective plots.

Buildings to house the Pathsala P.W.D. (R. & B.) Subdivision Office

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government have made any progress in constructing buildings to house the Pathsala Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) Subdivision Office?

(b) If not, why Government have failed to construct the same in the course of the last 3 or 4 years?

(c) Whether there is any alternative proposal in this regard?

(d) Whether Government are aware that at a largely attended public meeting held at Pathsala during the A. P. C. C. Session on 17th November, 1958 request was made to the Government to make a permanent building to house this Public Works Department Office?

(e) Whether it is a fact that a contractor has been appointed to construct the buildings and in the midst of the work, order was given to stop the work?

(f) Whether the Government will be pleased to construct its own buildings at Pathsala for the Pathsala Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) Subdivision Office?

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

265.(a)—No.

(b)—The land selected for construction of the buildings has not yet been made available.

(c)—No.

(d)—Government have not received any such representation.

(e)—Yes. The work for constructing the buildings was allotted to a contractor on the strength of the written consent of the Pattadars to part with the land. Having failed to get possession of the land, the work had to be stopped till getting possession of the land.

(f)—Yes. The buildings will be constructed as soon as possession of land will be obtained.

Construction of the State Transport Office and staff quarters at Borgong

Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

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

- (a) Whether a plot of land from Sukansuti P. G. R. in Behali Mouza has been acquired for construction of the State Transport Office and staff quarters at Borgong ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Divisional Superintendent of State Transport, Tezpur was directed to furnish necessary proposals for construction of the said buildings, *vide* Director of State Transport Assam's letter No.STHE.57/187/12432, dated Shillong, the 1st May, 1958 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the proposal has already been submitted by him to Government for early decision and necessary action ?
- (d) If not, whether Government will be pleased to take early steps to get the work done by the Department ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

266. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No. The Divisional Superintendent, Tezpur has taken up the matter with the Public Works Department for submission of plan and estimate for construction of a Booking-cum-Waiting Shed at Borgong.

(d)—Yes. Steps have already been taken as will be seen from the reply to Question No. (c).

Completion of certain Public Works Department Roads, Kamrup

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

267. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state why the following incomplete portions of the Public Works Department roads are not yet complete—

- (1) Hudukhata Nowsali Public Works Department Road (the incomplete portion from Nowsali to Rampur),
- (2) Hazua-Bhuyanpara Road (the incomplete portion from Hazua to Bhuyanpara),
- (3) Jalah-Kumarikata Road (the incomplete portion from Barbari to Jalah).
- (4) Athiabari-Goalbil Road (the incomplete portion from Odalbari to Athiabari), and
- (5) Tihu-Haribhanga Road (the incomplete portion of the road) ?

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

267. (1)—The incomplete portion of 3 miles of the Hudukhata-Nowsali Road has been taken up under 2nd Plan and the work is in progress according to plan and programme. The work is expected to be completed during 1960-61.

The entire length of 8 miles of the road has been taken up under Art. 275 Road Plan. The work which is to be completed within the Plan period is except on the disputed portion of the alignment between miles 6 and 8.

(3) & (4)—The proposals for taking up the remaining length of Jalah-Kumarikata Road and Athiabari-Goalbil Road, are not included in any of the approved Road Development Programmes.

(5)—Due to a dispute over the alignment in 3rd mile of the Tihu-Haribhanga Road it has not been possible to complete the work so long.

Bridges over Sonai and Rukni rivers at Sonaimukh, Amraghat and Nagdirgram in the Silchar Subdivision

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai) asked :

268. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state whether construction of work of the proposed bridges over Sonai and Rukni rivers at Sonaimukh, Amraghat and Nagdirgram in the Silchar Subdivision will be started soon and completed during the Second Five Year Plan period ?

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

268. The construction of bridges over Sonai on Matinagar-Dedarkhos Road, Rukni on Kabuganj-Palonghat Road and Amraghat bridge over Sonai is expected to be started by next winter.

These being major bridge projects, their completion depends largely on availability of suitable contractors, materials, and also on allocation of funds by the Planning Commission, according to demands.

Alignment of Tihu-Haribhanga P. W. D. Road

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge has given order to Superintending Engineer

Gauhati for final alignment of Tihu-Haribhanga P. W. D. Road ?

(b) If so, whether the alignment of the disputed portion of Haribhanga-Tihu Road has been finalised?

(c) If not, why not?

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

269. (a)—No, if it is meant in the present tense. Yes, if it is meant in the past tense when the *Ex*-Minister, P. W. D. had passed orders.

(b)—Not yet.

(c)—Works on this portion were initially started by the public at their own initiative, but trouble arose between the land owners and the public while doing the same resulting in certain criminal cases, still pending in the Court of Law and as such it has not been possible to finalise the matter.

Proposal for setting up a Malaria Sub-Centres in Barama

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that Barama Bank of North Kamrup is a malarial place and the people of these areas are generally attacked by malaria ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that there are some proposals for setting up malaria Sub-Centres in the State ?

(c) If so, whether there is any proposal to set up a malaria Sub-Centre at Barama ?

(d) If not, whether Government will be pleased to set up a malaria Sub-Centre at Barama within this financial year ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

270. (a)—We are not aware of such a place as Burma Bank of North Kamrup, but there is a place called Barama which is about 20 miles from Pathsala.

(b)—There are already 14 Units and 53 sub-units in the State and there is no proposal to set up new sub-units.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—No. The Barama area is already covered by Pathsala Malaria sub-unit.

Presentation of the Excess Demands relating to Financial years 1954-55-1955-56

Mr. SPERKER: Mr. Choudhury.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs for the Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Excess Demands relating to Financial years 1955-56.

Presentation of the Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the year 1956-57

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Sangma.

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Areas): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the year 1956-57.

Sir, it is a great privilege for me.....

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister may make a speech when the discussions take place on the motion to be moved in this connection on the 7th.

Presentation of the Financial Statement of the Assam State Electricity Board for the period from 1st June 1958 to 31st March 1959

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Electricity): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the financial Statement of the Assam State Electricity Board for the period from 1st June 1958 to 31st March 1959.

Election of seven Members to the Committee on Public Accounts

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do elect seven Members under Assembly Rule 242 to the Committee on Public Accounts to function from the 15th June 1959.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that this Assembly do elect seven Members under Assembly Rule 242 to the Committee on Public Accounts to function from the 15th June 1959.

(after a pause)

(The question was adopted)

Election of ten Members to the Committee on Estimates

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I beg to move that this Assembly do elect ten Members under Assembly Rule 244 to the Committee on estimates to function from the 15th June 1959.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that this Assembly do elect ten Members under Assembly Rule 244 to the Committee on estimates to function from 15th June 1959.

(after a pause)

(The question was adopted)

Election to the State Advisory Board for Basic Education

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do elect one representative from amongst its Members by the system of single transferrable vote to the State Advisory Board for Basic Education in place of Maulana Abdul Jalil Choudhury who has since ceased to be a Member of the Board.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that this Assembly do elect one representative from amongst its Members to the State Advisory Board for Basic Education in place of Maulana Abdul Jalil Choudhury.

(The question was adopted)

Election to Assam Text Book Committee

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do elect one representative from amongst its Members to the Assam Text Book Committee to fill up the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury, M. L. A. from that Committee till the remaining portion of the term, *i. e.*, upto the 17th December 1959.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that this Assembly do elect one representative from amongst its members to the Assam Text Book Committee in place of Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury.

(after a pause)

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Regulated and Licensed Ware House Bill, 1959

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operatives) :

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Regulated and Licensed Ware House Bill 1959, be referred to a Select Committee. The Select Committee is to submit its report by the last day of August 1959. One-third of the Members will form the quorum, and it will consist of the following Members—

1. Shri Siddhinath Sarma.
2. Shri Khagendra Nath Nath.
3. Shri Mohananda Bora.
4. Shrimati Usha Barthakur.
5. Shri Narendra Nath Sarma.
6. Shri Surendra Nath Das.
7. Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury.
8. Shri Nilmoney Borthakur.
9. Shri Jormanik Siem.
10. The Minister, Finance.
11. Deputy Minister, Co-operatives.
12. Minister-in-charge of the Bill (Minister Co-operatives.)

MR. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that the Assam Regulated and Licensed Ware House Bill, 1959, be referred to a select Committee. The Select Committee is to submit its report by the last day of August 1959. One-third of the Members will form the quorum and it will consist of the following Members—

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10. The Minister, Finance.
11. Deputy Minister, Co-operatives.
12. Minister-in-charge of the Bill (Minister, Co-operatives).

(The motion was adopted)

The Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board (Amendment) Bill, 1959

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Khadi and Village Industries): অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই খাদী বিলখন স্বগীত বাখিবৰ বাবে মই সদনৰ অনুমতি বিচাৰিছো; কাৰণ ইয়াৰ কিছু আসোৱাহ গুচাব লগা হৈছে। আশা কৰো সদনে অনুমতি দিব।

Mr. SPEAKER: When the Government want to withdraw a Bill they should give previous intimation to the Assembly Secretariat. There are amendments already in regard to this Bill. So it is only for the convenience of the hon. Members as well as for the Assembly Secretariat that they should give prior intimation. But in this case if they want to do so, it is all right.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: The inconvenience caused to the House is regretted, Sir. But it was decided only last night that a more comprehensive Bill will be brought. Anyway it is regretted, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: Even then we could have been informed earlier. There was a little time between yesterday evening and this morning—9 O' Clock.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: It will be remembered in future, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Assam Khadi and Village Industries (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be withdrawn.

(after a pause)

(The Bill was withdrawn)

The Assam Ancient Monuments and Records Bill, 1959

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Ancient and Historical Monuments and Records Bill, 1959, be taken into consideration.

Sir, in the Statement of Object and Reasons, the necessity for the Bill as also its utility are clearly stated. You will be pleased to recollect that during the last period of the Lok Sabha, we moved the Central Government on many occasions to include many subjects of ancient and historical value, but the Central Government felt unable to take up matters which

are not of such all India importance, but of State importance, and also for the reason that if they take all these things of all the States, it will be almost unmanageable. Therefore the State Government, with a view to preserve the ancient and historical records and monuments which are of great value to the present generation and which will be of immense value to the posterity, has come forward with this Bill and hence the Bill is introduced, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Ancient Monuments and Records Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was adopted)

(After a pause)

The question is that the Assam Ancient Monuments and Records Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

(The question was adopted)

(After a pause)

The Bill is taken into consideration. There is no amendment.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Ancient and Historical Monuments and Records Bill, 1959 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Ancient and Historical Monuments and Records Bill, 1959 be passed. Now, I find in the bill the words 'and Historical' are not there.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH: I think the House will be kind enough to include the words 'and Historical', Sir.

(Voice—Then it is an amendment)

Mr. SPEAKER: Then in the amendment we will have to bring in the words 'and Historical.' I do not think it is now possible to correct the Bill and so an amendment will have to be brought if necessary.

Now I put the question.

The question is that the Assam Ancient Monuments and Records Bill, 1959 be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1959

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): I beg to move that the Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved: That the Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put as a question by the Chair and adopted)

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that the Assam Famine Relief and Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

(The Motion was put as question by the Chair and adopted)

The Assam Acquisition of Lands for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Amendment) Bill, 1959

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that Assam Acquisition of Lands for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved: That the Assam Acquisition of lands for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question and adopted)

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam State Acquisition of Lands for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved: That the Assam State Acquisition of Lands for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question and adopted)

The Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1959

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be taken into Consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved: That the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

(After a pause)

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question and adopted)

Shri HARESWAR DAS : Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved: That the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question and adopted)

The Elephants' Preservation (Assam Amendment) Bill, 1959

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Elephants' Preservation (Assam Amendment) Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : The Motion moved: That the Elephants' Preservation (Assam Amendment) Bill, 1959 be taken into consideration.

(The Motion was put as a question and adopted)

Shri HARESWAR DAS : Sir, I beg to move that the Elephants' Preservation (Assam Amendment) Bill, 1959, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved: That Elephants' Preservation (Assam Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question and adopted)

(The Assam Evacuee Property (Amendment) Bill, 1959

IV. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs for Minister Finance): Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Evacuee Property (Amendment) Bill, 1959.

Mr. SPEAKER : Is it the pleasure of the House that leave be granted to introduce the Assam Evacuee Property (Amendment) Bill, 1959?

(After a pause)

(Leave was granted)

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs for Minister, Finance): Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Evacuee Property (Amendment) Bill, 1959.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved: That the Assam Evacuee Property (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be introduced.

(The Motion was put as a question and adopted)

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Sir, with regard to items 17 and 18 I crave your indulgence not to move them to-day because the Bills have not yet been received from print and therefore could not be circulated to the hon. Members. I propose to move them tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not want to sit in judgment but when these matters have been placed on the Agenda of the House, it is only meet and proper that the Government should be ready with the Bills and should be in a position to move them; otherwise the whole business of the House is jeopardised. I only hope and pray that we will not have repetition of this kind in future.

Now, item No. 19. Yes, Mr. Prahma.

Government Resolution

Resolution re: for approval of an Expenditure of Rs.24,000 under the head "39.—Public Health"

Shri RUP NATH BRAHMA (Minister, Health): Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of the expenditure of Rs. 24,000 under the head "39.—Public Health" by the re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated below:—

| | General | Sixth Schedule (Part 'A') Areas | Total |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 39.—Public Health— | | | |
| 1. Grant originally voted by the Assembly .. | 99,67,400 | 9,96,900 | 1,09,64,300 |
| Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year. | 3,25,000 | .... | 3,25,000 |
| Total .. | 1,02,92,400 | 9,96,900 | 1,12,89,300 |
| 2. Sub-head under which the re-appropriation will be accounted for (i)—G.—Works—(b)—Repairs— | | | |
| 2. In-charge of Civil Officers | 24,000 | .... | 24,000 |
| 3. Sub-head from which the amount is to be re-appropriated—(i)—G.—Works—(a)—Original Works—2— | | | |
| In-charge of Civil Officers | 24,000 | .... | 24,000 |

I am sorry, Sir, that it could not be placed before the House earlier than to-day.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Resolution moved is : That this Assembly do approve of the expenditure of Rs.24,000 under the head "39.—Public Health" by the re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated above.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): Sir, so many Bills and Amendments have been introduced in the Budget Session that we have not been able to examine them properly. Government should have introduced another sitting of the House in which case it would have been possible for the hon. Members to give their considered opinion on those matters.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order.

The hon. Member should have raised this question as soon as the question hour was over. In any case, however, as this question has been raised, I will consider it.

May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that this is re-appropriation from savings, but saving from where ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Health): Sir, the expenditure has already been incurred so it is now necessary to obtain the approval of the House.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH: Sir, a few days ago the Minister told us when an hon. Member from the opposition wanted to speak about a matter that happened in 1956, that was a question of ancient history. But now the Hon. Minister for Public Health has himself brought in matters which relate to ancient history.

Mr. SPEAKER: We may move it but I raised this point for my own satisfaction. If it is the saving from the last year, is it not a fact that on 31st March all the savings are surrendered ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): The amount was possibly already spent and so there is no savings.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: Expenditure has already been incurred.

Mr. SPEAKER: Anyway, these are matters which have to be gone into later.

The question is that an expenditure of Rs. 24,000 under the head "39.—Public Health" by re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant be approved.

(The question was adopted).

Resolution Re: for approval of an expenditure of Rs.36,000 under the head "39.—Public Health"

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Health): Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of the expenditure of Rs 36,000

under the head "39.—Public Health" by re-appropriation from the savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated below:—

| | General | Sixth Scheduld (Part "A") Areas | Total |
|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 39.—Public Health— | | | |
| I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly .. | 99,67,400 | 9,96,900 | 1,09,64,300 |
| Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year. | 3,25,000 | .... | 3,25,000 |
| Total | 1,02,92,400 | 9,96,900 | 1,12,89,300 |
| II. Sub-head under which the re-appropriation will be accounted for—(i) A. P. H. Establishment—(a) Supdce. and other Establishment— | | | |
| 2. Pay of Establishment | 30,980 | ..... | .... |
| 3. Allowance and Honoraria | 5,020 | .... | 36,000 |
| Total | 36,000 | ..... | 36,000 |
| III. Sub-head from which the amount is to be re-appropriated—(i) A. P. H. Establishment—(a) Supdce. and other Establishment— | | | |
| 1. Pay of officers | 36,000 | .... | 36,000 |

Mr. SPEAKER: The Resolution moved is: That this Assembly do approve of the expenditure of Rs.36,000 under the head "39.—Public Health" by the re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated above.

The resolution was put as question by the Chairs and adopted.

Resolution *Re*-for approval of an expenditure of Rs.56,325—under the head "39.—Public Health"

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Health): Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of the expenditure of Rs.56,325 under

the head "39.—Public Health" by re-appropriation from savings from the sanctioned grant as indicated below:—

| | General | Sixth Schedule (Part "A") Areas | Total |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| (1) | (2) Rs. | (3) Rs. | (4) Rs. |
| "39.—Public Health". | | | |
| 1. Grant originally voted by the Assembly .. | 99,67,400 | 9,96,900 | 1,09,64,300 |
| Additional grant voted by the Assembly during the year. | 3,25,000 | .... | 3,25,000 |
| Total .. | 1,02,92,400 | ..... | 1,12,89,300 |
| 2. Sub-head under which the re-appropriation will be accounted for—(i) Development—Scheme (1st Five-Year Plan)—C.—2.—Epidemic Diseases—(b)—Tuberculosis Organisation— | | | |
| 2. Pay of Establishment | 4,125 | .... | .... |
| 3. Allowances and Honoraria | 5,500 | ..... | ..... |
| 4. Grants-in-aid | 1,300 | .... | .... |
| 5. Contingencies | 17,200 | .... | .... |
| Total .. | 28,125 | ..... | 28,125 |
| (ii) Development Scheme (1st Five Year-Plan)—A.—2.—Public Health Establishment—(b)—Anti-Small Pox Vaccinators— | | | |
| 1. Pay of Establishment | 8,100 | .... | ..... |
| 2. Allowance and honoraria | 20,100 | ..... | ..... |
| Total .. | 28,200 | ..... | 28,200 |

3. Sub-head from which the amount is to be re-appropriated—(i)—Development Scheme—(1st Five Year Plan)—A.—2.—Public Health Establishment—(a)—M. & C. W. Scheme—

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1. Pay of Establishment | 28,125 | .... | .... |
| | 28,200 | ..... | .... |
| | <hr/> | | |
| Total | 56,325 | .... | 56,325 |
| | <hr/> | | |

Mr. SPEAKER : The Resolution moved is : That this Assembly do approve of the expenditure of Rs. 56,325 under the head "39.—Public Health" by re-appropriation from from savings the sanctioned grant as indicated above.

The resolution was put as a question and adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER : We have come to the end of our business to-day. The hon. Members were so inclined that the work was finished very early. It appears that tomorrow we would not have any Government business although it was a Government day. After the question hour, we will have to adjourn for want of business. Therefore, if the House so pleases, this time can be utilised for Private Members' business, since we have taken some time from the Private Members' business also.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) : We can discuss the Panchayat Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER : For that we will get enough time. What is the pleasure of the House ?

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI : We should have it as a Private Members' day.

Mr. SPEAKER : What is Government's view ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY : We have no objection.

Mr. SPEAKER : Then tomorrow after the question hour, we will have Private Members' business. My Secretariat will circulate papers as Private Members' day tomorrow.

(Adjournment)

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A. M. on Saturday, the 4th April, 1959.

R. N BARUA,

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