

Address

The Minister of Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh, was invited to make a speech and a copy of the speech was distributed to the Members of the Assembly.

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Adjournment

The Assembly was adjourned till 10 A.M. on Tuesday, the 10th February, 1953.

B. T. BARIK  
Secretary, Legislative Assembly  
Bhubaneswar

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**Proceedings of the Fourth Session of the Assam Legislative  
Assembly assembled after the Third General  
Election under the Sovereign Democratic  
Republican Constitution of India**

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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 10 A.M. on Tuesday, the 19th February, 1963.

PRESENT

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

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**Formation of various Legislature Committees**

**Mr. SPEAKER :** There is no question. As [regards item No.2 and 3 I shall announce the names of the members as follows:

**Panel of Chairmen**

1. Shri Ram Nath Das
2. Shri Sriman Prafulla Goswami.
3. Shrimati Lily Sen Gupta.
4. Shri Tajuddin Ahmed.

**Committee of Petitions**

1. Shri Mahammad Idris—Chairman.
2. Dr. Homeswar Deb Choudhury—Member.
3. Shri Bishnu Lal Uj adhyaya—Member.
4. Shri Narendra Nath Sarma—Member.

**Committee on Privileges**

1. Deputy Speaker—Chairman.
2. Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed—Member.
3. Shri Baidyanath Mookerjee—Member.
4. Sri Gaurisankar Roy—Member.
5. Shri Kamala Prasad Agarwalla—Member.

**House Committee**

1. Shri Biswadev Sarma—Chairman.
2. Shri Khogendra Nath Nath—Member.
3. Shrimati Padma Kumari Gohain—Member.
4. Shri Mahadeb Das—Member.
5. Shri Madhusudhan Das—Member.
6. Shri Abdul Jalil Choudhury—Member.

### Report of the Business Advisory Committee

#### Item No.4

In pursuance to my announcement on the floor of this House yesterday and under rule 230 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I hereby report to the House that the programme for the current session of the Assembly has been drawn up according to the recommendation made by the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on the 18th February, 1963. A copy of the programme has been laid on each Member's table and I need not detail the matter again. If any change in the programme becomes necessary the Business Advisory Committee will be consulted and the matter will be duly reported to the House. I hope this has the approval of the hon. Members.

(Voices—Yes, yes).

**Mr. SPEAKER:** This has been accepted with the approval of the Members.

### Obituary References

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** With a heavy heart and profound grief I refer to the sad demise of Shri Kuladhar Chaliha on the 19th January, 1963 at the age of 77.

Born in 1886, Shri Chaliha received his education at Gauhati and Calcutta and after obtaining his Law Degree joined the Bar. He was the Vice-Chairman of the Municipality and Local Board of Sibsagar during 1909-1912. Although he joined High Government Service, his love for the country and independent spirit did not allow him to continue in service under a foreign Government. He then worked as the Secretary of the Sarbajanin Sabha, Jorhat from 1914-1918. He joined the Non-Cooperation Movement of 1920-21 and suspended practice for 10 years. He was elected as Member of the Assam Legislative Council in 1923, 1926 and 1929. He was the first President of the Assam Provincial Congress Committee and served in that capacity for a number of terms. He was also the President of the Jorhat District Congress Committee from 1920-1945 and was a member of the All India Congress Committee during that period. He presided over the Assam Congress Opium Committee which recommended total prohibition of opium in 1926. He was a member of the Central Legislative Assembly from 1936-47. Besides, he was the President of the Excluded Areas Conference, Kaziranga Enquiry Committee and a member of various committees of the Central Legislative Assembly, like the External Affairs Committee, Roads Committee, Public Accounts Committee, Scientific Research Committee and Criminal Tribes Enquiry Committee. In 1952 he was elected a member of Assam Legislative Assembly of which he became the Speaker. In all these capacities Shri Chaliha rendered most useful service to the country. An ardent patriot, a pioneer of the National Movement and a capable parliamentarian, Shri Chaliha was held in high esteem and in his death the country has lost one of its stalwarts who has greatly contributed towards attainment of freedom.

I would next refer to the said death of Shri Joga Kanta Barua on 30th November, 1962.

Born on 12th April, 1898 in Sibsagar Subdivision, Shri Barua received his education at Sibsagar Government High School and Cotton College, Gauhati. He left College in 1921 to join the National Movement and since then he was engaged in Congress work. A sincere follower of Gandhiji, Shri Barua was a very popular Congress worker with sincere affection for his people. He was elected to this Assembly consecutively for two terms in 1952 and 1956.

In his death our country has lost one of the true disciples of Mahatma Gandhi.

I would also refer to the sad death of Shri Holiram Deka, former Chief Justice of Assam High Court and a noted literature of Assam who died on the 20th December, 1962 at the age of 62.

Born in 1901 in a respectable family at Sarthebari in the district of Kamrup, Shri Deka received his early education at Barpeta and Gauhati. He graduated from the Cotton College and went to Calcutta for higher education. He passed his M. A. and Law Examinations from the Calcutta University in 1926. Thereafter he joined the Calcutta Bar and was a member of the Bar till 1946. He was also a Lecturer in Assamese in the under-graduate classes of the Calcutta University. He came back to Assam in the year 1946 being appointed a member of the Revenue Tribunal and was appointed Registrar of the Assam High Court in 1947. In 1949 he was appointed a District Judge. He became the Judge of the Assam High Court in 1951 and later in January, 1961 became the Chief Justice. He retired in the same year in June. He was the first from the State of Assam to be elevated to the position of the Chief Justice of a High Court.

He was an erudite scholar, critic and an author in Assamese literature. He had many publications of short stories to his credit. In his death, our country has lost one of its great scholars.

I also refer to the sad demise of Shri B. N. Datar, Central State Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs on the 13th February, at the age of 68.

Born on 13th August, 1894 at Tasgaon in Satara District of Maharashtra. Shri Datar received his education at Nutan Marathi Vidyalaya, Deccan College and Baroda College. Shri Datar became Professor of Sanskrit and English in the K. E. Society's Art College at Dharwar in 1920. He joined the Bombay High Court Bar in 1923. He was a member of the Senate, the Faculty of Arts and the Board of Studies in Kannada of Bombay University from 1937 to 1942. He was a member of the Bombay University Reorganisation Committee in 1939, of the Regional Social Education Committee from 1944-45, of the Karnatak University Committee in 1948 and then of the Senate, Syndicate, Faculty of Law and Academic Council of the same University between 1950 and 1952.

Shri Datar joined the Congress in 1920. He was a member of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee and the AICC and President of the Belgaum City Congress Committee.

Shri Datar was first elected to Lok Sabha from the Belgaum North Constituency in the general elections of 1952 and re-elected in the subsequent general elections. He was first appointed Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs in August 1952 and then became Minister of State in 1957, which office he ably held till he breathed his last.

In his death India has lost one of its great leaders and an able and efficient administrator.

I hope this August House will associate with me in expressing our sincere condolence at the sad demise of these illustrious sons of our country and convey it to the members of the bereaved families.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat)**: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I join with the Hon'ble Leader of the House in expressing my sense of condolence at the demise of these great personalities referred to by him.

Shri Kuladhar Chaliha who was an able Speaker of this House and a social and political worker outside, is very well-known in the State of Assam for his various activities.

Shri Jogakanta Barua, who was one of the foremost constructive workers in the State of Assam, was also a Member of this House for two consecutive terms.

Shri B. N. Datar, the State Minister of the Home Department in the Central Government, was not only a Minister but was an educationist and a patriot.

These three patriots and servants of the country have left behind them an ideal of service to the country to be followed by the future generations.

Shri Holiram Deka, the first Assamese Chief Justice of the Assam High Court, was a man of literary repute. He was well-known for his literary activities, leaving aside his judicial capabilities.

The Leader of the House has referred to the various qualities of head and heart of these eminent personalities. I, on behalf of myself and on behalf of my colleagues on this side, express our heart-felt condolence and pray for eternal peace to the departed souls.

**Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Ainguri)**: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also fully associate with the sad feelings and sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House on the floor of this Assembly at the sad demise of Shri Kuladhar Chaliha, Shri Holiram Deka, Shri Jogakanta Barua and Shri B. N. Datar.

In Chaliha we lost a parliamentarian and a fighter for political freedom. In Joga Barua we lost a social worker, an amiable gentleman and a

constructive worker. In Deka, we lost a judicial personality and a man of literary reputation. In Datar, we lost an administrator and a political fighter.

It is the lot of man, nay of all creatures, that their lives will come to an end some day. From the king down to the street-sweeper, everyone will die.

I express my deep condolence at the demise of these personalities.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I wholeheartedly associate myself with what has been expressed by the Leader of the House and other friends on the obituary references on the sad demise of some of our friends who occupied very important position in our social and political life.

Shri Kuladhar Chaliha, who adorned the Chair of the Presiding Officer of this August House with great success, was one of the valiant sons of Assam. He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth but voluntarily adopted the life of an ascetic. He belonged to the Assam Civil Service, a very coveted post at that time. But he could spurn it away when the authorities concerned insulted him. His father, Rai Bahadur Phanidhar Chaliha, who was also a Member of the Assam Legislative Council during the Morley-Minto Reform days, criticised the Government's opium policy and described the revenue derived from opium trade as tainted. The then Chief Commissioner of Assam, Sir Beatson Bell, who was President of the Council, insulted him on the floor of the Council on that score and he demanded back the money he was enjoying as pension as a retired Extra Assistant Commissioner. His brave son replied to the challenge thrown by the Chief Commissioner and Shri Kuladhar Chaliha resigned his Extra Assistant Commissionership as a protest against the statement made by the Chief Commissioner. Shri Chaliha was in the forefront of the Non-cooperation Movement and was next to Deshbhakta Tarun Ram Phukan and Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bardoloi. His name was a household word throughout the length and breadth of Assam and many songs and poems about his chivalry and patriotism were composed by reputed poets of that time. Shri Chaliha was very outspoken in his nature. He did not believe in speaking things behind somebody's back. Whatever he wished to say he used to speak it openly and face to face. He was a successful lawyer and an orator. He was a patriot through and through and he loved his country more than anything else in his life. He was a good parliamentarian. He was a Member of the Central Assembly and also of this Assembly. He was a Member of the Constituent Assembly. In his capacity as such he displayed his parliamentary talents and made valuable contribution to the debates. Death has separated him from us but the people will cherish his memory for all time to come and the historians will record his achievements in letters of gold. We bow down with folded hand and bended knees in commemoration of one of our great leaders.

Shri Jaoga Kanta Barua was a member of this Assembly for some time. He was a fighter for freedom. He deserted his college career to join the national struggle and suffer imprisonment. He was not very vocal but whenever he opened his lips he spoke with confidence, courage and vehemence. His death is a great loss to Assam.

Shri Holiram Deka had been the first Assamese to adorn the Chair of the Presiding Officer of the Assam High Court of Judicature. He was a brilliant lawyer and because of his legal acumen he was elevated to the post of the Chief Justice of our High Court from a practising lawyer in a district court. He came from a village and through out his life he maintained his character as a villager. He was full of love for his neighbours and his people. In their difficulties he was by their side. He was very simple by nature and was loved by every one for his childlike simplicity. He was a literaturer. He made valuable contributions for the growth and development of the Assamese literature. His short stories will be read by the people with interest. His death has caused an irreparable loss in the over all life of us.

Shri B.N. Datar was a valiant fighter for freedom. He participated in all the movements launched by the Indian National Congress under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi for attainment of Independence. He suffered a great deal for the cause. He was a brilliant lawyer, and able parliamentarian and an administrator. His rather premature death is a great loss to all of us.

We pray to God Almighty for eternal peace and rest of the souls of the great departed. I request the House to stand in prayful silence for a minute in honour of their memory.

(The House stood in silence for one minute).

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The proceedings of the House will be forwarded to the members of the families of the respective departed leaders.

I think it is the desire of the House to adjourn its proceedings now as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed leaders.

(voices—yes)

### ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A. M. on Thursday the 21st February, 1963.

R.N. BARUA,

Secretary,

Legislative Assembly, Assam.

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