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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 9 a.m. on Friday, the 28th February, 1958.

**P R E S E N T**

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah, B. A., LL. B., Speaker, in the Chair, the five Ministers, the two Deputy Ministers and Sixty-five Members.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**STARRED QUESTIONS**

(To which oral answers were given)

**Irrigation Projects in Tezpur Subdivision**

**Shri KAMALA PRASAD AGARWALLA (Tezpur)**

asked:

\*4. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state the Irrigation Projects undertaken in Tezpur Subdivision ?

(b) What steps have been taken to remedy the defects in the Mornoi Scheme in Nagshankar Mouza, Sadharu Scheme in Biswanath Mouza and Pachnoi Scheme in Borsola Mouza ?

(c) What steps have been taken to construct sluice gates in different Bunds and dykes where necessary ?

(d) What steps have been taken to remedy the damage caused to Gabru embankment in Borgaon Mouza threatening some village in Johamari ?

**\*Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI** (Minister, Education) replied :

4. (a)—The following Irrigation Projects have been undertaken in Tezpur Civil Subdivision—

- (i) Sadharu Irrigation Scheme.
- (ii) Mornoi Irrigation Scheme.
- (iii) Kolony Irrigation Scheme.
- (iv) Pachnoi Irrigation Scheme.
- (v) Jinjia Irrigation Scheme.
- (vi) Gelapukhuri Irrigation Scheme.

Out of these the first five Schemes have been completed and the sixth one is under execution.

(b)—The head-works of these Schemes comprise of loose boulder weirs which cause leakage. Arrangements are being made to replace these with concrete weirs.

(c)—Funds have been earmarked in the Flood Control Programme of the Second Five-Year Plan for providing sluices, openings, etc., in Dykes where necessary. To ascertain exactly the location where sluices are necessary, all the embankments so far constructed are being examined from this point of view and the suggestions of the Agriculture and Revenue Departments and of the local people are being ascertained. The Embankment and Drainage Reviewing Committee will also study this problem and give the recommendations after adequate field survey. After finally selecting the locations necessary data will be collected and sluices or other devices will be provided in order of priority and availability of funds. Where such provisions have already been considered essential, works have already been taken in hand to provide openings with or without sluices.

(d)—The Gabru embankment in Borgaon is being threatened by active erosion of the river bank but has not yet been actually damaged. A retirement at this point is being taken for construction during this working season.

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\*Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Education) replied in the absence of M. Moinul Haque Choudhury (Minister, Flood Control).

**Shri KAMALA PRASAD AGARWALLA (Tezpur):** What is the total acreage benefited by the schemes ?

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Education):** If notice is given we will give the figure.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Acreage for each irrigation scheme is given.

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI:** The figures are not with me.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Supplementary questions relating to acreage should have been anticipated.

**Shri KAMALA PRASAD AGARWALLA:** May I know when the sluice-gates will be given effect to ?

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI:** As I have already stated that loose boulder weirs which have caused leakage are being made to replace these with concrete weirs and they are now under process of construction.

**Shri KAMALA PRASAD AGARWALLA:** May I know when the investigation will be complete ?

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI:** The investigations are under process of enquiry for each of the schemes.

**Shri KAMALA PRASAD AGARWALLA:** How long will it take ?

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI:** It depends on the design and construction involved.

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Dhekiajuli)**: Regarding 4 (b), the Mornoi Scheme has not been successful and there is defect in the whole scheme in Nagshankar mouza. Will the Minister be pleased to say whether any further step has been taken up for the Mornoi scheme ?

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Education)**: So far as I understand the defect is due to leakage in loose boulder weirs and all catchments have not sufficient water.

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara)**: May I know whether compensation for land acquired from the people was paid ?

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI** : I do not think that there has been any complaint about it.

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA**: Whether Government have paid any compensation for the land acquired from the people ?

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI** : Sir, I want notice of that.

### Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act

**Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari West)** asked:

\*5. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the landlords are making rapid transfer of the excess lands by way of gift, will, sale and mortgage since the passing of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that due to the transfer of lands to non-tenants, forcible and illegal eviction of old tenants are going on, as a result of which clash arises here and there, and innumerable cases are pending in the Courts ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that due to the delay in bringing this Act into force, the situation is going from bad to worse ?
- (d) If so, what measures Government propose to take in the matter ?
- (e) When the Act will be brought into operation ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied:

5. (a) & (b)—Government have no information.
- (c)—No, there is safeguard under Section 4(3) of the Act.
- (d)—Does not arise.
- (e)—The Act has been brought into force with effect from 15th February 1958.

**Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari-West)**: Regarding 5.(a) Will the Government be pleased to hold an enquiry if any transfer of excess lands had been made by the landlords by way of gift, will, sale and mortgage since the passing of the Ceiling on Land Holdings Act to evade it ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS**: It is not necessary, because sale is not prevented under the Act.

**Shri GAURISHANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)**: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to say whether pseudonymous and 'Benami' transactions made by the landlords will be allowed under the Act ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS** : If it comes to the notice of Government.....

**Mr. SPEAKER**: The hon. member wanted to know whether any 'Benami' transaction will be nullified under the very Act.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS** : They will not be nullified.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) :** Whether Government know that there is no acquisition of land under the Act in Dibrugarh Subdivision, but on the other hand excess lands are being transferred by the landlords to the non-cultivators rapidly ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) :** The question of excess land does not come in.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The Hon'ble Minister must reply to the points raised by the hon. member.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** The question is whether Government are preventing any excess land being transferred.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The question in Dibrugarh is that land has not yet been acquired under this Act. In the meanwhile the excess lands are being transferred by the landlords to non-cultivators.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** He spoke of excess land. Now the Act has been enforced from 15th February, 1958 and six months' time has been given to give information as to excess land. In the meantime transfer can take place.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** Whether Government are taking any measures to stop transfer of excess land to persons other than cultivators ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** We cannot go beyond the provisions of the Act.

**Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) :** Whether the Revenue Minister would be pleased to answer that in his recent tour to Barpeta and Nalbari he was informed that owing to transfer of excess land by some landlords trouble arose in some areas ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** But if there is excess land that can be transferred. That is a fundamental right of a citizen and nobody can interfere with that.

**Shri RADHIKARAM DAS (Palashbari):** Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state how much excess land would be available ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minster, Revenue):** That is a big problem. Unless we can make a full assenment I am not in a position to reply.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS:** Has no assessment been made ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Assessment is being made now.

**Shri RADHIKARAM DAS:** Can we assume that no land would be available ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Some land would be available.

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar):** Prior to the implementation of the Act is anybody entitled to transfer his land to his sons and daughters ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** He can do that.

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI:** Is not the purpose of the Act frustrated by that ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** That shows that my Friend has not studied the Act. We go back to 1st November, 1955, that is the date when the Bill was notified, and sale after that date will come within the purview of the Act.

**Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari-west):** Whether it is 1st November 1955 as the Revenue Minister has just now mentioned or 12th November 1955 ? Has he gone through the Act ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** It is 12th November, 1955.

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra):** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, যদি এই আইন ১৯৫৫ চনৰ ১২ নবেম্বৰৰ পৰাই প্ৰচলিত হৈছে তেন্তে আনৰ মাটিৰ গৰাকীবিলাক ইমানেই অকৰা নে যে তেওঁলোকে এতিয়াও তেওঁলোকৰ নামত ওপৰৰি মাটি বাৰি থাকিব ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** জানি সেইটোকেই বিচাৰিছোঁ। Punishment দিয়া উদ্দেশ্য চৰকাৰৰ নহয়। তেওঁলোকে যদি নিজেই Voluntary Ceiling কৰি পেলায় ভালতই হৈ হব।

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**  
Whether Government know that by this arrangement the real cultivators would be deprived ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** That is totally a different question, it has no connection with ceiling.

**Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari-West):** If the transfer is made after 12th November 1955 and if the original tenant is forcibly evicted from the land by the landlord, whether the original tenant will be restored to the possession ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** That is again another thing. If the original tenant has acquired any right under any Act, the transfer does not affect his right any way.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Supposing he is evicted by force?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** If the man is forcibly evicted then he has the right to contest in the law court, but if he agrees to vacate the land and does not seek redress in Court, then it is nobody's concern.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):**  
Will the Revenue Minister please clarify whether in a case where a landlord in order to evade the provisions of this Act has made certain transfer to another person and that person has forcibly evicted the tenant who has been occupying the land, whether in that case the matter would be left for the lawyers' paradise or Government would come to the rescue of the poor tenant ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** We cannot do away with lawyers. If a landlord transfers his right to another man then that man purchases the right of the landlord. The right of the landlord is to receive rent and that right is transferred to another man, but the right of the tenant to occupy the land remains. That right is not affected by the transfer. If on the other hand the tenant is forcibly evicted, he has the right to contest in law court. But if he does not contest and goes out of the land then it is nobody's concern.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati):** Will Government help those who are unable to finance the contest of such costly suits?

**KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education):** Whether these are questions of fact or interpretation of the Act?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Because this Government follows the law, they can interfere only according to law and not otherwise.

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara):** May we know what happens if a tenant gets tenancy right and in the meantime he is ousted from the land?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** He can contest in the law court.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

#### Co-operative Societies in Tihu Circle

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

12. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state the names of the Co-operative Societies in general and of the Co-operative Weaving Societies and Co-operative Credit Societies in the Tihu Circle particularly?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI** (Minister, Education for Minister, Co-operative) replied :

12.—The names of the Co-operative Societies are given below:—

#### WEAVERS' SOCIETIES

1. Tarun Sipini Sangha, Boakata Co-operative Society, Limited.
2. Medaghat Boakata Co-operative Society, Limited.
3. Ronakuchi Boakata Co-operative Society, Limited.
4. Digheli Boakata Co-operative Society, Limited.
5. Kamarkuchi Boakata Co-operative Society, Limited.
6. Bhogpur Bayan Silpa Co-operative Society, Limited.
7. Anath Asram Boakata Co-operative Society, Limited.
8. Athiabari Silpanusthan Co-operative Society, Limited.
9. Masalpur Boakata Co-operative Society, Limited.
10. Bongaon Bayan Co-operative Society, Limited.
11. Dhamdhama Bayan Silpa Samabay Samity, Limited.
12. Thalkuchi Bayan Samabay Samity, Limited.
13. Makhibaha Boakata Co-operative Society, Limited.

#### MULTIPURPOSE

1. Dihira Anchalik Bahumukhi Samabay Samity, Limited.

#### INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES

1. Natun Baniakuch Pottery Co-operative Society, Limited.

#### FISHERY SOCIETY

1. Jalkhana Fishermen Co-operative Society, Limited.

#### FARMING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

1. Sialmari Cultivators' Farming Co-operative Limited.

#### MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

1. Tihu Primary Marketing Co-operative Society, Limited.

## (CREDIT SOCIETIES)

**Gaolia Banks**

1. Paschim Mahena Gaolia Bank.
2. Tupalia Gaolia Bank.
3. Barikadanga Gaolia Bank.
4. Nizdhamdhama Gaolia Bank.
5. Merkuchi Gaolia Bank.
6. Geruapara Gaolia Bank.
7. Bhogpur Gaolia Bank.
8. Kaljar Gaolia Bank.
9. Badlipara Batachara Gaolia Bank.
10. Mohkhala Gaolia Bank.
11. Madhapur Gaolia Bank.
12. Athiabari Gaolia Bank.
13. Dighali Gaolia Bank.
14. Dighali Salmari Gaolia Bank.
15. Ratanpur Gaolia Bank.
16. Sathikuchi Gaolia Bank.
17. Niz Nomati Gaolia Bank.
18. Pashim Jaripar Gaolia Bank<sub>3</sub>
19. Banakuchi Gaolia Bank.
20. Thalkuchi Gaolia Bank.
21. Dohkhonia Gaolia Bank.
22. Banbari Gaolia Bank.

23. Ronmari Gaolia Bank.
24. Dakhin Subankhata Gaolia Bank.
25. Gerua Gaolia Bank.
26. Barbari Gaolia Bank.
27. Piplibari Gaolia Bank.
28. Nathkuchi Gaolia Bank.
29. Bakrather Ghupa Gaolia Bank.
30. Baganpara Gaolia Bank.
31. Polakata Gaolia Bank.
32. Mathurapur Bogaon Gaolia Bank.
33. Massalpur Gaolia Bank.
34. Sialmari Gaolia Bank.

#### **Consumers' Co-operative Society**

1. Tihu Consumers' Co-operative Stores, Limited.
2. Dhamdhama Co-operative Stores, Limited.

#### **Trading Co-operative Stores**

1. Tihu Primary Trading Co-operative, Limited.
2. Barama Trading Co-operative, Limited.
3. Pub Nambarbhog Trading Co-operative, Limited.
4. Haribhanga Janaseva Trading Co-operative, Limited.
5. Makhibaha Jalkhana Trading Co-operative, Limited.
6. Tupalia Bazar Trading Co-operative, Limited.
7. Niz Namati Trading Co-operative, Limited.
8. Bali Trading Co-operative, Limited.
9. Dhamdhama Trading Co-operative, Limited.

#### **Large Sized Societies**

1. Barama Samabay Samity, Limited.
2. Mosalpur Samabai Samity, Limited.
3. Tihu Mouza Larger Size Credit Co-operative, Limited.
4. Krisak Kalyan Rindan Samabay Samity, Limited.

### Liquor Shops in Dibrugarh Subdivision

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**  
asked :

13. Will the Minister-in-charge of Excise be pleased to  
tate—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is gross inequality in quotas of liquor to different liquor shops in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether the Minister-in-charge will please furnish a list of liquor shops in Dibrugarh Subdivision showing the monthly quota of liquor to each shop ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to introduce bottle system to check adulteration of liquor ?
- (d) Whether there is any restriction in issue of liquor to the consumers ?
- (e) If so, whether such restrictions are strictly imposed ?

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

13. (a)—No quota of liquor is fixed for any Excise shop. The quantity of liquor issued to each shop depends on its sales and not any quota.

(b)—A list of liquor shops in the Dibrugarh Subdivision with average monthly consumption is given below :—

#### LIST OF EXCISE SHOPS SHOWING THE NAMES OF THE SHOPS AND THE AVERAGE MONTHLY CONSUMPTION

Serial No.	Name of the shops	Average monthly consumption
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#### DIBRUGARH SUBDIVISION

##### Country Spirit

1	Behiachetia	1090 L. P. G.
2	Borsaikia Gaon	1250 "
3	Lahoal	820 "
4	Nagaghuli	400 "
5	Sessa	475 "
6	Burahazar	465 "
7	Moran	530 "

Serial No. Name of the shops Average monthly consumption

DIBRUGARH SUBDIVISION—concl'd.

Country Spirit

8	Dikom	...	...	...	...	880 L. P. G.
9	Chabua	...	...	...	...	1585 "
10	Panitola	...	...	...	...	810 "
11	Tinsukia	...	...	...	...	1120 "
12	Guijan	...	...	...	...	940 "
13	Makum Junction	...	...	...	...	600 "
14	Doom Dooma	...	...	...	...	1800 "
15	Kakapathar	...	...	...	...	360 "
16	Kaliapanibasti	...	...	...	...	180 "
17	Tingrai	...	...	...	...	515 "
18	Pengaree	...	...	...	...	244 "
19	Joypur	...	...	...	...	670 "
20	Tingkhong	...	...	...	...	204 "
21	Nigambasti	...	...	...	...	390 "
22	Borbar	...	...	...	...	265 "
23	Bamunbari	...	...	...	...	265 "
24	Bordubi	...	...	...	...	485 "
25	Tengakhat	...	...	...	...	415 "
26	Singlijan	...	...	...	...	415 "
27	Margherita	...	...	...	...	240 "
28	Ledo	...	...	...	...	128 "
29	Tengagaon	...	...	...	...	840 "
30	Rangchali	...	...	...	...	120 "
31	Borhapjan	...	...	...	...	920 "
32	Makumpathar	...	...	...	...	200 "
33	Deamuli	...	...	...	...	1080 "
34	Agbandha	...	...	...	...	280 "
35	Tongonagaon	...	...	...	...	160 "
36	Lamabasti	...	...	...	...	180 "
37	Rangajan	...	...	...	...	80 "
38	Phillobari	...	...	...	...	310 "

Transferred Area

1	Sadiya	...	...	...	...	44 "
2	Saikhowa	...	...	...	...	196 "
3	Sungura	...	...	...	...	30 "
4	Jonai	...	...	...	...	30 "

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, only one quart bottle of liquor is sold at a time to a consumer.

(e)—Yes.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** With regard to Question No.13, (a) and (b)—whether Government propose to bring down the consumption of liquor into uniformity by splitting these liquor shops ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Excise):** No, Sir, there is no such proposal.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** May we know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government to reduce consumption of liquor in the State ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Yes, Sir, that is the policy of Government.

**Shri RADHIKARAM DAS (Palashbari):** Is it not a fact that the increased sale of liquor brings more money to Government ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** There is no doubt, Sir, that increased sale of liquor brings more money. But that was not the question put in by the questioner to whom I have already replied.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** With regard to (c), whether the containers of liquor are properly sealed ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Sealing is done in the warehouse, Sir, and there will be contractors for the purpose of sealing only.

**Shri RADHIKARAM DAS:** Will the Government issue instructions to the Commissioner of Excise that the policy of Government is not to increase sale of liquor but to decrease the sale by prohibitions and ask him to implement that policy ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** That direction is already there, Sir, and no fresh instructions are necessary.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether the Commissioner of Excise called for an explanation from the Superintendents of Excise as to why there has been reduction in the sale of liquor ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise):** I am not aware of that, Sir.

**Shri RADHIKARAM DAS (Palashbari):** Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to make an enquiry about it?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Yes, I can do that, Sir.

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar):** Is the Government aware of the fact why the Commissioner of Excise asked the Superintendent of Jorhat in the Sibsagar District as to why there has been reduction of sale of liquor in Golaghat subdivision?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** No, Sir, I do not know that. I shall make an enquiry.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** With regard to (d), Sir, whether Government know that sometimes liquors are sold in gallons in some places of Dibrugarh subdivision, for example, at Panitola, and that the fact was pointed out to the Excise officials of the area by the Questioner?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** I have no such information, Sir.

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DALEY [Moran, (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]:** If the policy of the Government is to reduce the quantity of liquor in the State, is it not a fact that increased sale of liquor by a certain liquor shop is the best qualification for that liquor shop to get fresh settlement?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** No, Sir, increased sale of liquor is not the best qualification of lessees.

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DALEY:** Sir, while the Government policy is to reduce the quantity of liquor consumption in the State, but at the same time while distributing settlement of these liquor shops increased sale of liquor is supposed to be the best qualification—is it a fact?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** No, Sir, I do not agree. It is not a fact.

**Shri RADHIKARAM DAS (Palashbari):** Will Government ascertain whether this is a fact ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise):** When I said it is not a fact, there is no necessity for an enquiry.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Will the Hon'ble Minister get this information confirmed or otherwise ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** If particular instances are given I shall make an enquiry.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** No, the question is, whether at the time of settlement of liquor shops whether increased or decreased sale of liquor is taken into consideration as one of the qualifications of the lessee ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** As I have said, Sir, if the name of any particular place is given, I shall make an enquiry.

**Shri RADHIKARAM DAS:** Sir, to our information this is the case in almost all liquor shops in Dibrugarh—will the Hon'ble Minister make an enquiry to this effect ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** When a particular area has been mentioned, I shall make an enquiry.

**Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding):** If some lessees reduce the sale will that be a disqualification or if some increase the sale will that be a qualification at the time of settlement of lease ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Sir, some lessees may sell less liquor and some may sell more liquor—there is no question of qualification or disqualification. Less sale may mean also adulteration by the lessee.

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra)** মদৰ কাৰবাবটো বৰ লাভজনক নেকি, কাৰণ দোকানবিলাক Settle কৰাৰ প্ৰায় একঘণ্টা আগতে অনিৰ্দিষ্ট Excise Advisory Committee ৰ মেম্বাৰ সকলক কিয় মাতি নিয়া হয় ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise):** ইয়াৰ আগতে নাতিলে মেম্বাৰসকলৰ নাম Lessee সকলক জনোৱা হ'ব। তেতিয়া Lessee সকলে মেম্বাৰ সকলক হাত কৰাৰ সুবিধা হ'ব। সেইকাৰণে আগতে মতা নহয়।

**Mr. SPEAKER** ব্যবসায়টো বৰ লাভজনক নেকি ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** নিশ্চয় লাভজনক ; নহলে Lease য়েই বা ল'ব কিয় ? (হাঁহি)

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra):** এই মেম্বাৰসকলৰ নিচিনাকৈ আম বিলাক কমিটিৰ মেম্বাৰকতো তেনেকৈ মতা নহয় ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Sir, this not a very clean thing, some lessees always try to ascertain as to who will be the members in the Advisory Board and try to gain them over; so with a view that they may not know this, the names of the members of the Advisory Board are announced immediately before settlement is made.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati):** Does the Government doubt the *bonafides* of these members ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** No, Sir, that is not the point. The names of these members are not announced beforehand because they may be troubled and pestered with by interested lessees. The members are all good men.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** But if a man is good and honest before settlement he would be honest also an hour before the sale (Laughter).

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Sir, honesty is a big thing. But one may slip at 5,000 and another at 10,000.

(Laud laughter).

**Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding):** Does the Minister mean to say that all people in the State can be purchased at one time or another ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise):** No, Sir, I do not mean that. In fact I always take that all men are good, but yesterday we listened for the whole day about corruption, nepotism and so on; so this shows that men are not immune from charges of corruption. We want to protect the advisers from such charges.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** This arrangement refers only to public men and not to Government Officers (*laughter*).

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DALEY [Moran, (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]:** Sir, when it is the policy of the Government to reduce the habit of taking liquor, why some shops have not been closed down in spite of repeated public representations.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** I cannot reply to this question off-hand, Sir. Possibly some people wanted it and some people did not.

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar):** Why was the Meleng liquor shop not closed down, although there was public agitation to that effect ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** I am not in a position to reply to that now, Sir. Possibly some people wanted to have it and some people did not want it.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Whether it is decided by votes ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Not by votes, Sir. It may be decided by judging the volume of public agitation.

**Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding):** Not to speak of closing down the shops, why does the Government not consider the question of changing the sites of the shops for the convenience of the public, Sir?

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question would have been for the convenience of the drinking public (*laughter*).

**Co-operative Office for Sorbhog**

**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog)** asked :

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

(a) Whether a Co-operative Office was sanctioned for Sorbhog ?

(b) If so, whether it was published in the *Assam Gazette* ?

(c) When the Office will be established at Sorbhog ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education, for Minister, Co-operative)** replied :

14.(a)—No. There was no specific sanction of Co-operative Office for Sorbhog. According to re-organisation scheme of the Co-operative Department, one Deputy Co-operative Officer's Office was to be established for two or three contiguous N. E. S./C. D. Blocks, and Headquarter of that office was to be fixed at a convenient place preferably at an existing block Headquarter.

(b)—At the 1st instance it was notified in the Gazette creating a Deputy Co-operative Officer's circle with the proposed Raha Block and Mandia Block, with Headquarter at Sorbhog. But that arrangement was found to be inconvenient and therefore revised circles were made with Mandia Block (proposed) and Barpeta Block (existing) with Headquarter at Barpeta ; and Raha Block (proposed) with Gobar-dhana Block (existing) with Headquarter at Barpeta Road.

(c)—No office is proposed to be established at Sorbhog, as Sorbhog is within Raha Block (proposed) which has been tagged with Gobardhana Block of which Barpeta Road is Headquarter. Barpeta Road is more convenient from the point of communication and accommodation than Sorbhog and will help better co-ordination with N. E. S./C. D., programme.

**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog):** Sir, why was there a revision with regard to the Headquarters of the Co-operative Circles ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education):** The revision arose as a matter of State policy, Sir.

In the beginning it was established at Sorbhog, with two other Blocks. But that arrangement was found to be inconvenient and therefore revised circles were made with Mandia Block and Barpeta Block with Headquarters at Barpeta.

**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR:** How many miles are in the west of river Beki and how many miles are in the east of Beki, Sir.

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** This is a geographical matter, Sir. I cannot say off-hand.

**Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh):** With regard to the reply to question No.14(a) what is the distance between Barpeta and Barpeta Road ; and what would be the distance if it were established at Sorbhog ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** That is also a matter of geography. For the Raha Block and Mandia Block the Headquarters at that time was decided to be at Sorbhog. Then the Mandia and Barpeta Blocks were merged with Headquarters at Barpeta. The result was that this Block was later merged with Gogardhana Block with its Headquarters at Barpeta Road. For the administrative convenience it was decided to shift it to Barpeta Road.

**Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR:** Why the two Headquarters are established at a distance of 12 miles, leaving behind the entire area of 50 miles ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY:** It is from the point of view of convenience to the public that it has been decided to have the Headquarters at Barpeta Road.

**Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh):** Is Sorbhog considered unsuitable for the purpose ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Education):** That is not the question. Barpeta Road was found to be more suitable for the purpose.

**Police Force employed in connection with the Congress Session at Pragjyotispur**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur)** asked :

15. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any police force was brought from outside the State in connection with the Congress Session at Pragjyotispur ?

(b) If so, what was the strength of this police force and where from they were brought ?

(c) How much money was spent by the Government for bringing and keeping this force ?

16. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What was the total police force employed by the State Government during the last Congress Session ?

(b) How many police officers were deputed to supervise the work and who were these officers ?

(c) What was the total expense incurred for employing this force at Pragjyotispur ?

(d) What was the rent of the land used for the camp of the police ?

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)** replied :

(a)—No.

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

16. (a)—3,136 (including officers and men).

(b)—36 (3 Deputy Inspectors General of Police, 10 Superintendents of Police, 23 Deputy Superintendents of Police).

(c)—As all the T. A. bills have not yet been submitted and/or paid it is not possible to make an estimate.

(d)—No claim for rent of the land has been received so far.

**Re: Saikhowa Mouza in Dibrugarh Subdivision**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**  
asked:

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

- (a) The entire area of Saikhowa Mouza at Dibrugarh Subdivision in square miles ?
- (b) The amount of annual revenue due to the Government from this entire Mouza ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there is no communication leading towards the eastern part (Talap Dangari area) of the said Mouza except through Doom Dooma Mouza to the south and Sadiya Transferred area to the north ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the people of Kakapathar Maithong area are less developed than the people of Dangari area ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that the Government Notification published in Mauzadar's office, which is located at Dhola in the western part remain unknown to the public of the eastern part (*i. e.*, Kakapathar area) ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that the people of Kakapathar area find it more convenient to come to Sub-Deputy Collector's Office at Tinsukia (about 30 miles) than to go to the Mouzadar's Office at Dhola (about 20 miles) on road, due to lack of conveyance on the latter ?

(g) Whether Government propose to form a separate Mouza covering the area of Kakapathar Rural Panchayat *plus* the Tea gardens in the eastern part of that mouza ?

(h) If so, when such proposal will be given effect to ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue, Minister)** replied :

17. (a)—142·54 square miles.

(b)—Land Revenue Rs.95,118·77 Naye paise.

Local Rate . . . . Rs.10,299·64 Naye paise.  
Total . . . . Rs.1,05,418·41 Naye paise.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—It is a matter of opinion.

(e)—No such complaint has been received during the last one year for which the Mouzadar's Office has been located at its present site.

(f)—No. There is a regular bus service on the latter route.

(g)—A proposal to form a separate Mouza for Kakapathar and adjoining area is under consideration.

(h)—No limit of time can be given now.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** Sir, with regard to reply to question 17(b) whether Government know that no Minister has ever visited Kakapathar area to assess the condition of the people living there ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** I am not in a position to say whether any other Minister visited the area in question, Sir. I can speak only for myself and not for others.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) :** Whether it is a fact that there is bus service only from Kakapathar to Doom Dooma and no bus service from Kakapathar to Dhola where Mauzadar's office is located.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) :** It may be so, Sir. I do not know.

**Extension of electric line from Umtru Hydel Plant**

**Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-ist) asked :**

18. Will the Minister-in-charge of electricity be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is a proposal for extension of electricity from Umtru Hydel Plant to Tihu in Kamrup District and to Kampur in Nowgong District ?

(b) If so, when the projects are likely to be taken for execution and when the same are likely to be completed ?

(c) Whether on the way important rural centres like Hajo, Bijlighat, Morawa, Kanakuchi, Damodardham, Kalag, Balyani, Balilecha, Barama, Dhamdhama, Kaithalkuchi, Chamata are going to be electrified on extension to Tihu ?

(d) Whether Government propose to make a survey of all these places along with survey for extension to Tihu ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity) replied:**

18. (a)—At present the Umtru H. T. line is proposed to be extended to Rangiya only after crossing of the Brahmaputra river near Pandu, Amingaon. Therefore at present there is no proposal to extend the line to Tihu in the Kamrup District or Kampur in the district of Nowgong.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—A preliminary survey of Tihu has already been done. A State-wise load survey has already been undertaken and it is proposed to undertake a detailed load survey in e,

**Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West):** Question 18 (c)—Why Hajo is not included in the scheme of electrification, Sir, though it is just nearer to Amingaon than Rangiya?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity):** Originally it was thought we would extend the Hydro-Electric line to Rangiya and beyond. Subsequently it was found that it would be uneconomic. Now it is decided that this will be extended upto Rangiya only. We shall have to draw a line from Sualkuchi and Nalbari to Hajo and other areas in question.

### Agricultural and Cattle Loan for the district of Nowgong

**Shri DHIRSING DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]** asked:

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

(a) The amount of the Agricultural and Cattle Loan sanctioned in the district of Nowgong in the year 1957-58 ?

(b) The names of the persons to whom the loans were granted at an amount not less than one thousand ?

(c) On what principle the loans were sanctioned ?

(d) The amount of Agricultural Loan recovered during the year 1957-58 ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue)** replied:

19. (a)—The following amounts have been sanctioned for Nowgong District during 1957-58 upto 15th February 1958:—

	Rs.
1. Agricultural Loan ... ..	12,300
2. Agricultural Seed Loan ... ..	2,45,000
3. Agricultural Cattle Loan ... ..	40,400
Total ... ..	2,97,700

Another amount of Rs.50,000 has been sanctioned as distress loan for the drought affected areas, viz., Kaki, Hojai, Lanka, Jugijan and Namati.

(b)—The names of the persons to whom the loans were sanctioned at an amount not less than one thousand are given below :—

1. Sri Haladhar Kundu, son of late Nabin Kundu, village Jalugai Rs.5,000 (as Agricultural Loan).
2. Md. Mansur Fakir, son of late Ijjat Ali Fakir, village Gadaimari—Rs.1,500 (as Agricultural Loan).
3. Md. Mafizuddin Fakir, son of late Ijjat Ali Fakir, village Gadaimari—Rs.1,000 (as Agricultural Loan).

(c)—(i) The Agricultural Loans were sanctioned to the deserving cultivators who were actually in need of money on obtaining adequate security in landed property. To those who had no landed properties to pledge as security, the loans, were issued in joint-bond system or on the surety of a third party.

(ii) The Agricultural Seed Loans were issued to the drought affected cultivators of Nowgong District for purchase of seeds in cash or in kind.

(iii) The Agricultural Cattle Loans were issued to the needy cultivators who were actually poor and deserving.

(d)—Rupees 40,136.65 of which the principal is Rs. 31,718.95 n. p. and interest Rs. 8,417.70 Naye paise are realised during the year 1957-58 upto 31st January 1958 as principal and interest respectively.

**Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding):** May I know, Sir, in this particular case on what principle the money was sanctioned, *i. e.*, whether on personal bond or against security of property ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister):** Loans are issued against security in landed property or on joint-bond system or on the surety of a third party. Answer is there, Sir,

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar):** May I know, Sir, with regard to reply to question 19(b)1, how this sum of Rs.5,000 at Nowgong was distributed ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** I cannot say off-hand. If the Hon. Member puts down a question, I shall give an answer.

**Damage of crops due to erosion of River Pagladiya**

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

20. Will the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he is aware that the river Pagladiya has caused great damage of crops and properties to the people of the village Bistupur, Sialmari, Gobradal, Bali, etc. ?

(b) If so, what measure has been taken by the Government for the protection of the crops and properties from the flood of the river Pagladiya ?

(c) Whether Government propose either to construct embankments or to change the course of the river Pagladiya ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education for Minister-in-charge of Flood Control, etc.)** replied :

20. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—There is no such proposal under the Flood Control Programme for the Second Five-Year Plan.

**Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]:** May I know whether Government have received any report regarding the flood damaged areas ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Education Minister):** A general report is available but detailed report of different areas are not available.

**Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]:** With regard to my supplementary question Hon. Minister has stated that general report is available with Government but the reply given to 20(b) is "does not arise". How does he reconcile it?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** The question at (b) is "what measure has been taken by the Government to stop flood in three or four villages. Now that particular information is supplied.

**Shri JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara):** Will the Hon. Minister please let the House know whether he does not consider detailed reports of flood damage in respect of these villages necessary? Whether Government had made any attempt to collect flood damage reports from the districts?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** We try, Sir.

**Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS [Rangiya (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]:** Which Pagladiya river does the Government mean? There are two rivers of the same name—one in the East and another in the West.

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** Government apparently mean that Pagladiya river which passes through the villages Bistupur, Sialmari, Gobradal, Bali, etc.

**Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS:** May I know whether that river will be controlled?

**Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS:** That is then the 'Mora' Pagladiya.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** Well, then that is dead and gone, what control is necessary? (laughter)

**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sarbhog):** May I know whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the extent of flood damage in the area?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** Government will make enquiries.

**Damage to crops due to the erosion of River Laudingijan**

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

21. Will the Minister-in-charge of Flood Control be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he is aware that the flood from the Laudingijan damages greatly crops and properties in every year in the villages Jaminatari, Nathkuchi, Digheli, Ranakuchi, Namati and other villages ?

(b) What measure has been taken by the Government to stop the flood there ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the villages Jamunatari, Solamari and other villages go under water every year due to the flood from Laudingijan ?

(d) Whether Government propose to construct embankments for the protection of the crops and properties of the said villages ?

(e) If so, when the embankments will be constructed ?

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI** (Minister, Education for Minister-in-charge of Flood Control, etc.) replied :

21. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—The Flood Control and Irrigation Wing of the Public Works Department has no such information.

(d)—There is no such proposal under Flood Control Programme for the Second Five-Year Plan.

(e)—Does not arise.

**Declaration of Dirak River in Saikhowa Constituency  
as Fishery Mahal**

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**

asked :

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

- (a) When Dirak River in Saikhowa Constituency was declared as fishery under Section 16 of Assam Land Revenue Manual ?
- (b) Whether this fishery was sold in public auction ?
- (c) If so, at what amount this fishery was settled ?
- (d) If not, how settlement was given and when ?
- (e) Whether the individual with whom the fishery was settled is a local man ?
- (f) At what amount this fishery was settled ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware of the public feeling that the bid of this fishery could not go up to Rs.15,000 or so as it was not put to public auction ?

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

22. (a)—8th January 1957.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The settlement was made directly by Government on 15th April 1957.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—At Rs.2,500 annually.

(g)—Government have no information.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati):** Under the Fishery Act, does Government mean the Minister in his individual capacity ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** Government always mean the Minister of the Department concerned, not of course, in his individual capacity.

**Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]:** May I know, Sir, the name of the particular person with whom the fishery was settled ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** He is one Datta, I do not know his full name.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** May I know, Sir, whether Government prefer direct settlement or settlement by public sanction ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** Government prefer settlement by public auction to direct settlement. That is why Government have already issued a general order that all fisheries should be settled either by public auction or by tender and none by direct settlement.

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DALEY (Moran, Reserved for Scheduled Tribes):** Sir, the answer to question No.22(e) is "Yes". May I know which particular locality the person with whom the fishery was settled belongs to ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** Local man means a resident of that particular area.

**Shri DURGESWAR SARMA (Thowra) :** মীন মহল নীলাম কবোতে কেতিয়াবা কাজিয়াও হয়। শিৱসাগৰ মহকুমাৰ এইবাৰ মীন মহল নীলাম কবোতে দুই পক্ষৰ মাজত মৰামৰি হোৱাৰ ফলত নীলাম বন্ধ কৰিব লগা হৈছিল আৰু তাৰ ফলত এদিন ডাক বন্ধ কৰিব লগা হৈছিল আৰু মিলিটাৰী আনিব লগ হৈছিল। এই কথা চৰকাৰে জানেন?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** That is quite a different issue.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** Are Government aware that there is some dispute about the boundary of this Fishery Mahal between N. E. F. A. and this State ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister)** : Government have no information.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** : May I know, Sir, why the fishery was not sold in public auction ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS** : Why it was not settled in public auction, Sir, it is not known to me.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : If the information is not available with the Honble Minister just now, he can ask for notice of the question. He cannot say 'I do not know.' The information may be available from the office concerned.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS** : I say so, Sir, because I went through the records of the case ; I could not trace any information from which I can enlighten the hon. Member to this effect.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Who settled this fishery ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS** : My predecessor, Sir.

**Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding)** : Why was the fishery settled directly ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS** : That question has already been replied, Sir, Government can settle fisheries by public auction, by tender or directly with an individual under the Fishery Act.

### **Excise appeals and Revenue collected therefrom**

**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal)** asked :

23. Will the Minister of Excise be pleased to state—

(a) How many Excise appeals were made to appellate authority during the year 1955-56, 1956-57, 1957-58 ?

(b) What was the total amount of revenue collected in connection with these appeals ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the lessees of liquor shops earn huge profit by selling liquor in open peg system ?

(d) Whether Government have taken up any measure by which the lessees may be forced to sell liquor in sealed bottles instead of open peg system ?

(e) If so, when will it be given effect to ?

(f) Whether Government is aware that most of the tea stalls of towns and Muffosil bazars are regularly selling liquor instead of tea ?

(g) Whether Government feel that by this practice of selling liquor in tea stalls many young bloods are being ruined ?

(h) Whether Government propose to take immediate steps to stop this illegal practice ?

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

23. (a)—1955-56... 57.

1956-57...102.

1957-58...149.

(b)—Rs.18,746 by way of court fees.

(c)—There is no such system as "open peg systems". Country liquor is sold in bottles brought by customers. This involves some risk of dilution. But this is kept down to the minimum by frequent check by Excise Officers and Government have no reason to believe that lessees make huge profit thereby.

(d)—Government have decided to introduce sale of liquor in sealed bottles in all liquor shops in Dibrugarh Subdivision and Sibsagar District in the first instance.

(e)—The new system is expected to be introduced from 1st October, 1958.

(f)—Reports are received now and then that liquor is sold in some tea stalls.

(g)—Government are fully conscious of the evil.

(h)—Sale of liquor in tea stalls has been prohibited by law. Excise staff have taken steps to enforce this law and any body found violating the same is severely dealt with.

**Shrimati LILY SENGUPTA (Lahowal):** মদৰ দোকানত মদ বিক্রী কৰা কিবা নিৰ্দিষ্ট সময় নিৰ্দ্ধাৰিত কৰা আছেনে ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise):** আছে ।

**Shrimati LILY SENGUPTA:** যদি আছে, তেন্তে যিকোনো সময়ত দোকান খোলা থাকে কিয়? বিশেষকৈ অফিচ চুটিৰ সময়ত তাত বেচি মানুহৰ সমাগম হয় কিয়?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** যদি তেনেকুৱা হয়, তেন্তে কোনোবাই আপত্তি কৰিলে বিচাৰ কৰা হব ।

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** মতা মাইকীক একেলগে মদ বিক্রী কৰা হব নেকি? (বিৰাট হৰ্ষধ্বনি হয়)

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Will the Minister be pleased to state how many cases have been detected for sale of liquor at Gauhati?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** I cannot give the answer off-hand.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari):** Sir, reports are received now-a-days that liquor is sold in some tea stalls at Gauhati. May I know from the Minister how many such reports are received by the Government?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** That is a general report.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS:** How many cases have been detected so far after receiving such reports by the Government?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** I cannot give the answer off-hand.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS:** Sir, is it a fact that no step has been taken by the Government for detection of such cases of sale of liquor in shops and tea stalls?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** That is not so.

**Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara):** Sir, may I know whether separate time has been fixed for sale of liquor for male and female?

**Mr. SPEAKER :** You cannot make distinction on the ground of sex.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** Sir, do the Government know that liquor is sold to teen-aged persons also ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Excise Minister):** That will be violation of law.

**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** I want to know, Sir, whether such cases have come to the notice of Government.

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** No, Sir, such cases have not come to our notice.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Palashbari):** Are Government aware that reports have come that at Gauhati liquor is sold in tea stalls even after this area has been declared as prohibition area?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** After declaring Gauhati as prohibition area no such report has come to us.

**Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding):** May I know to what other places prohibition is going to be extended?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** At present there is no proposal for extension to any other area.

**Shri RAMNATH SARMA:** Will it be extended to Nowgong?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Yes, if it is successful at Kamrup.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS:** Has Government issued instructions to the Superintendent of Excise, Gauhati, for taking strict measures with regard to selling of liquor in the stalls?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Such instructions have already been issued.

**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon):** May I know, Sir, how many persons constitute the appellate authority?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS:** Only one person.

**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) :** Will Government consider the necessity of constituting this appellate authority with more than one person?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS (Excise Minister) :** There are many Commissions and appellate authorities which are constituted by one person.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** For instance, the Chagla Commission (*laughter*).

**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) :** যদি যে চাহদোকান বিলাকত বিক্রী হয়। সেই নিয়ম বন্ধ, কৰিবলৈ চোকা নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হৈছে নে, বা যত্ন লোৱা হৈছে নে ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** ভীষণ যত্ন লোৱা হৈছে যাতে অচিৰে সেইবিলাক কপুখা বন্ধ হয় তাৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰৰ চোকা নিৰ্দেশ আছে। ডিব্ৰুগৰ আদি য'ত য'ত তেনে খবৰ পোৱা হৈছে সকলো ঠাইতে চোকা নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হৈছে।

**Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) :** Will the Minister be pleased to state whether there was any prosecution for sale of liquor in tea stalls ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** I cannot supply the information off-hand, but if the hon. Member insists on this the reply will be given later on.

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) :** এই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰে চোকা ব্যবস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিব নেকি ?

**Shri HARESWAR DAS :** ইতিমধ্যেই চোকা ব্যবস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিছো আৰু ভবিষ্যতেও কৰি থাকিম।

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA :** এনে চোকা ব্যবস্থা থকা সত্ত্বেও এজন দোকানীকে আজিলৈকে চোবাংমদ বিক্রী কৰা কাৰণে গ্ৰেপ্তাৰ কৰা হোৱা নাই কিয় ?

**Mr. SPEAKER :** দোকানীবিলাক চাটগৈ ব্যবস্থাতকৈও চোকা। (হাঁহি)

### Motion on the Governor's Address

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move: "That the Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to this House assembled on 24th February, 1958".

**Shri RAMNATH SARMAH (Lumding):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I second the Motion moved by Shri Sarat Chandra Goswami.

**The SPEAKER:** Under Rule 13(2) of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly I hereby report to the Assembly that the Governor has been pleased to make a speech, a copy of which was already laid on each Member's table.

I have received notice of a Motion from Shri Sarat Chandra Goswami which is as follows:—

"That the Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to this House assembled on 24th February, 1958".

I hereby fix in consultation with the Business Advisory Committee, 7th March, Friday, 8th March, Saturday, 10th March, Monday and the 11th March, Tuesday, as the dates for discussion of the motion or matters referred to in the Governor's address.

Notices of amendments to the motion or the address made by the Governor may be given so as to reach the Assembly Secretariat on or before the 4th March, 1958.

### Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1957-58

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** Sir, I beg to present a Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1957-58.

In this connection, Sir, I have to invite the attention of the House to few errors: One at page 15. I think the correction slip has been issued to all the Members of the House. This error has crept in printing and I may be permitted to read out the correction.

Please read the following paragraph below "3.—Allowances and honoraria".

"4.—Contingencies—(General and Sixth Scheduled Areas).

The amount is required mainly due to increased expenditure under 'Diet and Road money to witnesses' which is a very uncertain and unforeseen item of expenditure depending on the number of cases coming up before the Court in a particular year".

The next ones are at pages 53 and 61 and this is due to the Department asking for less money after the list went to the Press.

*Page 53.*—(1) Please read Rs.5,00,000 for Rs.8,20,000 wherever it appears on this page.

(2) Please read Rs.4,80,000 for Rs.8,00,000 wherever it appears on this page.

*Page 61.*—(1) Please read Rs.5,00,000 for Rs.8,20,000 and Rs.44,29,200 for Rs.57,49,200 respectively appearing against Grant No.58 under columns (5) and (6).

(2) Please read Rs.2,20,59,572 for Rs.2,23,79,572 and Rs.52,73,97,390 for Rs.52,77,17,390 appearing against 'Total' under columns (5) and (6) respectively.

I am sorry for these mistakes, Sir.

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS ROY (Cherrapunji, reserved for Scheduled Tribes):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I suggest that such kind of corrections may be sent to us by means of correction slips?

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** A correction slip was circulated to every hon. Member. If, however, he has not got it, I may provide him with one.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I am sure the hon. Member got it.

### The Committee on Petitions

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Under Rule 239, I nominate the following Members to constitute the Committee on Petitions :

1. Maulavi Muhammad Idris.
2. Shri Radha Charan Chaudhury.
3. Shri Prabhat Narayan Chaudhury.
4. Shri Narendra Nath Sarma.
5. Shri Khogendra Nath Barbaruah.

Maulavi Md. Idris will be the Chairman of the Committees.

### The Committee of Privileges

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Under Rule 246, I nominate the following Members to constitute the Committee of Privileges:—

1. Shri Rajendra Nath Barua—Deputy Speaker.
2. Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya.
3. Shri Hareswar Goswami.
4. Shri Chatrasing Teron.
5. Shri Mohi Kanta Das.
6. Shri Radhika Ram Das, and
7. Maulavi Nurul Islam.

The Deputy Speaker will be the Chairman of the Committee.

### Announcement *re:* the President's Assent to a Bill

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Information has been received from the Secretary, Legislative Department, that, under the provisions of Article 201 of the Constitution of India, the President has assented to the following Bill which was passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly during the Budget Session held on 4th July, 1957:—

The Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings (Amendment) Bill, 1957.

**Announcement re: the Governor's Assent to Bill**

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Information has been received from the Secretary, Legislative Department, that the Governor of Assam has assented under the provisions of Article 200 of the Constitution of India to the following Bills which were passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly at its meeting held on the 12th November 1957:—

- (1) The Assam State Legislature Members (Removal of Disqualifications) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (2) The Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1957.
- (3) The Assam Displaced Persons (Rehabilitation Loans) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (4) The Assam Repealing Bill, 1957.
- (5) The Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1957.
- (6) The Assam Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (7) The Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1957.

**Cottage Industries Boards and Small scale Industries and Handicrafts Board**

**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister in-charge of Cottage Industries) :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly recommends that they do proceed hereby to elect six members from among the members of this Assembly to be members of the Small Scale Industries and Handicrafts Boards. The Members of the Board will hold office for the life-time of the Legislative Assembly. As regards date and time for holding the election, the Secretary will issue the necessary notice separately.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved is that this Assembly recommends that they do proceed hereby to elect six members from among the members of this Assembly to be members of the Small Scale Handicrafts Board.

(The motion was then put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted.)

### **Cottage Industries Board**

**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** (Minister In-charge of Cottage Industries) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly recommends that they do proceed hereby to elect six members from among the Members of this Assembly to be members of the Cottage Industries Board to be constituted in pursuance of the provisions under Section 3 of the Assam Aid to Industries (Small and Cottage Industries) Act, 1955. The members will hold office during the life-time of the present Assembly.

As regards date and time for holding the election, the Secretary will issue the necessary notice separately.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Motion moved is that this Assembly recommends that they do proceed hereby to elect six Members from among the Members of this Assembly to be Members of the Cottage Industries Board.

(The motion was then put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted.)

### **The State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board**

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH** (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that two Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly be elected by majority votes of the Assembly to the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board, Assam, to be reconstituted by the State Government.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Motion moved is that two Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly be elected to the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board, Assam.

(The motion was then put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted.)

### **The Assam Sales (Amendment) Ordinance, 1957**

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay out copies of the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1957, under Article 213 (2) of the Constitution of India.

**The Assam Finance (Sales Tax) Ordinance, 1957**

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay out copies of the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1957, under Article 213 (2) of the Constitution of India.

**The Assam Traffic Control Ordinance, 1958**

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay out copies of the Assam Traffic Control Ordinance, 1958, under Article 213(2) of the Constitution of India.

**The Assam Contingency Fund (Augmentation of Corpus) Ordinance, 1958**

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay out copies of the Assam Contingencies Fund (Augmentation of Corpus) Ordinance, 1958, under Article 213 (2) of the Constitution of India.

**The Assam Appropriation Ordinance, 1958**

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay out copies of the Assam Appropriation Ordinance 1958, under Article 213(2) of the Constitution of India.

**Appropriation Accounts, 1955-56 and Audit Report, 1957  
(Part II)**

**Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Education):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay out copies of the Appropriation Accounts 1955-56 and Audit Report 1957, Part II.

**The Governor's Message re: the Industrial Disputes Bill**

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Under Rule 97(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly I read out the following message which I have received from the Governor:—

“The Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) (Assam Amendment) Bill, 1956, was passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly on the 4th September, 1956. The Bill intended to amend certain sections of the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950. But as it happened, the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950 which was sought to be amended was itself repealed by the Central Legislature by Section 33 of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1956, and this section came into force with effect from 1st September 1956. The Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Act, 1950, which was

sought to be amended by this Bill did not exist when the Bill was passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly on the 4th September, 1956. The Bill has thus become infructuous.

In view of the above circumstances, the Bill is returned herewith under proviso to Article 200 of the Constitution of India and the House is requested to consider the desirability of its withdrawal."

### The Assam Court Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1958

**Mr: SPEAKER:** Here is a message from the Governor—

Raj Bhavan,

Shillong

The 23rd February, 1958.

I recommend under Article 207 (1) of the Constitution of India that the Assam Court Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,

Governor of Assam.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister) :** Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Court Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Is it the pleasure of the House that the leave be granted to introduce the Bill?  
(The Secretary read the Title of the Bill).

**Secretary, Legislative Assembly:—**The Assam Court Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister) :** Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Court Fees (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

**The Assam Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1958**

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Here is a message from the Governor.

Raj Bhavan,

Shillong

The 23rd February, 1958.

I recommend under Article 207 (1) of the Constitution of India that the Assam Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,

Governor of Assam.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister) :** Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Is it the pleasure of the House that the leave be granted to introduce the Bill?

The Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

**The Secretary, Legislative Assembly :—**The Assam Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister) :** Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

**The Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation Amendment Bill, 1958**

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Here is a message from the Governor.

Raj Bhavan,

Shillong

The 23rd February, 1958.

I recommend under Article 207 (1) of the Constitution of India that the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,

Governor of Assam.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Is it the pleasure of the House that leave be granted to introduce the Bill ?

The Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly:—The Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH:** Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

**The Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958**

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Here is a message from the Governor.

Raj Bhavan,

Shillong,

The 23rd February, 1958.

I recommend under Article 207(1) of the Constitution of India that the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,

Governor of Assam.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Is it the pleasure of the House that the leave may be granted to introduce the Bill?

The Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly:—The Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH:** Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

**The Assam Taxation (on Goods carried by Roads or Inland Water-ways) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.**

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I read out the following message received from the Governor:—

“I recommend under Article 207(1) of the Constitution of India that the Assam Taxation (on Goods carried by Roads or Inland Water-ways) (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,  
Governor of Assam.”

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister):** Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Taxation (on Goods carried by Roads or Inland Water-ways) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Is it the pleasure of the House that leave be granted to introduce the Bill ?

The Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly:—The Assam Taxation (on Goods carried by Roads or Inland Water-ways) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH** Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Taxation (on Goods carried by Roads, or Inland Water-ways) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

### **The Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958**

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Here is another message from the Governor which I read out now:—

“I recommend under Article 207(1) of the Constitution of India that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,

Governor of Assam.”

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH:** Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Is it the pleasure of the House that leave be granted to introduce the Bill ?

The Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly:—The Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance) :** Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1958, be introduced.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

**'The Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1958**

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Here is a message from the Governor.

Raj Bhavan,  
Shillong,

The 23rd February, 1958.

I recommend under Article 207(1) of Constitution of India that the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1958 be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,

Governor of Assam."

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister) :** Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Is it the pleasure of the House that leave be granted to introduce the Bill ?

The Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly:—The Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance):** Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

**The Societies Registration (Assam Fifth  
(Amendment) Bill, 1958**

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Here is a message from the  
Governor.

Raj Bhavan,

Shillong,

The 24th February, 1958.

“I recommend under Article 207(1) of the Constitution of India that the Societies Registration (Assam Fifth Amendment) Bill, 1958, be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,

Governor of Assam.”

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH:** Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Societies Registration (Assam Fifth Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Is it the pleasure of the House that leave be granted to introduce the Bill ?

One Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly :—The Societies Registration (Assam Fifth Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH :** Sir, I beg to introduce the Societies Registration (Assam Fifth Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

**The Assam Weights and Measures Enforcement Bill, 1958**

**Mr. SPEAKER** : The following message has been received from the Governor.

“I recommend under Article 207 (1) of the Constitution of India that the Assam Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Bill, 1958, be introduced and moved in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. FAZL ALI,  
Governor of Assam.”

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Trade & Commerce)** : Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Is it the pleasure of the House that leave be granted to introduce the Bill ?

One Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly:—The Assam Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Bill, 1958.

**Shri K. P. TRIPATHI** : Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

**The Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958.**

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Finance Minister)** : Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave that the Bill be introduced.

One Secretary read the Title of the Bill.

The Secretary, Legislative Assembly :—The Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH** : Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER** : The Motion moved is that the Bill be introduced.

The Bill is introduced.

Then we have come to the end of the business for the day.

The House stands adjourned till 10 A. M. to-morrow. (1st March 1958).

### Adjournment

The Assembly was then Adjourned till 10 A. M. on Saturday, the 1st March, 1958.

R. N. BARUA,

Shillong:

Secretary, Legislative  
Assembly, Assam.

The 17th October, 1958.

