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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber,
Shillong at 9 A.M. on Friday, 29th March, 1968.

PRESENT

Shri Hareswar Goswami, B.A. (Cal.), M.A. (Cantab.),
Barrister-at-Law, Speaker, in Chair, Eight Ministers,
Six Ministers of State, Three Deputy Ministers and
Seventy Eight Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Re : Truck Accident at Simaluguri

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

- *5. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether there was truck accident at Simaluguri on 15th March, 1968 ?
 - (b) Whether it is a fact that the Police removed the truck at night by throwing the dead persons to the heap of the stones ?
 - (c) Whether it is a fact that the Public had to remove the dead bodies in absence of police on the next day ?
 - (d) Whether Government propose to make enquiry into this matter and the negligence shown by the police ?
 - (e) What action has been taken by the Government on the representation submitted by Shri Ghanashyam Gogoi, Chandra Gohain and Hari Barsaikia on behalf of the Public of Simaluguri ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

5. (a) Yes.

(b) No. Police arrived at the place of occurrence immediately and arrested the driver. With the help of local people they attempted to lift the truck but failed. Neither the driver nor the passengers knew the exact number of people who travelled in they truck. Later on a crane arrived from Jorhat and lifted the truck at about 0500 hours on 16th March, 1968.

(c) After the truck was taken away a dead body was found under stones. It was removed by police with the help of the public.

(d) Yes.

(e) No such representation has been received but, copy of a resolution adopted in a meeting held at Simaluguri Bazar on 17th March 1968, forwarded to Chief Minister by Shri Ghanshyam Gogoi has been received. The allegation is being enquired into.

Shri Durgeswar Saikia—এই কপাটো নহন্নেকি যে dead body পুৰা গনাস্তব নকৰি বাতিহে কৰিলে পুলিচ যোৱাৰ লগে লগে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury—ভেনেকুৱা খবৰ নাই।

Shri Durgeswr Saikia—এই কপাটো চৰকাৰে তদন্ত কৰিবনে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury—ৰাজহুৱা সভাৰ পৰা যি প্ৰস্তাৱ চৰকাৰলৈ পঠোৱা হৈছে সেই প্ৰস্তাৱ অনুসৰি যিবোৰ অভিযোগ আনিছে সেইবোৰৰ বিষয়ে তদন্ত কৰা হ'ব ধৰিছে।

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Re : Rehabilitation of Refugees in Baghbar Mouza

Shri Ataur Rahman asked :

*227, Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether refugees from East Pakistan have been rehabilitated in a specified area of the Baghbar Mouza in the Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) If so, when ?
- (c) Whether pattas have been issued to the refugee families ?
- (d) If not, why ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

227. (a) Yes.

(b) Allotment of land in Baghbar Relief and Rehabilitation Scheme was started in 1951.

(c) & (d) Pattas have been issued in some cases. In other cases Patta could not be issued due to erosion and dispute over possession of land. Steps for settling disputes are in progress.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Sir, may I know from the honourable Minister the total number of area allotted and the total number of families sought to be rehabilitated ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : The total area of land allotted is 21,839 Bighas 4 Kathas 16 Lessas in 26 villages in Baghbar Mouza. Number of pattas already issued is 1867 covering an area of 10,838 Bighas 1 Katha and 16 Lessas. Number of cases where pattas could not be issued due to erosion and dispute over possession of land is 1480.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Sir, whether Government is aware that due to non-settlement of land there is endless dispute between the indigenous people and the refugees ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Yes, some dispute is going on.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Whether Government is going to expedite settlement ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Yes.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Whether some business people also have been rehabilitated there ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : In course of settlement of land some non-tillers have been given land. Now, the matter is being enquired into and if it is permissible under the law, their pattas will be cancelled.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : অভয়াপুৰী সমষ্টিৰ কিছুমান মাটিহীন মানুহে দৰখাস্ত কাৰিছিল, তেনেকুৱা মানুহক পট্টা দিবনে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : নহয়।

Shri Dharanidhar Choudhury : May I know from the hon. Minister whether those families are still residing there ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : It is supposed to be so.

Re : Digging of well and drain by the Development Block in the Koliabor Anchalik Panchayat.

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami asked :

* 228. মাননীয় পঞ্চায়ত বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) কলিয়াবৰ আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তত উন্নয়ন পণ্ডৰ জৰিয়তে যোৱা ৫ বছৰত (১৯৬২-৬৭) কিমান নলীনাৰ বছৰা হৈছে ?

(খ) গড় হিচাবে এই নলীনাৰবোৰৰ দৈৰ্ঘ্য কিমান ?

(গ) এই নলীবোৰ (Pipe) কেনে ধৰণেৰে সংগ্ৰহ কৰা হৈছে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

228. (ক) ১৯৬২-৬৭ চনৰ ভিতৰত কলিয়াবৰ আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তত ১৮১ টা নলীনাৰ বছৰা হৈছে।

(খ) ৮২ই ফুট (ফিণ্টাৰ বাদ দি)।

(গ) নীতিমতে মূল্যজ্ঞাপন (Quotation) জানি লৈ নলীবোৰ সংগ্ৰহ কৰা হৈছে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : ময়ী মহোদয়ে এই কথা জানেনে যে নলীবোৰ ৮২ই ফুট নহয়, আচলতে ৪০/৪৫ ফুটহে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : গড় হিচাপে ৮২ই ফুট। কোনো কোনো ঠাইত বেচি আৰু কোনো কোনো ঠাইত ৪০/৪৫ ফুট হ'ব পাৰে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : ৪০/৪৫ ফুট বাদ দি বাকী pipe ঘূৰাই অনা হয়নে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : বাকী pipe ঘূৰাই আনিব লাগে আৰু অলপ ঠাইত ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিব লাগে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : এইটো তদন্ত কৰা হ'বনে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : কোনোবা বিশেষ ঠাইৰ কথা ক'লে কৰিব পাৰি কিন্তু general হিচাপে কৰিব নোৱাৰি।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : মোৰ সমষ্টিৰ মাধতাৰী গাঁৱত হৈছে আৰু তাত যি pipe বাকী থাকিল সেই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰে অনুসন্ধান কৰিব নে ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika : অনুসন্ধান কৰা হ'ব।

Re : Loan given to backward class people through Lawkhowa Anchalik Panchayat

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami (Kaliabor) asked :

*229. মাননীয় অনুসূচিত সম্প্ৰদায় বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

- (ক) এটোটা কথা সঁচা নে যে লাগপোৰা আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ অধীনতে ৬ জন অসহায়ীত সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ লোকক গৃহ-নিৰ্মাণৰ কাৰণে ধন দিয়া হৈছে ?
- (খ) এটা কথা সঁচা নে যে ঘৰ নসজাকৈয়ে উক্ত ৬ জন লোকে পুনৰ ধন পাঠিছে ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State, Tribal Affairs and Welfare of Backward Classes) replied :

229. (ক)—১৯৬৪-৬৫ চনত ৭ জন অসহায়ীত সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ লোকক প্ৰত্যেকক ৩৭৫ টকাকৈ গৃহ-নিৰ্মাণৰ কাৰণে সাহায্য দিয়া হৈছিল।
- (খ) চৰকাৰে তেনে কোনো ধন পোৱা নাই।

Re : Price fixed for Dakhinhengara Bazar of Golaghat

Shri Narendra Nath Sarma (Dergaon) asked :

•230. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Golaghat East Anchalik Panchayat fixed Rs. 7,000.00 (Rupees seven thousand) only as price of Dakhinhengara Bazar of Golaghat ?
- (b) What is the cause for not giving Government approval ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the owner of the Bazar filed a case against the Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (d) How much amount is spent by the Panchayat in this case ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and Community Development) replied :

230. (a), (b), (c), & (d)—The subject matter of this question is involved in a writ petition filed by the owners of Dakhinhengara market before the Hon'ble High Court in Civil Rule No. 23/67. The Golaghat Local Board imposed an annual tax of Rs. 1,000 on Dakhinhengara private market. The Golaghat East Panchayat raised it to Rs. 7,000 per year in 1962. The owners of the market moved a petition before the Commissioner of Plains Division who set aside the order of the Anchalik Panchayat on January 1965. The Anchalik Panchayat reviewed the matter and levied a fresh tax of Rs. 7,000 per year in place of Rs. 1,000 previously fixed by the then Local Board. The enhanced rate was approved by Government. The owners of the market have filed a writ petition before the

Hon'ble High Court against the Anchalik Panchayat and four others whose orders are awaited.

Since the court case has not yet been disposed of, the accounts of expenditure incurred by the Anchalik Panchayat have not yet been closed.

Re : **Boginadi State Dispensary**

Shri Gobinda Chandra Bora (North-Lakhimpur) asked :

*231. Will the Minister-in-charge Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Boginadi State Dispensary was proposed to be converted into a Primary Health Centre some 4 (four) years back and necessary lands were acquired for that purpose ?
- (b) If so, what are the reasons for not starting the work as yet ?
- (c) Whether the Government have received several representations from the public mostly plains tribal people of that area and Anchalik Panchayat expressing their resentment for not fulfilling their demand for the Health Centre ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State) replied :

231. (a)—Site was selected on 13th June 1964.

(b)—Plans and estimates for the Primary Health Centre have not yet been received. After receipt of the plans and estimates, subsequent steps for provision of funds will be made.

(c)—Yes.

Shri Govinda Chandra Bora :—In view of the backwardness of the area and also in view of the fact that it is mostly inhabited by the plains tribal and scheduled caste people, do not Government think it desirable to upgrade the dispensary into a primary health centre, which is the persistent demand of the people of that area ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari :—This has been upgraded to a primary health centre, but about the reconstruction of the buildings, plans and estimates have not yet been received.

Shri Durgeswar Saikia :—What is the reason for non-submission of plans and estimates even after 4 years ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari :—From our side we asked for the plans and estimates on 3.9.66 and a telegraphic reminder has been

sent to the Civil Surgeon on 7.12.68 to have the plans and estimates from the P. W. D.

Shri Bisnuram Medhi :—Is there any difficulty in having a standard type of houses for primary health centres so that there is no necessity for preparing plans and estimates in each case ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari :—This will be looked into.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua :—May I know whether the expenditure necessary for upgrading this dispensary has been included in the current year's budget and, if so, what is the amount ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari :—This has not been specifically shown as plans and estimates have not been received.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua :—From the statement of the Hon'ble Minister are we to understand that this will not be taken up during the next 5 years ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari :—No, Sir it will be considered as soon as plans and estimates are received, subject to availability of funds.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua :—May I know whether Government is prepared to make allotment of funds for this particular dispensary if plans and estimates come in the meantime ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari :—We shall see to it.

Shri Durgeswar Saikia :—১৯৬৪ চনত 'চেংচন' হৈছে ; ১৯৬৬ চনত প্লেন আৰু এষ্টিমেন্ট বিচাৰিছে ; ১৯৬৭ চনত চিভিল চার্জৰক বিমাইণ্ডাৰ দিছে। এইদৰে এই কামবিলাকত ইমান পলম কিয় কৰা হয় ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari :—The Medical Department has got no technical hand of its own. That is why this delay.

Shri Durgeswar Saikia :—সেইটো বুজিছো, বিমাইণ্ডাৰ কিয় সোনকালে দিয়া হোৱা নাই ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari :—This will be expedited.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya :—এনে ঘটনা হোৱা বহুতো ডিছপেনচাৰী আছে। (No reply)

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua :—Sir, the Medical Minister has been kind enough to be present in the House now. Instead of getting replies to questions from the State Minister may we have them from the Medical Minister himself ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma :—The Minister of State has been authorised.

Re : Condition of the Palasbari State Dispensary Building

Shri Abala Kanta Goswami (Palasbari) asked :

•232. Will the Minister-in-charge Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the State Dispensary building at Palasbari in Palasbari Constituency is in a deplorable condition and is too small for a dispensary with large attendance of out-door patients ?
- (b) Whether it is also a fact that there are no quarters for the doctor, compounder, chawkidar and the midwife ?
- (c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to take early steps to make a new dispensary building or improve and enlarge the existing one ?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased also to build quarters for the doctor, compounder, chowkidar and the midwife ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State) replied :

232. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—Palasbari Dispensary was taken over from the erst-while Local Board on 1st April 1959. It has been decided to take up reconstruction of 5 dispensaries of *Ex-Local Board* per year subject to availability of funds.

Shri Durgeswar Saikia : আন আন বিভাগবিলাকে যেনেতেনে হ'লেও কিবা এটা কাম কৰে। মেডিকেল বিভাগটোৱে যোৱা ৬ বছৰ ফাণ্ড নাই, ফাণ্ড নাই বুলি কৈ আহিছে। এইটো কিয় হৈছে তদন্ত কৰিবনে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : যদি সদনে মঞ্জুৰী দিয়ে তেহে হ'ব।

Shri Kabir Chandra Roy Pradhani : There are so many subsidised dispensaries. May I know from the Hon'ble Minister whether these subsidised dispensaries will be converted into State dispensaries ?

Deputy Speaker : This is a general question. However, if the Minister is prepared to answer I have no objection.

Shri Moneswr Boro : ডিচ'পেনচাৰী বিলাকৰ ঘৰ সাজোঁতে কিবা মাপ, দীঘল, পুতল, বা কেনে ধৰণৰ কি হ'ব লাগে—এইবিলাক আছেনে নাই যই স্পেচিফিকেনচৰ কথা কৈছোঁ।

Speaker : He has asked about the specifications of the buildings.

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : That information is not with me now. If notice is given I can supply it later.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : This dispensary had been taken from the Local Board in the year 1959. May we know whether since then any amount has been spent for its development and if so, what is the amount ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : Some amount must have been spent for repairs, but the actual figure is not with me. I can supply it later.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether it is a fact that not a single farthing has been spent during this long period from 1959 to 1968 for the development of the building of this dispensary and, if so, why ?

Dr. Surendra Nath Das : ডিসপেন্‌চেৰী ঘৰবিলাকৰ সম্পৰ্কত টকা নাই বুলি কৈছে। এই ঘৰবিলাক নিৰ্মাণৰ কামৰ কাৰণে কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰে দিয়া বিভিন্ন-গ্ৰাণ্টৰ টকা খৰচ হোৱা নাই আৰু সেই টকা কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰক ঘূৰাই দিবলগীয়া হৈছে এই কথা সঁচানে ?

Mr. Deputy Speaker : হয়নে কথাটো ? (Laughter) Are you aware of the fact ?

Dr. Surendra Nath Drs : জানিবৰ চেষ্টা কৰিবনে ?

Mr. Deputy Speaker : Mr. Basumatari, you will submit the information after ascertaining the fact.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Sir, may I draw the attention of the Deputy Leader of the House who is present in the House and whose responsibility is this, whether that is a fact.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) : If a separate question is put, I shall reply. This is a general question.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : How it can be general ? Every time they are saying that there is no fund. An amount has been earmarked by the Government of India for construction and development of hospital buildings, what is the amount ? If there is no amount earmarked, let them say no. At the time of coming to give reply, they should be prepared with all the information.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : This is a general question.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : I shall reply to the question

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : We want to draw the attention of the Chair that it is very pitiable that the Minister has to take chit from the officers' gallery for reply. When they come to reply, they must come prepared.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, this question whether any grant for dispensary buildings are provided by the Government of India or not has little relevance with the present question. The present question is that of the Palasbari State dispensary's condition. Therefore, if a general question is put in the line it has been done, it is difficult to give an accurate reply unless records are searched out and the fact is disseminated. Therefore, Sir, the question, if you so please, may be put off, if you hold that the question is relevant, for proper reply.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : I have already stated that this is a general question, which is not related to the particular dispensary. When the matter was brought to the floor of the House, I think the Minister should be given time to submit that important information to the House, say, to-morrow or day after.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : To-morrow.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, the Minister may say that this is not relevant, but I say this is relevant.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : I have already allowed that question to be discussed.

Shri Giasuddin Ahmed : It is a matter of great regret that the hon. Ministers are not well-versed to the affairs of their Departments. Will they kindly study thoroughly what is happening in their Departments ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : I strongly refute that charge.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : I have already given my ruling. Because it will be a general question, the records will have to be searched.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Sir, in view of the position, will the Government consider handing over the maintenance of ex-Local Board dispensaries to the Panchayats ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : That is a question of policy and it can not be discussed here in course of a question.

Re : Permit issued for Bazar Buses and Line Buses in Palasbari, Chaygaon and Boko Constituencies

Shri Abala Kanta Goswami asked :

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

- (a) How many new permits have been issued after 31st March 1967 till February 1968 in Palasbari, Chaygaon and Boko Constituencies for (i) Bazar Buses, (ii) Private Passenger Buses (line buses) ?
- (b) What are the names of the new permit holders ?
- (c) The reasons for granting new permits ?

Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury (Minister of State, Transport) replied :

233. (a)—The number of new permits issued during the period from 31st March 1967 to February 1968 is as follows :—

(i) Bazar Bus permits—					
Palasbari	...	...	...	...	3
Chaygaon	...	...	...	...	Nil
Boko	...	...	...	...	7
(ii) Private Passenger Buses (line buses)—					
Palasbari	...	...	...	...	Nil
Chaygaon	...	...	...	...	Nil
Boko	...	...	...	...	Nil

(b) The names of the new permit holders of Bazar Buses are furnished below :—

- (1) Shri Hasraf Hussain, Kumarpara, Gauhati.
- (2) Shri Santi Ram Das, Palasbari, Kamrup.
- (3) M/s, Navayuwak Sangathan, Bijohnagar, Kamrup.
- (4) Shri Rajadhar Baishya, Dharapur, Gauhati.
- (5) Sri Nirmal Kumar Das, Singra, Kamrup.
- (6) Shri Dharma Kanta Chakravarty, Gauhati.
- (7) Pratap Ch. Patowari, Singra, Kamrup.
- (8) Shri Garga Ram Das, Bharalumukh, Gauhati.
- (9) Shri Praneswar Kalita, Bondapara, Kamrup.
- (10) M/s. Nagarberra Transport Co-operative Society Limited, Nagarberra.

(c) In order to meet the demand of the Bazar-going people and small traders of these areas the above-mentioned permits have been granted by the Regional Transport Authority, Gauhati.

Shri Abala Kanta Goswami—May I know from the hon. Minister, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister is aware that bazar buses instead of running to the bazars run to Gauhati with passengers ?

Shri Prabin Kumar Chaudhury—There is no information, Sir.

Re : The Area of Sugarcane Cultivation required for Installation of Sugar Mill

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

*234 Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) The area of land under cultivation of sugarcane required for installation of Sugar Mill in a district ?
- (b) The average area of land under cultivation of Sugar for the last 3 years in Nowgong ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Industries) replied :

234, (a)—For a medium-sized unit of 1,000 tons daily crushing capacity Sugar Mill, the area of land under sugarcane cultivation should be at least 6,000 acres yielding per season about 30 to 35 lakh maunds of sugarcane having a sucrose content of about 12 percent within 20 miles of quick and easy communicable distance from the site of the Mill.

(b)—1964-65	...	...	...	7,750.96 acres.
1965-66	...	...	...	8,595.60 "
1966-67	...	...	...	7,995.39 "

Shri Dulal Chandra Baruah—Whether any other district of Assam produce requisite quantity of sugarcane required by a sugar mill ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—If the Hon. Member puts a separate question relating to other districts, I can reply.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—Whether any specific survey has been made ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—Yes, Sir, in different areas i.e. in Nowgong, Silchar and Cachar, survey has been made.

M. Shamsul Huda—Sir, during our discussion regarding a sugar mill at Nowgong, the Director of Industries told us that the required area of land under sugarcane cultivation for a medium sized mill should be 5000 acres, but the Hon. Minister has informed us that it should be 6000 acres. Which is correct?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—How can I say what the Director of Industries said in some place. I can give the information that is with me. It is a report given by an expert.

Shri Giasuddin Ahmed—Sir, May I know from the Hon. Minister where from this figure regarding acreage has been collected?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—From the Agriculture Department.

Shri Phani Bora—Sir, whether it is a fact that there was collection of shares for a sugar mill in Nowgong district a few years back and what is the position of that proposed sugar mill in Nowgong.

Shri Biswadev Sarma—Sir, last time when the Committee went to Nowgong for discussion with the leading persons of Nowgong for setting up a sugar mill in Nowgong, in the co-operative sector, I was told that the people there were not interested as they felt that it will be difficult to raise the money necessary for having a sugar mill in the co-operative sector.

Shri Phani Bora—Sir, whether Government is aware that some shares were already collected and what is the position?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—That reply can be given by the Co-operative Minister. So far I know, a co-operative society was formed. The exact position of that society I do not know.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—Sir, whether these schemes for setting up of new sugar mills have been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan.

Shri Biswadev Sarma—I can not say anything about it, because it has not been finalised.

I think these mills under co-operative sector should be included in the Fourth Five Year Plan.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—What is the number that has been included.

Shri Biswadev Sarma—That has not been finalised.

Mr. Deputy Speaker—He cannot give information about matters relating to the Co-operative Department.

Re : Directorate of Industries

Shri Romesh Mohan Kuli asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Directorate of Industries in the State is running without a Director, after the present Director left for U. K. ?
- (b) Who is holding the charge of the Office of the Director of industries at present ?
- (c) Whether he is technically qualified to hold the post of Director ?
- (d) What is the basis of promotion, selection and appointment of a Director while a Director goes on deputation or on invitation of a foreign country or on leave ?
- (e) How many posts of Joint Directors and Deputy Directors are there in the Directorate and what are the qualifications of the personnel appointed to these posts ?
- (f) How many of them are technical personnel and how many of them are non-technical ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that non-technical personnel have been appointed in the posts of Joint Directors and Deputy Directors in the Directorate of Industries although the sanction of the posts are meant for technically qualified persons ?
- (h) If so, why ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that one Joint Director (Technical) is under suspension ?
- (j) If so, since when ?
- (k) Who has been promoted or appointed to this post ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Industries) replied :

235. (a)—No.

(b)—Shri A. Barua, Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam, Industries Department.

(c)—No technical qualification is necessary to hold the post of Director.

(d) Merit and suitability.

(e) There are two Joint Directors and four Deputy Directors in position at present.

Their qualifications are as follows :

- (1) Shri D. R. Datta, Joint Director. Industries, Degree in Mechanical Engineering.
- (2) Shri K. C. Bhagoty, Joint Director of Industries, Master of Arts (Commerce) and Bachelor of Law.
- (3) Shri P. D. Deuri, Deputy Director of Industries, Degree in Mechanical Engineering.
- (4) Shri C. Mahata, Deputy Director of Industries, Bachelor of Arts and Associated Member of Cost and Industrial Accountants (London).
- (5) Shri R. K. Goswami, Deputy Director of Industries, Master of Arts and Bachelor of Law.
- (6) Shri T. K. Nath, Deputy Director of Industries, Bachelor of Arts and Diploma in Business Administration (Glasgo).

(f) One Joint Director and one Deputy Director are technical. The rest are non-technical.

(g) No.

(h) Does not arise.

(i) Yes.

(j) 1966.

(k) No one has been promoted to the post. Shri K. C. Bhagoty, Deputy Director of Industries has been temporarily holding the charge of the post after some adjustment in the work between the two Joint Directors.

Shri Sailen Medhi—Sir, how is it that while the Joint Director and Deputy Director of Industries are required to be technical personnel the Director should not necessarily be a technical man ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—Sir, that is the pattern evolved. No technical qualification is necessary in the case of the Director.

Re : Purchase of a Rembala Car by the A.S.E.B

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*236. মাননীয় অসমৰ বিজ্ঞান বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) ইলেকট্ৰিচিটি ব'ৰ্ডে এখন বেমলা নে তেনে অন্য কোনো নামৰ বিদেশী মটৰগাড়ী কিনা কথাটো সঁচানে ?

(খ) ইয়াৰ আগতে মাৰ্চিডিগ বেঞ্চ নে তেনে নামৰ এখন গাড়ী ব'ৰ্ডৰ থকাটো হয় নে ?

(গ) যদি হয়, আগৰখন থাকোঁতেই এতিয়াৰখন কিয় কিনা হ'ল, মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জনাব নে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma (Minister, Electricity) replied :

236. (ক)—এখন বেঞ্চলাৰ কিনাটো হয়।

(খ)—এখন প্লাইমাউথ গাড়ী আছিল।

(গ)—আগৰখন গাড়ী পুৰণা হোৱাত আৰু ভালকৈ নচলাৰ কাৰণে নতুন গাড়ী ল'বলগীয়া হ'ল।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—Rambler গাড়ীৰ দাম কিমান ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—গাড়ীৰ দাম মোৰ হাতত নাই।

Shri Soneswar Bora—দামটো জানিব খোজো।

Shri Biswadev Sarma—It was purchased from the State Trading Corporation of India after negotiation at the price of Rs. 52, 625. 62 p.

Shri Phani Bora—গাড়ীখন 2nd hand নে 1st hand ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—2nd hand.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—মই মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰি ক'ব খোজো যে 2nd hand গাড়ী এখন কি যুক্তিত ৫২ হেজাৰ টকাত কিনিছে ? দ্বিতীয়তে গাড়ীখন এতিয়া হেনো অচল হৈ আছে, কথাটো সঁচানে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—অচল হোৱা নাই। আমাৰ ইয়ালৈ বহুত V.I.P. আছে কাৰণেই এনে গাড়ীৰ প্ৰয়োজন হ'ল।

শ্ৰীমল্লিকা তাঁতী—এনেকুৱা আৰু গাড়ী কিনা হৈছেনে ?

শ্ৰীবিষ্ণুদেৱ শৰ্মা—Rambler আৰু কিনা নাই।

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar—What is the cost of a new car ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—This is the second hand car and the cost is Rs. 52 thousand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker :—Could you give cost of a new car ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) : No import of these new cars is permitted.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharya :—All these sorts of cars are not allowed to be imported and the spare parts are also scarcely available in the State. In view of this, what was the cause of spending a huge amount of Rs. 52 thousand over an old and second hand car ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—It is not a fact that spare parts are not available. This was purchased in 1964 and the car is still running and the State Trading Corporation is arranging spares for the car.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya—It was made in the year 1954 that is to say a car which was run already 10 years.....

Shri Biswadev Sarma—No, it was purchased in the year 1964.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya—No, take it from me—the model is of 1954. The Govt. purchased the car after 10 years of its running by an amount of Rs. 52 thousand from the pockets of the poor people of Assam with the expectation that somebody, some V. I. Ps. may like to ride in a Rambler rather than in an Ambassador. May I know from the hon. Minister whether in any time any person has refused to ride in an Indian-Assembled car like Ambassador?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—I cannot reply to this question. But what I have said earlier are the reasons furnished by the Board.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya—May I know from the hon. Minister whether that luxurious and extravagant Board will be brought to the book?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—I have already assured the House that an Enquiry Committee is going to be set up.

Shri Bisnuram Medhi—Will the Govt. make it a point at least from the point of view of economy to purchase cheaper Indian-assembled cars instead luxurious foreign cars?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—Most certainly Sir.

Shri Benoy Krishna Ghosh—From whom the car was purchased?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—From the State Trading Corporation.

Shri Bolin Tanti—এনেকুৰা আৰু গাড়ী কিনা হৈছেনে?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—Rambler আৰু কিনা হোৱা নাই।

Re : Condition of the Road from Kulajan Tin Ali to Sonari Ferryghat

Shri Romesh Mohan Kuli asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of several public complaints regarding the worst condition of the road from Kulajan Tin Ali (North Trunk Road) to Sonari Ferryghat including the Bridges over it ?
- (b) If so, what step is being taken to repair the said road including the Bridges over it ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that this road is being maintained by the Public Works Department ?
- (d) If so, why the said road has not properly been maintained ?
- (e) Whether the Government is aware that the said road in question is the most important one from the point of view of communication from Dibrugarh to North Bank and *vice versa* ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazmuder [Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

237. (a)—Yes.

(b), (c) & (d)—This road from Moridhal to Sonarigaon was handed over to the Director General, Border Roads, Government of India, on 14th June 1963 at their request. Moridhal to Kulajan has been improved by metalling and surfacing. But the portion of the road from Kalujan to Sonarigaon does not appear to have been maintained by them properly for sometime past, The Government of India have been pressed to bring the road to 'proper order and hand-over back to this Department after bringing the Road and Bridges to original condition.

(e)—Yes.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kuli : May I know, Sir, what is the length of the road from Moridhal to Sonarighat ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : The length of the road is 13.72 miles. The road was handed over to the Director General, Border Roads, Government of India, and they are looking after the road.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kuli : Whether this portion from Kulajan to Sonarighat is under the State P. W. D. or the Border Road Organisation ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : It was handed over to the Border Road Organisation.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kuli : Is it a fact that the Border Road Organisation has not done anything to improve the road ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : So far as this portion is concerned, about 9 miles in length, does not appear to have been maintained by them properly.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kuli : Is it a fact that neither the Border Road Organisation will construct the road nor hand over to the State P. W. D. ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : They have not denied to hand over, but we have been pressing them to do it.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, what is the last date of representation sent to the Border Road Organisation for improvement of the road ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : The last date of representation made is 14.12.67. Subsequent to that we have also sent a telegraphic reminder. The date of the telegram is not with me.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kuli : Is the Government aware that due to the dilapidated condition of the road the big vehicles like buses do not want to ply, and that only light vehicles could ply. Taking advantage of this bad condition of the road these vehicles and the buses charge very high rates—sometimes as much as 10 or 12 rupees ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : What the buses or other vehicles charge I do not know, but the fact of inconvenience to people using that road is there and that is why we have pressed the Government of India to hand over the road to us.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kuli : In view of the inconvenience caused to the public for non-maintenance of the road will Government consider taking steps for improving the road ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : The Government is pressing the Government of India to hand it back to us.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kuli : Can the Hon'ble Minister give an assurance as to when this road will be handed over back to the State P. W. D. for repair and maintenance ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : The Hon'ble Member will appreciate that when the matter is placed with the Government of India, it is not possible now to give any assurance.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether the State Government will take the responsibility of repairing the road ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : We can do it as soon as it is handed over to us.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Sir, the Minister has stated that if it is handed over it will be repaired. That means that if it is not handed over it will remain uncared for. Will the Minister approach the Government of India for improvement of the road ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : Sir, I have already replied to this point.

Re : National Highway from Dahalapora to Patiladoha under Ahhayapuri Public Works Department Subdivision

Shrimati Pranita Talukdar asked :

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

- (a) Why a portion of the National Highway from Dahalapora to Patiladoha has been placed under Ahhayapuri Public Works Department Division clearly ?
- (b) Whether the Government will be pleased to re-adjust the boundaries of Barpeta and Ahhayapuri Public Works Department Divisions clearly ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder [Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

238. (a)—This portion of the National Highway was under the Bijni Division formerly. After abolition of the said division the National Highway works of that division have been taken over by the Ahhayapuri Division for administrative convenience.

- (b) There is no such proposal.

Mrs. Pranita Talukdar : Sir, may I know whether the Kamrup portion of the National Highway division would be established at Barpeta subdivision ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : There is no such proposal with us.

Mrs. Pranita Talukdar : Sir, may I know the reason ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : This is done entirely on the basis of load of work.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Will the Government consider establishment of the headquarter at Sualkuchi ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : There is no such contemplation at the moment.

Re : Dhansiri River Bridge

Shri Soneswar Bora asked :

*239. মাননীয় গড়কাপ্তানি মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

- (ক) গোলাঘাট মহকুমাৰ গোলাঘাট টাউনতে লাগিথকা ধনশ্ৰী নৈৰ দলংখন যান-বাহন চলাচল কৰা আৰু যাতায়াতৰ অনুপযুক্ত হৈ পৰিছে বুলি আৰু নিৰাপত্তা নাই বুলি চৰকাৰে জানে নে ?
- (খ) যদি জানে, উক্ত ধনশ্ৰী নৈৰ দলংখন খৰতকীয়াকৈ পুনৰ নিৰ্মাণৰ ব্যৱস্থা চৰকাৰে হাতত লব নে ?
- (গ) যদি নলয়, কিয় ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder [Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

239. (a)—The Bridge has deteriorated in long use and load restriction above 6 tons (gross) is imposed.

(b)—Proposal for reconstruction has been included in the tentative list for consideration for inclusion in the 4th 5-Year Plan.

(c)—Does not arise.

Shri Soneswar Bora : উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই দলংখনৰ বক্ষণা-বেক্ষণৰ বাবে দলংখনৰ দুয়ো পাৰে পুলিচ বখা হৈছে। সেইটো মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জানেনে ?

Mr. Deputy Speaker : The question is for keeping watch over the bridge whether the policemen are kept there ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : Yes, in certain bridges police is kept.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen : Whether it is to the knowledge of the Government that some police personnel are engaged there to take care of the bridge.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : In certain bridges where we feel up necessary in order to check the load and to regulate the speed on the bridges we place police also.

Shri Soneswar Bora : দলংখনৰ ওপৰেদি এটা নিৰ্দিষ্ট ওজনতকৈ বেচি ওজন পাৰ কৰিবলৈ বাধা থকা স্বত্বেও পুলিচে জোনাকত গাড়ীবোৰ check কৰিলেও আন্ধাৰত পুলিচে পাৰ কৰি দিয়ে। অধিক ওজনৰ মালবাহী গাড়ী অহা-যোৱা কৰা কাৰণে দলংখন ঘনাই ঘনাই বেয়া হৈ যায়। পুলিচে অধিক ওজনৰ গাড়ীবোৰ নিয়ম ভংগ কৰি কেনেকৈ পাৰ কৰি দিয়ে মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে ক'ব পাৰিবনে ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : Sir, they are to see that nobody takes a load beyond the permissible limit on the bridge. And Government has no information of anything like the insinuation made by the hon. Member.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen : Since the information is furnished, will the Minister take the trouble to make an enquiry ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : If specific case is brought to the notice of the Government, then we can make an enquiry.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen : The case is certainly specific when it is given on the floor of the House that the police takes some bribe from the truck owners and allows the heavy truck-load to ply over that bridge. Since this has been specifically mentioned, will the Minister make an enquiry ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : If a particular case of any truck owner has been asked to pay anything to the policemen, certainly we will examine the truck owner concerned. So, if specific information is brought to our notice, we will enquire.

Mr. Deputy Speaker : The question is, in view of the fact that the truck-loads beyond the permissible limit are allowed by the police to cross over the bridge, will you take steps to enquire into the matter ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : We have been looking, Sir, that not more than the permissible limit is allowed on the bridge.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen : The Hon'ble Minister can make a surprise visit for a night there. Will he take that trip?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : I quite agree. But if a Minister should move more often, then he is subjected to the criticism that the Minister goes out on tour often.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The Minister has stated that Government have given instructions for fixing the load limit over the bridge. May I know whether any agency has been appointed from the P.W.D. side to look after that—whether that instruction has been properly carried out?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : There is nobody particularly placed there for the purpose. There is a Muharrir in the section on that road.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Are we to understand that this order has been kept on paper only and not in practice? If so, may I request the Minister to enquire into the matter thoroughly?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : As a matter of fact, I have already replied that policeman are also there and from P.W.D. side also some people are there in the section of the bridge. Certainly, we shall look that the permissible limit over the bridge is not exceeded.

Shri Phani Bora : Sir, the Government has got certain policy for certain reasons. In this case, they have asked the police to be posted on the bridge to check the heavy vehicles, carrying a load beyond permissible limit is not to be allowed to ply on this dilapidated bridge. This is the order of the Government. When this order is violated and there is the allegation that it is violated, the Minister says that it is the responsibility of the people to inform Government with regard to the particular vehicle. What is this? When we say that the order has been violated because of taking bribe by the police there and have allowed the overloaded truck to cross over the bridge, it is the duty of that Government to enquire. They can seek the co-operation of the people. Why they cannot put some C. I. D. people there to see whether people responsible to check are indulging in bribery. Is it not the responsibility of the Govt. to see that their own order is not violated?

Shri Altaf Hussain Mazumder—I think the Hon. Member has misunderstood my answer. What I have said that Government is looking that these orders are not violated. But if specific cases are brought to our notice, it will be more convenient to make an enquiry.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—Sir, there is a permissible limit for trucks to pass over that bridge. May I know whether there is any machine to weigh the loads or in what way the load is determined?

Shri Altaf Hussain Mazumder—Well, as a matter of fact, I agree that we are not in a position to place weighing scale there and that also is not possible. But these loads are checked from the nature of load and size of the trucks.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—When there is no checking, it is very unhealthy instruction of the Government?

Shri Altaf Hussain Mazumder—There is checking, but the load may be little more or less. There may be little difference.

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami—মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কৈছে যে specific case দিলে তাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হ'ব। সদস্যসকলে তাত চৰ্চা কৰি ধৰি দিব লাগিবনে?

Shri Altaf Hussain Mazumder—If the information comes to the hon. Members as regards particular truck and if they kindly pass it on to us, it will be convenient for us to enquire into these things.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—সেই ফালেদি যিমান ট্ৰাক যায়, সেইবিলাক নগালেওলৈ যায় আৰু তাত বহুত গধুৰ ওজনৰ বস্তু যায়। মালবাহী ট্ৰাকবোৰৰ ওজন নিৰ্দিষ্ট ওজনতকৈ বহুত বেছি ওজনৰ বস্তু বহুতখনৰ ওপৰেদি অহা-যোৱা হয়, সেই কথা মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ে জানেনে?

Shri Altaf Hussain Mazumder—Sir, I am unable to agree with the hon. Member, only overloaded trucks are detained there and are allowed to cross only with permissible limit of load.

Shri Hiralal Patwary—Sir, when we make an enquiry from the State Transport Department we will know how many permits have been issued for the truck owners in that particular road. The Minister will be able to find out these things from Transport Department itself. Will the Minister make an enquiry from the State Transport Department?

Shri Altaf Hussain Mazumder—Sir, this is the look-out of the Transport Department as to how many for which vehicles permits are issued.

Shri Hiralal Patwary—Sir, in the interest of safety of the bridges, is it not the duty of the P.W.D. to make an enquiry whether the Transport Deptt is issuing the overloaded permits?

Shri Altaf Hussain Mazumder—The whole point involved here is that as the bridge is weak and a load restriction of 6 tons and speed of limits 5 miles have been introduced. It is not the question as to how many truck permits are there; it is a question of load and the speed limit on the bridge.

Shri Nameswar Pegu—হলখেনৰ ওপৰেদি ছয় টনৰ ওপৰ বস্তু নিব নোৱাৰে কিন্তু পুলিচে বেচি ওজনৰ বস্তু নিবলৈ দিয়ে কাৰণে হলখেন বেয়া হৈ যায়। সেই কাৰণে হলখেন চিৰস্থায়ীকৈ তৈয়াৰ কৰি দিব নোৱাৰে নে?

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua—Only one question, Sir. As the Minister has already stated that this bridge has been constructed by the British rullers and the Govt. is aware of the fact that this is a very important link between Nagaland and Assam. May I know why Govt. did not take up these works during the last 20 years? May we get a categorical reply from the hon. Minister wheather these bridges will be taken up during the 4th Plan?

Shri Altaf Hussain Mozumder—I will agree with the Honourable Member that there are manythings to be done but unfortunately we could not take up due to financial difficulties. I may inform that it is placed in the tentative list of the Road Communication Board. We cannot bypass ihat Board. It will be considered in that Board.

Re : Bridge at Ultekhundaghat over Hukna River

Shri Pranita Talukdar asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government will be pleased to construct a permanent timber bridge at the Ultekhundaghat on the Hukna River?

(b) If so, when the same will be constructed ?

Shri Altaf Hussain Muzumder (Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) replied :

240. (a) There is no proposal at present to construct such a Bridge under any of the existing approved schemes.

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

Starred Question No. 240 (Supplementaries) :

Shrimati Pranita Talukdar—Whether the hon. Minister is aware of the fact that the people in that area have to face great trouble in crossing the river for want of a bridge there ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder—Not only in crossing this river Sir, there are many other rivers in the state without any bridge, and for this people are facing inconvenience.

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Shri Ataur Rahman—Is the Hukna included in the Manas project for which investigations are on ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder—There is no proposal but it might have been looked into in connection with Manas Projects.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Re : **Retail price of ordinary rice**

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

159. Will the Minister-in-charge, Supply be pleased to state—
- (a) What is the retail price of the ordinary rice supplied by the Government ?
 - (b) What have been the price of rice in the open market in Nowgong, Kamrup, Sibsagar and North Lakhimpur ?
 - (c) Whether it is a fact that the price of open market rice all over the State is beyond the control of the Government ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister Supply) replied :

159. a The retail price of Sali coarse, arua rice sold through Fair Price Shops is fixed at 123 paise per kilogram, excluding transport and handling charges. Transport charges vary according to the distance over which rice is required to be moved (from rice Mills or suppliers' godowns to wholesalers' godowns and from there to Fair Price Shops). With transport and handling charges, the retail price may be as high as 138 paise per kilogram.

b The open market retail prices of sali coarse, arua rice at different stations of Nowgong, Kamrup, Sibsagar Districts and North Lakhimpur Subdivision for December, 1967 to February, 1968 are furnish below :—

District/Subdivision	Station	Dec., 1967	Jan., 1968	Feb., 1968
(per kilogram in price)				
1. Kamrup District ...	Gauhati	150	153	143
Do. ...	Tihu	131	127	131
Do. ...	Patacharkuchi	172	162	162
2. Nowgong District ...	Hojai	140	140	140
Do. ...	Nowgong	138	140	162
3. Sibsagar District ...	Jorhat	170	148	142
Do. ...	Dergaon	150	145	140
Do. ...	Bokakhat	137	125	131
Do. ...	Titabar	158	141	134
Do. ...	Sonari	182	150	150
Do. ...	Dakhin Hengera	134	...	128
4. North Lakhimpur	.....	136	133.5	125.5

(c)—Open market price of rice is not statutorily fixed by Government.

Re: Total requirement of rice in the State

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

160. Will the Minister-in-charge, Supply be pleased to state—

(a) What was the total requirement of rice this year in the State ?

- (b) What is the total procurement of paddy by the F. C. I. so far since its inception ?
- (c) What is the total target for the year in the State ?
- (d) Whether the F. C. I. has been successful in reaching its target of procurement this year in the State ?
- (e) What have been the causes of poor procurement by the F. C. I. in the State ?
- (f) Whether the Government is considering to remove these causes or the F. C. I. itself ?
- (g) Whether the Government is aware that because of the introduction of the F. C. I. in the State, the good position of procurement has gone from bad to worse ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister, Supply) replied :

160. (a)—The total requirement of rice in the State comes to 20·31 lakh tonnes.

(b)—One lakh and fifty-four thousand tonnes of paddy has been procured by the F. C. I. till 18th March, 1968 from 16th January, 1967.

(c)—Government fixed 1·60 lakh tonnes and 1·56 lakh tonnes of paddy as the targets of procurement for the F. C. I. and Apex Marketing respectively during the current kharif year.

(d)—No. It has procured approximately 50 per cent in 4 months from November, 1967.

(e)—Poor procurement by the agents is due *inter-alia* to (i) late harvest of winter paddy (ii) hailstorm in some parts of the State before the harvest and (iii) rising prices of paddy since the middle of February, last.

(f)—Government is considering the overall procurement position in the State and necessary measures will be taken to augment procurement.

(g)—The procurement in areas allotted to F. C. I. is better this year than the past years with the exception of 1964-65.

Re: Dealing in rice and paddy without licences

Shri Kehoram Hazarika asked—

161. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact the M/s Asok Kumar Jain of Centre Bazar in Mikir Hills is dealing in rice and paddy without any licence ?
- (b) Whether the shop of M/s Asok Kumar Jain was raided by the Sub-Inspector of Supply, Lanching and District Manager, Food Corporation of India, Nowgong ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the said officers after through enquiry of the records and registers found that from 17th January, 1967 to 6th March, 1967 this firm purchased 2754 maunds of paddy and sold in the black-market 2193 maunds of paddy from 22nd January, 1967 to 25th February, 1967 ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that this firm on demand by the said officers could not produce any valid licence for the above mentioned deal and seized the accounts book, etc. ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the abovementioned officers urged upon the Deputy Commissioner, Mikir Hills and N. C. Hills for issuing arrest warrant against Shri Prashanmal Lalwari of Howraghat and Shri Nulraj Jain, son of late Bharilal Jain of M/s Asok Kumar Jain of Centre Bazar ?
- (f) If so, whether they were arrested ?
- (g) If not, why ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister, Supply) replied :

161. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The officers found that the firm M/s Asok Kumar Jain, purchased 265 mds. 14 srs. 8 chattacks from 17th January, 1967 to 6th March, 1967 and disposed of the same.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The trying court issued warrant of arrest against the partners of the firm Shri Natram Jain and Shri Asok Kumar Jain but the accused absconded as reported by the Police.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Does not arise.

Re : Allotment of Atta, Sugar and Flour to Dhubri Sub-division

Rani Manjula Devi asked :

162. Will the minister of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The quota of Atta, Sugar and Flour allotted to the Sub-division of Dhubri during the last year ?
- (b) The quota of the said commodities allotted to Mankachar Anchalik Panchayat area and that allotted to Dhubri town in the same period ?
- (c) The total quantity of Sugar received for Goalpara District during the period from 1st January, 1968 till now ?
- (d) The total quantity of Sugar received in other districts in the same period (to be shown separately District by District)

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister, Supply) replied :

162. (a)—The quota allotted to Dhubri Sub-division during last year as follows :—

Atta	...	...	...	...	18,975 quintals.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	28,710 quintals.
Flour	...	...	...	...	8,490 quintals.

(b)—The quota allotted to Mankachar Anchalik Panchayat and that of Dhubri town as follows :—

Mankachar Anchalik Panchayat—

Atta	...	...	...	...	3,925 quintals.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	2,064 quintals.
Flour	...	...	...	...	494 quintals.

Dhubri town

Atta	...	...	...	8,938 quintals.
Sugar	...	...	...	5,596 quintals.
Flour	...	...	...	824 quintals.

c—2,610 quintals

(d)—District-wise figures are as follows —

1. Nowgong District	..	...	4,495 quintals.
2. United Mikir and North Cachar Hills.			1,151.35 quintals.
3. Sibsagar District		...	5,334 quintals.
4. Lakhimpur District	...	...	5,513 quintals.
5. Kamrup District	...	...	10,275.15 quintals.
6. Darrang District	...	...	3,045 quintals.
7. United Khasi and Jaintia Hills	...	...	5,881 quintals.
8. Garo Hills District	...	...	725 quintals.
9. Cachar District	...	...	4,928 quintals.
10. Mizo Hills District	...	...	145 quintals.

Re : **Supply of Paddy to the Rural Consumers**

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

163. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- Whether the Government is aware that the rural people prefer paddy to rice from the Supply Department for their consumption ?
- Whether the Government will consider supplying paddy instead of rice to the rural consumers ?
- If not, why ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister, Supply) replied :

163. (a)—Yes, at times and in certain areas.

(b)—This may be considered if there is general demand throughout the State.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Training facilities for M. V. School Teachers in Western Assam Circle

Shri Mathura Mohan Sinha asked :

164. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether Government is aware that there is no training facilities for the teachers of M. V. Schools in the Western Assam Circle ?
 - (b) Whether Government is aware that the people of Bongaigaon area had started a Normal School at Bongaigaon to remove these difficulties ?
 - (c) Whether there is any proposal to stop such kind of institution in Goalpara District ?
 - (d) If not, whether the Government will be pleased to take over the said institution considering the backwardness of the district in respect of education ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

164. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—Yes, A Normal School has been started by the local people at Bongaigaon with effect from August last.
- (c)—No.
- (d)—Does not arise.

Re : The basis of sanctioning the School Mothers

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

165. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—
- (a) What is the basis of sanctioning the school Mothers ?
 - (b) How many such school Mothers are there in the State ?
 - (c) What are their duties ?
 - (d) What is their pay, etc ?
 - (e) Whether Government propose to provide such Mothers in all the schools ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

165. (a)—The posts of School Mothers have come into being under the special Scheme for 'Girls Education'. These posts are utilised in L. P. Schools where enrolment of Girls is large especially in the infant sections of 'Ka' and 'kha'. This was a centrally sponsored scheme.

(b)—There are 680 such posts under the State Board for Elementary Education of which 600 were created during the Second Five Year Plan and 80 posts in the first year of the Third Plan. No new posts have since been created.

(c)—(i) To look after the cleanliness of the School children and of the school compound.

(ii) To conduct school games, prayer, etc.

(iii) To manage seats for children.

(iv) To contact the parents or guardians of children for increasing their (childrens) attendance.

(d)—Rs. 25 p.m. (Pay Rs. 15 plus ad-hoc D.A. Rs. 10).

(e)—No such scheme is proposed to be taken at present.

Re : Tezpur Town Girls' High School

Shri Mohi Kanta Das asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government is aware that due to the congestion in the Tezpur Multipurpose Government High School the public of Tezpur started a Girls' High School under the name "Tezpur Town Girls' High School" to meet the growing demand for Girls' Education ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Managing Committee of the School made several representations to the Government for recognition of and grant-in-aid to the School through the Inspector of Schools, N. A. G. ?

(c) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to state the reasons why the above Girls' High School has not been recognised as yet ?

(d) Whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary steps for recognition of the school and sanction adequate grant for running the institution ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

166. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, the Inspector of Schools, D. D. C., Tezpur, inspected the school and submitted his Inspection note to this Directorate but the school could not be recognised as in the inspection note, Inspector of Schools did not give his recommendation for recognition and also the school does not possess its own land and building. So the question of grant of recognition could not be considered yet.

(c)—Because the school does not possess its own land and building and also Inspector of Schools, D. D. C., Tezpur did not give his recommendation for Departmental recognition in his Inspection note.

(d)—Till the fulfilment of conditions by the school authority, for Departmental recognition upto Class VIII, Government is not in a position to consider the case of this school.

Re : Massalpur Government Middle Vernacular School under Barpeta Subdivision

Shri Surendra Nath Das asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Massalpur Government Middle Vernacular School under Barpeta Subdivision is situated in a Plain Tribal area ?
- (b) Whether the Government is aware that the building of the said School is in dilapidated conditions ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that plan and estimate has been submitted for reconstruction of the School building to the Government for sanction of money ?
- (d) If so, when the construction will be started ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Education) replied :

167. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No, the repair of School building is made every year.

(c)—No plans and estimates of the School building have yet been received.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Amount sanctioned for construction of Tezpur
Court building

Shri Mohi Kanta Das asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 3,00,000 (Rupees three lakhs) was sanctioned for the construction of the Tezpur Court building ?
- (b) If so, why the construction work has not yet been undertaken ?
- (c) Whether the Government is aware that the Tezpur Court building is very much congested besides being very old and out dated and some offices including the Court of some Magistrates have to be held in the enclosures constructed with bamboo dharis on the veranda of the Court building.
- (d) If so, whether Government be pleased to undertake construction of the Court building without delay ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

163. (a)—Rs. 3,30,000 was sanctioned for the construction of the Additional Court building at Tezpur.

(b)—Construction work has since been started.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—As in (b) above.

Re : Number of Gaon Sabhas visited by the S.D.C., Bijni

Shri Uttam Chandra Brahma asked :

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

- (a) The number of visits undertaken by the S. D. C., Bijni Circle in Kokrajhar subdivision to the Gaon Sabhas with dates during the period from 1st January, 1967 to 31st January, 1968 ?
- (b) The number of mutation cases done in each Gaon Sabha during his visit ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

169. (a) and (b)—A statement is placed on the table of the House.

**Re : Compensation for acquisition of land for Dhemaji
Administrative Court Building**

Shri Romesh Mohan Kouli asked :

170. Will the Minister-in-charge, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of the long standing demand of the public of Dhemaji regarding payment of compensation of land acquisitioned for the Dhemaji administrative court building ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the matter is pending for long time with the Government ?
- (c) If so, whether Government is taking immediate steps for payment of the same to the public who have been suffering since long years back ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) replied :

170. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The acquisition proposal was actually sent by the Collector in February, 1966 to the Administrative Department, *i. e.*, the Appointment Department, Revenue Department could not publish the notification earlier as Appointment Department failed to provide fund. On their assurance that the fund will be provided in the budget for 1968-69, acquisition notification has been published on 6th March, 1968.

(c) Compensation will be paid after the budget proposal for the next year is passed.

Re : Circle Officer of Lakhipur Circle

Shri Benoy Krishna Ghose asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the Circle Officer, Lakhipur Circle, has been not obeying the decrees of the Civil Suits and are not correcting the records of rights though he has been asked to correct the records as per terms of Civil decrees by the D. C., Goalpara ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he was asked by the Munsiff, Goalpara to show cause why he would not be prosecuted for contempt of court for disobeying Court's Order ?

- (c) Whether he was again asked by the Munsiff, Goalpara, to show cause why he would not be arrested for disobeying Court's Order ?
- (d) If so, whether the Government will be pleased to take necessary steps so that he does not disobey the Court's Order in future ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

171. (a)—No.
- (b)—No.
- (c)—One such show cause notice was issued but subsequently withdrawn on satisfactory explanation submitted by the Circle Officer, Lakhipur.
- (d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

Re : Settlement of Land with the present and *Ex*-President of Balijana and Matia Anchalik Panchayats

Shri Benoy Krishna Ghose asked :

172. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state the quantity of lands settled in the name of the present and *Ex*-Presidents of the Balijana and Matia Anchalik Panchayats and in the names of their wives, sons and daughters after the Zamindari acquisition ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

172.—No land has been settled with present and *Ex*-Presidents of Balijana Anchalik Panchayat and in the names of their sons, wives and daughters. As regards Matia Anchalik Panchayat, area of land settled with present, the President of Matia Anchalik Panchayat, his son and his brothers is 9 bighas, 2 kathas and 11 lasses.

No settlement of land was made with the *Ex*-President of Matia Anchalik Panchayat or the members of his family after acquisition of the Zamindari Estate.

Re : Total number of Scheduled Tribes (Plain), Population in the State

Shri Maneswar Boro asked :

173. Will the Minister, T.A.D. be pleased to state—The total number of population belonging to Scheduled Tribes (Plain) in the State Categorywise ?

Shri Chatrasing Teron (Minister, T A. and W.B.C) replied :

173. The population of Scheduled Tribes (Plains) according to 1961 census, is 9,47,203. The categorywise break up is as follows :—

1. Burmons of Cachar	...	...	...	12,765
2. Boro/Boro Kachari	...	...	...	3,43,331
3. Deori	...	...	...	13,773
4. Hojai	...	...	...	3,608
5. Kachari including Sonowal	...	...	...	2,55,192
6. Lalung	...	...	...	61,059
7. Mech	...	...	...	6,830
8. Miri	...	...	...	1,63,211
9. Rabha	...	...	...	1,07,384
	Total	...	...	<u>9,47,203</u>

Re : Co-operative Development Corporation for Backward Classes

Shri Mathius Tudu asked :

174. Will the Minister in-charge of T.A.D. be pleased to state—
- Whether Co-operative Development Corporation for the Backward Classes have been established ?
 - If so, when ?
 - What are the aim and objects of this Corporation ?
 - Whether the benefits are extended to the people of Other Backward Classes also.

- (e) If not, whether the Government will be pleased to extended this benefit to the people of the Other Backward Classes ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatary (Minister of State, T. A. & W.B.C.) replied :

174. (a)—A Co-operative Development Corporation has been established for the Hills areas of the State under the Integrated Plan for Hill Areas.

(b)—In February, 1968.

(c)—Its aims and objects are :—

- (i) to make outright purchase of the produces brought by the Members of the Scheduled Tribes of the Hills areas of Assam through the Agency of the Co-operative Societies affiliated to the "Development Corporation" and to market these to the best advantage of the people ;
- (ii) to help the marketing societies and other societies in taking up other activities like processing and obtaining forest contracts of timber coups, bamboo and the like and also to take up these activities by itself wherever necessary for the economic benefit of the tribal people of the Hill areas ;
- (iii) to procure and supply the requirement of the members of the Scheduled tribes through the Agency of the Marketing Societies at reasonable price ;
- (iv) to provide working capital to the affiliated societies by advancing loans, initial advance cash credit (and the like) ;
- (v) to co-ordinate, supervise and control the activities of the affiliated societies and held them with experts advice and technical guidance ;
- (vi) to acquire or take on lease godowns and sales depots within its area of operation and extend, if and when necessary for storage and sale of agricultural and other products or commodities handled for the benefit of the tribal people ;

- (vii) to undertake activities such as processing and grading for the benefit of the "Development Corporation" and other affiliated societies and their members and for these propose to own or hire necessary plants and machineries including establishment of cold storage ;
- (viii) to own or hire and ply transport vehicles or hire for transport of its goods and those of the affiliated societies, their members and others ;
- (ix) to encourage self-help, thrift and Co-operation among the affiliated societies and their members ;
- (x) to help the Tribal members of the affiliated societies to discharge their prior debts which may effect their economic condition ;
- (xi) to open branch/branches of the "Development Corporation" in the Hill Districts for facilitating operation and functioning of the "Development Corporation".
- (xii) to undertake generally such other activities as are incidental and conducive to the promotion of economic interest and social welfare of the members of the affiliated societies belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.

(d)—No. Its activities are confined to the Hill Areas.

(e)—The Hill Development Corporation has been established for the Hill areas. The other Backward Classes in the Plain districts of the state will derive benefit under the pattern of financial assistance to Co-operative Societies in operation in other areas.

Re : Fisheries Covered by water hyacinth

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami asked :

১৭৫। মাননীয় মীনমহল বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ করি জনাবেন—

- (ক) অসমৰ বহুতো প্ৰখ্যাত বিল পানী মেটেকা আৰু পিটে নষ্ট কৰাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?
- (খ) এই বিলবোৰ উদ্ধাৰ কৰিবলৈ চৰকাৰে কিবা ব্যৱস্থা লবনে ?
- (গ) কলিয়াবৰ সমষ্টিৰ চিলাবন্ধা, খহনীয়া আৰু দীঘলি বিল কেইখন পৰিষ্কাৰ কৰিবলৈ চৰকাৰে ব্যৱস্থা হাতত লবনে ?

Shri Mahendra Nath Hazarika (Minister-in-charge at fisheries) replied :

১৭৫। (ক) হয়, কিছুমান এনেছবৰণৰ বিল পানী মেটেকা আহিয়ে কিছু পৰিমাণে নষ্ট কৰাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে জানে ?

(খ) প্ৰথমতে বাজাৰ সকলোবোৰ বেজিষ্টাৰডুজ বিলৰ এটা জৰিপৰ কাম হাতত লবলৈ চৰকাৰে মনস্ত কৰিছে। ইয়াৰ পাচতহে প্ৰয়োজন অনুসৰি এই বিলবোৰৰ উন্নতি সাধনৰ কাম হাতত লোৱা সম্ভৱ হ'ব বুলি চৰকাৰে ভাবে।

(গ) মিন বিভাগৰ সফলকক এই বিল কেইখন পৰিদৰ্শন কৰি চৰকাৰলৈ এটা টোকা পঠাবলৈ নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হ'ব আৰু তেওঁৰ টোকা পৰীক্ষা কৰি এই বিষয়ে বিবেচনা কৰা হ'ব।

Re : Total number of Employees in Charduar Spinning Mill

Shri Mohi Kanta Das asked :

176. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of Employees of the Charduar Spinning Mill ?

(Please state skilled and unskilled employees separately)

(b) What is the total number of local people employed under each of the categories of employees in the Mill ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma—(Minister, Industries) replied :

176. (a)—The total employment in Assam Cotton Mills Charduar is 840 (regular) and 109 (apprentice).

(b)—The break up of local and other employees in each category is as below :

Category				Local	Others	Total
1.	Supervisory	...	...	3	14	17
2.	Clerical	...	...	6	14	20
3.	Skilled Workers	...	...	222	432	634
4.	Unskilled Workers	...	...	31	118	149
	Total	...	...	262	378	840
5.	Apprentice	...	...	91	18	109
	Grand Total	...	...	353	596	949

Re : Printing Presses in the State

Shri Debeswar Sarmah asked :

177. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many working printing presses are there in Assam as on 31st March, 1967 ?
- (b) What is the total number of workers including all categories of workers but including the proprietors, Directors and Managers of those printing presses ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that excepting one all the printing presses are suffering for want of sufficient works to their capacity ?

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev (Minister-in-charge, Printing and Stationery) replied :

177. (a)—Two hundred fifty-eight numbers of printing presses are there according to information so far received from Districts including two Government Presses.

(b)—Two thousands nine hundred and one according to information so far received from the Districts.

(c)—Only the printing presses in Tezpur Subdivision, Karimganj Subdivision, Nalbari Subdivision and 6 numbers of the printing presses in Goalpara Subdivision are reported to have insufficient works.

Re : Printing Works done outside the State

Shri Debeswar Sarmah asked :

178. Will the Minister, Printing and Stationery be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total worth approximately of all the printing works including all kinds of books done for persons, institutions, organisations and Government of Assam outside the State of Assam per year in an average for the year 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966 ?
- (b) The names of the School Books recommended by the Government Text Book Committee of Assam for Text Books in Classes IV to XI in secondary Schools in Assam which were printed outside the State of Assam ?

Shri Satindra Mohan Deb (Minister, Printing and Stationery) replied :

178. (a)—Value of Government works in—

	Rs.
1962	79,784.69
1963	12,180.72
1964	89,020.98
1965	35,845.00
1966	2,14,850.37

No information is available about the printing works done for private persons, institutions and organisation in presses outside the state.

- (b)—1. Sishu Bijnan Part II and V both Assamese and Bengali.
 2. Kon Manor Dharapat.
 3. Uccha Bangla Gadya Sanchayan and Uccha Bangla Padya Sanchayan.
 4. Matriculation Sanskrit Selection.
 5. Patiganiet Part II (Bodo).
 6. Bijnyan Part I (Bodo)
 7. Patiganiet Part I & II (Manipuri)
 8. Bijnyan Part I & II (Manipuri)
 9. Ka Kitab Geography (Khasi).
 10. Buranjir Sadhu & Itiasar Galpa for Class III.

Re : Assam Finance and Accounts Services

Shri Romesh Mohan Kouli asked :

179. Will the Minister, Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the present cadre strength in various of Finance Assam and Accounts Services ?
 (b) Whether the members belonging to the said service are transferable ?
 (c) If so, whether at the time of transfer and posting, most of the Officers belong to this service put undue pressure on the authority for posting in Shillong ?

- (d) Whether there are some Officers of the said service who have been enjoying posting in Shillong in various capacities for more than five years or were never posted anywhere outside Shillong since after their appointments ?
- (e) If so, who are those Officers and since when they have been posted in Shillong in various capacities ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that their postings in Shillong in various capacities for such a long duration were made under undue pressure in their own interest ?
- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to review the position and ensure that all such Officers serving for more than five years in Shillong are posted elsewhere outside Shillong in the interest of public service ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance) replied :

179. (a)—(i) Class I

(a)—Grade I—Examiner of Local Accounts and Director 2 of Accounts.

(b)—Grade II—Financial Advisers 9

(ii) Class II

Treasury Officers and Finance and Accounts Officers 32

(b)—The 2 Officers under Class I, Grade I are not transferable. The 9 Financial Advisers coming under Class I, Grade II are transferable within the different Departments of the Secretariat. The Members of Class II are transferable from one position to another.

(c)—No.

(d)—Yes.

(e) (i) Shri U. K. Nag, Finance and Accounts Officer attached to the Director of Health Services, Assam from 7th November, 1958 to 4th March, 1960 ; Treasury Officer, Shillong from 4th March, 1960 to 31st March, 1967. He was promoted to the post of Financial Adviser (Grade II of Class I cadre from 1st April, 1967.

(e) (ii) Shri J. C. Kar, Finance and Accounts Officer attached to the Director of Public Instruction, Assam from 6th October, 1961 and from 7th February, 1968 (A. N.) he has been appointed as Special Officer attached to Education Department for a temporary period and also allowed to function as Finance and Accounts Officer, Office of the Director of Public Instruction in addition to his own duties.

(ii) Shri P. R. Choudhury, Finance and Accounts Officer attached to the Director of Agriculture, Assam from 6th October, 1961. For the period from 2nd August 1962 to 9th November, 1962 he worked as Treasury Officers, Shillong during the training period of Shri U. K. Nag in Cost Accountancy in Calcutta.

(iv) Shri E. N. Syiem, Finance and Accounts Officer, attached to the Chief Conservator of Forests from 6th October, 1961.

(f) No. Postings and transfers are done in the interest of public service.

(g)—The position is under review quite frequently. In the exigency of public service it may not be possible to transfer some officers out of Shillong. But the necessity of transferring Officers from Shillong to plains and *vice-versa* is always borne in mind.

Re : Programme of Deputy Minister, Labour at Hailakandi

Shri Tazamul Ali Laskar asked :

১৮০। মাননীয় শ্রম বিভাগের মন্ত্রী মহোদয় অহুগাহ পূর্বক জানাবেন কি—

(ক) গত ১০ই ফেব্রুয়ারী হাইলাকান্দি সদরত শ্রম বিভাগের উপমন্ত্রী শ্রীছত্র গোপাল কর্মকার মহোদয়ের মনিপুর বাগানে একটি জনসভায় উপস্থিত হওয়ার কোনও প্রোগ্রাম ছিল ?

(খ) এই প্রোগ্রাম অকস্মাৎ বন্ধ করিয়া দেওয়ার কারণ কি ?

(গ) হাইলাকান্দির মহকুমা শাসককে উক্ত প্রোগ্রাম বন্ধ করিবার জন্ত কে বা কাহার পরামর্শ দিয়াছিলেন ?

Shri Chatra Gopal Karmakar (Deputy Minister, Labour) replied :

১৮০। (ক)—না।

(খ)—প্রশ্ন উঠে না।

(গ)—প্রশ্ন উঠে না।

Re : Posting of Inspector of Excise at Abhayapuri

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

181. Will the Minister, Excise be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any Inspector of Excise posted at Abhayapuri ?

- (b) If not, whether Government will be pleased to appoint an Inspector of Excise and posted at Abhayapuri ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister-in-charge of Excise) replied :

181. (a)—No.

(b)—The question of posting of an Inspector of Excise at Abhayapuri is under consideration of Government.

Re : **Consumption of Country Liquor through Liquor Shops in Lakhimpur, Sibsagar and Darrang Districts**

Shti Durgeswar Saikia asked :

182. Will the Minister, Excise be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the quantity of country liquor consumed through liquor shops and the amount realised in last 5 years in Lakhimpur, Sibsagar and Darrang districts ? (Please state separately.)
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the lessees realise higher price than that fixed by Government ?
- (c) How many of such cases were detected so far ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there are private retailers under the lessees ?
- (e) What is the number of such retailers in the districts mentioned in (a) above ?
- (f) How many of the cases of unofficial retailers of country liquor were detected last year ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister-in-charge of Excise) replied :

182.—

(a) Quantity consumed	Revenue realised
Lakhimpur—54,26,230 LPL.	Rs. 4,17,21,930·00
Darrang—17,47,712 LPL.	Rs. 1,30,17,018·00
Sibsagar—44,01,856·84 LPL.	Rs. 3,21,71,939·13

(b) No.

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

(d) No.

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

Re : U. D. Assistant in the Batadrava A. P.

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

183. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat and C. D. be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Batadrava Anchalik Panchayat under the Nowgong Mohkuma Parishad had U. D. A. named Shri Abdul Haque ?
- (b) Who was his appointing authority ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that, this Shri Abdul Haque was discharged by the Batadrava Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (d) If so, what was the date of his discharge ?
- (e) What were the grounds of his discharge ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that his discharge was on the ground of personal difference with the Anchalik Panchayat President ?
- (g) Whether an office Assistant was appointed under the Batadrava Anchalik Panchayat within one year from the date of the discharge of Shri Abdul Haque ?
- (h) If so, whether he also was an U. D. A. ?
- (i) Whether aggrieved Shri Abdul Haque lodged any appeal with the Government ?
- (j) If so, whether his appeal had been duly considered ?
- (k) Whether the Government is considering to re-instate Shri Abdul Haque ?
- (l) If so, when ?

Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika (Minister of State, Panchayat and C. D.) replied :

183. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In October, 1959 he was appointed as Rural Panchayat Secretary by Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong in a temporary capacity subject to discharge without notice. After abolition of the post of Rural Panchayat Secretary, Shri Haque was appointed by Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong as U. D. Assistant, Laokhowa *Ad-hoc* Anchalik Panchayat in February, 1960. In December, 1960 he was transferred by Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong to Jugijan Anchalik Panchayat in the same capacity and in June 1961 he was transferred to Batadrava Anchalik Panchayat.

(c)—Yes, on abolition of the post.

(d)—16th December, 1963.

(e)—Due to the abolition of the post.

(f)—No.

(g)—No.

(h)—Does not arise.

(i)—No appeal was filed before Government.

(j)—Does not arise.

(k) & (l)—Shri Abdul Haque had filed a writ petition in July, 1967 under Article 226 of the Constitution before the Hon'ble High Court challenging the validity of the order of discharge, etc. The petition has since been dismissed on 28th February, 1968 by the Hon'ble High Court. The implication of the High Court's order will be examined and necessary action taken on receipt of the copy of the judgment.

Re : Government Ayurvedic Subsidised Dispensaries in the State

Shri Mathura Mohan Sinha asked :

184. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Government Ayurvedic Subsidised Dispensaries are functioning now in the State? (Please give the names district-wise).
- (b) What is the subsidy for the medicines and physicians for each of the dispensary?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the subsidy given is not sufficient for those dispensaries?
- (d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to increase the subsidies?

Shri Satindra Mohan Dev (Minister-in-charge, Health) replied :

184. (a)—Sixty-five. A list is placed on the Table of the House.

(b)—For medicine Rs. 400 p.a., for Physicians Rs. 80 p.m.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes. This is already under consideration.

Re: M/S. Wood Craft Mariani

Shri Debeswar Sarmah asked :

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

- (a) What rights have been granted to M/S. Wood Craft of Mariani (Assam) for obtaining timbers, and in which forests and under what terms and conditions ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that large number of permits were issued by Government to a considerable number of persons to collect top broken and Naga felled trees on simple royalty ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that most of such permit holders were benamdars of one Contractor from Golaghat ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that these permit-holders felled good standing trees in the name of Naga felled trees and supplied to M/S. Wood Craft ?
- (e) What amount of royalty is paid by Wood Craft to Government of Assam *Vis-a-Vis* the ordinary bidders of forest coupes ?
- (f) Whether M/S. Wood Craft was allowed to cut 1st class timber trees ?
- (g) If so, since when and why ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that M/S. Wood Craft dispatches their products without final finish to Calcutta thereby cheating the Assam Government of sales-tax ?
- (i) If so, what is the amount of sales-tax realised by Government of Assam upon the products of M/S. Wood Craft during the financial years from April, 1956 to 31st March, 1967 year by year separately ?
- (j) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the documents of the contract or contracts entered into from time to time between M/S. Wood Craft of Mariani and the Government of Assam ?
- (k) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House the executive orders issued from time to time by Government enabling M/S. Wood Craft to fell and obtain logs and timber trees in Upper Assam ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that there is only one Assamese employee (one Burman) in the employment of M/S. Wood Craft in Assam ?
- (m) What is the total number of employees working in M/S. Wood Craft ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Forest) replied :

185. (a)—A lease for a period of twenty years with effect from 7th April 1956 have been given to M/S. Wood Crafts (Mariani) allowing them to operate annually 1,50,000 cft. of venerable timber for plywood manufacture from the four Forest Reserves of Geleki, Tiru Hills, Desoi and Desso Valley of Sibsagar Division on payment of prescribed rates of royalty which is subject to revision every three years commencing from 1st October 1956.

(b)—The trees felled by Naga encroachers in the said Reserve Forests were allowed to be operated on permit to some deserving Contractors on payment of royalty so as to save the trees from being burnt and damaged otherwise and as extraction was difficult there being no road, and the trees being scattered.

(c)—No.

(d)—No.

(e)—M/S. Wood-Craft is paying royalty at the rate of Rs. 2.25 per cft. at present. In case of ordinary settlement of forest coupes in open competitive sale, the rate of royalty even though is slightly higher the Department is required to incur heavy expenses for making roads to facilitate extraction in such coupes.

(f)—The lease provides cutting of Hollong, Makai and other Plywood trees.

(g)—Since 1956 for a period of twenty years as provided in the agreement. The species of plywood trees like Hollong and Makai are found suitable for Tea chest and commercial plywood and there was no demand for them locally being not fit for constructional purpose. So, with a view to encourage growth of industry in Assam and to earn revenue on proper utilisation of such timber the said lease was granted to M/S. Wood-Craft being one of the Pioneer ventures.

(h)—No. Tea chests and commercial plywood are dispatched as finished products.

(i) Forest Department is not controlling the sale of the finished products and hence the figure is not available with the Department.

(j)—A copy of the lease agreement mentioned in (a) above is placed on the table of the House.

(k)—A copy of Government executive order issued is placed on the table of the House

l — There are ninety-eight Assamese employees in the Firm.

(m) The total number of employees is 582.

Re : Establishment of small Court at Abhayapuri

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

186. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to establish a small court like that of Nalbari before it was declared a Subdivision at Abhayapuri, in the district of Goalpara ?
- (b) If so, when it will start functioning ?
- (c) If not whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps for establishment of the same at Abhayapuri at an early date ?

Shri Bimala Prasad Chaliha (Chief Minister) replied :

186. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present. It may not also be possible to consider any proposal in this regard in the near future due to financial stringency.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

**Obituary Reference to the demise of Shri Haladhar Bhuyan,
a former member of the Assam Legislative Assembly.**

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have a very sad news. Our most beloved and respected leader Shri Haladhar Bhuyan has expired last night. There cannot be a sadder news for the House than this. We feel, Sir, that as a mark of respect which all of us ought to show to this great, patriotic soul, we should stop our business for today and express our condolence at the demise of this great patriot of the country.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) : উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই আপোনাৰ অহুমতি ক্ৰমে এটি গুৰুজনক বাতৰি সদনৰ কৰ্ণগোচৰ কৰিবলৈ বিচাৰিছো। বোৰা নিশা অহুমান চাবে তিনি বজাত নগাবৰ নিছা ঘৰত আমাৰ এগবাকী বিশিষ্ট সবববহী নেতা শ্ৰীহলধৰ ভূঞাদেৱৰ পৰলোক হৈছে। ৩শ্ৰীভূঞাদেৱৰ বয়স প্ৰায় ৭৮ বছৰ হৈছিল। ৩শ্ৰীভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াই তেখেতৰ গোটেই জীৱন সংগ্ৰামৰ মাজেদি অতিবাহিত কৰি গল। জীৱনৰ ভৰ যৌৱনত তেখেতে স্বাধীনতাৰ সংগ্ৰামত যোগদান কৰিছিল। মহাত্মা গান্ধীৰ নেতৃত্বত বিমানবিলাক আন্দোলন অনুষ্ঠিত হৈছিল—সেই আটাই বিলাকতেই ৩ভূঞাদেৱে সক্ৰিয় ভাবে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল আৰু সকলোবিলাক আন্দোলনতেই তেখেতে সৰ্বোচ্চ পৰিমাণৰ নিৰ্যাতন ভোগ কৰিছিল। যিকোনো সংগ্ৰামতেই, তেখেতে ক্ৰান্তিবোধ নকৰিছিল। সেইটো সম্ভব হৈছিল—কাৰণ তেখেতে যেতিয়াই যিটো কামত অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল সেই কামত তেখেতৰ পূৰ্ণবিশ্বাস আছিল আৰু সেইবিলাকৰ কাৰণে অতি আন্তৰিকতা আৰু নিষ্ঠাবে সেই কামত যোগ দি তেখেতে তাৰ পৰিণামত ভূগিব লগীয়া সকলো প্ৰকাৰৰ গুৰু নিৰ্যাতন হাহিমুখে বৰণ কৰিব পাৰিছিল। প্ৰায় গোটেই জীৱনটোৱেই তেখেতে দৰিদ্ৰতাৰ বিৰুদ্ধে সংগ্ৰাম কৰিব লগীয়া হৈছিল। কিন্তু তাৰ বাবে তেখেত তেতিয়াও ভাগবি পৰা কাৰো চকুত নপৰিছিল—তেখেতে দৰিদ্ৰতাকে বৈভৱ বুলি হাহি মুখে বৰণ কৰিছিল।

৩শ্ৰীভূঞাদেৱ এগবাকী অধিতীয় গঠনমূলক কৰ্মী আছিল। কামত তেখেতৰ অটল বিশ্বাস আছিল। স্বাধীনতাৰ আন্দোলনৰ সূত্ৰত তেখেতে গান্ধীজীৰ নিৰ্দিষ্ট গঠনমূলক কামত আগভাগ লৈছিল। তেখেতে হৰিজন আন্দোলনত সক্ৰিয় অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। তেখেতে অস্পৃশ্যতাত বিশ্বাস নকৰিছিল আৰু এইটো হিন্দু সমাজৰ কলঙ্কস্বৰূপ বুলি হিন্দু সমাজৰ পৰা তাক আতৰাবলৈ যত্ন কৰিছিল আৰু সেই নীতি তেখেতে নিজে মানি চলিছিল। মানব সেৱাক তেখেতে অগ্ৰাধিকাৰ দিছিল। তেখেতৰ প্ৰেৰণা আৰু চিন্তাৰ মাজেদি শ্ৰীমন্ত শঙ্কৰমিচনৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছিল। সেই অনুষ্ঠানটিক মানব সেৱাৰ মাধ্যম হিচাবে লৈ কাম কৰি তেখেতে কিমান আনন্দ লাভ কৰিছিল। মৃত্যুৰ সময়লৈকে তেখেতে সেই অনুষ্ঠানৰ সভাপতি হিচাবে কাম কৰিছিল। নৰিয়া পাটীত পৰিও তেখেতে এই অনুষ্ঠানৰ শাখা বিশেষ ভাবে জনজাতীয় অঞ্চললৈ বিস্তাৰ কৰাৰ কথা ভাবিছিল আৰু যিকোনো লোকক লগ পালেই এইবিলাক বিষয় আলোচনা কৰিছিল।

দুখত পৰা লোকক তেখেতে নিজে নাখাইও সহায় কৰাৰ বহু দৃষ্টান্ত আছে। কেইবছৰ মানৰ আগলৈকে তেখেতে এবছৰ পিচত—পিচৰ সাজৰ কাৰণে ভাবিব লগীয়া হৈছিল। তথাপি, তেনে অৱস্থাতো কোনো আৰ্ত্ত লোক তেখেতৰ ওচৰলৈ সহায় বিচাৰি আহিলে বিষুথ হৈ যাব নালাগিছিল। সাধ্যানুসাৰে তেখেতে তেনে বাহুহক সহায় কৰিছিল। অতিথি বৎসলতাত ৩শ্ৰীভূঞাদেৱ অপ্রতিদ্বন্দী আছিল।

যিকোনো স্তৰৰ লোকেই তেখেতৰ আতিথ্যৰ পৰা কেতিয়াও বঞ্চিত নহৈছিল। হুপৰীয়া বা নিশা যি কোনো সময়তে তেখেতৰ ঘৰলৈ যি কোনো লোক গলে তেখেতৰ অতিথি সংকাৰত আপ্যায়িত হৈছিল। অকল মানুহৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতে নহয়— পশু-পক্ষী সকলো জীবলৈ তেখেতৰ অগাম প্ৰেম আছিল। তেখেতে খোৱা টেবুলৰ চাৰিওফালে কুকুৰ-মেকুৰী-চাগলী-গৰু পোৱালী আদি শাঙুৰি লৈ সেইবিলাকৰ সংগত ভোজন কৰি বিমল আনন্দ অনুভব কৰিছিল আৰু এইটো তেখেতৰ জীৱনৰ এটি অতুলনীয় বৈশিষ্ট আছিল।

শ্ৰীভূঞাদেৱ—অসমৰ এই সদনৰ ১৫ বছৰ সদস্য আছিল। সংসদী ক্ষেত্ৰতো তেখেতে যথেষ্ট খ্যাতি অৰ্জন কৰিছিল। তেখেতৰ বক্তৃতাবিলাক গতানুগতিক নাছিল— তাত তেখেতৰ মৌলিকতাৰ নিদৰ্শন পোৱা গৈছিল। এয়ে তেখেতৰ আমাৰ দেশৰ সমস্যা সমূহৰ বিষয়ে সদায়ে চিন্তা কৰাৰ প্ৰমাণ কৰে।

আজি ক্ৰমে ক্ৰমে অসমৰ মাজৰ পৰা—পুৰণি নেতা, কৰ্মী আৰু সমাজসেৱকসকল আতৰি যাব লাগিছে আৰু এনেকৈ এজন এজনকৈ আমাক এৰি যোৱাত আমাৰ সমাজত যিহান শূন্য হৈছে—সেই স্থান আৰু পূৰণ হ'বৰ সম্ভাৱনা আমি কম দেখা পাইছো। শ্ৰীভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ মৃত্যুতে আমাৰ সমাজৰ যি স্থান শূন্য হয়, সেই স্থান পূৰণ হ'ব বুলি আমি আশা কৰিব নোৱাৰো। আমি বহুতে তেখেতৰ মৃত্যুত এজন অস্তৰঙ্গ বন্ধু আৰু হিতাকাঙ্ক্ষী লোকৰ অভাব অনুভব কৰিছো। জীৱনৰ ঘাত-প্ৰতিঘাতত আকুল হৈ শাস্তনা পাবৰ আশাৰে আমি তেখেতৰ ওচৰ চাপিছিলো আৰু তেখেতৰ সৌম্য আৰু চিৰ উজ্জল হাঁহি মুখখনৰ দৰ্শনত আমি আমাৰ দুখ-কষ্ট পাহৰি শান্তি লাভ কৰিছিলো। তেনে এগৰাকী বন্ধু আৰু ব্যক্তিৰ অভাবত আমি আজি শোকত মগ্নমান হৈছো।

মানুহ মৰণশীল। গতিকে আমি সকলোৱেই এদিন মৰণৰ পথেদিয়েই অনিবাৰ্য্য ভাবে যাত্ৰা কৰিব লাগিব। তাকেই ভাবি শাস্তনা লভিছো। আমি তেখেতৰ স্মৃতিৰ উদ্দেশ্যে ভক্তিপূৰ্ণ শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলি আগবঢ়াইছো আৰু ভগৱানৰ ওচৰত তেখেতৰ আত্মাৰ চিৰশান্তি প্ৰাৰ্থনা কৰিছো আৰু শোক সন্তপ্ত পৰিয়াললৈ আমাৰ আন্তৰিক সমবেদনা জনাইছো।

ভগৱানে তেখেতৰ আদৰ্শ অনুসৰণ কৰিবলৈ যেন আমাক শক্তি দিয়ে।

মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীগোবীন্দৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই আজিৰ সভাৰ কাম স্থগীত ৰাখিব লাগে বুলি যি প্ৰস্তাব কৰিছে—মই তাত সন্মতি দিছো।

Shri Phani Bora : উপাধ্যক্ষ ডাঙৰীয়া, শ্ৰীযুত গোবীন্দৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো আজিৰ কাৰণে সভা স্থগীত ৰাখিবলৈ প্ৰস্তাব দিছে সেইটো মই সমৰ্থন কৰিছো আৰু ইয়াৰ লগতে শ্ৰীযুত হৰধৰ ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ বিয়োগ সম্পৰ্কত আমাৰ আন্তৰিক সমবেদনা আৰু মৰ্মান্তিক শোক প্ৰকাশ কৰিছো। শ্ৰীযুত ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ বিষয়ে

শ্ৰীযুক্ত মহেন্দ্ৰনাথ চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈ গৈছে আৰু সেইবিষয়ে মই নকলেও হব। তেখেতৰ অতুলনীয় দেশ প্ৰেমৰ জলন্ত অগ্নিশীখা আমাৰ ইয়াত বোৰাই গৈছে। মোৰ সকলো কালৰ পৰাই মই তেখেত চিনিপাও আৰু তেখেতক আমি ককা বুলি মাতিছিলো আৰু দেশৰ কামৰ প্ৰতি তেখেতৰ যি ধাউতি—সেই ধাউতিয়ে দেশৰ কামত ব্ৰতী হবলৈ মোক শিক্ষা দিছিল আৰু তেখেতৰ ব্যক্তিগত প্ৰভাব মোৰ শিশু অৱস্থাবে পৰা মোৰ জীৱনত পৰিছিল। মোৰ মোমাই আৰু তেখেতৰ ভাগিনীয়েক টুনীৰাম বৰুৱা চমো লগ লাগি নগাওঁত কংগ্ৰেচৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠা কৰি; পিচত আৰু টুনীৰাম বৰুৱাৰ পৰা নাই। তেখেত অকল কংগ্ৰেচৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাতাই নহয় ভাৰত, স্বাধীনতাৰ কাৰণে কংগ্ৰেচে কৰা সকলো সংগ্ৰামতেই সক্ৰিয়ভাবে অংশ গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল আৰু বিশেষকৈ নগাঁও জিলাৰ চুকেকানে দেশপ্ৰেমৰ অগ্নি জলায়। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত তেখেতৰ অৱদান লেখত লব লগীয়া।

বিশেষকৈ গৰীব জনসাধাৰণৰ মাজত কংগ্ৰেচৰ আদৰ্শ, পুঞ্জিবাদী আদৰ্শ পৰিচালিত হোৱা সত্ত্বেও ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ ব্যক্তিগত পৰিচালনাত, তেখেতৰ ত্যাগৰ নমুনাৰ কাৰণে গ্ৰামাঞ্চলৰ গৰীব মানুহ কংগ্ৰেছলৈ আহিছিল। ভাৰতবৰ্ষৰ বিভিন্ন প্ৰদেশত ভ্ৰমণ কৰি আমি যিটো দেখা পাবলৈ যে কংগ্ৰেচৰ পুঞ্জিবাদী আদৰ্শ আগৰ নিচিনা এতিয়াও কংগ্ৰেছত আছে আৰু আচলতে কংগ্ৰেছৰ আদৰ্শ গৰীব শ্ৰেণীৰ মানুহৰ মাজত শিপোৱা নাই। কিন্তু আমাৰ নগাঁও জিলাত শিপাইছিল আৰু গৰীব শ্ৰেণীৰ মানুহ হলে দলে দলে কংগ্ৰেছত সোমাইছিল ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ ব্যক্তিগত ত্যাগৰ ফলস্বৰূপে। তেখেতৰ উদাহৰণে মানুহক অনুপ্রাণিত কৰিছিল। চৌধুৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই কোৱাৰ ধৰে তেখেতৰ ঘৰত যেতিয়া এমুঠি চাউল ভাতৰ কাৰণে নাছিল, বৈশ্য সেৱাৰ কামত। তেখেতে কোনো দৈন্যতা মনত প্ৰশ্নম দিয়া নাছিলে। ইয়াৰ ফলস্বৰূপে গাঁওৰ পৰা দলে দলে মানুহ আহি ক্যাম্প বনাই তেখেতৰ ঘৰত আছিল আৰু ৰাইজে গাঁওৰ পৰা চাউল। কোমোৰা, লাউ ইত্যাদি আনি ক্যাম্প কৰি থাকি দৰিদ্ৰতা জৰ্জৰিত অৱস্থাতো কেনেকুৱা এজন দেশসেৱী ত্যাগ কৰিব পাৰে তাক অনুভৱ কৰিছিল। তেখেত এনেকুৱা এজন মানুহ আছিল যে স্বাধীনতাৰ আগলৈকে তেখেতে দেশপ্ৰেমৰ এটা জলন্ত আদৰ্শ মানুহক দেখুৱাইছিলে। মোৰ মনত আছে আমি যেতিয়া সকলো লৰা আছিল তেখেতে নিজে আমাক তেখেতৰ আদৰ্শত অনুপ্ৰেৰিত কৰিছিলে, আমাক কোলাত লৈ দেশৰ কথা আমাক শিখাইছিল। দুখৰ কথা এনেকুৱা এজন মানুহ যি দেশৰ স্বাধীনতাৰ কাৰণে মহান অৱদান দিলে ২০ বছৰ স্বাধীনতাৰ পাছত কংগ্ৰেছত থাকিব নোৱাৰিলে। তেখেতে মৰণৰ আগদিনলৈকে দেশৰ কথা চিন্তা কৰি গৈছে। সমাজৰ কল্যাণ কৰি গৈছে। মই যেতিয়া বাতৰি কাকতত দেখিলো হলধৰ ভূঞাৰ অৱস্থা বেয়া। মই তেখেতক দেখিবলৈ তেখেতৰ ঘৰত গলো। মোক দেখি তেখেতে চিনিব পৰা নাই। মোৰ নামটো যেতিয়া কৈ দিয়া হল তেখেতে লগে লগে কলে “ফণি আহিছা, এচেষ্টাৰীৰ কথা কোৱা তাত অসমৰ পূৰ্ণগঠন সম্পৰ্কে কিবা আলোচনা হব নেকি?” ৭০ বছৰৰ ওপৰত বয়স হোৱা সত্ত্বেও তেখেতে দেশৰ কথা

ভাৰি আছিল। ডাক্তৰে তেখেতক কোৱা নাছিল যে তেখেতৰ কেনচাৰ হৈছে। তেখেতৰ অন্তিম সময় উপস্থিত হৈছে আৰু তেখেতক কৈ লাভ নাই। আগতে কোনোবাৰ যেতিয়া কেনচাৰ বেমাৰ হোৱাৰ কথা শুনিছিল ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াই নিজৰ এটা ঔষধ দি কৈছিল এইটো খোৱা ভাল হৈ যাব। এনেকুৱা বিশ্বাস তেখেতৰ নিজৰ ওপৰত আছিল। আজি তেখেতৰ মৃত্যুত অসমৰ সকলো মানুহে এজন এনেকুৱা সমাজ সেৱক দেশপ্ৰেমিক আমি হেৰুৱাইছো বুলি গভীৰ শোক অনুভৱ কৰিছে। গোটেই জীৱন দেশৰ কাৰণে চিন্তা কৰোতে কৰোতে তেখেত হৃদয়ী হ'ল। এই কথা ঠিক যে তেখেতৰ নিচিনা ত্যাগী আৰু দেশপ্ৰেমী মানুহ আমাৰ মাজত বহুতেই নহয়। তেখেতৰ জীৱন আদৰ্শ আমাৰ বহুতো মানুহক যেন অনুপ্রাণিত কৰে। এনেকুৱা ত্যাগৰ মনোভাবত ভূঞাৰে সদায় ৰাইজক প্ৰেৰণা দিব। সেই কাৰণে তেখেতৰ বিয়োগত মই আৰু মোৰ দলৰ ফালৰ পৰা গভীৰ শোক প্ৰকাশ কৰিছো আৰু তেখেতৰ শোক সন্তপ্ত পৰিয়াললৈ গভীৰ সমবেদনা নিবেদন কৰিছো।

Shri Lakshyadhar Choudhury :—উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়। অসমৰ অগ্ৰতম নেতা আৰু আমাৰ P.S.P. দলৰ বয়োবৃদ্ধ পথপ্ৰদৰ্শক শ্ৰীযুত ভূঞা দেৱৰ বিয়োগত মই নিজৰ তৰফৰ পৰা আৰু মোৰ দলৰ ফালৰ পৰা তেখেতৰ প্ৰতি শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলি জনাইছো। হৃদয়ৰ ভূঞাৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ শোক ভাষাৰে প্ৰকাশ কৰিব নোৱাৰো কেবল অনুভৱে কৰিব পাৰো। সদনৰ সকলো সদস্যই শোক সন্তপ্ত হৈ আছে। হৃদয়ৰ ভূঞা ব্যক্তি বিশেষেই নাছিল। তেওঁ আছিল এটি অনুষ্ঠান। তেওঁৰ মৃত্যুত অসমৰ প্ৰজা ছিচিলিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ তৰফৰ পৰা তেখেতক শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলি জনাইছো। আজি কবলৈ বেচি কথা নাই। তেখেতে মৃত্যু অৱস্থাতো বন্ধু আজাদ আলীয়ে তেখেতৰ শঙ্কৰ মিশনৰ অঞ্চলৈ সেৱা আৰু সমাজ কল্যাণৰ কাম কথাত ইয়াত প্ৰস্তাৱ উত্থাপন কৰাত তেখেতে সন্তুষ্ট হৈ তেখেতৰ সৰু পুতেকৰ নামত মোলৈ এখন চিঠি লিখিছে। সেইটো সমাজ কল্যাণ মন্ত্ৰীৰ হাতত দিবলৈ দিছিলে। মই সেইটো তেখেতৰ হাতত সমৰ্পণ কৰিম। তেখেতৰ মৃত্যুত আজি অসমৰ অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল। সেই ক্ষতি পূৰণ নহব বুলি মই স্বীকাৰ কৰিছো। কিন্তু হৃদয়ৰ ভূঞা মৰিব নোৱাৰে। তেখেতৰ স্মৃতি অমৰ হৈ থাকিব। ইয়াকে কৈ মই আৰু তেখেতলৈ শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলি জ্ঞাপন কৰিছো।

M. Shamsul Huda :—

মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়! হৃদয়ৰ ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ মৃত্যুত মই ব্যক্তিগত ভাবে আৰু আমাৰ দলৰ ফালৰ পৰা গভীৰ শোক প্ৰকাশ কৰিছো আৰু তেখেতৰ স্মৃতিলৈ শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলি জনাইছো। মই ভূঞা দেৱৰ জীৱন সম্পৰ্কে বৰ বেচি কথা নাজানো। কাৰণ মাত্ৰ ১৯৫০ চনত মই তেখেতৰ সংস্পৰ্শত আহিছিলোঁ। তেখেতৰ অতীত জীৱন সম্পৰ্কে খুটি নাটি মই নজনা হলেও মোৰ যিটো ব্যক্তিগত অভিজ্ঞতা আছে তাৰ পৰা উপলব্ধি কৰিছো যে ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ দৰে এজন ব্যক্তিক হেৰুৱাই আমি সঁচাকৈয়েই ভীষণভাবে ক্ষতিগ্ৰস্ত হৈছোঁ। কাৰণ এনেকুৱা নেতৃস্থানীয় মানুহ মই দোখিবলৈ পোৱা নাই। মোৰ এই কথাত বহুতে ক্ষুণ্ণ হব পাৰে আৰু ইয়াৰ কাৰণ উল্লেখ কৰিবলৈ নাৰাওঁ।

তেখেতৰ এটা স্তম্ভ হৈছে যে গোটেই জীৱন কংগ্ৰেচ দলত থাকি কটালেও পিছত ৰেশৰ কাৰণে কংগ্ৰেচ এৰি পি. এছ. পি. সভ্য হোৱাত বিধা বোধ কৰা নাছিল।

যিকোনো ৰাজনৈতিক দলৰ কৰ্মী আৰু নেতাই তেখেতৰ ওচৰলৈ গলে, সেই লোকে তেখেতৰ আনুগত্য স্বীকাৰ কৰাত বিধা বোধ নকৰিছিল। বাহিৰত আমাক সকলোকে নিজৰ পুত্ৰৰ দৰে মৰম কৰে। মই জনাত, এনে কোনো ৰাজনৈতিক দলৰ নেতা নাই, যি তেখেতৰ স্নেহ প্ৰীতিত ডাঙৰ হোৱা নাই।

বিশেষকৈ আজি নগাঁৱত বিবাদী দল গঢ়াৰ কাৰণে তেখেতৰে সহায়ভূতি পাইছিলোঁ। তেখেতৰ সৌজন্ততে বহু ক্ষেত্ৰত আমি ৰাজনৈতিক জীৱনত আগবাঢ়ি গৈছোঁ।

তেখেতৰ ভিতৰত এটি আপুৰুগীয়া লক্ষণ পৰিলক্ষিত হৈছিল, যেতিয়া আমি কোনো আন্দোলন কৰি আগবাঢ়ি গৈ আছিল অৱস্থাত পৰ্বো, তেতিয়া ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াই সঙ্কটৰ সময়ত উপস্থিত হয়; আৰু পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ে। তেখেতে কোন প্ৰস্তাব কেনেদৰে আনিছে তাক ভালদৰে চাই উদ্দেশ্য কি আমাৰ দেশৰ মঙ্গলৰ কাৰণে হলে তাক মুক্ত কৰ্ণে সমৰ্থন কৰে উদগনি দিয়ে। সমাজ কৰ্মী হিচাবেও, তেখেতৰ বহুতো সমাজৰ গঠনমূলক কাম আমি নগাঁৱত দেখিছোঁ। তেখেতৰ আশ্ৰয়তে আৰু তেখেতৰ সহায়তে আমাৰ প্ৰায়বিলাক অনুষ্ঠান হৈছে।

নগাঁৱত যেতিয়া আনন্দৰাম ঢেকিয়াল কুকন কলেজ হয় আমি বাস্তৱত ওলাব নোৱাৰা অৱস্থা হৈছিল বাধাৰ প্ৰকোপত। সেই সময়ত এনে আন্দোলন হৈছিল। কিন্তু ভূঞা-ডাঙৰীয়াই আমাক উৎসাহ দিছিল। নগাঁৱত ছোৱালী কলেজ কৰিবলৈ আমি ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ ওচৰলৈকো গৈছিলোঁ। তেখেতৰ সহায় নহলে, এই ছটা অনুষ্ঠান কৰা সম্ভৱ নহলহেঁতেন।

নগাঁৱত Law College কৰিবলৈ যাওতে বহুতে নিকংসাহ কৰিলে; কিন্তু ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াই টেবুলত ভুকুৰাই কলে, নগাঁৱত Law College লাগে; আবহুগীৰ সময়ত কমিটি হোৱাত তেখেতৰ গা অসুখ কাৰণে তেখেতক খবৰ দিয়া নাছিলো; কিন্তু মই অহাৰ পিচত দ্বিতীয়জন আছিল ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়া—এনে নেতা গৰাকীৰ নাম চিৰস্মৰণীয় কৰাৰ কাৰণে আমি কি হিচাবে ৰাখিম কব নোৱাৰো—আমি Law College কমিটিৰ মেম্বাৰ সকলক কৈছিলো যে সেই কলেজৰ নাম ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ নামত দিব লাগে কাৰণ তেখেত আৰু আমাৰ মাজত বেচি দিন নেথাকে—এই বিশিষ্ট নাগৰীক গৰাকীৰ প্ৰতি আমি চিৰকৃতজ্ঞ। তেখেতৰ শোক সন্তপ্ত পৰিয়ালৰ সমবেদনা জনাই মই সামৰণী মাৰিলোঁ।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami—অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অসমৰ জনপ্ৰিয় লোক কেইজন আমাৰ মাজৰ পৰা নাইকীয়াই হল—বগা পোচাক আৰু বগা চুলিৰে সৈতে, বাহিৰে যেনে ভিতৰেও তেনে আছিল ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ সকলো দলকে সমানে সহায় কৰিব পৰা, সন্তুষ্ট দেখুৱাব পৰা মানুহ মই জীৱনত পোৱা নাই।

বহুতে ভূঞাঘেৰ কংগ্ৰেছৰ পিতা বুলিও স্বীকাৰ কৰে। আমি যিগল বিবোধী হ'লৰ লোক সকলোৰে তেখেতক সকলো আন্দোলনৰ নেতা বুলি নাম লয়। অসমত যিবিলাক আন্দোলন হৈছে, Refinery আন্দোলন ইত্যাদিত ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ বৰঙণী দেখিছো তেখেতে অংশ গ্ৰহণ নকৰা আন্দোলন নাই। নগাঁৱৰ কিস্তীশৰুৰ মীচনে তেখেতক অমৰ কৰি ৰাখিব। চৰকাৰ আৰু ৰাইজে একমত হৈ প্ৰজ্জয় ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ স্মৃতি নিধি ৰাখিব লাগে, যাতে আমাৰ সমাজৰ হুঁহুয়া, অন্ধ, বোবা, কলা লোকে সেই নিধিৰ পৰা খৰচ কৰিব পাৰে। তেখেতৰ আত্মাক আমাৰ শ্ৰদ্ধাঞ্জলী জ্ঞাপন কৰিছো। তেখেতৰ জীৱনৰ অনুপ্ৰেৰণাই অসমৰ ডেকাক অনুপ্ৰেৰণা জগাব।

Shri Rathindra Nath Sen—অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, পিতৃস্নেহে বঞ্চিত জীৱনে আপামেৰ সমাজ সেৱা কৰাৰ সময় মৰা পিতৃস্নেহ পেয়েছিলাম যাৰ কাছ থেকে, তাঁরা এক ছিলেন কৃষিগী চৌধুৰী এবং অন্তৰ্জন ছিলেন হলধর ভূঞা—ভূঞা মহাশয় আমাৰ নেতা ছিলেননা তবুও আমি জীৱনেৰ শেষ দিন পৰ্য্যন্ত মনে ৰাখবো যে সময়েই আমি নওগাঁয়ে যেতাম ভূঞা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ সঙ্গৈ দেখা নাকৰে আলা সম্ভৱ ছিল না। শুধু তাই নয়, তাৰ বাড়ীতে ভাত নাখেয়ে আলা সম্ভৱ ছিলনা। আজকে অপৰিসীম আনন্দেৰ সহিত একথা বলছি যে সেটা নহ—

আমি ঠিক তাঁকে কেবল শ্ৰদ্ধা জ্ঞাপন কৰাৰ উদ্দেশ্যেই দাঁড়ায়নি, তাঁকে স্মরণ কৰাৰ উদ্দেশ্যে এবং আমাৰ জ্ঞান উন্মোচনেৰ জন্তু আমাৰ মনেৰ ভাবকে ব্যক্ত কৰাৰ জন্তু দাঁড়িয়েছি। আজকে গৱৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ কাছ আমাৰ অনুরোধ যে শংকৰ মিশ্যনকে ভূঞা মহাশয়ই দাড় কৰিয়েছিলেন। সেই মিশ্যনকে সৰকাৰ সকল প্ৰকাৰ সাহায্য দিবাৰ ব্যবস্থা করেন। এবং ভারত সৰকাৰেৰ কাছ থেকে সাহায্য আনাৰ চেষ্টা করেন। এই যদি কৰা হয় তাহলে তাঁৰ প্ৰতি প্ৰকৃত শ্ৰদ্ধা জানানো হবে।

আজ আসামবাসী ভাগ্যহীন হয়েছে; যদিও জীৱনেৰ সঙ্গে মৃত্যু ওতঃপ্ৰোত ভাবে জড়িত, কবি যেমন বলেছিলেন “মরণে তুচ্ছ মম শ্ৰাম সমান” তবুও যাৰ মৃত্যু হয়ে গেছে সেই ব্যক্তিৰ স্মৃতি মাহুশেৰ মন থেকে মুছে যায় না। সেইজন্তু মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী মহাশয়কে অনুরোধ জানাই যেন তাঁৰ পাৰিবাৰিক অবস্থাৰ খবৰ নেন এবং তাঁৰ পাৰিবাৰিকে যেন কোনো কষ্ট ভোগ না কৰতে হয় সেই বিষয়ে যতদূৰ সম্ভৱ ব্যবস্থা কৰা হয়।

দেশবন্ধুৰ মৃত্যুৰ পৰে কবি শুরু যে কথা বলেছিলেন সেই কথাই আজ আমাৰা সকলে মিলে বলি—

“এনেছিলে সাথে করে মৃত্যুহীন প্ৰাণ
মরণে তাহাই তুমি করে গেলে দান”

Mr. Dy. Speaker—মই স্বৰ্গীয় হলধৰ ভূঞাৰ মৃত্যুৰ বাতৰি পাই মৰ্ম্মাহত হৈছো। তেখেতে মহাত্মা গান্ধীৰ নেতৃত্বত স্বাধীনতা সংগ্ৰামত যোগ দিছিল আৰু ইয়াৰ বাবে তেওঁ নিৰ্ম্মাতন আৰু কাৰা ৰণ কৰিলি। নিজৰ আৰু পৰিয়ালৰ অভাব,

কষ্ট আনিলে তেওঁৰ কোনো চিন্তাই নাছিল। কংগ্ৰেচত তেখেত বহুত দিন আছিল, আৰু সেই সময়ত অসম বিধান সভাৰ তেওঁ সদস্য হয়। সেই কালচোৱাত আমাৰ দেশৰ বিভিন্ন সমস্যাৰ বিষয়ে যিবিলাক ভাষণ দিছিল সেইবিলাক আজিও সোণালী আখৰেৰে সংৰক্ষিত হৈ থাকিব। তাৰ পাচত কংগ্ৰেছৰ পৰা গৈ যেতিয়া প্ৰজা চচিয়ালিষ্ট পাৰ্টিত আছিল, তেতিয়াও তেখেতে সমাজ কল্যাণমূলক কাম কৰি আছিল। আজি শংকৰ মিছনৰ বোগেদি বহুতো কথা মানুহে দৃষ্টি পাইছে। এই মিছন ভূঞাঘেৰেৰে চেষ্টাত গঢ়ি উঠিছিল। ইয়াৰ বাহিৰেও নানা দেশ গঠনমূলক কামত তেখেতে আত্ম নিয়োগ কৰিছিল। তেখেতৰ আদৰ্শ যদি আমাৰ ডেকাসকলে গ্ৰহণ কৰে তেতিয়াহে তেখেতৰ প্ৰতি প্ৰকৃত শ্ৰদ্ধা জ্ঞাপন কৰা হ'ব। তেখেতৰ আদৰ্শটো আমাক আগবঢ়াই লৈ যাব। তেখেতৰ প্ৰতি আমি সকলোৰে মিলি শ্ৰদ্ধা জ্ঞাপন কৰিবৰ বাবে দুই মিনিট ঠিয় হৈ প্ৰাৰ্থনা জনাও।

ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly then adjournment till 10 A.M. on Saturday, the 30th March, 1968.

Shillong,
The.....

U. Tahbildar,
Secretary,
Legislative Assembly, Assam.

