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DEBATES OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, the 7th June, 2011

The House met at 9.00 A.M of the Clock in the Assembly Chamber at Dispur with Shri Pranab Gogoi, Speaker in the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয়, মাননীয় মন্ত্রী ও ৰাজ্যিক মন্ত্রী মহোদয়সকল আৰু বিধানসভাৰ মাননীয় সদস্যসকল, অসম বিধানসভাৰ কাৰ্য প্ৰক্ৰিয়া আৰু নিয়মাৱলীৰ ১৩নং নিয়মৰ অধীনত অসমৰ মহামান্য ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয়ে এতিয়া পুৱা ৯.১০ মিনিটত অসম বিধানসভাত আসন গ্ৰহণ কৰিব। মাননীয় ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয় ৯.৮ মিনিটত অসম বিধানসভা সচিবালয়ৰ মুখ্য দ্বাৰত উপস্থিত হ'ব। তেখেতক আদৰ্শবলৈ মই, মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী আৰু বিধানসভা সচিবালয়ৰ প্ৰধান সচিব বিধানসভা সচিবালয়ৰ মুখ্য দ্বাৰলৈ ৰাওনা হ'ম। মাননীয় ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয় উপস্থিত হোৱাৰ বা প্ৰবেশ কৰাৰ লগে লগে সেই নিয়মসমূহ মানি চলিব। মই এতিয়া মহামান্য ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয়ক আদৰ্শবলৈ সদনৰ অনুমতি সাপেক্ষে মুখ্য দ্বাৰলৈ প্ৰস্থান কৰিলো।

(অসম বিধানসভা ভৱনৰ মুখ্য দ্বাৰত অসমৰ ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয়ক আদৰ্শ জনাবলৈ মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ, মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী আৰু অসম বিধানসভাৰ প্ৰধান সচিবে সদন কক্ষ এৰি যায়।)

(মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ, মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী আৰু অসম বিধানসভাৰ
 প্ৰধান সচিবৰ সৈতে অসমৰ মাননীয় ৰাজ্যপাল সদনত উপস্থিত
 হয় আৰু ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় সংগীত বাজি উঠে আৰু সদনৰ ভিতৰত থকা
 সকলোৱে নিজ নিজ আসনত ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় সংগীত বজোৱা অন্ত
 নোহোৱা পৰ্যন্ত থিয় হৈ থাকে। ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় সংগীত শেষ হোৱাৰ
 পাছত প্ৰত্যেকে তেখেতসকলৰ নিজ নিজ আসনত বহে।)

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : এতিয়া অসমৰ মহামান্য ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয়ক তেখেতৰ
 ভাষণ আৰম্ভ কৰিবলৈ অনুৰোধ জনালো।

মাননীয় সদস্যসকল তেখেতৰ ভৰিত ফ্ৰেকচাৰ হৈছিল আপোনালোকে
 সকলোৱে জানে। তেখেতে বহিয়ে ভাষণ পঢ়িব। নিশ্চয়
 আপোনালোকৰ সন্মতি আছে। (সকলোৱে সন্মতি জনায়)।

মাননীয় ৰাজ্যপাল : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অসম বিধানসভাৰ মান্যবৰ
 সদস্যসকল, নতুন বিধানসভালৈ সকলো নিৰ্বাচিত সদস্যসকলক
 অভিনন্দন জনাইছো। বিধানসভালৈ পুনৰবাৰ নিৰ্বাচিত
 সদস্যসকলক অভিনন্দন আৰু নতুন নিৰ্বাচিত সদস্যসকলক
 স্বাগতম জনাইছো।

আপোনালোক সকলোৱে একেলগে বহি একেলগে চিন্তা-চৰ্চা
 কৰি আপোনালোক সকলোৱে একেটা মতত উপনীত হওক।

Respected Speaker and Hon'ble Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly

I am very happy to address this inaugural session of the 13th Assam Legislative Assembly. I take this opportunity to extend my heartiest welcome and best wishes to all of you. I would be placing before you the policies and programmes of my Government. I am sure the deliberations in this august Assembly will help us take our State forward on to the path of peace and development.

My Government has been returned back to power with a renewed mandate in the recent election, which was peaceful, free and fair and had a large turnout. The people of Assam have appreciated the good work done since 2001. They have witnessed the transformation that has taken place in all spheres of life. The marked improvement in the law and order situation, the changed atmosphere wherein most of the insurgent outfits are willing to come forward for talks, the financial consolidation from a stage of near bankruptcy and the buoyant economy of Assam today are noticeable to all. This overwhelming support of the people of Assam has increased our responsibilities and strengthened our resolve to redouble our efforts. We want Assam not only to be a sanctuary of peace and prosperity but also to be comparable with the most developed states in our country.

With continuous endeavours since 2001, Assam today is ideally placed for an economic ascendancy. The image of peace and prosperity that Assam projects today has already encouraged the private sector to consider large inflow of funds to Assam. The

multilateral agencies like ADB, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the World Bank have seen the effectiveness of their schemes in Assam and are willing to make larger investments. Our own improvement in tax administration has resulted in a substantial increase in revenue. My Government would strive to use these favourable conditions to increase the pace of development in Assam and take the growth rate of the economy to at least ten percent so that the gap with the developed states is closed at a faster pace.

My Government would ensure that this growth is both sustainable and inclusive. It would ensure that in addition to rise in growth rates there is an equal improvement in the Human Development Index (HDI). For this increased attention would be given to the health and the education sectors. Focus would also be given on equity considerations so that no person starves and no person is deprived of health and education facilities. To promote investment in Assam Investment Development Corporation would be established. A special package of ? 1000/- crores would be provided for the all round development of the Barak Valley districts. Steps would be taken for the development of the most backward areas after proper identification of the underdeveloped blocks.

My Government is committed to have an efficient, transparent, responsive and corruption free administration. Towards this end, it would revitalise the Rajjor Paudulit Rajjor Sarkar Programme. To improve the efficiency of the administration four new services would be created namely, Assam Rural Sendee, Assam Economic Service, Assam Revenue Service and the Assam Information Service. Ways and means would be found out to simplify the age-old complex

processes of administration. An Accountability Commission would be set up to ensure accountability of the administrative machinery and to ensure proper service delivery to the people. In addition to the Chief Vigilance Commissioner, additional Vigilance Commissioners and four Zonal Vigilance Commissioners would be appointed. The institution of the Lokayukta would be strengthened. Social audit of schemes and programmes would be carried out in presence of NGOs and reputed persons from the society. A system of performance evaluation of the Government departments would be put in place and premier institutions like universities etc would be associated in the appraisal process. Annual declaration of assets by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and all officials would be made compulsory.

Law and Order

There has been a steady improvement in the law and order situation since 2001 with peace and normalcy being restored in Assam. Suspension of operation agreements are in force with various extremist outfits like, UPDS, DHD (Nunisa) Group, DHD (Jewel) Group, KLNLF, NDFB (Dhiren Boro Group), ACMA and BCF. At the initiative of the State Government an interlocutor has appointed to forward the peace process with ULFA, UPDS, DHD(J) and KLNLF and the same is progressing in a positive direction. The stage has been set up for talks with ULFA and other insurgent groups and concerted efforts are being taken

to bring in the remaining insurgent factions to the negotiating table. My Government will carry this process forward so that permanent peace is restored in Assam. It will take actions for the rehabilitation of cadres of the insurgent groups who have returned to the mainstream and want to lead a normal life.

The matter of D-Voters is of concern to my Government as a large number of them have been found to be genuine Indians subsequently. Steps will be taken to ensure that genuine Indians who have been identified as D-Voters are allowed to exercise all their rights as such citizens including their right to vote. My Government will take all measures to make the State Police more effective through its all round modernisation, through required infrastructure development and thorough administrative reforms. It will take steps to make the police people friendly. The number of police stations and outposts will be increased in proportion to the increase in the population and a focus will be given to far flung areas. Home Guards and Village Defence Parties will be strengthened and facilities to their members enhanced. The scheme to grant compensation to family members of victims of violence will continue and special steps will be taken to provide education to children of such families.

Assam Accord

My Government is committed to the speedy implementation of the Assam Accord. It has taken up steps for updating the NRC 1951. All efforts will be made to complete this process by removing

the difficulties and simplifying the procedures for NRC 1951 updation so that no genuine Indian Citizen is harassed and no foreigner is allowed to stay in Assam illegally/For detection and deportation of foreigners 36 Foreigners Tribunals are functioning in the State. To stop infiltration, Assam PWD has completed Indo-Bangladesh Border Roads & Fencing works allocated to them except those relating to five bridges, which will be completed soon. My Government is also pursuing with the central agencies to complete their allocated works of Lido-Bangladesh Border Roads & Fencing as well as Flood Lighting at an early date.

My Government has taken up the protection, preservation and development of historical monuments and Sattras in Assam. The Archaeological Survey of India has also taken up the protection, preservation and development of historical monuments in Assam. The Modernisation of the Jyoti Chitran Film Studio Phase III (Part-T) is in progress. The Assam Gas Cracker Project and the Bogibeel Rail-cum-Road Project are under implementation. The revival of the Ashok Paper Mill is proposed through the establishment of a Greenfield Paper Project. The upgradation of the Guwahati Medical College & Hospital (GMCH) to the level of a super speciality hospital is under progress.

Agriculture and Horticulture

Agriculture is the mainstay of the economy of Assam and the focus of my Government. A second green revolution would be ushered in and all actions will be taken to increase the agricultural

growth rate to a minimum of 8 percent so as to make Assam self-sufficient in food production and to ensure food security. Special programmes will be taken to increase productivity, provide mechanisation and bring in modernisation with a view to increase the production of rice, pulses, vegetables, potato, onion and fruits in Assam. For this purpose, demonstrations would be made to showcase the impact of improved package of practices, use of high yielding variety and other interventions like, the System of Rice Intensification. More awareness would be created among the farmers for adopting multiple cropping. Emphasis will also be given for increasing land fertility by using organic fertilisers. Increased allocations would be made to provide tractors, power tillers, pump sets, spray machines etc. to the farmers, A Farmers' Council will be set up in the State in order to encourage the farmers to increase productivity by organising them and by providing them the required guidance. It would be our endeavour to double the income of farmers and other workers.

An Agriculture Commission would be set up for giving expert advice on agriculture and allied activities. A Small and Marginal Farmers' Development Corporation will be set up to provide incentives and skill upgradation to the farmers. A Farmers' Training cum Demonstration Centre will be established. Agricultural loans will be made easier for the farmers to avail and interest subsidy will be provided. To cover their risk, more farmers will be brought under the Crop Insurance Scheme. Adequate assistance will be provided to the farmers affected by natural calamities like flood, erosion and drought. The present scheme for providing cash incentives to the

fanners through the Chief Minister's Special Scheme will be expanded with a view to cover more small and marginal farmers. To facilitate marketing of crops by the farmers marketing infrastructure and road connectivity will be strengthened.

Cultivation of high yielding crops like Cashewnut, Bhoot Jalakia, Black Pepper, Ginger, Turmeric and flowers like Orchids, Anthurium etc would be encouraged. Efforts to demonstrate scientific post harvest handling of perishable horticulture produce would continue. Cultivation of medicinal plants would be encouraged. Farmers would be given exposure and training in the latest horticulture technologies in premier horticultural institutions and organisations. Marketing, processing and storage infrastructure for 'horticulture products would be improved. Training and financial assistance would be provided to educated unemployed youth in horticulture and floriculture sectors.

Irrigation

My Government is committed to increase the irrigation facilities so that farmers can take up multiple cropping for increasing their income. It will take action to increase the irrigation system to more uncovered areas. Against an ultimate irrigation potential of 27.00 lakh hectares in the major, medium and minor irrigation sector, the State has so far achieved 7.97 lakh hectares upto March 2011. This has been achieved by completion of 5 Nos. of major irrigation schemes, 11 Nos, of medium irrigation schemes and 1,238 Nos. of minor irrigation schemes. To bring in more areas under irrigation a number of major, medium and minor irrigation schemes are

under implementation from funding under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) programme, Assam Bikash Yojana and schemes under NABARD (RIDF), State Plan and Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPRj).

Animal Husbandry and Veterinary

Animal Husbandry is an important sector for improving the socio-economic condition of the people living in the rural areas. My Government has taken up a number of programmes for livestock development in the State like, Artificial Insemination Service to enhance milk production. Cattle induction programme, Semi-intensive goat and pig farming scheme, Rural backyard poultry distribution programme and the Scheme for control of animal diseases through massive vaccination. For the skill upgradation of Vets, Para Vets and for capacity building of farmers, a Regional Institute for Livestock Entrepreneurship and Management is being set up at Rani, The existing veterinary hospitals would be modernised and expanded. A Frozen Semen Production Centre would be established and steps would be taken for ensuring fodder availability. A new University of Veterinary Sciences would be established. Dairy development has been given a special thrust in Assam. A number of initiatives have been taken for organisation of dairy farmers, for upgrading processing infrastructure and for marketing, A number of schemes are under implementation for this purpose like, the Milk Village Scheme (State Plan), the Town Milk

Supply Scheme, the externally aided Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project, the Central Scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana and the Project on Infrastructure Development for Quality and Clean Milk Production. Steps have also been taken for encouraging commercial dairy farming by extending subsidy and loan to selected entrepreneurs on a pilot basis.

Fisheries

Assam has achieved a record fish production of 227 million kg during 2010-11. My Government would take steps to increase the fish production further for attaining self-sufficiency. Schemes would be taken up to provide technical and financial assistance for commercial fish production. An innovative scheme has been taken up for strengthening the extension services in the fishery sector. As a part of this scheme around 300 educated youths have been trained and are presently engaged as Matsya Mitras in different blocks. This scheme would be continued. The Assam Fisheries Development Corporation (AFDC) has taken up an infrastructure development programme for 8 Nos. of Beels under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). To meet the demand of fish feed AFDC has also taken up a scheme for establishment of a fish feed mill.

Panchayat & Rural Development

The panchayati raj system has been revived since 2001 and the panchayat elections held twice during this period. To improve

the functioning of the panchayats, all Gaon Panchayats and Anchalik Panchayats have been provided computers and the computerization of accounts of the panchayats in Assam is under progress. These measures would not only bring in transparency but would also improve the accountability of the panchayats. Intensive training would be imparted to panchayat workers to increase their efficiency and to strengthen the panchayati raj system further. A State Rural Development Authority would be set up for fostering the development of rural areas in a planned manner. A Commission would also be set up to formulate measures for uplifting the rural economy.

The Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) is being implemented in the State under which Self Help Groups (SHGs) and individual Swarogaries have been provided with self-employment. Under this programme it is proposed to increase the grants to the SHGs. SHGs would also be imparted training and interest subsidy on loans taken by them would be enhanced. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREG) programme will be further strengthened and rural infrastructure like, rural roads, culverts, agri-field protection bundh etc created. My Government would provide dwelling units to the homeless poor families on the lines of the Indira Awas Yojana. More unemployed youth would be provided self-employment under the CM's Jeevan Jyoti Swaniyojan Yojana. The Old Age Pension Scheme would be improved upon by providing additional funding from the State.

Cooperation

Assam has a vast network of cooperative societies catering to diverse areas like, Agricultural Credit, Housing, Fishery, Dairy, Processing, Cottage and Small Scale Industries, Transport etc. A number of steps have been taken for revamping and streamlining the activities of the cooperative societies. The suggestions of H.E. the President of India are in the process of being incorporated into the Assam Cooperative Societies Bill that had earlier been passed. The report of the Committee of Group of Ministers for revamping the cooperative system is being examined for its implementation. Action has been taken for the revival of the short-term cooperative credit structure in Assam so that GPSS become eligible for fresh finance. The Assam Rajiv Gandhi University of Co-operative Management would be set up at Sivasagar. Grants would be provided to 2,486 multifaceted women cooperative societies and to all the GPSS. To meet the increasing requirements of housing, HOUSEFED would be suitably strengthened.

Soil Conservation

My Government is engaged in the implementation of programmes related to Soil and Water Management. In order to arrest erosion and loss of soil, various activities like Watershed Management, River Training, Control of River Bank Erosion, Afforestation, Cash Crop Plantation and Control of Shifting Cultivation are being undertaken. In the formulation and

implementation of schemes a focus would be given to the requirements of climate change. Steps have been taken for the revitalization of the Assam Plantation Crops Development Corporation Ltd (APCDC). Soil Conservation Department has been designated as nodal department for the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP).

Environment and Forests

My Government is concerned about the ill effects of climate change and global warming and would create awareness among the people for protecting the environment. It would take up extensive afforestation programmes to increase the green cover in Assam. Projects would be taken up for plantation of medicinal and aromatic plants. Special initiatives will be taken for the cultivation of bamboo on a large scale so as to provide economic benefits to the farmers. The Joint Forest Management initiative would be continued and to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of schemes taken up by the Forest Development Agencies, a State Forest Development Agency has been constituted.

Firm steps would be taken to protect wildlife. With a view to curb poaching of wildlife the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 has been amended making punishment for committing wildlife crimes more stringent upto life imprisonment and making the offences cognizable and non-bailable. The Forest Protection Force would be provided training and would be modernised and strengthened.

Public Enterprises

Various steps have been taken for the reform of the State Public Sector Enterprises with financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank under the Assam Governance & Public Resource Management Programme. Capacity Building, instilling of professionalism in the State Level Public Enterprises (SLPEs) and Strengthening of the Technical Cell of the Department of Public Enterprises was given emphasis during the last year. To improve the performance, accountability and supervision of the SLPEs the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) system and Training Need Analysis would be introduced availing the services of external management institutions. Awards would be given to the best performing SLPEs. Innovative schemes would be taken up like, Strengthening of the IT Infrastructure in a few SLPEs for improvement of MIS and computerisation of accounts, ISO Certification and Technological Upgradation of SLPEs. The SLPEs would be motivated to introduce proper safety measures in work places to reduce the occupational hazards in the interest of the workers.

Industry and Commerce

All actions will be taken to ensure that the Gas Cracker Project is completed expeditiously. A Plastic Park would be set up to facilitate establishment of downstream industries based on raw materials from the Gas Cracker Project for creating large scale

employment opportunities. The Mega Food Park at Nathkuchi in Nalbari, the Food Processing Farm at Chaygaon, the Bamboo Park at Tinsukia, the Banana Park at Goalpara, the Jute Park at Nagaon and the Textile Park at Sipajhar would be completed expeditiously. In the Central Sector, the National Institute of Design would be set up at Jorhat, the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology at Sivasagar and the National Institute of Fashion Technology at Guwahat. For speedy industrial development in Assam private investments, both domestic and foreign, would be encouraged. An Agri Hub and an Agri Processing Zone will be set up at Boko in collaboration with the private sector.

Special steps would be taken to rejuvenate the local traditional industries for generation of large-scale employment. Special attention would be given to the economic development of blacksmiths, potters, bell-metal artisans, handicraft artistes and weavers. Employment opportunities would be generated under the Pradhan Mantrir Rojgar Yojana, the Udyog Jyoti Achani and the Jivanjyoti Self-Employment Scheme. Skill development of the youth under the Assam Bikash Yojana and provision of tools and machines in identified sectors to rural youth and Self Help Groups under the Mukhya Mantri Karmajyoti Achani (MMKA) would be continued. A special package would be taken for small tea growers and measures would be taken to resolve the problems faced by them.

Handlooms, Textiles and Sericulture

The handlooms sector has a very important role in the socio-

economic development of the people of the State. It stands second only to the agriculture sector in the matter of employment and livelihood. A number of schemes are under implementation for the development of this sector. Under the Assam Bikash Yojana poor people are being assisted through grant of yarn and blankets. Other schemes being implemented are Grants-in-aid in the form of free looms and accessories, Integrated Handloom Development Scheme, Economic Upliftment Scheme, Health Insurance Scheme for Weavers, Life Insurance Scheme for Weavers and the Marketing Incentive Scheme for encouragement of marketing of handloom products. These schemes will be continued. Weavers will be provided suitable subsidy to make various inputs cheaper.

Assam leads the nation in the production of non-mulberry silks and is presently producing 99% of Muga silk and 65% of Eri silk in the country. These silks have a good market both nationally and internationally. Almost 2.39 lakh families earn their livelihood from silk production activities. Considering the importance of this sector my Government would create a special fund for a Golden Silk Project to increase the production of Eri, Muga and Pat yarn. Subsidy would be provided to increase the production of Muga textiles and special initiatives taken for exporting these products.

Health and Family Welfare

We are committed to provide quality health care facilities to the people of Assam and a number of schemes have been taken up at the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary level towards this end. The

construction of new Medical Colleges at Jorhat and Barpeta has already been completed and classes started at Jorhat. Five new Medical Colleges will be set up at Diphu, Nagaon, Kokrajhar, Lakhimpur and Dhubri. A Super Speciality Hospital being set up at the Gauhati Medical College will be completed expeditiously along with the construction of a 200-bed Cancer Hospital. In addition to the 60 Model Hospitals under construction in the rural areas of 60 LACs more such Model Hospitals will be taken in other LACs. Three ART Centres along with 8 link centres are functioning in Assam to provide assistance and treatment to AIDS patients along with 152 Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres. Diagnostic and testing facilities have been established and a Bio-Safety Level-III Virology Lab and Genetic Lab is being set up. Innovative schemes like, 'Sarathi 104' Health Information Help Line and 'Sanjivani' are under implementation. Round the clock delivery of services are available in 498 hospitals at different levels. From 2010 the MBBS seats in the Medical Colleges have increased to 526 from 426 with the starting of courses for 100 students in the Jorhat Medical College. Postgraduate seats in different subjects in the State have gone up by 40%. M.Sc Nursing Course has been newly introduced and seats in the B.Sc Nursing Course have increased from 25 to 60. The establishment of the B.Sc Nursing College and GNM Schools will be expedited to meet the shortage of nursing staff. A National Institute of Pharmaceutical Science has been started at GMCH for imparting M. Pharma Course. A Directorate of Alternative Medicine (AYUSH) will be established. In order to bring in more investment in the

health sector my Government would set up an Assam Medical Development Corporation.

My Government is committed to the delivery of quality health care services to the people of Assam. In addition to strengthening the existing Sub Health Centres more such centres would be set up in new areas. All schemes under the National Rural Health Mission (NHRM) would be implemented expeditiously. In the provision of health services emphasis will be given to the people living in char areas, tea-tribe and minority inhabited areas and hilly and remote areas. The Mobile Health Care Units that have been launched in 23 districts will also be started in all the sub-divisions of the State. Modern boat ambulances will be launched for the people of the char areas. Tea Garden Hospitals are being assisted to improve the service in garden areas. The service conditions of ASHA workers would be improved to enable them to deliver better services. As a result of sustained efforts during 2010 full immunisation percentage for children has risen to 86.6%. Institutional deliveries have gone up to 4.18 lakh during 2010-11. It would be our endeavour to reduce maternity deaths. A Special Care Home for the HIV-affected children will be established. Special treatment for children born with heart diseases or cleft lips and palates will be continued. Nutritional assistance will be provided to the tuberculosis and malaria-affected patients. The programmes for providing poor patients with free pacemakers and heart valves as well as providing free medicines for patients suffering from kidney disease, providing chemotherapy to cancer patients and providing free cardiac surgery would be continued.

Public Works

Providing all weather road connectivity in Assam is a priority of my Government. So far 16,000 km of black topped roads and 1,600 Nos. of RCC bridges have been built to give all weather connectivity to habitations, towns and important locations under various schemes like, Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project (AACP), Mukhya Mantri Pakipath Nirman Achoni (MMPNA), Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), Central Road Fund (CRF), Assam Bikash Yojana and Mukhya Mantri Poki Dolong Nirman Achoni (MPDNA). More than 8,000 km of roads and 1,400 Nos. of RCC bridges are in progress. Construction of 1000 km of national and state highways would be taken up under SARP-NE. All action would be taken for expeditious completion of these works. Priority will be given for improvement and construction of state highways and major district roads connecting district and sub-divisional head quarters. My Government would provide all weather connectivity to all villages with the national highways and would convert the existing 2,341 wooden bridges to RCC bridges.

To ease the traffic congestion in Guwahati, four lane fly-overs at Bhagagarh and Six-Mile as well as two lane flyovers at Athgaon and Maligaon have been completed and opened to vehicular traffic. Another two-lane fly-over at Panbazar is under construction. Construction of different medical and engineering colleges, Assam Legislative Assembly building and inner government offices would be completed ditiously. Computerisation has been done for proving

efficiency and E-tendering introduced for rning in more transparency.

Public Health Engineering

My Government is committed to make available pure drinking water to all the people of the State. Under the Bharat Nirman programme uncovered and partially covered habitations are being covered and being provided full water supply benefits and water quality problems of quality affected habitations are being removed by providing alternative sources and appropriate treatment. Under this programme the remaining uncovered, partially covered and quality affected habitations are sought to be covered. For providing pure drinking water supply and sanitation system, priority would be given to inaccessible areas, tea garden areas, char-chapori areas and scheduled castes and scheduled tribes dominated areas. Action will be taken to provide all the BPL families with low cost sanitation facilities. Educational institutions and Anganwadi centres not yet provided pure drinking water supply and sanitation system would be provided the same.

Education

My Government would focus on providing quality education and skill development. It understands the importance of different stakeholders like, teachers, students, educationists, technical experts etc in this process. It proposes to create institutional structures that

would contribute to the improvement in the quality of education and development of technical and other skills. A Knowledge Commission, an Education Council and an Education Development Corporation would be set up to frame policies, assist educational institutions and promote technical and vocational education. A State Teachers' Council and a Students' Advisory Council would also be set up.

A significant improvement has taken place in the performance of students since 2001. Between the years 2001 to 2011, the percentage of students passing High School has increased from 33% to 70.38%, High Madrassa from 28% to 76.84%, Higher Secondary-Arts from 49% to 73.14%, Higher Secondary-Commerce from 59% to 79.81% and Higher Secondary-Science from 53% to 87.32%. My Government would endeavour to improve this situation further. New courses have been started in emerging areas like IT, Biotechnology etc.

To further higher education, financial support for infrastructure development has been provided to Gauhati University, Dibrugarh University and Bodoland University. Steps will be taken to set up campuses of Jamia Millia University and Aligarh Muslim University. Infrastructure development of Jorhat Engineering College, Assam Engineering College and existing nine Polytechnics has also been taken up. For development of women's education in the State a Women University would be established. Engineering Colleges would be established at Golaghat, Dhemaji, Bongaigaon, Nagaon, Kokrajhar, Barak Valley and in the hill areas. A Knowledge City and an Institute of Science & Technology would be established. Polytechnics would be established at Hailakandi, Dhubri and

Barpeta districts. Steps will be taken for establishing a university of international standards in Guwahati. Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient languages Studies University would be set up at Nalbari.

My Government would also take all steps to universalize elementary education in the State through the implementation of the Right of Education Act. The elementary and secondary educational institutions would be strengthened through Sarba Siksha Abhijan and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RSMA). One Model School and one hostel for Girls would be established in each educationally backward Block. Focus would be given for improving adult literacy through the Saakshar Bharat Programme with particular reference to women and other weaker sections. Educational needs of differently abled children and adults would be addressed through Inclusive Education for the Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS).

The schemes for distribution of free textbooks and free mid-day meals would continue. Emphasis would be given to the expansion of education in the char areas, minority inhabited areas, tea tribe inhabited areas, SC & ST inhabited areas, border areas and other remote areas. Venture schools established prior to 2006 and receiving monthly grants-in-aid based on recommendations of the Special Core Group of the Council of Ministers would be provincialised. More financial aid would be provided for the development of Madrassa educational institutions and a Minority Education Council would be set up. Incentives of cash awards would be provided for teachers and schools having excellent performance.

The scholarship amount given to meritorious students would be increased and interest free loans would be made available to them for pursuing higher education.

Social Welfare

My Government is committed to the empowerment of women. It would set up a Women Development Council and a Women Entrepreneur Development Council for this purpose. It would also strengthen the Assam Women Commission to ensure the rights of women. In order to empower women vocational training would be imparted to women and more financial aid and facilities provided to women SHGs. The Mukhia Mantrir Mahila Samriddhi Achoni would continue to be implemented to economically empower rural women, A Women Club would be established in each development block. Women oriented schemes like, Baideo, Nabau, Nabowari and the Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme would continue to be implemented. Poor unmarried women of a certain age and poor widows would be brought under the purview of welfare schemes. Based on necessity, hostels would be constructed at selected places for working women and girl students. Shelter Home for Women and Old Age Homes would be constructed for old women.

It would be our endeavour to ensure that every child especially the girl child gets proper nutrition, health care, education and shelter. A Child Development Council would be set up to look after all development aspects of children. A State Commission for Children would be set up for the protection of child rights. The Integrated

Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme would be continued to be implemented to inter alia provide nutrition to children and women. Matter would be taken with the Central Government to increase the number of Anganwadi Centres in Assam. The monthly remuneration of Anganwadi workers and helpers would be increased and bicycles would be provided to the helpers also. Schemes would be taken up for providing unemployment allowance to physically challenged persons and allowance to families of physically challenged children. Financial assistance would also be provided to female siblings of poor families belonging to the BPL category. The Mukhya Mantrir Jiban Jyoti Bima Achoni and the Aam Admi Bima Yojana would continue to be in operation. A number of steps would be taken for the cultural and socio-economic development of the Harijan community.

Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs

The public distribution system would be strengthened from the Panchayat level upwards to ensure efficient distribution of subsidised rice, wheat, sugar and S.K.Oil to the people of Assam. To prevent price rise and to make the public distribution system more efficient 10,000 Amar Dukaan shops would be promoted from amongst the existing Fair Price Shops. An Assam State Civil Supplies Corporation would be set up for smooth management of the public distribution system. The benefits provided under the Mukhya Mantrir Anna Suraksha Yojana would be continued with further improvements. Other schemes providing subsidised rice to

BPL and APL families would continue and more poor families would be covered under these schemes. Under the Randhanjyoti Scheme widows, women from BPL families and SHG members would be given free LPG connections. The PDS Family Identity Cards/ Ration Cards would be upgraded with biometric features. A Reticulated LPG grid system would be introduced in multi-storeyed buildings of cities and towns. Action has been initiated for augmentation of the storage capacity for PDS foodgrains. The Assam State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and the 23 District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum are functioning to protect the rights of the consumers.

Border Areas

My Government is committed to have a permanent solution to the interstate boundary disputes. It supports peaceful resolution of interstate border disputes through negotiations and mediation. It will provide all kind of security to the people living in the villages along the interstate boundary. For their development a number of schemes will be taken like, provision of road connectivity, drinking water supply facilities, health facilities, electrification of villages, educational facilities and construction of community halls. Security would also be strengthened along the international border with Bangladesh and Bhutan. For people living along these international borders, schemes will be taken for construction of roads & bridges, culverts, school buildings, hospitals, drinking water supply and electricity supply.

Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes & Other Communities Welfare

My Government is committed to the all round development of the SC, ST, OBC and other communities living in the State. A special package of ₹ 300 crores would be implemented for the socio-economic development of the people belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes. For the all round development of the scheduled castes the Assam Scheduled Caste Development Council would be set up. Enhanced allocation would be made for the all round development of these communities and steps will be taken to develop facilities of potable water, health, education, power supply, transportation etc in areas inhabited by these communities. My Government would continue to pursue the demand for granting scheduled tribe status to Moran, Motok, Chutiya, Ahom, Koch Rajbongshi and Tea Tribe communities. The Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act 2006 would be implemented.

Other than two Autonomous Councils in the hill districts, there are at present seven Autonomous Councils functioning in the State. These are the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) and the Autonomous Councils for Rabha Hasong, Mising, Deori, Tiwa, Sonowal Kachari and Thengal Kachari. More funds would be provided to these Autonomous Councils for development in their areas. Elections would be conducted in Rabha Hasong, Mising and Sonowal Kachari Autonomous Councils. The construction of the university, medical college, engineering college, the planetarium

at Kokrajhar and other institutions in BTC area would be expedited. The construction of the offices of DCs. SDOs and other district offices in the four BTC districts would also be expedited.

To fulfil the aspirations of different communities in the State, 18 Development Councils have been formed. One Development Council each has been formed for the Mattak, Moran. Chutia, Sarania Kachari, Tai-Ahom. Adivasi, Bisnupriya Manipuri, Gorkha, Moimal, Koch-Rajbangshi. Maria. Amri Karbi, Nath-Yogi, Manipuri. Mech Kachari, Barak Valley Hill Tribes and General Caste communities and one for Tai Phake, Tai Turung, Tai Khamiang, Tai Aiton, Tai Khamti, Singpho, Tangsha & Sema communities. Adequate funds would be provided to these Development Councils for the development of their communities. A separate department would be created to administer these Development Councils.

Tea Tribes Welfare

My Government gives priority to the welfare of tea tribes in Assam. Various schemes are being implemented for their development which include Family Oriented Income Generating Schemes, Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post Matric Scholarship, Grants to Non-Government Educational Institutions and NGOs, and Construction of Girls' and Boys' Hostels for Tea Tribe Students. More beneficiaries are proposed to be covered under the various welfare schemes. A one-time assistance would be provided to small entrepreneurs like blacksmiths, bell-workers and artisans. The

Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme would be taken up in uncovered tea gardens and tea community dominated areas. Electric Meters would be installed at the residences of Tea Workers not covered so far. Pattas would be provided to tea and ex-tea community persons who are long in possession of government and ceiling government lands. Drinking water and sanitation schemes will be taken up.

Minority Welfare

My Government has been taking a number of schemes for the economic benefit of the people living in the Char Areas. These schemes are in the areas of Agriculture, Cottage Industry and Education. Scholarship schemes for the pre and post-matric students would be expanded to cover more students. For infrastructure development in char and minority areas, schemes for constructing roads & bridges and for providing pure drinking water, communication, electricity, hospitals etc would be taken up. For sale of agricultural products produced by the minority farmers, modern markets and cold storages would be set up in char and minority-dominated areas. A centrally sponsored Multi Sectoral District Development Plan (MSDP) Scheme has been taken up for 13 minority concentrated districts of Assam for which an amount of 703.50 crores has been allocated during the 11th Five Year Plan. The Assam Minorities Development & Financial Corporation would be provided with more financial powers and grants for minority development.

Tourism

With its beautiful natural landscapes, dense forests, flora and fauna, historical and archaeological sites Assam is becoming an attractive tourist destination both domestically and internationally. Since 2001 a number of steps have been taken to strengthen and augment the tourism infrastructure in Assam by taking up schemes for Circuit Development, Destination Development, Wayside Amenities, Tourist Guest Houses etc. My Government would continue to take up schemes to improve the tourism infrastructure in Assam. Special attention would be given to development of religious and historical sites and development of eco-tourism.

Tourism is a fast growing industry with a high potential for generation of employment. My Government would take actions to improve the tourism infrastructure in the State and provide incentives to encourage private investment in tourism facilities and services of an international standard. The Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology at Jorhat would be completed expeditiously to provide training in the hospitality sector. A five star luxury Hotel at Khanapara, Guwahati by Hotel Company Ltd. in collaboration with the state government is under construction and a 4-storeyed luxury cruise ship with ultramodern facilities would be operated for tourists on the river Brahmaputra soon.

Culture

Assam has a rich, vibrant and diverse culture. A number of

steps have been taken up to speed up the protection, preservation and promotion of this rich cultural heritage of Assam. Schemes have been taken for the protection and preservation of Sattras and archaeological sites in Assam. Steps will be taken to construct the Siu-Ka-Pha Samannay Khetra at Jorhat, the Sati Radhika Cultural Complex at Bordowa, the Sati Sadhini Cultural Complex at Golaghat, the Anirudha Dev Cultural Complex at Tinsukia and the Improvement of the Ajan Peer Dargah at Sivasagar. A special project will also be implemented for the preservation of the cultural heritage and infrastructure of Majuli. The Jyoti-Bishnu University would be established at Tezpur and Jyoti-Bishnu Centres set up at selected places in Assam. An Assam Sangeet and Sahitya Academy would be set up at Guwahati. A Film and Television Institute would be established at Changsari's Silgaon modelled on the Film and Television Institute, Pune. Steps would be taken to celebrate 150 years of Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore and Swami Vivekananda.

Urban Development

A number of schemes have been taken up in urban areas of Assam to take care of the rapid urbanisation. For strengthening the urban infrastructure a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) is presently under implementation. Urban development schemes are also being funded under the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources" (NLCPR) and under the 10% Central Pool Fund provided for North Eastern States. For facilitating development in

municipalities and towns a State Level Urban Area Development Authority would be constituted. Steps would be taken to build up green, clean and beautiful towns based on master plans. In all towns blacktopping of roads, construction of drains in a scientific way, provision of drinking water and streetlights would be ensured. Roads would be widened to ease traffic jams and modern parking lots constructed. Existing markets would be developed and new markets constructed.

Steps will be taken to make an effective dent on urban poverty by increasing the number of beneficiaries under different schemes. Under the Swarna Jayanti Sahari Rojgar Yojana (SYSRY) gainful employment will be provided to the urban unemployed and wage employment provided to the people living below the poverty line. Under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), houses and integrated slum development programmes will be taken up for benefit of the urban poor. The Assam State Housing Board would implement various Housing Schemes in the State and the Assam Urban Water & Sewerage Board would implement a number of schemes to provide safe drinking water to the urban people.

Guwahati Development

A number of schemes for creation of urban infrastructure in Guwahati have been taken up like, drinking water supply, solid waste management, slum housing, constructions of roads and drains, multi-storeyed car parking and urban transport. These

schemes would be continued to be given emphasis. Action will be taken for early completion of the West Water Supply Project, the Central Water Supply Project and the North Guwahati Water Supply Project. The South East Water Supply Project would be taken up so that the entire Guwahati Metropolitan Area is covered. A Sewerage Project would be taken up to cover the entire Guwahati city. The construction of the Garbage Treatment Plant would be expedited. A comprehensive approach would be taken for solving the problem of artificial flooding in Guwahati city by prevention of hill cutting, preservation of wetlands, development of drainage system etc. The south bank of the river Brahmaputra in Guwahati city would be beautified and an International Trade Centre set up at Fancy Bazar. The ropeway connecting Guwahati with North Guwahati would be completed. A satellite town would be set up near Guwahati.

Transport

Substantial changes have taken place in the functioning of the Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) since 2001. Today ASTC is providing a reliable road transport service throughout the State through its own fleet of 450 buses and a network of 1,200 private buses plying under its banner. Under the Chief Minister's Rural Connectivity Scheme 100 new buses have started plying in the rural areas. Another 144 buses have been provided and operationalised in Guwahati city under the Central Sector Scheme of JnNURM. ISBT Jorhat and Bus Terminuses at Sivasagar and

Dibrugarh have been commissioned and made functional. Yatri Niwas cum NEC Guest House at Guwahati has been constructed and would be operationalised soon.

My Government would set up a Road Safety Regulatory Authority to ensure that road safety norms are adhered to and people inculcate the habit of safe driving. The licensing system and the registration of vehicles have been progressively computerised for providing customer friendly and speed} services without harassment. The Inland Water Transport has been operating 98 Nos. of Ferry services on the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers. One new Ferry service has been notified for public convenience.

Science and Technology

My Government would give emphasis to the spread of science and technology. It would promote science and technology education right from the primary level to the university level. A Science & Technology University would be set up in the State. A Science City would be established in Guwahati and the construction of Bio Tech Park in Guwahati would be completed. The construction of the new planetariums at Jorhat, Kokrajhar, Lakhimpur and Nalbari would be completed expeditiously. Vigyan Yatras consisting of students, their teachers and guardians are organised with a view to popularise science learning amongst students. 219 Aryabhata Science Centres are popularising science and technology in 219 development blocks.

Information Technology

Assam has been included in the National e-Governance Plan of the country. As a part of this Plan, the Assam State Wide Area Network (ASWAN) is being setup linking each block head quarters and sub-divisional head quarters to the district head quarters and finally to the state head quarters at Guwahati. A scheme has been taken up to set up Common Services Centres (CSC) from which ICT enabled service delivery would be provided in respect of a range of services to the people. So far 3,760 CSCs have been set up in rural and remote areas of the State. Rajiv Gandhi Computer Literacy Program (RGCLP) is running in 1,610 Higher Secondary. High Schools and High Madrassas and in 641 Government High Schools. The IT Policy of Assam, 2009 has already been announced to attract investments from outside the State. Action has been taken to bring the International Internet Gateway (IIG) to Guwahati. A state of art IT Park would be set up at Guwahati. Steps will be taken to promote Information Technology at the block level and focus would be given to IT skill development. My Government would create a Mission for the spread of Information Technology in the rural areas of Assam for the benefit of farmers, artisans, women and youth. The Assam Online Portal Project and Secretariat Less Paper Office Project would be completed.

Information and Public Relations

The Fixed Loud Speaker System under which All India Radio

news and other programmes are broadcast to the rural people and to people in district head quarters and towns would be continued. Publicity campaigns to highlight government programmes and people oriented schemes as well as to promote national integrity and communal harmony will be continued. A number of measures would be taken for the welfare of journalists. The corpus fund of the Journalist Medical Welfare Scheme would be increased and journalists from the mofussil areas would be brought under this scheme. The scheme to provide laptops to accredited journalists and journalists having 10 years experience would be continued and more journalists covered. For home loans taken by journalist from the Assam Cooperative Apex Bank an interest subsidy would be given. A journalist colony would be constructed near Guwahati.

Hill Areas

My Government is committed to the all round development of the hill areas. It would provide enhanced funding to the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council and the North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council. Stress would be laid for improving and augmenting the power supply, potable water supply, health care facilities, education, transport and communication facilities. The Integrated Jhumia Development Programme (IJDP) and the Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA) would be implemented. The Assam Hills Medical College, the Assam Hills Engineering College and the Assam Hills University would be established in Karbi Anglong and a GNM School

would be set up each in the two hill districts.

Power

A number of steps have been taken since 2001 for transforming the power sector in Assam. A 250 million US dollar Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded Power Sector Reforms Programme has brought about substantial changes in the institutional structure in the power sector and promoted efficiency in generation, transmission and distribution of power. The strengthening of the power transmission and distribution system has led to a reduction of the Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses from 42% to 27% in the last five years. In order to augment the transmission, transformation and distribution system, an additional loan of 200 million US dollars has been taken from the ADB.

With the commissioning of the 100 MW Karbi Langpi Hydro Electric Power Project in 2007 and the enhancement of the Plant Load Factor (PLF) of the existing generating stations from 36.32% to 58.45%, the generation of power in Assam has increased. This position would be improving further with the commissioning of the Lakwa Waste Heat Recovery Plant of 37.2 MW shortly and the construction of the 100 MW Namrup Replacement Project. All actions will be taken to ensure that the 1250 MW Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project is completed at an early date. Construction of five small Hydro Electric Power Projects at Lungnit, Myntriang, Pahumara, Bordikorai and Desang are under progress and the 4

MW Champamati Project in BTC area has already been commissioned. The transmission and transformation system will be improved further by 2012 with the construction of 3 Nos. of 220/132 KV Sub-Station, 5 Nos. of 132/33 KV Sub-Station, 365 km of 220 KV line, 98 km of 132 KV line and a Gas insulated 220/33 KV, 2X50 MVA Sub-Station. The distribution system would be strengthened with the construction of 3 Nos. of 33/11 KY Sub-Station, construction of 145.25 km of 33 KY line, construction of 154.00 km of 11 KY line and installation of 50 Nos. of distribution transformers. The Chief Minister's Power Supply Assurance Mission for replacing damaged distribution transformers and the Input Based Distribution Franchisee (IBDF) Scheme for handing over selected 11 KV Feeders to franchisees to reduce theft and increase revenue would be continued. The Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme, Restructured-Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme and schemes to provide solar energy would be implemented in remote and inaccessible villages. The balance work of providing 2 Nos. of CFL to 10 lakh BPL families free of cost and distribution of free solar lantern to one lakh deserving students would be completed.

Mines and Minerals

My Government carries out the tasks of exploration of minerals and groundwater resources as well as administration of minerals and petroleum throughout the State. It grants exploration licenses and mining leases for minerals and petroleum to various public

sector and private sector organisations. It also realises non-tax revenue in terms of royalty, rent, fee etc from the licensees and the lessees. The major schemes being undertaken at present are the exploration of coal deposits in Karbi Anglong, Tinsukia and Dibrugarh districts, Investigation of granite deposits in Morigaon & Kamrup districts, Investigation of quartz-feldspar in Karbi Anglong district and Hydrogeological investigation of ground water resources in the State. The Assam Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. would be setting up large cement projects in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with two nationally reputed companies.

Labour and Employment

My Government would take all actions to solve the unemployment problem in Assam. An Assam Employment Generation Corporation and an Assam Skill Development Corporation would be set up to facilitate this process. Skill Development Training Centres would be set up in every development block to train the unemployed youth. To encourage unemployed youth to come forward with self-employment schemes seed money would be provided. Vocational training would be imparted in the ITIs. Seven new ITIs would be set up at Kajalgaon, Suklai, Boko, Ghilamara, Karimganj, Ledo and Titabor. A Skill Development Initiative Society has been registered to provide financial assistance to the vocational training providers in the public and private sectors. To ameliorate the unemployment problem, an Employment Generation Mission has been set up and 9,130 Nos. of unemployed youths provided gainful self-employment. Various labour welfare

legislations are being enforced to protect the rights of the workers and to ensure welfare benefits reach them. In addition, the Assam Unorganized Workers Social Security Rules, 2010 have been framed to provide various welfare schemes to the unorganized sector workers.

Water Resources

My Government is committed to mitigate the problem of flood and erosion in Assam. A number of schemes are under implementation towards this end. These include the Flood Management Programme, RIDF-XH (NABARD), RIDF-XV (NABARD), Additional Central Assistance (ACA) and the schemes under the State Plan. A \$ 142.00 Million ADB funded project namely, Assam Integrated Flood And River Bank Erosion Risk Management Project has also been started having one sub-station each at Dibrugarh, Jorhat and Palashbari. New technologies are being adopted in flood management. The Geo-fabric Tube Technology has been used for the first time in India in the construction of the Matmora Geo Dyke to give protection to Majuli and Dhakuakhana areas. Basing on its success more such Geo-fabric tube embankments would be constructed over various rivers in Assam. A special scheme would be implemented for rehabilitation of families that become homeless due to flood and erosion. My Government is committed to ensure that development projects do not adversely affect the land and rich bio-diversity of Assam.

Sports and Youth Welfare

A State Youth Development Council would be set up for the development of youth in various areas like, sports and games, art and literature, environment preservation, social service, self employment etc. A special fund namely, Chief Minister's Benevolent Fund would be created for extending financial support to sportspersons in distress. Incentives would be provided to sportspersons who have earned laurels for the State in the national and international circuits. Sportspersons and coaches who have earned medals for Assam at the national and international levels would be awarded cash incentives. To improve their performance,, sportspersons would be nurtured and proper training support extended to them.

New Stadium and Swimming Pools would be constructed in a phased manner in selected districts and sub-divisions where such facilities are not available at present. Some Mini Stadia and Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complexes shall be further developed for promotion of rural sports. Development of playfields, sports infrastructure and other sport facilities at the village and block level in rural areas would be taken up under the Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan in keeping with the State Sports Policy. Under the Chief Minister's Special Scheme sports goods would be provided to sports clubs, educational institutions and other organisations. Physical education would be made a part of the school curriculum. Modern gymnasiums would be set up to promote physical training. The North East Regional Centre of the Lakshmi Bai National University

of Physical Education has started at Guwahati. Adequate funds would be earmarked to promote NCC, Scouts & Guides and adventure sports.

Administrative Reforms and Training

My Government is taking action to confer functional autonomy to Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati to make it an apex training institution in the State. A training policy has been formulated and a Comprehensive Training Programme for officers and staff of the Secretariat would be put in place. With a view to improve efficiency, 'in-service training' would be made mandatory for the state civil service officers. Trainings are also being organised at the Secretariat Training School for the administrative assistants of the Assam Secretariat. The State Information Commission has been functioning in Assam to promote transparency and openness in government.

Revenue Administration

My Government has taken a number of initiatives to modernise revenue administration with the help of Information Technology in the areas of land records, registration, stamps and maps. Revenue Circle officers have been provided mobility by supplying 152 nos. of vehicles. Mobile phone handsets and bicycles have been provided to gaonburahs to make them more efficient. The monthly remuneration of the gaonburahs has been enhanced. The

programme for providing land pattas to ex-tea labourers and in char areas would be continued. Emphasis would be given to disaster management and a decision has been taken to create a State Disaster Response Force for responding to the disasters in the State. Steps would be taken to preserve the rich biodiversity, environment, wetlands and water bodies in Assam. Effective steps would be taken to protect land of tribal people residing in the tribal belts and blocks. A Rehabilitation Authority would be set up to rehabilitate the erosion-affected families. A special scheme namely, Samuhik Ashray Prakalpa would be taken up for construction of houses for the flood and erosion affected people. The existing procedure for providing land to the families affected by erosion would be further strengthened. The National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy, 2007 has been adopted to ensure that families displaced due to acquisition of their lands are suitably rehabilitated with land and dwelling houses.

Pensions and Public Grievances

My Government is committed to the grant of timely pension to the government servants and to the staff of the provincialised schools. A Pension Information System has been put in place facilitating expeditious formalisation of pensions and commutation of pension cases. The Director of Pensions, Assam has also been empowered to deal with pension cases of Provincialised Panchayat employees.

Excise

My Government would enforce total prohibition of ganja, bhang, opium and other narcotic drugs throughout the State. It would take action to check illicit distillation and sale of illicit liquor. The State Anti Drugs and Prohibition Council is creating awareness amongst the masses about the abuse of drugs and other intoxicating substances through meetings and seminars. All efforts would be taken to increase the collection of excise and sales revenue in Assam.

Legislative and Judicial

Assam State Legal Services Authority has been organizing Lok Adalats and legal awareness camps and mediations. A National Law School and Judicial Academy is being set up at Guwahati. A State Litigation Policy would be formulated. Six Motor Accident Claims Tribunals (M.A.C.T.) one each at Nagaon, Barpeta, Nalbari, Dhubri, Silchar and one additional Tribunal at Guwahati, 2 Family Courts at Barpeta and Dhubri, one Additional Family Court in Kamrup District and two Additional Special Courts (C.B.I.) at Guwahati have been established. Action would be taken for utilisation of the 13th Finance Commission grants for interalia strengthening the infrastructure.

Hon'ble Members, I have placed before you the policies and programmes of my Government. My Government is committed to

make all efforts to implement the policies and programmes that have been outlined. I hope the deliberations of this House would help achieve this objective.

Joi Hind

(National anthem was played again. After the national anthem Hon'ble Governor left the house escorted by the principal secretary, Assam legislative Assembly)

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : এতিয়া অসম বিধানসভাৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া আৰু কাৰ্য পৰিচালনাৰ নিয়মাৱলীৰ নিয়ম ১৩ ৰ উপ-নিয়ম ২ ৰ অধীনত মই ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা বিধানসভাক জনাও যে মহামান্য ৰাজ্যপালে তেখেতৰ ভাষণ প্ৰদান কৰিলে আৰু সেই ভাষণৰ প্ৰতিলিপি ইতিমধ্যে সদনৰ মেজত ৰখা হৈছে।

অসমৰ মহামান্য ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয়ৰ সন্মানাৰ্থে বিধানসভাৰ কেন্দ্ৰীয় সভাকক্ষত (চেণ্ট্ৰেল হল) প্ৰীতি চাহ মেলৰ আয়োজন কৰা হৈছে। মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী, মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰীসকল, মাননীয় ৰাজ্যিক মন্ত্ৰীসকল, সদনৰ মাননীয় সদস্য/ সদস্যসকল আৰু সদনত উপস্থিত থকা মুখ্য সচিব, অতিৰিক্ত মুখ্য সচিবসকল, প্ৰধান সচিবসকল, আয়ুক্ত ও সচিবসকল, সচিবসকল, আৰক্ষী সঞ্চালক প্ৰধানকে ধৰি উপস্থিত থকা আৰক্ষী বিষয়াসকল, সাংবাদিক বীথিকাত উপস্থিত থকা ইলেক্ট্ৰনিক মাধ্যমৰ ব্যক্তিসকলকে ধৰি সংবাদ মাধ্যমৰ ব্যক্তিসকল আৰু চৰকাৰী

প্রতিবেদকসকলক উক্ত প্ৰীতি চাহ মেলত অংশ ল'বলৈ মই অনুৰোধ জনালো। চাহ মেলত অংশ লোৱাৰ আগে আগে মহামান্য ৰাজ্যপালৰ সৈতে মানীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী, মন্ত্ৰীসকল, ৰাজ্যিক মন্ত্ৰীসকল আৰু বিধানসভাৰ মাননীয় সদস্য/ সদস্যসকলৰ আলোকচিত্ৰ গ্ৰহণ কৰা হ'ব।

এতিয়া সদন ৪৫ মিনিটৰ কাৰণে স্থগিত কৰা হ'ল।

(The House reassembled at 11.40 A.M.)

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : কাৰ্যসূচী ২নং মতে এতিয়া ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণৰ ওপৰত ধন্যবাদসূচক প্ৰস্তাৱ আছিল। এই প্ৰস্তাৱৰ ওপৰত আব্দুল মুহিব মজুমদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়াৰ পৰা এখন জাননী পাইছো। মই তেখেতক প্ৰস্তাৱটো উত্থাপন কৰাৰ বাবে অনুৰোধ জনাইছো।

শ্ৰীআব্দুল মুহিব মজুমদাৰ : আজি বিধানসভাত মাননীয় ৰাজ্যপাল মহোদয়ে যি ভাষণ পঢ়ি শুনালে তাৰ ওপৰত অহা ধন্যবাদসূচক প্ৰস্তাৱটো আলোচনাৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ কংগ্ৰেছ বিধায়িনী দলৰ পালৰ পৰা মই প্ৰস্তাৱ উত্থাপন কৰিলো।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : মই শ্ৰীভূপেন কুমাৰ বৰা ডাঙৰীয়াক প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰিবলৈ আহ্বান কৰিছো।

শ্ৰীভূপেন কুমাৰ বৰা : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অসমৰ ৰাজ্যৰ আশা আকাংখ্যা পূৰণৰ নতুন প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতি আৰু সংকল্পৰে ভৰা মাননীয় ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণৰ ওপৰত সদনৰ জ্যেষ্ঠ সদস্য আব্দুল মুহিব মজুমদাৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই যি প্ৰস্তাৱ উত্থাপন কৰিছে মই তাক আন্তৰিকতাৰে সমৰ্থন কৰিছো।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণৰ ওপৰত যি ধন্যবাদসূচক প্ৰস্তাৱ আলোচনা হ'ব তাৰ ওপৰত মাননীয় সদস্যসকলৰ কোনো ধৰণৰ সংশোধনী জাননী যদি থাকে তেতিয়া হ'লে প্ৰধান সচিবৰ কাৰ্যালয়ত দাখিল কৰিব পাৰে।

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : কাৰ্যসূচী নং (৩) (i) অসম বিধানসভাৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া আৰু কাৰ্য পৰিচালনাৰ নিয়মাৱলীৰ ৯ (১) নিয়মৰ অধীনত ত্ৰয়োদশ অসম বিধানসভাৰ ২০১১ চনৰ প্ৰথম অধিবেশনখন পৰিচালনা কৰিবৰ বাবে নিম্নোক্ত মাননীয় সদস্যসকলক সভাপতি হিচাপে মনোনীত কৰা হ'ল।

- ১। শ্ৰীমেম্বৰ গগৈ।
- ২। শ্ৰীআব্দুল মুহিব মজুমদাৰ।
- ৩। শ্ৰীগোপীনাথ দাস।
- ৪। শ্ৰীকেশৱ মহন্ত।

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : কাৰ্যসূচী নং ৩ (ii) অসম বিধানসভাৰ প্ৰক্ৰিয়া আৰু কাৰ্য পৰিচালনাৰ নিয়মাৱলীৰ নিয়ম ২২৮ অনুসৰি অসম বিধানসভাৰ কাৰ্য উপদেষ্টা সমিতিখন নিম্নোক্ত সদস্যসকলৰ দ্বাৰা গঠন কৰা হ'ল।

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| (১) শ্ৰী প্ৰণৱ গগৈ
অধ্যক্ষ, অসম বিধানসভা | — সভাপতি |
| (২) শ্ৰীপৃথিৱী মাঝি
মন্ত্ৰী, ৰাজহ ইত্যাদি, অসম | — সদস্য |
| (৩) শ্ৰীটংক বাহাদুৰ ৰাই
মন্ত্ৰী, পৰিকল্পনা আৰু উন্নয়ন ইত্যাদি অসম | — সদস্য |
| (৪) শ্ৰীনীলমণি সেন ডেকা
মন্ত্ৰী, সংসদীয় পৰিক্ৰমা ইত্যাদি, অসম | — সদস্য |
| (৫) ড° হিমন্ত বিশ্ব শৰ্মা
মন্ত্ৰী, শিক্ষা ইত্যাদি, অসম | — সদস্য |
| (৬) শ্ৰীচন্দন ব্ৰহ্ম
মন্ত্ৰী, পৰিবহণ ইত্যাদি, অসম | — সদস্য |

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| (৭) ডাঃ ভূমিধৰ বৰ্মন, বিধায়ক | — | সদস্য |
| (৮) শ্ৰীশৰৎ বৰকটকী, বিধায়ক | — | সদস্য |
| (৯) শ্ৰীআব্দুল মুহিব মজুমদাৰ, বিধায়ক | — | সদস্য |
| (১০) শ্ৰীমতী অমিয়া গগৈ, বিধায়িকা | — | সদস্য |
| (১১) শ্ৰীপ্ৰফুল্ল কুমাৰ মহন্ত, বিধায়ক | — | সদস্য |
| (১২) মৌলানা আতাউৰ ৰহমান মাঝাৰভূইয়া | — | সদস্য |
| (১৩) শ্ৰীপ্ৰশান্ত ফুকন, বিধায়ক | — | সদস্য |

আজি সদনৰ কাৰ্যসূচী সমাপ্ত হোৱাৰ লগে লগে অধ্যক্ষৰ কাৰ্যালয়ৰ সভা কক্ষত অসম বিধানসভাৰ কাৰ্য উপদেষ্টা সমিতিৰ এখন বৈঠক আহ্বান কৰা হৈছে। মই সমিতিৰ মাননীয় সদস্যসকলক উক্ত বৈঠকত উপস্থিত থাকিবলৈ অনুৰোধ জনালো।

অহাকালি ৮ জুন তাৰিখৰ পুৱা ৯ বজালৈ সদন স্থগিত থাকিল।

ADJOURNMENT

The house then stood adjourned at 11-44 A.M. till 9.00 A. M. on Wednesday, the 8th June, 2011.

Dispur
the 7th June, 2011

G. P. Das
Principal Secretary
Assam Legislative Assembly