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DEBATES OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Monday, the 26th February, 2007

The House met at 9.00 A.M of the Clock in the Assembly Chamber at Dispur with Sri Tanka Bahadur Rai, Speaker in the Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Speaker : Hon'ble Members present, His Excellency, the Governor of Assam is addressing the House today at 9.10 AM. He is alighting in the Main porch of the Assembly premises at 9.08 AM. Myself, Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Secretary will be going to receive him at the porch. The instructions as to how the Governor is to be received in the House have been laid on each Member's table. As soon as the Governor arrives in the House; I think we should comply with these instructions. In the meantime, the Address of His Excellency, the Governor of Assam will be distributed to the Members.

With your permission, I now, leave the House to receive His Excellency, the Governor of Assam at the Main porch.

(Mr. Speaker, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly left the House to receive His Excellency, the Governor of Assam at the Main porch of the Assam Legislative Assembly Building.)

(His Excellency, the Governor of Assam arrived in the House with Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Secretary, Assam legislative Assembly at 9.10 AM and the National Anthem was played. After the National Anthem everybody took their respective seats.)

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Mr. Speaker : Now, I request His Excellency, the Governor of Assam to address the House.

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

I am delighted to address this august House on the occasion of the Budget Session 2007 of the Assam Legislative Assembly. I take this opportunity to extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all of you. I am confident that the deliberations of this Session will go a long way to take our State forward on the path of peace and development.

The past six years have seen a dramatic turn around in the fortunes of Assam. From a period of severe

financial crisis and extremism continuing unabated, we are today in a situation where the financial recovery of Assam is being recognised nationally and extremist groups showing a willingness for dialogue. The closure of the State Treasury for most part of the month has now become a thing of the past and the size of the Annual Plan 2007 at Rs. 3,800 crores is indicative of resource generating capability and tax collection efficiency of my Government. The resurgence of Assam is epitomised by the spectacular success of the 33rd National Games 2007, which was attended by Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, UPA during the opening ceremony and Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India during the closing ceremony.

To take Assam on the path of accelerated development, my Government has been proactive in obtaining funds from diverse sources. There are at present two Externally Aided Projects under implementation namely, the World Bank funded Assam Agriculture Competitiveness Project and the ADB funded Sub-programme-I of Assam Governance and Public Resource Management Programme. Due to our sustained efforts the Government of India has decided to continue funding externally aided projects to the Special Category States on the present pattern of 90% grant and 10% loan enabling them to continue taking up such projects. I am happy to announce that my Government is going to take up three more externally aided projects namely, the World Bank funded Assam State Road Project for Rs 2,220 crores, the World Bank funded Assam Integrated Flood Control and Erosion Mitigation project for Rs 1,650 crores.

and the ADB funded sub-programme-II of Assam Governance and public Resource Management Programme for Rs 455.50 crores.

My Government has taken a number of innovative schemes for the benefit of the people. These include the Kalpataru scheme for income generating activities, the Rajiv Gandhi Computer Literacy Programme for providing computers to schools, the Ananda Ram Baruah Award scheme for giving computers to students obtaining 1st division, the Gyanjyoti scheme for taking students for educational excursions and the Dharamjyoti scheme for taking elderly people for pilgrimage. A scheme has also been taken up to encourage the bell-metal artisans of Hajo and Sarthebari to upgrade their skills and another for encouraging the traditional weavers of Sualkuchi areas. My Government has also sanctioned State Freedom Fighter Pension in favour of 209 freedom fighters in September, 2006.

LAW & ORDER SITUATION

There has been a general improvement in the law and order situation in Assam as compared to the position six years back. A number of extremist outfits that were active then like, the Adivasi Cobra Militant Force, United Peoples Democratic Solidarity, Dima Halam Daugha and the National Democratic Front of Bodoland have declared ceasefire and expressed willingness to solve their problems through the process of dialogue. The Bodo Liberation Tigers had not only declared a ceasefire but through the Bodo Accord of

2004 brought in an era of peace in the Bodo dominated areas. My Government is committed to continue with this peace process and to achieve lasting peace in Assam.

(Pandamonium)

During January 2007 however the State has witnessed dastardly and senseless killings of innocent people, most of whom were Hindi Speaking people living in Assam for generations. These acts of violence by United Liberation Front of Assam(ULFA) have been condemned by all and has galvanised the peace loving people of the State to come out spontaneously in large numbers to organise peace rallies and prayer meetings. My Government had responded to the situation on a war footing and succeeded in controlling it within 72 hours. The ULFA had initially expressed willingness for a negotiated settlement of their demands by forming the people's Consultative Group(PCG) in September, 2005 to pave the way for a dialogue between them and the Government. Three rounds of talks had also taken place between the PCG and the Government of India. They have however not shown their sincerity and have used this period to regroup and continue with their extremist activities. As yet, ULFA has not responded positively to the Government's initiatives for direct talks. Nevertheless, the Prime Minister of India has reiterated during his recent visit to Assam this month that the doors for direct talks are still open provided the ULFA eschews violence and responds positively to the peace initiative.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSAM ACCORD

My Government is committed to the speedy implementation of the Assam Accord. It has created a separate directorate for updating the National Register of Citizens(NRC) 1951 and the works of such updation are in progress. It is committed to detect and deport the illegal migrants who have entered the State on or after 25th March, 1971 but at the same time it would like to ensure that there is no harassment to any genuine Indian Citizen in the process of detection and deportation. To ensure that the post 1971 illegal migrants are detected and departed through a judicial process, my Government has created 21 new Foreigners Tribunals in the State. These tribunals are in addition to the 11 Foreigners Tribunals already existing in the State.

My Government has constituted a Committee of Ministers to examine all issues relating to the implementation of the Clause 6 of the Assam Accord including the definition of 'Assamese people.' A proposal for modernisation of the Jyoti Chitaban Film Studio (Phase-III) has been submitted to the Government of India earlier and funds for its implementation awaited. Another proposal for funding the preservation and protection of 25 historical monuments has been submitted to the Government of India and their approval awaited.

AGRICULTURE

Assam is predominantly a rural state and the economy is primarily agrarian in nature with almost 72% of the population directly dependent on agriculture as a source of income and another 15% of the population dependent on allied activities for their livelihood. Since independence, the scenario of development in agriculture in terms of production and productivity has been found to be uneven in nature. Though the State has achieved surplus production in fruits and vegetables and is marginally surplus in the production of spices, it has a shortfall in the overall requirement of food grains and oilseeds. To make the State sustainable in agricultural production and to ensure higher prices to the farmers for their produce, my Government is emphasising on crop diversification in horticultural, agricultural mechanisation, marketing infrastructure development, organic farming, crop loan through the issue of Kishan Credit Cards (KCC) and to proper attention to rain-fed farming as per the aims and objectives of the State Agricultural Policy, 2004.

The World Bank assisted Assam Agricultural Competitiveness project is presently under implementation in Assam. Under this programme it is proposed to install 60,000 Shallow Tube Wells and 20,000 Low Lift Pumps as well as promote farm mechanisation through the distribution of 750 Tractors and 1,500 power tillers. The programme also targets covering 20,000 hectares under micro-watershed drainage and setting up of 50 Rural Hats and 24 Rural Wholesale Markets. It proposes to strengthen agricultural

extension in the State through Agricultural Technology Management Agencies.

The Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, which is fully funded by the Government of India, is under implementation in the State since 2001-02. Under this programme, 14,285 hectares have been brought under area expansion and 3,799 hectares brought under assured irrigation. In addition, 1,227 power tillers and 4,057 manual equipments have been distributed to the farmers. Training has been provided to 12,685 farmers and 67 officers both within and outside the State. The Technology Mission is introducing commercial concepts like, Public Private Partnership, Contractual Farming and Buyers Sellers Meet in the field of horticultural development. It is expected that horticulture sector would become commercial and market oriented in the near future and would have a positive impact on the lives of the farmers and the economy of the state.

My Government gives due emphasis to the Field Management Committees (FMCs) as important instruments for the improvement of livelihoods of the farmers. The FMCs are becoming the focal point for providing extension services and agricultural credit to the farmers and Self Help Group formed under them. In the provision of agricultural credit, Kishan Credit Cards continue to be a priority area for my Government. Till November, 2006, a total of 2,79,7000 KCCs have been issued and Rs.297.97 crores disbursed.

IRRIGATION

There are at present seven ongoing major and medium irrigation projects and 1180 ongoing minor irrigation projects under implementation in the State. These include the Bordikori Irrigation Project, which had earlier been damaged in the July, 2004 floods and has now been taken up for reconstruction. This project has irrigated an estimated 5000 hectares during the kharif season 2006. During this same period, when the State was facing an unprecedented drought like situation, 72 defunct minor irrigation schemes were revived at a cost of Rs 2.94 crores irrigating an area of 1,03,740 hectares.

Against a target of 7,111 hectares to be created through 22 minor irrigation schemes with NABARD (RIDF-X) funding, so far 1,049 hectare been irrigated. Another 12 minor irrigation schemes with an irrigation potential of 7,775 hectares and one medium irrigation project namely, Modernisation of Sukla Irrigation Project with an irrigation potential of 16,907 hectares has been proposed under NABARD (RIDF-XI) funding. Under the Bharat Nirman Programme it is proposed to bring in another 1,14,603 hectares through major/medium and minor irrigation schemes by the year 2009 at a cost of Rs. 402 crores.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & 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 a number of programmes for livestock development in the State, like the artificial Insemination Programme, the integrated Poultry Development Programme, the Integrated Piggery Development Programme. A Self-Employment Scheme named Gopal Mitra has been taken up under which a four-month training is given to unemployed youth for delivering services to the livestock owners in the villages. So far, 83 such Gopal Mitras are already working in different areas and 31 are undergoing training.

Dairy development has been given a special thrust under the Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project. A substantial number of dispersed dairy farmers have been organised into viable groups and provided assured linkages under this Project. At present 50 Dairy Cooperative Societies and 47 Self Help Groups are functioning in the State. Public Private Participatory model in the establishment of milk plants, milk collection and milk marketing is being tried out in Assam. Private investment in dairy processing has also come up with the establishment of a 50,000 litres capacity dairy plant near Guwahati.

FISHERIES

The present fish production in Assam is 1.88 lakh tons against a national requirement of 2.83 lakh tons. There is a need for attaining self-sufficiency in the production of fish for which some thrust areas have been identified. These are the production of Quality Fish Seed, Development of Aquaculture on scientific lines, Capacity building of Fish Farmers and Fisherman and the Conversion of Low-Lying and Derelict areas unsuitable for agriculture into profitable fish cultured areas. Schemes are being taken up in these thrust areas. For giving a thrust to employment generation, 1,087 Fishery Self-Help groups have been formed and it is proposed to give self-employment to 18,750 un-employed youths during the 11th Plan through Self-Help Groups.

A number of actions for development of the fishery sector has been taken up under the World Bank assisted Assam Agriculture Competitiveness Project. So far 550 hectares of Farmers, Pond have been developed with the help of 450 Fisheries Common Interest Groups. Another 125 hectares of Integrated Fish Farming and 90 hectares of Community Tanks have been developed and training given to 3,750 Farmers and 840 departmental officers and staff. At present, 16 Mini Hatcheries and 500 hectares of Beel Fisheries are under the process of development. The Assam Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd is managing 184 Beel Fisheries out of which it has developed 87 Beel Fisheries so far.

PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) is under implementation in the State with the primary objective of providing additional and supplementary wage employment and thereby providing food security and improved nutritional levels in the rural areas. During the year, against a target of 800 lakh man-days, 446.52 lakh man-days have been generated till December, 2006. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is also being implemented in seven districts of the State. Under this scheme guaranteed employment of 100 days is eligible to adult persons in rural households who are willing to do unskilled works.

The Swarnjayanti Gramin Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) aims to bring the assisted families above the poverty line by organising the rural poor in Self Help Groups (SHGs) and providing them training and income generating assets. Under this scheme so far 1,24,719 SHGs have been formed in the State and 22,659 SHGs have been provided with bank credit and subsidy. Rural housing has been provided to 70,410 BPL families under the Indira Awas Yojana till December, 2006 during the year.

The Integrated Wasteland Development Project is under implementation in the State for benefiting the farmers by improving their agricultural lands. My Government is implementing the National Family Benefit Scheme, the Annapurna Scheme and the National Old Age Pension Scheme under the National Social Assistance Programme. Under the National

Old Age Pension Scheme, old age pension is being granted to 6,28,936 beneficiaries at the rate of Rs 200/- per month.

CO-OPERATION

A number of co-operative societies have been rendering various services for the economic upliftment of the people in the State. These include 708 GPSS, 2486 Multipurpose Women Co-operative Societies and other functional co-operative societies in the field of housing, diary, fishery, farming and thrift & credit. There is a need felt to strengthen the capacity of these co-operative institutions by making them member-driven, member-owned and democratically managed. Towards this end it has been decided to repeal the Assam Co-operative Societies Act, 1949 and replace it with a new Act drafted on the lines of the Model Co-operative Societies Act and suited to the local conditions.

Due to the long-standing problem of default in the payment of loan, the flow of short-term credit in Assam from the GPSS and the Assam Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd has been severely impaired. My Government has decided to implement a revival package for short-term agricultural credit institutions as per the revival package drawn up by the Government of India based on the recommendations of the Baidyanathan Committee. Under this package a total of Rs 282.45 crores would be available out of which Rs 189.58 crores would be provided by the Government of India and rest would be provided by the

State Government. Against the State Government's share it has been decided to release Rs 20.83 crores within this financial year.

SOIL CONSERVATION

My Government is implementing various schemes for management of land water resources on a sustainable basis. These schemes include Land Development Works, Gully Control Works, River Training Projects and Water Distribution Works. It is also engaged in implementing programmes related to the control of shifting cultivation in the two hill districts of Assam by providing alternative cultivation practices like horticulture, cash crop development etc to wean away the jhumias from the harmful shifting cultivation practices. Two schemes are being implemented in the catchment areas of Singla flood prone river in Karimganj district and the Dhansiri flood prone river in Golaghat district where 1,530 hectares of land has so far been treated. It is proposed to implement the Aamloga-Barchapur Soil Conservation & Water Distribution Project in Sonitpur district with NEC funding.

ENVIRONMENT & FOREST

The philosophy behind the working of this sector has been undertaking a sea change from one of state management of the natural resources to that of a participatory approach with the involvement of the people. All the activities are

being geared towards striking a balance between conservation of the rich biodiversity of the State and capacity building for meeting the livelihood of the people living in and around the fringe of the forests. This is being done through the Joint Forest Management initiative under which 28 Forest Development Agencies (FDA) along with 514 Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMC) have been approved. A pilot project for Natural Resources Management & Integrated Livelihood under World Bank funding has also been taken up to usher in a new era in forest management.

My Government has taken a decision for providing Jatropha Plantation in forest and non-forest land through the involvement of FDAs, Self -Help Groups and other institutions. For this purpose it has been decided to set up a State Level Jatropha Mission Society. An ambitious scheme namely, Chief Minister's Seuji Dhara Achari has been launched which involves school children and communities in tree plantation drives and in environmental awareness. During the year, under various programmes a total of 5130 hectares has been planted with 51,30,000 seedlings.

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

My Government has taken various steps to reform the State Enterprises with financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank under the Assam Governance & Public Resources Management Programme. It has decided to close 9 enterprises namely, Assam State Minor Irrigation Development Corporation Ltd, Fertichem Ltd, Assam power Loom

Development Corporation Ltd, Assam Spun Silk Mills Ltd, Assam Conductors & Tubes Ltd, Assam State Weaving & Manufacturing Company Ltd, STATEFED, Assam Government Construction Corporation Ltd and Assam Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd along with two subsidiaries of the Assam Small Industries Development Corporation namely, Match Splint Factory and Cachar Textile Industries. During the last two years an amount of Rs 118.80 crores have been sanctioned for closure of these 9 Enterprises. So far 2,244 employees of these Enterprises have been released under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme at a cost of Rs 79.84 crores. A Social Safety Net programme has been taken up for such employees. For eight other State Enterprises, Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) have been finalised and sent to the respective administrative departments for execution.

INDUSTRY & COMMERCE

The Assam Gas Cracker Project is being set up as a joint sector project with equity participation from GAIL, OIL, NRL and the Government of Assam at a project cost of Rs. 5460.61 crores. This project is expected to provide direct employment to 800 persons and it is estimated that its downstream industries will provide employment to around one-lakh persons. The Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology (CIPET) at Amingaon would be an important institute to provide training needed for the downstream industries to the Gas Cracker Project. My Government is also considering setting up a Plastic Park in a convenient

place in Tinsukia district to accommodate Plastic industries that are expected to come up with the Gas Cracker Project.

The Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Project at Bhomoraguri has been completed. Another 8 IID project project at Dalgaon, Malinibeel, Demow, Titabor, Rangia, Nalbari, Bandardewa and Silapathar are under various states of implementation. The II projects at Dalgaon and Rangia are likely to be completed during the current year. Three Industrial Growth Centres at Matia in Goalpara district, Chariduar in Sonitpur district and Chaygaon-Patgaon in Kamrup district are under implementation. Two Border Trade Centres at Sutarkandi in Karimganj district and Mankachar in Dhubri district are under implementation.

Under the Chief Minister's Swa Niyojan Yojana, till date 1,636 numbers of educated unemployed youth have been trained in various industries outside the State. The Mukhya Mantri Karmajyoti Achan is being implemented with the objective of providing rural employment through imparting assistance to traditional handloom weavers and handicraft artisans. Another scheme namely, Udyogjyoti Achan is being implemented for giving industrial exposure to the final year students of colleges by undertaking visits to industries and industry related institution in and around Guwahati.

My Government is taking steps to invite private investment in the State in a big way. Already projects worth an estimated Rs 6,500 crores are in the pipeline and are expected to be started in 2007.

HANDLOOM & TEXTILES

The handlooms sector has a very important role in the socio-economic development of the State. There are an estimated 13.22 lakh looms in the State providing direct or indirect employment to 23.22 lakh people. The trend during the past few years has been that the handloom weavers have been facing stiff competition from the power loom and the mill sector. It is only through the active involvement of the government through different developmental and welfare schemes that they have been able to withstand this competition. Rapid changes in the taste and choice of the end users has to be taken into account if the handloom sector has to do well in the future. This aspect has been kept in view while proposing schemes for the 11th Five Year Plan.

The Assam Government Marketing Corporation along with different Handloom Training Centres, Handloom Training Institutes, Handloom Production Centres, Weavers Extension Service Units etc is looking after the weavers outside the cooperative sector. The Assam Apex Weavers & Artisans cooperative Federation (ARTFED) and different District Cooperative Societies and Primary Weaving Cooperative Societies are looking after the weavers in the cooperative sector. Both these agencies are engaged in promoting handlooms within and outside the State. ARTFED has made the handloom products of Assam a known commodity in the international market.

Assam is well known for its Muga and Eri varieties of silk. These silks have a good market both nationally and

internationally. The silk sector has a considerable impact on the livelihood of people. It provides livelihood to nearly 1.85 lakh families and has a significant gender dimension with more than 65% of the people-obtaining livelihood from it being women. My Government is committed to the development of this sector by commercialising different activities with a focus on rural employment. Marketing of Eri and Muga products are also being promoted under the Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

My Government is committed to the delivery of quality health care services to the people of the State. Improvement in healthcare facilities to the socially and economically backward communities and areas is our primary concern. Several reform measures, which are transparent, and people friendly are proposed to be taken to achieve the goals for Better Health for all.

Upgradation of the Guwahati Medical College & Hospital (GMCH) to the level of a Super Speciality Hospital at an estimated amount of Rs 119.95 crores has already been approved in principle by the Government of India. A scheme for Rs 100 crores has been sanctioned for upgradation of the infrastructural facilities with necessary modern equipments for the GMCH. Similar projects are proposed for the AMCH, Dibrugarh and the SMCH, Silchar. Schemes for installing modern equipments and upgrading the infrastructure facilities of the Regional Dental College, Guwahati; the Government

Ayurvedic College, Guwahati; the Regional Nursing College, Guwahati; and the Homeopathic Medical College & Hospitals at Jorhat, Nagaon and Guwahati are proposed to be taken up. The process for the construction of three new Medical Colleges at Jorhat, Tezpur and Barpeta has been initiated with the appointment of a consultant. The 1st batch of the 3 years Diploma Course in Medicine and Rural Health Care in the Medical Institute, Jorhat has completed the first year of their course in September, 2006 and the second batch of students have been admitted in December, 2006.

My Government has given emphasis to the vigorous implementation of the various National Health Programmes with the involvement of the Panchayati Raj Institutions and district administration. To control the spread of malaria preventive actions like spraying of DDT have started and medical officers posted in malaria prone areas where there are no doctors. The Japanese Encephalities vaccination programme in Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts have been conducted successfully with coverage of more than 87% of the targeted children. This programme would be extended to Jorhat and Golaghat districts this year. To prevent the spread of AIDS, Mass Awareness Camps have been organised and services of the Voluntary Counselling & Testing Centre utilised.

Five Regional Diagnostic Centres have been sanctioned for establishment at Kokrajhar, Mangaldai, Hailakandi, Haflong and at MMCH, Guwahati. Out of 5,109 Sub-Centres, 3,000 are running either from rented premises or dilapidated houses. My Government is committed to pro-

vide proper building for all Sub-Centres within the next two years and for this purpose an amount of Rs. 60 crores has been provided this year. For better delivery of healthcare facilities in September, 2006, 43 Ambulances had been provided to different District / Sub-Divisional Hospitals, Community Health Centres and First Referral Units. It is proposed to provide an additional 236 Ambulances within this financial year. My Government is continuing to give priority to the National Rural Health Mission, which was launched in November, 2005 in Assam.

PUBLIC WORKS

My government has been implementing several development schemes on Roads and Bridges funded by the Government of India under the Prime Minister's Gram Sarak Yojana (PMGSY), Central Road Fund (CRF), North Eastern Council (NEC), Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and Inter State Connectivity (ISC) as well as under external funding by agencies like the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and NABARD. Under PMGSY, 1,696 km of road and 79 bridges have been completed so far and 1,179 km of roads have been improved and black topped. Since inception, 236 timber bridges have been converted to RCC bridges under the Mukhya Mantri Pakipath Nirman Achari, CRF, NLCPR, ISC and NABARD. In addition under the 10th plan of NEC, improvement of 300 km of roads has been completed in the year 2006-07.

Under the Assam Agricultural Competitiveness Project, improvement of 439.30 km of roads and 83 RCC bridges works are in progress during the year against a target of upgradation of 1000 km of roads, rehabilitation of another 1000 km of road and 268 RCC bridges. Under the Assam State Road Project, two million US dollars have been sanctioned by the World Bank for project preparation facilities for improvement of certain 95% of the Capital Complex at Dispur. In addition, two flyovers at Bhangagarh and Six Mile of the City are under satisfactory progress.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING

Provision of safe drinking water to all is a priority area for my Government. Against a total number of 70,669 habitations in the State, so far 67,159 habitations have been fully covered leaving 111 habitations as Not Covered and 3,399 habitations as Partially Covered. By the end of the financial year another 107 Not Covered habitations and 1,096 partially Covered habitations will be fully covered. Due priority is also being given to addressing the problems faced by habitations affected by arsenic, fluoride and iron.

Under the Prime Minister's 15th August Announcement Programme, 1,207 Spot Sources in water scarce habitations, 2,166 Hand Pumps in primary schools and 583 traditional sources have been developed during the year. The Mukhya Mantri Khowa Pani Jogan Abhijan is under implementation to extend immediate relief to remote rural areas. During the year,

1,195 Hand Pumps\Ring Wells have been installed under this scheme. Under the Swajaldhara Scheme, 2702 Spot Sources have been installed, 17 piped Water Supply Schemes have been completed and another 95 Piped Water Supply Schemes are under execution.

EDUCATION

The Sarba Siksha Abhijan has been going on since 2001-02 with the aim of achieving universalisation of elementary education. During the year, out of an estimated 4.29 lakh of 'Out-of-School' children in the age group 5-14 years, 2.22 lakh were covered through the Education Guarantee School centres, Alternative Schooling Centres and Hard to Reach Centres for street and working children. The School Management Committees (SMC) have been reconstituted and empowered to monitor the functioning of the schools and particularly control the problem of teachers' absenteeism. Construction of 204 New School Buildings and 13,999 Additional Class Rooms is in progress.

There has been a rapid increase in the number of Non-Government Educational Institutions at the primary, secondary and higher secondary level in the urban and semi-urban areas. There has been a tendency amongst the promoters of such schools to give little attention to the basic infrastructure requirement of these schools. My Government recognises the concerns of the parents in this regard and has enacted the Assam Non-Government Educational Institutions (Regulation and Management) Act, 2006 to regulate the establishment and

management of non-governmental institutions of the State.

A proposal for according Deemed University status for the Cotton College has been sent to the Government of India. The Kokrajhar College has been accorded the status of a government college. Posts have been created and fund for building sanctioned to ensure that the Five Year LLB course in the Government Law College, Guwahati begins from 2007-08. New diploma courses have been started in Civil Engineering & Planning at the Girl's Polytechnic, Guwahati and in Garment Technology and Fashion Design at the Assam Textile Institute, Guwahati. My Government proposes to seek private investment in higher education and suitable legal framework is being put in place to attract potential investors.

SOCIAL WELFARE

In order to increase the outreach of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, sanction has been accorded to an additional 6,659 Anganwadi centres, which will be made functional during the current year. To make the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) of the ICDS more participatory and effective, District Level Committees for SNP have been constituted in every district for procurement and distribution of foodstuff under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner. The procurement of foodstuff will be undertaken through NGOs and Self-Help Groups as well as the Management Committees of Anganwadi Centres.

The Chief Minister's Jibon Jyoti Bima Achari Scheme is being implemented and appropriate steps have been taken to ensure that the scheme benefits flow to the claimants smoothly. During the year free food was provided to the hostellers of the Deaf and Dumb School, Guwahati and it is proposed to continue this system for the next year also.

FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES

The Antyodaya Anna Yojana, which was initially launched in the year 2001, is being continued to provide PDS rice at subsidised rates to the poor. So far, 7,04,000 beneficiaries have been benefited under this scheme by providing them 35 kgs of rice per family per month at the rate of Rs 3/-per kg. The Randhanjyoti Scheme is being implemented to provide free LPG single bottle connections to widows, other female members of BPL families and SHG members. Under this scheme 1,43,035 beneficiaries have been benefited so far and another 16,000 beneficiaries are proposed to be benefited during the current year.

For providing food security at the time of natural calamities like flood, earthquake, storms etc, 100 Village Grain Banks have been notified by my Government. This scheme is now proposed to be extended further by notifying another 300 Village Gramin Banks. The Assam State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission and the 23 District-consumer Redressal Forums are functioning to protect the rights of consumers in the State. For providing office accommodation to the State Commission an amount of Rs

110.10 lakhs. was sanctioned last year and an amount of Rs. 81.97 Lakhs has been provided during the current year for the construction of building the seven District Forums in Kokrajhar, Nalbari, Kamrup, Sonitpur, Jorhat, Nagaon and Cachar.

BORDER AREAS

Assam has an international border of 263 kms with Bangladesh and international border of 269 kms with Bhutan. The main priorities in the Indo-Bhutan border areas are the provision of safe drinking water, road communications, health and education facilities. In the Indo-Bangladesh border areas the sheltering of flood affected people and livestock during the floods is a priority. A Border Areas Development Programme (BADP) with 100% Special Central Assistance is under implementation in the international border areas. An amount of Rs 1,352 lakhs has been allocated under BADP during the current year against Rs 1,081 lakhs last year. An additional allocation has been made this year of Rs 793 lakhs for taking up four drinking water schemes and two model villages in the international border areas. In the interstate border areas, Schemes are being taken up for improvement of roads, drinking water, construction of bridges, electrification of border villages etc. An amount of Rs 81 lakhs has been provided under the Decentralised Plan for this purpose.

WELFARE OF SC/ST & BACKWARD CLASSES

My Government is committed to the all round development of the SC, ST, OBC and MOBC communities living in the State. Keeping in mind the demands of various tribal communities, six Autonomous Councils have been constituted in the State. All efforts are being taken to enable these Autonomous Councils to function effectively. During the current year an amount of Rs 21 crores has been allocated for the Mishing Autonomous Council, Rs 5.23 crores for the Tiwa -Lalung Autonomous Council, Rs 11.34 crores for the Rabha-Hasong Autonomous Council, Rs 4 crores for the Sonowal-Kacharies Autonomous Council, Rs 2 crores for the Deori Autonomous Council and Rs 2 crores for the Thengal Kacharees Autonomous Council.

My Government is committed to the full and expeditious implementation of the Bodo Accord. The functions of 39 departments have been entrusted to the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) and they are undertaking development activities. During the current year an amount of Rs 104.78 crores have been allocated to them. Under the Economic Package for BTC an amount of Rs 210.25 crores was released by DONER till December, 2006. My Government would continue to pursue with the Government of India to classify the Adivasi tea Tribes, Ahoms, Mattaks, Morans, Koch Rajbongshis and Chutias as Scheduled Tribes.

For the implementation of Economic Development Programmes for the SC/ST/OBC an amount of Rs 79.63

crores has been allocated during the current year. Under Family Oriented Income Generating Schemes, 8,182 Nos. of SC families have been covered till December, 2006 this year. In view of the financial difficulties being faced by the Corporations set up by the government to give support to the SC/ST/OBC, provisions have been made to give budgetary support to Assam plains Tribes Development Corporation Ltd, Assam State Development corporation for Scheduled Castes Ltd and Assam State Development Corporation for Other Backward Classes Ltd for meeting the administrative expenditure during the current year.

TEA TRIBES WELFARE

My Government gives priority to the welfare of tea tribes in Assam. A separate Tea Tribes Welfare Department was created in 2004 through which various schemes are being implemented for their development. These schemes include Family Oriented Income Generating Schemes, pre-Matric Scholarship, Post Matric Scholarship, Grants to Non-government Educational Institutions and NGOs, Installation of Electric Meters at the residences of Tea Workers and Construction of 'Girl's and 'Boys' Hostels for Tea Tribe Students. A Rest House cum Cultural Centre in Guwahati at a cost of Rs 3.068 crores is under construction and would be completed within this financial year.

WELFARE OF MINORITIES

My Government has been paying special attention to the Char Areas by taking up specific programmes. During the last year an amount of Rs. 185 lakhs was given for taking up schemes in the areas of Agriculture, Veterinary & Dairy, Drinking Water Facilities, Cottage Industry and Education. In addition an amount of Rs. 200 lakhs was given as a one-time ACA under the Chief Minister's Special Package for distribution of Hand Tube Wells. These funds have been utilised. During the current year an amount of Rs. 200 lakhs has been allocated for taking up schemes in the Char Areas.

TOURISM

With its scenic beauty, varieties of flora and fauna, dense forest, ancient temples and historical sites, colourful tribes and the mighty Brahmaputra, Assam is a natural destination for tourists. My Government recognises the fact that tourism has a tremendous potential to boost the economy of the State and to create substantial self-employment opportunities. Towards this end a number of initiatives have been taken for the development of tourist infrastructure, for providing self-employment and providing publicity. Assam is also being projected as a tourist destination through participation in various national and international tourism festivals.

In addition to taking up schemes under the State Plan, it is proposed to take up a number of projects with financial

assistance from the Government of India. Some such projects are development of the Guwahati -Orang -Tezpur-Nameri-Bhalukpong Tourist Circuit, development of Kamakhya and satellite pilgrimage township of Hajo, development of the historic destination of Sivasagar, Rural Tourism at Charaidew and the Ropeway project at Kamakhya. The Chief Minister's Self-Help Tourism Scheme is being implemented to provide Self-Help Opportunities to the unemployed and includes promotion of tourist taxis and setting up of wayside amenity centres and dhabas.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

In pursuance of the Cultural Policy adopted by my Government in January, 2006, a number of steps have been taken up to speed up the protection, preservation and promotion of the rich cultural heritage of Assam. A committee set up for protection and preservation of Satras in Assam has already given the 1st phase report and the Government of India has been moved for funding. Archaeological excavations have been made in different places and 20 Archaeological Parks with site galleries set up. Constructions of a 1250 capacity International Convention Centre at the Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakhetra and an Art Gallery in the Rabindra Bhawan Complex at Guwahati have been taken up and are nearing completion. It is proposed to build Cultural Complexes in the memory of Sati Sadhani, Sati Radhika, Aniruddha Deva and Sarat Chandra Sinha. It is further

proposed to improve the Azan Peer Dargah in Sivasagar district and to establish Jyoti Bishnu Kala Kendras in different districts.

For the improvement of the District, Sub-divisional and Rural Libraries in Assam, my Government has provided computers, books and furniture, A Corpus Fund for Library Services has been created from the Award of the 11th Finance Commission for upkeep and maintenance of the libraries in future. Some galleries of the Assam State Museum have been renovated and it is proposed to develop this museum to the level of a national museum.

Shri Ratan Thiyam, an eminent theatre director from Manipur was conferred the prestigious SIU-KA-PHA award for 2006. Shri Rameshwar Pathak, a renowned folk singer and Shri Ganesh Pegu, a renowned Mishing singer has been conferred the SILPI award for 2007. It is proposed to institute an award in honour of Chandra Prova Saikiani and Amol Prova Das.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The earlier scheme for improving the infrastructure of towns namely, the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) has now been replaced by the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Town (UIDSSMT). While the schemes already taken up under IDSMT are continued to be implemented, new schemes are being proposed under UIDSSMT. Some of the new schemes proposed during the current year are the Water

Supply Schemes in Lakhipur (Cachar), Lakhipur (Goalpara), Bishwanath Chariali, Mangaldai, North Guwahati, Kharupetia, Rangia, Hojai and the Urban areas of Bihupuria as well as the Storm Water Drainage Schemes for Titabar, Bokakhat and Pathsala. These schemes for an estimated amount of Rs 118.47 crores are under consideration of the Government of India.

Another new scheme has been started for housing and slum development namely, the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP). Under this scheme, six projects for the towns of Dhubri, Karimganj, Nalbari, Palashbari, Rangapara and Badarpur have been initiated for an estimate amount of Rs 29.19 crores. Under the Award of the 12th Finance Commission an amount of Rs 16.50 crores has been provided for improvement of the urban infrastructure and civic amenities in the towns of the State. A number of schemes for Solid Waste Management, Development of Cremation and Burial Grounds, Drinking Water Facilities, Children's Parks and Pay & Use Toilets have been taken up in different Urban Local Bodies.

The Assam State Housing Board has been implementing various housing schemes in the State. My Government is making efforts to strengthen the Board with a view to provide better housing facilities, particularly to the Economically Weaker Sections. The possibilities of Public Private Partnership in the urban housing sector are also being

explored. The Assam Urban Water & Sewerage Board has been taking up a number of schemes to provide safe drinking water to the urban people.

GUWAHATI DEVELOPMENT

My Government has prepared a city Development Plan for Guwahati under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission for an amount of Rs 3,200 crores which includes a drinking water supply scheme targeting the entire projected population of Guwahati city till the year 2031. The Government of India has approved this City Development Plan. A project for creation of three Multistoried Car Parks at Paltanbazar, Panbazar and Ambari has been taken up under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. To protect the interests of the apartment owners and to regulate the construction and sale of apartments, my Government has already introduced the Assam Apartment Construction and Transfer of Ownership Bill, 2006, which was passed by the Assembly in July, 2006.

For the 33rd National Games a State of the Art Indoor Stadium has been completed at the Rajiv Gandhi Sports Complex, Ambari and a National Games Village with 700 Flats completed at Sarusojai. It is proposed to take up the construction of a Park in the Soil Conservation Directorate Complex at Zoo Road, the development of K.K. Barua Park at Rukmanigaon and the development of Jorpukhuri and shakuntalapurkhuri, for which an amount of Rs 2 crores have

already been sanctioned. An amount of Rs 8 crores as the first instalment has already been released for the construction of a Ropeway from Guwahati to North Guwahati.

TRANSPORT

A revived Assam State Transport Corporation (ASTC) has been carrying forward its social commitment for providing better transport facilities to the interior rural areas of the State. In addition to operating about 1600 privately owned buses, ASTC is taking action to operate its own buses to cover the far-flung areas of the State. It is Procuring 40 new buses during the current year to augment its fleet and proposes to purchase another 100 new buses during the next financial year.

With the inauguration of the newly constructed Inter State Bus Terminus (ISBT) at Betkuchi, Guwahati it is expected that the present congestion in the city would be eased and the passengers would be provided with better amenities. A new ISBT and a new Inter State Truck Terminus (ISTT) have been constructed at Silchar and are expected to improve the transportation network in the Barak Valley region. One Yatri Niwas with funding from the NEC is under construction at Paltanbazar, Guwahati.

My Government has introduced schemes to generate more employment opportunities for the youth like, the Rural Cab 2004, Tourist Cab 2005 and City Share Taxi Service.

The Inland Water Transport (IWT) is operating ferry services on the river Brahmaputra, Barak and its tributaries. Steps have been taken in the IWT sector for attracting foreign and local tourists to Assam by introducing 19 floating restaurants in Guwahati.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

My Government considers the development of scientific temper amongst the people as an important input for their development. In this sector various schemes and programmes are being implemented in the areas of science & technology, remote sensing, environment and non-conventional energy. The Assam Science Technology & Environment Council is providing guidance to innovators in respect of getting their intellectual property rights through its Patent Information Centre and involving children in scientific and environmental activities. The Assam Remote Sensing Application Centre has been helping agencies in preparation of their development plans with the help of accurate data and information obtained through remote sensing techniques. The Assam Energy Development Agency has been playing a significant role in the popularisation and implementation of programmes and projects on renewable sources of energy. The Institute of Advanced Study in Science & Technology is carrying out research in thrust areas like, material science, resource management, environment and mathematical science. The Centre of Plasma Physics is engaged in research in the field of

Plasma science and efforts have been initiated to link plasma R&D Technologies developed at the Centre with the requirements of specific industries of the region.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

My Government is taking a number of steps to bridge the gap between Assam and the rest of the country in Information & Communication Technology (ICT). The Guwahati Metropolitan Area Network with 100 Mbps connectivity is already operational and was responsible in providing quality services during the recently concluded 33rd National Games. The Assam State Wide Area Network (ASWAN) is under progress and would provide Optical Fibre Connectivity to all the nooks and corners of the State. Under the National e-Governance Plan an amount of Rs 68 crores has been approved for establishment of 4300 Community Service Centres (CSCs) in the State which would be village level kiosks providing different services to the citizens. In addition, 219 Community Information Centres (CICs) are already in operation in the State to provide e-Governance services to the citizens.

With ICT infrastructure growing steadily in the State it is time that concerted efforts are made to initiate large scale training for our educated youth so that they could be absorbed in the IT industry. Some steps have already been initiated for promoting IT like, the Rajiv Gandhi Computer Literacy Programme, the institution of the Ananda Ram Baruah Award and the setting up of District Computer

centres. It is now required to provide further specialised training for facilitating absorption in the IT industry. AMTRON is proposing to set up seven training hubs across the State for this purpose. It further proposes to select the best of the youth selected from these training hubs and give them requisite exposure and job orientation by major IT companies such as Wipro, TCS, IBM etc.

HILL AREAS

My Government is committed to the all round development of the hill areas and has transferred autonomy in respect of thirty departments to the Autonomous Councils. Planning and implementation of various schemes under the Plan are undertaken by the Autonomous Councils. Funds under the State Plan and the Additive Plan are being timely provided to the two Autonomous Councils in the Hill Areas. During the current year an amount of Rs 203.20 crores has been provided under the State Plan and the Additive Plan. Under the Bharat Nirman Programme an amount of Rs 18.40 crores has been proposed during the current year for implementation of various schemes under Irrigation, Rural Drinking Water Supply, Rural Roads, Rural Housing, Rural Electrification and Rural Telephone Connectivity.

POWER

Power sector reforms have been taken up with the restructuring of the Assam State Electricity Board (ASEB) and its unbundling into five new companies, one for generation, one for transmission and three for distribution. All these five companies are smoothly taking over the responsibilities of their respective areas from their mother entity i.e, ASEB and shortly these companies would start functioning independently on their own.

The Assam Power Generation Corporation Ltd is entrusted with the responsibility of generation of electricity. Against a peak load demand of around 780 MW, the own generation is only around 140 MW. There is a need to boost up its own generation for which a number of projects are being taken up. The construction of the 100 MW Karbi Langpi Hydro Electric Project is in the final stages of completion. The 38 MW Lakwa Waste Heat Recovery Project has been entrusted to Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. Detailed Project Report of 200 MW Namrup Replacement Power Project is being prepared by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) as a replacement for the 44 years old Namrup Thermal Power Station. Site preparation work for the Lungnit Mini Power Hydro Electric Project is going on. Process for taking over land and clearance from the forest department is going on for the implementation of the 150 MW Lower Kopili Hydro Electric Project. Action is also being taken for the implementation of the 750 MW Coal based thermal power station

at BTPS Complex using the Assam coal.

The Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Ltd has been entrusted the responsibility of transmission and transformation of electricity in the State. A number of programmes for renovation, augmentation and extension of the transmission network are under execution with funds from the ADB and under NLCPR. With the funds from NLCPR, execution of projects for renovation of existing lines and sub-stations, construction of new EHV lines, addition of capacity etc are going on in full swing and all such projects are on the verge of completion. With funds from ADB, construction of a total of 39 km of new 220 KV line, 339 Km of 132 KV line, 12 Nos, of 132/33 KV sub-stations with total capacity of 426 MVA and augmentation of 18 Nos. of 132/33 KV sub-stations with a total capacity of 481 KVA is going on full swing with target for completion within 2007.

The three distribution companies have the responsibility of distribution of power among the consumers of the State. The revamping and strengthening of the existing distribution network in the State is being done under APDRP with a fund provision of Rs 650 crores. Under this scheme 120 Nos. of 33/11 KV sub-stations are being upgraded, 48 Nos. of new 33/11 KV sub-stations are being constructed, 470 Km of new 33KV line and 1040 km of new 11KV line is being erected and 2400 Nos. of distribution sub-stations of different capacities are being installed. In addition 100% consumer metering, replacement of old meters by electronic meters, computerisation of billing and complete energy auditing is being undertaken. All these works are targeted to be com-

pleted in 2007.

Under the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Vidyutikaran Yojana all the census Villages in Assam are proposed to be electrified by 2009. The electrification of villages in 9 districts is to be taken up by the Power Grid Corporation of India while the rest would be electrified by the ASEB. Works for electrification of villages in 13 districts would start soon for which the approval has been received from the Government of India. The electrification of remote villages, which are not accessible to the grid power, would be done by means of non-conventional sources of energy.

MINES & 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. Detailed explorations in the Umrangsho area of North Cachar Hills District are being conducted to assess the total reserve of cement grade limestone. detailed explorations are also been done in some parts of the Karbi Anglong District to assess the quality and reserves of coal. An area of 296 sq. kms has been covered by re-appraisal survey of the ground water position in the greater Guwahati area.

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT

My Government has initiated steps to tackle the growing unemployment problem in the State. The Jayanta Madhab Committee set up earlier has already prepared a blue print for employment generation in Assam. It is now proposed to take up an Employment Generation Programme and implement it in a Mission Mode to generate 1,67,000 employments in different thrust areas within a span of three years. For this Purpose an amount of Rs 10 crores is already available in the current year.

Considering the need for skill development and providing multi-skill facilities, 4 new ITIS have been set up in the State during the period 2003-2006 at Dibrugarh, Morigaon, Goalpara and Hailakandi. Under the Prime Minister's Package for the North-eastern States, 17 existing ITIs have been upgraded with modern equipments. Moreover 4 existing ITIs at Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Jorhat and Kokrajhar have been upgraded into Centres of Excellence with assistance from the World Bank. A special scheme has been taken up for skill development of disabled persons in 12 ITIs in the State. Keeping the downstream industries of the Gas Cracker Project in view, Plastic Processing Trade has been introduced in the Dibrugarh and Jorhat ITIs.

In the plantation sector, wage ceiling of provident fund subscribers has been enhanced from Rs 5000/- to Rs 6,500/- . The insurance benefits payable to the family in case of death of a plantation worker has also been raised from Rs 15,000/- to Rs 20,000/-. To cover more labourers within the

ambit of the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, the Government of India has raised the wage ceiling from Rs 1,600/- to Rs 6,500/-. The old Drug List maintained by the Tea Garden Hospitals has been revised for better health and safety of the plantation labourers.

WATER RESOURCES

After the unprecedented floods of 2004 in Assam, a Task Force had been set up by the Prime Minister of India, which recommended taking up immediate and short term measures amounting to Rs 832.74 crores in Assam. Against this an amount of Rs 15.26 crores have been provided in the 1st phase during the current year and a proposal for another Rs 38.12 crores is pending with the Government of India. Further Funds would be provided in phases the 11th Plan period. The Task Force had also recommended a North East Water Resources Authority for tackling the problem of floods in a comprehensive manner. The setting up of the Authority is still under the consideration of the Government of India.

My Government has signed an agreement for project preparation for the 'North Eastern Integrated Flood Management and Erosion Mitigation Project' with the Asian Development Bank. A technical assistance for Rs 4 crores for the project preparation has already been approved by the ADB as grant. A preliminary proposal for Rs 1,650 crores for this project is under consideration of the ADB. NABARD has sanctioned Rs 74.88 crores for 12 Flood Control & Erosion

Projects under the RIDF-XII, which will be taken up during the current year and completed by 2008-09. Another 8 Flood Control & Erosion Projects are under the consideration of NABARD for sanction.

SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS

The 33rd National Games hosted by my Government at Guwahati from the 9th to 18th February, 2007 was a spectacular success and was acclaimed by the President of the Indian Olympic Association as one of the best ever. For conducting it State of the Art sports infrastructure of international standards was created and quality sports goods both imported and indigenous were made available. Assam came out with flying colours in these National Games securing a record third position bagging 38 gold, 53 silver and 57 bronze medals. This could not have been possible but for the intensive coaching camps that had been conducted by the respective State Sports Associations in different disciplines. My Government has decided to give a cash award of Rs 3 lakhs to the gold medallist, Rs 2 lakhs to the silver medallist and Rs 1 lakh to the bronze medallist from the State. In respect of team events the prize money would be Rs 1 lakh, Rs 50,000/- and Rs 25,000/- to each individual of teams winning gold, silver and bronze respectively.

My Government is holding a number of school level tournaments, such as Dewkon Memorial Football Shield, Pilik Choudhury Football Memorial Shield, Indu Hazarika Football Memorial Shield and Inter District Athletic Meet. Steps have

also been taken for giving necessary assistance for holding of NCC programmes. In order to give incentives to the NCC Cadet, a scheme has been introduced by which one Senior NCC Male Cadet and one Junior NCC Female Cadet are selected for the Bir Chilarai Award for all round achievements in NCC activities. This award carries a cash prize of Rs 25,000/- each along with a medal and a citation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & TRAINING

My Government gives priority to bring in good governance. To promote transparency and openness in public administration the State Information Commission has been constituted and necessary rules have been framed for facilitating its effective functioning. Government departments and their subordinate offices have appointed Public Information Officers, Assistant Public Information Officers and Appellate Authorities to facilitate access of information by the citizens. Action is being taken for implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Assam Administrative Reforms Commission set up in June, 2002.

E-Governance has been identified as an important component of administrative reforms. My Government has constituted an E-Governance Mission for the development of an integrated E-Governance approach covering all the state Government departments. Several E-Governance initiatives have been undertaken for providing better citizen centric services like, E-Sanwad, E-Paduli, E-Setu, Pragati, Asha etc.

For effective and timely redressal of public grievances a computerised Public Facilitation Centre is being established at the Ganaseva Bhawan of the New Assam Secretariat Complex. Computerisation of the treasury and the land records is also being done.

Continued emphasis is being laid on the training of civil servants. The Assam Administrative Staff College is conducting different training programmes for capacity and skill building of civil servants. The Assam Administrative Staff College has also taken up UNDP assisted projects in the area of Right to Information and Modernisation of District Administration. In addition, the Secretariat Training School is organising training courses for administrative Assistants of the Assam Secretariat.

REVENUE

Assam faced an unprecedented occurrence of drought due to scanty rainfall during the period of monsoon from June, 2006 to September, 2006. This affected around 6.32 lakh hectares of Sali crop and around 12.49 lakh small and marginal farmers in the State. To cope up with this situation my Government had notified 212 Development Blocks as drought affected and started relief to the affected population as per the provision of the calamity Relief Fund. An amount of Rs 34.92 crores was allotted to provide relief measures like providing fuel for diesel pumps used for irrigating the affected crop fields, distribution of seeds and tractorisation of lands of the affected farmers.

My Government attaches importance to the survey of permanent Char Areas and to the allotment of land in these Char Areas to eligible persons. Steps have been taken for expeditious disposal of settlement proposals in respect of landless families in Guwahati and so far proposals for 800 landless families have been cleared providing them with homestead land in the city. With the passing of the Assam Hill Land and Ecological Sites (Protection and Management) Bill, 2006 in December, 2006 an important step has been taken for the preservation and protection of hills and ecological sites.

RELIEF & REHABILITATION

My Government provides Rehabilitation Grants, Gratuitous Relief, Ex-gratia Grant and financial Assistance to victims of ethnic violence, group clashes, extremist activities and accidents, During the year an amount of Rs 14.35 crores has been spent for this purpose, which includes an amount of Rs 5.85 crores as Gratuitous Relief in the form of food articles for victims of ethnic violence and Rs 6.85 crores as Ex-gratia to the victims of extremist violence.

PENSION & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES

My Government accords high priority to the grant of timely pension to the government servants and to the teaching and non-teaching staff of the provincialised schools. It has raised the minimum family pension to 30% of the last basic pay drawn subject to a minimum of Rs 1,225/- per month. Family pension to the prorata pensioners has been introduced limiting it to 30% of the last pay drawn on the date of permanent absorption. A State Pensioners Family Welfare Fund was constituted in 2006 to assist deserving pensioners and their family in times of need and distress.

EXCISE

Total prohibition of ganja, bhang, opium and other narcotic drugs is being enforced throughout the State. Task forces are operating in all the districts to check illicit distillation and sale of illicit liquor. The State Anti Drug and Prohibition Council is engaged in creating awareness amongst the masses against drug abuse and alcoholism. In addition, two Drug de-Addiction Centres are functioning in Jorhat and Silchar. Against a target of collection of excise revenue of Rs 184.61 crores, the collection till December, 2006 has been Rs 122.11 crores. All efforts are on to enhance the revenue collection by preventing evasion and ensuring that excise revenue is not lost to the neighbouring States.

Hon'ble Members, I have placed before you the policy and programmes of my Government. My Government will make all efforts to implement the policies and programmes that have been outlined. I hope the deliberations in this House would help achieve this objective.

(National Anthem was played. After the National Anthem Hon'ble Governor left House escorted by Secretary, Assam legislative Assembly).

Jai Hind

Mr. Speaker : Now, under Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I hereby report that Governor has been pleased to make a speech.

A copy of Speech has already been laid on the table and copies of the Speech have been distributed to the Hon'ble Members also.

Tea and snacks have been arranged in the Central Hall of the Assembly Building in honour of his Excellency, the Governor of Assam. Prior to that arrangement for a group photographs of all the Hon'ble Members of the 12th Assembly with his Excellency, the Governor of Assam has been made in the open space near the Assembly Chamber. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretaries and all the Hon'ble Members are re-

quested to assemble at the said place.

I therefore, request the Hon'ble chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretaries, Hon'ble Members of the House, Chief Secretary, Addl. Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Commissioners, Secretaries to the Government of Assam, D.G.P., I.G.Ps, D.I.Gs and other senior Police Officers and the Head of the Departments Present in the Officer's Gallery, Gentlemen of the Press in the Press Gallery including Electronic Media Persons, Official Reporters to join His Excellency, the Governor of Assam at tea arranged in the Central Hall after the photographic Session.

The House stands adjourned at 9-16 AM for 45 minutes.

(The House reassembled at 10-01 AM after tea break with Shri Tanka Bahadur Rai, Speaker in the Chair.)

MOTION OF THANKS ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Mr Speaker : Item no.2:I have received notices on the Motion of Thanks on His Excellency, the Governor's Address Shri Sarat Borkotoky.

Now, I request Shri Sarat Borkotoky to move the Motion.

Shri Sarat Borkotoky: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Mem-

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bers of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled in the
Session are grateful to the Governor's Address and he has
been pleased to deliver the speech today, the 26th February,
2007.

Mr. Speaker : Now, I call upon Shri Binanda Saikia to
move for seconding the Motion of Thanks on His Excel-
lency, the Governor's Address.

Shri Binanda Saikia : Sir, I second the Motion of
Thanks on Governor's Address.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker : The Motion now been moved. Debate
on the Governor's Address has been allotted on 27th and
28th February' 07. Amendments to the Motion of Thanks
will be received by the Assembly Secretariat up to 4 PM
today. Hon'ble Members may submit the notice of Amend-
ments, if any, on the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's
Address on the time and date fixed above to the Assam
Legislative Assembly Secretariat or in the Notice Office, if
they so desires. Report of the Business advisory Commit-
tee under Rule 230 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct
of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I called two
meetings of the Business Advisory Committee at 4 PM on
12th and 13th February' 07 in the Conference Room of my
Office Chamber at Dispur to finalise the Calender for the
Budget Session of the Assembly commencing from to day

the 26th February' 07.

The Committee after threadbare discussion decided that the current session of the Assembly should continue till 30th March, 2007. There would be 20 working days, 18 days would be devoted for transaction of Government Business and 2 days would be devoted for transaction of private Member's Business. The Committee further decided that there would be two sittings of the House on 27th February, 2007. The first shift would start from 9.00 AM to 1.30 PM and second shift from 3.30 PM to 6.30 PM for transacting mainly the Debate on the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address. The Committee also decided that the questions listed for 1st March, 2007 would be taken up on 10th March, 2007. Items like Zero Hour, Calling Attention under Rule 54 and Rule 301 will also be taken up on the day.

The Committee further decided that the procedure of asking supplementary Questions has been slightly changed from this session onwards. The Questioner of the Starred question will be allowed to ask two supplementary Questions and three more supplementary Questions will be allotted one each to different Hon'ble Members.

The Calender for the current session has been circulated amongst all the Hon'ble Members of the House .

I hope, this has the approval of the House.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

Mr. Speaker : Item No. 4 : Announcement.

Under Rule 9(I) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I nominate the following Hon'ble Members to constitute the Panel of Chairmen for Budget Session of the Twelfth Assam Legislative Assembly, 2007.

1. Shri Membor Gogoi.
2. Smti Jonjonali Barua.
3. Dr. Kamala Kanta Kalita.
4. Shri Mission Ranjan Das.

LAYING OF REPORT, APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS, FINANCE ACCOUNTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. Speaker : Now, item No. 5.

Shri Bharat Ch, Narah, (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) to lay the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Revenue Receipts) for the year, 2005-06.

Shri Bharat Ch. Narah (Minister) : Sir, I beg to lay the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Revenue and Receipts) for the year 2005-06.

Mr. Speaker : Item No. 6: Hon'ble Minister, Parliamentary Affairs to lay the Appropriation Accounts 2005-06 and Finance Accounts 2005-06.

Shri Bharat Ch. Narah (Minister) : Sir, I beg to lay the Appropriation Accounts 2005-06 and Finance Accounts 2005-06.

Mr. speaker : Now, item No, 7, Shri Tarun Gogoi, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay The Notification No. FTX. 55/2005/Pt.II/41, dtd.8th July, 2006.

ড° হিমন্ত বিশ্ব শর্মা (স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রী) (মুখ্যমন্ত্রীর হৈ) : আইটেম নং ৭ ৰ পৰা ২৬ লৈকে বিষয়বস্তু একে, গতিকে একে লগেই 'লে' কৰিব পৰা যাব নেকি?

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : হয়, পাৰিব।

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister) : Sir, I beg to lay the Notifications from item No.7 to 26.

Mr Speaker : Now, item No.27. Shri Bharat Ch. Narah (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) to lay 'the Tenth Report of the Rules Committee of Assam Legislative Assembly, 2007.'

Shri Bharat Ch. Narah (Minister) : Sir, I beg to lay 'the Tenth Report of the Rules Committee of Assam Legislative Assembly, 2007.'

MOTION FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Mr. Speaker : Item No. 28. Shri Dinesh Prasad Goala, Minister to move, "Three representatives be elected by the Legislative Assembly from among its Members to become Members for reconstitution of the Board of the Board of Assam State Housing Board as per provision of section 4(1) of the Assam State Housing Board Act. 1972."

The vacancies occurred due to completion of term of office of the members and hence the Motion.

Shri Dinesh Prasad Goala (Minister) : Sir, I beg to move "Three representatives to be elected by the Legislative Assembly from among its members to become members for reconstitution of the Board of Assam State Housing Board as per provision of section 4(I) of the Assam State Housing Board Act, 1972."

The vacancies occurred due to completion of term of office of the members and hence the motion.

Mr. Speaker : Item No 29. Shri D. P. Goala (Minister) to move "Three representatives be elected by the Legislative Assembly from its members to become member of the 'Town and Country Planning Advisory Council.' Under Section 3(1) (x) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1959."

Shri Dinesh Prasad Goala (Minister) : Sir, I beg to move "Three representatives be elected by the Lagislative

Assembly from amongst its members to become member of the 'Town and Country Planning Advisory Council under Section 3(1) (X) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1959."

The vacancies occurred due to completion of term of office of the Members, and hence the motion.

PRESENTATION OF THE LIST OF SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR 2006-07.

Mr. Speaker : Item No. 30, Shri Tarun Gogoi, Chief Minister to present the list of Supplementary Demands for Grants and Supplementary Appropriation for 2006-2007.

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister) : Sir, I on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister, beg to present the list of Supplementary Demands for grants and Supplementary Appropriation for 2006-07.

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BILLS

Mr. Speaker : Item No. 31. Shri Tarun Gogoi, Chief Minister to beg leave to introduce "The Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister) : Sir, I on

behalf of Hon'ble Chirf Minister, beg leave to introduce "The Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment). Bill, 2007."

Mr Speaker : Is it the Pleasure of the House to grant leave to introduce the Bill?

(Voice "yes", "yes")

Leave is granted.

There is a message from the Governor of Assam, Raj Bhawan, Guwahati.

Rajbhawan

February 12, 2007

ORDER

"Under the provision of Article 207 (1) of the Constitution of India, I, Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Ajai Singh. PVSM, AVSM, Governor of Assam, recommend introduction of 'The Assam Value Added Tax (Amendmant). Bill, 2007' in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

Sd/-

Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Ajai Singh.

PVSM. AVSM.

Governor of Assam."

Now, Hon'ble Chief Minister to introduce the Bill.

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister) : Sir, I beg to introduce 'The Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007.'

Secretary Assam Legislative Assembly : The title of the Bill is 'The Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007.'

Mr Speaker : Now, Item No. 32. Hon'ble Chief Minister to move.

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister) : Sir, on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, I beg leave to introduce "The Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Mr. Speaker : Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave to introduce the Bill?

(Voice : "Yes"... "Yes")

The leave is Granted.

There is a message from the Governor of Assam.

Raj Bhawan

Dated 12th Feb, 2007

ORDER

"Under the provision of Article 207 (I) of the Constitution of India, I, Lt. Gen (Retd) Ajai Singh, PVSM, AVSM, Governor of Assam recommend the introduction of 'The Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007' in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

Sd/-

Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Ajai Singh,
PVSM, AVSM,
Governor of Assam."

Now, Hon'ble Chief Minister to introduce the Bill.

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister) : Sir, on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, I beg to introduce "The Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly : The Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No, 33. Hon'ble Chief Minister to move .

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister) : Sir, on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, I beg leave to introduce "The Assam Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Mr. Speaker : Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave to introduce the Bill?

(Voice, "yes"... "yes"...)

The leave is granted.

There is a message from the Governor of Assam.

Raj Bhawan

12th February, 2007.

ORDER

"Under the provision of Article 207 (I) of the Constitution of India, I, Lt. Gen. (Retd) Ajai Singh, PVSM, AVSM, Governor of Assam recommend the introduction of 'The Assam Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2007' in the Assam Legislative Assambly.

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-Lt. Gen.(Rtd) Ajai Singh,
PVSM, AVSM,
Governor of Assam."

Now, Hon'ble Chief Minister to introduce the Bill,

Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma (Minister) : Sir, I on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, beg to introduce "The Assam Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly : The Assam Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2007.

Mr. Speaker: Now, Item No. 34. Hon'ble Minister, Labour & Employment etc. to move.

Shri Prithibi Majhi (Minister) : Sir, I beg leave to introduce "The Industrial Disputes (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Mr. Speaker : Is it pleasure of the House to grant leave to introduce the Bill ?

(Voice : "Yes"....."Yes".)

The Leave is granted.

Hon'ble Minister, Labour & Employment to introduce the Bill.

Shri Prithibi Majhi (Minister) : Sir, I beg to introduce" The Industrial Disputes (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly : "The Industrial Disputes (Assam Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 35. Hon'ble Minister, Labour & Employment etc. to beg leave to introduce "The Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund & Pension Fund & Deposit Linked Insurance Fund Scheme (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Shri Prithibi Majhi (Minister) : Sir, I beg to introduce "The Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund & Pension Fund & Deposit Linked Insurance Fund Scheme (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Mr. Speaker : Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave to introduce the Bill ?

(Voice : "Yes"....."Yes".)

The leave is granted.

Hon'ble Minister, Labour & Employment to introduce the Bill.

Shri Prithibi Majhi (Minister) : Sir, I beg to introduce "The Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund & Pension Fund & Deposit Linked Insurance Fund Scheme (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly : " The Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund & Pension Fund & Deposit Linked Insurance Fund Scheme (Amendment) Bill, 2007."

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 36. Hon'ble Minister, Co-operation to move.

Shri Bharat Ch. Narah (Minister) : Sir, I beg to introduce" The Assam Co-operative Societies Bill, 2007" on behalf of Hon'ble Minister, Co-operation.

* **শ্ৰীবৃন্দাবন গোস্বামী :** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, ইয়াত আসাম কো-অপাৰেটিভ চছাইটি বিল, ২০০৭ আনিছে। অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিলখন অনাৰ আগতে এখন ৰিপিল বিল আনিব লাগিছিল। আসাম কো-অপাৰেটিভ চছাইটি এক্ট ১৯৪৯, এই উক্ত বিলখন বাতিল কৰিব লাগে। তাৰ পিছত ৰিপিল কৰিবৰ কাৰণে এখন বিল ইনট্ৰোডিউচ কৰিব লাগে।

* **শ্ৰীভৰত চন্দ্ৰ নৰহ (মন্ত্ৰী) :** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আসাম কো-অপাৰেটিভ চছাইটি বিল ২০০৭ ৰ লগত প্ৰভিজন কৰা হৈছে। এক্সাইজ এক্ট একেলগে ইন্ট্ৰোডিউচ কৰা হৈছে।

* **শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী :** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, ৰুল্চ অৱ প্ৰচিডিউৰ অৱ আসাম লেজিচলেটিভ এচেম্বলি ৬৪,৬৫ ত কোৱা হৈছে যে ৰুল্চ আনোতে অৱজেকচন আৰু নৰমৰ চেটিচফাই কৰিব লাগিব। তাৰ পিছতহে বিল আহিব লাগে। মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কৈছে যে এই বিলাক এটা ক্লজ দিছে। আগৰ বিলতে ৰিপিল কৰিব লাগে বুলি কোৱা আছে। গতিকে অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আপুনি ডিচ এলাও কৰিলে ৰিপিল আনিলেহেঁতেন। ইয়াত অৱজেক্টচন আৰু নৰমচত কথাটো দিয়া নাই। সেই কাৰণে চেটিচফাই হোৱা নাই। এই কথা ৬৪,৬৫,৬৬ ত সন্নিবিষ্ট আছে। সেই কাৰণে এই বিলখন ইন্ট্ৰোডিউচ কৰিব দিব নালাগে।

* **শ্ৰীদ্রুপদ বৰগোহাঁই :** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো কথা কৈছে সেইটোত ময়ো একমত। এখন বিল ৰিপিল নকৰালৈ উত্থাপন কৰাটো থিক নহয়।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : I have understood, Hon'ble Members, this point has already been discussed yesterday. we came to

the conclusion. কিবা কনফিউচন থাকিলে আমি চাই ল'ম। আগতে বিপিল কৰা হৈছিল। ইয়াত এটা কথা হৈছে চেভিঞ্চ ক্লজটো আছে। Clause 132 (2)- Not withstanding such repeal, anything done, any action taken any order passed by any authority or any Penalty imposed Under the said Act shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Act. গতিকে ইয়াত অনেকুৱা প্ৰভিজন আছে। আপোনালোকে চিন্তা কৰিব নালাগে।

* শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, যোৱাবাৰ জি এম ডি এৰ বিলত ক্লিপিঙৰ ভুল আছিল। সেই বিলো আপুনি ডিচএলাও কৰিছিল। গতিকে এইখন কৰিব পাৰে।

Mr. Speaker : It was not disallowed. It was withdrawn.

* শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অসম সমবায় সমিতি বিধেয়ক ২০০৭, যিখন বিধেয়ক ইয়াত উত্থাপন কৰিব বিচাৰিছে, তাত ক্লিপিঙত ভুল আছে। ক্লিপিঙত ভুল থকাৰ বাবে, এই সদনতে আগতে আপোনালোকে গুৱাহাটী উন্নয়ন প্ৰাধিকাৰীৰ এখন বিল 'ডিচএলাও' কৰিছিলে। গতিকে অসম সমবায় সমিতিৰ এই বিধেয়কখন উত্থাপন কৰাত আমাৰ আপত্তি আছে।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : জি এম ডি এৰ বিলখন 'উইড্ৰ' কৰা হৈছিল, 'ডিচএলাও' কৰা হোৱা নাছিল।

* শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আপোনালোকে 'গেপ' পিৰিয়ডৰ কথা কৈছে, অসম সমবায় সমিতি বিধেয়কখন সংশোধন নকৰাকৈ ইয়াত উত্থাপন কৰিলেই এই বিলখন ইন-ফৰ্চত আহি যাব। প্ৰিন্ট হৈ ওলাওতেহে দেৰি হয়।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : বাজ্যপালে 'এচেণ্ট' দিলেহে বিধেয়কখন কাৰ্যকৰী হ'ব। সদনত উত্থাপন কৰিলেই কাৰ্যকৰী নহয়।

* শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, গৰ্ভনৰে এচেণ্ট দি দিব। কিন্তু আগৰ এক্টিখন বিপিল নকৰাকৈ এই বিধেয়কখন উত্থাপন কৰাত আমাৰ আপত্তি আছে। ছাৰ, আপুনি আমাক ৰুলমতে চলিবলৈ সদায় কৈ থাকে। গতিকে আপোনালোকে ৰুল নমনাকৈ এইখন উত্থাপন কৰিব নোৱাৰে। আমি যদি ৰুল মানিব লাগে আপোনালোকেও ৰুল মানিব লাগিব।

* ড° হিমন্ত বিশ্ব শৰ্মা (স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্ৰী) : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমি আগৰবাৰ যেতিয়া 'ভেট' বিধায়কখন উত্থাপন কৰিছিলো, তেতিয়া আমি চাব, চেকছন কিছু বিপিল কৰি লৈছিলো। কাৰণ গোটেই বিলখন বিপিল কৰিলে তাত থকা বিভিন্ন দফাবিলাক এফেক্টেড হ'ব পাৰে। গতিকে আমি এনেদৰে 'ভেট' বিলখন প্ৰেছিডেণ্ট অৱ ইণ্ডিয়াৰ এচেণ্টৰ কাৰণে পঠিয়াইছিলো। গতিকে গোটেই বিলখন বিপিল কৰাতকৈ, আমি 'ষ্টেট অৱ অৱজেকচনত' কথাখিনি উল্লেখ কৰিব পাৰো। কাৰণ গোটেই বিলখন বিপিল কৰিলে, তাৰ লগত সংলগ্ন বিভিন্ন দফাসমূহ বিপিল হৈ যাব।

* শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰী, হিমন্ত বিশ্ব শৰ্মাই যিটো কথা কৈছে সেইটো মই মানিছো। কিন্তু এই বিলখনত ষ্টেটমেণ্ট অৱ অৱজেকচনত কোনো যুক্তিসংগত তথ্য দিব পৰা নাই। গতিকে আমি ল'ব নোৱাৰো। মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এইটোৰ কাৰণে আপুনি আমাৰ লগত 'আৰ্গুমেন্ট' কৰিছে কিয়? আপুনি 'আৰ্গুমেন্ট' কৰাৰ কাৰণে আমি দুখ পাইছো।

* শ্ৰীক্ৰুপদ বৰগোহাঁই : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই এটা কথা ক'ব খুজিছো যে, ইয়াত অসম সমবায় সমিতি বিধেয়ক, ২০০৭ বুলি উল্লেখ কৰাৰ কাৰণে এই অসুবিধাটো আহিছে। এইটো আচলতে "অসম সমবায় সমিতি সংশোধনী বিধেয়ক, ২০০৭" বুলি সংশোধনী কৰি ল'ব লাগে।

* শ্ৰীঅনন্ত ডেকা : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, 'অসম সমবায় সমিতি বিধেয়ক, ২০০৭' যিখন বিধেয়ক উত্থাপন কৰিছে। তাৰ ষ্টেটমেন্ট অৱ অৱজেকচন'ত যিখিনি উল্লেখ থাকিব লাগিছিলে সেইখিনি উল্লেখ কৰা নাই। এমেণ্ডমেন্ট বুলি উল্লেখ থকা হ'লেও কথা বেলেগ আছিল। নহ'লে আগৰ বিলখন ৰিপিল কৰি ল'ব লাগিব।

* শ্ৰীবৃন্দাবন গোস্বামী : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিধেয়কখন উত্থাপন কৰাত আমাৰ আপত্তি এই কাৰণে আছে যে, ইয়াৰ আগৰ বিলখন ৰিপিল কৰি লোৱা নাই। আমি আপোনালোকৰ দৃষ্টিগোচৰ কৰিছো যে 'কনভেনচন অৱ প্ৰচিডিঙ'ত উল্লেখ আছে যে, এখন নতুন বিল আনোতে আগৰ বিলখন ৰিপিল কৰি ল'ব লাগে।

* মৌলানা আতাউৰ ৰহমান মাঝাৰ ভূইয়া : আমি মাননীয় সদস্য, শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰীৰ প্ৰস্তাব সমৰ্থন কৰি। এবং আগের বিলটি Repeal কৰে পৰে এই বিলটি উত্থাপন কৰা উচিত বুলি আমি মনে কৰি।

* শ্ৰীভৰত চন্দ্ৰ নৰহ (সংসদী পৰিক্ৰমা মন্ত্ৰী) : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, অসম সমবায় সমিতি বিধেয়ক, ২০০৭, উত্থাপনত আপত্তি আহিছে। আচলতে যিবিলাক একত্ৰত চেভিং ক্লজ থাকে সেই বিলাকত ৰিপিল কৰাৰ প্ৰয়োজন নাই। শিক্ষা বিভাগৰ বিলৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতো তেনেদৰে কৰা হৈছিল।

* শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : 'চেভিং ক্লজ' থাকিলে ৰিপিল কৰিব নালাগে বুলি ক'ত লিখা আছে আমাক দেখুৱাই দিয়ক।

* শ্ৰীভৰত চন্দ্ৰ নৰহ (মন্ত্ৰী) : ৰিপিল কৰিব লাগে বুলি ক'ত লিখা আছে আপুনি দেখুৱাই দিয়ক। এই বিলখন কেবিনেটত পাচ কৰি সকলো দিশ চাই লোৱা হৈছে। গতিকে এইখন উত্থাপন কৰিবলৈ দিব লাগে।

* শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : ছাৰ, এই বিলখন উত্থাপন কৰাত আমাৰ আপত্তি আছে। গতিকে জি এম ডি এৰ বিলখন যেনেকৈ উইড্ৰ কৰিছিলে,

তেৱৈদেৰে এই বিলখনো উইদ কৰিব লাগে।

শ্ৰীমতী শ্ৰীমতী চন্দ্ৰ নৰহ : 'দ্য আসাম কো-অপাৰেটিভ চছাইটিজ বিল, ২০০৭' বিলখনৰ কাৰণে মিনিষ্টাৰ আৰু অন্যান্য সকলৰ লগত আলোচনা কৰি মডেল কৰি আমালৈ পঠিয়াই দিছে।

* শ্ৰীচন্দ্ৰমোহন পাটোৱাৰী : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, বিলখন পাছ কৰাত আমাৰ আপত্তি নাই। আমি কৈছো যে প্ৰচেছটো গণ্ডগোল আছে।

Mr. Speaker : Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave to introduce the Bill ?

Leave is granted.

Hon'ble Minister, Parliamentary Affairs to introduce the Bill.

(Pandomonium in the House) AGP/BJP/CPI/CPM(M)/AUDF Members staged walk out)

Sri Bharat chandra Narah (Minister) : I beg to introduce "The Assam Co-operative Societies Bill, 2007"

(At 10.30 A.M. Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair and the Madam Deputy Speaker occupied the Chair)

শ্ৰীমতী শ্ৰীমতী চন্দ্ৰ নৰহ : 'দ্য আসাম কো-অপাৰেটিভ চছাইটিজ বিল, ২০০৭' বিলখনৰ কাৰণে মিনিষ্টাৰ আৰু অন্যান্য সকলৰ লগত আলোচনা কৰি মডেল কৰি আমালৈ পঠিয়াই দিছে।

Mr. Speaker : Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave to introduce the Bill ?

Leave is granted.

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মাননীয় উপাধ্যক্ষা : এতিয়া মৃত্যু প্রসঙ্গ।

যোৱা ১৫-১২-২০০৬ তাৰিখে দ্বাদশ অসম বিধান সভাৰ তৃতীয়খন অধিবেশনৰ সমাপ্তিৰ পৰা আজি ২৬-২-২০০৭ তাৰিখে দ্বাদশ অসম বিধান সভাৰ চতুৰ্থখন অধিবেশন অনুষ্ঠিত হোৱাৰ এই কালছোৱাৰ ভিতৰত অসমৰ প্ৰাক্তন ৰাজ্যপাল, সদনৰ প্ৰাক্তন সদস্য, প্ৰাক্তন কেন্দ্ৰীয় মন্ত্ৰী তথা সাংসদকে ধৰি দেশ তথা ৰাজ্যৰ বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্ৰলৈ বিশেষ বৰঙণি আগবঢ়োৱা ভালে কেইগৰাকী বৰেণ্য ব্যক্তিৰ পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। অতি দুখ আৰু ব্যথিত হৃদয়েৰে আজি অসম বিধান সভাৰ পবিত্ৰ মজিয়াত ইয়াত নাম উল্লেখিত ব্যক্তিসকলৰ বিয়োগত শোক প্ৰকাশ কৰিবলৈ লোৱা হৈছে।

১) দেৱীদাস ঠাকুৰ :

অসমৰ ভূতপূৰ্ব ৰাজ্যপাল, জম্মু-কাশ্মীৰৰ প্ৰাক্তন উপ-মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী, জম্মু আৰু কাশ্মীৰ উচ্চ ন্যায়ালয়ৰ প্ৰাক্তন ন্যায়াধীশ দেৱীদাস ঠাকুৰৰ যোৱা ৩ জানুৱাৰী, ২০০৭ তাৰিখে চণ্ডীগড়ত পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি হয়। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৭৮ বছৰ।

১৯২৯ চনত জম্মু আৰু কাশ্মীৰৰ ডোডা জিলাৰ বাটু গাঁৱত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত ঠাকুৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই ওকালতিৰে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰে। ১৯৭৩ চনত জম্মু আৰু কাশ্মীৰ উচ্চ ন্যায়ালয়ৰ অতিৰিক্ত ন্যায়াধীশ হিচাপে নিযুক্তি লাভ কৰে। ইয়াৰ পাছত ৰাজনীতিত যোগদান কৰি শ্বেখ আব্দুলা চৰকাৰৰ বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী হিচাপে দায়িত্ব পালন কৰিছিল। ১৯৮৪-৮৫ চনত জম্মু আৰু কাশ্মীৰ চৰকাৰৰ উপ-মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীৰ দৰে গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ পদতো তেখেতে কিছুদিন কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। ১৯৮৯ চনত তেখেত অসমৰ ৰাজ্যপাল নিযুক্ত হয় আৰু পিছলৈ অৰুণাচল প্ৰদেশৰ ৰাজ্যপালৰ অতিৰিক্ত দায়িত্বও পালন কৰে। ১৯৯১ চনত তেখেতে গুৱাহাটী উচ্চ ন্যায়ালয়ৰ বাৰ এছোছিয়েচনৰো এগৰাকী সদস্য হিচাপে যোগদান কৰিছিল।

এই গৰাকী বহুমুখী, প্রতিভাৰ তথা বিচক্ষণ ৰাজনীতিবিদৰ মৃত্যুত সমগ্ৰ দেশেই এগৰাকী সুযোগ্য সন্তানক হেৰুৱালে।

(At 10-37 AM all the Hon'ble Members of opposition belonging the AGP, BJP, CPI, CPI (M) and AUDF re-entered into the House and occupied their respective seats.)

২) মহম্মদ আলী :

অসম বিধান সভাৰ প্ৰাক্তন বিধায়ক, সমাজকৰ্মী মহম্মদ আলীৰ যোৱা ২৬ ডিচেম্বৰ, ২০০৬ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৬২ বছৰ।

১৯৪৪ চনত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত আলী ডাঙৰীয়াই শিক্ষকতাৰে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰে। ১৯৮৩ চনত পূৰ্ব গোৱালপাৰা বিধান সভা সমষ্টিৰ পৰা তেখেতে অসম বিধান সভালৈ নিৰ্দলীয় প্ৰাৰ্থী হিচাপে নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছিল। প্ৰয়াত আলী ডাঙৰীয়াই ভালেমান জন কল্যাণমূলক অনুষ্ঠানৰ লগত জড়িত থকাৰ উপৰিও গোৱালপাৰা মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ কাউন্সিলৰ, মুখ্য কাৰ্যবাহী সদস্য, অসম পঞ্চায়ত পৰিষদৰ উপ-সভাপতি আদি বিভিন্ন গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ পদত দায়িত্ব পালন কৰিছিল।

এই গৰাকী সমাজকৰ্মী তথা ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনৰ জনসাধাৰণে এগৰাকী ৰাইজৰ নেতাক হেৰুৱালে।

৩) দীনবন্ধু চৌধুৰী :

প্ৰাক্তন বিধায়ক, সদৌ অসম কৰ্মচাৰী পৰিষদৰ প্ৰতিস্থাপক সাধাৰণ সম্পাদক, বিশিষ্ট সমাজসেৱক দীনবন্ধু চৌধুৰীৰ যোৱা ৬ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী, ২০০৭ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৭৫ বছৰ।

১৯৩২ চনত বৰপেটা জিলাৰ সৰ্বেবাৰীত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত চৌধুৰী

ডাঙৰীয়াই অসম চৰকাৰৰ সমৰ্থায় বিভাগত কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰি পাছলৈ স্বেচ্ছামূলক অৱসৰ লৈ ১৯৮৫ চনত অসম বিধান সভাৰ নিৰ্বাচনত সৰ্বশ্ৰেষ্ঠী সমষ্টিৰ পৰা অগপ দলৰ প্ৰাৰ্থী হিচাপে প্ৰতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা কৰি অসম বিধান সভালৈ সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হয়। সদৌ অসম কৰ্মচাৰী পৰিষদৰ প্ৰতিষ্ঠাপক সাধাৰণ সম্পাদকৰ পদতো তেখেতে কিছুদিন কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। অসম আন্দোলনৰ সৈতে ওতঃপ্ৰোতভাৱে জড়িত এগৰাকী নিষ্ঠাবান ৰাজনৈতিক নেতা চৌধুৰীদেৱ বিভিন্ন সমাজসেৱাৰ কামত জড়িত হৈ আছিল।

এইগৰাকী প্ৰবীণ ৰাজনীতিবিদৰ মৃত্যুত অসমৰ বাইজে এগৰাকী জাতীয়তাবাদী নেতাক হেৰুৱালে।

৪) ধৰ্মেশ্বৰ হাজৰিকা :

প্ৰাক্তন বিধায়ক, বিশিষ্ট সমাজকৰ্মী ধৰ্মেশ্বৰ হাজৰিকাৰ যোৱা ১৬ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী, ২০০৬ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৭৬ বছৰ।

১৯৩১ চনত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত হাজৰিকা দেৱে বোকাখাট সমষ্টিৰ পৰা ১৯৮৩ চনত অসম বিধান সভাৰ সদস্য হিচাপে নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছিল। শিক্ষকতাৰে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰা হাজৰিকা ডাঙৰীয়া অঞ্চলটোৰ ভালেসংখ্যক শিক্ষানুষ্ঠান আৰু অন্যান্য জনকল্যাণমূলক অনুষ্ঠানৰ লগত জড়িত আছিল।

এইগৰাকী নিঃস্বৰ্গ ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞ তথা সমাজকৰ্মীৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনৰ জনসাধাৰণে এগৰাকী ৰাইজৰ প্ৰকৃত নেতাক হেৰুৱালে।

৫) মুহিৰাম শইকীয়া :

মুক্তিযোদ্ধা, প্ৰাক্তন কেন্দ্ৰীয় মন্ত্ৰী, প্ৰাক্তন সাংসদ, বিশিষ্ট শিক্ষাবিদ, তথা অসম আন্দোলনৰ এগৰাকী অগ্ৰণী নেতা মুহিৰাম শইকীয়াৰ যোৱা ১

ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী, ২০০৭ তাৰিখে পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৮০ বছৰ।

১৯২৭ চনত শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ ভটিয়াপাৰত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত শইকীয়া ডাঙৰীয়াই গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা অৰ্থনীতি বিষয়ত স্নাতকোত্তৰ আৰু আইনৰ ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰে। কলেজত অধ্যাপনাৰে কৰ্ম জীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰা শইকীয়া ডাঙৰীয়াই পাছলৈ নগাঁও মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ অধ্যক্ষ পদত কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰে। শিক্ষকতাৰ লগতে সমান্তৰালভাৱে ৰাজ্যখনৰ সামাজিক আৰু ৰাজনৈতিক ঘটনাৱলীৰ সৈতেও তেখেত জড়িত হৈ পৰিছিল। ক্ৰমে ১৯৮৬, ১৯৯১ আৰু ১৯৯৬ চনত তিনিটা কাৰ্যকালৰ বাবে নগাঁও সদৰ সংসদীয় সমষ্টিৰ পৰা অ-গ-প দলৰ প্ৰাৰ্থিত্বৰে সংসদলৈ নিৰ্বাচিত হয়। উল্লেখযোগ্য ১৯৯৭ চনত দেৱগৌড়াৰ নেতৃত্বাধীন কেন্দ্ৰীয় মন্ত্ৰী সভাতো তেখেত এগৰাকী মন্ত্ৰী হিচাপে কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল। বিশিষ্ট সমাজকৰ্মী শইকীয়া ডাঙৰীয়া ৰাজ্যখনৰ শৈক্ষিক আৰু সামাজিক জীৱনৰ উন্নয়নৰ সৈতে ওতপ্ৰোতভাৱে জড়িত আছিল।

এই গৰাকী প্ৰবীণ ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞ তথা বিশিষ্ট শিক্ষাবিদৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনে এগৰাকী প্ৰকৃত ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞ আৰু সমাজকৰ্মীক হেৰুৱালে।

৬) ৰাম গোস্বামী :

বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক, সমালোচক, নাট্যকাৰ তথা অসমত গ্ৰন্থাগাৰ আন্দোলনৰ এগৰাকী পুৰোধা বক্তি ৰাম গোস্বামীৰ যোৱা ১৩ জানুৱাৰী, ২০০৭ তাৰিখে দেহাৱসান ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৮১ বছৰ।

১৯২৬ চনত গোলাঘাটত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই কলিকতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা গ্ৰন্থাগাৰ বিজ্ঞান বিষয়ত স্নাতকোত্তৰ ডিপ্ল'মা লাভ কৰি অসম চৰকাৰৰ পুথিভঁৰাল সেৱাৰ ৰাজ্যিক গ্ৰন্থাগাৰিক হিচাপে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰে। এগৰাকী সত্ৰীয়া নৃত্যৰ সাধক গোস্বামীদেৱে অসমৰ পুথিভঁৰাল সেৱাৰ উন্নয়নৰ হকে অহোপুৰুষাৰ্থ সেৱা আগবঢ়াইছিল। অসমীয়া সাহিত্যলৈ

উল্লেখযোগ্য বৰঙণি আগবঢ়োৱা গোস্বামী ডাঙৰীয়াই কেইবাখনো উপন্যাস, ভ্ৰমণ কাহিনী, জীৱনীগ্ৰন্থ, নাটককে ধৰি বিভিন্ন কাকত, আলোচনীত বহু সংখ্যক প্ৰবন্ধৰে অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ উঁহাল চহকী কৰি থৈ গৈছে। তেখেত অসম প্ৰকাশন পৰিষদৰ সদস্য, অসম একাডেমীৰ উপ-সভাপতিৰ উপৰিও অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ এগৰাকী আজীৱন সদস্য আছিল।

নাট্য সাহিত্য আৰু পুথিউঁহাল সেৱাৰ উন্নয়নৰ হকে অহনির্শে কাম কৰি যোৱা এই গৰাকী বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ সমাজ জীৱনৰ এক পূৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৭) ডম্বৰু কাকতি :

বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক, শিক্ষাবিদ তথা সমাজসেৱক ডম্বৰু কাকতিৰ যোৱা ১৬ জানুৱাৰী, ২০০৭ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৬৭ বছৰ।

১৯৪০ চনত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত কাকতিদেৱে শিক্ষকতাৰে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰি ২০০২ চনত শিৱসাগৰ কলেজৰ পৰা এগৰাকী জ্যেষ্ঠ অধ্যাপকৰূপে অৱসৰ গ্ৰহণ কৰে। ভালে কেইখন মূল্যবান গ্ৰন্থ ৰচনাকে ধৰি বিভিন্ন কাকত আলোচনীত পাঁচ শতাধিক প্ৰবন্ধ আৰু কবিতা ৰচনাৰে তেখেতে অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ উঁহাল চহকী কৰি থৈ গৈছে। কাকতিদেৱে অসম সাহিত্য সভাৰ কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহকৰ সদস্যৰ উপৰিও শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ সাহিত্য সভাৰ সভাপতিৰ আসনো অলংকৃত কৰিছিল। শিৱসাগৰৰ ভালেমান অনুষ্ঠান-প্ৰতিষ্ঠানৰ সৈতে তেখেতে ওতঃপ্ৰোতভাৱে জড়িত হৈ আছিল।

প্ৰয়াত কাকতিদেৱে ৰাজ্যখনৰ সাহিত্য আৰু শিক্ষা জগতলৈ আগবঢ়াই থৈ যোৱা বৰঙণিৰ বাবে ৰাজ্যখনৰ জনসাধাৰণে তেখেতক শ্ৰদ্ধাৰে স্মৰণ কৰি থাকিব।

৮) মংগল চণ্ডী ব্ৰহ্ম :

অসমীয়া ভাষা সাহিত্য সংস্কৃতিৰ একনিষ্ঠ সেৱক, বড়ো আৰু অসমীয়া লোক সংস্কৃতিৰ সমন্বয়ৰ চিন্তানায়ক, সাংবাদিক, ৰাজ্য চৰকাৰৰ সাহিত্যিক পেঞ্চনাৰ মংগল চণ্ডী ব্ৰহ্মৰ যোৱা ২২ ডিচেম্বৰ, ২০০৬ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত ব্ৰহ্মদেৱৰ বয়স আছিল ৮৫ বছৰ।

১৯২১ চনত অ-বিভক্ত গোৱালপাৰা জিলাৰ দক্ষিণ কাজল গাঁৱত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত ব্ৰহ্ম ডাঙৰীয়াই অসম চৰকাৰৰ সহকাৰী যোগান পৰিদৰ্শক বিষয়া হিচাপে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল। সমাজ সেৱাত ব্ৰতী হৈ বৃহৎ অসমীয়া জাতি গঠনত তেখেতে বিশেষ ভূমিকা পালন কৰিছিল। ১৯৮৬ চনত অসম চৰকাৰে তেখেতক সাহিত্যিক পেঞ্চনেৰে সন্মানিত কৰে। তেখেতে তিনিখন মূল্যবান গ্ৰন্থকে ধৰি বিভিন্ন কাকত আলোচনীত সাহিত্য সংস্কৃতিমূলক প্ৰৱন্ধ লিখি সাহিত্যৰ উঁহাল চহকী কৰি থৈ গৈছে। বড়ো সাহিত্য সভাৰ প্ৰতিস্থাপক সম্পাদকৰ দায়িত্ব নিষ্ঠাৰে পালন কৰা ব্ৰহ্ম ডাঙৰীয়াই দৰং জিলা ট্ৰাইবেল সংঘৰ সভাপতি, অসম কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰিচালনা সমিতিৰ সদস্য, গুৱাহাটী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ ক'ৰ্ট সভাৰ সদস্য আদি বিভিন্ন পদত কাৰ্যনিৰ্বাহ কৰিছিল।

এই গৰাকী ভাষা সাহিত্য সংস্কৃতিৰ একনিষ্ঠ সেৱকৰ মৃত্যুত অসমৰ সমাজ জীৱনৰ অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

৯) গৌৰীকান্ত ব্ৰহ্ম :

বড়ো সাহিত্য সভাৰ ভূতপূৰ্ব সভাপতি গৌৰীকান্ত ব্ৰহ্মৰ যোৱা ৭ জানুৱাৰী, ২০০৭ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৮৩ বছৰ।

১৯২৪ চনত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত ব্ৰহ্ম ডাঙৰীয়াই বড়ো ভাষাক মাধ্যম ৰূপে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰাৰ বাবে হোৱা আন্দোলনৰ অন্যতম হোতা আছিল। বড়ো

সাহিত্য সভাৰ সভাপতিৰ পদও অলংকৃত কৰিছিল। বড়ো সাহিত্য সভা, ট্ৰাইবেল সাহিত্য সভা, ট্ৰাইবেল লীগৰ দৰে সংগঠনৰ এগৰাকী নেতা ব্ৰহ্মদেৱ ভালেমান সামাজিক, সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠানৰ সৈতেও জড়িত আছিল।

সমাজৰ উন্নতিৰ বাবে অহৰহ কামত নিয়োজিত ব্ৰহ্ম ডাঙৰীয়াৰ মৃত্যুত এক পূৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১০) বনমালী মিশ্ৰ :

বিশিষ্ট শিক্ষাবিদ, গণিত বিশেষজ্ঞ, একনিষ্ঠ সমাজকৰ্মী বনমালী মিশ্ৰৰ যোৱা ৩ জানুৱাৰী, ২০০৭ তাৰিখে পৰলোকপ্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৯২ বছৰ।

১৯১৫ চনত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত মিশ্ৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই কটন কলেজৰ পৰা অংক শাস্ত্ৰ বিষয়ত সু-খ্যাতিৰে স্নাতক ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰি শিক্ষকতাৰে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰে। গণিত বিষয়ত গ্ৰন্থ ৰচনা কৰা মিশ্ৰ দেৱক ১৯৭১ চনত তদানীন্তন ৰাষ্ট্ৰপতি ভি-ভি-গিৰিয়ে ৰাষ্ট্ৰপতি বঁটাৰে সন্মানিত কৰে। বৃহত্তৰ বৰপেটা অঞ্চলৰ বিভিন্ন সমাজ সেৱামূলক কাম কাজৰ সৈতেও তেখেত জড়িত আছিল।

এই গৰাকী বিশিষ্ট শিক্ষাবিদ তথা অংক শাস্ত্ৰ বিদৰ মৃত্যুত শিক্ষাজগতৰ এক পূৰাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

১১) ডঃ যতীন মিপুন :

মিচিং সমাজ আৰু সংস্কৃতিৰ এগৰাকী গৱেষক, বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক, দক্ষ আৰক্ষী বিষয়া ডঃ যতীন মিপুনৰ যোৱা ১২ জানুৱাৰী, ২০০৭ তাৰিখে দেহাৱসান ঘটে। মৃত্যুৰ সময়ত তেখেতৰ বয়স আছিল ৫৬ বছৰ।

১৯৫২ চনত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা প্ৰয়াত ডঃ মিপুন ডাঙৰীয়াই ডিব্ৰুগড় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰা ডক্টৰেট ডিগ্ৰী লাভ কৰি শিক্ষকতাৰে কৰ্মজীৱন আৰম্ভ কৰে।

১৯৮৩ চনত তেখেতে ভাৰতীয় আৰক্ষী সেৱাত যোগদান কৰে। অসমৰ সাহিত্য জগতলৈ তেখেতৰ অৱদান আছিল উল্লেখযোগ্য। মিচিং সমাজ জীৱনৰ আধাৰত তেখেতে ভালে সংখ্যক উপন্যাস আৰু গ্ৰন্থ ৰচনা কৰাৰ উপৰিও তেখেত মিচিং লোকজীৱনৰ এগৰাকী বিশিষ্ট গৱেষক আছিল। 'বাৰ্তা পখিলী' নামৰ এখন আলোচনীৰ মুখ্য সম্পাদক ডঃ মিপুন দেৱে অভিনয় জগততো নিজৰ দক্ষতা পৰিচয় দিবলৈ সক্ষম হৈছিল। অসম সাহিত্য সভা বঁটা বিজেতা ডঃ মিপুন ডাঙৰীয়াৰ কেইবাখনো গৱেষণা পত্ৰই দেশ-বিদেশতো প্ৰশংসা লাভ কৰিছিল।

এই গৰাকী বিশিষ্ট সাহিত্যিক তথা দক্ষ আৰক্ষী বিষয়াৰ মৃত্যুত অসমৰ বৌদ্ধিক জগতৰ অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

বিধান সভাৰ বিগত ডিচেম্বৰ অধিবেশনৰ পিছত ৰাজ্যখনৰ কেতবোৰ স্থানত উগ্ৰপন্থীৰ দ্বাৰা সংঘটিত হোৱা বোমা বিস্ফোৰণৰ ফলত কিছুসংখ্যক নিৰীহ লোক নিহত হয়। উক্ত ঘটনা সমূহত নিহত নিৰীহ ব্যক্তিসকলৰ স্মৃতিত আজিৰ সদনে গভীৰ শোক প্ৰকাশ কৰে আৰু নিহত লোকসকলৰ শোকসন্তপ্ত পৰিয়ালবৰ্গলৈ আন্তৰিক সমবেদনা জ্ঞাপন কৰে।

এতিয়া ইয়াত নাম উল্লেখিত প্ৰয়াত ব্যক্তিসকলৰ পৱিত্ৰ স্মৃতিত আৰু তেখেতসকলৰ বিদেহী আত্মাৰ সদগতি আৰু চিৰশান্তি কামনা কৰি এক মিনিট কাল থিয় হৈ মৌনতা অৱলম্বন কৰিবৰ বাবে এই সদনৰ মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ প্ৰতি মই অনুৰোধ জনালো।

(The House then stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to the departed souls.)

The House stands adjourned till 9 A.M on 27th February, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The House then stood adjourned of 10-47 A.M till 9.00 A.M on Tuesday, the 27th February, 2007.

DISPUR
The 26th February, 2007

G. P. DAS
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly.