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**COMPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
1969-70**

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INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, having been authorised, do present on behalf of the Committee its Report on Paragraph 17(e) at page 35 of the Audit Report, 1968 relating to drawal of funds to avoid lapse of Budget Grant for construction of Agricultural Workshop at Cachar by the Department of Agriculture.

2. The Committee examined the Agriculture Department on 5th September, 1969 and while considering paragraph 17(e) at page 35 of the Audit Report, 1968 proposed to make a local inspection for proper appreciation of the causes leading to undischursement of the amount of Rs.3.74 lakhs which was drawn on 31st March, 1966 out of which an amount of Rs. 33,774 remained undisbursed even in March, 1968. With this end in view, the Committee made an on-the-spot study of the construction of Agricultural Workshops and other buildings, namely Meherpur Agricultural Workshop, Fertilizer Godown at Meherpur, Narshingpur E. O's. Quarters, Bekirpar Agricultural Demonstrator's Quarters, Mahadevpur A.D's. Quarters, Kanjirdhar A.D's Quarters, Janki Bazar A.D's Quarters, Ujankhupa A.D's Quarters, Fertilizer Godown at Patharkandi, Sibpur A.D's Quarters and Nayagram A.D's Quarters on 18th, 19th and 20th December, 1969. The tour impression of the Committee is annexed to the Report at Annexure A.

3. The Committee places on record its appreciation of the assistance rendered to them in the spot inspection of the various projects by the Director of Agriculture and other Officers of the Department. The Committee also expresses its thanks to the Accountant General, Assam and Nagaland for making an Accounts Officer available at the spot.

GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA,

Shillong:
The 31st March, 1970.

Chairman,
Public Accounts Committee.

REPORT

The Committee while examining the paragraph 17(e) at page 35 of the Audit Report, 1968 relating to drawal of funds to avoid lapse of Budget grant observed on 5th September, 1969 as follows:—

The following works were started before 31st of March, 1966. But upto today, they have remained either half done or partially done. Therefore according to the Departmental witness, out of the money which was shown as early as 31st March, 1966 for payment to the contractors for these works a sum of about Rs.10,000 is lying undisbursed.

1. Agriculture Extension Officer's quarters at Narsingpur.
2. Agriculture Demonstrators' quarters at Jiban Gram.
3. Agriculture Demonstrators' quarters at Kanjirdhar.
4. Agriculture Demonstrators' quarters at Bekinapur.
5. Agriculture Demonstrators' quarters at Mahadevpur.
6. Agriculture Demonstrators' quarters at Sibpur.
7. Agriculture Demonstrators' quarters at Nayargram.
8. Agriculture Demonstrators' quarters at Ujankhupa.
9. Patherkandi Fertilizer Godown.
10. Store-cum-Godown at Meherpur.

The Committee then drew the attention of the Departmental witness that the State Government is taking advances at a very exorbitant rate of interest and to a very great extent it is the poor people who are to foot the bill. This is a very serious matter which goes against the interest of the common people. The Committee further stated that an amount of approximately Rs.10,000 is yet to be disbursed was conveyed to the Accountant General, Assam and Nagaland by the Joint Director of Agriculture (I.P.), in their letter No.A/A/LNSP/227/67, dated 12th May, 1969, and the Departmental witness admitted the same to be true. The Committee feels constrained to draw the attention of the Government to the differing versions on the matter and the fact that funds (Rs.33,774) had been drawn in advance of requirement has also not been specifically mentioned.

The Committee then decided to go for local inspection and spot verification of the works referred to in the Audit Report to examine and see the real state of affairs. The Committee visited the places on 18th, 19th and 20th December, 1969 and made the inspection with the following terms of reference.

1. What was the estimated outlay for the aforesaid works in the scheme itself and what was the number of quarters, etc., envisaged in the scheme and actually taken up for construction.
2. What is the unspent balance now and what is the reason for non-payment to the Contractors ?
3. How many buildings taken up for construction had been completed and what was the actual cost of construction compared to the estimated amount of construction?
4. Was there any agreement with the contractor specifying the time for completion of works ? If so has any action been taken against the defaulting Contractors and Party ? If there was any default, whether penalty clause was imposed ?
5. Have any buildings which have been completed been let out to the staff ? If so, what is the amount of rent realised ?
6. Was there any advance payment to the Contractors in respect of works not completed ? If so, has it been adjusted now and works found satisfactory ? Was advance payment made according to prescribed rules ?
7. Was there any stipulation to issue cement and C. I. Sheets to the Contractors departmentally ? If not has it been issued ? If so has any contractor used his own C. I. Sheets and Cement to get subsequent reimbursement from the department was C. I. Sheet a Controlled Commodity at that time ?
8. What is the amount of repair charges of the completed building and when was it necessary since Completion ?
9. What is the state of incomplete building if any and when was the Construction of the building taken up ? Have these incomplete buildings deteriorated beyond repairs due to the passage of time ?
10. Was there any handing over memo of the Head Assistant cum-Cashier of I. A. D. P., dated 5th February 1960 ?

The information furnished by the Department is appended to this Report as Annexure B.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee feels that the State Government is taking advances at a very exorbitant rate of interest from the Government of India and if the money is blocked by the Departmental officer for unproductive work for years together the loss incurred by Government in the shape of interest is a matter which the Committee cannot appreciate. The way in which the money withdrawn and blocked may lead to complicity and misappropriation. The Committee therefore recommends that responsibility may be fixed on the officer and officers for whose negligence such things have occurred.

The action taken by Government may be intimated to the Committee within three months from the date of submission of this report to the House.

ANNEXURE A

Tour impression of the Public Accounts Committee

The Committee assembled at the Circuit House, Silchar at 9 a. m. on the 18th December, 1969 and chalked out the local programme.

Meherpur Agricultural Workshop

The Committee went round the only Agricultural Workshop in the District where machine parts are made and repair works done. Shri A. C. Purkayastha, the Regional Agriculture Engineer explained to the Committee about the utility and function of the machines.

Fertiliser Go-down at Meherpur

The building for the go-down is complete but cracks in the floor were noticed. The floor is covered with bamboo mats to keep the fertilisers dry. Super Phosphate, Ammonium Sulphate and other Potassic fertilisers are kept in the go-down.

On various questions put by the Committee, the Department gave the following information—

1. Date of sanction ... 27th September 1965.
2. Date of tender ... 25th October 1965.
3. Estimates/sanction amount. ... Rs.47,500.
4. Tender value Rs.44,432.93—5½ per cent less than sanctioned amount.
5. Date of work order ... 15th March, 1966.
6. Date of starting work ... Last part of November, 1966.
7. Target date of completion. ... Not available.
8. Actual date of completion ... Generally after two months after work order.
9. Date of final measurement. ... 27th February 1968.
10. Authority for giving completion certificate. ... The Regional Agriculture Engineer.
11. Date of occupation. ... 18th May, 1967.
12. Date of completion certificate. ... 19th March, 1968.
13. Reason for the crack ... Due to lack of supervision and negligence of the contractor.
14. Steps taken against the contractor, ... No step has been taken against the contractor. The contractor said that he had already incurred loss for the work and he was not prepared to complete the work at the cost of further expenditure.

15. Total amount paid in ... Rs.41,153·21.
cash and kind.
16. Total value of work ... Not available.
done.
17. Authority who prepared... Regional Agriculture Engineer.
plans and estimates.
18. Balance remains to be .. Rs.3,279·72. Final payment was
paid. not made and his security deposit
was not paid.

Narshingpur E. O's Quarter

The quarter was constructed as per order of the Project Administrator-cum-Deputy Commissioner by the Block Development Officer. Nearly 75 per cent of the work of the building was completed. Floor was partly done and roofing was also partly done. Doors and windows were not fitted. Latrines is not constructed. The contractor stopped work without any information. Due to change in specification viz. raising the height of the building from 10 ft. to 12 ft. and due to dispute over the site, it is reported the contractor stopped the work. The following information was collected from the Department—

1. Date of sanction ... 23rd February 1965.
2. Estimated amount ... Rs.11,734.
3. Date of tender ... 22nd February 1965 and 15th
April 1965.
4. Date of acceptance of ... 5th June 1965.
tender.
5. Amount of security ... Rs.2,370.
Deposit.
6. Target date of completion... Not available.
7. Date of work order ... 5th June, 1965. There was no
order for changing plans and
estimates.
8. Date of suspension of work ... April, 1967.
9. Date and amount of ... (i) 27th September, 1966.
running bills. Rs.6,000.
(ii) 11th April, 1967. .. Rs.500.
10. Reason for suspension ... Negligence of the contractor
Raising of height from 10ft. to 12ft.
11. Authority to invite/accept ... The Block Development Officer
tender. on behalf of the Project Officer.
The change in estimate was not
done by the Project Officer. It was
done by the Block Development
Officer without the consent of the
Project Officer.
12. Steps taken against the ... Registered notice were issued on
contractor. subsequent reminders issued from
time to time.

13. Total amount paid in cash and kind. ... (i) Cash ... Rs.9,620.
 ... (ii) Kind ... 120 bags of cement
14. Authority to make payment. ... Project Officer on recommendation of the Block Development Officer and Block Overseer.
15. Name of Technical Authority. ... Shri A. G. Purkayastha, R.A.E.
16. Total amount still to be paid. ... Rs.2,114.
17. Total value of work done ... Not yet assessed.

Name of contractor... Shri Nirmal Kanti Dutta Biswas.

Name of B. D. O. ... Shri N. K. Gupta.

Name of Project Officer.. Shri Obedur Rahman.

- Shri D. Saikia ... When the contractor stopped work, whether the matter was brought to the notice of the Project Officer ?
- B. D. O. ... The matter was not brought to the notice of the P. O. till May, 1967.
- Chairman .. What is the stipulated time for completion ?
- Director ... Six months from starting the work, *i.e.* the date of starting the work.
- Shri D. Saikia ... What steps against the contractor have been taken.
- B. D. O. ... We wrote to the contractor and requested him to complete the work. At first he worked for about one and a half months and then slowed down his work. Registered notices have been issued from time to time, but he did not take much interest.
- Shri P. Chaliha ... What was the height of the building originally planned ?
- B. D. O. .. 10-ft.
- Shri P. Chaliha ... What is the height demanded now ?
- B. D. O. ... 12-ft.

From the on-the-spot measurement, it was found that—

- (1) Height of the main building ... 12'
- (2) Height of the front Verandah ... 8' 8"
- (3) Height of the back Verandah ... 7' 0"

Bekirpar Agriculture Demonstrator's Quarter

(Under Narshingpur Development Block)

The construction of the building is complete and ready for occupation, but not yet occupied. It is constructed on the land donated by one Shri Ram Singh. It is said that four Bighas of land was donated to the Rural Panchayat. It is reported (Information given by Shri Madhab Ch. Das, one of the neighbour) that the present house was not constructed on the land given as gift, and it was constructed on somebody's land. Actually there is no land attached to the building and the land is only upto the floor of the house. The surrounding land was cultivated by one Shri Kushimohan Singh. The B. D. O. in charge has not visited the spot before. There was no spot verification before.

The floor of go-down is cemented, but fertilisers are not kept there. Manure, seeds, etc., are kept at Kabuganj) far away from the go-down. There is some defect in plastering of walls. The walls should be cement plastering according to the specification. But from the damage in the walls it is found that cement was not given to the proper proportion. There is rarely any cement.

Further information collected is:—

1. Amount sanctioned	...	Rs.5,000	
2. Tender amount	...	Rs.4,964	
3. Date of work order	...	19th April, 1966	
4. Date of completion	...	15th May, 1969	
5. Date of taking over	...	15th May, 1969	
6. Total amount paid	...	Rs.4,964	The Department could not give the date for payment. The earnest money was released.

The height of the building is 10 ft. Materials were supplied by the Government. The Block Overseer supervised the work.

Mahadevpur A.D's Quarter

(Under Narshingpur Development Block)

The Agriculture Demonstrator's quarter at Mahadevpur which is on the right bank of river Rukni is ready for occupation, but it was found under lock and key. Nobody present there could give the correct information as to who was keeping the key. Even the B. D. O. of the Block, the Overseer

who supervise the work and other officials who were present there could not give the correct information. So, it was not possible to see the godown.

Information gathered from the Department on the spot is—

1. Date of sanction	...	...	23rd February, 1965
2. Sanctioned amount	...	...	Rs.5,000
3. Tendered amount	...	...	Rs.4,964
4. Date of work order	...	..	5th June, 1965
5. Date of completion	...	...	31st March, 1969
6. Balance remains to be paid	...	...	None

The quarter is not occupied. The A. D's post is held by the Gram Sevak.

Kanjirdhar A. Ds Quarter

(Under Narshingpur Development Block)

The construction of the quarter has not yet been started. Delay is, it is reported, due to final selection of the site. The site first selected was not accepted by the then B. D. O. and there was a dispute about it. Hence, the site could not be finally selected. But in the meantime materials were issued and they were kept by the contractor. Tender was invited twice for the purpose. Tender was invited by the B. D. O. and accepted by the Project Officer.

The following information was furnished by the Department:—

1. Date of sanction	...	23rd February, 1965
2. Sanctioned amount	...	Rs.5,000
3. Date of tender	...	22nd February, 1965 and 15th April, 1965
4. Tender value	...	Rs.4,964
5. Date of acceptance of the last tender.	...	5th June, 1965
6. Date of work order	...	5th June, 1965.
7. Total amount paid in cash and kind.	...	Rs.1,160 (including 7 bundles of C. I. sheets, 30 bags of cement and 10 pieces of rods).

8. Steps taken against the contractor ... A registered notice has been issued requesting him to start the work.
9. Date of issue of materials ... Not available.

The Committee visited the farm of Shri Subhasan Goala who was considered to be one of the best farmer in the district. The Committee went round his cow-shed which is considered to be one of the ideal cow-sheds in the State.

The Committee returned to the Circuit House, Silchar at 3-15 p.m.

THE COMMITTEE VISITED ON 19TH DECEMBER 1969

Janki Bazar A. D's Quarter

Shri Golok Chandra Patgiri, M.L.A., joined the Committee.

Construction of the quarter is not started. Land for the quarter measuring about half a Bigha was transferred by a registered deed of gift. It is a flood affected area. Local people reported that flood water rose 3 to 4 ft., above the ground level. It is situated on the bank of the river Dhaleswari. The B. D. O., concerned selected the site in consultation with the Anchalik Panchayat. The President Shri Abdul Nur was also present. Tenders were called before sanction of money. Plans and estimates were prepared by the Regional Agriculture Engineer, but modified by the B. D. O.

Further information gathered is:

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|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Date of sanction | ... | ... | 23rd February 1965 |
| 2. Sanctioned estimate | ... | ... | Rs.5,500. |
| 3. Date of tender | ... | ... | 5th February 1965. |
| 4. Tender value | ... | ... | Rs.5,020. |
| 5. Date of acceptance of tender | ... | ... | 24th February 1965. |
| 6. Date of work order | .. | ... | 24th February, 1965. |
| 7. Total amount paid in cash and kind. | | | Lump sum of Rs.9,126 (for four other quarters also) |
| 8. Steps taken against the contractor | | | Registered notice has been issued. |
| 9. Name of the contractor | ... | ... | Shri Jasoda Ranjan Sikdar. He was present at the time of on-the-spot-assessment. |

The materials were issued before construction. The contractor kept the materials viz., some timber, cement and bricks. According to the local people the contractor had taken away all the materials to his house, whereas the contractor said that some of the materials had been washed away by floods and the rest were stolen.

The contractor has not yet been black-listed. It is reported that he has not completed other works also. The Committee felt that the site was ideally situated and some sort of hut would have been made.

UJANKHUPA-A. D's.-QUARTER

(under Hailakandi Development Block)

Contractor: Shri Jasoda Ranjan Sikdar.

Land donated by Shri Abdul Haque Bar Bhuyan measuring about one and a half Bigha.

Nearly 75 per cent of the quarter with go-down is completed. The contractor has not given any specific reason why he has not continued the work of construction. It is understood that the contractor is doing some other work elsewhere. The contractor is not yet black-listed. The Committee suggested that he should be black-listed. It is reported that at the time of submitting the tender the contractor gave his tender on the plinth area basis, but later on he demanded payment on the item-wise basis. Registered notices have been issued to the contractor, but he has not yet given any reply. The Committee suggested that fresh tender should be invited at the contractor's risk and he should be properly punished and black-listed.

Further information:—

1. Date of sanction ...	23rd February 1965.
2. Sanctioned amount ...	Rs.5,500.
3. Accepted amount ...	Rs.5,020.
4. Date of tender ...	5th February, 1965.
5. Date of work order...	24th February 1965.
6. Reason for non-completion ..	The contractor has not given any specific reason.
7. Total amount paid in cash and kind.	Rs.9,126 (for four quarters together).
8. Total balance remains to be paid.	Rs.914.

Fertiliser Go-down at Patharkandi

In the early part of 1966, two go-downs were required urgently to keep fertilisers in connection with District Package Programme. The Anchalik Panchayat found out the present site. The work order for the work was given on 30th March, 1966 and the work was allotted to Shri Anil Chakravarty (Mr. Chakravarty was also present at that time.)

The go-down remained half-done. A part of the wall was completed. It has neither roof nor floor. There is no door and no ventilator.

1. President, Anchalik Panchayat (Shri Jamini Mohan Das) said—

Early in 1966 when the District Package Programme was started thousand tonnes of fertilisers were brought. But the then B. D. O could not find go-downs to keep them. So immediately two go-downs one at Patharkandi and the other at a place about ten miles from Patharkandi, had to be constructed. Money was sanctioned, tenders invited and work was allotted. This particular site was finally selected. Then the contractor collected some materials. Some time was elapsed due to final selection of the site. The contractor started work, but some time he slowed down his work. He had some other works and he diverted his materials to those works. Roofing was almost completed, but there was cyclone and C. I. sheets were blown away. The contractor did not care to collect them. We collected some of them. Since then he stopped work on this on that plea.

2. The version of the contractor (Shri Anil Chakravarty)

The work could not be started immediately after the work order due to delay in final selection of the site. The work order was given on 30th May 1966 and it was to complete by 30th May 1966. Real work was started one year after the work order.

Moreover, there was some change in the specification of some items. Over and above, there was cyclone due to which some materials were damaged. Immediately after the cyclone, I fell sick and requested for extension of some time. On 30th April 1969 the Project Officer issued a registered notice in reply to which I requested for two month's time to complete the work. I sent the letter on 15th May, 1969. I am still awaiting for the reply.

3. Version of Departmental Witness:—

It is a fact that some time was elapsed in selecting the final site. (The Committee wanted to see the site register, but it could not be produced) The contractor stopped the work before cyclone. He had some other work. So he diverted his materials to those work. Towards end of May he started work, but the cyclone blown away some of the C. I. sheets. The responsibility of keeping the materials rests with the contractor, but he did not care to collect the C. I. sheets which were blown away by the cyclone, and only a notice was issued, he said that he

was ill. In the mean time there was some change in the specification such as collection of earth from a distance which was not stipulated in the contract agreement. A dispute arose regarding the rate of collection of earth. The Department also could not complete the work at the contractor's risk. No legal action has been instituted against him. No fresh tender has been called for. On 30th April 1969 a registered notice was issued to complete the work.

Other information emerges out of on-the-spot verification is:

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| 1. Date of sanction | 27th September 1965. |
| 2. Sanctioned amount.. ... | Rs.25,000 |
| 3. Date of tender | 3rd March, 1966 (some time was taken for selection of site) |
| 4. Tender value | Rs.22,525.70 (cost of structure Rs.18,355 excluded). |
| 5. Date of acceptance of tender | 22nd July 1966. |
| 6. Total of running payments... | Rs.6,977. |
| 7. Date of work order ... | Dated 30th March 1966. |
| 8. Total amount paid in cash and kind. | Rs.17,205.91 (materials supplied C.I. sheets—18 bundles Cement 327 bags.) |
| 9. Total balance remains to be paid | Rs.5,319.79 |
| 10. Reasons for non-completion | (1) Delay in selecting site.
(2) Change in specification of some items.
(3) Due to cyclone. |
| 11. Target for completion ... | Generally two months after work order. |
| 12. Steps taken against the contractor. | Registered notice was issued on 30th April, 1969 requesting him to complete the work failing which his work order will be cancelled and the contractor will be blacklisted. Further legal action will be taken against him, for the amount already paid to him in cash and kind. |
| 13. Authority for payment ... | Project Officer. |
| 14. Basis on which payment was made. | On the recommendation of the B.D.O. and Block Overseer, payment was made. |

Shri J. M. Das showed the Committee the cyclone damaged staff quarters which could not be repaired for want of materials.

THE COMMITTEE VISITED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 1969

Sibpur Agriculture Demonstrator's Quarter

(Under Lakhipur Development Block)

Contractor—Shri Madan Mohan Singh.

The area of land is about half a Bigha. Nearly 75 Per cent of work has been done. Work order was given on 11th March 1965 and materials issued. From the latter part of 1967, the contractor stopped work all on a sudden. The contractor showed no specific reason as to why he stopped the work. He has not expressed any grievance either against the Engineer or the Department. No civil action was instituted against him. There is no cement work except the foundation. Plinth area is about 598 sq. ft.

Further information collected from the Department is:—

1. Date of sanction ... 25th February, 1965
2. Sanctioned amount ... Rs.5,000
3. Date of tender ... 31st January, 1965
4. Tender value ... Rs.4,775.19
5. Date of acceptance of tender ... 11th March, 1965
6. Date of work order ... 11th March, 1965
7. Target date for completion ... About two months from the date of work order.
8. Total amount paid in cash and kind.

In cash	... Rs.1,600
In kind	... 10 bundles of C. I. sheets.
	52 bags of cement
	48 pieces out of 93 are on the roof.
9. Steps taken against the contractor ... On 30th April, 1969 a registered notice was issued to the contractor requesting him to complete the work.

The rest of the C. I. sheets are reported to be with the contractor.

Nayargram Agriculture Demonstrator's Quarter

The land measuring about half a Bigha for the purpose of the quarter of the Agriculture Demonstrator, was donated under a registered deed of gift. Nearly 50 per cent of the work has been done. No specific reason has been given by the contractor as to why the work was not completed.

The following information was gathered from the Department:—

1. Date of sanction 23rd February, 1965
2. Sanctioned amount Rs.5,000
3. Date of tender 31st January, 1965
4. Tendered value Rs.4,775.10
5. Date of acceptance of tender ... 11th March, 1965
6. Date of work order 11th March, 1965.
7. Target date of completion ... One and a half month from the date of work order.
8. Total amount paid, in cash and kind. Rs.3,748 (C. I. sheet... 10 bundles
Cement 52 bags)
9. Steps taken against the contractor ... Registered notices have been issued and subsequent reminders given from time to time.
10. How much money will be required to complete the work ? Rs.3,000 approximately.
11. Basis on which payment was made ... On the recommendation of the B. D. O. and the Block Overseer, the Project Officer made payment.

The Committee then went to the Office of the District Agriculture Officer to get clarification of certain points in connection with para 17(e) of the Audit Report, 1968. Getting no satisfactory reply the Committee requested the Director, Agriculture to furnish the details of undisbursed amount out of Rs. 3 lakhs and odd which was drawn on 31st March, 1966, by 5th January, 1970 to enable the Committee to make comment.

ANNEXURE—B

Reference Nos.

1. Total Estimated Outlay for Works during 1964-65 was as under—

(a) Under I.A.D.P. Scheme—

				Rs.	P.
7 Nos. Godown	...	...	...	1,05,000	00
3 Nos. Officers' Quarters	...	...	...	73,800	00
8 Nos. E.Os Quarters	...	..	..	93,872	00
80 Nos. G. S. Quarters..	...	..	...	4,00,000	00
1 No. S. T. Laboratory	...	..	...	82,948	00
			Total	7,55,620	00

(b) Under I.A.D.P. (Workshop)—

Machine Shop	...	...	...	53,365	00
Store-um-Godown	...	...	...	29,300	00
Approach Road	5,599	00
Earth Filling	7,120	00
Culvert	2,161	00
			Total	97,235	00

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(c) New Sanction for Construction of 15 Nos. Godown as a total estimated cost of	2,77,700	00
(d) Fencing for Workshop	...	..	...	6,868	00

Total ... 2,84,568 00

Total of (a)+(b)+(c)+(d) ... 11,37,423 00

Works actually taken up for construction are as follows—

All works were taken up except the following—

- (1) G. S. Quarters ... 4 Nos.
 (2) Godown ... 2 Nos. What is the unspent balance?

2. Rupees yet to be ascertained. The amount could not be paid to the contractors due to non-completion of the buildings.

3. Particulars of completed works—

Name of Works (1)	Estimated amount		Actual cost	
	(2)		(3)	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
1. Godown 18 Nos.	2,82,000	00	2,36,646	00
2. Officers' Quarter 3 Nos.	73,000	00	79,869	90
3. E. O. (Agri.) 7 Nos.	82,138	00	79,522	96
4. G. S. 70 Nos.	3,65,000	00	3,49,560	90
5. Soil Testing 1 No.	82,948	00	71,453	94
6. Machine Shop 1 No.	53,365	00	57,451	13
7. Store-cum-Godown 1 No.	29,000	00	22,291	29
8. Earth Work 1 No.	7,120	00	7,195	00
9. Culvert 1 No.	2,523	00	2,248	41
10. Approach Road 1 No.	5,599	00	5,489	69
Total	9,83,493	00	9,11,729	55

4. Tenders were invited specifying time for completion of the works. Registered notice has been issued by the Project Administrator requesting the contractors to complete the works immediately.

5. Four numbers of Officers' Quarter at Silchar and seven E.O. (Agri). Quarter have been allotted to officers for which rent at the rate Rs. 10 per cent of basic pay are realised by deduction from pay bills.

6. Yes. Adjusted against all completed works. Rule was not strictly followed. Advance payment was made against recommendation of Block Overseers and B.D.Os.

7. For all constructions Cement and G.C.I. Sheets were issued by the department. G.C.I. Sheets was controlled commodity at that time.

8.

Name of Project	Date of Completion	Date of Repairing	Amount	Annual
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
			Rs. P.	
Officers' Quarters No. 1, 2 and 3.	22nd November, 1965.	24th May, 1967	1,571.60	Repairing
		29th March, 1968.	1,418.67	"
		30th March, 1969.	1,553.00	"
E. O. (Agri) Quarter, Badarpur.	20th November, 1965.	3rd August, 1967.	441.39	"
A. Ds. Quarter Badarpur	10th October, 1965.	2nd August, 1967.	199.64	"
A. Ds. Quarter at Basla	15th November, 1965.	25th September, 1967.	952.39	"
S. T. Laboratory at Silchar.	26th March, 1966.	25th December, 1966.	3,414.40	"
		29th March, 1969.	893.95	"
		Total	<u>10,445.04</u>	

9. (1) Meherpur Fertilizer Godown—Completed but it was noticed that the floor cracked.

(2) Patherkandi Fertilizer Godown—Remained half done.

(3) E. O's Quarter, Narshingpur—Nearly 75 per cent numbers completed.

(4) G. S. Quarter at Ujankupa—Nearly 75 per cent completed.

(5) Bekirpar and Mahadevpur—Completed.

(6) Jibangram, Kajidhar and Janki Bazar—Not started.

(7) Sibpur and Nayargram—Nearly 75 per cent and 50 per cent of work has been done respectively.

10. Yes.

APPENDIX B

Particulars of Buildings (1)	Narshinpur E. O. Quarter (2)		Jibangram A. D. Quarter (3)		Kanjirdh A. D. Quarter (4)		Nayargram A. D. (5)		Sipur A. Ds. Quarter (6)	
		23rd 1965.	February 23rd 1965.	February 23rd 1965.	February 23rd 1965.	February 23rd 1965.	February 23rd 1965.	February 23rd 1965.	February 23rd 1965.	February 25th 1965.	February 31-1-1965
1. Date of sanction
2. Estimated/Sanctioned Amount	...	11,734-00	5,000-00	5,000-00	5,000-00	5,000-00	5,000-00	5,000-00	5,000-00	5,000-00
3. Date of tender	...	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.	22-2-1965 and 15-4-1965.
4. Tender value	...	11,734-00	4,864-00	4,864-00	4,864-00	4,864-00	4,864-00	4,864-00	4,864-00	4,864-00
5. Date of acceptance of Tender	...	5-6-1965	5-6-1965	5-6-1965	5-6-1965	5-6-1965	5-6-1965	5-6-1965	5-6-1965	5-6-1965
6. Date of work order
7. Target date for completion
8. Actual date of completion
9. Total amount paid in Cash and Kind	...	9,620-00	1,940-00	1,940-00	1,940-00	1,940-00	1,940-00	1,940-00	1,940-00	1,940-00
10. (a) Total balance remains to be paid if any	...	2,114-00	3,524-00	3,524-00	3,524-00	3,524-00	3,524-00	3,524-00	3,524-00	3,524-00
(b) Total Value of work done
11. Reasons for non-completion
12. Steps taken against the Contractor in case of breach of contract.
13. History of the site with date of delivery to the Contractor.
14. Name of sanctioning authority	...	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government	Government
15. Name of Technical authority who prepared the plan and Estimates and supervise the Work.	...	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) Block Overseer.
16. The Authority who made the payment and basis on which payment was made.	...	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work	Project Officer on the recommen- dation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer on the progress of work
17. Any other information.

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Particulars of Buildings	Janki Bazar A.D.s. Quarter (7)	Ujankupa A. Ds. quarter (8)	Patherkand fort Godown (9)	Meherpur Godown (10)
1. Date of sanction	23rd February, 1965	23rd February, 1965	27th September, 1965	27th September 1965
2. Estimated/Sanctioned amount	5,500-00	5,500-00	25,000-00	47,500-00
3. Date of tender	5th February, 1965	5th February, 1965	3rd March, 1966	25th October, 1965
4. Tender value	5,020-00	5,020-00	22,525-70	44,432-93
5. Date of acceptance of tender	24-2-1965	24-2-1965	22-7-1966	5-3-1966
6. Date of work order ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. Target date for completion	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Actual date of completion	Incomplete	Incomplete	Incomplete	Incomplete
9. Total amount paid, in Cash and Kind	9,126-00	9,126-00	17,205-91	41,153-21
10. (a) Total balance remains to be paid if any.	914-00	914-00	5,319-79	3,279-72
(b) Total Value of works done	.....	.....	.....	.....
11. Reasons for non-completion	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. Steps taken against the Contractor in case of breach of contract.	.....	.....	.....	.....
13. History of the site with date of delivery of the Contractor.	.....	.....	.....	.....
14. Name of sanctioning authority	Government	Government	Government	Government
15. Name of Technical authority who prepared the plans and Estimates and supervise the Work,	A. E. (P) but modified by B.D.O. and Block Overseer.	A. E. (P) But modified by B.D.O. and staff Block Overseer.	R. A. E. and his staff.	R. A. E. and his staff.
16. The Authority who made the payment and basis on which payment was made.	Project Officer On the recommendation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer.	Project Officer On the recommendation of B. D. O. and Block Overseer.	Project Officer On the recommendation of B. D. O. and R. A. E. (P)	Project Officer On the recommendation of R. A. E.
17. Any other information.—				