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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong,
at 9 A.M. on Friday the 11th December, 1970.

P R E S E N T

Shri Mohi Kanta Das, M. A., B. L., Speaker, in the Chair,
Fifteen Ministers, Seven Ministers of State, Three Deputy
Ministers and Sixty one Members,

STARRED

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(To which oral answers were given)

**Re : Deputation of Assam Government Official
to Meghalaya Government**

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : asked :

*87. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The principles followed by the Government of Assam in deputing the Officers of the Government of Assam to the Government of Meghalaya after the creation of Meghalaya on 2 d April, 1970 ?
- (b) Whether the Government of Assam is proposing to fill up the vacancies caused by such deputation and transfer ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Chief Minister) replied :

87. (a)—The principles of deputation are provided under Section 65 of the *Assam Reorganisation (Meghalaya) Act, 1969* which lays down that a member of an All India Service or of a Class I service of the State of Assam may be required to serve in the affairs of the Government of Meghalaya. In regard to members of other services, they may be required to serve in the Government of Megha-

laya and the legislature of Meghalaya or the Governor may determine the conditions of service provided this will not vary to the disadvantage of the employees except with the previous approval of the Government of Assam.

- (b)—The action is being taken in the light of the circulars of the Finance Department on the subject which have laid down that all categories of personnel of the offices transferred or transferable to the Meghalaya Government will go to Meghalaya and the moment such people are sent for service under Meghalaya Government the cadres in question shall get reduced automatically and proportionately.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : May I know from the Chief Minister whether the service conditions of the officers deputed to Meghalaya will be determined by the rules of the Government of Assam or by the rules of Meghalaya Government ?

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : Their service conditions will be governed by the rules of the State Government.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether the officers deputed to Meghalaya Government are getting deputation allowance ?

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : No deputation allo-

wance has been given. They have been simply transferred.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : How the quantum of officers to be deputed to Meghalaya has been fixed ? Whether on their requisition officers are sent or the quantum has been fixed by the Government of Assam.

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : These things are being done by mutual consultations.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether the service rules of the Government of Assam in respect of officers deputed to Meghalaya will continue, or the Meghalaya Government will be their own service rules ?

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : The Government of India is framing rules and they have sent us the rules for comments. We have already sent our comments. I believe the Meghalaya Government have also sent their comments. After receiving the comments Government of India will finalise the rules.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The quota of I. A. S. officers I think, is fixed on population basis and on work load. When some officers of the I. A. S. cadre have already been sent to Meghalaya Government, whether there will be reduction in the I. A. S. cadre in the Government of Assam to that extent ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : Yes, Sir.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether the same policy will be followed in respect of the A. C. S. Officers also ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : The service cadre will be reduced to that extent. It is in the Act and also in the rules prepared by us.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether it is a fact that some of the junior officers who have been deputed from here to the Meghalaya Government have been appointed to senior posts by the Meghalaya Government ?

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : I am not sure about it, but I can look into it. so far as my information goes the status of the officers which they had in our State cadre is being maintained by the Government of Meghalaya.

Shri M. A. Musawwir Choudhury : May I know whether the Government will modify the rules regarding the filling up of vacancies caused by deputation of I. A. S. and A. C.S. officers ?

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : There is no question of modification of the rules. Appointments will be done according to the existing rules.

(Starred Question No. 88 was not put and answered as the hon. Questioner was not present)

Re : Demands of the A. C. S. I Officers

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

•89. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the acute discontentment prevailing among the A. C. S. I Officers due to non-fulfilment of their demands placed before the Government on several occasions through their Association ?

(b) If so, the reasons for the delay in redressing their genuine grievances ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Chief Minister) replied :

89. (a)—Government is aware of the demands of the A.C.S.I Officers.

(b)—Some of these demands have already been fulfilled, while there are others which are still under the consideration of Government.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, what are the demands already fulfilled by the Government ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : The demands were (1) Selection grade of pay in the senior scale. The Selection grade in the Junior scale of A.C.S. (1) in the scale of Rs. 1000-1200, is admissible after 20 years of service. A proposal for proving a selection grade in the senior scale is under consideration

of the Government.

(2) Posts of Heads of Department to be made available for A.C.S. (I) officers : The general principle of making a larger number of posts available for A.C.S. (I) officers has been accepted. The following four posts previously held by I.A.S. officers have been made available to A.C.S. (I) officers

1. Commissioner of Relief & Rehabilitation
2. Director of Land Acquisition Requisition & Reform.
3. Director of Tourism.
4. Inspector General of Prisons.

Of these the first 3 posts have already been filled up by A. C. S. officers. Appointment Department has taken up the matter with Finance Department about the special pays to be given to the Heads of Department which should be admissible equally to I.A.S and A.C.S, officers. As per rule, an I.A.S. officer is entitled to get a special pay of Rs. 250/- as a head of the Department. Question of decadrement of some of the I.A.S. Cadre Posts will be taken up when the matter relating to triennial review is finalised.

The post of Managing Director, Assam, Agro Industries Development Corporation, has also been made available to A.C.S. (I) officers.

The post of Managing Director of Housing, has also been made available to the A.C.S. (I) officer. Both these posts were held previously by I.A.S. officers. The posts of Director of State Lottery and Director of National savings and Director of Municipal Administration are held by A.C.S. (I) officers.

(3) Posts of Deputy Commissioner : Association demands that the posts of Deputy Commissioner, North Cachar Hills, be filled up by an A.C.S. officer. Since all the posts of Deputy Commissioners are held by I.A.S. officers, the Deputy Commissioner of North Cachar District has been filled up by an I.A.S. officer. However, Government is collecting information from other states whether such posts have been decaded in other states.

(4) S.D. Os of Independent subdivisions
As regards the posts of S.D. Os in independent Subdivisions, at present a fair number of A.C.S. officers have been posted as Subdivisional officers. Out of 10 subdivisions, viz. (1) North Lakhimpur, (2) Sibsagar, (3) Golaghat, (4) Mangaldoi, (5) Goalpara, (6) Barpeta, (7) Kokrajhar, 8) Nalbari, (9) Karimganj, (10) Hailakandi, (excluding Mizo district), A.C.S. officers are now holding charge of 7 subdivisions, viz. (1) North Lakhimpur, (2) Sibsagar, (3) Mangaldoi, (4)

Goalpara (5) Karimganj (6) Kokrajhar, (7) Nalbari.

(5) Promotion to Senior scale of A.C.S. : As regards the demand of giving automatic promotion to Senior Scale after completion of 7 years of service, steps have been taken to give relief by increasing the number of posts in the Senior scale. Now in the cadre of 200, 67 officers are in the Senior scale, of which 24 are permanent posts. At present after 12 to 14 years of service, an officer is promoted to Senior scale. Steps are being taken to consider increase in the number of permanent posts in the senior scale.

(6) Exemption from passing Departmental Examination : On promotion to A. C.S. (I) from A.C.S. (II) exemption from passing Departmental Examination is granted to officers who have reached 50 years of age.

On receipt of the representations on 28.1.70 from the Association of A.C.S. (I), the Chief Secretary discussed the matter with the representatives of the A.C.S. (I) Association on 25.7.70. He recorded the minutes of the discussion and ordered for examination. The demands are mentioned above.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The Chief Minister stated that they were collecting information from other States and after examining the position obtaining in

those States, Government will take a decision. But may I draw the attention of the Chief Minister to the fact that the circumstances and local environment are quite different here than in other States and by putting Deputy Commissioners from the I.A.S. cadre, who are not well-conversant with local conditions, Government are doing more harm than good to the people. Do not Government, therefore, consider the desirability of appointing at least a few Deputy Commissioners from the A.C.S. cadre, at least on an experimental basis ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : The demand is only for the post of Deputy Commissioner of the North Cachar Hills District, which has been created newly. That matter is under consideration. While considering the matter we are also to consider the sentiments of the people of that district. They may feel that by putting an A.C.S. Deputy Commissioner there while the other districts are manned by I. A. S. officers, we are treating that district as inferior to other districts.

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharya : Without specifically stating which district may be administered by an A.C.S. Deputy Commissioner, is it not possible to keep a few posts of Deputy Commissioners cum District Magistrates reserved for officers of A.C.S. Class I, who prove extraordinarily efficient in the discharge of their duties.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : I was speaking about the demands of the A.C.S. Class I officers' Association. Their demand was very specific; they wanted that the post of the Dupty Commissioner of the North Cachar Hills District should be reserved for their cadre. But whatever suggestions have been made by the hon. Members may also be considered.

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya : It is correct that the people of that particular district may feel that probably the Government consider us to be a little inferior, that whereas the other districts have got I.A.S. Deputy Commissioners, we are being administered only by an A.C.S. officer. That feeling may be there and it may be a genuine feeling also. But apart from this, is it not possible, as a whole, to keep a few posts of Deputy Commissioners reserved for extraordinarily efficient A.C.S. Class I officers ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : Generally, the extraordinarily qualified A. C. S. officers are promoted to I.A.S. However, when the matter is under consideration, the suggestion given by the hon. Member may also be taken into consideration.

Shri Dev Kant Barooah : Is it the experience of the Government that in terms of educational attainment and administrative competence the members

of the provincial civil service are inferior to the I.A.S. officers ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : I cannot give a reply off-hand, but I have scrutinised the academic and other qualifications of some of the I.A.S. officers and from that I can say that some of our A.C.S. officers are superior to them.

Shri Dev Kant Barooah : In that case do the Government consider the desirability of entrusting these provincial civil service people with a larger measure of responsibility, especially in view of the fact that they have experience of local conditions ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chandhury : Yes, Sir, that is a very pertinent question.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : Would the Government concede that due to a stupid action of the Deputy Commissioner of the Sibsagar District, trouble with our Naga brethren arose in Namsoi ? The misplacement of a junior officer with lack of experience led to this situation.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : That question does not arise here. If a separate question is put about the alleged stupid action of a particular Deputy Commissioner I can give a reply.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : The question is about placing I.A.S. officers in charge of districts. My friend

immediately before me asked whether the provincial class 1 civil service people were in terms of education and efficiency in any way inferior to the I. A. S. officers. The Government gave a liquid answer and, therefore, I just butted in and asked was it not due to the rank stupid action of the Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar District that the Namsoi township had come up ?

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury : As I have said already that question has no bearing with the question before us, which is a general question regarding service conditions and demands of the Assam Civil Service Class I officers. The hon. member has brought in a particular action of a particular Deputy Commissioner. That does not arise as a supplementary to this question. If a separate question is put about the action of a particular D. C. I shall be too glad to reply.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : One of the demands of the A. C. S. officers is that the percentage fixed by the Govt. of India for promotion to the I. A. S. cadre should be raised. By considering the local conditions, do not the Government consider it proper to ask the Government of India to reduce the general quota of I. A. S. officers to be deputed to this State and to increase the percentage of promotion from the A. C. S. Class I officers ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : When a demand like this comes it will be considered.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The demand is already there. The complaint is that due to manipulation by a section of people the I. A. S. cadre of this State to be direct recruits has been inflated to a great extent. In view of this do the Government not consider it proper to take up the matter with the Government of India in order to reduce the number of newly-recruited I. A. S. officers and increase the percentage of promotion from the A. C. S Class cadre ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : That may be looked into.

Shri Sailen Medhi : One of the demands of the A. C. S. officers is that some A. C. S. cadre officer should be placed at the helm of Gauhati Development Authority. The Gauhati Development Authority has not been functioning properly because of the fact that all along retired I. A. S. officers have been placed there, who have got no interest in developing the town of Gauhati. In view of this does not Government consider it proper to place an A. C. S. officer at the helm of the Gauhati Development Authority.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : This post is open for all as far as my information goes. Shri Kamaleswar Barua, retired Chief Engineer was holding that post

for some time. The suggestion given by the hon. member may be examined.

M. Shamsul Huda : Sir, whether the Chief Minister of the Government of Assam is aware that some Chief Minister, Mr. Brahmamanda Reddy in the meantime has pleaded for increase of promotion of provincial Civil Service quota to the IAS cadre by 50% ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Chief Minister) : I have seen a Paper report like that.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : আমাৰ ইয়াত লোকসংখ্যা হিচাবে I. A. S. অফিচাৰৰ সংখ্যা ইমান বেছি যে আমাৰ শাসনৰ কামিহাৰ ভাঙিছে। এতিয়া আমাৰ প্ৰদেশখন সংক্ষোচিত হোৱা হেতুকে এই I. A. S. cadre ৰৰ যিবিলাক অপদাৰ্থ আছে সেই কেইজনক centre ক সোধাই দিব নোৱাৰি নে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এইবিলাক cadre ১৯৫৮ চনত fix কৰিছে, বৰ্তমান যিটো Strength মাননীয় সদস্য ১৯৫৮ চনত মন্ত্ৰীসভাৰ এগৰাকী সদস্য আছিল, তেখেতৰ দিনতে এইটো হৈছে।

Sri Debeswar Sarmah : অলপ ভুল হৈছে। মোৰ দিনত ৪১ নে ৫১ আছিল।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : মই মোৰ স্মৃতি শক্তিৰ পৰা কৈছো। মোৰ মনত থকামতে বৰ্তমানৰ cadre ত ১১৭ জন I. A. S. including মেঘালয় ১৯৫৮ চনত হৈছে।

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : ৬১

Shri Mohandra Mohan Chaudhury : বাক যি কি নহওক
এতিয়া কমান পাৰিগে নোৱাৰি, সেই বিষয়ে বিবেচনা কৰা
উচিত হব ।

Shri Pushpadbar Chalita : Will the Chief Minister stop
further recruitment of I.A.S. officers ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : বৰ্তমানৰ Strength
কমোৱা সম্ভৱপৰ হলে এইটো কৰা যাব ।

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah : Is it a fact that a number
of senior I. A. S. officers have been sent back to
Assam because they were not considered good
enough for senior responsibility in the Govern-
ment of India with the result that they have closed
the case of a number of brighter members of the
A. C. S. ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এইটো হয় যে আমাৰ
অসম cadre ত থকা কিছুমান অফিচাৰ কেন্দ্ৰৰ অফিচলৈ গৈছিল ।
তাৰ পিচত এজন এতিয়া তাৰপৰা ঘূৰি আহিছে । ঘূৰি অহাৰ কাৰণ
হল' যে High responsibility লব পৰা যোগ্যতা নাই । এইটো
কথা সম্পৰ্কে মই অনুসন্ধান কৰি কম ।

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah : মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রীয়ে ক'ব খুজিছে
যে তেওলোক Superior post ৰ কাৰণে উপস্থিত নোহোৱাৰ কাৰণে
ঘূৰাই পঠোৱা কথাটো সচা নহয় ।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : মই অনুমান কৰো ।

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah : Additional Secretary বা Joint

Secretary Cabinet এ Select কৰিব লাগে। যি কেইজন মানুহ উভতি আহিছে তেওলোক যোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন বুলি ঘূৰি অহা নাই। অযোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন বুলিহে ঘূৰি আহিছে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : তেওঁলোকক ধাৰলৈ লৈ যোৱাৰ পিচত এতিয়া ধাৰ সোধাই দিছে।

Re : Formation of Regional Education Boards

শ্রীমহিধৰ পেগুৱে সুধিছে :

#৯০। মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

- (ক) অসমৰ আঞ্চলিক শিক্ষা বোর্ডসমূহ গঠন কৰোতে সাধাৰণতে কি কি বিষয়ৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰা হৈছিল ?
- (খ) উক্ত বোর্ডসমূহ গঠন (সদস্য বাছনি) কৰোতে সংশ্লিষ্ট বিধান সভাৰ সদস্যসকলৰ মতামতৰ আৱশ্যকতা বোধ কৰা হৈছিল নে ?
- (গ) মাজুলী আঞ্চলিক শিক্ষা বোর্ডৰ সদস্য বাছনি কৰাৰ আগতে সেই বোর্ডৰ একমাত্র সংশ্লিষ্ট বিধানসভাৰ সদস্যজনে কোনো মতামত শিক্ষামন্ত্ৰীৰ ওচৰত আগবঢ়াইছিল নে ?
- (ঘ) যদি আগবঢ়াইছিল তেন্তে তেওঁৰ মতামত আংশিক আৰু নীতিগতভাৱে ৰক্ষা কৰা হ'ল নে ?
- (ঙ) যদিহে নোৱাৰিলে তেন্তে কি অৱস্থাৰ পৰিপ্ৰেক্ষিতত নোৱাৰিলে ?

মুখ্যমন্ত্রী শ্রীমহেন্দ্ৰ মোহন চৌধুৰীয়ে উত্তৰ দিছে :

- ৯০। (ক)—অসমৰ আঞ্চলিক প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা বোর্ডসমূহ গঠন কৰোতে the Assam Elementary Education Act, 1968. ১৮ (২) ধাৰাকে ভিত্তি কৰা হৈছে।

(খ)—বোধ কৰা নাই।

(গ)—হয়।

(ঘ)—আংশিকভাবে বক্ষা কৰা হৈছে।

(ঙ)—প্রশ্ন হুঠে।

Shri Mohidhar Pegu : মাজুলি আঞ্চলিক শিক্ষা বৰ্ডখন বিধান সভাৰ এটা সমষ্টিৰ অঞ্চল আৰু সুকীয়া এখন ব'ৰ্ড। তেনেস্থলত তাৰ এক মাত্ৰ সদস্যজনে এবাৰ নহয় দুবাৰ নহয় তিনিবাৰকৈ আনকি কংগ্ৰেছ দলৰ কোনো প্ৰতিকূল অৱস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি নকৰাকৈয়ে সৃষ্টিস্থিত ভাবে বিশিষ্ট লোক সকলক সদস্য গ্ৰহণৰ কাৰণে নিবেদন কৰা স্বত্বেও তদানীন্তন শিক্ষামন্ত্ৰীয়ে দলিয়াই পেলাই, গণতন্ত্ৰক খৰ্ব কৰা কথাটো চৰকাৰে অনুভৱ নকৰেনে?

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : এই বিষয়ত চৰকাৰী ক্ষমতা আইনমতে দিয়া হৈছে। সেই ক্ষমতা অনুসৰি চৰকাৰে সিদ্ধান্ত লওতে আমাৰ সদস্যসকলৰ মতামত গ্ৰহণ নকৰা নহয়।

Shri Gaurishankar Bhattacharyya : মন্ত্ৰীয়ে উত্তৰত কৈছে চৰকাৰে মতামত গ্ৰহণ নকৰা নহয়; কিন্তু কৰা হয় বুলি কোৱা নাই। এই কথা সচ'ানে মিছা যে—

“খেনোক দেখি বান্ধে বাঢ়ে,
খেনোক দেখি ছুৰাৰ মাৰে।”

কিছুমানৰ মতামত গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে আৰু কিছুমানক সম্পূৰ্ণৰূপে আঙ-কান কৰা হৈছে।

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : মোৰ গোটেই কথাটো জনা নাই। মই মাত্ৰ মাজুলিৰ সম্পৰ্কৰ কথাটো জানো। মাজুলিত আমাৰ ব'ৰ্ড গঠন কৰোতে আমাৰ পেণ্ড চাহাবে কিছুমান পৰামৰ্শ দিছিল। সেই পৰামৰ্শ আংশিকভাৱে গ্ৰহণ কৰা হৈছে।

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika : মাজুলিৰ সদস্য কেইজনৰ নাম খিনি জানিব পাৰেনে ? আৰু তেওঁলোক কংগ্ৰেছী সদস্য হয় নে নহয় ?

M. Moinul Haque Choudhury : মই এটা সংশোধনী দিব বিচাৰো : কংগ্ৰেছৰ সকলো সদস্য হোৱা নাই, এটা group হে সদস্য হৈছে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : মাজুলিৰ সদস্য কেইজন হ'ল
Chairman- Shri Krishna Chandra Dev Goswami,
Garamur Satra.

Ex-officio Secretary: Deputy Inspector of Schools
Majuli.

Ex-officio Jt. Secy :-Senior-most Sub-Inspector
of Schools, Majuli.

Members of Assam Legislative Assembly representing the areas within the jurisdiction of the Regional Board or their nominees under Section 18(2) (d) of the Act.

Dr. Bhupen Hazarika : কংগ্ৰেছী হয় নে নহয় ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই কেইজনৰ ভিতৰত মোৰ লগত পৰিচয় থকা দুজন আছে। Chairman শ্ৰীকৃষ্ণচন্দ্ৰ দেৱ গোস্বামী আৰু শ্ৰীইন্দ্ৰেশ্বৰ পেগু জেওৰাই মুখ।

Shri Debeswar Sarma : শ্ৰীকৃষ্ণচন্দ্ৰ দেৱ গোস্বামী ইদানিৰ কংগ্ৰেছী সদস্য নহয়।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : আগৰ।

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi : আঞ্চলিক শিক্ষা ব'ৰ্ড গঠন কৰোতে আঞ্চলিক শিক্ষা বিভাগৰ আইন মতে কৰা হয়। এই কথা সচাঁনে যে বড়িয়া আঞ্চলিক শিক্ষাবৰ্ডৰ সভাপতি নিৰ্বাচন কৰাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এতিয়ালৈকে তিনিবাৰ পৰিবৰ্তন হৈছে। ১৯৭০ চনৰ ৪ জুলাইত

শ্ৰীযুত প্ৰাণেশ্বৰ দত্ত B.A.B.T. বড়িয়া হাইস্কুলৰ অৱসৰ প্ৰাপ্ত হেড্ মাষ্টৰ আৰু নেচনেল পুৰস্কাৰ পোৱা, তেখেতক শিক্ষা বিভাগৰ চেয়াৰমেন কৰি গেজেট নটফিকেচন দিয়া হ'ল। আকৌ আগষ্ট মাহৰ ৬ তাৰিখৰ দিনা আগৰ নটফিকেচন নাকচ কৰি শ্ৰীচুৰ্গাদত্ত আগৰ ৰালা Class VII লৈ পঢ়া, ঠিকাদাৰ, তেখেতক চেয়াৰমেন পতা হ'ল। আকৌ এতিয়া স্থানীয় বিধান সভাৰ সদস্য সকলে আপত্তি কৰাৰ কাৰণে ৬ আগষ্টৰ নটফিকেচন বদলি কৰি আৰু এজনক চেয়াৰ মেন পতা হ'ল। এইটো এতিয়াও গেজেট নটফিকেচন হোৱা নাই। গতিকে অসমৰ আঞ্চলিক বড' গঠন কৰোতে সাধাৰণতে কি কি বিষয়ৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি গঠন কৰা হয়, কি নীতিৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি বড়িয়াৰ এই শিক্ষা বড'ৰ সভাপতি জনক ছুৰাৰ বদলি কৰা হৈছে, মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে?

Shri Mahandra Mohan Choudhury : মই পৰীক্ষা কৰি চালেহে কব পাৰিম, শিক্ষা দপ্তৰৰ দায়িত্ব গ্ৰহণ কৰাৰ পিচত বড়িয়া সম্পৰ্কে কোনো File মোৰ হাতলৈ অহা নাই।

Shri Gauri sankar Bhattacharyya : মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীৰ ওচৰলৈ 'ফাইল' অহা নাই সচ'। কিন্তু কেইজনমান মানুহ বড়িয়াৰ পৰা তেখেতক এই বিষয়ে লগ কৰিবলৈ আহিছিল। তেখেতসকলক মই এই বিধান সভাৰ প্ৰাঙ্গনতেই দেখিছিলোঁ। তেখেত সকলে মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীক লগ ধৰিবলৈ আহিছিল; আনকি মোকো লগ ধৰিছিল। যে "আহক মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীক লগ ধৰো" যাতে শ্ৰীচুৰ্গাদত্ত আগৰালাক সেই পদতপুণবাহল বক্ষা হয়। বড়িয়া কলেজৰ অধ্যক্ষৰ হেনো শিক্ষা বোৰ্ডৰ সভাপতি হোৱাৰ যোগ্যতা নাই; কিন্তু সপ্তম মানলৈকে পঢ়া শ্ৰীচুৰ্গাদত্ত আগৰালাবহে আছে। শ্ৰীশ্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াৰ দৰে এই আগৰালা ডাঙৰীয়াও বিশেষ ধৰণৰ কংগ্ৰেছী যি ইফালেও নাই সিফালেও নাই। দৰ্কাৰ হলে যি কোনো ফালে যাব পাৰে। সেই দলটোৱে মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীক দেখা কৰিছিল নে নাই?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই সম্পৰ্কে কোনো দলেই

মোক লগ কৰা নাই। শ্ৰীভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই কোৱা এটা দলহেনো এদিন মোক দেখা কৰিবলৈ আহিছিল। কিন্তু মোক দেখা কৰিব নোৱাৰিলে।

M. Moinul Haque Choudhury : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have got a supplementary. May I know from the hon. Chief Minister whether this kind of changes i.e. to say, in the first week of last month on the eve of his taking oath and there being a caretaker Ministry changes were made, is confined not only to Rangiya alone but the same happened in many other places ? It is not correct that the care taker Minister on 4th communicated to the Regional Board of Silchar its decision knowing full well that on 6th he might not be the Education Minister ? Is it not correct that in Haila kandi two or three changes regarding the nomination of the Chairman took place between the dates from 4th to 8th when this gentleman knew that he was a caretaker Minister ? So far as Silchar is concerned is it also correct that Mr. Chaliha held up the file for a discussion with the local M.L.As of the District and since he knew that Mr. Chaliha was no longer going to be the Chief Minister Mr. Hagjer communicated telegraphically the order which was held up by Mr. Chaliha so long; despite the promise given by Mr. Chaliha that he would consult with them particularly about the welfare of a person who was alleged to be not a national of India ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : About the allegations

made by the hon. Member I think the papers are in your possession. Only from that notice I have come to know that some persons who are not Indian nationals are nominated in the Silchar Board. That matter is pending and being looked into.

Mr. Speaker : This question refers to the Majuli Anchalik Panchayat. If specific instances are given to the Minister then he will submit the report afterwards.

Shri Bhubanewar Barman : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয় মুখ্যমন্ত্রীদেবে কলে যে আঞ্চলিক বোর্ড গঠন কৰোতে স্থানীয় বিধান সভাৰ সদস্যৰ লগত আলোচনা কৰা হয়। কিন্তু আমি জনাত কোনো সদস্যৰ লগতেই আলোচনা কৰা নাই। আৰু চৰকাৰে নিজ ইচ্ছামতেই কৰি সদনত উত্থাপন কৰিছে। কিন্তু এই বোর্ড বিলাক গঠন কৰিবলৈ আজিলৈকে কোনো এটা অৰ্ডাৰেই দিয়া নাই। গতিকে এইবিলাক কি কৰিছে? বোর্ডখন গঠন কৰাৰ কাৰণে মনস্থ কৰিছে নে নাই?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : বোধ কৰো বোর্ডবিলাক গঠন কৰিবলৈ Notification দিয়া হৈছে। কোনো এটা বোর্ডৰ কিবা এটা নিয়ম কানুন যদি গোলমলীয়া হৈছে তেন্তে তাক পুনৰ বিবেচনা কৰি চোৱা হ'ব।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই প্রাথমিক শিক্ষা বোর্ডখন শিক্ষাৰ এটা অনুষ্ঠান; ই প্রাথমিক স্কুলৰ কাৰ্য্যবিধি পৰিচালনা কৰে। গতিকে এইকথা বিবেচনা কৰি বাজনীতিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰ হিচাবে নলৈ এই শিক্ষাবোর্ডৰ গঠনমূলক কাৰ্য্য সম্পূৰ্ণ শিক্ষাবিদ সকলৰ ওপৰত দিবনে? আৰু মই এই সংক্ৰান্তত কব বিচাৰিছোঁ যে ৪ নবেম্বৰ দিনা যি খন Circular গল, সেইখনৰ সভাপতি কোন আৰু সদস্যসকল কোন?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : ছাৰ, মই এইটো কৈছোঁৱেই যে যদিহে সাধাৰণভাৱে প্ৰশ্ন উত্থাপন কৰা হয়, তেতিয়া উত্তৰ দিয়াটো টান। ইয়াত প্ৰশ্নটো আছিল মাজুলীৰ শিক্ষা বোৰ্ড গঠনৰ পৰিপ্ৰেক্ষিতত গতিকে গোটেই অসমৰ খবৰবিলাক কি হৈছে কি নহৈছে এতিয়ালৈকে জনা নাই। গতিকে যদি বেলেগ বেলেগ প্ৰশ্ন উত্থাপন কৰে ; তেন্তে বেলেগ বেলেগ উত্তৰ দিব পৰা যাব।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : ছাৰ, মোৰ প্ৰথম প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰটো দিয়া নাই। মোৰ প্ৰথম প্ৰশ্নটো আছিল যে শিক্ষাবোৰ্ডৰ গঠনমূলক কাৰ্য্য প্ৰকৃত শিক্ষাবিদ সকলৰ ওপৰত এৰি দিবনে ৰাজনীতিৰ তালিৰাজি কৰি ৰাখিব ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : সদস্য সকলক যি ঠাইত সভা কৰা হ'য়, তাত ৰাজনীতিৰ প্ৰভাৱ নপৰে। আইনৰ দ্বাৰাহে কৰা হয়।

Shri Phani Bora : Sir, I cannot jump up unnecessarily. When I feel that there is a point then only I stand. Therefore, I request you when some people go on shouting it should not be allowed. May I know from the hon. Chief Minister as he just now said that there is a notification and if this is so then why these boards are not functioning ? I want to know whether there is any rule. I think there is no rule therefore these Boards which were constituted 2 years back are not functioning now.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : শ্ৰীৰবা ভাঙৰীয়াৰ কথাটো মিচা নহয়। আমাৰ ৰাজ্যিক মন্ত্ৰীয়ে এইমাত্ৰ মোক কৈছে যে কোনো নিয়ম কানুন এতিয়ালৈকে গঠন কৰা হোৱা নাই।

Shri Giasud ding Ahmed : Sir, the Government has dis-

cretionary power of nominating the Chairman and some other members of the Board. It is a discretionary power of the Govt. And, it is also an established principle that this discretionary power should always be exercised judiciously and not whimsically and capriciously. But it is a matter of great regret that in nominating the Chairman and other members of the Board this has been done whimsically and capriciously just to suit the political interest of the party. Will the Government fix up certain principles on the basis of which this nomination would be made ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, such principles are already there. Principles are to give due representation to all community interest and taking that perspective in view the nominations are done.

Shri Dev Kant Barooah : Will the hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to enquire regarding the time of the day when the former Education Minister passed the orders as I understand his mood changes according the to time of the day.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, I can find out the day ; but I cannot find the time. Because I shall have to find out the day from the file and in the file no time is recorded while passing an order.

M. Moinul Haque Choudhury : Sir, it is not derogatory

on the part of a Minister in the care taker Govern-
ment to change an order before about 24 hours of
his going to lose that particular portfolio ? In this
the way, changes have been made not only in the
case of Hailakandi, in the case of Silchar and other
places. Is it not connect same thing had been done.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, I cannot accept
the statement of the hon. members. But I feel once
an order is passed unless there is some strong ground,
it cannot be modified later.

(Many hon. Members rose to speak)

Shri Joy Bhadra Hajar (Minister, Education) : As for
Silchar I made no changes. There was a difficulty
as regards Chairmanship in Hailakandi. On the
recommendation of certain people, the Anchalik
Panchayats Presidents I selected Shri Himgangshu
Chakravorty. I made no change thereafter. As for
Silchar the selection was made once for all. But
when these were communicated, I do not know.

(Several hon. Members rose to ask supplementaries)

Mr. Speaker : If you consider it very much important
then you can have an half an hour discussion
on this.

Re : Separate District for North Lakhimpur

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

* 91. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any proposal for creation of a separate District for North Lakhimpur area comprising of Dhemaji and North Lakhimpur Subdivisions ?
- (b) If so, when the decision is going to be implemented ?
- (c) If the reply is in negative whether Government consider it necessary to make immediate arrangement for creation of the above mentioned District by considering its administrative and other inconveniences ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Chief Minister)
replied.

91. (a)—A memorandum from the President, Dhakuakhana Anchalik Panchayat and Member, North Lakhimpur and others regarding creation of a separate District at North Lakhimpur has been received by the Government.

(b)—The matter is difficult to concede at this stage.

(c)—Does not arise in view of (b) above,

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: What are the difficulties standing on the way for creation of a separate district for North Lakhimpur ?

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury : Mainly financial

difficulty and the administrative reasons for which North Lakhimpur subdivision has not been considered fit to be a district.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua - Sir, I feel for the administrative convenience there should be a separate district for that particular area. Otherwise, great injustice will be done to the people of that area. If the Govt. think that area is within the map of Assam then they must create a district.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury ; Sir, there are also some more demands from other divisions. For example, from Barpeta. The Bar Association of Barpeta has taken a resolution unanimously and forwarded to me that Barpeta should be declared a district. There is also another demand from Nalbari subdivision to declare them a district. Therefore, we must take a decision on principle taking into consideration, the population, area and other things plus the financial implication.

Shri Dev kant Boroah ; Are the districts formed only on the population or on size ? The size of many districts in this country are either very small or very big. It is the administrative convenience, accessibility and other things that should also to be taken into consideration. Place like Dhemaji in North Lakhimpur being out of the way, will the Minister consider the desirability of taking into account the accessi-

bility as well as geographical isolation of that area for creation of a separate district there ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, North Lakhimpur was once geographically isolated from Assam. Now, it is well-connected by rail, road and Air. As such, the area is not isolated. But what Mr. Barua has said that for administrative reason, the area and the population that may not be taken into consideration. These two criteria should not be the guiding factor in the matter.... we have accepted a principle as regards population it should be not less than 60,000 while declaring North Cachar Hills a district. The case of North Lakhimpur will be considered at a later stage.

Shri Premadhar Bora : Sir, whether the newly elected Chief Minister is aware of the fact that six M.L. As sent a representation to the then Chief Minister, Shri Chaliha, who was kind enough to assure the deputationists that an enquiry would be made ? Is it also not a fact that the Plains Commissioner, Mr. Sarao, conducted an enquiry and submitted his report to the Government recommending formation of a separate district with headquarters at North Lakhimpur ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : His report has been placed on the table of the House and in that report something like that has been stated.

Shri Mohidhar Pegu : যিহেতু ওপৰ অসমত ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰৰ ওপৰত দলং হোৱাৰ অদূৰ ভবিষ্যতে সম্ভাৱনা নাই, তেনেকুলত ওপৰ অসমৰ জিলা কেইখন পুনৰ গঠন কৰোঁতে ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰৰ পাৰ হিচাবে (Bankwise) নতুনকৈ Arrange কৰাৰ প্ৰয়োজন সমীচীন বুলি চৰকাৰে নাভাৱেনে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : যি কোনো কাৰণতেই নহওক সুবিধাৰ কাৰণে Reorganisation ৰ চিন্তা কৰাটো বেয়া নহয়।

Shri Debeswar Parma : Sir, the other aspect of the question has been answered. But there is yet another aspect of the matter which I propose to ask. In view of the fact that the head-quarters of North Lakhimpur is at Dibrugarh with the mighty Brahmaputra in between. During the rains few officers go there and the North Lakhimpur Forest Department is administered from Tezpur. Furthermore, North Lakhimpur is a frontier area in the sense that its boundaries are contiguous to the sensitive area and this area is being neglected till now. Until and unless a separate district is created with headquarters at North Lakhimpur and a competent administrator is placed there, North Lakhimpur and for the matter of that Assam will be facing trouble, and I think the Chief Minister knows it. Considering all these aspects will Government create a separate district with headquarters at North Lakhimpur as soon as possible for political reasons at least ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : It is difficult for me

to give an assurance at this stage. However, as I have already said, the matter may come up at a later stage and not immediately.

(Starred Question No. 92 was not put and answered to as the hon. Questioners was not present)

Re : Erosion in and around Neamatighat

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

* 93. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the heavy erosion in and around Neamatighat causing great and immediate threat to the safety of Jorhat town and its suburbs ?

(b) Whether Government has decided to take up the protection work like construction of spurs, etc., immediately ?

(c) If so, when the work will be started ?

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

93. (a)—Yes, but there is no immediate threat to Jorhat town.

(b)—Majority of the investigations have been made and scheme will be formulated as soon as the investigations are completed.

(c)—The work will be taken up after the scheme is approved by the Brahmaputra Flood Control Board subject to the availability of funds.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua ; Sir, the Minister has been pleased to state that there is no immediate danger to Jarhat town. The erosion is still continuing in that area, and if so, how the Minister can say that there is no immediate danger to Jorhat town ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : I said that there is no immediate danger because Jorhat town is about 7 miles away from the eroded place, that is, Niamati Ghat. There was erosion in the down stream last year and we have raised 8 spurs there and that protected the area. Now investigation is going on and we are collecting data. Majority of the investigation has been completed and more are under way, and I hope within a month we will get full data and the scheme will be prepared and we hope to take up the work if fund is available. We have already asked for funds.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Sir, if I have heard him aright, the Minister has referred to a Board, viz : Brahmaputra Flood Control Board. Is there any such Board ? We have heard about Brahmaputra Commission.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Yes there is a Board called Brahmaputra Flood Control Board. It is

a policy making body and the Brahmaputra Commission is an executive body. Brahmaputra Board is presided over by the Union Minister, Dr. K. L. Rao, and the Chairman of the Brahmaputra Flood Control commission is Shri P.N. Kumra.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Should we understand that the matter is still in the policy level and not yet come to the execution level, that is to say, to the agency which executes the work ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Yes. I think the hon. Member Shri Barua knows that the Chairman of the Brahmaputra Commission visited the area twice and also an officer from the Poona Research Station came and visited the area. They have taken preliminary data and further investigation is going on. As soon as these things would be completed, I think the work may be taken up provided the fund is there.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : May I request the Chief Minister, who is the Minister-in-charge of the Department that unless the work is taken up immediately, we will face crisis in that area. May I therefore request the Chief Minister to take up protective measures urgently ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : We will take up the work if the fund is available. This much I can assure the

hon. Member that we cannot allow Jorhat to be washed away, otherwise our Assembly proceedings will be dull.

**Re : Appointment of Engineers and Technicians
in Brahmaputra Commission**

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua asked :

* 94. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that nearly 40 Engineers and Technicians of different cadres have been brought by the Brahmaputra Commission from the Farakka Barrage and Port Commission, Government of India for manning the same though quite a good number of such qualified personnels are available within the State of Assam ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Government of India and also the Government of Assam have committed in principle to man the Brahmaputra Project by the local qualified Engineers and other technicians if necessary even by giving advance training to the local talents ?
- (c) If so, the reasons for deviation from this committed principle ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali (Minister of State, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation)] replied ;

94. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Brahmaputra Commission has already submitted a proposal to the Government saying that there is no technical personnel available in the State and therefore it is better to start the work with 40 engineers who should be brought from outside the State from other projects ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : There is no such proposal.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Then are we to understand that the Commission will be manned by the local engineers ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : There is already a bifercation of our Department and all the officers necessary for the Commission has been transferred from the Flood Control Department. At present we are not feeling any necessity to recruit new people. If qualified persons are available within the State, there is no question of bringing people from, outside.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Then are we to understand definitely from the Government that no person will be appointed from outside and that none except the local people will be appointed in the Commission ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : If local qualified people are available to serve our specific purpose then we will certainly appoint local people.

Shri Debeswar Sarma : মুখ্যমন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াই কোৱাৰ আগতে মই এটা কথা কব খুজিছো যে যিটো Specific purpose ৰ কথা উল্লেখ কৰিছে সেই purpose টো এইটোৱেই নে কি যে বহুত ইঞ্জিনিয়াৰে অসমীয়া মানুহক ঠিকা আদিত কাম দিবলৈ টান পায়। গতিকে Specific purpose টো এইটোৱেই নেকি ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ কমিচনত যিমান মানুহ লোৱা হব তাৰ প্ৰত্যেক জনেই অসমীয়া হব। তলৰ লোভেলত অসমীয়া মানুহৰ অভাব নাই। গতিকে তাতে প্ৰত্যেক জনেই অসমীয়া হব। কিন্তু এটা কথা River Research Station ত প্ৰয়োজন হলে ২/১ জন Qualified Trained মানুহ বাহিৰৰ পৰাও আনিব লগীয়া হব পাৰে।

**Re : Lengtichinga Public Works Department
Road**

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya asked :

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

(a) The amount sanctioned for the reconstruction of the Lengtichinga Public Works Department road under Srijangram A. P. since 1967 ?

(b) Whether the construction of the road has been completed ?

(c) If not, when the work will be completed ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : [Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied.

95. (a)—The following amounts were sanctioned for the F. D. R. of Lengtichinga P. W. D. Road—

Rs. 2,23,763 in 1967-68.

Rs. 1,27,000 in 1969-70.

(b) & (c)—The first project sanctioned during 1967-68 has been completed while the work on the 2nd project sanctioned during 1969-70 is in progress.

Re : Transfer of Government officers

শ্রীশৰৎ চন্দ্ৰ বাৰ্তাই সুধিছে :

*৯৬। মাননীয় গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) চৰকাৰী বিষয়াসকলক বদলি কৰা ক্ষেত্ৰত কি আইন-কানুন চৰকাৰে অনুসৰণ কৰিছে ?

(খ) গোৱালপাৰা জিলাৰ গোৱালপাৰা ডিভিজনৰ গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ Executive Engineer জনৰ উক্ত ডিভিজনতে কাম কৰা কিমান বছৰ হ'ল ?

(গ) এইটো কথা সঁচা নে যে উক্ত বিষয়াজনৰ কেইমাহমানৰ আগতে আন ঠাইলৈ বদলিৰ হুকুম হৈছিল আৰু যদি হৈছিল তেওঁৰ বদলিৰ হুকুম কিয় নাকচ কৰা হ'ল ?

গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী শ্ৰীআলতাক হুছেইন মজুমদাৰে উত্তৰ দিছে :

৯৬ (ক)—গড়কাপ্তানী বিভাগৰ বিষয়াসকলক বদলি কৰোতে সাধাৰণতে জনসাধাৰণৰ স্বার্থ আৰু প্ৰশাসনিক সুবিধালৈ লক্ষ্য ৰাখি কৰা হয়।

(খ)—তিনি বছৰ দুমাহ।

(গ)—হয়, কিন্তু বদলিৰ ছকুম নাকচ কৰা হোৱা নাই, মাথোন জন-সাধাৰণৰ স্বার্থৰ প্ৰতি লক্ষ্য ৰাখি বদলিৰ ছকুম সাময়িকভাবে স্থগিত ৰখা হৈছে।

Mr. Speaker : Order, order. Starred question No. 95 will be pending.

Now Short Notice Question. Mrs. Sengupta please ?

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : Sir, I have got a point of order.

(Noise from opposition)

Mr. Speaker : I have already closed the Starred Question at 10 a.m. And according to the Rules Short Notice question come thereafter. I have already asked Shrimati Sen Gupta to put her question.

Shri Debeswar Sarma : But he has (pointing to Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya) got a point of order.

Mr. Speaker : But I have alrerdy asked Shrimati Sengupta to put her Short Notice Question.

Shri Debeswar Sarma : But you do not know what is his point of order. Therefore, you should allow his point of order.

Mr. Speaker: No, I maintain my previous order. Shri -mati Sengupta will please put her question.

SHORT NOTICE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Re: Retrenchment of Muster Roll workers
in Embankment and Drainage Sub-
division, Dibrugarh**

Smti. Lily Sen Gupta asked :

2. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation) be pleased to state .

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the large scale retrenchment of Muster Roll and similar category workers in Embankment and Drainage Subdivision, Dibrugarh ?

(b) If so, the number of such workmen and the reasons thereof?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Brahmaputra Flood Control Commission has decided to open a zonal office at Dibrugarh for administrative convenience ?

(d) If so, what is the necessity of retrenching so many workers ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali [Minister of State, Public Works (Flood Control and Irrigation) Department] replied :

2. (a)—Persons on Muster Roll are engaged on casual basis for specific works. Their service are not required as soon as the particular works is completed.
- (b)—150 Nos. Reasons as stated in (a) above.
- (c)—No.
- (d)—Does not arise.

Shri Mohidhar Pegu : অধক্ষ মহোদয়, যিহিলাক চাকৰীয়া, যেনে, Section Assistant, খালাচী আদি retrench কৰা হ'ল তেওঁ লোকৰ চাউল কথাৰ সুবিধাৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে কিবা ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

Mr. Speaker : Regarding retrenchment and appointment of the retrenched staff has already been discussed on the opening day.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Muster Rolls are different.

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : Muster Roll ৰ Labour বিলাকক Specific কামৰ কাৰণে casual basis ত লোৱা হয় আৰু কামটো শেষ হলেই তেওঁলোকক Retrench কৰা হয়। The difference between the Muster Roll employee and the work-charged employees is that the work-charged employees are paid in monthly basis and engaged for specific period.

Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya : চাৰ, Muster Roll ৰ যিটো

ব্যখ্যা দিলে সেইটো "সম্পূৰ্ণ" নহল। Muster Roll ত যে কেৱল Specific work ৰ কাৰণেহে Employee লোৱা হয় এনে নহয় যি সকলে বছৰৰ পাছত বছৰ ধৰি কাম কৰি থাকে তেওঁলোককো Muster Roll ৰ শ্ৰমিক হিচাবে ধৰা হয় যদিহে তেওঁলোকক দিন হাজিৰাৰ ভিত্তিত নিয়োগ কৰা হয়। তেওঁলোকে Permanent basis ত কাম কৰি থাকিলেও তেওঁলোকৰ Payment মাহিলি basis ত নহয়।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : চাব, তাত দুই বকৰ শ্ৰমিক নিয়োগ কৰা হয়। একবকৰ হৈছে Permanent basis ত আৰু আনবকৰ হৈছে casual basis ত, বাৰিষাৰ সময়ত যিবোৰ মঠাউৰী ভাঙি যান্ন সেইবোৰ বান্ধিবৰ বাবে লোৱা হয় আৰু কাম শেষ হলেই তেওঁলোকক বৰখাস্ত কৰা হয়।

Shri Debeswar .armah : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, Muster Roll ত কাম কৰাৰ পাছত শ্ৰমিক বোৰক খেদায় দিয়া হয়। কিন্তু মোৰ প্ৰশ্ন হৈছে আমি যদি এখন জনকল্যানক বাতৰি বুলি দাবী কৰো তেন্তে বনুৱা সকলক কাম দিয়া জনো আমাৰ দায়িত্ব নহয় ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : দায়িত্ব হয় আৰু দিব পাৰিলে ভালো হয় কিন্তু Muster Roll ত casual basis ত যিবিলাকে কাম কৰে যেনে—দিচাং মুখৰ বান্ধ ভাঙি যোৱাত আৰু ডিব্ৰুগৰৰ মঠাউৰী বা Spar বিলাকৰ কাম কৰিব লগীয়া হোৱাত সাময়িকভাবে কিছুমান মানুহ লোৱা হয় আৰু কাম হোৱাৰ পাছত তেওঁলোকক retrench কৰা হয়। Permanent basis ত Muster Roll ত যিবিলাক শ্ৰমিক আছে তেওঁলোকক retrench কৰা নহয়।

Shri Dev Kant Barooah : Is it not the National Policy on labour that labourers have to be put on perma-

ment basis as soon as possible ? Secondly, whenever there is any retrenchment whether casual or permanent labour, the alternative employment has to be provided or at least efforts should be made.

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury : Efforts are always made. Whenever there is any new work, the casual labourers, after their retrenchment, are engaged in another work.

Shri Dev Kant Baruah : What I said before is that is it not a National Policy that alternative employment; are provided or atleast efforts are made ? I hope, the Labour Minister will bear me out.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chouthury : Efforts are always there.

Shrimati Lily Sengupta ; অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, Muster Roll ত যিবিলাক Permanent আৰু temporary work আছে তাৰ ভিতৰত Permanent worker ৰ নামত নাম Register কৰিব লাগে আৰু শ্রমিক আইনমতে যি বাবস্থা কৰিব লাগে তেনেকৈ কৰা হোৱা নাই। নাম Register ৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত বহুতো ইচ্ছাকৃত কাম চলোৱা হৈছে। চৰকাৰী circular মতে muster roll workers ক সুবিধা আজি দিয়া নাই।

দ্বিতীয় কথা হৈছে, যিদিনৰপৰা E. & D ৰ কাম আৰম্ভ কৰা হৈছে তেতিয়াৰে পৰা কামকৰা যিবিলাক worker ৰক কামৰ পৰা বৰ্খাস্ত কৰা হৈছে, গতিকে এই ক্ষেত্ৰত চৰকাৰ হলে বেচৰকাৰী মানুহ লগত লৈ enquiry কৰিলেহে worker সকলৰ পক্ষ ন্যায় কৰা হ'ব অন্যথা তেওঁলোকৰ প্ৰতি দোৰ্ঘোৰ অন্যান্য কৰা হৈছে বুলি চৰকাৰৰ দৃষ্টিগোচৰ কৰিলো। এই কৰ্মী সকলক বৰ্খাস্ত কৰাৰ সময়ত চৰকাৰী নিয়ম আৰু শ্রমিক আইন মতে

কোনো নটিচ দিয়া নহল। ইয়াবোপৰি ৪ মাহৰো তেওঁলোকে দৰ্মহা পোৱা নাই, গতিকে এই কৰ্মীসকলৰ দৰমহা পোৱাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত চৰকাৰে তত্পৰতাৰে ব্যৱস্থা লবলৈ দৃষ্টিগোচৰ কৰিলো।

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali : work-charge labour বিলাকক যি নটিচ দিয়া হৈছিল সেই নটিচ উঠাই লোৱা হৈছে আৰু যিবিলাকে এবছৰ কাম কৰিছে সেইবিলাকক আকৌ কাম দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে। তেওঁলোকৰ দৰমহাৰ কথাটো কি কৰিব পাৰি পিচতহে কব পৰা হব। ইচ্ছাকৃত ভাবে Register কৰা যিটো কথা কৈছে সেই বিষয়ে আমি চাম।

UNSTARRED

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(To which oral answers were laid on the table)

Re : Brahmaputra Flood Control Commission

শ্ৰীমতেন্ধৰ বড়োৱে সুধিছে :

১২। মাননীয় বান নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয় অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

- (ক) অসমত নতুনকৈ ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ বান নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ বিভাগ মুকলি কৰা কথা সঁচানে ?
- (খ) যদি সঁচা হয়, এই ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ বান নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ বিভাগত কোন কোন নদীৰ বান নিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ পৰিকল্পনা চতুৰ্থ পৰিকল্পনাৰ ভিতৰত অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰা হৈছে আৰু চতুৰ্থ পৰিকল্পনা কালছোৱাত অসমত বান নিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ উদেশ্যে কিমান কোটি টকা খৰচ হৈছে ?
- (গ) পুথিমাৰী, পাগলাদিয়া, বান্দি নদী চতুৰ্থ পৰিকল্পনাৰ ভিতৰত ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ বান নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ বিভাগত অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰা হৈছেনে ?

(ঘ) যদি হোৱা নাই, তেন্তে এই উল্লেখিত নদী কেইখন ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ বান-নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ বিভাগত অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰি বাইজক উপকাৰ সাধন কৰিবনে ?

শ্ৰীছৈয়দ আহমদ আলী (ৰাজ্যিক বানপানী নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ মন্ত্ৰীয়ে) উত্তৰ দিছে :

১২। (ক)—হয় ।

(খ)—ভূগাবহ বানপানী সৃষ্টি কৰা কেইখনমান নদীৰ সম্পৰ্কে আঁচনি চতুৰ্থ পৰিকল্পনাত অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত কৰা হৈছে ।

ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ উপত্যকাত বান নিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ শিতানত ২৬.৫০ কোটি টকা চতুৰ্থ পঞ্চবাৰ্ষিক পৰিকল্পনাত অস্থায়ীভাবে ধৰা হৈছে ।

(গ)—হয় ।

(ঘ)—প্ৰশ্ন নুঠে ।

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Removal of Documents from the Survey of India office at Shillong by Pakistani spies'

Mr. Speaker : Now, I ask Mr. Dulal Chandra Barua to beg leave of the House to move his Adjournment Motion.

*Shri Dual Chandra Barua : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave' of the House to move an Adjournment Motion which is a definite matter of urgent public importance and which is also of very recent occurrence :

“Pakistani spy decamps with secret maps and documents from the survey of India office at Shillong with the help of a Senior official’.

Mr. Speaker : Has the hon' Member leave o' the House to move the Adjournment Motion ? (Voices - Yes)

The Adjournment Motion is moved.

*Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, Under Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I want to move the following Adjournment Motion which is a definite matter of urgent public importance and which is also of very recent occurrence :-

“Pakistani spy decamps with secret maps and documents from the Survey of India office at Shillong with the help of a Senior official”.

This incident indicates the failure of the security arrangement of the Government in the border State of ours, and hence this Adjournment Motion.

Mr. Speaker : I fixed 10.00 to 11.00 for the Motion.

*Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, at the very outset I must offer you my hearty thanks for allowing this adjournment Motion to be discussed in this House because you have realised the gravity of situation and what are behind all this. Sir, my intention to table this Motion before this House is that this is not a matter of ordinary law and order and you also ruled like that. Now Sir, this is a border State. The police department that we maintain is paid from the public exchequer and this depart-

ment is paid much more in comparison to other department., It is paid with a view to maintain law and order and also to maintain the security of the border State of ours - but in that regard there has been a complete failure on the part of the police administration particularly, it is failure of the intelligence Branch. All the Heads of Departments and the heads of the Police Department are stationed here in Shillong but I am surprised to know that people from Pakistan can come and go away taking valuable documents with them, undetected, from the Confidential Branches of the State and the Central Governments. Are they meant only to draw their salaries and live in luxury and comfort? They are being paid from the public exchequer and the people expect that they perform their duties properly in order to maintain law and order and the security of the State. But the Intelligence Branch has completely failed in doing their duty. Now? I will explain. I raised this Adjournment Motion on the 5th of this month and only after then this came to the notice of the Intelligence Branch. May I pose a question to the Hon'ble Chief Minister? Whether this Intelligence Branch is also in collusion with the saboteurs? My impression is that directly or indirectly they are involved in this. Because they are trying to misguide the Chief Minister and misguide the people of the State and this

House. Sir, I have specifically referred about two ladies who are not from Shillong. I repeat, they are not ladies from Shillong but in yesterday's paper I read that some of the tribal girls were arrested. I do not know whether somebody was arrested or not but I read it in paper. I am really surprised to find that the Department is trying to shift the responsibilities to the two tribal young girls who are innocent, who are in no way connected with this. The actual girls who were involved in this have acted in such a way that they have befooled the intelligence Department of the State and just to save their skin just to patch up their inefficiency they are doing this way or that way. But this is not going to be tolerated. Sir, I am going to disclose now that there is a ring which is working here. Sir, the Govt. of India has made it, a national policy that the refugees can come and stay here. Because they are the minority community in Pakistan and to avoid harrassment in Pakistan they can come here but there are some who have come here leaving their relatives in Pakistan. They always come and go without any valid passport. There are some who have no source of income but are living kings and monarch. Sir, the Pakistan Government do encourage such things in order to collect information. As I have already said Sir, there is a ring which is working here and they

are finance from two sources; one is the C.I.A. and the other from the Pakistan Government. Sir, there is one gentleman by the name of Chinu Miah, a business man supplying fish.

He is a wholesale trader in fish. This man has got various camps. In Dawki he has a tea stall. He is a man from Pakistan and he has his family in Pakistan. He has married some of the local girls also. He has as many as eight wives. That shop of his at Dawki is the place of contact and information is sent from this place. Sir, it is a fact that the two ladies stayed there on that particular night after taking the documents in the survey of India Trunk No.211. The Police Department should not try to befool us by saying that no map has been taken away. I can give the number of the maps taken away. One is No.4 (a) M-9 concerning NEFA ; another No.7 (a)-7-3 concerning Burma Border ; another No.8' (d)-8-10 concerning Pakistan and the other 3 (d)-2 concerning Pakistan. All these were put into Survey of India trunk No.211 and had been taken away by the two ladies. How these people then can say that no maps were taken away. It could be imagined in what mood the high ranking Officer was with the two ladies in the protected area. He was drunk. How could he say that no map had been taken away. How this Government and the Police people can say that no

map had been taken away. This is the state of affair going on in our country. For such things we had to face the NEFA debacle. Military secrets and State secrets were given to the Chinese at that time. C. I. A. and Pakistani spying activities are going on and we are conniving at it. Sir, you will be surprised to here that there is one Office here in Shillong—Entomological Office. One big gun is in charge. His headquarter is at Bangalore. He has got a good car and a nice bungalow. This Entomologist is also within the ring of Major Kohli and Puri and others. These people are not here to serve the country or to do good to our people, they are here for their own nefarious business acting as C. I. A. agents. This organisation is financed by an American agency, and our Govt. do not care to know about the activities of these people. Sir, I have gone through the Lok Sabha proceedings. By raising a issue like this we are not going to create bad blood between neighbouring countries. But when we are not in very friendly terms with countries like Pakistan and China it is our bounden duty to bring to the notice of the Government to such activities of persons working for and on behalf of such countries to the detriment of our own country. If we do not do so it will be betrayal of the country. Sir, I am not placing before these things on the basis of rumours or on the basis of

anonymous letters. I have verified facts and I personally went upto Dawki to check up things for myself and I am convinced that the statement given by the Chief Minister regarding the latter part is not quite true. I can challenge the Government and the Chief Minister in this respect. This man Chinoo Mia is not only financig this ring but some other rings also. Now that law and order would be given over to Meghalaya Government, I hope that they will also take precautionery measures against such activities of enemy agents because Meghalaya is also a part and prcel of Assam. Unless strict security measures are taken this capital town of Shillong may be the headquarters of such spy rings. Sir, as regards the activities of this Entomologist information was given long before to the Department and also a formal complaint was lodged in the Police Station. My informntion is (I do not want to cast aspersion on any individual) that the Police Department is heavily bribed and as such no action has been taken in this complaint. It appears that the Police organisation is in league with these people otherwise why should not they take action inspite of the fact that a formal complaint was made at the Police Station. As I have already said, they are not in a position to detect cases and I am told the Chief Minister called some top ranking Police officials and rebuked them for their failure. Sir, the people in

the Intelligence Branch, have no intellect at all. So, how they could detect the case. It is the duty of the Police to go to places and collect information but it is not my duty to collect information and detect cases. Even then I went upto Dawki and collected facts as far as I could at the risk of my life because I consider that my country is much more valuable than my life. Sir, on that day that Shri Kohli came to certain place but I do not know at whose instance he went there. My suspicion has been confirmed some how or other. Sir the day before yesterday, I went to a certain place and I have done some sort of intelligence work myself. Sir, the people who are in charge of Intelligence Branch are inactive and corrupt for whom we are spending lot of money for their maintenance, sir, are we to act as police officers and to give information to the Govt. Is it not shameful. Sir, I have collected some information and I am still collecting the same. Sir, after I have raised this matter here, then the Chief Minister submitted a statement; the Director or the Deputy Director, they forcibly asked the drunk man to issue a statement. Sir, he does not know English and so later on he submitted another statement in Hindi. Sir, the statement made in English and in Hindi by that man does not tally. In the Hindi statement he has given the true picture. The statement given in English is a concocted statement and it was

done taking advantage of his ignorance in English by some of the officers. Sir, Shri Khemlal of that Organisation, he was the Security Guard there; he was asked by some of the officers to give false statement but he refused and he was threatened; he was given some sort of inducement and ultimately he refused to give false statement. As a result of this he was transferred overnight to the Polo Ground depot. So, you can easily understand as to how the investigation is going on in the matter which is of highest national importance.

I have said that let the Chief Minister or the Government challenge the facts; in our turn I am also challenging the facts placed before this House. I have collected information to the best of my ability and the information are found to be true. I have got some other information as to how this link is working in the State of Assam, So, it is the duty on the part of the Chief Minister and on the part of the Police Administration to see that these things are stopped forthwith. Another important aspect of the matter I am trying to bring to your notice and to the Government. I must tell you very frankly that where the military camps are stationed, it has become a centre of anti-social activities in Upper Shillong. So many harrasment and so many illegal acts have been committed by the Army personnel; they have completely demoralised themselves

and thereby they have also demoralised our people. Sir, the people who are stationed near happy valley, Gura Line and Umpling, you go there and you will see what is going on there. Many things are happening in our State, in the military camps in the Survey of India and in other quarters as well. I want to say that there is no confidential or secret thing in the State of Assam. If and when a decision is taken by the Cabinet, within a few minutes these are leaked out and all confidential things are leaked out overnight, even before the issue of correspondences addressed to various quarters. In view of this, it is clearly proved as to how the Government departments are functioning. Sir, I am thankful to you for having allowed me to table this Motion. My intention in bringing this Motion is not to create any ill-feeling between these countries. After all we are to see to the welfare of both these countries. We are brothers and we want to remain as brothers always. My Motion involves the question of the security of the country which is most important. By bringing this motion, I want to caution the Government to tighten the security measures and to bring to book those who were found negligent in discharging their duties. Sir, the Government should re-organise the Police administration so as to meet the situation that are being cropped up today. With these words, Sir, I commend my Motion.

Mr. Speaker ; The debate on the motion should continue upto 11-15 and the Chief Minister is given 15 minutes to reply.

* Shri Phani Bora : Sir, this is a very important and delicate matter. To me, the importance of this matter which is under discussion is from the point of view of security of our country, and as a citizen, every one of our country is bound to be anxious to find out the truth. That there are CIA agencies functioning in our country is known to everybody. That there are spy-rings belonging to foreign countries is also a fact. No country today functions without espionage ring. The bigger countries have bigger rings and the smaller countries have smaller rings. It will not be surprising if we find that there are foreign espionage agencies functioning even in this border State of Assam. On the other hand, it would be rather correct to apprehend that this kind of foreign agencies are very much active in the State like Assam. Sir, the importance of the question deserves thorough enquiry before one jumps to a sort of conclusion. After all I must make one point clear that so far as we Indian government or the Indian citizens are concerned, we are very much in favour of bringing about a good friendly relationship between our country and our neighbours. Pakistan, China and with all the neighbours, we want to be in a very

good relationship. We should not do anything here which hampers our relationship or which creates a feeling or a situation when our neighbour might feel embarrassed and from that point of view I would rather say and I would rather request everybody that nothing is said and nothing is done which brings about a kind of antagonism between our neighbours. Here I do not have facts at my disposal to say that the girls who were with Mr. Kohli within the precincts of that protected area of Survey of India were Pakistani spies or not. I cannot say that they are at the behest of Pakistan. I cannot also say that they are not at the behest of Pakistan. But the fact that it was a prohibited area which is not allowed to be trespassed by anybody or everybody. There were two strangers who are found to be sleeping for two nights that itself is a very serious thing which deserves special attention of our Govt. who is incharge of law and order and security of the State. The Govt. of India who is in overall charge of the security of the country should also consider this respect very seriously. To my mind from the fact that are placed before us by the hon. Chief Minister and hon. my friend Shri Dulal Chandra Barua, I am inclined to believe that these two girls are call girls. But even if they are simple call girls that they cannot be utilised by certain agencies for spying activities cannot be said. That they cannot be utilised for taking away certain

papers relating to the security of the country cannot be ruled out. Therefore, as I said earlier it is a matter which deserves special and thorough enquiry. It is good that Govt. of India has taken certain steps very promptly. But in this connection my friend Shri D. C. Barua has very correctly put the question why a protected area which is to be guarded by our Police Deptt. and for which our Govt. is responsible should work up only when a question was raised on the floor of the Assambly. This deserve a censure. The Police Deptt. and the Home Deptt. should be censure because it is their primary responsibility to see that nobody enter there. From that point of view I agree with my friend Shri Barua that it is a failure on the part of the Police Deptt. of the Govt. of Assam when they failed to detect those people, apprehend these people beforehand. They should have done it even before a question was raised in the floor of the Assembly. But nothing was done at all. Our Chief Minister took up the case and called for a report only after the question was raised in the flood of the Assembly. How the Govt. was sleeping over such matters and wake up only when they were pushed up by somebody when we are living in a state surrounded by foreign countries. It is a very serious thing.

Now, Sir, with regard to the carrying away of certain papers I do not know whether any paper has been transported to Pakistan or not. I want a

thorough enquiry and a thorough enquiry alone can reveal facts and on the basis of those facts one can come to some conclusion and before such an enquiry is made I do not want to say anything about it. I also want to request the Govt. to make an enquiry because it is not impossible on the part of some agency to place somebody as a scape goat. I can not rule out such a possibility that somebody who are really doing spying activity on behalf of foreign countries who are allowed to pass over certain papers belonging to the security of the country they might put somebody as scape goat in order to hide themselves. I urge upon the Govt. to investigate the matter properly. Because there are instances in many countries of the world that the spies- they made ring and spread not in order to divert the attention of the enquiring agent or the Govt. and they try to put somebody to the net to make a scape goat. This type of things heppened in many cases. Therefore, it is good that a very important net or of security is discussed in the floor of the House and this will help our Govt. to investigate and find out the real culprits. Therefore, at the end I again urge upon the Govt. and say that nothing is done in a haphazard manner and nothing is done in a sort of plecemeal manner which might create complications in our relationship with our neighbours. But we must find out the truth and if that truth

goes against any country then also we should not be hesitating. We should not care whether that country is agree or not. But on our own we must be able to find out the truth and we must punish those who are responsible for it. Not only that follows who are engaged for this kind of things with call girls or spy girls should also be punished. The State Police Deptt. also should be taken into consideration in this connection. If it is only a biological thing then it is very simple but if it is done for spying activity then it deserves a very thorough enquiry. This is what I am to say.

Shri Moinul Haque Choudhury ; Mr. Speaker, Sir, The matter which has been raised in this adjournment motion is an important one. In fact, I myself supported on the other day for accepting it as a motion. But in doing so I was impelled by certain facts given by the Chief Minister. One fact he gave was that this Survey of India building was a protected place and hence I made out a point before the House that in a protected place if a man could entertain outsiders two nights successively and if these outsiders were call girls then this was really a serious failure of administration and it should not be taken as an ordinary failure. Since I made my speech on the basis of the facts given by the Chief Minister I have come to know that

this place had not been declared as a protected place. Therefore, I am sorry that I had to speak certain things in this House on certain wrong facts. Therefore, my first regret is that I made a mistake on the basis of wrong facts. But that does not end the matter. Mr. Speaker, Sir. Because this brings in a very important question. That question is that Survey of India building under all canons of administration and all canons by which the security of a country is to be guarded must and ought to have been a protected place. In fact, if such a place is not declared a protected place and unless there is a notice prohibiting the entry then of course, the public has a right to enter into that place within the office hours. It is a pity. Whose fault it is, I do not know that the Survey of India building had not been declared to be a protected building after the Defence of India Act had lapsed. This is a matter which needs a thorough enquiry. It might be deliberate. It might not be deliberate. But in all circumstances it is a case of serious administrative lapse. But I am conscious again for that lapse the Govt. of India is responsible and this House has got nothing to discuss now of an adjournment motion. It has limited our scope so far as the adjournment motion is concerned. In fact, I am in great doubt, if this information of mine is correct, how far this adjournment motion would be admissible, because

it relates to the internal administration of the Survey of India which is a Govt. of India administration. The only question therefore, would be limited to us for a discussion is whether there was a failure on the part of this administration in any manner. Because, Sir, if in a particular office of the Govt. of India, its security guards do not prevent the call girls to enter if its officer uses a place unlawfully after entering lawfully or unlawfully which means a tresspass within the purview of the Penal Code and then it becomes a matter within the jurisdiction of that administration. This House has nothing to do with it. In that case the only question that would remain for us is a general worry which as a citizen living in this part everyone of us will share is about the security of ourselves. Whether it is for the failure of the Survey of India or of the Govt. of India—to that extent certainly we can express our views and this may be forwarded to the Govt. of India. After knowing about the case whether the Police failed or not the Chief Minister will have to answer us categorically. An impression both in this House as well as outside is these that Police moved only after there were certain agitation in this House. If that be so, this was unfortunate. Whether that failure amounted to a real failure, and the failure of a nature which brings the Police administration within the purview of the adjournment motion, is to

be considered. On this question there may be difference of opinion. But then, that point the Chief Minister will have to clear. Again I am not one of those that merely because a banner headline would come out in newspapers I will take a clue from certain employees of the Survey of India sending a telegram saying that some girls had been raped and make all kind of statements. If they were really spies and if they were call girls and if they came there at the instance of Mr. Kohli or somebody else, then there could not be any question of rape. Therefore, there was an exaggeration of fact to start with. It was alleged that they were Pakistani spies. Here I am one with Shri Phani Bora who wanted to leave the matter to the Govt. and to the Govt. of India to tell us after an enquiry whether they are Pakistani spies or not or whether somebody is trying to make them Pakistanis. This calls for an answer from the Chief Minister.

Mr. Speaker, Sir. Our endeavour should always be to maintain a good relationship with our neighbours. Sir, I should not be misunderstood or mis-construed in this manner. I am one with those who feel that safety and security of the country is to be guarded at all costs. If any sacrifice is called for in this regard we should be prepared for this sacrifice. But that does not mean that in the name of safety and security every occasion should

be exploited to create a chaos in the country. The names of those people who are outside this House should not be brought in, in this House as they have got no right to defend themselves. Hon. Member, Shri Dulal Barua has brought in many names describing them either as Pakistanis or as spies. In fact, he should have handed over the names to the Chief Minister instead of speaking about them. After all, he is neither a Police Chief of India nor a Police Commissioner of Assam that he would know who is a Pakistani spy.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, I must tell the hon'ble Member that he cannot direct me or any hon'ble member to submit any information to the Chief Minister. It is upto you, Sir, For the information of the hon'ble member I can tell him that I have already passed on this information to the Chief Minister. The hon'ble member thinks himself only to be a vocal speaker who speaks emotionally every time even remaining within the Party. He has also responsibility in the Govt. I am not aspiring for any post, such as Police Chief or the Chief Minister as the hon'ble is aspiring to be a Minister.....

M. Moinul Haque Choudhury : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this gentleman is going too far. I am talking of the rules of the House. Rule of the House is that we cannot normally bring the name of anybody.

who is not in the House because he can not defend himself before the House. Therefore, the practice is the name should be passed on to the Chief Minister.

If he had done so already he has no duty to repeat them. I do not know Chinu Mian or those call girls. He said that the two girls arrested were not actually those two girls who were involved in that incident, I do not know Chinu Mian, Binu Mian or Punu Mian nor do I know those two girls, whether they are call girls or good girls. I know none of them. What I have been telling is about the rules of this House that it would be a bad precedent if in a debate like this we try to introduce some persons who would not have any chance to defend themselves. Neither he nor anyone of us knows about the antecedents of these people, whether right persons have been arrested by the Police or wrong persons. If anybody knows that wrong persons have been arrested then it should be his duty to go to the officer-in charge of the Police Station help in the investigation and say "look here, according to my information these are not the right persons you have arrested." Sir, I am not here for the defence of anybody; I am here for the defence of truth.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, on a point of order. I have followed the rules and regulations of this

House I have not brought any names here and those names which I have mentioned, I have already informed you accordingly. Sir, I have not come here to learn things from the hon. Member like a school boy. Whether I have followed the rules of this House, it is for you to decide and he has no right to say that I have not followed the rules.

Mr. Speaker : In the name of point of order, you are discussing the matter. The point of order is not for discussing things. A point of order is raised for interpretation of the rules of the House in respect to a matter under discussion of the House.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : He should not drag my name that I am not following the rules. He himself has not followed the rules because he brought the name of an individual who has no excess to this House.

M. Moinul Haque Choudhury : Sir, this is mis-representation of facts. This morning I did not bring the name of any individual. I said a gentleman who is not a citizen of this country has been made a member. I did not mention the name as such. Therefore, Sir, I say that so far as the question of security of the country is concerned, we want an assurance from the Chief Minister that this aspect of the matter will be considered supreme and that under no circumstance the security of

the country should be jeopardised by anybody, whether it is Mr. Kohli or anybody, and it is for this reason I have intervened here to tell the Chief Minister that this incident has brought to our notice a weakness in the administration that even a place like the survey of India where our maps and other important papers are lying is not well protected. This matter should receive not only the attention of the Chief Minister, it should also draw the attention of the Government of India and let them take steps so that in future such a thing does not occur.

With regard to the present incident I would certainly request the Chief Minister to help the law to take its own course without any fear or favour.

- * Shri Debeswar Sarmah : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই সভা স্থগিত প্রস্তাবটো অসম চৰকাৰৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত প্ৰযোজ্য হয়নে নহয় মোৰ সন্দেহ আছে। Survey of India হৈছে কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ অফিচ আৰু তাৰ security ৰ কাৰণে C.R.P. আছেনে কোন আছে আমি কব নোৱাৰো। যদি C.R.P. আছে তেওঁলোক কব মানুহ তাকো কব নোৱাৰো। আকৌ এতিয়া শুনিছো যে Protected area নহয়। এই যে সভা স্থগিত প্ৰস্তাবটো আনিছে এইটো আমি বিচাৰিছো। পৰামৰ্শবৰ ইচ্ছাত একো একোটা ঘটনা ঘটে যি এটা জাতিক সজাগ কৰি দিয়ে। তথাপি যদি সেই জাতিটো সজাগ নহয় তেনেহলে আঙুলি দিলে নেদেখাৰ দৰে দেখা নাজায়। বিশেষকৈ সীমামুৰলীয়া দেশৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত—যাৰ সীমাত শত্ৰু বাহু নহলেও মিত্ৰ বাহু নাই বা মিত্ৰ বুলি কব নোৱাৰি, সেই ক্ষেত্ৰত সতৰ্কতাৰ বিশেষ প্ৰয়োজন।

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, Chinese invasion ৰ সময়ত স্বৰ্গীয় সিদ্ধি শৰ্মাৰ লগত মই foot hill এ দি গৈ গৈ ভূটানৰ কাষৰ এখন ঠাই পালোগৈ। তাত এটা সীমান্ত চকী আছে। তাত এজন A.S.I. নে S.I. আছে সীমান্ত পহৰাদাৰ হৈ। আমি যেতিয়া গৈ পালো তেতিয়া তেওঁ শুই আছিল। এজন মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰী গৈছে কিন্তু তেওঁৰ প্ৰতি কোনো ক্লক্ষেপ নাই। মই তেখেতৰ লগত গৈছিলো—তোলৰ লগত টেমেকা হৈ। তেওঁ কলে যে মই অকলশৰীয়া আৰু গোটেইখন কেনেকৈ তদাৰক কৰিম। এতিয়া চাওঁক সীমান্তটোত এইদৰে যদি এজন S.I. থাকে তেনেহলে দেশৰ সুৰক্ষা কেনেকৈ হ'ব পাৰে? সেইবাৰ চীনাহত ভালে-ভালে ঘূৰি গল বুলিহে। নহলে walking stick গৈ গাটনা পালোগৈহেতেন।

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই পাকিস্তান বিৰুদ্ধে বুলি হুতৌ ভুল বুলিব পাৰে। ধৰ্মৰ ভিত্তিত আমাৰ দেশখন ভাগ হৈ গল। যদি পাকিস্তানৰ পৰা এইদৰে মানুহ আহি আমাৰ সংখ্যা গৰিষ্ঠ ৰাজ্যখন সংখ্যা লঘিষ্ঠ কৰিবলৈ প্ৰয়াস কৰে তেনেহলে সেইটো কেনেকুৱা কথা। আজি আমাৰ যিটো চৰকাৰ চলিছে মই সেই চৰকাৰকে দোষ দিওঁ। ইয়াৰ ভিতৰত কি আছে কি নাই ক'ব নোৱাৰো। ইয়াৰ ভিতৰত যদি South Africa ৰ মানুহ আছে সেইটো কেনে কথা। কিন্তু এক লাখ ৩৪ হেজাৰ মানুহক এইদৰে certificate দিয়াটো ডাঙৰ কথা। আজি এৰিষা মাটিৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ মাজতে মাৰপিট হৈছে, মূৰ ফটা-ফটি হৈছে এনেস্থলত যেতিয়া অসমলৈ লাখে লাখে মানুহৰ আগমন হৈ থাকে তেন্তে অসমৰ অৰ্থনৈতিক পৰিস্থিতি কেনে হ'ব পাৰে চিন্তা কৰি চাওক। এইবোৰ একেবাৰে বন্ধ কৰি দিব লাগে।

এতিয়া মই চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ কৰো চৰকাৰে খবৰ কৰি চাওকচোন, দৈনিক কাচাৰ জিলাৰ পৰা, লক্ষা হোজাই আদি স্নেদি কিমান মানুহ আহি আছে আৰু কিমান টকা এইদৰে খৰছ হৈ আছে কিয় আছে, কিমান আছে এইবোৰৰ যদি খবৰ ৰখা নহয় তেন্তে আমাৰ নিৰাপত্তা কেনেকৈ ৰক্ষা কৰিব।

Shri A. N. Akam Hussain : এইদৰে অহাটো বৰ আনন্দৰ কথা ।

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : কিছুমানে বৰ আনন্দ পাব, কিন্তু তেখেত সকলৰে সতি সন্ততি মই এই কথাত দুখ পাইছো ।

এতিয়া এই যে ঘটনাটো হৈছে পৃথিৱীৰ কৰবাত এনেকুৱা কথা আছেন নাঈ কব নোৱাৰো এই যে Ladies শব্দটো ওলাইছে এই শব্দটোৰ অপব্যৱহাৰ হৈছে বুলি মই ভাবো যি হওঁক calls girl, Ladies of easy virtue অৰ্থাৎ মাতিলেই আহি অপ্রায়িত কৰে—এইটো কি মই কব নোৱাৰো কিন্তু এইটো চাওঁক পৃথিৱীত যিবিলাক Spy বখা হৈছে মাতাহাৰীৰ পৰা আৰম্ভ কৰি মনোহাৰীলৈকে তিক্ততাই যাতে spy কৰিব এইটো কি মই কব নোৱাৰো । গতিকে মই চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ কৰো যাতে চৰকাৰে আমাৰ নিৰাপত্তা বক্ষা কৰে । আৰু সংখ্যা গৰিষ্ঠৰ দ্বাৰা সংখ্যা লঘিষ্ঠ হব নোৱাৰে । আমাৰ Non-Indian এজনক বাহিৰ কৰিবৰ হলে আমি মোকদ্দমা কৰিব লাগে । কিন্তু সংখ্যা গৰিষ্ঠই যেতিয়া সংখ্যা লঘিষ্ঠক apprehend কৰে তাতোক লাজ আৰু দুখৰ কথা একো হ'ব নোৱাৰে । আমাৰ বংশধৰ সকলে আমাক অভিসাপ দিব যে আমাৰ অপদাৰ্থ কিছুমানে ২০ বছৰে ৰাজ্য চমাই দেশখন ধ্বংস কৰিলে ।

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আপোনাৰ জৰিয়তে আপোনাৰ চৰকাৰক নিবেদন কৰিছো যে It is never too late—এতিয়াও আমাৰ নিৰাপত্তা বক্ষা কৰক ।

Shri Maulana Abdul Jalil Choudhury : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমি মাত্ৰ একমিনিট বলবে এই অত্যন্ত গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয়ে Adjournment Motion এসেছে তাৰ ব্যাপায়ে অনেকে যা বলেছেন তাদের সাথে আমিও একমত । কেৱল মাত্ৰ এইসব গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয় বিধান সভায় আসলে পৰ কোন কোন বক্তৃতা যদিও আমৰা শুনতে ভাল পাই কিন্তু তাৰ ভিতৰ এমন কোন একটা কথা আছে যা স্থানীয় অনেক ভাৰতীয় নাগৰিকের জীৱনে বিপৰ্যয় আনে । সজন্য আমি বলাই

আজ দীৰ্ঘ ২২ বৎসর পরে এই যে কাছাড় জেলার রেল ষ্টেশনের এই বিপর্জ্জনৰ সমস্যা কাছাড়ৰ নাগৰিক এবং আসামেৰ নাগৰিকেৰ জন্য সেটা কেমন কৰে বলবৎ হয়েছিল তা জানিনা। কিন্তু আজকেৰ বক্তৃতায় যখন আমাৰ এই বিপদেৰ কথা অৰ্থাৎ আসামেৰ বিভিন্ন রেলষ্টেশনে আসামেৰ নাগৰীক বৃদ্ধ যাত্ৰীদেৰে রেল পুলিছ কৰ্তৃক অৰ্থাৎ হয়ৰাল কৰা সৰ্বজন বিদিত এই ব্যসৰ একটু লাঘব হয়েছিল বোধহয় আজকেৰ সম্মাৰাৰ বক্তৃতায় দুনিতী পৰায়ণ পুলিছ কিছু পৰিমাণে মাথা নাড়া দিয়া আবাৰ উঠিতে পারে তাই আমি আসাম সরকারকে সতৰ্ক কৰিয়া দিতেছি যেন, রেল ষ্টেশন গুলিতে বিশেষ ভাবে লামডিং, বদৰপুৰ, হাফলং ষ্টেশনে মুসলিম রেল যাত্ৰীদেৰ উপৰ স্নাক্তন নিৰ্য্যা-তীনৰ পুনাবৃতি না হয়। সরকার বিদেশী অহুপ্রবেশ বন্ধ কৰাৰ জনা বৰ্ডাৰ sealed কৰিতে পাবেন। কিন্তু এইজন্য ভারতীয় যাত্ৰী-দেৰে অযথা হয়বান কৰা কখনও আমাৰা বৰ্দাস্তকৰিতে পারবনা।

Shri Debeswar Sarma : কাছাড়ৰ বদৰপুৰ থেকে কত টিকিট আসছে খবৰ কৰণ।

Shri Maulana Abdul Jalil Choudhury : নানা টিকিটতো আমৰেই। কাছাড়ৰ নাগৰিক যদি টিকিট নাকাটে তাহলে কাটবে কে।
(গোলমাল)

সেটা বদৰপুৰ রেলষ্টেশনে enquiry কৰে দেখতে পাবেন।

Shri M.A. Musawwir Choudhury : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ দেশৰ নিৰাপত্তা ধ্বংস কৰিবৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ দেশৰ আন্তৰ্জাতিক চোবাং-চোৰা চক্ৰত তিবোতা সংলিষ্ট কৰিছে এই গুপ্তচৰ চক্ৰ স্থাপন কৰা উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে আমাৰ ভাবতবৰ্ষৰ যিটো প্ৰতিবন্ধাৰ সাজ-সৰঞ্জাম, উদ্যোগ সৰঞ্জাম ধ্বংস কৰিবৰ কাৰণে তেওঁলোকে agent নিয়োগ কৰিছে। এই গুপ্তচৰ কেবল পাকিস্থানেই নহয়, আমেৰিকা, চীন আদি দেশতো কোটি কোটি টকা খৰছ কৰি চোবাং কাৰবাৰ কৰি

দেশৰ নিৰাপত্তা ধ্বংস কৰিবৰ কাৰণে agent নিয়োগ কৰিছে।

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মোৰ কথাটো হৈছে, আমাৰ প্ৰান্তীয় ৰাজ্য অসমৰ ভিতৰতো ষড়যন্ত্ৰ কৰি (হয়তো আমেৰিকা, চীন পাকিস্থানৰ লগতো হব পাৰে) agent ৰ লগত ষড়যন্ত্ৰ কৰি আমাৰ দেশৰ আন্তৰ্জাতিক মেপ লৈ গৈছে সেইটো বৰ পৰিতাপৰ বিষয়। কাৰণ আমাৰ আন্তৰ্জাতিক চোৰাং-চোৱা বিষয়টো বিবেচনা কৰিবৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ ভাৰতবৰ্ষত চোৰাং-চোৱা বিভাগ আছে আৰু অসম চৰকাৰৰ Home Dep't আছে। কিন্তু অসম চৰকাৰৰ বিভাগটোৱে এই ক্ষেত্ৰত ফেইল মাৰিছে। চোৰাং-চোৱাই মেপ লৈ যোৱাৰ কাৰণে লোক সভাত যিটো কথা উঠিছে সি বৰ আৱশ্যকীয় হৈছে।

পাকিস্থানী বুলি কোৱাৰ লগে লগে চোৰাং-চোৱা বিভাগে উপযুক্ত তদন্ত কৰি নাম কেইটা কৈ দিব বুলি আশা ৰাখিছো। কাৰণ, আমাৰ ভাৰতবৰ্ষত কিছুমান Non-Secular পাৰ্টি আছে। কিছুমান প্ৰতিক্ৰিয়াশীল পাৰ্টি আৰু সম্প্ৰদায়ে হিন্দু মুছলমানৰ সাম্যতা, সৌহাৰ্দ্য পূৰ্ণ ভাৱক বিপদাপন্ন কৰিবৰ কাৰণে স্ত্ৰযোগ বিছাৰি আছে। মই আপোনাৰ জৰিয়তে মূখ্যমন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ক অনুৰোধ কৰিছো যাতে যি কেইজন মাতাহাৰীয়ে সংখ্যা গৰিষ্ট পাৰ্টিৰ লগত চোৰাং চোৱা কৰিছে তাৰ এটা তদন্ত কৰে।

***Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Chief Minister) :** Mr. Speaker Sir, we all are thankful to Shri Barua for bringing this fact to the notice of the House as the fact is very important and very much so for the security of the cuntry. I am thankful to him for bringing up this matter before the House. Sir, the other day while I made a statement on this incident I made certain wrong observation for which I regret. At that time I was given to

erstand that the area now occupied by the Survey of India campus is a protected area. I did not verify that information because I always go to my residence by that side and find a signboard hung up there declaring it as a protected area and therefore I had no occasion to ascertain that matter further. After that I made certain enquiries and come to understand that the area has long ceased to be a protected area. This information I have got in this connection.

The Survey of India is a Central Government institution under the Ministry of Education and youth Service. In the context of the Chinese aggression the Survey of India campus in Shillong was declared as a protected place under the Defence of India Rules sometime in 1963. After the lapse of the Defence of India Rules when the Emergency was lifted in 1968, however, no fresh notification under any other law declaring the Survey of India campus as protected place has so far been issued. According to the Deputy Director he received instructions from the Survey of India authorities to treat the campus as "vulnerable place". Therefore, Sir, it is not protected area and suggestion as given by Shri Moinul Hague Choudhury that steps should be taken to declare it as a protected area, because in that area valuable records are maintained, I shall take up the matter with the Govt of India immediately.

Then again, Sir, some information have been given by Shri Barua in this connection, that some information have been despatched. I shall pass on this information to the Government of India for a proper enquiry. As the House knows, Sir, the matter has been seized of by the Parliament also. In both the Houses of Parliament the matter come up for discussion and in the course of discussion it has been revealed that Major Kohli has been suspended and a high power committee has been sent to Shillong to investigate into the matter. The committee is there and they are conducting this enquiry since 8.12.70. Sir, now, about the espionage and other things, I am not very sure about it. The matter requires further enquiry. But whatever information I have received up till now from that I can say that no document neither maps nor any other paper from the Govt of India Survey Department have been removed. These have been found in other,

*Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, the Chief Minister may say so, but I have got doubts about it. If necessary I can give him more links. Shri Moinul Haque Choudhury has said that I am a Commissioner or a Chief Commissioner of police otherwise I could not have got these information. I do not know (interruption). Sir, the information that has

been given by the Chief Minister here that no document has been stolen is not correct. Chief Minister of course said that he is not sure.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : I am not sure.

*Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, I have given only a part of the information. I will give you more about this, Sir and these are so very important and so very dangerous that the Chief Minister will tremble on this. I am not going to disclose these now.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, I am glad that these information have been passed on to me and to the House but I have not received these as yet.

Therefore, Sir, from our side we requested the Govt. of India, Home Ministry to get the matter thoroughly enquired into by the Central Bureau of Investigation. Day before yesterday I had a talk with the Home Minister in Delhi and on his request we have sent him a telegram requesting him that the matter should be enquired into by the C.B.I. because the facts that have come before us are much more serious than it has been considered to be. And, I believe, very soon investigation will be made over to the C. B. I.

There is also a suggestion given by Shri Bora that the matter should be thoroughly investigated. We have taken steps to get the matter thorough-

ly investigated. All these information I do not want to discuss now for two reasons. One is that the time at my disposal is very limited and secondly, Sir, when we have requested to have an enquiry by the highest investigating authority, it is better that we do not discuss all these matters at this present juncture as Shri M. M. Choudhury has rightly said that these are matters more or less within the jurisdiction of the Central Government and they are seized of the matter. The matter was discussed in both the Houses of the Parliament and they are taking necessary steps. Therefore, Sir, on this score the Adjournment motion does not lie against this Government.

Now, Sir, about the failure of the Intelligence Branch, I do not say whether the girls are innocent or not. Allegations are there against two girls and steps have been taken against them. As regards the failure of the Govt. of Assam I would like to submit that the security of the place is the responsibility of the Survey of India. Since sometime past we have been requesting the Govt. of India that the security part of the campus should be handed over to the Govt. of Assam.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : When it was asked ?

Shri Mohendra Mchan Choudhury : I cannot give you the date but that is the position and on the point of incurring expenditure some correspondence is going

on from our side, we are prepared to take up the security charge of that campus provided funds are given by the Government of India because it is Government of India's property. Therefore, whatever we spend for the security of that institution must be borne by the Government of India. That matter is still under correspondence and as soon the security charge is handed over to us, I believe we shall give a good account of ourselves.

Sir, now about the incident and whether there is any failure on the part of the Government of Assam or not. Whatever had taken place inside the campus was not known to us. One of the staff members of the Survey of India sent a telegram to Shri Bhakta Darshan, Minister of State of Education and Youth Welfare, who, I believe, is also in charge of that Department. While the Survey of India did not formally report the matter to the State Government, a copy of the telegram from a staff of the Survey of India, Shillong, to Shri Bhakta Darshan, Minister of State, Education and Youth welfare, was received by the Superintendent of Police, Shillong. The message reads : "Major Kohli Survey of India Shillong raped girl in his office room on 21st at 23 hours Deputy Director suppressed incident security guards threatened resentment prevails security of nation in danger enquiry solicited". That was the telegram sent to Shri Bhakta Darshan by one

of the staff of the Survey of India, Shillong

(A Voice : What is his name ?)

No name is given, it is anonymous. A copy of the same was sent by post to the Superintendent of Police, Shillong

(A Voice : When was it received by the Superintendent of Police ?)

On 27.11.70. The telegram Shri Bhakta Darshan was dated 26.11.70 and the Superintendent of Police got a copy on the following day. On that post copy of an anonymous telegram I think no action could be taken. It must be admitted that as the matter was reported to be a sex matter, the Police were not very vigilant. But when the matter came up before the Assembly and when a story was linked with it involving the security of the State, then from our side we gave instructions to the Superintendent of Police to investigate into the matter and register a case under section 447 because except that section no other section of the Penal Code applies. My friend Shri Chaudhury said that there was a charge of rape.

Shri Moinul Haque Chaudhury : I did not say that. How could a call-girl be raped ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Therefore, it was taken by the Police that the girls were of bad character and went there voluntarily and there was no case to

rape. But on the score of trespass a case has been registered and the girls have also been arrested. Major Kohli has also been arrested and he is under military custody. He has been suspended by the Survey Department of the Government of India.

Shri M. A. Musawwir Chaudhury : Only to save the skin of the Police they have arrested two Khasi girls.

* Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : I cannot discuss the merits of the case, which is only in the investigation stage. I do not know what will come out of it. These are all the facts which I have to place before the House. When the Government of India, who are the right authority in the matter, have taken action of the matter when they have taken action on our request to get the matter enquired into by the C.B.I. and that enquiry will be instituted soon, and when the Government of Assam's case has been registered and the persons arrested and put into custody, when a high-power enquiry commission is investigating into the matter I think, Sir, adequate steps have been taken in this regard. The credit goes to Shri Barua for bringing this matter to the notice of the House and the country and alerting the Government to be vigilant in such matters of security. In view of what I have said I hope he will withdraw the motion.

*Shri Dulal Chandra Barua ; Sir discussions have taken place on this motion and the Chief Minister has also replied. It is also the convention in the Lok Sabha that either the mover withdraws he motion or it is talked out. I just want to say one thing. As the House is taking the matter very seriously, my earnest request to the Chief Minister is that the State Government must play their role effectively instead of leaving everything at the hand of the Central Government. Apart from the facts which have come to light, I have in my possession some more information which, if necessary, I shall furnish to you and to the Chief Minister. It is not proper to bring all these facts before the House at this stage. I have in my possession very serious type of facts which can be disclosed to the Chief Minister. I hope the Chief Minister, as he has assured, will take all possible steps. We are not concerned with the private life of anybody, we are only concerned with the security of our country. On this point the Chief Minister will please alert the Police machinery to be up to the mark. All this time they were sleeping. I hope they will wake up now and effectively look to the security of this State.

With these few words, I beg leave of the House, to withdraw my motion.

(The motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn).

Re : Calling Attention Notice

Mr. Speaker : There is a calling-attention motion. But since the to time is up and it is Jumma day, the matter is kept pending. Only a statement will be laid, because there are other calling attention Notices.

ADJOURNMENT

The Assambly then adjourned till 10 A.M. on Monday the 14th December 1970.

Shillong,
The 11th December 1970

U. Tahbildar,
Secretary
Legislative Assembly, Assam.