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*Proceedings of the first session of the First Assam Legislative Assembly, assembled
under the provisions of the Government of India Act, 1935*

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 11 a.m. on
Wednesday, the 7th April, 1937

The Secretary, to the Assembly, announced the following order of His
Excellency the Governor of Assam to the House :—

“Under sub-section (3) of section 65 of the Government of India
Act, 1935, I hereby appoint Mr. F. W. Hockenhull, a member
of the Assam Legislative Assembly, to perform the duties of the
office of Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly.

(Sd.) R. N. REID,
Governor of Assam”.

(*Mr. Hockenhull then took the Speaker's chair).

MR. F. W. HOCKENHULL: The Secretary will now read His Excellency's order appointing the person before whom the oaths will be taken.

SECRETARY, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY: The order is as follows: “—Under Section 67 of the Government of India Act, 1935, I hereby appoint Mr. F. W. Hockenhull, a member of the Assam Legislative Assembly, as the person before whom the members of the Assam Legislative Assembly shall make and subscribe their oath,

(Sd.) R. N. REID,
Governor of Assam”.

*Appendix A. (re : oath).

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman): The members as the names are called shall come to the Secretary's table and take the oath, sit at the book, shake hands with the Chair, and then resume their seats.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir Muhammad Saadulla,
2. " " Shams-ul-ulama Maulana Abu Nasr Muhammad Waheed,
3. " " Rev. J. J. M. Nichols-Roy,
4. " " Srijut Rohini Kumar Chaudhuri,
5. " " Maulavi Muhammad Ali Haidar Khan,
6. Kumar Ajit Narayan Deb,
7. Babu Akshay Kumar Das,
8. Mr. Arun Kumar Chanda,
9. Mr. Baidyanath Mookerjee,
10. Mr. Basanta Kumar Das,
11. Srijut Beliram Das,
12. " Bhuban Chandra Gogoi,
13. Babu Bipin Behari Das,
14. Srijut Bipin Chandra Medhi,
15. Babu Dakshinaranjan Gupta Chaudhuri,
16. Srijut Debeswar Sarmah,
17. " Ghanashyam Das,
18. " Gauri Kanta Talukdar,
19. " Gopinath Bardoloi,
20. " Haladhar Bhuyan,
21. Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri,
22. " Hirendra Chandra Chakravarty,
23. Srijut Jadav Prasad Chaliha,
24. " Jogendra Chandra Nath,
25. " Jogendra Narayan Mandal,
26. " Jogendra Nath Barua,
27. " Jogeshchandra Gohain,

28. Babu Kalachand Roy,
29. Srijut Kameswar Das,
30. Babu Kamini Kumar Sen,
31. „ Karuna Sindhu Roy,
32. Mr. Kedarmal Brahmin,
33. Srijut Krishna Nath Sarmah,
34. Babu Kshirode Chandra Deb,
35. Srijut Lakshesvar Borooah,
36. Babu Lalit Mohan Kar,
37. Srijut Mahadev Sarma,
38. Dr. Mohendra Nath Saikia,
39. Srijut Mahi Chandra Bora,
40. Mr. Naba Kumar Dutta,
41. Srijut Omeo Kumar Das,
42. „ Paramananda Das,
43. Rai Bahadur Promode Chandra Dutt,
44. Srijut Purandar Sarma,
45. „ Purna Chadra Sarma,
46. „ Rajani Kanta Barooah,
47. „ Rajendra Nath Barua,
48. „ Ram Nath Das,
49. „ Sankar Chandra Barua,
50. „ Santosh Kumar Barua,
51. „ Sarveswar Barua,
52. Babu Shibendra Chandra Biswas,
53. Srijut Siddhi Nath Sarma,
54. Maulavi Abdul Aziz,
55. „ Abdul Bari Chaudhury,
56. Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan,
57. Khan Bahadur Hazi Abdul Majid Chaudhury,
58. Maulavi Abdul Matin Choudhury,
59. „ Abdur Rahman,
60. „ Syed Abdur Rouf,
61. „ Md. Abdus Salam,
62. „ Dewan Muhammad Ahbab Chaudhury,
63. „ Dawan Ali Raja,
64. „ Muhammad Amiruddin,
65. „ Muhammad Amjad Ali,
66. „ Ashrafuddin Md. Chaudhury,
67. „ Badaruddin Ahmed,
68. Khan Bahadur Dewan Eklmur Roza Chaudhury,
69. Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed,

70. Maulavi Ghyasuddin Ahmed,
71. „ Jahanuddin Ahmed,
72. Khan Bahadur Maulavi Keramat Ali,
73. Maulavi Muhammad Maqbul Hussain Choudhury,
74. Khan Bahadur Maulavi Mahmud Ali,
75. Maulavi Matior Rahman Mia,
76. „ Mabarak Ali,
77. „ Mudabbir Hussain Chaudhuri,
78. Khan Bahadur Maulavi Mufizur Rahman,
79. Maulavi Munawwarali,
80. „ Muzarrof Ali Laskar,
81. „ Namwar Ali Barbhuiya,
82. „ Naziruddin Ahmad,
83. „ Sheik Osman Ali Sadagar,
84. Khan Sahib Maulavi Sayidur Rahman,
85. Colonel A. B. Beddow,
86. Mr. A. F. Bendall,
87. „ J. R. Clayton,
88. „ W. R. Faull,
89. „ W. Fleming.
90. „ L. J. Godwin,
91. „ D. B. H. Moore,
92. „ R. A. Palmer,
93. Miss Mavis Dunn,
94. Mr. Benjamin Ch. Momin,
95. Srijut Bhairab Chandra Das,
96. „ Bideshi Pan Tanti,
97. „ Binode Kumar J. Sarwan,
98. „ Dhirsingh Deuri,
99. Rev. L. Gatphoh,
100. Mr. C. Goldsmith,
101. Mr. Jobang D. Marak,
102. Srijut Karka Dalay Miri,
103. Srijut Khorsing Terang, Mauzadar,
104. Mr. P. Parida,
105. Srijut Rabi Chandra Kachari,
106. Srijut Rupnath Brahma.

The House then adjourned for lunch till 2 p.m.

The House reassembled after lunch at 2 p.m.

MEMBER SWORN

✓ Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman): Babu Balaram Sirkar will now take the oath.

The following member took his oath—

✓ 107. Babu Balaram Sirkar.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman): The following nominations have been forwarded with the proposers and seconders:—

(1) Khan Bahadur Maulavi Keramat Ali—
Proposed by Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan, and
seconded by Srijut Ramnath Das.

The second nomination paper in his favour is—
Proposed by Maulavi Ghyasuddin Ahmed, and
seconded by Srijut Santosh Kumar Barua.

(2) Khan Sahib Maulavi Sayidur Rahman—
Proposed by Maulavi Badaruddin Ahmed, and
seconded by Maulavi Mahomed Amiruddin.

(3) Babu Hirendra Chandra Chakravarty—
Proposed by Maulavi Muzarrof Ali Laskar, and
seconded by Mr. P. Parida.

There are two nomination papers in his favour. - The other is proposed by Babu Akshay Kumar Das and seconded by Babu Kalachand Roy.

(4) Srijut Sarveswar Barua—
Proposed by Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, and
seconded by Srijut Jogesh Chandra Gohain.

(5) Babu Kshirode Chandra Deb—
Proposed by Babu Dakshina Ranjan Gupta Chaudhuri, and
seconded by Babu Karuna Sindhu Roy.

(6) Babu Basanta Kumar Das—
Proposed by Srijut Omeo Kumar Das, and
seconded by Srijut Debeswar Sarmah.

(7) Maulavi Mudabbir Hussain Chaudhury—
Proposed by Maulavi Dewan Muhammad Ahbab Chaudhury, and
seconded by Maulavi Mabarak Ali.

(8) Mr. Fakruddin Ali Ahmed—
Proposed by Maulavi Matior Rahman Mia, and
seconded by Maulavi Osman Ali Sadagar.

Of these eight candidates Babu Hirendra Chandra Chakravarty, Srijut Sarveswar Barua and Babu Kshirode Chandra Deb have withdrawn their candidature.

Khan Sahib Maulavi SAYIDUR RAHMAN: I also withdraw my candidature.

Mr. FAKRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Sir, I also withdraw my candidature.

Maulavi MUDABBIR HUSSAIN CHAUDHURY: On a point of order, Sir. I understand nomination papers have been submitted by a number of candidates and if any one amongst them desires to withdraw, whether it will be necessary that he should get the permission of the House.

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman): That is the usual custom and the wish of the House will be consulted before voting papers are distributed.

Maulavi MUDABBIR HUSSAIN CHAUDHURY: I also beg leave of the House to withdraw my candidature, Sir.

(Voting papers were then distributed).

Srijut GOPINATH BARDALAI: Sir, I think there is no necessity for leave of the House, because, after all, this is an application before the House and this was sent only to the Secretary. I submit, Sir, the candidate is perfectly competent to withdraw without the leave of the House.

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman): Yes.

Maulavi MUDABBIR HUSSAIN CHAUDHURY: To whom we have submitted our nomination paper? This point should be clarified. To whom, Sir? I think the nomination papers are papers submitted to the House.

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman): I am quite sure the House will not object to any one voluntarily retiring. It is not going to press unwilling candidates.

Srijut GOPINATH BARDALAI: Then we understand that Khan Sahib Maulavi Saiyidur Rahman and Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed have also withdrawn.

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman): Before you record your votes, I will announce exactly what the position is.

(After the distribution of voting papers was finished).

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman):—Order, order. Now I take it that you are all in agreement that those gentlemen who wish to withdraw their names may be permitted to do so.

Therefore, it comes to a straight fight between No. 1 and No. 6 on the voting papers, namely, Khan Bahadur Maulavi Keramat Ali and Mr. Basanta Kumar Das. I must ask you to refrain from signing the paper. You will only put a cross against the candidate of your choice. Then you will have to fold your papers and place them in the ballot box. I hope everyone of you have got your ballot paper.

(Voting then proceeded).

(After the voting had been finished and the counting made).

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman): I am glad to announce that Mr. Basanta Kumar Das has been elected Speaker of the Assembly (Cheers).

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN: May I know the number of votes secured by Babu Basanta Kumar Das?

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL (Chairman):—Babu Basanta Kumar Das has secured 56 votes against 51.

(The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Hockenhull then vacated the Chair and the elected Speaker, the Hon'ble Mr. Basanta Kumar Das occupied it).
(Great applause).

FELICITATIONS TO THE SPEAKER

The Hon'ble Maulavi SAIYID SIR MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : Before we proceed, Sir, may I be allowed to speak a few words in welcoming you and congratulating you in being elected by the vote of the House to the Chair. You, Sir, are not a stranger to this Hall where you had been a prominent member in the years 1926-1929. We all know, Sir, your worth to which, in the meantime, you have added, by being elected to the Indian Legislative Assembly, where you had been our elected representative for a number of years. Sir, in you we have every confidence that the great tradition of the Speaker of an Assembly will be dignifiedly maintained. We also expect, Sir, that although you belong to a great disciplined party, the Congress, as soon as you occupied the Chair you became a no-party man. Sir, on behalf of the Council of Ministers and on behalf of the Government I welcome you and congratulate you.

Maulavi MUNAWWAR ALI : Sir, I congratulate you most heartily on behalf of the United Moslem Party. As the Hon'ble Premier has just now said, you are no stranger in our midst. Everybody knows what great contribution you have made to the political regeneration of this Province. In you we have got a sound councillor, an impartial judge and an ideal Speaker. Your character and talents are admirable and the balance of justice could not have been placed in better hands. And although no 'balance' and 'mace'—emblems of justice and fair-play—are seen in the House, we all hope and expect that you will constantly have a picture of these two emblems in front of your mind while dealing with hon. members and different groups and parties of this House and delivering your judgments. From this very moment, Sir, you belong to no party. Henceforward you are no-man's man, but every-man's man, and we have no doubt that you will not only preserve the traditions of the House but enrich and ennoble them. With these few words, Sir, I again congratulate you and welcome you most heartily as the Speaker of the House.

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL : We also would like to add a word of congratulation to those already passed. In congratulating you we feel that in the election of a worthy Speaker we have done honour to ourselves as well as to you. We feel that we can assure you at the beginning of our loyal co-operation and we hope that you will have a very happy and prosperous term of office.

Srijut GOPINATH BARDALAI : Sir, I consider it a great privilege and a very happy coincidence also that my first speech in this House should synchronise with your elevation to the high dignity of the Chair. It is not indeed for me to dilate on the great honour and heavy responsibility of the great office that you are assuming to-day. No post, no office could be of greater honour than the one that could be given to you by the elected representatives of the people (*Hear, hear*). Therefore, Sir, I consider that it is an elevation and I particularly feel honoured that the Congress Party has been able to furnish this House with the occupant of this Chair. Sir, your responsibilities are undoubtedly great. With a little perusal of the Government of India Act, we have felt that the position I mean to say, the position of the House is not as good as it should be. We think that a lot of improvement is necessary in order that the House as a whole may acquire those rights which are available in other legislatures in free countries. I feel, Sir, that the shadow of the Autocratic Governor does often extend even to the precincts of this House. I do not anticipate what will be done by you but I do feel that in your hands the collective freedom of the House as a whole will receive encouragement and with your wise guidance and ruling you will create

in this House precedents, which will create India's history. On behalf of the members of the Congress Party, I accord you our heartfelt congratulations on your elevation to this Chair.

Rai Bahadur PROMODE CHANDRA DUTT: Sir, on behalf of our group I offer you our most respectful congratulations on your election to the very exalted office of the Speaker of this House. As some speakers have already said, the responsibilities attaching to this office are very great indeed but, knowing you as we do so well, we feel confident that you will rise equal to the occasion and create high traditions for this House.

Khan Sahib Maulavi SAYIDUR RAHMAN: On behalf of the Coalition Party, of which I have been chosen the Leader, I take this opportunity of offering my heartiest felicitations to you on your being elected to the Chair. I endorse every word that has been spoken by my predecessors in this House. We, the members of the House, extend to you our goodwill and hearty co-operation and we do hope that with the ability, readiness and intelligence, with which you are endowed in an ample measure, you will be able to discharge the functions of the Chair quite creditably and quite well. I am sure that, although you belong to the Congress Party, from this moment you will be able to sever your party connection and be a no-party man and enjoy the confidence of the whole House. I can assure you our hearty co-operation and help.

Maulavi ABDUL MATIN CHAUDHURY: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the members of the Moslem League Party, I offer you our heartiest congratulations on your election to this exalted office as the Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly. As your colleague in the last Indian Legislative Assembly I have learnt to appreciate your high character, your ability and your integrity and I know that in the discharge of your duties you will rise equal to the occasion. You are aware of the difficulties which the members of the Opposition have to face, being yourself a member of the Opposition for so many years. On your tact, on your judgment, and on your impartiality, will depend the smooth working of the Assembly. The members of the House will look to you as the custodian of the Assembly and privileges to safeguard their interests in this House.

Mr. Speaker, we are now entering upon a new era. We have got our own traditions to create, and on your judgment, on your ruling, on your decision, will depend the growth, the power, the justice and influence of this House so far as it is possible under this Constitution, and I feel sure that your influence will be exerted towards the liberalising of this Constitution. On behalf of the Muslim League Party I again assure you of our hearty co-operation in the discharge of the duty on which you are now entering.

Miss MAVIS DUNN: Sir, allow me to offer you my hearty congratulations on your elevation, and I hope that we will get in you an impartial Speaker.

Babu AKSHAY KUMAR DAS: Sir, I also, on behalf of my party of which I am the leader, offer you my hearty congratulations, and we trust that you will discharge your duty as Speaker in a proper manner.

Mr. KEDARMAL BRAHMIN: Sir, I also congratulate you on your being elected as the Speaker of this House. I endorse every word that has fallen from the lips of the other members of the House, and I feel sure that in you we shall find a really impartial Speaker.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Gentlemen, it is certainly a great honour in my life that the confidence of the hon'ble House in me has placed me in the possession of such a high office. I am fully aware of

the heavy responsibilities that are attached to this office, and I am conscious of my own short-comings and defects, but it will be my endeavour always to try to maintain the dignity of the office and to discharge my duties to the satisfaction of this hon'ble House. I am deeply touched by the words that have been spoken about me by so many hon. members, and I feel that although I do not deserve all these I perceive in them a clear indication of the co-operation that I shall get from the hon. members of the House. It will always be my endeavour to be worthy of the trust that has been reposed in me, and with the co-operation and good-will, which I hope I shall get in an abundant measure from the hon. members, I hope to carry on, and the way in which I shall conduct myself in this House will be always guided by a desire to see that when I shall lay down this office the words which have been spoken about me will stand justified. With these few words and thanking the hon. members for the honour done to me, I resume my seat. And while resuming my seat I again say that I am really over-powered by a feeling produced on me by the laudatory words that have been so kindly spoken about me (Cheers.)

Motion of no-confidence in the Ministry

Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS : Sir, before the commencement of the proceedings of the day I handed over a motion to the Secretary, and lest it be ruled out of order I again press the motion before the House—I mean my motion of no-confidence.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Today we have met for merely constituting the House, and the first item on the agenda was to elect the Speaker. The next item is to elect a Deputy Speaker, and in my opinion until a Deputy Speaker has been elected the House is not properly constituted. So I rule that this motion is out of order, and I shall consider this matter to-morrow after the business of the House has begun.

Babu KSHIRODE CHANDRA DEB : Sir, will he have to give a fresh notice about that?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Yes, a fresh notice will have to be given.

Election of the Deputy Speaker

(Nomination papers for Deputy Speakership were distributed.)

(After a pause)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I have got only two names before me. One is Kumar Ajit Narayan Deb whose name has been proposed by Srijut Purandar Sarma and seconded by Srijut Santosh Kumar Barua and the other is that of Maulavi Muhammad Amiruddin, proposed by Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed and seconded by Maulavi Mabarak Ali. Are there any other names that hon. members wish to submit?

(After a pause)

No other names are forthcoming. I think hon. members have got their voting papers distributed to them. From the voting paper they will see that they will have to write the name of the hon. member for whom they wish to vote for the Deputy Speakership.

(The voting then took place)

(Counting of votes for the election of the Deputy Speaker continued).

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Order, order. I am glad to announce that Maulavi Muhammad Amiruddin has been elected to the post of Deputy Speaker.

(Voices)—Number of votes please?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Sixty-two and thirty-eight. Six votes have been rejected, and it appears that one hon. member did not vote.

(Voices)—We want to see our Deputy Speaker.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD AMIRUDDIN: Hon'ble the Speaker and my hon. Colleagues,

First of all I have to convey my heart-felt thanks, my good wishes and my gratitude to you all for having elected me as the Deputy Speaker of the House. This office is no doubt a very onerous one and I think I must invite the sympathy and good will of you all irrespective of any caste, creed or party to help me in the discharge of the duties with which I have been entrusted to-day. The hon. members are aware that I have had no practical experience of the present-day complicated politics, threatened with a hazy atmosphere but I have no doubt that my hon. colleagues will spare no pains in giving me their most salutary advice and necessary instructions in guiding me to tide over the problems with which I may be confronted. I again accord my vote of thanks to the Chair as well as my compliments to you all. With these words I resume my seat.

Felicitations to the Deputy Speaker

Babu KSHIRODE CHANDRA DEB: Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate our Deputy Speaker. I expected that the Leader of the House would first congratulate him but as he did not come forward, I now congratulate our Deputy Speaker on behalf of the Congress party and I expect that he will always prove useful to you. I also expect him not to be a party man when he occupies the Chair during your absence.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Sir, as my hon. friend Babu Kshirode Chandra Deb has found fault with me for not rising to congratulate my hon. friend Maulavi Muhammad Amiruddin, our new Deputy Speaker, I must say a few words in reply.

Sir, you know that it has never been customary in this House to congratulate any Deputy Speaker on his election. Although the post is of great honour, dignity and at times of grave difficulty for a Deputy Speaker when he is suddenly called upon to occupy the Chair in the temporary absence of the Speaker, still I have not seen the custom to congratulate the Deputy Speaker in our House and therefore I did not rise earlier. I may be a bit late. I now offer sincere congratulations to the hon. Deputy Speaker, Maulavi Muhammad Amiruddin on behalf of the Ministry and the Government.

Maulavi MUNAWWAR ALI: On behalf of the United Moslem Party I convey this party's heartiest congratulations to the Deputy Speaker and offer him our best co-operation.

Maulavi ABDUL MATIN CHAUDHURY: Mr. Speaker, On behalf of the Moslem League Party I offer my hearty congratulation to our hon. friend Maulavi Muhammad Amiruddin. It is a great pleasure to me to see that he has been elected as Deputy Speaker, not only because he is a member of our party, but also because he comes from that very neglected community of Assam, the immigrant community. I am glad that the Assembly is beginning to realise their position and I hope they will give them the same rights as enjoyed by the children of the soil. I again congratulate Maulavi Muhammad Amiruddin on his having been elected as our Deputy Speaker.

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN: Sir, as the convention has already been broken I take this opportunity of congratulating our newly elected Deputy Speaker. Though I had not the good fortune of knowing him for a long time, from the number of votes secured by him, it seems that most of the members have been pleased to repose their confidence in him. I therefore hope that the rights and privileges of this House will be safe in his hands. With these few words I congratulate him again.

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL: We also wish to tender our congratulations to the Deputy Speaker. It is a great pleasure to us to see that he has been elected to the post.

Babu HIRENDRA CHANDRA CHAKRAVARTY: I congratulate our hon. Deputy Speaker most heartily. I had been in the office of a Deputy Speaker for the last 7 years and I know that the situation is a very honourable one and I think our present hon. Deputy Speaker being a young man of energy and activity will be quite competent to discharge his duties. With these words I congratulate him again on his election.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I nominate the following hon. members to form a panel of Chairmen for the present session:—

1. Srijut Sarveswar Barua.
2. Maulavi Munawwarali.
3. Mr. F. W. Hockenhull.
4. Rev. L. Gatphoh.

Message from His Excellency the Governor requiring the attendance of members on the 9th April at 2-30 p.m.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I am to announce to you the following message received from His Excellency the Governor of Assam.—

"In pursuance of sub-section 1 of section 63 of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Robert Niel Reid hereby require the attendance of the members of the Assam Legislative Assembly in the Assembly Chamber at 2-30 p.m., on Friday, the 9th April 1937.

(Sd.) R. N. REID,
Governor of Assam."

Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: Mr. Speaker, I want to know whether the procedure that is followed in the British Houses of Parliament will be followed in reference to the speech by His Excellency and whether any amendment on this may be allowed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Will the Hon'ble Leader of the House say what he has got to say on this point?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Sir, as you all know, the Governor, as a representative of His Majesty the King, Emperor is beyond the subject of discussion in this House and from our personal experience in this House we can say that no such amendment or discussion in the House has been allowed before and therefore I don't think any speech or amendment will be allowed under the rules that are before us.

Srijut SARVESWAR BARUA: The whole constitution is now thoroughly changed and we have got Provincial Autonomy and therefore, I think, we can make amendment of the speech.

Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: I propose to make a statement in respect of the attitude of our party in reference to the speech of His Excellency. We were told that we got Provincial Autonomy from to-day.

Srijut DAVESWAR SARMA: Will the Hon'ble Leader of the House be pleased to follow the conventions which is established long ago in the British Houses of Parliament, and allow us to move any amendment on the speech?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Will the Hon'ble Leader of the House like to add anything to what he has already said.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: I have nothing to add. We have to follow the procedure only. There is nothing in the Act. We are bound by the Act itself.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The Hon'ble Leader of the House does not like to create any new precedent; so no further discussion is necessary.

(After a pause)

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Election to the Assam Bengal Railway and Eastern Bengal Railway Local Advisory Committees will be held to-morrow at 2-30 p.m., and the hon. members are already in possession of the circular letter that has been issued to them for their guidance.

Khan Bahadur Maulavi KERAMAT ALI: Are we to understand that the Assembly will sit to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Most likely. I shall fix the time afterwards.

Babu KSHIRODE CHANDRA DEB: May I make a submission, Sir? As we have elected our Speaker and Deputy Speaker, to-day, we are awfully tired and so the House may be adjourned. (*Loud laughter*).

Adjournment motion regarding the inadequacy of relief to sufferers of Simaluguri and Jokaichuk mauzas

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: There is an adjournment motion in the name of Srijut Krishna Nath Sarmah to the effect "That this House do adjourn for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, viz., inadequacy of relief by the Government to the sufferers of Simaluguri, Jokaichuk and Teok Mauzas in the Sibsagar District from a terrible cyclone causing immense distress which still continues". Will the Hon'ble Leader of the House say anything on this?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Sir, I have got nothing to say excepting that we would like to know when did the cyclone take place and when was the Government grant made towards relief. The motion, as it stands, is very vague on this point and I would like to know something before I can make any speech.

Srijut KRISHNA NATH SARMAH: Yes, it was on the 14th February 1937. No Government grant was given.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: What was the relief given by the Government?

Srijut KRISHNA NATH SARMAH: Only a small subscription was realised by the Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar from officials and non-officials, which was very inadequate. So far as I remember, it was Rs.100 to Rs.130.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: What is the extent of suffering?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Do I understand that it was a public subscription realised by Deputy Commissioner from officials and non-officials and that it was not a Government grant?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Yes, it was a subscription realised by the Deputy Commissioner.

Srijut KRISHNA NATH SARMA: I received a telegram which speaks for itself:—

"Krishna Nath Sarma, Shillong.

Jhanzie Relief Enquiry Report state:

"Storm 14th February. Caused damage mauzas Simalaguri, Teok, Jokaichuk, Sibsagar District. 125 homes completely destroyed two primary schools, 3 namghars heavily affected, one woman died in consequence of injuries received besides damage to numerous homesteads. Loss estimated between thirty to forty thousand. Request enquiry relief."

Kuladhar Chaliha, Member Indian Legislative Assembly."

There was an Enquiry Report by a committee, which is now enquiring into the matter, and reported to Mr. Kuladhar Chaliha and I have received it from him.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Then, I understand that the Hon'ble Leader has no objection.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : No, Sir, I have got some objection. In the first place, the cyclone took place on the 14th February last and, so, the matter is not of recent occurrence as laid down by the rule. Secondly, the term of the motion is inapplicable. The "inadequacy" of relief by Government means that there was some relief from Government. When I know from the hon. mover that there was no relief from Government, the wording of the motion is irrelevant. So, I submit, Sir, that the adjournment motion is not admissible.

Srijut KRISHNA NATH SARMAH : Sir, this fact has been reported in the newspaper and I have seen a copy of the newspaper in the library table. So, Government must have been aware of the immense damage but up till now nothing has been done. 125 families have lost their homes and those homes have to be reconstructed.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I want an answer to the question raised by the Hon'ble Leader of the House.

Srijut KRISHNA NATH SARMAH : These are all facts, Sir. What I mean by inadequacy of relief is not that Government has granted some relief and that no relief is necessary now. The relief that has been given at the instance of the Deputy Commissioner is too small and Government must come forward to help the distressed people. As to the recent public occurrence, I mean to say that the people are still suffering and they have to construct their houses.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : I don't think the hon. mover has answered the points that I have raised.

I want simply to draw your attention to another fact that this adjournment motion follows the same principle under which you, Sir, postponed the question of the no-confidence motion. The business of the House has already been commenced and therefore it is not admissible under rule 81 of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules which says—"A member asking for the consent of the Speaker under rule 78 shall,—after questions and before the business on the list for the day is entered upon, ask for the leave of the Assembly to make the motion." I understand that the occurrence is not a very recent one. Moreover, the occurrence took place not after the inauguration of provincial autonomy, as the hon. mover stated a few minutes ago, but in the time of the previous Government.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : With regard to the first objection raised by the Hon'ble Leader of the House that the matter is not of recent occurrence, I rule that it is of recent occurrence because, the hon. mover says that the sufferings of the people due to the cyclone are still continuing, and as the House meets for the first time to-day, the hon. mover could not certainly have an opportunity to table this motion.

Then, with regard to the objection that when the Government did not spend anything for the relief there cannot be any question of inadequacy or adequacy of relief. The hon. mover has said that the Deputy Commissioner got some subscriptions realised and that it was through his medium the money was spent. Relief to be given by the Government does not

mean that Government should pay something from Government coffers, but if Government officers take any step to render relief and if that relief is not sufficient, then I think the hon. mover is right in saying that the relief is quite inadequate.

Then, in regard to the other objection that the motion cannot be entertained because it was not moved before the business on the list for the day was entered upon. I think with regard to the no-confidence motion I said that we were proceeding only to constitute the House by electing the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and that the wording of the rule is with reference to the normal working of the House—that after the question time and before the business on the list for the day is entered upon a member who wishes to move an adjournment motion is to ask for leave. I think in the circumstances the business of the House really begins when all these preliminaries are finished and the time to ask for leave is really when we are about to begin the business of the House. So, I think the motion is in order and I would also like to fix the time according to my convenience.

Now, I am to enquire whether the hon. mover of the adjournment motion has got the leave of the House. 20 members will have to rise in their seats.

[At this stage more than 20 members rose in their seats.]

The motion is allowed. It will be discussed day after to-morrow, the 9th inst., at 4 o'clock. (Claps.)

Rai Bahadur PROMODE CHANDRA DUTT: If in the meantime His Excellency does not disallow. We shall have to stay up to 6-30, I think.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: We can sit up to 6.

Khan Bahadur Maulavi KERAMAT ALI: Adjournment motions are allowed 2½ hours for discussion.

Rai Bahadur PROMODE CHANDRA DUTT: Hon. members who wish to speak may be allowed 2½ hours.

Khan Bahadur Maulavi KERAMAT ALI: Two and half hours are allowed for adjournment motions.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I fix 3-30 day after to-morrow for the adjournment motion.

Rai Bahadur PROMODE CHANDRA DUTT: Sir, before we proceed may I draw your attention to one thing. There is a motion of no-confidence. If that motion is allowed that will have to be discussed on the 9th and on the 9th we meet at 2-30 p.m.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: We shall have time to-morrow to take up the no-confidence motion.

Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA: Sir, if the no-confidence motion is carried to-morrow we shall have no occasion to discuss the adjournment motion. So my submission is that the adjournment motion be taken up before the no-confidence motion. (Laughter.)

PRESENTATION OF NOTIFICATIONS * UNDER THE ASSAM MUNICIPAL ACT

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY: Sir, I beg to present the following Notifications under section 296(3) of the Assam Municipal Act, 1923 :—

- (i) Notification No. 4369L.S.-G., dated the 27th October 1936,
- (ii) „ No. 4538L S.-G., dated the 17th November 1936,
- (iii) „ No. 276L.S.-G., dated the 27th January 1937,
- (iv) „ No. 658L.S.-G., dated the 16th February 1937,
- (v) „ No. 679L.S.-G., dated the 17th February 1937.

All these Notifications have been placed on the tables of hon. members.

Srijut KAMESWAR DAS: May I know, Sir, what for are these notifications ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Only for the information of the House.

Srijut KAMESWAR DAS: Can we ask questions about them ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: You can do so afterwards if you like.

Maulavi Dewan Md. AHBAB CHAUDHURY: Sir, The House should be adjourned now for saying our prayers.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: It will be adjourned at 5.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE ASSAM COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: I beg, Sir, to move that the members of the Assembly, other than the members of the Planting Constituencies, do proceed to elect, in accordance with the instructions contained in the voting paper, eight members to the Assam Communications Board.

Srijut KAMESWAR DAS: Sir, may I know from the Hon'ble mover, through you, what is the strength of the Provincial Communications Board, what will be its functions, under what authority this Board is going to be constituted, why the members of the planting constituency are being left out of the voting, and whether they are given any special representation, and if so, what ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: I am afraid I will not be able to give the exact figures wanted by my hon. friend who has just raised this point, because we thought that my hon. friend and most of the members of the previous Council knew about the constitution of the Communications Board. As a matter of fact, I except my predecessor in office the Hon'ble Rai Bahadur P. C. Dutt who was in charge of the Public Works Department and whose memory is more recent as having dealt with the file until lately, will be able to correct me if I am mistaken. Unfortunately the file is not with me at the present moment as I took it for granted that the hon. members knew about the constitution of the Board.

If I remember aright—I dealt with the file seven years ago—the total strength of this Board is 13. Eight of them are elected by this House and two are nominated by the two branches of the Indian Tea Association. That is the reason why the representatives of the Planting Constituency in this House are not allowed to vote or to stand as candidates. The Indian

Tea Association has two branches, one in the Assam Valley and the other in the Surma Valley and they nominate one of their members to represent the Tea Industry on the Board. Thus 10 members are accounted for, 8 from the House and 2 from the Indian Tea Association and the remaining 3 are officials. They are the technical staff, the Chief Engineer and the Superintending Engineer and most probably one Executive Engineer.

The functions of this Board are purely advisory. A road programme was evolved many years ago and certain definite roads were put in a list to be taken up for construction or improving them as the case may be, and the advice of this Road Board is taken as to which project should have preference.

I think, Sir, I have given the information which the hon. member wanted.

Srijut KAMESWAR DAS: Do I understand that the Planting Members will have two seats in a Board of 13 members?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir **MUHAMMAD SAADULLA:** The proportion was adopted long ago and we are only following it. Eight to be elected by this House and 2 to be nominated by the Tea Associations.

Srijut DEBESWAR SARMAH: On a point of information, Sir. Can we send in fresh applications for being elected to this Board? May I ask whether the time and the date fixed by the Secretary is final and we are bound by it? If the time fixed is not statutory, I mean if the Secretary's word is not final with regard to this, I would ask for the time being extended to enable us to file fresh nominations. Since this Government of India Act comes into force.....

The Hon'ble the **SPEAKER:** I understand the hon. member's contention.

Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA: Before you go further, Sir, may I make one submission? I sent a nomination paper to the Secretary of the Assembly for my name to be included in the list of names for the Communications Board. But I do not find my name included here.

The Hon'ble the **SPEAKER:** Order, order. For the election of this Board the time was fixed by the Secretary with a view to facilitate the business of the House. The list of names here has already so many as 61 names. If further names are to be included, hon. members may say now what names are to be included so that other hon. members may include those names in the list already before them. Then the voting can be proceeded with each member voting for the 8 names he wishes to be elected.

The Hon'ble **Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI:** Do I understand that the election will not go on now?

The Hon'ble the **SPEAKER:** Yes, the election can take place even now. All I was mentioning was that the hon. members who want their names included may now say so and their names will be taken down by the others and thereafter from the complete list voting may take place.

Srijut LAKHESVAR BOROOAH: My friend there **Srijut Rupnath Brahma** has said that he sent in his application for the inclusion of his name to the Secretary but that his name was not included. Will you enquire, Sir, if the name was actually sent up to the office or not?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Secretary says he got the application but, that it came after the date fixed for filing nominations. But that is immaterial now. Those members who are willing to be elected will be included in the ballot. The names already in the list will also stand.

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY : Some of the names, Sir, in this list have been crossed out.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : That is because the members whose names have been crossed out said afterwards they did not want to stand.

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY : Sir, the name of my friend Mr. Rupnath Brahma should be in the list.

Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA : Sir, there are altogether 13 members in the committee. Is this committee constituted as part and parcel of this House ? May we know whether the other members have already been nominated, and if so, who are they ? 3 are officials and 2 are from the planters. May I know the names of those members who have already been selected ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : I am not in a position to say, Sir, who are the members.

Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA : Sir, are those members selected from the Planting Group members of the Assembly ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : They are nominated by the two branches of the Indian Tea Association and not elected from the members of the Planting Group.

Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA : May I know whether they are elected from the members of the Assembly or from outside ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : It is open to the Indian Tea Association to choose a member from the House or nominate somebody from outside.

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY : Sir, how will the name of Mr. Rupnath Brahma come in here ? Against what number shall we write ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : At the bottom. The names of further members may be announced.

Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA : Sir, I am a candidate for membership.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The hon. member's name may be taken.

Babu HIRENDRA CHANDRA CHAKRAVARTI : Sir, I find there are 61 names in the list. Do you mean to say, Sir, that all the 61 should stand ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : All the names will stand. The hon. member will have to select 8 names according to his choice.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE UNDER RULE 94 OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RULES, PART II

Srijut DEVESWAR SARMA : May I request the Hon'ble Speaker to include the name of the Leader of the Opposition, viz., Srijut Gopinath Bardoloi in the list ?

Srijut LAKHESWAR BOROOAH : In the case of the Communications Board the Hon'ble Speaker was pleased to include some additional names. May I know if the same privilege can be extended in this particular case also ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I want to know if any nomination paper was submitted in the name of Srijut Gopinath Bardoloi. (After consultation with the Secretary, Legislative Assembly). I understand that a nomination paper was submitted in his name, but as it was not filed before the time fixed by the Secretary, his name was not included. But now I understand that there is nothing which can prevent me from including his name in the list. He being the Leader of the Opposition, I think, he should be given an opportunity to be a member of the committee and therefore I direct that after the name of Babu Hirendra Chandra Chakravarti the name of Srijut Gopinath Bardoloi be added.

(Then the voting proceeded)

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : Sir, I beg to move :

That a Committee be formed for making Rules under section 84 (1) of the Government of India Act, 1935, for regulating the procedure and the conduct of business of the Assam Legislative Assembly.

As hon. members know, we have already drafted a set of Rules, but I want to take the Leaders of the different parties, and some of those who represent different interests, into a Committee, so that they can go through these Rules and scrutinize them properly. These draft rules may be the basis for discussion. If any one wants to add, amend or modify them, he may do so in the Committee.

I suggest the following names :—

Rai Bahadur P. C. Dutt,

Mr. F. W. Hockenbuhl,

Srijut Gopinath Bardoloi,

Maulavi Munawwarali,

Khan Bahadur Maulavi Keramat Ali,

Maulavi Abdul Matin Chaudhury,

Babu Akshay Kumar Das,

Mr. Kedarmal Brahmin,

Srijut Santosh Kumar Barua,

Miss Mavis Dunn, and

The Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Legislative Department.

If any of the Leaders of the different groups whom I have mentioned here do not find it convenient to be in the Committee, I will be glad to accept any suggestion from the representative of the party for substituting their names. The Committee consists of 11 members and I do not propose to expand it.

The Committee will be expected to report to the House before the next session in about June or July. The Committee will have to meet sometime either in April or in the beginning of May. I will try to see that the Report is laid before the House before the next session.

Srijut GOPINATH BARDLOI : Sir, I think one more member from the Congress Party should be included in the Committee. I request the name of our Deputy Leader, Babu Kshirode Chandra Deb, may, be included.

Maulavi ABDUR RAHMAN: I would like that the name of Maulavi Mudabbir Hussain Chaudhury be included.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: The bigger the number, the more difficult it will be to complete the work. I have taken a representative from each group. I have taken Maulavi Munawwarali from the United Muslim Group, Srijut Gopinath Bardoloi, the Leader of the Congress Group, Rai Bahadur Promode Chandra Dutt from the Independent Party, Maulavi Abdul Matin Chaudhury from the Muslim League and so on. It will be seen that I have taken Leaders of different groups. If we take more members for each group the Committee will be too bulky and unwieldy and I hope hon. members will see the necessity of limiting the number, so that quick work can be done and that our report may be ready before the next session begins.

Srijut KRISHNA NATH SARMAH: Only two names have been suggested and I do not think the list will be bulky.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I think the Hon'ble the Leader of the House will state now many members will form the quorum.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: I will mention that.

Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI: I would be glad if some consideration be shown according to the strength of the party.

Srijut LAKHESWAR BOROOAH: Just a little before we have heard that Khan Sahib Maulavi Sayidur Rahman is the Leader of certain party. I do not find his name included in the Committee.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Khan Sahib Maulavi Sayidur Rahman is the Leader of the Coalition group in this House. I have not included his name because Leaders of the individual groups have already been included, e.g., Khan Bahadur Keramat Ali from the Assam Valley Muslim Party, Srijut Santosh Kumar Barua representing the group led by my hon. friend Srijut Rohini Kumar Chaudhuri; I have also included Miss Dunn as representative of the party led by my hon. friend Rev. J. J. M. Nichols-Roy. If the House agree to increase the number by three as suggested by my hon. friends, the Leader of the Opposition Srijut Gopinath Bardoloi and Maulavi Abdur Rahman, and Srijut Lakheshwar Borooah I will add their names.

Srijut SARVESWAR BARUA: On a point of information, Sir. May I know if this committee is an elected committee or it is an appointed committee?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The committee is elected by this House and if the suggestions made are not acceptable to the hon. members, then the members are quite at liberty to move an amendment to add new names.

Srijut KRISHNA NATH SARMAH: I want that members should be elected and not nominated by the Leader of the House.

Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA: The Leader of the House has suggested the names and we have not accepted them until now. If it is to be elected we want to propose names to this committee.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Then I shall have to place this motion before the House and then invite amendment; he has only moved a motion.

Babu HIRENDRA CHANDRA CHAKRAVARTY: On a point of information, Sir. The Hon'ble the Leader of the House has read out certain names as personnel of the committee. He has placed it before the House, whether the House accepts it or not. If the House accepts it, it means that it approves nomination of the members made by the Hon'ble Leader of the House.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Please wait.

Maulavi ABDUR RAHMAN: Certain names have been suggested by the Hon'ble Leader of the House and it is only for you to accept them or not and I think in order to minimise our labour and as it is getting late, I request hon. members to say whether they accept the list suggested by the Leader of the House, or not.

Maulavi Dewan Md. AHBAB CHAUDHURY: Sir, It is past five, and I again draw your attention that our prayer time is passing, and the House should be adjourned.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Very well, the House will be adjourned soon. The motion before the House is that a Committee be formed for making Rules under section 84(1) of the Government of India Act, 1935, for regulating the procedure and the conduct of business of the Assam Legislative Assembly with the following members:—

Mr. F. W. Hockenhull,
Rai Bahadur Promode Chandra Dutt,
Srijut Gopinath Bordoloi,
Maulavi Munawwar Ali,
Khan Bahadur Maulavi Keramat Ali,
Maulavi Abdul Matin Chaudhury,
Babu Akshay Kumar Das,
Miss Mavis Dunn,
Mr. Kedarmal Brahmin,
The Hon'ble Minister in charge of Legislative Department,
Srijut Santosh Kumar Barua,
Maulavi Mudabbir Hussain Chaudhuri,
Babu Kshirode Chandra Deb.

Rai Bahadur PROMODE CHANDRA DUTT: Sir, I do not wish to serve.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Hon. members may suggest elimination and also addition of names in the form of amendments.

And before I adjourn the House I am to intimate the Leaders of the parties that the arrangement of seats has been tentatively made; the Leader of the Opposition will be given a block for his party and within that block he will be quite at liberty to make his own arrangement; the Secretary will allot other blocks to different parties and the seats will be arranged by the parties themselves.

At this stage the House adjourned till Thursday the 8th April 1937 at 2-30 p. m.

Shillong,
The 10th April, 1937.

A. K. BARUA,
Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly.

APPENDIX A

Letter from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Assam, dated April 7th, 1937, to the Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly :

"I am directed by His Excellency the Governor of Assam to inform you that Mr. F. W. Hockenhull has this day made and subscribed before him his oath as a member of the Assam Legislative Assembly in token whereof I enclose a copy of the oath duly subscribed by him.

Sd F. A. ESSE."

APPENDIX B

The 27th October 1936.

No. 4369-L.S.-G.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 296 (2) (i) of the Assam Municipal Act, 1923 (Assam Act I of 1923), as subsequently amended, and in modification of Notification No. 203-L.S.-G., dated the 14th January 1925, so far as it relates to the Tezpur Municipality, the Government of Assam are pleased to make the following rule for the division of the Tezpur Municipality into wards and for fixing the number of members to be elected for each of such wards of the said Municipality.

TEZPUR MUNICIPALITY

The municipality shall be divided into four wards with the following boundaries :—

Number of elected members
for each ward.

Ward No. I

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3.

North—The northern boundary of the municipality from the north-west corner of *dag* No. 2 of Tezpur Town, Mauzah Mahabhairab, to the junction of the northern boundaries of *dags* Nos. 2100 and 2452.

East—A line running along the eastern boundaries of *dags* Nos. 2100, 1398 and 1434 up to the cadastral pillar on the eastern boundary of *dag* No. 689 and thence crossing the said *dag* to the north-west corner of *dag* No. 688, thence southern boundary of *dag* No. 736, and eastern and southern boundaries of *dag* No. 737, eastern boundary of *dag* No. 738, northern, eastern and southern boundaries of *dag* No. 744, eastern boundary of *dag* No. 2565, northern and eastern boundaries of *dag* No. 754 and eastern and southern boundaries of *dag* No. 755 to the north-east corner of *dag* No. 757, thence eastern boundaries of *dags* Nos. 2564, 2563 and 530 and thence to the north-east corner of *dag* No. 471 and then along eastern boundaries of *dag* Nos. 471, 759 and 477 to the south-east corner of *dag* No. 477 and thence along the northern boundary of *dag* No. 473 to the north east corner of *dag* No. 473 and thence to the cadastral pillar at the north-east corner of the *dag* No. 474 and thence the eastern boundary of that *dag*.

South—The southern boundary of the municipality from the south-east corner of *dag* No. 474 westwards.

West—The western boundary of the municipality northwards to the north-west corner of *dag* No. 2 of Tezpur Town, Mauzah Mahabhairab.

Ward No. II

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3.

North—The northern boundary of the municipality from the junction of northern boundaries of *dags* Nos. 2100 and 2452 to the cadastral pillar at the north-west corner of *dag* No. 2207.

East—From the cadastral pillar at the north-west corner of *dag* No. 2207 southward along the eastern boundaries of *dags* Nos. 2179, 1519, 1615, 1049, 1179 and 832 to the south-east corner of *dag* No. 832 of Tezpur Town and the southern boundary of the municipality.

South—The southern boundary of the municipality from the south-east corner of *dag* No. 832 to the north-east corner of *dag* No. 474.

West—The eastern boundary of Ward No. I.

Ward No. III

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3.

North and East—Starting from the north-west corner of *dag* No. 2207 a line running along the eastern boundaries of *dags* Nos. 2151 and 1899, to the point where it meets the northern boundary of *dag* No. 1849, then along the northern and eastern boundaries of *dag* No. 1849 and thence along the eastern boundary of *dag* No. 1800, and across that *dag* to the north-east of *dag* No. 1116, thence along the north-eastern boundaries of the said *dag* and

eastern boundaries of *dags* Nos. 1117 and 1118 to the point where it meets the north-east corner of *dag* No. 1119, thence along the eastern and southern boundaries of that *dag* and the eastern boundary of *dags* Nos. 2398 and 1144 to the point where it meets the north-west corner of *dag* No. 1227; thence crossing *dag* No. 1144 to the cadastral pillar on the northern boundary of *dag* No. 1146 and crossing straight the said *dag* and *dags* Nos. 2572, 1147 and 2573 to the point where it meets the north-eastern corner of *dag* No. 1211 and thence along the eastern boundary of *dag* No. 1211 to the southern boundary of the municipality.

South—The boundary of the municipality from the point where the eastern boundary of the ward meets it, to the point where it joins the southern boundary of Ward No. II.

West—The eastern boundary of Ward No. II.

Ward No. IV

3.

North, East and South—The northern, eastern and southern boundaries of the municipality from the cadastral pillar at the north-west corner of *dag* No. 2207 to the point where it joins with the southern boundary of Ward No. III.

West—The eastern boundary of Ward No. III.

The 17th November 1936.

No. 4538-L.S.-G.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 296 of the Assam Municipal Act, 1923 (Assam Act I of 1923), as subsequently amended, the Government of Assam are pleased to make the following amendment in the rules published with Notification No. 1041-E., dated the 8th March 1924, as subsequently amended.

AMENDMENT

Part III

In rule 33(1), for the words “visit all water-works quarterly and” *substitute* the words “inspect all water-works annually, and in the case of power driven systems and mechanical filters shall inspect the plant and machinery quarterly. At his inspections he shall”

The 27th January 1937.

No. 276-L.S.-G.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 296 of the Assam Municipal Act, 1923 (Assam Act I of 1923), as subsequently amended, the Government of Assam are pleased to make the following addition to the rules published with Notification No. 1041-E., dated the 8th March 1924, as subsequently amended.

Insert the following rules as a new Part VIIA—

Rules regarding the travelling allowance of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, Members and employees of Municipal Boards in Assam.

1. Chairmen of Municipal Boards may be granted travelling allowance under these rules for journeys (other than journeys to attend a meeting at the municipal office) performed outside the municipality for carrying out the purposes of the Assam Municipal Act, provided that such journeys are undertaken in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Board at a prior meeting. Such journeys by Vice-Chairmen, Members (if non-officials) and employees shall require the prior sanction of the Chairman of the Board concerned.

2. Vice-Chairmen and Members shall be entitled to travelling allowance at the same rates as are admissible to Government servants of the second grade with a daily allowance not exceeding Rs. 4.

3. Chairmen shall be entitled to travelling allowance at the same rates as are admissible to Government servants of the first grade with a daily allowance not exceeding Rs. 5.

4. Employees other than menials shall be entitled to travelling allowance at the same rates as are admissible to Government servants of the third grade on similar pay.

5. Menials shall be entitled to travelling allowance at the same rates as are admissible to Government servants of the fourth grade.

6. Save under these rules no travelling allowance shall be drawn for journeys outside the municipal boundaries except with the special sanction of the Commissioner of the Division.

7. Chairmen shall be controlling officers for the purpose of passing bills for travelling allowance drawn by Vice-Chairmen, Members, employees and menials and the Board at a meeting shall be the controlling authority for the purpose of passing bills for travelling allowance drawn by a Chairman.

The 16th February 1937.

No. 658-I S.-G.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 296(2)(i) of the Assam Municipal Act, 1923 (Assam Act I of 1923), the Government of Assam are pleased to make the following rules for the division of the Tinsukia Municipality into wards and the number of members to be elected for each of such wards of the said municipality—

TINSUKIA MUNICIPALITY

The Municipality is divided into 6 wards with the following boundaries—

Ward No. I (Sripuria) excluding the Assam Oil Company's land comprised in <i>dags</i> Nos. 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332 and 1359.	Number of elected members for each ward
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North—From the western boundary of the municipality at the north-east corner of Dhekiajuri village eastward along the northern edge of the Dibru-Sadiya Railway line to the eastern approach of the Assam Oil Company's gate on the Dibru-Sadiya Railway line.

East—From the Assam Oil Company's gate, southwards along the eastern edge of the Sarkari Road (*dag* No. 1334) to the stone prism No. 90 situated on the Godha Ali.

South and West—The boundaries of the municipality. 1 member.

WARD No. II (RAILWAY)

North—From the Assam Oil Company's gate at the crossing of the Dibru-Sadiya Railway line eastwards along the northern edge of the Dibru-Sadiya Railway line to the point where it meets the Tingrai-Hoogrijan Road on its east side, then, crossing the Assam Trunk Road, eastward along the northern edge of the Assam Trunk Road, terminating at the north-east corner of *dag* No. 2021 (Assam Trunk Road).

East—From the north-east corner of *dag* No. 2021 southward along the eastern edge of the Assam Trunk Road, and crossing the same and Dibru-Sadiya Railway line to the boundary of the municipality at the north-east corner of *dag* No. 2052, thence the southern boundary of the municipality.

South—The southern boundary of the municipality.

West—The eastern boundary of Ward No. 1 described above.

1 member.

WARD No. III (TINSUKIA).

North and West—From the junction of the Dibru-Sadiya Railway line with the Assam Trunk Road at the western corner of *dag* No. 1305 (Sheet No. 8), eastward along the southern edge of the Assam Trunk Road to the Kachujan Road, and crossing the Assam Trunk and Kachujan Roads at stone prism No. 29 along the northern edge of Kachujan Road eastwards to the point where it meets the village path of Parbatiagaon at the north-east corner of *dag* No. 2002 of Sheet No. 12.

East—From the junction of Kachujan and Parbatia village roads southward along the eastern boundary of Parbatia village road to the north-east corner of Ward No. II.

South—From the north-east corner of Ward No. II westward along the northern boundary of Ward No. II to the starting point of the north-west boundary.

3 members.

WARD No. IV (PARBATIA).

North—From the stone prism at the north-west corner of Parbatia village eastwards along the northern boundary of the municipality.

East—The eastern boundary of the municipality.

South—The southern boundary of the municipality to the north-west corner of *dag* No. 2204.

West—The western boundary of Parbatia village.

1 member.

WARD No. V (DAHATIA).

North—From the stone prism No. 37 at the north-west corner of *dag* No. 1, eastward along the northern boundary of the municipality to the stone pillar situated at the south-east corner of *dag* No. 94 (Sheet No. 1).

East—The part of the western boundary of Parbatia village between the stone prism at the south-east corner of *dag* No. 94 and stone prism No. 46 on Kachujan Road.

South—The Northern edge of Kachujan Road from the stone prism No. 46 up to the junction of the Rangagora Road.

West—From the junction of Kachujan and Rangagora Roads north ward along the eastern edge of Rangagora Road to the Simul Dhip No. 23 and thence along the western boundary of the municipality to the stone prism No. 37.

WARD No. VI (BARPATHAR).

2 members.

North and West—The western boundary of the municipality from the northern boundary of ward No. I to the stone prism No. 22 on the eastern edge of the Rangagora Road in Hengaluguri village.

East—Along the eastern edge of Rangagora Road from the stone prism No. 22 in Hengaluguri village to the junction of Kachujan Road.

South—Along the northern edge of Kachujan Road from its junction with Rangagora Road to the meeting point of the Trunk Road (at pillar No. 29) then, crossing the Trunk Road, westward along the southern edge of the Trunk Road to municipal boundary at the north-east corner of Dhekiajuri village.

The 17th February 1937.

2 members.

No. 679-L.S.-G.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 296(2)(i) of the Assam Municipal Act, 1923 (Assam Act I of 1923), as subsequently amended, and in supersession of Notification No. 437-L.S.-G., dated the 14th March 1931, the Government of Assam are pleased to make the following rule for the division of the Golaghat Municipality into wards and for fixing the number of members to be elected for each of such wards of the said municipality.

GOLAGHAT MUNICIPALITY

The municipality shall be divided into six wards with the following boundaries:—

WARD No. I

Number of elected members
for each ward.
1.

North—From the municipal boundary pillar No. 5 (new) the northern boundary of the municipality to the Assam-Bengal Railway line.

East—The Assam-Bengal Railway line.

West—The western boundary of the municipality.

South—The southern boundary of the municipality from municipal boundary pillar No. 7 (new) to the railway line.

WARD No. II

Number of elected members
for each ward.
2.

North—The northern boundary of the municipality from the railway line to boundary pillar No. 3, thence along the northern edge of the Golampatty road eastwards up to the junction with the Dak Bungalow Ali and thence along the Dak Bungalow Ali up to the junction with the Golaghat-Sikarighat road.

East—From the junction of Dak Bungalow Ali and Golaghat-Sikarighat road southwards along the Golaghat-Sikarighat road, Theatre Hall and Ghose Dutta road up to the junction with Bagisha Ali. Thence eastwards along the Bagisha Ali to the junction with Furkating road and thence southwards along that road up to pillar No.15 (new) on the municipal boundary.

South—From the municipal boundary pillar No.15 (new) along the southern boundary of the municipality westwards to the railway line.

West—Assam-Bengal railway line.

Number of elected members
for each ward

WARD No.III 2.

North—From a point where the western boundary of *dag* No.1016 meets the eastern edge of an unnamed road along the western boundaries of the aforesaid *dag* and *dag* No.1018, thence southern boundaries of *dags* Nos.1018, 1015, 1014, 1008, 1005, 1004, 1003 and 1002, thence eastern boundaries of *dags* Nos.1002, 1001, 1000, 898, 897, 896, 888, 893, 892 and 891 up to the north-east corner of *dag* No.891, thence across the Golaghat-Sikarighat road to the south-west corner of *dag* No.1682, thence the southern boundaries of *dags* Nos.1682, 1684, 1711, 1721 and south-western boundaries of *dags* Nos.1 726, 1744, 1931, 2115, 1932, 2115 and 2114.

East—Western boundaries of *dags* Nos.2112, 2110, 2109, 2081, 2087, 2083, 2082, 2081, 2078, 2071, 2067, 2068; thence south-western boundaries of *dags* Nos.2065 and 2064; thence western boundary of *dag* No.2057; thence crossing the New Amolapatty Ali along the eastern boundary of *dag* No.2055; thence crossing Dhodar Ali to the junction of the northern and southern boundaries of *dag* No.2408.

South—From the junction of the northern and southern boundaries of *dag* No.2408 at the junction of Bagisha Ali and old Amolapatty Ali along the northern edge of Bagisha Ali up to the junction of Furkating road, and then westward up to the Ghosh Dutta road and then the eastern and northern boundaries of Ward No.II to the junction of Dak Bungalow Ali and Golampatty Ali.

West—From the junction of Dak Bungalow Ali and Golampatty Ali, northwards along the western boundaries of *dags* Nos.1089, 1091, 1092, 1048 and 1016.

Number of elected members
for each ward

WARD No.IV 1.

North—The southern boundary of Ward No.III from the junction of the Golaghat-Furkating road and Bagisha Ali eastward up to the point where the northern and southern boundaries of *dag* No.2408 meet, thence along the northern edge of the Dhodar Ali to the municipal boundary at pillar No.8 (old).

East and South—The eastern and southern boundaries of the municipality from pillar No.8 (old) to the municipal pillar No.15 (new).

West—The eastern boundary of Ward No.II.

Number of elected members
for each ward

WARD No.V 1.

North—The northern boundary of the municipality from the municipal pillar No.4 on the Hajoo Khorong Jan to the crossing of the Golaghat-Sikarighat road at pillar No.5.

East—From a point on the eastern edge of the Golaghat-Sikarighat road on the northern boundary of the municipality, along the eastern edge of the said road up to the point at the junction of the western and northern boundaries of *dag* No.1390, thence along the western boundaries of *dags* Nos.1390, 1393, 1394, 1396 and thence straight to the north-west corner of *dag* No.1402; thence along the western boundaries of *dags* Nos.1403, 1407, 1527, 1526, 1525, 1524, 1520, 1519, 884, 886, 1013 and 1016 and thence the western boundary of Ward No.III up to the junction of Dak Bungalow Ali and Golampatty Ali.

South—The part of the northern boundary of Ward No.II from the junction of Dak Bungalow Ali and Golampatty Ali to the municipal pillar No.3.

West—The boundary of the municipality from the municipal pillar No.3 northwards to the municipal pillar No.4.

Number of elected members
for each ward

WARD No.VI 1.

North—The northern boundary of the municipality from the municipal pillar No.5 (old) to the north-east corner of *dag* No.1738 at pillar No.6.

East—The eastern boundary of the municipality from the north-east corner of *dag* No.1738 at pillar No.6 to the northern edge of the Dhodar Ali opposite the south-east corner of *dag* No.2181 at pillar No.8 (old).

South—The northern boundary of Ward No.IV from pillar No.8 (old) along the Dhodar Ali westwards up to its junction with Bagisha Ali and old Amolapatty Ali and thence northwards along the eastern and northern boundaries of Ward No.III.

West—The eastern boundary of Ward No.V, from the Hajoo Khorong Jan to the north-west corner of *dag* No.1016.

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