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The House met at 9 A. M. of the Clock in the Assembly Chamber at Dispur with Honourable Prof. Debesh Chakravorty, Speaker in the Chair.

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Hon'ble Speaker : Hon'ble Members present, the Governor will address this August House (Noise) .... Now I am going to receive the Governor.

(The Hon'ble Governor and Hon'ble Speaker took their Chairs.

National Anthem played.)

Shri Lok Nath Mishra, Governor : Hon'ble Speaker and the Hon'ble Members.

Shri Jatin Mali : Have you heard the kidnapping of Shri Abhiseckh Verma son of Shri P. P. Verma ?

Shri Allauddin Sarkar : Sir, you are to address in Assamese as you told earlier.

Hon'ble Governor : I have welcomed the Hon'ble Members. I had the pleasure of welcoming this August House in Assamese.

(Interruptions)

(Fastoons of different colour's displayed in front of the Governor)

Hon'ble Governor : This is a constitutional procedure to address the House.

Shri Karendra Basumatary : Sir, the Bodo Land Accord has not been implemented.

(Pendamonium continued.)

(Voices—Law and order situation very much deteriorated....)

(Interruptions continued:)

Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary : One 8 years old school boy has been kidnapped. This has become the practice of the Government.

Shri Zoii Nath Sarma : Raised strong resentmen.

(শ্রীচন্দ্রমোহন পাটোৱাৰী, ডঃ জয়নাথ শর্মা, শ্রীদিলীপ শইকীয়া, শ্রীৰমেন্দ্র নাৰায়ণ কলিতা আদি কৰি বিৰোধী দলৰ সদস্যকেইজনমানে হাতত বেনাৰ লৈ হত্যা, অপহৰণ আদিৰ সংক্রান্তত অধ্যক্ষৰ মেজৰ ওচৰলৈ আহি ৰাজ্যপালৰ ওচৰত ক্ষোভ প্রকাশ কৰে আৰু কেইবাজনো সদস্যই একেলগে কবলৈ লোৱাত গন্দগোলৰ সৃষ্টি হয়। ইয়াৰ পিচতে এ. জি. পি. ; বি, জে. পি. ; চি. পি. আই ; চি. পি. এম ; এচ. ইউ. চি. আই ; এ. এচ. ডি. চি ৰ সদস্যসকলে আৰু বি. এল. পিৰ শ্রীকর্নেন্দু বসুমতাৰী আৰু শ্রীডেৰহাগ্রা মুচাহাৰীয়ে সদন ত্যাগ কৰে।)

(Entire opposition except BLP. walked out.)

Hon'ble Governor :

Mr. Speaker & Hon'ble Members;

I have great pleasure to welcome you and to address the Budget Session of this August House. I hope, you will have very useful deliberations during the session and the year ahead will see our State making rapid strides in every sphere of its life.

Law and Order Situation :

Notwithstanding some moments of worries and anxiety, the last year has been for Assam a vigorous step in the direction of alround peaceful progress and a year of further consolidation of the gains achieved during the initial years of the decade. The State's law and order situation improved further during the last year with the police and

the security forces achieving still greater success in their drive against the various insurgent groups indulging in disruptive activities. Over 1000 ULFA activities, 64 Bodo militants and 40 NSCN extremists were apprehended during the year and a large quantity of arms and ammunition recovered from them. Several camps of militants within the State and in the Indo-Bhutan border areas were busted. A large number of ULFA and Bodo militants surrendered during the period with arms and ammunition. The Chairman and the Commander-in-Chief of the Dimasa National Security Force also surrendered along with a large group of their followers and dissolved their outfit.

The communal situation also remained under control and a couple of ethnic-tribal incidents were contained through timely and appropriate measures. Organised efforts to generate better understanding and harmony amongst different communities and ethnic groups have also yielded encouraging results.

Rehabilitation of the ULFA and Bodo surrenderees is in progress and about 3000 of them have already been covered by the 100% Margin Money scheme while 868 ULFA surrenderees have been provided with jobs in different Government Departments.

While it is gratifying to note that my Government has performed remarkably well to fulfil the assurance it had given in 1991 to solve the problem of extremism through positive steps and to ensure restoration of peace and tranquility in the State, the continued attempts by the ISI of

Pakistan to destabilise the Northeast still cause concern to all of us. While this is primarily a matter for the Government of India to deal with, we too have to remain ever vigilant against its possible disruptive attempts.

Criminal Investigation :

Spectacular success was achieved during the last year also in the sphere of criminal investigation and mention may be made particularly of seizure of large quantities of narcotic drugs and registration of 10 cases under the NDPS Act as well as busting of gangs involved in fraud cases of 204 passports during 1994. The Bureau of Investigation into Economic Offences has also succeeded in recovering Rs. 25,06,567·42 in course of its investigations into different types of economic offences:

In keeping with my Government's commitment to eradicate corruption from admistration, 44 enquiries were carried out by the vigilance and Anti-corruption wings of the Government during 1994. Charges against officers of different Departments were substantiated in course of seven of these enquires and Criminal cases were registered against these officials. Seven other criminal cases were also registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act and under various sections of the IPC during 1994-95.

Further, 23 officers have been compulsorily retired on the basis of the enquiry conducted by the K: S. Rao Committee into the LOC irregularities. Another Committee headed by Sri S. Kabilan, IAS has been constituted to enquire into the remaining part of the LOC irregularities

in the Veterinary Department since and including the 1986-87 financial year. Sri S. Kabilan has been directed also to enquire into irregular drawals of money, if any, by other Departments during the period from 1981-82 to 1993-94.

In the meantime, the enquiry into the LOC irregularities in the Veterinary has been entrusted to the CBI, as assured by the Chief Minister in this August House.

Assam Accord :

Implementation of the Assam Accord has always received a very high priority and my Government has been taking steps for speedy implementation of its provisions. The two Central Universities have already started academic activities. Construction of Shrimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra is making rapid progress and an amount Rs. 3.15 crores, out of the Government of India's total agreed assistance of Rs. 10 crores for the purpose, has already been released. The Government of India has agreed to provied further financial assistance for schemes in pursuance of Clause 6 of the Accord to protect, preserve and promote cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the people of Assam. Construction of Numaligarh Refinary and Kathalguri Power Projects is also in progress. A Memorandum of Understanding has meantime been signed with a private enterprise for revival of the Ashok Paper Mills.

Construction of road and erection of fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border is nearing completion. The sixteen tribunals, constituted under the Illegal Migrants (Determination) Tribunal Act 1983 are also functioning smoothly

and 25.653 cases were referred to these Tribunals upto November 1994. In all, 12,736 of these cases have been disposed of and 8,923 persons have been declared illegal migrants. Another 33,275 cases have likewise been referred under the Foreigner's Act to the Foreigner's Tribunals out of which 20,888 cases have been disposed of and 18,294 declared as foreigner's of the 19966-71 stream.

Bodo Accord :

In the two years since the signing of the Bodo Accord, wide ranging steps have been taken for effective implementation of its provisions. Plan funds are being allocated for the Bodo Autonomous Council area and functionaries of the Council have also been associated with formulation of development schemes in the assigned sector for the BAC area. The return of normalcy has naturally brightened up possibilities of faster development of the BAC area, for which progressively higher allocations are being made in different sectors.

The improvement in the general situation of the State resulting in a still greater sense of security in the popular mind and further stimulation of a constructive atmosphere has naturally paved the way for greater emphasis on welfare and developmental activities. My Government has formulated several important measures for immediate implementation to alleviate sufferings of the poorer sections of the people.

Welfare Activities Rice at Rs. 2 per Kg. more Families :

In the coming year 1995-96, 15 lakh 33 thousand poor families will be covered by the scheme of supplying rice

at subsidised price instead of the existing 4 lakh families. Each family will get upto 16 Kg. of rice at subsidised price at the rate of 4 Kg. per head.

Dwelling Houses with Worksheds to Poor Weavers :

A new scheme to provide dwelling houses with worksheds to 30 thousand poor weavers is being introduced in this New Year. This scheme will cover 25 thousand weavers of rural areas and 5 thousand weavers of urban areas, in a phased manner.

Free Mid-day Meal to Children of Primary Schools :

The scheme of providing nutritious mid-day meal to the children of the Primary Schools which was stalled by the erstwhile Government will be resumed in 1995-96. It will cover all the students of the Primary Schools of the State.

Pension to Poor, Aged Farmers :

A novel scheme is being introduced in the next year to extend regular monthly pensions to farmers aged 65 years or above having land of 3 bighas or less.

Unemployment Allowance :

The scope of the scheme to provide unemployment allowance has been widened and educated unemployed youths in larger numbers are being covered by this scheme in the next year. The pattern of implementation has been reoriented suitably to ensure wider coverage in a smooth manner.

Dwelling Houses to ST People :

During 1995-96, a total of 5,987 poor families will be

provided with dwelling houses under Indira Awas Yojana.

Jobs to more Unemployed Youths :

Two lakh more unemployed youth will be given employment opportunities during the next year, as per the Government's commitment to provide employment to unemployed job seekers.

Free Computer Education :

One thousand youths will be imparted training in Computer programming during the next year to enable them to avail employment opportunities created.

Power Tillers at Subsidised rate :

During the next year, poor farmers will be offered the benefit of utilising the services of power-tillers at a very nominal rate. This facility will be extended to all rural areas of the State.

Assistance to Open Postal Savings Bank Accounts by Poor Women :

The scheme for providing assistance to poor women to open Postal Savings Bank Accounts under the Mahila Samriddhi Yojana, which has already covered more than six lakh women, will be continued in the next year to ensure a total coverage of fifteen lakh women with assistance of Rs. 12·00 to every prospective account holder.

Farm-land & Dwelling Houses to Poor Farmers :

In the next year, 13,280 poor farmers will also be provided with agricultural land and financial assistance to construct dwelling houses.

New Steps for Recruitment in Government Jobs :

(a) A State-level Staff Selection Board is being constituted for selection of candidates to fill up posts under the State Government which are not covered by APSC.

(b) A District-Level Recruitment Committee is being constituted in each district under a full-time Officer of the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

(c) Selection Committees are being constituted with Educationists for selection of School Teachers for recruitment.

Population Pattern Being Reflected in Employment :

(a) Population pattern of a district will be reflected in the matter of employment.

(b) Candidates who are on the verge of crossing upper age limit for recruitment will be given preference.

(c) "One post for one family" policy will be followed taking into consideration merit-cum-means while selecting candidates for Government jobs.

(d) Existing reservations for SC, ST, OBC, Ex-servicemen, physically handicapped persons, tea-tribes and char-dwellers will continue.

All Roads & Bridges being Repaired :

All damaged roads and bridges in the State will be repaired within June, 1995. Adequate funds are being released to facilitate completion of the repair-programme within the time-schedule.

Development

It is gratifying to note that the process of economic

development has gained further momentum in the State and significant strides have been made in the vital sectors of the economy as a result of my Government's vigorous plan activities. In 1994-95, developmental works have been taken up for achieving the goals and objectives of the 8th Five Year Plan in a fuller measure. Stress was accordingly given on higher production, wider employment avenues and infrastructure development.

Agriculture :

While the State is fast on its way to selfsufficiency in rice, food grains production as a whole rose to 35·4 lakh MT in 1993-94 and further to 37.00 lakh MT anticipated in 1994-95 despite erratic rains.

20,000 Pather Parichalana Samities have so far been registered to encourage community farming and generate employment. Distribution of 20,000 minikits has also been taken up in the potential districts. The Assam Agriculture University has developed nine promising rice varities which have gained wide acceptability.

An ambitious World Bank aided project, "The Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project", which envisages a total framing system approach is being taken up from 1995-96 with an estimated cost of Rs. 480·00 crores in a project period of eight years. The relevant strategy paper has already been submitted to the World Bank for pre-apprisal.

Industry :

In keeping with the State's Industrial Policy with greater stress on industries relevant to local conditions, 1597, SSI

units with job opportunities for 6148 persons and 1184 Handicrafts units with employment potential for 3476 artisans have been set up during 1994-95. Steps have been taken also for rehabilitation of 4027 ULFA and 1871 Bodo surrenderees in Industries, services and trade sectors and bank loans amounting to Rs. 54·65 crores have so far been sanctioned to 2781 ULFA surrenderees under the 100% Margin Money scheme. The PMRY scheme for self-employment has covered 7,260 unemployed educated youths.

The Joint Sector Prag Bosimi Synthetics with a project cost of Rs. 338 crores is expected to be fully commissioned soon, creating jobs for 500 persons and abundant indirect employment. The Weaving Complex and Textile Process House at Jabjabkuchi, Nalbari which will employ more than 1000 persons and create considerable indirect employment, has already gone into trial production.

Rs. 471 lakhs have been paid up as our equity share contribution to the Numaligarh Refinery project and Rs. 6 crores is earmarked for the current year.

The Government of India has sanctioned subsidy Rs. 377 crores, to be released in three instalments, for the Rs. 3400 crore Gas Cracker project at Tengakhat. The Reliance Industries Ltd. with whom a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed for the project, has already formed a company with registered office at Guwahati for the purpose.

Panchayat and Rural Development :

Economic uplift of the rural poor has been a primary

concern. The achievements till December 1994 included IRDP assistance to 35,726 families against a target of 54,938 families for 1994-95, coverage of 1807 youths against a target of 8050, creation of 178.06 lakh Mandays under JRY and 56.05 lakh Mandays under the Employment Assurance Scheme against the targets of 211.97 tand 82.80 lakh Mandays respectively for 1994-95. The targets are expected to be fully achieved by the fall of the year 1994-95. It is proposed to further step up the rural development activities during 1995-96 with higher allocations particularly for JRY, EAS and the Integrated Rural Energy Programme. I am happy to inform the Hon'ble Members that the Prime Minister has agreed to immediately sanction 73 EAS Blocks for the State, in addition to the 69 as of now, at the request of the Chief Minister. Sanctioning of 73 EAS Blocks for the State, out of a total of 256 sanctioned for the country as a whole is obviously indicative of my Government's satisfactory progress in the particular sphere. Other major programmes include construction of a chain of permanent markets in the State's countryside.

The Panchayats are being involved in the rural development works to ensure popular participation. The Assam Panchayat Act 1994 provides for a three tier Panchayat System and steps have been initiated for holding Zilla Parishad elections. A State Election Commission has already been constituted for the purpose.

Finance Commission :

The Assam Finance Commission is proposed to be

constituted under the relevant constitutional provisions to recommend the pattern of distribution of available State resources to the Panchayat and the Urban Local Bodies.

Revenue :

Apart from usual allotment of land to public institutions and educational institutions, settlement of Sarkari land to landless indigenous families as per land policy and settlement operation are also continuing. This has benefitted 576 families so far in Guwahati city alone. The Rural House site schemes under MNP are also being implemented. As many as 576 Rajah Adalats were organised till November 1994, through which nearly 1.5 lakh cases of mutations, partition and conversion were settled. The rate of monthly remuneration to Gaonburhas was also enhanced to Rs. 500 from April 1994.

Relief and Rehabilitation :

Immediate relief and rehabilitation measures were taken for the people affected by ethnic violence in Barpeta distric during July, 1994. Gratuitous relief and rehabilitation grants totalling Rs. 679.00 lakhs have been sanctioned till now. Ex-gratia grants of Rs. 18 lakhs have also been released out of the amount received from the Prime Minister Relief Fund. The Government has also sanctioned Rs. 6,16,98,000.00 as ex-gratia/financial assistance to the people affected by extremist violence and ethnic disturbances in Kokrajhar and Bongaigaon Districts and to accident victims as well.

Handloom & Textiles :

A new thrust is being given in the Handloom sector to ensure proper utilisation of its employment potential. A workshed cum Housing Scheme is being taken up from the current year to construct 30,000 dwelling house cum worksheds for weavers in a phased manner. In addition to the Government of India's 'Hank Yarn Price Subsidy Scheme', which is already under implementation, yarn will be made available to weavers also through the ARTFED outlets and Weavers' Extension Service Units. Looms will also be provided to 20,000 loomless weavers under IRDP and steps are on to organise weavers through Handloom Cooperatives.

Working capital of Rs. 1 crore has been provided to the Assam Govt. Marketing Corporation this year to purchase Muga cocoons at the declared support priee to save rearers from distressselling. A scheme for mulberry plantation in an additional area of 2000 acres has also been taken up to benefit 2800 families.

Power :

The power sector continues to receive a very high priority. The second unit of 3×20 MW Lakwa Thermal Power Station (Phase:II) has been commissioned during the current financial year and efforts are on to commission the remaining one unit too within this year. The 100 MW Karbi Langpi Hydel Project has been transferred to Bharat Hydro Power Corporation for completion as a part of the Government of India's liberalisation policy.

The 270 MW Gas based Amguri Project will be implemented by M/s Assam Power Partners, for which Memorandum of Understanding and PPA have been signed. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Williamson Magor & Co. for setting up a Gas based 90 MW Power Project at Namrup. Williamson Magor will set up the Project in collaboration with Deutscha Babcock, a German multinational. Work will start within current year also on two other Gas based projects at Adamtilla and Baskandi, bening undertaken by DLFP Corporation. Construction of 5 Km of 132 KV Line is completed and transformers of 50 MVA in 220 KV system commissioned during the current financial year. 30 Kms of 132 KV line will be constructed and 130 MVA transformers will be commissioned during 1995-96 along with Preliminary survey of 220 KV lines for evacuation of power from Amguri Project to Mariani Station. A very high priority will also be given to rural electrification during 1995-96, for which a provision of Rs. 30 crores has been made in the State plan. A new scheme styled as Kutir Jyoti, has also been launched to provide single point free electricity connection to dwelling houses of families below poverty line, constructed under the Indira Awas Yojana. Steps have already been taken to cover 2150 houses within the current year and the next year's target has been fixed at 1 lakh houses.

Forest :

The Conservation Act is being effectively enforced and various afforestation programmes taken up for proper im-

plementation of the Forest Policy which emphasises conservation of forest and wild life and maintenance of ecological balance. 9310 hectares will be brought under production forestry and 7905 hectares under special forestry during 1995-96. Measures have been strengthened for protection of forest lands and resources and wild life through the Forest Protection Force. 25 Kms new roads have been taken up for construction and 310 Kms of existing roads for improvement particularly in the National Park and Wild Life Sanctuaries.

Hill Areas :

My Government is firmly committed to the welfare and all round development of the people in the hill areas. Particular stress has been given on Jhum Control and hill road construction programmes, spread of education and other schematic development works. Higher amounts have been spent on Jhum control. It is proposed to establish one primary school in every village in the hill areas. The Karbi Anglong District has been included also in the World Bank funded programme of primary education. The two Hill Districts have been identified by the Government of India also for the integrated wasteland development scheme, which makes each district ellgible for central assistance of a maximum of Rs. 5 Crores spread over a period of five years at the rate of Rs. 10,000 per Hectare of wasteland.

Border Areas :

Special attention has been paid to development of the Border areas. The construction works taken up in these

areas during 1994-95 includes 38 kms of rural roads, 2 bridges, 10 educational institutions, 49 water supply schemes, 3 public health sub-centres and 18 border outposts. The schemes for 1995-96 includes 35 kms of rural roads, bridges, 3 Public Health Sub-Centres and 20 border outposts.

Efforts have also been made during the year to sort-out the longstanding border problems with the neighbouring States through bilateral discussions.

Char Areas :

Several welfare and development schemes have been taken up for improving socio-economic conditions of the people in the Char Areas. The Assam State Char Areas Development Authority with an allocation of Rs. 1 crore implemented schemes in Agriculture, Veterinary, Dairy, Water supply, Education and Cottage industry sectors during 1994-95. Char survey and issue of land pattas are in different stages of completion. Development and welfare activities in the char areas will be further stepped up with higher allocation in 1995-96.

Minority Development :

Protection and welfare of the minorities have received a high priority. The Assam Minorities Development Board have been working on special schemes for the welfare of the minorities and its schemes like incentives to students benefitted 8363 students in 1994-95. It will further diversify its activities in 1995-96 and the proposed new schemes will

particularly include training programmes in electronics, Animal husbandry, Veterinary and Dairy farming etc. A Minority Development and Finance Commission is also being set up to take care of the special problems of the minorities.

Education :

Steps have been taken during 1994-95 to further consolidate and improve the quality of elementary education in the State. Four districts, Karbi Anglong, Dhubri, Morigaon and Darrang have been brought under the World Bank Funded Programme of District Primary Education Project which envisages activities to widen coverage, bring down drop-outs and improve the quality of primary education. 815 posts of Assistant Teachers have been created for single-teacher schools and the process will continue in 1995-96. Panchayat and Village Education Committees will be associated more meaningfully in planning and management of Primary Education and greater stress will be given on spreading literacy through Total Literacy campaigns.

The Central Universities at Silchar and Tezpur have started functioning and the IIT, Guwahati, now included in the list of IITs through an amendment of the IIT Act, proposes to admit students for the Graduate Programme from the 1995-96 academic session.

Steps are on to provincialise the High Schools which received recognition from SEBA during 1990-91. 20 Junior Colleges are also being provincialised while 24 Colleges will be brought under the deficit grant-in-aid systems in 1995-96. Posts of Subject Teachers will be provided to 125

Higher Secondary Schools earlier upgraded without such provisions.

The Education Reforms Commission constituted by the State Government has submitted its recommendations regarding improvement of quality of education and these are being carefully considered at appropriate level for suitable actions.

Co-operation :

The main trust in the co-operative sector has been on provision of agricultural credit and inputs to farmers and distribution of PDS items through G.P. level Samabay Samitis as well as procurement and marketing of agricultural produce with assured prices etc. In the processing sector, expansion of Vanaspati Unit is in progress. The strategy proposed for 1995-96 aims at consolidation of the activities of various types of Co-operative Societies and expansion of their membership and coverage.

P. W. D :

The physical targets of the Public Works Department in the general areas with an annual plan outlay of Rs. 4598·00 lakh during 1994-95 were 146 Kms of surfaced roads, 224 Kms of unsurfaced roads and 6 RCC bridges and all these targets are expected to be fully achieved. 80 Kms of surfaced and 120 Kms of unsurfaced roads are also expected to be completed in the hill areas, 21 RCC bridges are at different stages of construction and five of these are likely to be completed in 1994-95 itself. The targets

for 1995-96 include 185 Kms of surfaced and 45 Kms of unsurfaced roads and 8 RCC bridges in the general areas.

Public Health Engineering :

Keeping in view the Government's priorities in fulfilling the minimum needs of the people, drinking water supply facilities are being extended to 1200 no-source habitation during 1994-95 with special attention to areas peopled by Scheduled Castes and Tribes. 150 on going piped water schemes are also proposed to be commissioned. Priority is being given also to installation of Iron Removal Plants under the Technology Mission.

It is also proposed to promote the concept of 'Total Environmental Sanitation' under the Rural Sanitation Programme through a self-help programme with Information, Education and Communication as its integral part.

Urban Development :

My Government has been making serious efforts to provide the basic amenities to the urban population and several schemes like construction of market buildings, urban basic services to the poor, garbage clearance, street lighting, parking yards, bus terminus and low cost sanitation have been taken up on 1994-95. The proposals for 1995-96 include water supply schemes at Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Tezpur, Dergaon, Lanka, Mariani, Pathsala, Biswanath Chariali, Tinsukia and Golaghat in addition to Guwahati. Provisions have been kept also for externally aided Greater Guwahati Water Project, Greater Guwahati Sewerage and

Drainage Project and Greater Jorhat Water Supply Project which are proposed to the Government of India for funding by the World Bank/Asian Development Bank.

Irrigation :

Irrigation having a catalytic role in the State's agriculture, my Government has been attaching a very high priority to the sector. The targets of covering 12000 hectares in the Minor Irrigation sector and 9660 hectares in the major / medium sector during 1994-95 are likely to be achieved. The targets of 300 hectares and 500 hectares respectively in the Hill Areas are also expected to be achieved additional area of 12000 hectares under Minor Irrigation coverage and 8000 hectares in the Major/Medium sector are proposed for 1995-96.

Flood Control :

1994 witnessed high floods in both the valleys and breaches and cuts also occured in the embankments. Actions are on to plug these breaches through JRY creating considerable mandays for rural employment. 170 on-going schemes including six in the Hill areas are likely to be completed during 1994-95. In 1995-96, works will start in the four major anti-erosion projects of Palasbari, Mukalmua, Nagaghuli and Uriamguri, which are already cleared by the Planning Commission. The Brahmaputra Board is also making efforts to take up the pre-construction works of the Tipaimukh Dam Project.

Soil Conservation :

Apart from jhum control in hill areas and land

improvement and gully control programmes in the plains, the Government's soil conservation activities have been diversified to include river training, land reclamation with water distribution, protective afforestation, cash crop plantation and beautification plantation etc. In 1994-95, Soil Conservation schemes have covered 8082 hectares of agricultural land, 690 hectares of forest land, 7960 Cum of river training works and cash crop plantation in 32.4 hectares. The schemes in 1995-96 will include 11,834 hectares of agricultural land, 761 hectares of forest land, 9384 Cum of river training works besides creation of 4.0 hectares of cash crop plantation.

Fishery :

The Fishery sector also continues to receive its due importance and all efforts are being made to increase production and attain self-sufficiency. As a result of vigorous steps in this direction, production of Fish during 1994-95 is likely to cross 1.50 lakh MT while fish-seed production has already exceeded 2325 million. Greater stress is being given on pisciculture and all low lying areas measuring more than 20 bighas have been reserved for conversion into fisheries which will be leased out to unemployed youths and other enterpreneurs.

Veterinary and Animal Husbandry :

The Veterinary Department has accorded top priority to strengthening of the artifical insemination programme, creation of opprotunities for selfemployment and animal health coverage in 1994-95. Distribution of milch cows to

Scheduled castes and tribes and economically backward classes also continues. In addition, a new scheme for privatisation of veterinary services is also proposed for 1995-96 as per guidelines of the Government of India. A World Bank assisted programme for revitalisation of AI scheme, animal disease control and fodder development is also being considered.

Food & Civil Supplies :

My Government has been giving a very high priority to equitable distribution of essential commodities through the Public Distribution System. The special programmes also include distribution of rice at Rs. 2.00 per Kg. to 4 lakh poor families and at subsidised rate of Rs. 3.00 per Kg. for students in hostels of all major colleges. Stress will be given on further strengthening of the PDS and widening coverage of the special benefits in 1995-96.

Social Welfare :

The special needs of the destitute women, orphans, helpless widows, aged and infirm, juvenile delinquents, physically handicapped, beggars, expectant and nursing mothers and malnourished children are taken care of by the Social Welfare Department. The Centrally sponsored composite scheme for Integrated Child Development Services is continuing with the feeding programmes as its component. There are 8992 Anganwadi centres under the ICDS covering 68 blocks catering benefit to 6.73 lakh children under the Nutrition programme.

The scheme of Mahila Samriddhi Yojana is also gaining momentum and the target of opening 11,900 accounts in each Assembly Constituency is likely to be achieved.

Welfare of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes :

Socio-economic upliftment of the plain tribes, scheduled castes and the other Backward classes has been a major concern of my Government. Amounts from the State plan outlay for 1995-96, quantified under the Tribal Sub Plan and the special component plan for scheduled castes including special Central Assistance, have been fixed at Rs.161.88 crores and Rs. 101.85 crores respectively. With these outlaye emphasis will be given on primary Health Care, drinking water, poverty alleviation, education including women's education, irrigation, roads and infrastructure. Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships to the poor SC/ST/OBC students will also continue.

Employment :

Provision of employment to jobless youths has been given a very high priority and generation of employment avenues has been a major objective of the efforts in different sectors. Apart from other programmes to train the State's youths for different types of employment and selfemployment, three new women ITIs have been set up under the World Bank Vocational Training Programme. Another such ITI is being established at North Lakhimpur.

The Unemployment Assistance scheme 1983 has covered a total number of 90,726 beneficiaries and the question of

enhancing the amount of assistance from Rs. 50.00 to Rs.150.00 per month is under consideration.

Labour :

As a measure of labour welfare, the minimum wages for workers have been revised during 1994-95 raising the minimum daily wage from Rs.25.00 to Rs. 33.00 for unskilled and from Rs. 30.00 to Rs. 38.00 for skilled industrial workers respectively. During 1994-95, out of 324 Industrial dispute cases, 152 have been settled through conciliation and 39 have been referred for adjudication in Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals.

Health and Family Welfare :

Very high priority has been given also to the sector of Health and Family Welfare. Steps have been taken during 1994-95 to open 50 PHCs and 13 CHCs and of these, 33 PHCs and 8 CHCs have already started functioning. Area Project proposal for Mother and Child care under IPP-IX With World Bank assistance has also been taken up. Project and Development Credit agreements have been signed and with a fund of Rs. 5 crores already released by the Government of India, steps have been taken to construct 4 PHCs, upgrade 37 CHCs to First Referral units and 25 State Dispensaries as PHCs. Proposals for special central assistance for development of Pharmacy Institute and Ayurvedic College, Guwahati as well as proposals for support to Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh development of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy and Estab-

lishment of drug de-addiction centres etc. for 100% Central assistance have also been submitted. 50 PHCs and 13 CHCs are proposed to be established in 1995-96. Top priority will be given to equitable distribution of Health Service delivery facilities with particular attention to rural, hill and backward areas. Construction and completion of health institutions will also receive a high priority. Stress will be given on the national health programmes for control and eradication of Malaria, Blindness, leprosy, goitre and prevention of AIDS. My Government has also encouraged and associated itself with unofficial efforts in this sphere. Mention may be made of the Government's patronage in the shape of allotment of land and other assistance to Mother Teresa in setting up an Aid Rehabilitation Centre. It is proposed to establish a modern Hospital at Silchar in the pattern of the MMC Hospital in Guwahati. The schemes for development of the medical colleges and upgradation of the Regional Dental College and the Regional Nursing College with the NECs assistance will also continue.

Science, Technology and Enviroment :

Application of science and technology for sustainable development and generation of a scientific temper have been given proper attention and various schemes and programmes have been taken up in the sectors of Science and Technology, Remote Sensing, Environment and Non-Conventional Energy. A unique achievement in 1994-95 has been the establishment of the modern Planetarium in Guwahati. The Government has also started setting up of a chain of School Science Cen-

tres and these will be provided with maintenance support during 1995-96. Core financial support will continue for the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology to grow as a centre of excellence.

Culture :

Various schemes have been taken up for the State's cultural development with due emphasis on tribal culture and folk and traditional dance and music of the State. New cultural centres are being established at Sibsagar, Sonari and Titabor and construction of the Srimanta Sankardev Cultural Complex will also be stepped up.

Sports and Youth Welfare :

My Government will continue to attach priority also to development of sports and action is already initiated to widen sports facilities all over the State. Steps have been taken to complete 9 mini stadia and develop school play fields in rural areas. 334 students were awarded special merit scholarship in 1994-95. The schemes for 1995-96 include construction of one standard stadium, completion of 15 mini stadia, 2 swimming pools, 2 indoor halls and one rural sports complex an scholarship to outstanding sports personalities.

Tourism :

Priority will continue to be given to development of infrastructure facilities at places with tourist potential. Participation of private entrepreneeurs in the tourism sector

will also be promoted and efforts to promote youth tourism through adventure and nature tourism will be continued. Investments were made for completion of on-going schemes in tourist spots, wayside facilities and pilgrim centres in 1994-95. Development of new tourist spots and upgradation of infrastructure in different tourist destinations will be taken up in 1995-96. It is also proposed to upgrade the Food Craft Institute at Guwahati into a full fledged Hotel Management Institute.

Transport :

Although private transports are being encouraged to operate services, the ASTC still provides the basic transport facilities to the people and it is therefore proposed to purchase new vehicles on the economic routes. The Inland Water Transport Services will also be strengthened. The Transport Department collected various tax revenues totalling Rs. 45·24 crores during 1993-94. The target of Rs. 52·21 crores for 1994-95 is expected to be fully achieved.

Development of Guwahati :

Development of Guwahati, which is Assam's pride and a gateway to the North-East has naturally received a very high priority. Guwahati Development Department was created on 24-1-94 with a view to facilitate proper and co-ordinated development of the urban areas of Guwahati.

The GMDA completed development of 4 (four) recreational Parks in the City, namely Nehru Park at Church field, panbazar, Ananda Ram Barooah Park at Chandmari,

Syoed Sadullah Park at Machkhowa and modernised the existing Tarun Ram Phukan Park at Bharalumukh. For the year 1995-96 the GMDA has taken up schemes for construction of recreational Parks in the City, at Rukminigaon, East Guwahati, West Guwahati and at Amingaon Chilarai Park. The GMDA has taken up schemes for construction and modernisation of markets at Basistha, Beltola, Six Miles, Ganeshguri, Silpukhuri, Chandmari, Noonmati, Narengi, Fatasil-Ambari, Paltanbazar, Ulubari and Maligaon during 1995 96. These markets would be under the scheme for development of 50 urban markets in the State during the year.

The GMDA would also implement schemes for development of slum, water supply and drainage, markets in the city during 1995-96 and Rs 4·10 crores have been alloted for these purpose in addition to allocations totalling more than Rs. 100 crores in different sectors made by the State Government to cover schemes of infrastructure development also like Roads, Flood water drainage, Water supply etc. which will be executed by the concerned departments.

Judicial :

The Government of Assam have taken steps to improve the condition of service of the Judicial Officers of the State and also to improve the infrastructural facilities for the judiciary. All the officers of Grade-I of the Assam Judicial Service i.e. the District and Session Judges, Additional District and Session Judges, Special Judge, Principal Judge

of Family Court and the Judges of the Designated Courts are being provided with Government vehicles. The Administration of Justice has been included as a plan subject and residential quarters for judicial officers are being constructed from the Plan Budget during the Annual Plan 1994-95. The Government have also taken up schemes for construction of 33 Nos. of residential quarters for judicial officers.

My Government is holding frequent Lok-Adalats in order to bring justice to the door-step of the people. This has provided a means of reducing the period of trial and also the cost of litigation.

Legislative :

So far a total number of 52 Lok-Adalats have been held wherein 4344 pending cases have been disposed of by amicable settlement and a sum of Rs. 4,71,14,956·00 (Rupees four crores seventy one lakhs fourteen thousand nine hundred fifty six) only have been awarded as compensation in Motor Accident claims Tribunal cases. It has now been proposed to hold at least 15 Lok-Adalats and 20 Legal Aid Clinics during the calender year 1995.

Administrative Reforms and Training :

During 1994-95, the Administrative Reforms and Training Department continued to render consultancy services to the Departments of the State Government on various Administrative issues. The Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati, the premier training institution of the State Government, continues to train the State Government officials.

My Government has taken steps to assist educated young people to sit for different competitive examination for recruitment to central services. For this purpose, pre-examination coaching programmes are being held regularly. In 1995-96 about 80 Training Progrmmes including about 50 courses to be funded by Government of India are expected to be conducted.

I have highlighted some of the important issues confronting the State Government and have indicated the broad policy directions it proposes to adopt for the all round development of the State. My Government is making relentless efforts to bring peace and tranquillity to the State with a view to accelerating the peace of socio-economic development. I hope, the Hon'ble Members will extend their full co-operation and offer valuable suggestions in this regard to the State.

Thank You.

Governor's address continued.

Then the Hon'ble Governor concluded his address.

Thank you. JOY HIND.

National Anthem Played.

Mr. Speaker : Now under Sub-Rule 2 of Rule 13 of the Rule of procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I hereby report that the Governor has been pleased to make a speech. A copy of the speech has already been laid on the table and copies of the speech have been distributed to the Hon'ble Members also.

I request the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ministers, Leader of the Opposition in the Assam Legislative Assembly, Ministers of State, Hon'ble Members of the House, Chief Secretary, Commissioners and Secretaries to the Government, D. G. P, I. G. P, D. I.Gs and Head of Departments in the Officers Gallery, Gentlemen of the Press in the Press Gallery and Official Reporters to join the Hon'bie Governor at tea arranged outside the Assembly Chamber.

The House do now stands adjourned for 30 Minutes.

The August House resumed after Tea Break at 10.40 A.M and Hon'ble Speaker Occupied the Chair.

Report of the Busin ss Advisory Committee.

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয় প্রাক্তন মুখ্যমন্ত্রী শ্রীকেশব চন্দ্র গগৈক শেষৰ চিতট বহিবলৈ দিছে। হাউচৰ পৰম্পৰামতে এই বিষয়টো মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়ে বিবেচনা কৰিব লাগে।

Shree Zoii Nath Sarma : Point of order, Sir.

Mr. Speaker : I am not going to reply.... ..It is totally a ....Report of the Business Advisory Committee—Under Rule 230 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I called a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee in my office Chamber on 8th February, '95 for finalisation of the calender for the current Budget Session of the Assembly. The Committee after threadbare discussion decided that the current session should continue till 11th of April, 1995. There will be 18 working days out of which 3 days will be devoted for the transaction of the Private Members Business. Out of the 15 days, alloted for transaction of Government Business, 4

days will be devoted for Debate on Governor's Address, 3 days will be devoted for the General Discussion on the Budget and 2 days will be devoted for Voting on Demands for Grants. Other remaining days will be devoted for transaction of other formal nature of Government Business.

In order to make more time available at the Honourable Members to take part in the Voting on Demands for Grants, the Committee decided that the House should sit in two shifts on 29th and 30th March, 1995 each day from 9 A. M. to 1·30 P.M. and from 3 P.M to 5·P.M. on 30th March and at 5 P.M the Voting on Demands for Grants would be closed and after a tea Break for half an-hour, the Appropriation Bill would be taken up for introduction, consideration and passing. Further the Committee also decided that 7th April, 1995 would be a recess day for observation of the anniversary foundation day celebration of the Assam Legislative Assembly.

Copies of the Calender for the Current Session have already been circulated amongst all the Hon'ble Members of the Assembly.

I hope this has the approval of the House.

(Approved)

Motions of Thanks on the Governor's Address.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 3.

I have received a Motion of thanks on the Governor's Address from Shri Hiranya Bora. Now, I request Shri Bora to move the Motion.

Shri Hiranya Bora : Hon'ble Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

"That the Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are grateful to the Governor for the Address he has been pleased to deliver to the House, today, the 15th March, 1995".

Mr. Speaker : Now, I call upon Shri Muzibur Rahman to move for seconding the motion of thanks on the Governor's address.

Shri Muzibur Rahman : Hon'ble Speaker, Sir, I beg to second the motion of Thanks on the Governor's address move by Shri Hiranya Bora.

Panel of Chairmen.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 4. Under Rule 9 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly for the Budget Session of the Assembly, 1995, the following Members will constitute the Panel of Chairmen.

(1) Shri Hiranya Bora,
(2) Giasuddin Ahmed,
(3) Sashakamal Handique,
(4) Dr. Kamala Kalita.

Laying of Ordinances, Notifications, Reports etc.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 5. Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay.

Shri Hiteswar Saikia, (Chief Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Forest Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 1994.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 6. Hon'ble Chief

Minister to lay.

Shri Hiteswar Saikia, (Chief Minister) : Sir, I beg to lay the Guwahati Municipal Corporation (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 1994.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 7. Hon'ble Minister, Finance to lay.

Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi, (Minister Finance) : Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Agricultural Income Tax (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 1994.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 8. Hon'ble Minister, Finance to lay.

Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi, (Minister, Finance) : Sir, I beg to lay the 'Notification No. FTX. 177/89/Pt. VI/11, dtd. 1.7.94 issued under Sub-Section (2) of Section 9 of the Assam General Sales Tax Act, 1993.'

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 9. Hon'ble Minister, Finance to lay.

Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi, (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the 'Notification No. FTX. 177/89/Pt.VI/12 dtd. 1.7.94 issued under Sub Section (2) of the Section of the Assam General Sales Tax Act, 1993'.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 10. Hon'ble Minister, Finance to lay.

Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi, (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the 'Notification No. FTX. 139/91/1, dt. 8.5.94 issued under Sub-Section (2) of Section 8 of the Assam General Sales Tax Act, 1993.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 11. Hon'ble Minister, Finance to lay.

Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi, (Minister, Finance) : Sir, I beg to lay the 'Notification No. FTX. 178/93/40, dt. 31.12.94 issued under Section 72 of the Assam General Sales Tax Act, 1995.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 12. Hon'ble Minister, Labour, Shri Dileswar Tanti to lay.

Shri Dileswar Tanti, (Minister, Labour) : Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Minimum Wages (Amendment) Rules, 1994.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 13. Hon'ble Minister, Labour to lay.

Shri Dileswar Tanti (Minister, Labour) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the 'Notification No. GLR (RC) 106/89/42/,dt: 24.10.94 under Sub-Rule (2) of Rule I of the Assam Motor Transport Workers Rules, 1962'.

Mr. Speaker : Now Item No. 14. Hon'ble Minister, Parliamentary Affairs to lay the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1993 (Civil), Appropriation Accounts 1992-93 and Finance Accounts 1992-95 relating to Government of Assam.

Shri Golok Rajbonshi, (Minister, Parliamentary affairs) : Mr: Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1993 (Civil), Appropriation Accounts 1992-93 and Finance Accounts 1992-93 relating to Government of Assam.

Mr: Speaker : Now, Item No. 15. Shri Giasuddin Ahmed, Chairman, Committee on Public Accounts to present.

Shri Giasuddin Ahmed (Chairman PAC) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to present the 70th Report of the Committee on Public Accounts Assam Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 16. Shri Anowar Hussain, Hon'ble Chairman Committee on Estimates to present.

Shri Anowar Hussain (Chairman, Committee on Estimates) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to present the Sixty fifth Report of the Committee on Estimates Assam Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker : Now, Item No. 17. Shri Abdul Jalil Ragibi to present.

Shri Abdul Jalil Ragibi: Mr: Speaker Sir, I beg to present the 53rd Report of the Committee on Govt: Assurances, Assam Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker . Now, Item No. 18. Shri Boloram Nag, Hon'ble Minister of State, Housing to move.

Shri Boloram Nag, (Minister of State, Housing) : Mr: Speaker Sir, I beg to move 3 (Three) Members be elected by the Assam Legislative Assembly from amongst its Members to become Members of the Assam State Housing Board as required under Section 4 (i) (g) of the Assam State Housing Board Act, 1972:

The Assam State Housing Board was reconstituted on 9th September, 1994:

The vacancies have occured as a result and hence the motion:

Mr: Speaker : Now, item No. 19: Hon'ble Finance Minister to present the list of supplementary Demends for Grants and Supplementary Appropriations for 1994-95.

Shri Jiba Kanta Gogoi (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to present the list of Supplementary Demends for Grants and Supplementary Appropriations for 1994-95.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Mr. Speaker . Now, Item No. 20.

With a grief and heavy heart, I rise to condole the sad demise of the following personalities in the August House.

Born on 5th May, 1916 in a family of artisan at the village Sandhwan in the princely state of Faridkot, now in Punjab, Late Giani Jail Singh rose to the highest position in the strolling Rashtrapati Bhawan in 1982 through sheer perseverance and determination. Gianiji took active part in movement against the autocratic rule of the Maharaja of Faridkot and courted imprisonment in 19 8 for five years. After his release, he was found to resort to self imposed exile for some time for working in the rural areas for the welfare of the people. Starting as a Praja Mandal activist, he was elected to the Punjab Legislative Assembly and was appointed the Minister of State under the Ministry of Pratap Singh Kairon. Subsequently, he was elected as a Member of the Rajya Sabha in the year 1956 and 1962 respectively. In 1972 he became the Chief Minister of the Punjab and remained there for a period of 5 years. He was elected to the Lok Sabha from Hosiarpur in 1980 and was appointed Home Minister under the Prime Ministership of late Madam Indira Gandhi. He was elected to the highest office of the President of India on July 15, 1982 and took oath of the office of the President of India on 25th of July, 1982. He was an able administrator and a good negotiator. He could create congenial climate for negotiation for settlemen

of a critical issue. This erudite freedom fighter, social r former, chairperson of the down-trodden, Union Home Minister and finally the President of India breathed his last on December, 25, 1994 at the Nehru Hospital in Chandigarh at the age of 78. In his death, our cuntry has lost a dynamic social reformer and abled administrator and a statesman with towering personality of extra ordinary calibre.

Former Deputy Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly Rathindra Nath Sen was born on November, 21, 1913. Late Sen was arrested several time for his involvement in the freedom movement of India. He also joined the "Quit India Movement" in August 1942. He was elected a Member to Assam Legislative Assmebly in 1962 as an independent candidate first and re-elected in 1967 as a Congress candidate. He became Deputy Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly on May 24, 1971. He was an eloquent orator and he could spell bound his audience by his literary speech with full of rhetoric. This prominent freedom fighter, social reformer and veteran Congress leader passed away on October 12, 1994 in a hospital of Siliguri at the age of 82. At his death, our State has lost one of the Popular political leaders and top ranking freedom fighter.

The Former Union Minister, Late Rashida Hoque Choudhruy was born in 1929. Wife of Former Union Minister, Late. Mainul Hoque Choudhury, Rashida Hoque Choudhury passed away on October 23, 1994 in Mulchand Hospital, New Delhi, at the age of 65. In her death, we have lost one sincere political leader.

Noted Trade Union Leader, Mr. Malia Tanti was born in a Tea Garden worker family on January, 26, 1926 at Dumduma. Shri Tanti served as Congress Volunteer during the National Movement of 1942. He became Vice-President, Assam Sah Mazdoor Sangha. Shri Tanti was elected as a Member of Legislative Assembly in 1957 and re-elected in 1962, 1967 and 1972. This INTUC leader breathed his last on February 15, 1995 in a Hospital at Dumduma at the age of 69. At his death our State has lost a sincere social worker and a political leader.

Renowed Educationist, Professor of Emeritus of G. U. and the doyen of Assamese Literature, Dr. Prafulla Dutta Goswami was born on 18th March 1919 in Nahira Mahapurushia Satra in Kamrup District. Dr. Goswami was the architect for setting up Falklore Department in the Guwahati University in 1972 and was appointed head of the Department there, where he continued till 1981. He published a number of books at his credit and contributed a lot of Assamese Literature and Falklor. Dr. Goswami breathed his last on November 19, 1994 at his Chenikuthi residence. In his death, our State has lost an eminent literature.

Amal Prabha Das, renowned Freedom Fighter and noted social worker was born in 1911 at Dibrugarh. She had joined the Indian Freedom Movement and was imprisoned for a period of six months. She was awarded the Padmabhusan & Jamunalal Bajaj Award for her extraordinary contribution in the field of social works 1981. The noted social worker left for heavenly abode on 30 December, 1994 at

her Panbazar Residence at the age of 84. At her death, India has lost a noted Gandhian, Freedom Fighter and Prominent woman social worker.

Veteran Congress Leader, noted social worker and Former Member of Assam Legislative Assembly, Shri Nanda Kishore Singh was born in 1929 at Sonai. Shri Singh was elected a Member to Assam Legislative Assembly in 1952, re-elected in 1957 and in 1962, respectively. Shri Singh breathed his last at his Silchar Residence on 15th January, 1995. In his death, our State has lost a front ranking political leader.

Veteran Social Leader, renowned author and former Member of Parliament Mr. Madhu Limaye was born on May 1, 1922 in Poona. Mr. Limaye was intimately connected with socialist movement in India. Besides being a Member of Parliament for more than 20 years, Mr. Limaye authored more than 80 books on various subjects. He left for heavenly abode on January 8, 1995 in Ram Monohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi. In his death, India has lost a renowed Parliamentarian, Social worker and prominent Freedom Fighter.

Former Union Minister, Journalist, noted writer Mr. Chandulal Chandrakar was born on January 1, 1920. Mr. Chandrakar became a Member of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Lok Sabha respectively. This noted Parliamentarian, agriculturist, author Journalist and administrator breathed his last on February 2, 1995 at the age of 75. In his death our country has lost one of the top ranking social workers and freedom fighters

Prominent Trade Union and INTUC Leader, Mr. Pradosh Kanti Choudhury was the convenor of labour Cell of Assam Pradesh Congress(I). He devoted his sincere service for the upliftment of poor and down-trodden people of the State of Assam. Mr. Choudhury passed away on October. 19, 1994. In his death, Assam has lost an able devoted trade unionist.

Mr. Ram Nath Sarma, an eminent freedom fighter and former Member of Assam Legislative Assembly was born in 1906, Mr. Sarma was elected as a Member of the Assam Legislative Assembly from the Lumding Constituency in 1952. He was elected Vice-President of Assam Volley Ball and Cricket Association. Mr, Sarma breathed his last on January 23, 1995 at the age of 89. In his death, Assam has lost a front ranking sports organiser, freedom fighter and a social leader.

Mr. Gauri Kanta Sarma, a veteran freedom fighter and a social worker was born at Pathsala in 1914 in erst-while Kamrup District. Shri Sarma actively participated in the upliftment of the down-trodden. He breathed his last on October 17, 1994. At his death Assam has lost one prominent freedom fighter and a devoted social worker.

As a mark of respect to the departed souls. I request the Hon'ble Members to rise their seats to observe one minute silence.

ড: জয়নাথ শর্মা : ছিপাঝাবত যিবিলাক বেচবকাবী আৰু চবকাবী মানুহ পুলিচব গুলিত মবিছে তেওঁলোককো অন্তর্ভুক্ত কবিব লাগে।

(One minute slience was observed)

Mr. Speaker : The House stands adjourned till 9 A.M. of 16th March. 1995.

Adjournment

The House then rose at 11:00 hrs; and stood adjourned till 9 A.M. on tomorrow, the 15th March, 1995.

Dated, Dispur
The 15th March, 1995

D. Talukdar
Secretary
Assam Legislative Assembly.

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