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**DEBATES OF THE
ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Friday, The 7th March, 1997

**The House met at 8.30 A.M. of the Clock
in the Assembly Chamber at Dispur
with Shri Ganesh Kutum,
Speaker in the Chair.**

Mr. Speaker - Good Morning everybody.

Hon'ble Members present, the Governor is addressing the House today at 8-30 A.M. He is coming by the Eastern Gate of the Assembly premises at 8-35 A.M. Myself, the Chief Minister, the Deputy Speaker and the Secretary will be going to receive the Governor at the gate. The instructions as to how the Governor is to be received in the House have been laid on each Members table. As soon as the Governor comes, I think, we should comply with these instructions. In the meantime, the address will be distributed to the Members.

With your permission, now I leave the House to receive the Governor at the gate.

(Mr. Speaker enters the House with the Hon'ble Governor. Then National Anthem played).

Now, I request the Hon'ble Governor to address the House.

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

Hon'ble Governor : Mr. Speaker and Hon'ble Members.

I am extremely happy to have this opportunity of meeting you once again and address this session of the Assam Legislative Assembly today. I extend my sincere regards and best wishes to all of you. About nine months ago, when I addressed the June, 1996 session of the August House, I had highlighted the noble task of elected legislature in reflecting the people's wishes and aspirations and echoing their collective wisdom. I am happy that it has fully measured up to the people's expectations. I am also happy to note that the Members of this Assam Legislative Assembly, cutting across party lines, could display fine sense of oneness on the common causes of the people in a more significant way during the last nine months. The peace missions carried out by All Party delegations in the wake of any disturbance, the healthy cooperation shown by all in respect of common issues concerning our people, both inside and outside the August House, are laudable instances of your united endeavours to serve the people better. Even more appreciable has been the common stand taken by all Members of the House against the forces of terror and violence. An all party delegation went

to New Delhi and it impressed upon the Union Government in unequivocal terms the urgent need to save Assam from the onslaught of the extremist and insurgent outfits. I heartily admire your democratic ingenuity for opening up a new chapter of constructive cooperation and collective efforts in our public life for getting rid of the maladies afflicting the society. I hope that you will carry forward this encouraging trend even more meaningfully in the coming days.

**Law &
Order
Situation**

You are aware that my present Government in the State, since assumption of office in May, 1996 has been working relentlessly for fulfilling its total commitment of providing security to the lives and properties of the people of the State. Necessary measures have already been taken to effectively check all forms of terror and violence. Restoration of peace and normalcy in all spheres of public life has been given the highest priority in the agenda of my Government.

*Dr. Ardhendu Kr. Dey : Sir, point of order. The Govt. has totally failed in maintaining law and order. So, Sir, the portion on law and order should be scrapped. I would request you not to read the law and order pointing you please switch over to other portion. (interruptions).....

Hon'ble Governor : The district administrations have been given clear directives to firmly deal with

any law and order problem.

*Dr. Ardhendu Kr. Dey : There is no law, and order. There is torture.

(Sri Bharat Ch. (Narah) raised poster. Sri Abu Saleh Nazmuddin raised voices stop atrocities stop torture.....)

Hon'ble Governor : The police at all levels have been properly instructed to handle any threat to law and order with tact and firmness. In fact, the State Police force which was a completely demoralised lot till nine months ago, could now shake off sluggishness and come out to its vibrant and powerful form. It is indeed gratifying to note that the sincere endeavours of the State Government to restore peace and normalcy in the State have been yielding the desired results. A new arrangement has been evolved to ensure better coordination among the Army, the para-military forces and the police in the operations against the insurgent/extremist outfits. This new arrangement, presently made operational since around the middle of January, 1997, for three months has helped in better efficacy of such operations with effective use of the available manpower of the said forces. They are making combined efforts under the policy coordination and broad strategies laid down by the top most body under the system, headed by the Chief Secretary of the State. This has not only given primacy to the civil authorities but has also helped in checking aberrations that might arise in the wake

of the operations against the militants. A strict vigil has been maintained at all levels to ensure that there is no cause for any harassment on innocent people while launching operations by the Army, para-military force and police forces.

*Shri Silvius Condpan : While the Military operation is continuing, there is no security to the people. Insecurity is going on in the name of safety. The innocent people has been harassed.

*Shri Bharat Ch. Narah : There is large scale harassment on the innocent people.

Hon'ble Governor : These things can be discussed on the debate on the Governor's address. There is no harassment on the innocent people.

(Voices - No Sir, no Sir.)

Although the prevailing circumstances have compelled my Government to make use of the forces to contain violence, it does not view the problems created by insurgent/extremist groups merely as law and order problems but more as issues deserving a positive approach for negotiated settlement. With this approach in mind, the Government has expressed itself in favour of initiating dialogues with an open mind with ULFA, NSCN, NDFB and BLTF. At the initiative of the State Government, the United Front Government at the Centre which has included the issue of solving Assam's insurgency problem through dialogues in the Common Minimum programme has

also called upon the insurgent outfits to come to the negotiation table to solve the problem. The Prime Minister, Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, himself openly called upon the insurgent outfits to come forward for talks without any preconditions. The NSCN has, of late, expressed its willingness to sit in discussion with the Government. We hope that all insurgent groups operating in the State will come forward for negotiated settlement of their issues in a peaceful, democratic manner, for which my Government has kept its door always open.

While the State Government is sincerely at work to put an end to the long drawn problem of insurgent/extremist violence, it is gratifying to note that except the ethnic violence that broke out around the time of assumption of office by my Government in mid May, 1996 in two lower Assam districts at the behest of certain quarters with vested interests, the State was by and large free from communal violence, thaks to the right initiatives taken by my Government to consolidate the unity and harmony among all sections of the people living in the State. However, the ethnic violence has left a trail of damage on the poor economy of the State. Apart from having to spend about Rs. 30 crores so far, the State Government is still required to incur an expenditure of about Rs.17 lakh a day for providing relief and rehabilitation to the people affected in the

ethnic violence.

**Judicial
Enquiries**

The Government has ordered a judicial enquiry to probe the ethnic violence that took place in Kokrajhar and Bongaigaon Districts in May, 1996. Judicial enquiry has also been ordered into the killing of one Dilip Boro of Kamrup District. It is reassuring that the CBI too have initiated investigation of several cases handed over to them.

**Clean
Admin-
istration**

The present State Government has taken up steps to weed out corruption and malpractices which were found eating into the vitals of the administration. All departments have been asked to maintain strict vigil in this respect and to ensure clean administration.

The sad legacy of continuing tension in the inter-State border areas of Assam with the neighbouring sister States has been causing concern for our State since long. The State Government has expressed itself in favour of solving the long standing issues through bi-lateral talks. My Government is determined to maintain peace and control over the entire territorial jurisdiction as per the constitutional boundary of the State. Unfortunately, some of the neighbouring States have encroached into the territory of Assam. Due to the strong stand taken by my Government, the Government of India has recently directed the Government of Nagaland to remove a BOP, set up recently by Nagaland Police within the boundary of Assam. My Government hopes that the

concerned States will respect the territorial boundary of Assam, as laid down in the constitution.

*Shri Bharat Ch. Narah : There is no peace in the Assam Meghalaya Border. No peace in the Assam Nagaland Border. There is no security amongst the people there.

Hon'ble Governor : You cannot make interruption during the constitutional responsibility of the Governor. My Government has taken realistic, effective policy and my Government has always favoured greater participation of all sections of people in the governance and development of the State. It has viewed the issue of autonomy to different ethnic groups from this perspective. True to its commitment of evolving a clear, realistic and effective policy of providing autonomy to the tribal groups, the Government has constituted a high level committee headed by Minister, Higher Education, to suggest measures to strengthen and streamline the functioning of the Autonomous Councils created in different areas of Assam.

*Shri Bharat Ch. Narah : What about Bodo problem, Mising, Deuri problems.

Hon'ble Governor : The government has been holding discussions with the representatives of the tribal communities for finding solutions to various problems and issues concerning them. In order to widen the area of autonomy in the hill areas, the State Government has very recently handed over 30

departments/subjects to the two Autonomous Councils in the hills districts.

Strengthening of Democratic institutions

My Government's policy of providing autonomy to the tribal groups is, in fact, a part of its avowed policy to ensure greater devolution of powers to the grass-root level. The Hon'ble Members are already aware of my Government's stress on proper decentralisation of power in consonance with the country's cherished democratic ideals. It is in keeping with this policy that my Government has always stressed on transfer of all subjects to the States by the Union Government except defence, external affairs, currency and communication. It is in this spirit that the Panchayati Raj system is also being revamped. Elections to the Panchayati Raj Bodies, the urban bodies and the Bodoland Autonomous Council are being held within the coming few months, for which necessary steps have already been initiated.

*Shri. Bharat Ch. Narah : Sir, there is no Panchayati Raj Election. Govt. is giving false statement. (Noise)

Welfare of the SC, ST, OBC including MOBC other weaker sections and women

Hon'ble Governor : My Government is committed to the speedy development of the SC, ST, OBCs including MOBC and other weaker sections of the society. Various welfare and development schemes are under implementation for their benefit. It has also taken up a number of schemes for the welfare and development of the tea garden and ex-tea garden communities in the State. Many welfare schemes are

*Speech not Corrected

under implementation concerning the women.

*Shri Abu Saleh Nazmuddin : Your Govt. has deprived the Barak Valley. There has been no mention about Barak Valley. (Interruption)

Hon'ble Governor : The Koch Rajbanshis of the State have been retained in the list of the Scheduled Tribes in the plains districts of the State by a fresh ordinance promulgated by the President of India in January, 1997 for a renewed term. My Government is urging on the Centre for proportionate increase in the plan outlay and other benefits for the ST people of Assam consequent upon the increase in the number of ST population due to inclusion of Koch Rajbanshis in the list of STs. With regard to the hill tribes living in the plains districts and the plains tribes living in the hill districts, my Government is in favour of grant of ST status to them.

**Liberal
Central
Assistance
PMs
Economic
Package**

Efforts to restore peace and enhance democratic values in the society are naturally coupled with efforts to bring about all round progress and development in all sectors of public life. My Government has been constantly impressing upon the Government of India for special dispensation to overcome the State's general chronic backwardness in all economic spheres. I am happy to inform this August House that the Government of India has responded encouragingly to the State's plea.

We are happy that the Prime Minister, after his weeklong extensive tour to Assam and other North

Eastern States in October, 1996 announced a massive economic package for the region, involving Rs. 6100 Crores. A substantial share of the package has been earmarked for Assam. We are grateful to the Prime Minister for the keen interest, he is taking, at the instance of my Government, for expeditious implementation of the package, as evident in his laying the foundation of the fourth bridge over the Brahmaputra at Kulajan and that of Lumding-Silchar broad gauge railway line conversion project at Silchar so soon after the announcement of the package. It is heartening to find that the gauge conversion of the Railways from the existing metre gauge to broad gauge in respect of Lumding-Tinsukia-Dibrugarh section will be completed very shortly. The Prime Minister's economic package also envisages early completion of the bridge over the Brahmaputra at Jogighopa, upgradation of Borjhar Airport to international standards. Being convinced at the State Government's plea, the Government of India has also decided to treat the flood control works of the Brahmaputra as cent percent Centrally assisted projects and to provide Rs. 500 crores for the purpose in the 9th Plan as Cental grant.

On the request the State Government, a high level commission has also been set up by the Government of India to suggest policies, programmes and fund requirements of Assam and other North Eastern States in bridging the gaps in the infrastruc-

ture and clearing the backlog in the basic minimum services. This high level commission has since visited the State and held discussion with the State Government officials. Another high level expert committee has been appointed by the Government of India to examine all aspects of the problem of the educated unemployed youths of Assam and other North Eastern States and suggest steps for employment generation. This high level expert committee has also visited the State and held discussion with the State Government officials. It is really gratifying to find that the Government of India has responded to the need for special treatment in sectors of industrial development in the North East. The centre is going to announce soon a new industrial policy specially for the North East. There have been visits to the State by many Central Ministers and senior officers of different Ministries/Departments of the Centre viz. the Ministry of Surface Transport, Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Department of power, Railway Board, Department of Tourism, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Banking etc. and there have been discussions between the State Government and them concerning the developmental matters of the State as a part of the follow up action on the economic package announced by the Prime Minister for the State at the end of his visit to Assam and other North-Eastern States in October, 1996.

**Assam
Accord
Imple-
menta-
tion**

We have been constantly taking up with the Government of India regarding full implementation of all the clauses of the Assam Accord without any delay. The Prime Minister's economic package also covers a number of important projects envisaged in keeping with the spirit of the Assam Accord like the extension of broad gauge railway line and the fourth bridge over the Brahmaputra, for which full funding by the Central Government has been assured. This is an important achievement of my State Government which is extremely keen on vigorous implementation of the Assam Accord. The construction of Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra at Guwahati is on progress and my Government is pursuing with the Centre with a view to its early completion. Central assistance has been sanctioned for developing Jyoti Chitran Film Studio at Guwahati.

Industries

My Government is formulating a new industrial policy for rapid industrial development of the State through proper harnessing of the local resources. The advisory committee, constituted by the Government for suggesting ways to achieve rapid industrial development in the State has already submitted its report and follow up action has been taken up. In the meantime, the State Government has stepped up activities in the matter of implementation of the existing programmes. My Government has also initiated steps to revive the sick public sector undertakings of the State Government.

During 1996-97, 131 SSI units have been set up till the end of December, 1996. During the same period, 753 handicrafts units were also established. In 1997-98, it is proposed to established 2900 SSI units and 3000 handicrafts units in different areas of the State. As a measure of revamping the PMRY, it has been proposed to cover 20% of the target allocated by the Government of India under the new scheme of "Operation Vikash". The State target for the scheme has been enhanced during 1996-97 from 9,900 to 15,000 beneficiaries. The Government of India will establish three industrial growth centres in the State. There is a plan of the Centre to establish a tool room-cum-training centre in Assam. The State Government has taken up the construction of an Export promotion Industrial Park at Amingaon in Guwahati for promoting local industrial units exclusively for export market.

About 46 percent of the construction works of Numaligarh Oil Refinery project have been completed and the works are progressing satisfactorily. As regards Assam Gas Cracker project at Tengakhat, the outstanding basic issues were sorted out in a tripartite meeting of the Government of India, Government of Assam and M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. in New Delhi on December 2, 1996 and the final clearance of the Government of India on the matter is awaited. We are grateful to the Government of India for the decision of the Steel Authority of

India Ltd. to set up a steel project at Dagaon in Kamrup district.

Power Power being an essential requisite for industrial development, my Government has given top priority to the power sector. The power position in the State somewhat improved during the period from May to December, 1996. Power generation will improve substantially, once adequate quantity of natural gas is available to the ASEB's Namrup and Lakwa Power Stations. As regards Amguri Power project, the matter is being vigorously pursued by the State Government with the Government of India for its execution by NTPC. The State Government has taken over the Karbi Langpi Hydro Electric project and arrangements are being made for its early completion. The gas based power project at Adamtilla is expected to be commissioned shortly. The construction of the gas based power project at Banskandi in the Barak Valley is also progressing satisfactorily. Measures have been initiated for taking up 23 mini-hydel projects in the State. The rural electrification works are also progressing.

**Science
Technology and
Environment**

The State Government has given a high priority to application of science & technology for sustainable development in different sectors of economy in the State and for inculcating a scientific temper. Various schemes and programmes are under implementation in the sectors like remote sensing, environment, non-conventional energy, pollution control as well as

various research works.

Employment

The Government is fully alive to the problem of unemployment in the State with the number of job-seekers on the Live Register of the Employment Exchanges standing at 12,83,194 as on 30th September, 1996. Educated unemployed youths are being encouraged to take up self-employment in various sectors. The Government is extremely anxious to widen and diversify the avenues of employment with the twin objectives of bringing relief to the unemployed and making use of the massive human resource in constructive ventures.

Rural Development

The problem of unemployment in the rural areas is causing serious concern to the Government. Emphasis is being given on ensuring gainful employment to the unemployed villagers. We are happy that the Central Government has decided full coverage of all Development Blocks of the State by the Employments Assurance Scheme (EAS).

*Shri Gautam Roy : In the rural Development there is no work. No appointment. There is illegal appointment also.

Hon'ble Governor : The State Government is on the way to fully achieving the target of assisting 52,000 families under IRDP, 9000 rural youths under TRYSEM and 1135 groups of women under DWCRA during the current financial year.

*Shri Bharat Ch. Narah : There is rampant

*Speech not Corrected

corruption in Rural Development Department.

Hon'ble Governor : The targets for the said programmes for 1997-98 are even more ambitious and my Government will step up all necessary efforts to fully achieve these targets. The achievement under Jawahar Rojgar Yojana during 1996-97 will be 188.95 lakh mandays. The implementation of the programme will be kept up during 1997-98. Under Indira Awas Yojana, 15760 dwelling houses are being completed in the current financial year while the programme will be continued with greater vigour during the next financial year. The villages are being given a pivotal position in the developmental plans and programmes in the State and the trend will continue. The dream of the new vibrant society has to be realised in the State's countryside and the villages will continued to matter even more in our developmental efforts in the days ahead.

Agriculture As agriculture is the mainstay of the State's economy, serious efforts to raise the productivity of our fields will continue with greater vigour in the coming period. Increase in the area under summer rice cultivation, double and multiple cropping and generation of more self-employment avenues will be some of the thrust areas in this respect. Production of oil-seeds and pulses will also be given greater weightage. Priority will also be given on horticulture, floriculture, spices and mushroom cultivation. Under the Assam Rural infrastructure and Agricultural

Services Project, it is proposed to make more productive utilisation of the existing State owned seed farms. Dhemaji and Lakhimpur districts will be covered under the Crop Insurance Scheme.

Irrigation Irrigation being vitally important for agricultural development, the State Government has attached a high priority to proper development of this sector. In the minor irrigation sector in the general areas, efforts are being made to fully cover the targetted area.

Veterinary Animal Husbandry occupies also an important position in the rural economy of Assam. The State Government has, therefore, taken steps to improve the quality of livestock and increase production of milk products with a package of programmes to raise socio-economic status of the people, particularly in the rural areas and the ST and SC communities and those living below the poverty line.

The State Government's efforts in the sector, which include strengthening of the Artificial Insemination programmes, fodder development programmes as well as allied activities and adequate animal health coverage including disease control are being stepped up even further to ensure faster improvement of the services, higher productivity of dairy items, better quality of livestock as well as to ensure wider avenues for self employment.

Fishery Pisciculture, which also constitutes important sector in the rural economy has shown encouraging

trends. Production of fish and fish-seeds in the State has recorded an increase and the production of fish is likely to exceed 1.53 lakh tonnes in the State in 1996-97. All low-lying areas measuring more than 20 bighas are envisaged to be converted into fisheries in phases, which will, in turn, be leased out to entrepreneurs. A massive fishery development programme is being implemented under the Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project.

**Handloom
and
Textiles**

Handloom continues to be another gainful economic activity in the rural area in particular. A high priority is, accordingly, given to the development of this sector. The production of handloom fabrics in the State is expected to go up to 101 million metres by the end of 1996-97. In the powerloom sector the production target for 1996-97 is 12 million metres.

Important schemes on the anvil in the sector include 22 integrated handloom village development projects, 34 project package schemes, setting up of 50 handloom development centres and workshed-cum-housing project for poor handloom weavers. All these projects will immensely benefit particularly the women in rural areas.

**Social
Welfare**

Widening of the scope of training in the crafts blended with modern skills is directly relevant to the task of gainful use of the traditional arts and crafts. The State Government has initiated several schemes in this direction to train the rural women for self-

employment. Other social welfare schemes which deserve special mention include the integrated Child Development project, which will cover 111 Development Blocks in 1997-98 in addition to the 83, at present. Mention may be made also of the proposal to set up a Braille press next year for production of study materials for the blind students. The deaf and dumb students are also being given proper care and assistance for development.

**Hill
Areas
Development**

My Government has given a very high priority on development of the two hill districts of the State. Greater autonomy has been given to the Autonomous Councils in the two districts. Emphasis has been laid on development of health and education, roads, transport, tourism etc. Particular emphasis has been given on jhum control. The two hill districts have been selected by the Government of India for implementing the Integrated Wasteland Development Scheme in these districts.

**Char
Area
Development**

The State Government is keen to ensure improvement in the socio-economic condition of people living in the char-chapori areas of the Brahmaputra. A number of schemes are under implementation for development of agriculture, veterinary, dairy, cottage industries education, health services and provision of drinking water facilities in these areas:

*Shri Bharat Ch. Narah : In char Area, there is no any development. There is not any road

communication.

Hon'ble Governor : Employment generation by way of creation of mandays through construction of raised earthen platforms and agricultural bundhs has been ensured. These schemes will continue to be implemented in the coming financial year, 1997-98.

**Minority
Develop-
ment**

Assam Minorities Development Board is looking after the welfare of the minority communities in Assam and implementation of the Prime Minister's 15-Point programme. The State Government has established on 27th Feb, 1997 Assam Minorities Development and Finance Corporation Ltd. with an authorised share capital of Rs. 5 crores to enable it to avail of the term loan facility from the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation for betterment of the minority people of the State.

Education

Proper education is obviously the foundation of a better society and my Government has naturally laid emphasis on quality improvement of education at all levels. In the sphere of higher education, the developmental programmes for 1997-98 will include the system of deficit grants-in-aid, creation of additional posts for such colleges and other schemes. The developmental grants to the Gauhati and Dibrugarh Universities will be enhanced.

In the sphere of Primary Education, the Government has evolved new procedures to streamline the growth of educational institutions.

A Recognition Committee for recognition of Upper Primary Schools, a Permission Committee for opening Class VIII and a Concurrence committee for opening Higher Secondary Classes have been formed with the Commissioner & Secretary, Educational Department as the Chairman of each of these Committees.

The Hon'ble Members of this August House have on several occasions expressed serious concern over the allegations of irregular appointment of teachers. The State Government is alive to the need for qualified teachers to ensure better education in the schools in the State. The Government constituted an enquiry committee to enquire into the allegations of illegal and irregular appointments in the schools made during the previous years. Follow up action is being taken on this report. Steps have been taken for streamlining the recruitment of teachers in the schools. Implementation of DPEP is also making satisfactory progress.

**Sports
and
Youth
Welfare**

The Government views sports and youth welfare activities as essential for physical and mental development of the new generation and has naturally given adequate priority to this sector too. The schemes formulated for the coming year in this sector include construction of mini-stadia, construction of swimming pools, award of sports pensions and promotion of

mountaineering training and adventure sports.

Tourism

My Government has been giving a major thrust on properly building up tourism in the State as an industry with greater participation of the private sector in the days ahead. Ambitious plans to cover more identified areas have been taken up. Incentive schemes to encourage private entrepreneurs and steps to provide self-employment to local educated youths will continue to modernise and upgrade the existing tourist facilities in the State.

Transport

The importance of the transport sector in the social and economic life of the people can hardly be overemphasised. Recent times have witnessed rapid expansion of this vital sector and the State Government's efforts in the days ahead will continue to reach out to the interior and remote areas and to improve the quality of service at the same time. In order to be able to give better service, the ASTC has been asked to be financially self-reliant. Importance is being given also to the utilisation of the waterways and efforts to build up infrastructural facilities for development of the navigable waterways. Creation of night-movement facilities in the Brahmaputra has also been taken up with the Government of India. Commercial services have been opened through the river Brahmaputra with Calcutta. It is proposed to start such

services between Karimganj and Calcutta also.

Development of roads and bridges is essential to facilitate better road-transport and it is why, the State Government took up construction and repair of a large number of roads and bridges all over the State. Under the Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project, the conversion of 23 timber bridges to RCC bridges has been recently sanctioned and the execution of the work will commence shortly.

*Shri Bharat Ch. Narah : All Timber Bridges in Lakhimpur and Dhemaji districts have been damaged due to recurring flood and no RCC Bridges have been constructed.

Hon'ble Governor : During the financial year 1997-98, it is proposed to take up the conversion of 100 timber bridges to RCC bridges and improvement of 450 KM of rural roads under this project. Requirements have also been submitted to the Government of India for conversion of two important State Highways to National Highways.

**Flood
control**

In the context of our State, where the recurrent floods often upset our developmental programmes, a very high priority on the control of floods is unavoidable. My Government has taken both short and long term programmes in this regard but effective handling of such a

*Speech not Corrected

massive task is obviously beyond the State Government with its limited means. It is, however, gratifying that the Government of India has responded favourably to the State Government's request to take up flood control measures for the Brahmaputra as Central Sector projects with 100% Central grants. The Government of India, at the instance of my Government, has already initiated the activation of the Brahmaputra Board by filling up all top posts. The State Government has been pursuing with the Government of India to sanction and take up early the implementation of the Subansiri Dam, Dehang Dam, Pagladia Dam and Tipaimukh Dam projects. A number of important anti erosion schemes cleared by CWC at various places of the State are at different stages of execution.

**Soil
Conse-
rvation**

The precious soil cover need to be conserved for control of floods, development of agriculture and conservation of our forests. During 1996-97, soil conservation practices in both hills and plains areas of the State were under implementation. During 1997-98, the proposed physical targets are conservation of 7936 hectares of agricultural land and 367 hectares of forest land.

Forest

The need to conserve and develop our forest areas has received high priority with my

Government. During 1996-97, the targets of raising 7598 hectares of plantations under production forestry and 5809 hectares under social forestry in the State were fully achieved. During 1997-98, it is proposed be raise 361 hecfares of plantations under production forestry and 3400 hectares under social forestry. A total of 4500 hectares of plantations are proposed to be raised in the hill areas of Assam. The area of Kaziranga National Park is proposed to be extended.

Revenue The State Government intnds to enhance the existing rate of land revenue in respect of tea-lands. Steps have already been taken to recognise the mauzas. The Revenue Department has already completed computerisation of land records in Sonitpur district. Computerisation has also been taken up in seven other districts. Under the Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Project, the State Government has taken up the scheme of consolidation of land holdings in four Revenue Circles of Kamrup district, comprising 16 villages.

Food & Civil Supplies *Shri Abu Saleh Nazmuddin : There is no meaningful PDS system in Assam.

Hon'ble Governor : In pursuance of the decision of the Chief Minister's conference convened by the Government of India, a new

PDS is scheduled to commence in the State from the next financial year. Under this scheme a family below the poverty line will get 10 Kgs of rice per month at half the usual PDS rate. It will benefit 19.06 lakh poor families in the State. My Government has also taken various steps, as per guidelines of the Government of India, to check the rise of price line of the essential commodities. Steps also have been taken to check the various malpractices by the traders.

Co-operation

*Shri Bharat Ch. Narah : There is no co-operative election, Sir,(..... Interruption)

Hon'ble Governor : Various schemes are under implementation for consolidating the co-operative base in the State, particularly for promoting the rural economy.

Health & Family Welfare

My Government has also given priority attention to ensure adequate health services coverage to the people in the State including those living in the remote and inaccessible areas. With the assistance of the World Bank, the Assam Area Project - IPP - IX is under implementation for strengthening the health services in the rural areas. A mobile boat clinic scheme has been introduced for the benefit of char dwellers. The proposal on the upgradation of Guwahati Medical College to the status of a

national level institution has been taken up with the Government of India. Development of Assam Medical College Dibrugarh, Silchar Medical College and other health institutions will be taken up.

*Shri Abu Saleh Nazamuddin : This Government has closed pharmacist course in Silchar Medical College, Sir
(.....Interruption.....)

**Public
Health
Enginee-
ring**

Hon'ble Governor : During the year 1996-97 the facility of safe drinking water service is being extended to 1767 habitations with priority to no-source habitations and the SC/ST dominated habitations. In this financial year, 6000 units of low cost latrines were installed in the rural areas.

**Municipal
Adminis-
tration**

My Government is also implementing schemes to improve the quality of life of particularly the urban poor under the Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication programme in 19 Municipal Boards and Town Committee areas.

*Shri Abu Saleh Nazmuddin : There is no elected Municipal Board, Sir,
(..... Inturrupcion.....)

Hon'ble Governor : The Urban Basic Services for Poor programme is being

implemented in 4 towns. Financial assistance is being sanctioned to the urban local bodies in the State against the award of 10th Finance Commission for improvement of roads, water supply, drainage and other public amenities in the urban areas.

**Town
and
Country
Planning**

During 1997-98, the Assam Urban Water Supply & Sewerage Board will continue the implementation of 20 ongoing water supply schemes and it will take up 4 new schemes in various towns of the State.

During the year, 1996-97, the Town & Country Planning Department undertook developmental programme for upgrading the living conditions of the urban people by implementation of programmes like Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns. Open and underground drains in the core areas of Guwahati City were constructed. Preparation of Master Plans has been taken up for a number of these programmes.

**Perma-
nent
Capital
of
Assam**

The construction of the permanent capital of Assam in and around Dispur will be taken up in the next financial year.

**The
Assam
Pay
Commission,
1994**

The Assam Pay Commission, 1994 is expected to submit their final report soon to the Government. The State Government has granted Interim Relief to the State Government employees.

Hon'ble Members, I have tried to give a brief outline of the approach of my Government with regard to some of the major issues concerning the State. I am hopeful that your deliberation in course of this session will particularly stimulate in the popular mind a stronger urge for peace - without which no progress is possible. It needs no reiteration that a peaceful and constructive atmosphere in the State can be generated only through concerted efforts by all sections of the people from all walks of life. I am confident that your discussions on the floor of this August House in course of this significant session will faithfully reflect the collective will and wisdom of the people. This session of the August House, I am sure, will help the people of the State unfurl a new chapter in its contemporary history.

I wish your deliberations all success.

Jai Hind. Jai Aai Asom.

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

A group photograph has been arranged for the Hon'ble Members of this House in front of the Library and I request the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition, My brother, Presiding Officer, Deputy Speaker, Minister of States and all Members of the House to join the group photograph as arranged prior to participation in tea.

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, DGP, IGP, DIGs and Head of Departments in the Officers Gallery, Gentlemen of the Press and Electronic media in the Press Gallery and All India Radio and Official Reporters to join the Hon'ble Governor at tea arranged outside adjacent to the Assembly Chamber.

The House do now stands adjourned for 30 minutes.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker : Read the 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 of the Conference Room in the New MLA Hostel at Dispur on 24th February, 1997 for finalisation of the Calender for the Current Budget Session of the Assembly, 1997.

The Committee after threadbare discussion decided that the Current Budget Session of the Assembly, 1997 which would commence on 7th March would continue till 8th April, 1997. The Committee further decided that the 7th April, 1997 being Monday would a recess day for Celebration of the Foundation Day Anniversary of the 'Assam Legislative Assembly.

There would be 20 working days out of which 16 days would be devoted for transaction of Government Business and 4 days would be earmarked for transaction of Private Members' Business. The Committee also decided that Budget Estimates for the year 1997-98 would be placed at 3.00 P.M. on 14th March, 1997. The House would also sit on Saturday, the 29th March, which is normally a recess day.

To make more time available to the Members for taking part on Voting on Demands for Grants, the Committee decided that there would be two sittings of the House on 21st, 26th and 27th

March, 1997 and the second sitting of the House on those days would start from 3.00 P.M. to 5.30 P.M. The Committee further decided that at least one Demand for Grants would be disposed of in each sitting of the House fixed for discussion on voting on Demands for Grants.

The Committee then finalised the Calender.

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

I hope this has the approval of the House.

MOTION OF THANKS ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

I have received a motion of thanks on the Governor's Address from Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami and Seconded by Shri Atul Bora.

Now, I request Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami to move the motion of thanks on the Governor's address.

Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami : Sir, I beg to move that the Hon'ble Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly in this session are grateful to the Governor for the address he is pleased to deliver to the House today, the 7th March, 1997.

Mr. Speaker : Now, I call Hon'ble member Shri Atul Bora for seconding the motion of

thanks on Governor's Address.

Shri Atul Bora : Hon'ble Speaker, Sir, I beg to second the motion of thanks moved by Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami on the Governor's address. Thank you, Sir.

Mr. Speaker : The motion has now been moved and seconded. Debate on the Governor's address has been allotted on 10th March, 1997 and 14th March, 1997. Amendments to the Motion of thanks will be received by the Assembly Secretariat upto 4.00 P.M. today.

For allocation of time to various Legislature Parties / Group and Independent Members on the Debate on Governor's address, I request the Members of the Business Advisory Committee and Special invitee to meet at the Conference Room at my officer chamber today at 11.30 A.M. or as soon as the House raises for today.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Speaker : Now, item no. 4.

Under Rule 9(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, I nominate the following Hon'ble Members to constitute the Panel of Chairmen for the current Budget Session of the Assembly, 1997.

1. Shri. Hemen Das.
2. Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami.
3. Shri Abdul Muqtadir Choudhury.
4. Shri Holiram Terang.

LAYING OF GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE, REPORTS ETC.

Mr. Speaker : Now, item No. 5. Shri Biraj Kr. Sarma to lay.

Shri Biraj Kr. Sarma (Minister) : Sir, I beg to lay the Assam Municipal (Amendment) Ordinance, 1997.

Mr. Speaker : Now, item No. 6 - Shri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, (incharge Parliamentary Affairs) to lay the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1996 (Revenue Receipt) relating to the Government of Assam.

Shri Prafulla Kumar Mahanta (Chief Minister): Sir, I beg to lay the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1996 relating to the Government of Assam.

Mr. Speaker : Now, item No. 7 - Shri.

Surendra Nath Medhi, Minister to lay the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1996 (Commercial) relating to the Govt. of Assam.

Sri Surendra Nath Medhi (Minister) : Sir, I beg to lay the Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 1996 relating to the Government of Assam.

Mr. Speaker : Now, item No. 8 - Shri Dilip Kumar Saikia, MLA and member of the App-Party Delegation, Assam Legislative Assembly, to lay the interim report of the All-Party Delegation of the Assam Legislative Assembly to the flood affected areas of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji districts and Majuli Sub-Division in Jorhat district and Biswanath Sub-Division of the Sonitpur district.

Shri Dilip Kumar Saikia : Sir, I beg to lay the Interim Report of the All party Delegation of the Assam Legislative Assembly to the flood affected areas of Lakhimpur and Dhemaji districts and Majuli Sub-division in Jorhat district and Biswanath Sub-division in Sonitpur District.

OBITUARY REFERENCES

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ : গভীৰ দুখ আৰু ব্যথিত হৃদয়েৰে তলত নাম উল্লেখ কৰা বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তি সকলৰ বিয়োগত এই পৱিত্ৰ সদনত শোক

প্রকাশ কৰিবলৈ ওলোৱা হৈছে।

(১) ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞ, সমাজ সেৱক, আইনজ্ঞ, সাহিত্যিক শ্ৰী গুনেন্দ্র নাথ পণ্ডিতে ১৯৩৭ চনৰ এক মাৰ্চত অবিভক্ত নগাওঁ জিলাৰ জামুগুৰী গাৱঁত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। ১৯৭২ চনত অসম বিধান সভালৈ তেখেত ৰহা সমষ্টিৰ পৰা কংগ্ৰেছৰ সদস্য ৰূপে নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছিল। অসম বিধান সভাৰ সেই সময়ত প্ৰক্কলন সমিতিৰ তেওঁ সভাপতিও নিযুক্তি হৈছিল। তেখেতে লিখা “শৈৱ দৰ্শন আৰু সাহিত্যৰ পটভূমি” নামৰ কিতাপখন অসমীয়া সাহিত্যৰ ভঁৰাললৈ এখন মূল্যবান গ্ৰন্থ। ৰাজনীতি আৰু আইন চৰ্চাৰ সৈতে জড়িত থকাৰ উপৰিও তেখেত এজন একনিষ্ঠ সমাজ সেৱক আছিল। মৃত্যুৰ আগমূহূৰ্ত্তলৈ আইন চৰ্চা কৰি থাকি ১৯৯৬ চনৰ ২৮ আগষ্ট তাৰিখে খুটিকটীয়াৰ নিজ বাসভৱনত তেখেতে ইহসংসাৰ ত্যাগ কৰে। তেখেতৰ মৃত্যুত অসমে এজন একনিষ্ঠ সমাজ সেৱক আৰু আইনজ্ঞ হেৰুৱালে।

(২) ১৯৩০ চনত অবিভক্ত শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ মাজপথাৰ গাওঁত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা শ্ৰী তৰুন চন্দ্ৰ চুতীয়াই স্কুল শিক্ষক ৰূপে ১৯৪৪ চনত কৰ্ম জীৱনৰ পাতনি মেলে। চাহ বাগানৰ কৰ্মী ৰূপে কাম আৰম্ভ কৰা শ্ৰী চুতীয়াই আই-এন-টি-ইউ-টি ৰ এগৰাকী সক্ৰিয় কৰ্মী ৰূপে দেহে-কেহে লাগি আছিল। ১৯৭২ চনত তেখেত কংগ্ৰেছ সদস্য ৰূপে মৰাণ সমষ্টিৰ পৰা অসম বিধান সভালৈ সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছিল। এইজনা ৰাজনীতিবিদ আৰু একনিষ্ঠ সমাজ সেৱকে ১৯৯৭ চনৰ ১০ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী তাৰিখে মৰাণ হাটত শেষ নিঃশ্বাস ত্যাগ কৰে। শ্ৰী চুতীয়াৰ মৃত্যুত অসমে এজন বিশিষ্ট ৰাজনীতিবিদ আৰু একনিষ্ঠ সমাজ সেৱকক হেৰুৱালে।

(৩) অসম বিধান সভাৰ তামুলপুৰ সমষ্টিৰ প্ৰাক্তন বিধায়ক, অসম ভৈয়াম জনজাতি উন্নয়ন পৰিষদৰ প্ৰাক্তন সভাপতি তথা সন্দৌ অসম ট্ৰাইবেল সংঘৰ সভাপতি শ্ৰী অম্বৰীশ চন্দ্ৰলাহড়ীয়ে ১৯৪৫ চনৰ ১ জুলাই তাৰিখে জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। ১৯৬৮ চনত ৰাজনৈতিক জীৱনৰ পাতনি মেলে তেখেতে ভাৰতীয় জাতীয় কংগ্ৰেছত যোগদান কৰে। ১৯৭২ চনত তেওঁ অসম বিধান সভালৈ সদস্য নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছিল। মৃত্যুৰ আগমূহূৰ্ত্তলৈ তেখেত সমাজৰ উন্নয়ন মূলক কামত

সক্রিয় ভাৱে জড়িত হৈ আছিল। এই গৰাকী সমাজ কৰ্মীৰ ১৯৯৭ চনৰ ২০ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত পৰলোক প্ৰাপ্তি ঘটে। তেখেতৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্যখনে এগৰাকী সুদক্ষ ৰাজনীতিজ্ঞ তথা নিঃস্বার্থ সমাজ সেৱকক হেৰুৱালে।

(৪) ১৯২২ চনত নলবাৰীৰ ওচৰৰ কমাৰতলা গাৱঁত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা শ্ৰীধীৰেশ্বৰ কলিতা কমিউনিষ্ট আন্দোলনৰ অসমৰ এগৰাকী বাটকটীয়া আছিল। ছাত্ৰস্বাৰ পৰা বামপন্থী চিন্তাচৰ্চাৰে অনুপ্ৰাণিত হৈ ১৯৪৩ চনত তেখেতে কমিউনিষ্ট দলৰ সদস্য পদ লয়। ১৯৬৭ চনত গুৱাহাটী সমষ্টিৰ পৰা তেখেত সাংসদ ৰূপে লোক সভালৈ নিৰ্বাচিত হৈছিল। এইজনা চি-পি-আই নেতাই মৃত্যুৰ আগমুহূৰ্ত্তলৈ অল ইণ্ডিয়া ট্ৰেড ইউনিয়ন সংগ্ৰেছৰ অসম শাখাৰ ৰাজ্যিক সভাপতি আৰু ৰাজ্যিক কৃষক সভাৰো সভাপতি ৰূপে কাৰ্য্য নিৰ্বাহ কৰি আছিল। প্ৰবীন ৰাজনীতিবিদ, কমিউনিষ্ট আন্দোলনৰ অসমৰ বাটকটীয়া শ্ৰী কলিতাই ১৯৯৭ চনৰ চৈধ্য জানুৱাৰীত গুৱাহাটীৰ ডাউন টাউন হস্পিটালত ইহসংসাৰ ত্যাগ কৰে। তেখেতৰ মৃত্যুত ৰাজ্য তথা দেশে এগৰাকী আগশাৰীৰ ৰাজনীতিবিদ আৰু অক্লান্ত সমাজ সেৱকক হেৰুৱালে। তেখেতৰ মৃত্যুত আমাৰ এক পূৰ্বাব নোৱাৰা ক্ষতি হ'ল।

(৫) এগৰাকী নৃত্য বিশাৰদ তথা কলা জগতৰ প্ৰায় প্ৰতিটো বিভাগৰ লগতেই জড়িত শ্ৰী নবীন বৰা প্ৰাকৃত্যৰ্থত এজন প্ৰতিভাসম্পন্ন শিল্পী আছিল। বৰাই নিজে মঞ্চত নৃত্য পৰিবেশন কৰাৰ উপৰিও নৃত্য গুৰু ৰূপে মঞ্চত নৃত্য পৰিদৰ্শন কৰাই খ্যাতি অৰ্জন কৰিছিল আৰু নিজে কথাছবিতো কৃতিত্বৰে অভিনয় কৰিছিল। চৰকাৰী কলেজত শিক্ষকতাৰ দায়িত্বত থাকিও বৰাই অসমৰ বিভিন্ন ঠাইত বিভিন্ন জনগোষ্ঠী আৰু সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ স্থানীয় নৃত্যকলা প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰি শিল্পীপ্ৰেমী লোকক আপুত কৰিব পাৰিছিল। এইজনা নৃত্য বিশাৰদে বেলেতলাৰ নিজ বাসভৱনত ১৯৯৭ চনৰ ১০ জানুৱাৰী তাৰিখে প্ৰায় বাৰ্ষিক বছৰ বয়সত ইহসংসাৰ ত্যাগ কৰে। শ্ৰীবৰাৰ মৃত্যুত অসমৰ সাংস্কৃতিক জগতৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

(৬) গান্ধীবাদী বৰীয়ান নেতা মুক্তি যুঁজাৰু, খাদী আৰু গ্ৰামোদ্যোগৰ অগ্ৰণী কৰ্মী শ্ৰীৰবীন নবীছ অবিভক্ত অসম প্ৰদেশ কংগ্ৰেছৰ এজন নিষ্ঠাবান সাধাৰণ সম্পাদক আছিল। তেখেতে বহুতো ৰাজহুৱা অনুস্থানৰ লগত ওতঃপ্ৰোতঃ ভাৱে জড়িত হৈ থাকি এসময়ত অসম ৰাষ্ট্ৰভাষা প্ৰচাৰ সমিতিৰ মন্ত্ৰী আৰু

অসম. মুক্তি যুঁজাৰু সন্মিলনৰ সাধাৰণ সম্পাদকৰ দায়িত্ব পালন কৰিছিল। এইজনা সমাজকৰ্মী শ্ৰীমতীয়ে ১৯৯৭ চনৰ ২৩ জানুৱাৰীত গুৱাহাটীৰ অৰুণা নাৰ্ছিং হোমত পচাঁশী বছৰ বয়সত ইহসংসাৰ ত্যাগ কৰে।

(৭) ১৯১৬ চনৰ ২২ ডিচেম্বৰ তাৰিখে অবিভক্ত শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ গোলাঘাটৰ ওচৰৰ দ-চমুৱা গাঁৱত শ্ৰীমতী অনন্যভা বৰুৱাই জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। স্বামী স্বৰ্গীয় শংকৰ বৰুৱাৰ বিপ্লৱী আদৰ্শেৰে অনুপ্রাণিত হৈ ভাৰতৰ স্বাধীনতা আন্দোলনত এই গৰাকী মহিয়সী অগ্ৰণী নেত্ৰীয়ে দেশৰ মুক্তিৰ হকে কৰা আত্মত্যাগ তুলনা বিহীন। নানা সামাজিক উন্নয়ন মূলক কামৰ লগতে মহিলা সংগঠনৰ সৈতেও ওতঃপ্ৰোতঃ ভাৱে জড়িত আছিল। ১৯৯৭ চনৰ ২৭ জানুৱাৰীত গোলাঘাটৰ নিজ বাসভৱনত তেওঁ স্বৰ্গগামী হয়। শ্ৰীমতী বৰুৱাৰ মৃত্যুত অসমে এগৰাকী প্ৰকৃত দেশপ্ৰেমীকা, সু-মাতৃ আৰু বিপ্লৱী নেত্ৰীক হেৰুৱালে।

(৮) প্ৰবীন মুক্তি যুঁজাৰু, কৃতী শিক্ষক, একনিষ্ঠ কংগ্ৰেছ সেৱক শ্ৰী প্ৰফুল্ল গোস্বামীয়ে অবিভক্ত শিৱসাগৰ জিলাৰ যোৰহাটৰ ওচৰৰ ঢাপকটো গাঁৱত ১৯২০ চনত জন্মগ্ৰহণ কৰিছিল। এগৰাকী আদৰ্শ শিক্ষক শ্ৰীগোস্বামীক চৰকাৰে তাম্ৰপত্ৰ প্ৰদান কৰি সন্মান আগবঢ়াইছিল। এইজনা মুক্তি যুঁজাৰু শিক্ষাবিদৰ ১৯৯৭ চনৰ পহিলা জানুৱাৰীত নিজ বাসভৱনত দেহাৱসান ঘটে।

(৯) ১৯৪৮ চনৰ ১৬ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত শিৱসাগৰত জন্ম লাভ কৰা প্ৰথিত যশা কণ্ঠ শিল্পী শ্ৰীমতী ৰুণুমী ঠাকুৰ গুৱাহাটী কলেজৰ অসমীয়া বিভাগৰ এগৰাকী অধ্যাপিকা আছিল। অসমৰ সঙ্গীত জগতলৈ অতুলনীয় অৱদান আগবঢ়োৱা শ্ৰীমতী ঠাকুৰে ১৯৯৭ চনৰ ১২ জানুৱাৰীত নতুন দিল্লীৰ গঙ্গাৰাম হস্পিতালত চিকিৎসাধীন হৈ থকা অৱস্থাত ইহসংসাৰ ত্যাগ কৰে। এই গৰাকী প্ৰতিভাশালী কণ্ঠ শিল্পীৰ অকাল বিয়োগত অসমৰ সঙ্গীত জগতৰ এক অপূৰণীয় ক্ষতি হ'ল।

(১০) ১৯৩২ চনত জন্ম গ্ৰহণ কৰা বাংলা চলচিত্ৰ আৰু মঞ্চ জগতৰ খ্যাতিমান কৌতুক অভিনেতা, শ্ৰীৰবি ঘোষৰ বাংলাদেশৰ বৰিশাল জিলাত জন্ম হৈছিল। এই সুদক্ষ অভিনেতা গৰাকীয়ে মৃত্যুৰ আগমূহূৰ্ত্তলৈ প্ৰায় ২০০ খন ছবিত মনোগ্ৰাহী অভিনয় কৰিছিল। এই গৰাকী যশস্বী শিল্পীৰ ১৯৯৭ চনৰ চাৰি ফেব্ৰুৱাৰীত কলিকতাৰ টালিগঞ্জ ষ্টুডিওত শুটিং কৰি থকা অৱস্থাতে হৃদৰোগত

আক্ৰান্ত হৈ মৃত্যু হয়।

(১১) ১৯৯৬ চনৰ ৩১ ডিচেম্বৰত কোকৰাঝাৰৰ চেচাপানীৰ ওচৰৰ বাভাপাৰাত ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ মেইলত সংঘটিত বোমা বিস্ফোৰণৰ দুৰ্ঘটনাত বহুকেইগৰাকী ব্যক্তি নিহত হোৱাৰ উপৰিও ভালে সংখ্যকলোক আঘাতপ্ৰাপ্ত হয়। সভাই শোকাবহ দুৰ্ঘটনাটোত নিহত ব্যক্তি সকলৰ আত্মাৰ সদগতিৰ বাবে আৰু আহত সকলৰ আশু আৰোগ্য কামনা কৰে।

(১২) যোৱা ২৩ ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী তাৰিখে উৰিষ্যাৰ বাৰিপদ জিলাৰ মধুবন ক্ষেত্ৰত নিগমানন্দৰ ধৰ্ম্মীয় সমাৰোহত হোৱা এক আকস্মিক অগ্নিকাণ্ডত জীৱন্তে দক্ষ হৈ প্ৰায় দুশৰো অধিক ধৰ্ম্মপ্ৰাণ ভক্তৰ দেহাৱসান ঘটে আৰু ভালে সংখ্যক লোক আঘাত প্ৰাপ্ত হয়। দুৰ্ঘটনাত প্ৰাণ হেৰুৱা ধৰ্ম্মপ্ৰাণ ভক্ত সকলৰ আত্মাৰ সদগতিৰ অৰ্থে আৰু অগ্নিকাণ্ডত আঘাত প্ৰাপ্ত লোক সকলৰ আশু আৰোগ্যৰ হকে ভগৱানৰ ওচৰত সভাই প্ৰাৰ্থনা কৰে।

এতিয়া মাননীয় সদস্য সকলক নিজৰ নিজৰ আসনত থিয় হৈ এক মিনিট মৌনতা অৱলম্বন কৰি বিদেহী আত্মাৰ চিৰশান্তি কামনা কৰিবলৈ অনুৰোধ জনোৱা হ'ল।

আজি সদন ১০/৩/৯৭ তাৰিখে ৯ বজালৈ স্থগিত কৰা হ'ল।

ADJOURNMENT

The house stands adjourned till 9.00 A.M. on Monday, the 10th March 1997.

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The 7th March

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