

## Chapter IV

### ROLE OF ST MLAs IN THE ASSEMBLY

This chapter has been prepared on the basis of the questions and issues raised by the ST MLAs on the Floor of the House. Altogether 67 MLAs belonged to the Scheduled Tribes Communities during 1972-96. Out of 67 MLAs 28 ST MLAs elected from unreserved seats (see Appendix 9A to 9L). The notable feature in this context is that the regional political parties are more popular amongst the ST members than the national political parties. Of these regional political parties PTCA, ASDC, AGP, and UNTLF may be mentioned. As regards the national political parties the Congress and the CPM influence them to some extent.

The application of democracy to the large nation state has been made possible by the device of representation, resulting in indirect democracy. The voters elect representatives to legislate for them. The representative Legislatures rest, in the ultimate analysis, on the assumption that the people can delegate the exercise of the legislative portion of their sovereign power to elect deputies or representatives.

The Legislature is a forum where the elected members ventilates the grievances of the people of the constituency in particular which they represented and expose the inadequacies and short comings of the administration. The legislators have to play a very crucial role and they do so by utilizing the procedures laid down in the rules of procedures of the House. The rules of the

House contain provisions for putting questions during question hour to obtain information. If the information furnished by the concerned Minister is not adequate or incomplete, the members may obtain the complete information by giving notice of half an hour discussion on a matter of public importance arising out of answers to questions in accordance with the relevant rules. The members may also give notice of short notice Questions, calling attention to a matter of urgent public importance and notice to raise discussion for a short duration Discussion on this item may not exceed two and half hours. The member may also give notice for adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance.

It may be noted that the notices of different items of business, viz, Questions, Half an hour discussion on the matter arising out of answer to questions, short Notice Question, calling attention notice and notice for short duration Discussion, Adjournment Motions are admitted by the speaker on fulfillment of the conditions laid down in the rules of procedure of the House. Therefore the members have to be careful in taking the notices for different items to ensure that the same conform to the conditions laid down in the Rules of procedure of the House.

In addition to the facilities mentioned above to raise public grievances of the people, the members may utilize other opportunities through devices, viz, during the debates on Governors Address which outlines the Government policies and also during the General discussion on the Budget and voting on Demands for grants, members may also give notices of cut motions to various demands for grants to raise discussion to expose the inadequacies in administration.

These facilities of raising issues on the floor of the House may prove the talent of the members. Further a member may bring to the immediate notice of the chair what he thinks a breach of order in transacting the business of the House

and he may ask for guidance and help of the chair in respect to any breach of procedure. The members may raise a point of order interrupting debate or business of the House.

The point of order relates to the Rules of procedure and conduct of business in the state Legislature or conventions or such Articles of the constitution of India, which regulate the business of the House. And this must be raised with the permission of the chair. A point of order may be raised only when the doubt arises and where there is no clear provision made in the rules of the House.

The right to raise and formulate a point of order is a valuable right of a member and can be exercised by him at any time on a matter or any business then and there under discussion. When a point of order is raised it has an effect of suspending the proceedings of the House. The member is allowed to speak on the point of order being raised. No debate is allowed on the point of order. But the chair may hear the members before giving decisions. A member wishing to raise a point of order has to be heard by the chair before giving his decision there on, which is final, The member cannot protest against the Chair's ruling which, if so is supposed to be the contempt of the House and the Chair.

Looking to the Assam Legislative Assembly as a whole it reflects the multicolour culture of the Assamese society. It represents the aspirations of all the sections of the society and guides the Government to honour popular will. Parliamentary institutions embodying the will of the people are the head and front of democracy in India. In order to further extend and strengthen democracy these institutions have to be responsive to the needs and aspiration of the people.

During the period from 1972 to 1994 the Assembly sitting days was 892 and 18,578 questions were raised and answered in the House. During this period 399 Acts were passed. The yearwise breakup of these data is given as below:

**STATEMENT SHOWING YEARWISE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS  
ANSWERS AND ACTS PASSED**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Days of Sitting</b>	<b>Number of Questions Answered</b>	<b>Number of Acts Passed</b>
1972	53	790	30
1973	53	1026	19
1974	50	819	27
1975	47	1328	16
1976	44	492	21
1977	42	478	23
1978	50	482	19
1979	46	427	14
1980	President Rule	NIL	13
1981	10	66	7
1982	2	NIL	3
1983	27	197	13
1984	35	355	23
1985	28	215	16
1986	41	532	20
1987	38	1580	14
1988	43	2354	9
1989	52	2330	23
1990	35	994	22
1991	14	237	8
1992	29	1140	8
1993	25	846	18
1994	26	2894	33

**TOTAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES : 126**  
**TOTAL S.T. RESERVE CONSTITUENCIES : 15**



**River** (Blue line)

**S.T.** (Light grey box)

**Reserve constituencies** (Medium grey box)

**Others (Constituencies)** (Dark grey box)



**ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES**

- 58. TAMILPUR
- 59. NALBARI
- 60. BARKHETRI
- 61. DHARAMPUR
- 62. BARABANA (ST)
- 63. CHAPAGURI (ST)
- 64. PANERY
- 65. KALAI GAON
- 66. SIPAJHAR
- 67. MANGALDAI
- 68. DALGAON
- 69. UDALGURI (ST)
- 70. MAJBAT
- 71. DHEKIAJULI
- 72. BARCHALLA
- 73. TEZPUR
- 74. RANGAPARA
- 75. SOOTEA
- 76. BISWANATH
- 77. BEHALI
- 78. GOPPUR
- 79. JAGIROAD
- 80. MORIGAON
- 81. LAHORIGHAT
- 82. RAHA
- 83. DHING
- 84. BATADRAVA
- 85. RUPAHIHAT
- 86. NOWGONG
- 87. BARHAMPUR
- 88. SAMAGURI
- 89. KOLJABAR
- 90. JAMUNAMUKH
- 91. HOJAI
- 92. LUMDING
- 93. BOKAKHAT
- 94. SARUPATHAR
- 95. GOLAGHAT
- 96. KHIURTAI
- 97. DERGAON
- 98. JORHAT
- 99. MAJULI (ST)
- 100. TITABAR
- 101. MARIANI
- 102. TEOK
- 103. AMGURI
- 104. NAZIRA
- 105. MAHMARA
- 106. SONARI
- 107. THOWRA
- 108. SIBSAGAR
- 109. BIHPURIA
- 110. NAOBOICHA
- 111. LAKHIMPUR
- 112. DHAKUKHANA (ST)
- 113. DHEMAJI (ST)
- 114. JONAI (ST)
- 115. MORAN
- 116. DIBRUGARH
- 117. LAHOWAL
- 118. DULAJAN
- 119. TINKHONG
- 120. NAHARKATIA
- 121. CHABUA
- 122. TINSUKIA
- 123. DIGBOI
- 124. MARGHERITA
- 125. DOOMDOOMA
- 126. SADIYA

- 35. ABHAYAPURI SOUTH
- 36. DUDHNOI (ST)
- 37. GOALPARA EAST
- 38. GOALPARA WEST
- 39. JALESWAR
- 40. SORBHOG
- 41. BHABANIPUR
- 42. PATACHARKUCHI
- 43. BARPETA
- 44. JANIA
- 45. BAGHBAR
- 46. SARUKHETRI
- 47. CHENGA
- 48. BOKO
- 49. C-HAYGAON
- 50. PALASBARI
- 51. JHALUKBARI
- 52. DISPUR
- 53. GUWAHATI EAST
- 54. GUWAHATI WEST
- 55. HAJO
- 56. KAMALPUR
- 57. RANGIA

- 1. RATABARI
- 2. PATHARKANDI
- 3. KARIMGANJ NORTH
- 4. KARIMGANJ SOUTH
- 5. BADARPUR
- 6. HAILAKANDI
- 7. KATLICHERRA
- 8. ALGAPUR
- 9. SILCHAR
- 10. SONAI
- 11. DHOLAI
- 12. UDARBAND
- 13. LAKHIPUR
- 14. BARKHOLA
- 15. KATIGORA
- 16. HAFLONG (ST)
- 17. BOKAJAN (ST)
- 18. HOWRAHGHAT (ST)
- 19. DIPHU (ST)
- 20. SAITHALANGSO (ST)
- 21. MANKACHAR
- 22. SOUTH SALMARA
- 23. DHUBRI
- 24. GAURIPUR
- 25. GOLAKGANJ
- 26. BILASIPARA WEST
- 27. BILASIPARA EAST
- 28. GOSSAINGAON
- 29. KOKRAJHAR WEST (ST)
- 30. KOKRAJHAR EAST (ST)
- 31. SIDLI
- 32. BONGAIGAON
- 33. BIJUI
- 34. ABHAYAPURI NORTH

The researcher has attempted to bring out the important issues raised by the ST MLAs (along with the name and the number of the constituency) on the floor of the Assam Legislative Assembly during the period from 1972 to 1996. The following is an account of issues raised by the ST MLAs on the floor of the House.

**AKAN RABHA ( Dudhnai, 36)**

Shri Akan Rabha raised several questions which were related to the problems of Assam as a whole. He took active role in requesting the Government of Assam to implement Assam Accord signed by the representatives of All Assam Students' Union, All Asom Gana Sangram Parishad and the Government on 15th August, 1985 after a six year long movement against illegal foreign nationals ushering a new era in the political world of Assam. The issues were -

- Assam Accord
- Border between Assam and Meghalaya States
- Preservation of forests
- Improvement of Commerce College, Junior Technical and Polytechnique
- Electrification of villages
- Veterinary Hospital
- Development of Industries and Agriculture in his constituency
- Transport system in Goalpara District
- Water Supply
- Lower Primary School
- Formation of Dudhnai and Ranjulee Sub-Division

- Road Construction from Ranjulee to Athiabari
- Permanent Building Construction of L.P. School
- Permanent Road Construction with Black Topping in Dudhnai Constituency.
- Facilities to be given to Garo Tribal Residing in Dudhnai on Assam

### **AMRITLAL BASUMATARY ( Kokrajhar West, 29)**

Amritlal Basumatary was more attracted by the problems of the scheduled tribes. The issues raised by him were development oriented. These were,

- Handloom and textile
- Health and family welfare
- Consumption problem
- District Rural Development Agency
- Corruption
- Governments inability to solve the problem of tribals
- Sports
- Co-operative Sugar Mill
- ARTFED
- Tribal Development Corporation
- Foreigners Problem
- Organisation of co-operative societies
- Naranarayan Setu (the third bridge over Brahmaputra)

- Agricultural products
- Flood control
- Reopening of Ashok Paper Mill as per Assam Accord.
- Implementation of Assam Accord
- Law and Order situation.
- Forest Departments Protection of Forest Lands.
- Protection of Tribal Belts and Blocks
- Repeal of IMDT Act.
- Implementation of Bodo Language as associated State Language in Kokrajhar District and Udalguri Sub-Division.
- Separate Home Land Demand of ABSU
- Irregularities of issue of old age pension.
- Central University at Kokrajhar.

**ANANDI BALA RABHA ( Dudhnai , 46)**

Anandi Bala Rabha raised a large number of questions in the Assembly . In fact she was very active during the Assembly sessions. Her issues were -

- Construction of Railway line from Jogighopa to Meghalaya
- Agriculture
- Infiltrators from Bangladesh taking shelter in their areas.
- Industry
- Small Scale Industry
- Supply of Equipments to the Tribal women



- Prevention of wine and other alcoholic drinking
- Tea Industry, Railway and Life Insurance Corporation
- Interstate boundary
- Unemployment problem
- Vocational and Technical education
- Reservation system for women
- Employment of local youths in the Railway
- Social welfare board
- Jagiroad Spun Mill
- Assamese weavers and weaving training
- Rest room and facilities in the Government Bus Stand
- Distribution of Medicine in the Medical College
- Creation of new districts
- Homeless women
- Victim of cyclones in South Goalpara
- Refugees in Dudhnai
- Education
- Reform of state dispensaries
- Police administration in Goalpara District
- Sugar Mill
- Supply of milk
- Youth welfare

- Land allotment for agriculture.
- Land allotment to backward tribal people.
- PHC in tribal area is in poor condition, no doctor no facilities.

**BAHADUR BASUMATARY ( Udalguri , 62)**

Bahadur Basumatary was interested to know about the establishment of Bongaigaon Circle and schools in the backward areas.

**BABU RANGPI ( Howraghat , 18)**

Babu Rongpi asked questions relating to the development of culture of Karbi, Dimasa, Rengma, Kuki and Meitei communities living in the district of Karbi Anglong.

**BARGARAM DEORI ( Bihpuria , 109)**

Bargaram Deori's questions were related mainly to administration in connection to his constituency. These were -

- Lilabari Airport
- Admission into the Medical Colleges
- Flood Control
- Rapseed distribution
- Reservation Policy
- Gaon Panchayat
- Gram Sevak's and their appointments

- Bihpuria Primary Marketing Society
- Fishery Department.

**BHABEN NARZI (TAMULPUR, 58)**

Bhaben Narzi remained within the jurisdiction of his constituency while asking questions in the Assembly. The issues raised by him were -

- Appointment of youths of Tamulpur
- Rural development
- Problems caused by malaria epidemic
- Rabha language
- Preservation of Tribal land.
- Corruption
- Spread of Education.
- Irrigation Project.

**BHARAT CHANDRA NARAH (Dhakuakhana, 112)**

He raised the questions relating to -

- Construction of Laipulee Bridge of Sisimukh.
- Nonavailability of Doctors in Tribal areas.
- Question relating to Bodoland.
- Establishment of school under TSP.
- Establishment of Sports office at Dhakuakhana Sub-Division.

- Construction of PWD roads
- Functions of Information and Janasanjog Department
- 30-Beded Hospital in Ghilamara.
- Child Welfare.

**BILTUN G. MOMIN ( Bokajan, 57)**

He raised a question relating to -

- Recognition of ST Plains as ST Hills.

**BIMAL GAYARI ( Chapaguri, 63)**

Bimal Gayari raised questions on the issues like supply of water in the scheduled tribes villages, the Assam Official Language Act, licence to the Kamrup Sugar Mill, water pump in Kalabari village, Central Agricultural Farm in Barpeta and roads, Gramdan Village.

**BINAY KHUNGUR BASUMATARY ( Udalguri, 69)**

He raised questions relating to -

- Education in Bodo medium School.
- Improvement of Bodo medium L. P. School.
- Utilisation of TSP fund.
- Withdrawal of cases against the party activists and general people
- Ring well scheme by Mangaldoi Tribal Development Board.
- WPT and BC.

- 30-bedded Hospital in TSP area.
- Sanction of posts of the teaching faculty in Provincialised School.
- Land Reforms.
- Protection of tribal belts and blocks.
- Encroachments in belts and blocks.
- Appointment under regulation 3 (f)
- Bhairavkunda
- Appointment in PWD Department.
- Criminals in Police Custody.

**BINOY KUMAR BASUMATARY (Udalguri, 69)**

The questions and issues raised by Binoy Kumar Basumatary reveals his concern about the tribal communities. He however raised certain general issues. The issues which he covered were -

- Language Bill
- Border between Assam and Bhutan
- Victims in Nelli
- DRDA block level committee
- Conversion of religious minorities into Christianity.
- Backlog of quota for scheduled tribes candidates
- Assistance to the people not falling within the jurisdiction of the tribal Sub-Plan.
- Ceiling surplus land.

- Political Pension.
- STATFED
- Appointment of Gram Sevaks / Sevikas
- Provision for Power line to Tamulpur
- Arrest of Bodo youths during 1983 election
- Scholarship to the students belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.
- FCI Godown

**CHARAN NARZARY (Kokrajhar West, 38)**

**(Kokrajhar East, 30)**

Charan Narzary raised questions covering wide field of subjects from a tribal community to the state of Assam as a whole. He touched several sensitive issues also. The subjects of his choice were -

- Health departments in Kokrajhar districts. No Doctor. Non availability of medicine.
- Budgetary systems for SC, ST is not adequate.
- Reservation policy in the Government services.
- Small Scale Industries.
- Establishment of Radio Station in Kokrajhar.
- Corruption.
- Distribution of land to landless people.
- Primary education.

- Protection of tribal belts and blocks.
- Land Revenue Regulations.
- Illegal occupation of land in tribal belts and blocks.
- Developmental programmes for schedule tribes and schedule castes.
- Flood control.
- Irrigation system.
- Appointment of teachers.
- Increase of criminal activities.
- Insurgent activities.
- Problem of eviction.
- Construction of roads.
- Kaziranga Sanctuary.
- Law and order situation and individual liberty.
- Abolition of Hindi in the Kokrajhar P.G. and B.T. Colleges.
- Fishery.
- Indian Citizenship Certificate and PRC.
- University Education.
- Assam Accord.
- Assam Public Service Commission.
- Election to Village Panchayat.
- 1960 Language victims / Language Movement.
- Black marketing of Cement.

- Release of Arrested students.
- Land allotments to tribals in Dispur.
- News item appeared in news paper regarding irregularities of Ministers
- Appointment of stipendiary L.P School Teachers.
- Representative of STs in APSC.
- Flood problem and erosion. Functions of Flood Control Department.
- Unemployment problem of doctors who passed from Medical Colleges of Assam.

**DERHAGRA MOSHAHARY ( Tamulpur , 58)**

Derhagra Moshahary raised questions relating to land and border issues. These issues were –

- Issue of patta to the tribals
- Construction of Roads
- Drinking water
- Agriculture Development schemes.
- Indo-Bhutan Border

**DILIP SAIKIA SONOWAL ( Dhemaji , 113)**

Dilip Saikia Sonowal was very active during the Assam Assembly sessions. He also did not confine himself to the tribal problems only. The issues raised by him were-



- Corruption
- Bomb explosion
- Double lane of the National Highway (NH. 52)
- Prevention of aids.
- Appointment of ST/SC candidate as Secretary in the Panchayat
- Roster system
- Library facilities in the Dhemaji District.
- United Liberation Front of Asom.(ULFA)
- Insurgent activities in the North East.
- Food stuff
- Transfer of Sub-plan to State plan
- Bridges over the river Brahmaputra
- Irrigation system
- Foreign tourists
- Animals in the state zoo
- Flood relief
- Vigilance cell in the Education Department
- Preservation of wild life.
- Development of School.
- Construction of roads and bridges in Dhemaji constituency.
- Protest for extension of service to certain officers for indefinite period after retirement.

- Demanded to solve the Gaonburha's problem.
- Corruptions in all levels.
- Need to educate Mandal and Kanungo.
- Supply of sugar to fair price shop.
- Conditions of PHC is not satisfactory.
- Irregularities of appointments in handloom and sericulture department.
- Construction of court building at Dhemaji.
- Expressed resentment for not allotting lands to local people at Dhemaji.
- Regular issue of pension to retired and expired teachers.
- Bus service
- Registration of foreigners in employment exchanges

**DIPENDRA RANGPI ( Diphu , 19)**

Dipendra Rongpi expressed his views and grievances of the people of the Karbi Anglong district instead of asking direct questions on the floor of the House. The issues he covered were -

- Need of Firebrigade vehicles at Bokajan.
- Governments hand behind the communal conflicts.
- Denied the allegation that non-Karbi people were tortured by the Karbis.
- Demand for autonomous state within Assam.
- Karbis were not in favour of break up of Assam.

## **DURGA DAS BORO (Panery , 64)**

Durga Das Boro is a Minister in the Assam Ministry headed by Prafulla Kumar Mahanta as Chief Minister. He participated in the discussions and asked several questions as member of the Legislative Assembly before he became the Minister. Most question raised by him were rural cum tribal oriented in nature. Issues with which his questions were related may be mentioned as below -

- Assamese Cinema
- Promotion of ST / SC Candidates
- Bus services at night
- Unemployment problems
- Agriculture
- Administration
- Discrimination between English medium and Assamese medium Schools
- State Hospitals
- Railway line construction in Assam.
- Construction of railway over bridges at various parts of Assam.
- Allotment of lands to MLAs.
- Slow progress of construction of water supply scheme in Udalguri sub- Division.
- Water supply scheme at Agricultural land.

### **DURGESWAR PATIR (Dhemaji, 113)**

The questions raised by Durgeswar Patir were mainly on the Scheduled Tribes community. However, a few questions are asked by him on general issues. Following issues may be mentioned in which Patir was interested -

- Lakhimpur civil hospital
- Flood problem
- Construction of bridge at Kumtia
- Mising Language as medium of instruction at the primary level.
- Electrification
- Quota system for tribals in promotion
- Budgeting in the Department of Forests and Deforestation.
- Pension to freedom fighters of Assam
- Buying Helicopter by the Government of Assam.
- Backlog since 1979.

### **HALIRAM TERANG (Baithalangso, 20)**

Haliram Terang raised issues related to various subjects among these, some questions are ;

- Establishment of 30-bedded hospital at Hamren.
- Protest against price hike.
- Control over retail price of essential commodities.
- Jhum cultivation in Karbi Anglong.

- Separation of Judiciary from Executive.
- Agreement between Assam Government and Karbi Students Association
- Violence in Karbi Anglong in which two persons were killed.
- Irregularities of Forest Department, Protection of forest areas, resentment against CCF.
- Improvement & Construction of roads and bridges, resentments against PWD Department.
- Organizational structure of hill district, particularly Industry Department is not effective.
- Nature of functions of departments in hill districts, money marked for Karbi Anglong is not sufficient.
- Promulgation of section 144 of the Indian Penal Code in the Karbi Anglong district
- Police firing in Karbi Anglong
- Corruption in Public Administration
- Construction of roads and bridges.
- Police firing at Kalapana grant.
- Objection at the utilisation of funds for ST's in Rhino Operation.
- Demanded to fill up the backlog for Hill tribes
- Cement Corporation of India at Bokajan effecting the environment.
- Protection of Forest.

### **GANDHI RAM TIMUNG (Diphu, 19)**

Gandhi Ram Timung put questions on subsidy for purchase of cotton cultivation in Karbi Anlong District, besides, he raised the following issues-

- Development of Sericulture.
- Appointment of Non-Assamese in Assam Government Marketing Society.

### **GANESH BORO (Bijni, 33 )**

Ganesh Boro raised the question relating to -

- Establishment of new tribal belts.
- Construction of bridge over Dulal river.
- PHL in Ulubari (Kokrajhar)
- Protection of erosion in Bhurisuti.
- Recruitment of High School and Higher Secondary School Teacher post which is lying vacant.
- Protection of tribal belt and blocks.
- Implementation of Chapter X on land law.
- Improvement of roads in Bongaigoan Sub-division
- Rules of Educational advisory board for teachers recruitment
- Sanction of the post of Bodo medium teacher.

Ganesh Boro was also interested to know about the Bijni S.E. Office, irrigation plan and the Office of the Department of Irrigation.

### **GANESH KUTUM (Gohpur, 78)**

Ganesh Kutum is at present speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly. As speaker Kutum is the Presiding Officer of the Assembly. The issue raised by him were-

- Flood, drinking water and health
- Tribal Languages
- Appointment of teacher in the primary and middle schools
- Implementation of tribal Sub-plan
- Encroachers Settlement in Gohpur forest
- Expressed resentment for not utilizing the FDR money properly.
- Demanded to Decentralise power to the grassroots.
- Demanded to form revenue circle.
- Demanded to construct Helipad.
- Demanded to construct road and bridges Which was damaged during flood.
- Prevention of erosion in Jamuguri-Gogamukh Bandh.
- Games and sports, require to be expanded to rural areas.

### **GHANAKANTA BORO (Bhabanipur, 48)**

Ghanakanta Kanta Boro raised miscellaneous issues. His issues were-

- Residential quarters for the Doctors
- Manash Sanctuary
- 20 Point programme

- Facilities for the cultivators
- Irrigation system
- Employment quota for the District of Barpeta
- Equipment to the village Dispensaries
- Reservation of job for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe
- Development of Central State Farm of Kokilabari
- Land acquired for Kumbhira and Bhukiki irrigation project

**JAMAN SINGH BRAHMA (Udalguri, 69)**

He raised the questions relating to-

- Construction of Bridges over Daipani river
- Establishment of Jail in Udalguri Sub-division

**JAGAT PATGIRI (Dudhnai, 36)**

Jagat Patgiri raised issues relating mainly to Dudhnai Constituency and tribal people with the exception that he asked a question on the construction of broad gauge railway line from Goalpara to Guwahati. Other issues covered by Patgiri were-

- Rehabilitation of homeless people because of erosion of the banks of the river Brahmaputra.
- Increase of budget amount in the tribal Sub-plan on the basis of population strength.
- Irrigation system in the rivers Krisnai, Dudhnai and Deoshila.



- Salary of the employees of the panchayats
- Flood caused by Dudhnai river
- Permanent Head Quarter of ITDP.
- Allotment of mini modern rice mill permit
- Rehabilitation of Unemployed Youth
- Health Centre
- Formation of Dudhnai Sub-division

#### **JEW RAM BORO (Kalaigaon, 65)**

Jewram Boro raised several issues on the floor of the House. Of these about 80% issues was related directly to the Bodo community and rest 20% covered general issue of the State of Assam. These issues are-

- Drinking water
- Financial position of the Veterinary Department.
- Development of Bodo Village
- Solution of the Bodo Problems
- Concept of "Son of the Soil" in the context of Bodo society
- Land patta system to the Bodos
- Creation of Bodo language departments in Gauhati and Dibrugarh University
- Bodo language as medium of instruction at school.
- Assam Accord
- Encroachment of land

- Self employment schemes
- Construction of river Bank in Darrang District
- Construction of bridge at Kalaigaon and construction of roads in the constituency
- Demanded to create Bodoland
- Protest against the atrocities by Army on Bodo women
- Expressed resentment for non availability of electricity in Bodo areas
- Central Fish Breeding Centre at Jamuguri

**JOY CHANDRA BORO (Titabar, 100)**

He raised the questions relating to -

- Construction of irrigation project at Bhugdoi and Kakodonga.
- Irrigation project in Upper Dhodarali near Assam Nagaland Border.

**JYOTSNA SONOWAL (Sadiya, 126)**

Jyotsna Sonowal raised question on general problems of Assam. Some of these are-

- Illegal encroachment of land
- Development of Assam Medical College
- Inter State Border problem,
- Protection of Tribal belt and block problems
- Flood

- Transport system in Sadiya
- Hospital problem
- Ceiling system of land
- Encroachment of land by Tea Gardens in Doomdooma
- Encroachment of Government land by Citronella Gardens.
- Demanded to protect land
- Formation of women Police Battalion
- Improvement of Sadya Sub-division
- PWD road improvement
- Protection of erosion, construction of bandhs in Saikhoa Hatisal and Deraksumani
- Facilities for water transport
- Activity of Bal Bhawan in Guwahati
- Permit to bus service in Tinsukia.
- Establishment of Flood Control Department office at Sapakhua.

**KAMAL BRAHMA (Bijni, 33 )**

Kamal Brahma put question on the following issues -

- Cultural affairs
- Appointment of teachers in the science subject at Bijni
- Demanded to fill up backlog secretariat
- Gosaigaon Civil Hospital

- Construction of RCC bridge over Dulani river
- Explosion in Panbari, Bijni
- Construction of Bridges in Dudhnai
- Veterinary Hospital at Dudhnai
- Distribution of Essential Commodities.

**KARENDRA BASUMATARY (Panery, 64)**

Bodo community occupied a prominent place in the question raised by Karendra Basumatary. However, he raised some general issues in the Assembly. The issues raised by Basumatary were -

- Construction of roads and bridges
- Conduct of police personnel
- Bodo problem
- Police atrocities in Bodo areas
- Tribal problems
- Bodo Teachers Appointment
- Sports
- Transport system in Darrang District
- Deep tubewell scheme in Darrang
- Drinking water facilities
- Problem of Wild Elephant in Darrang District
- Creation of Bodoland

- Development of Tangla Town
- Protest for arrest of ABSU, BPAC members
- Tiger attacks on Bodo people
- Construction of Ramgaon bridge over Barnadi river

**MILAN BORO (Bhawanipur, 41)**

Milan Boro wanted to know about the languages used as medium of instruction in the High Schools, Colleges and Universities, Public works and Budgeting in the Tribal Sub-plan during the session 1992-93

**MONSING RONGPI (Bokajan, 17)**

Monsing Rongpi put questions on the issues relating to Education and development of Tourism. The subject of his interest were -

- Development of tribal culture
- Upgradation of Diphu Government College to Post Graduate College
- Appointment of Teachers in primary School
- Development of Tourism

**KHARSING INGTEE (Howraghat, 18)**

He raised questions relating to -

- Construction of RCC Bridge on Langnit and Jamuna river
- Creation of ASEB Division in Howraghat

## **LAKHY NATH DOLOY ( Dhakuakhana, 112)**

He raised questions relating to -

- Control of Gainadi and Jiadhal river of Dhemaji Sub-division
- Construction of SDO office and Court building at Dhemaji

## **MAL CHANDRA PEGU ( Majuli, 99)**

Mal Chandra Pegu also raised a large number of questions on diversified areas. The issues were -

- Creation of a separate Directorate for the Scheduled castes and the Scheduled tribes.
- Education
- Declaration of Majuli as a separate Sub-division
- Agriculture
- Transportation
- Reservation of seats in the Government schools for Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribes.
- Establishment of Schools in the SC and ST areas.
- Veterinary
- Developmental plan
- Seed supply
- Economic development of SC and ST Communities.
- Backward Classes Commission

- Encroachment of Tribal Belts and Blocks
- Flood control
- Panchayats
- Welfare of plain tribes
- Emergency provision
- Abolition of the posts of District Transport officer and Enforcement officer.
- Government grants for Tribal area development
- Foreign Liquor
- Public Works Department
- Improvement of the ST and SC areas
- Fisheries
- Schools of Majuli not Inspected by Inspector. Demanded for enquiry on this issue.
- Functioning of Board of Revenue cases not disposed timely.
- Functioning of Agro Industry. Demanded transparent policy of sales of tractor to the cultivators.
- Rice collected from Majuli should be given to the flood effected people of Majuli.
- Renumeration of Gaonburha should be defined.
- Bungalow of S.P. Bomdilla is located in Assam.
- Regarding technical sanction for raising and strengthening of Subansiri dyke.

Lease of Government Fisheries.

- Demanded to improve the schools located in tribal areas and taken over the schools of tribal blocks and belts under deficit system.
- Formation of Regional Boards for appointments of teacher.
- Improvement of T.B. Hospital.
- Education system.
- Smooth running of Examination, unfair means in HSLC Examination, Irregularities in HSLC Examination centre at Majuli
- Development of Majuli College. Appointment of Principal in Majuli College
- Venture L.P. School
- Listing of sub tribes in ST or OBC
- Conversion of Karkatia Bandh, Majuli road into PWD road
- Irregular attendance in Offices in Majuli and in DPI
- T.A of MLA
- Problem of drop outs in HSLC
- Revenue fisheries. Safeguard of local fisherman
- Road condition under Jorhat division, Road damaged due to flood in Jorhat division of PWD Department
- Scholarship to students of Backward classes. It is irregular
- Construction of Janata Cinema Hall in rural area.
- Rural sports
- Construction of Rural Stadium



**MOHAN BASUMATARY ( Palashbari, 50)**

Mohan Basumatary was also not confined to the issues relating to the Scheduled tribes only. He asked several questions of general character. The subjects he dealt were -

- Implementation of Policies of the Central Government in the Scheduled tribes area.
- Purchase of equipments in the Sugar Mill of Nagaon.
- Sales Tax in the Fancy Bazar area of Guwahati
- Director of Information and Publicity Department, Government of Assam.
- Promotion of candidates in the Government service belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

**PADMALOSHAN BORO ( Bijni, 33)**

He raised the questions related to -

- Utilisation of money in block, Given by World Bank Loan.
- Development of Bodo medium.

**PADMESWAR DOLOY ( Majuli, 99)**

He raised the questions related to -

- Utilisation of funds of APTDC and ATDC.
- Strength of Block Development Officers in Assam.

## **PANIRAM RABHA (Barama, 62)**

Paniram Rabha expressed his concerns about developmental programmes in Assam and raised issues on the floor on the Assam Assembly. The issues raised by him were -

- Plans for provision of roads, drinking water, Education and Hospital at the Indo-Bhutan border village.
- Issue of patta to landless people
- Veterinary Department
- Establishment of Hospital at Barama
- Primary health Centre
- Development of School
- Polyester Industry of Nalbari
- Rehabilitation of the flood affected people
- ITDP
- Introduction of Science section in Barama College
- Assam Medical College in the context of admission
- Establishment of Veterinary Hospital at Barama.
- Construction of roads in Barama Constituency and drinking water supply in the constituency
- Demanded formation of Sub-division in Nalbari District and Fire Brigade facilities
- Fuctioning of social welfare department. Expresses dissatisfaction.
- Sub-plan for the plains areas
- Establishment of ITDP office at Barama for development of women.

## **PARAMESWAR BRAHMA ( Kokrajhar West, 29)**

Parameswar Brahma was more interested in the education of the Bodo people as well as of the general masses. The issues raised by him were -

- Number of Bridges constructed under TSP fund and then quality of work.
- Number of Public Enterprises in TSP area.
- Unit target of PHE
- Posting of doctors at Kokrajhar. No Doctor and no X-ray in Hospitals.
- BRPL
- Distribution of text books
- Creation of a separate Directorate in the Department of Education for the education of the tribals
- Creation of a separate Department of Bodo in Gauhati and Dibrugarh University
- Bodo School
- Relief of the victims of rioting in the tea estate
- Irrigation system

## **PHANI TAYANG ( Jonai, 114)**

Most problems on which Phani Tayang put question were general in nature. However he was curious to know about the landless tribal people. He raised the following issues -

- Settlement of Land Protection of ST blocks & belts
- Improvement of Forest Village
- Drinking water scheme
- Improvement of roads in Jonai Sub-division
- Encroachments in PGR, demands to protect PGR
- Revenue of the state
- Repairing of roads by the Public Works Department
- Conflicts between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh
- Border issue of Assam and neighbouring states
- Necessity of trees
- Problem of landless tribal people

**PITHSING KONWAR ( Morigaon, 82)**

He raised the questions related to -

- Development of ST/SC community.
- Function of OBC, Tribal development Corporation.
- Funds allotted is not sufficient to develop ST community.
- Demanded for a tribal rest house.
- Ministers and MLAs are used to stay in Dispur quarter or rented house at Guwahati with no contact with the people.
- No Doctor, Medicine in dispensary.
- Co-operative in Gaon Panchayat area is not effective.

- Flood and Erosion. School in flood effected areas is horrible.
- Sericulture Centre at Morigaon.
- Heath Centre, Strengthening of District Surgeon.
- Appointment of Police Constable.
- Construction of Culverts and Bridges of PWD Department in between Jagiroad and Jorabat.
- Custodial death of Abdul Aziz in Guwahati Jail.
- Patta lands, lands acquired for construction of Raha Jagiroad Road
- Non-availability of Text book for school students

**PRAMILA RANI BRAHMA ( Kokrajhar East, 30)**

She raised the questions related to -

- Functions of Veterinary Department.
- Functions of Farmers Training Centre of Kokrajhar.

**PURNA BORO (Rangia, 57)**

Purna Boro had detailed information about the major problem of the state. He raised many issues covering very wide jurisdiction. The issues were -

- Road construction (PWD) in between Rangia and Dudhnai
- Permission to Dhepaguri Colony Basti M.E. School
- Under TSP there are 300 posts many of them for Bodo medium.
- Rental system of Nabin Bordoloi Hall. He objected the rental system.

- Kaurbaha Shallow tubewell and irrigation project which are defective.
- Suspension of Goreswar Panchayat President
- Cachar Sugar Mill
- Appointment of teacher in Bodo medium School.
- Flood effected agricultural land.
- Agriculture system for more crops.
- Embankment of Puthimari and Baralia River.
- Revision of electoral roll.
- Land of Hailakandi Town.
- Water supply at Tengajan.
- Assam State Transport Corporation
- Development of dispensaries
- Erosion of river banks
- Polytechnique Institutions
- Assam Seed Farm
- Agro-Industries Development Corporation
- Re-employment of retired personel
- Manure Industries at Chandrapur
- Nurse Hostel
- Reopening of Industries
- Illegal occupation of land

- Co-operative Shops
- Relationship between Administrator and Government
- Price rise in the market
- Unemployment allowances
- Salary of School Teachers
- Water supply system
- Bodo medium School and their problems
- Eviction of tribal cultivators
- Electrification of villages
- Language Bill
- DRDA and Municipal Corporation
- IRDP
- Irrigation system
- Killings
- Adult education
- Development of Sub-division
- Indian Oil Corporation
- Veterinary Hospitals
- Survey of land
- Sericulture
- Forestry
- Ashok Paper Mill

**RANENDRA BASUMATARY (Kokrajhar West, 29)**

He raised the questions related to -

- Amalgamation of 1st class and 2nd class ACS.
- Funding of Municipality Board of Kokrajhar for water supply scheme
- Preservation of natural beauty of Janduar and Kokrajhar Sub-division
- Formation of Kokrajhar as District and Gosaigaon as Sub-division headquarter
- Development of Bodo language
- Demands for separate Inspectorate for Bodo medium.
- Distribution of funds of state lottery
- Irrigation facilities of farmers
- Construction of Bridge at Kokrajhar
- Execution of Plantation Labour Act
- Inclusion of gardens under panchayat
- Veterinary department
- Goat Farm at Panbari
- Demanded to form a high level committee for development of education.
- Development of Jail atmosphere.
- Sugar stock in FCI



- Development of Cancer Institute
- Terror of Elephant in Kasugaon and Kokrajhar
- Resentment for price hike
- Demanded Judicial Court at Bongaigoan

**SAMSINGH HANSE ( Diphu, 19)**

Samsing Hanse could not come out of the Karbi Anglong District while raising questions on the floor of the house. The issues raised by Hanse were -

- Yamuna irrigation project
- Accounts relating to Karbi Anglong
- Selling of coals of Karbi Anglong
- Reservation of vacancies in the Assam Assembly Secretariat
- Discussion and approval by the District Council
- Imposition of Assamese Language on the Hill Districts of Karbi Anglong and North Cachar Hills
- Relationship between Hill tribals and Plain tribals

**SAMAR BRAHMA CHOUDHURY ( Kokrajhar East, 30)**

Samar Brahma Choudhury raised question on -

- Flood control
- Lack of Assamese Teachers in the schools having Bodo Language medium of instruction.

## **SUREN SWARGIARY ( Chapaguri, 63)**

Suren Swargiary raised questions from wide perspective covering some important issues. These were -

- Construction of building of Anchalee PHC.
- Establishment of Sub-division office of Irrigation Department at Jalah
- Protection of Lekpar village from erosion of Marapagladia river.
- Functioning of Syntex Ltd of Nathkuchi.
- Agriculture, irrigation, health, flood and foreigner issue.
- Primary schools
- Roads
- Electrification of Chapaguri
- Tubewell
- Seed Farm
- Creation of Sub-division in Bajali and Nalbari
- Smuggling of timbers
- Sugar Mill
- Preservation of Satras
- No doctors in tribal areas
- Preservation of Swahid Madan Rawta Memorial
- Construction of Bridge over Kaldia

**THANESWAR BORO ( Rangia, 57)**

He raised the questions related to -

- Handloom cloths in Assam
- Functions of Dimu-Doboks Deu block
- Education
- Flood
- Irrigation
- Development of Roads

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