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ASSAM TRIBUNE

Essential Services Bill Introduced

NEW DELHI, Sept. 10—After uproarious scenes and a walkout by the entire Opposition the Essential Services Maintenance Bill replacing an ordinance was introduced in the Lok Sabha, reports PTI.

Almost the entire Opposition staged a walkout in the Lok Sabha as the Deputy Speaker declined permission to all the 44 members to speak on the motion to oppose the introduction of the Essential Services Maintenance Bill.

The entire Opposition stood up when Sri G. Lakhmanan, Deputy Speaker, asked the Home Minister, Sri Zail Singh to move the Bill for introduction.

Prof. Madhu Dandavate asked him to give the members an opportunity to speak.

Much of what Sri Zail Singh said was drowned in the din.

Clarification By Sahitya Sabha

GUWAHATI, Sept. 10—Sri Durgeshwar Sarma, General Secretary of the Assam Sahitya Sabha, today contradicted the reports that appeared in a section of the Press about the replacement of the Assam Sahitya Sabha's representative in the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad.

In a statement issued here today, Sri Sarma clarified that till the final decision of expulsion of Sri Jatin Goswami, who represented the Sabha in the AAGSP, there was no question of nominating him (Sri Sarma) in place of Sri Goswami.

Bid To Sabotage Eviction In Certain Areas

By A Staff Reporter
GUWAHATI, Sept. 10—Vested circles are alleged to have been working to sabotage eviction operation in certain areas and in fact eviction was suspended in those areas, it is reliably learnt.

It may be recalled that the Taimur Ministry after coming to power on December 6 last year issued an order on December 17 suspending the eviction orders from the Government and Reserved lands on the plea of withdrawing the police force from eviction operation in view of the pressing law and order situation in the State.

The Government again issued another order on March 23. This year that the District Authorities of the Revenue Department should have to take prior approval of the Government before starting eviction from Government and Reserve lands. Subsequently the concerned authorities sought the opinion of the legal authority whether such prior approval was necessary to operate eviction from the Government and Reserve lands, it is learnt. Legal opinion said such prior approval was not required. But after receiving the green signal from the legal authority, the eviction remained suspended in some particular areas,

Flouting Of Official Language Act Deplored

GUWAHATI, Sept. 10—Sri Kamakhya Charan Choudhury and Sri Dinabandhu Choudhury President and General Secretary respectively of the Sadou Asom Karmachari Parishad in a statement say that the Karmachari Parishad is surprised to know the Government's action to appoint Bengali Typists in Assam Secretariat (Civil) and has viewed this not only an act of open challenge to the Assam Official Language Act but also a serious threat to the existence of the Assamese language.

Further the statement said that the Secretary to the Government of Assam, Political (official language Act implementation) in his letter No PLC 1/77/5 dated 18-1-77 expressed concern of non-implementation of the Official language Act in some offices and instructed all concerned to implement the provisions of the Act. But the State Administration is standing in the way of implementation of the Assam Official Language Act. "It is a premeditated conspiracy against the Assamese language and the people of Assam", the statement has alleged.

The statement says that the provisions of the Assam Official Language Act 1960 were enforced with effect from December 4 1970. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam Sri N K Rustonji by his letter No PLC 2/70/Pt/11 dated December 20 1970 instructed all secretaries all Heads of the Departments all DC's/SDO's to implement the said Act. Instruction No 4 of the said letter clearly stated that "all communications between the State Secretariat offices of Heads of the Departments and the Karmachari Parishad has, therefore severely condemned the Government action and demanded immediate cancellation of the advertisement for appointment of Bengali Typists in the Assam Secretariat (Civil).

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