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12.05 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF  
SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED  
TRIBES

[English]

**Reports of Study Tour of Study Groups I  
and II**

SHRI ARVIND NETAM (Kanker): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Study Tours of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes:

- (i) Report of the Study Tour of Study Group I of the Committee on its visit to Calcutta, Agartala, Guwahati, Shillong and Calcutta during October, 1988.
- (ii) Report of the Study Tour of Study Group II of the Committee on its visit to Bombay, Goa, Bombay, Aurangabad and Udaipur during October, 1988.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF UR-  
GENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[English]

**Reported pollution of river Brahmaputra  
due to a peculiar disease afflicting fish  
and vegetable plants in Assam**

SHRI M. R. SAIKIA (Nowgong): Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Agriculture to the following matter of urgent public im-

portance and request that he may make a statement thereon:

"Reported pollution of river Brahmaputra due to a peculiar disease afflicting fish and vegetable plants in Assam and the steps taken by the Government in that regard."

12.07 hrs.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): Sir, Outbreak of Ulcerative Diseases Syndrome in fishes, was first observed in certain parts of Assam and Tripura States in the month of April/May, 1989 and subsequently in Meghalaya. This disease is understood to have spread in these States from Bangladesh.

On receipt of reports on the outbreak of this fish disease in Cachar and Karimganj districts of Assam, and parts of Tripura and consequent on the investigations carried out by the specialists of the Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar and the Central Inland Capture Fisheries Research Institute, Darrackpore, the State Governments were requested to take remedial measures for containing the spread of this disease, which are as follows:

- (i) Fishes in the waters near the ponds are to be closely observed by the farmers;
- (ii) The water inlet of the pond should be closed, if possible, when neighbouring waters show signs of disease;
- (iii) Water from agricultural areas coming into the ponds should be prevented, especially during rainy season;
- (iv) Lime at 60-100 kg. per 0.16 ha. be applied 3-4 times after every 3 weeks over the water surface;
- (v) Salt at 200-300 kg per 0.16 ha.