

## PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

(Part II—Proceedings other than Questions and Answers)

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## HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, 22nd July, 1952.

day of the second week of the next session of the House."

The motion was adopted.

The House met at a Quarter Past  
Eight of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(See Part I)

9-15 A.M.

## PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

TIME FOR PRESENTATION OF REPORT ON  
CERTAIN PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE BY  
DR. S. N. SINHA EXTENDED

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** I do not know what is the procedure. You will remember that I promised to make a statement on Assam. Shall I do it now, or after making the motion for extension of time for presentation of Report of Committee of Privileges.

**Mr. Speaker:** Just as he pleases; he may move the motion first.

**Dr. Katju:** I beg to move:

"That the time for the presentation of the report of the Committee of Privileges on the question of privilege regarding certain papers laid on the Table of the House by Dr. Satyanarain Sinha, M.P., be extended upto the first day of the second week of the next session of the House."

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is:

"That the time for the presentation of the report of the Committee of Privileges on the question of privilege regarding certain papers laid on the Table of the House by Dr. Satyanarain Sinha, M.P., be extended upto the first

## STATEMENT RE ASSAM FLOODS

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** Sir, may I, with your permission, make a brief statement about floods in Assam. It is a matter of the deepest regret that the State of Assam which has barely recovered from the effects of earthquakes and floods which happened only a short while ago should again have been visited by this calamity. As soon as we heard of it I sent an immediate telegram to the Chief Minister expressing profound sympathy and also asking him to furnish a full and detailed report of the up-to-date position. At the same time, I asked him to let us know if we could help him in any way.

The Chief Minister who has personally visited the affected area has sent me a very full telegram in which he has stated that due to continuous heavy rains the Brahmaputra and most of its tributaries rose simultaneously flooding nearly 10,000 square miles, the districts worst affected are Lakhimpur, Kamrup, Nowgong and Golpara. There has not been much loss of human life—only 52 cases have been reported so far, but several boat disasters have occurred and cattle are stranded without fodder in all affected areas. The Assam Rail Link is reported to have been breached in several places and so also the Railway line from Amingaon to Assam border. Railway communications have been restored only in patches so far. The Assam Trunk Road on both sides of Brahmaputra is under water, dislocating traffic at several places in different Districts. Road communications—to Garo Hills and North Lakhimpur have also been disrupted while many internal roads are under water. Only very important mail is