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IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM**

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## TOUR NOTE

After the merger ceremony at Baithabhangha we stayed for one day i.e. on 11.7.79 at Tejpur and discussed the property matter with some of the Officers of the Assam Anchal.

Earlier on 10.7.79 while at Baithabhangha I saw the Compound there and found it to be properly <sup>managed</sup> ~~managed~~. Cultivation of Jute and other crops is being made.

Pastor's bungalow is being repaired.

I was told an irrigation Scheme is being chalked out by the State Govt and when it is done the Church can benefit from the Scheme.

### TEJPUR

In course of discussion it was suggested by the Anchal Officers that as in absence of any project by the Church our land there on the main road is exposed to the acquisitive eyes of the local authorities, it is better to sell part of the land and the money received from the sale may be utilised in putting Compound wall in the School Compound and on other development work.

Rev. Dr. M. Bage and I saw no reason to disagree and accordingly a suggestion was made to the Anchal Officers to come up with the proposal for sale well before the next K.S.S. meeting.

### TINSUKIA

Here also we have considerable extent of land at five places.

The land across the road by the side of the G.E.L. Church Compound have been sold to four of our Church members. The sale proceeds about which the K.S.S had resolved earlier to depute one of the Officer of the Church, have partly been sent to the Anchal and a part was told to be at Tinsukia in the bank. I have asked the Treasurer a new man - to send details and money also.

Some complications have arisen with regard to the 6 bighas of land in the outskirts of the town.

Two Deshwalis have their huts in the land - one of them since about last 35 / 40 years acting as our caretaker and the other since about 5 years.

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On top of it agreements were entered into with two Muslim gentleman for sale of land out of this 6 bighas.

*Don Bosco people (Dibrugarh) are*  
It was reported that interested to have this land. They have already purchased the adjacent land.

Before purchasing the land they would naturally like to have it cleared of the intruders.

Keeping this in mind while at Tinsukia we in a joint meeting of the local Officers and ourselves tried to ask the Deshwalis to vacate the land. After much persuasion they have agreed to shift to another plot of ours in the vicinity - area 3 Kathas.

As regards the two Muslim gentlemen one has agreed to be fixed up elsewhere. So the suggestion that they be given  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Katha of land out of the plot on the road adjacent to the graveyard was accepted. One of the two parties in fact agreed to the proposal. The other party could not be contacted.

In the alternative it was suggested 3 Kathas of land be given to them in a corner of 6 bighas of land if they do not agree to the proposal for shifting them on the plot adjacent to the graveyard.

We also saw father Joseph of the S.D.B at Dibrugarh on 17.7.79.

As however, the Bishop was away-out of the country- nothing tangible could be achieved in this regard.

The Anchal and the local Officer have been requested to be in touch with the S.D. B. at Dibrugarh and to collect comparable sale rates so as to enable us to ~~final~~ finalise negotiation when it comes through.

Talks were also held on 16 th and 17th July with the tenants who are on lease with us. It was found that with some of them lease agreements have either not been made or renewed. One such party is Md. Muslim who is having a garage. Adjustments of advance of money made by him and the rents payable by him are yet to be made. We tried to settle the matter but in absence of proper record it could not be finalised. The local Committee has been advised to pursue the

the matter with Md. Muslim.

Most disturbing feature in the property matter there at Tinsukia however is the occupation of a room of the School and subsequent construction of Kitchen and bath by Shri. R.B. Gurung Prop. Jupiter Engineering Works. It seems he has occupied the room since about last 5 years.

Necessary instructions have been given to the local Committee to oust Shri. Gurung from the School.

( P.TOPNO )

Secretary,  
Board of Properties.

Submitted to the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

Copy to :-

1. The Adhyaksh,  
Assam Anchal, Bamuni Hills, Tejpur.
2. The Treasurer,  
Assam Anchal  
GELC, Bamuni Hills- Tejpur.
3. Shri. Gerson Tiru  
G.E.L.C. Baithabhanga  
Dist- Darrang.
4. Shri. Abhiram Sanga  
Secretary,  
Tinsukia Committee on Properties,  
G.E.L.Church Compound Hijuguri  
Tinsukia  
Dist- Dibrugarh.

To  
The Secretary Board of  
Properties G.E.L. Church  
Ranchi

Sir,

On the eve of  
Dashahra festival Mini-Buss  
plying for Ranchi - Dhurwa to  
be shifted from Busstand  
stand from 22/9/79 to 1/10/79  
to G.E.L. Church Compound  
main road. Only vacant Buss  
will be allowed to be parked on  
side the gate and few  
Buss will be on main road  
side which will pick up passengers  
for Dhurwa. This may be  
allowed. City of Ranchi has also requested

for the plane.  
Thanks in anticipation  
for co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Ed Hasal

D. W. J. C. M.

2/19/79

Tour Programme of P. Topno  
Secretary Property Board

4.5.79 Leave Ranch.  
at 5-PM reaching  
Siliguri on 5/5/79 by

5.5.79 Halt at Siliguri<sup>10 AM</sup>.

6.5.79 + Visit to Borobois &  
Halt at Borobois

7.5.79

8.5.79 Leave Siliguri

9.5.79 Arrive Ranch.

Purpose — To take over the  
charge of Hulbey  
Plantation.

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3-5-79

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