

**EIGHTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1999**

(Time : 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**PRESENT**

Pu R. Lalawia, Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, 13 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 20 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Questions entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET**

2. General discussion on the Budget for 1999 - 2000 to resume.  
(to be concluded)

**SPEAKER** : "Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven".

Matthew 5:16

Now, we will call upon Mr. F. Lalhanzuala to ask question no. 97.

**PU F. LALTHANZUALA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question is -

- (a) When will Bairabi Hydel Project begin?
- (b) Why is Bairabi river selected rather than other big rivers?
- (c) Why is Serlui 'B' Hydel Project abandon?

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the hon'ble Member's  
**DY. CHIEF MINISTER** questions are as follows -

- (a) The Brahmaputra Board are expected to furnish the detail project report by March. We are expecting the project to begin by this year.
- (b) Bairabi Hydel Project is selected because of three reasons. First of all the raw materials for the project can be brought in by train, since there is rail head in Bairabi. Secondly, there can be inland water transport. Lastly the banks of the river is fertile for farming.
- (c) It was abandoned because the firm, 'Punjab Power Generation Investi-