

**FIFTEENTH SITTING ON MONDAY THE 2ND APRIL, 2007.
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Pu Lalchamliana, Speaker at the Chair, Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 25 members were present.

NO CONFIDENT MOTION

2. Pu Lalduhoma to move Motion of No-Confidence as under :-
“ This House is lack of confidence towards this Government”.

SPEAKER : “So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them ; for this is the law and the prophets”.

St. Mathew 7 : 12

As already announced last Friday, No Confidence Motion put forward by Pu Lalduhoma will be discussed today. In accordance with our Rules allotment of time will be made by the Speaker in consultation with the House. 10 minutes will be allotted to each member and the mover may be given more time.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, considering the importance of this Motion, it may be appreciated if 18 - 20 minutes is allotted to each member.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, I truly admire your guidance and it is desirable if atleast 15 minutes is allotted so that the discussion may be concluded at 4 : 00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : 4 Bills remain for discussion where as only tomorrow is left. It is not convenient to allot more time.

PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER : Mr Speaker, as a Minister for Parliamentary Affairs of this Government, I want to state that discussion on this kind of Motion is usually concluded the same day. It may, therefore be wise to follow that practice and I opine any member could accommodate within 10 minutes.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr Speaker, your decision is supreme in the House and we may follow your guidance.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, while our Chief Minister moved No-confidence Motion back in 1998, 25 minutes is allotted and 15 minutes each to other members and any exceeds of time made for the speech was taken for granted. The time may be prolonged even if it is supposed to be concluded within the same day.

S P E A K E R : If so, 12 minutes will be allotted so that the discussion is concluded at 10 : 00 P.M.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, as this motion is not confined to only one matter, it may be appreciated if more time is allotted..

S P E A K E R : Alright, it may be wise to give 25 minutes to the mover and 12 minutes to other members. I now call upon Pu Lalduhoma to move his Motion of

No-Confidence against this Government.

PU LALDUHOMA

Mr Speaker, I first of all want to say my appreciation to your courteous guidance of this House. Since we the members today are sharing oneness from our experiences from the House, we are bound to keep this fraternity to maintain this tradition as an exemple for the generations to come.

Mr Speaker, it is to be noted that this motion is not intended to attack any member personally. But, it is necessary to do so due to our difference of opinion which compels us to proceed further for our betterment. I therefore, wish this will effect no one beyond this court of the people.

Mr Speaker, as known to us all, there are various insurgent groups inside and outside Mizoram. Those insurgent groups are in true sense, volunteers for the cause of our future and they are highly honourable. Nevertheless, they are not our enemy. Particularly speaking, a recently organized, "United People's Front" by seven groups of insurgent groups in Manipur are much appreciative as they are a stepping stone for a greater Mizoram. But the problem is that this Government is misusing them for their political party advantages more than a couple of times. This indicates MNF Party is no longer befitted to run the Government's machinery.

Mr Speaker, it is a shame to learn that this Government made an agreement on September last year with Santi Bahini Commander at Home Minister's Bungalow to help MNF party candidate elected from Chawngte constituency bye- election for which arms are to be supplied by the Government to the said insurgent group. In pursuance of that agreement, 4 nos of AK-47, 4 nos of 9mm pistols and 2 rocket launchers were issued from I.R. Battalion Khawzawl on 20th September and were carried by a police vehicle with fake VIP light. Such arms were then kept at Chakma House Aizawl.

Again on 18th November last year, certain number of arms were taken out from I.R. Battalion Khawzawl for use of some secret services deployed by the Government from which one of them has stolen 9 mm pistol. The deployment of those secret services was then publicized which resulted to suspension of the concerned Police Constable so as to gain public confidence.

Again Mr Speaker, one AK-47 Rifles and ammunitions was issued from 1st I.R. Battalion in February, 2007 and 303 Rifles and one Stengun from 3rd Battalion MAP on 21st February, 2007 and were delivered by Pu Hmingtea and other escorts who are being deployed by the Government. Such arms and ammunitions were then kept in the ground floor of Pu Rokhaw's building near Chakma House and was then transferred to the building of Pu Biaksanga, personal Security of our Chief Minister. Since the said Santi Bahani rejected two 303 Rifles, another two were again being taken out and then handed over to them with cash amounting to Rs.5,50,000/- on 7th March, 2007.

Mr Speaker, during the year 2005, it is learnt that 12 nos of stengun were missing out of which only two were recovered and no further investigation is being prevailed to that effect.

Secondly, Mr Speaker, as a result of the negative approach of HPC on their dialogue with the Government of Mizoram, HPC (D) came into existence. Since our Government fails to win cooperation of those HPC(D), the needs for forming new Armed Forces among Hmar Community is felt for the coming election of Ratu Constituency and for other times. For that purpose, Pu Lianzama, who was known to be involved in the case of assassination of Pu Ngurdingliana was convinced to lead the said force by offering him a constructed building in the area of Edenthar. Hmar National Army (HNA) was then formed.

Besides, Mr Speaker, it is further learnt that Pu Lianzama hired Sumo MZ-011 B-4645 on monthly basis for transportation of arms etc.

As learnt from the statement of HPC(D) on newspaper Vanglaini of 15th March issue, 6 members of HNA were sent to Daido to hunt for HPC(D) in which one HPC was killed in the encounter. HPC(D) then in retaliation, killed those six members of HNA. It is further learnt that not less than 10 young men frequented the house of Pu Lianzama anytime and even gets their training on the bank of Bawngkawn river just below Edenthar and this intimidated the people in the vicinity. Obviously due to the atmosphere of this Session, those young men are moving out from this place by hiring a taxi of registration No. MZ-01 C-3995 and the aforesaid Maxi-cab.

Mr Speaker, it is to be noted that we are not against those HNA nor support neither of those two armed militant groups. It is regretted that despite the efforts of the people of Hmar and various Churches to bring about peace, the Government uses one of the militant groups for the coming election which instigates animosity between them. In fact, we have no confident in this Government to continue holding the machinery of the Government.

Thirdly, in April 2000, three persons were kidnapped by Bru National Liberation Front and one of them was released shortly after that. The kidnappers then demanded 50 lakhs of ransom. Ex-MNA were sent by the Government to make negotiation with the kidnappers. After discussing the problem with our Chief Minister, it was then decided to give a ransom of Rs. 10 lakhs and the money was drawn from State Bank of India of Mission Veng Branch. Those BNLF however, declined to receive only 10 lakhs and hence another 10 lakhs was then added without the knowledge of our Peace Mission Team headed by Rev. Ialsawma. As our Peace Mission Team met representative from BNLF at the place of appointment, the process of negotiation went rather smooth than expected and matter relating to ransom had not been mentioned much to the surprise of our Peace Mission Team. The truth is that ransom had already been cleared without the

knowledge of our Peace Mission Team and here is the document to prove that process.

Mr Speaker, it is regretted that even our Church leaders who are involved in the Peace process had been cheated by the Government. This indicates that our state and the people are no longer secure in this Government run by MNF Ministry.

Again Mr Speaker Sir, on the 12th June, 2000, it is unfortunate that 7 police personnels had been killed by BNLF and other six seriously hurt. Shortly after the incident, the Assam Police captured those BNLF and seized 20 lakh rupees meant for purchase of arms obviously from the money received as ransom. As soon as our Government learnt about the captivity, they were immediately delivered from the hands of the Assam Police and were brought to Aizawl. Those captives were freed shortly after without taking any action against them and a case was registered as absconding from Bairabi Police Station.

Mr Speaker, prior to the last election of Member of Parliament, a newly formed "Save Mizoram Committee" organized a total bandh against entry of Bru-refugee living outside Mizoram in the Electoral Roll. However, number of such voters had been enrolled deliberately by this Government. Not only this, postal ballot of 3620 voters had been captured by BNLF after negotiating with representatives of MNF party at Silchar, and more than 3000 voters casted in favour of MNF party candidate and were sent to Aizawl by post. On learning the situation, a secular force was immediately formed demanding the Government not to resume its dialogue and any process of agreement with those BNLF under such unfavourable atmosphere. Despite the demand, an agreement was signed deliberately.

In 2005, 195 members of BNLF were convinced to surrender themselves to the Government. In this connection, Home Minister made a statement in appreciation to that effect and that negotiation was on the way with the remaining members of splinters group. What is surprising in this regard Mr Speaker Sir, is that number of surrendered from the splintered group as stated by our Home Minister exceeds 800. Director General of Police, Tripura had even alleged the incident as a state managed and that leaders of MNF have gone too far with that of the said insurgent group. It is, therefore, important for this House to take this as an important matter which brought allegation of DGP of the neighbouring state into light.

Unless this matter is resolved first, our party dare not campaign for the coming General Election as the system of our Government violates our Democratic Institution and the Peace Accord. Mizoram is heading to a bloody future with the prevalent of gun-culture under this Government and should be nibbled in the end. I, therefore, earnestly request all my fellow members to consider this matter seriously and vote in favour of this No-Confidence Motion to safe the future of Mizoram.

S P E A K E R : The motion has now been moved, if there is any member who support the Motion he may have his speech in favour of it.

P U L A L C H H A N D A M A R A L T E : Mr Speaker, if there is not any, it may be wise to take the decision by voting.

S P E A K E R : If that is the case, may I call upon the Leader of the House to wind up the discussion.

P U L A L R I N C H H A N A M I N I S T E R : Mr Speaker, let the Leader of the House wind up the discussion and decision may be made by voting.

S P E A K E R : It is the better if the discussion is brief if members could not express their opinion on the matter.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A C H I E F M I N I S T E R : If there is none to speak in support, may we wind up the discussion.

P U R . L A L Z I R L I A N A : Mr Speaker, opinion raised by members from the ruling bench is hardly applicable as more than ten members had already given their support recently. If the Motion is supported by majority, the Government should be dissolved and if not, we have to express our opinion. If there is more, it may be wise to call upon group leaders of M.P.C. Party and then Congress, and the ruling party may not involve in the discussion.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A C H I E F M I N I S T E R : Mr Speaker, it is not the members to decide, but you the hon'ble Speaker. You have done absolutely right by inviting the members who are willing to speak.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, what I have said was only a suggestion and if the hon'ble Chief Minister takes it as a discussion, he might have been so preoccupied with the Motion of the Leader of Zoram Nationalist Party. Obviously the ruling party seem to be afraid of discussing this matter here in the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker, you are asking if there is any member who would like to speak in this regard. Since no one stand up to take the chance, I am making a suggestion to wind up. You made it clear that any member can take the chance not only by group leaders.

SPEAKER : If so, I now open the chance to speak once again to the members. It is to be noted that the people of Mizoram too are giving attention to our discussion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker, if there is none to speak, let us wind up the discussion. Leader of the House may be called to make his speech in reply to the Motion which has been moved before taking vote.

SPEAKER : May we follow the suggestion of the House Leader ? What is the opinion of Leader of the Opposition Groups ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you, Mr Speaker. If there is none to speak from treasury bench and the mover agrees to do so. I supposed it is up to you Pu Speaker. Yet, the mover may be given another chance after the House Leader makes his answer.

SPEAKER : Let me ask the members once again. Is there any one to speak from the ruling ? (There is none). If so, I now call upon Leader of the House to have his speech.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Thank you Mr Speaker. To start with I must say that the timing of this resolution is not convenient as it effects the programme of Good Friday, and the anniversary of revival of Christianity in Mizoram. It is regretted that even after requesting the concerned mover not to do at this time of important programme of various Churches, he ignored the request. In reply to the allegation against security personnel of the Chief Minister, there is none by the name of Biaksanga among the security. He has made number of points, the fact of which cannot be proved. Yet, his allegation against the Government as supplier of arms to militants, enquiry will be prevailed immediately and action will be taken against the miscreant as deserved.

Secondly, it is shameful that this motion lacks co-operation of other parties in the opposition hence it should be disqualified.

As registration number of the alleged vehicle, the mover himself knew very well that he is telling a solid lie as there is none to explain whether it is true or false. (SPEAKER : The words 'Solid lie ' may not be used as it is not parliamentary language). Thank you Mr Speaker. Even if the allegation is reliable or not, there is no chance for outsiders to explain themselves. Mr Speaker, this Motion reminds me of the past incident when our previous leader Pu Lal Thanhawla was framed as a bad leader with full of sins from his head to toes and Brig. T. Sailo as an old man with hearing impaired, blood-thirsty who should have been chopped-off as there were number of people like him on the bank of Ganges. Not only this, there are many words of curses against other leaders too including myself. What is happening with my leadership too is not less severe comparing to other leaders. I must say that the mover himself had never have confidence in any party leader as he had left the Congress Party, and then my Party MNF despite his commitment to co-operate with my leadership, and the leadership of his very own party due to lack of confidence. I am intrigued by his unusual character which victimize my leadership and the allegation he made with the thought of lack of chance for explanation on the part of the alleged.

It may be taken for granted if this Motion is framed to criticize development and financial position of the Government. But the point emphasized on the allegation against my leadership as being supplier of arms to militants, most of the accused are outsiders who are not having chance to explain themselves here in the House, hence, to prevail investigation may be difficult.

Mr Speaker, 80 % of the accused are of outsiders and as for this reason, I believe this Motion loses confidence of his fellow members as deserved by it.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr Speaker, the people knew very well that there has been so much practice of corruption under this Government and it may not be necessary to mention once again. Yet, the concerned mover meant to highlight our current situation which are completely new for the people.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, I, too am informing the
CHIEF MINISTER things people which has never been known to them and members from the Oppositions even stands from their seats in complain against my statement and they have no reason to have confidence in my leadership. I have no doubt that my Government is having some sorts of incompleteness in the administration or financial management and the people will soon decide in the election and it is a waste of time to keep fussing with this matter. It is obvious that the Motion that hardly have the support of the members in the House will be defeated and I therefore, suggest to take vote to that effect without wasting our time.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu Lalduhoma the mover of this Motion to have his speech.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, we all know very well that this is the matter which concerned the people of Mizoram and it is regretted that none of the members from the ruling have no answer for the questions. Their lack of appropriate answer disappointed the people and is much regretted. In the meantime, it is unfortunate to hear the allegation of leader of the House, words of personal attack against certain leaders as coming from me. I, therefore, insist the hon'ble Minister to prove in which paper those alleged words appeared. Mr Speaker, no member will use such relentless words to attack any leader of any party. It is completely untrue and may be taken for granted since it is the usual culture of MNF Party to evolve personal matters.

In this relation Mr Speaker, I want to mention that a decade ago, this very party headed by Pu Zoramthanga hired Pu J.H. Thanpara and provided a gypsy to publicize more than a thousand cassette copies of allegation through out Mizoram which further caused to raiding my residence but nothing was found. I wonder what they were expecting to find from my residence.

Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, this Government have done thing which has never been done in the history of this House that a case had been filed to prevail investigation against their preceded ministry to just show their usual party culture. His explanation on this Motion too on the other hand, has no appropriate point which indicates the weakness of this Government.

As of the names of outsiders appeared on this Motion, it is to be noted that it was not them who deliberately committed that misdeed but were sent by the MNF Party. We have further learnt that a picture of those armed agents were published in Vartian, a daily newspaper. Our Home Minister had even reprimanded the concerned persons on inquiring as to who let the secret leaked out. This Motion does not insist on explanation from those outsiders involved in the case but from the Government that let them to commit the crime. We are also insisting on explanation in the statement of ZRO. No members of the ruling party dare do stand up to speak for fear that more of their involvement in that case will be revealed.

As for the time of having this Motion, let me remind him that no BAC in any Government have ever scheduled the programme beforehand and it should rather be made as soon as the Motion is entered.

Regarding his allegation that the Motion is being submitted deliberately during the important events of our religion, let me remind you that except on its 100th anniversary, revival in Mizoram has never been observed the whole day, however, Wednesday night service is held in the night time only and the timing of this Motion does not clashed these two important programmes. If so, no member will be saved from this allegation for attending today's discussion.

Last but not the least, I truly support the idea of forming House Enquiry Commission to that purpose, but only appointing member from the opposition as its Chairmanship so that the Committee is not ended up in smoke as in the case of losing 70 lakh rupees under Agriculture Directorate. Otherwise, I absolutely object to forming the said Committee. If the Committee should be formed under the Chairmanship of the opposition member and that each member from the opposition party participates in the Committee. Accordingly, I suggest inclusion of the case of 70 lakhs rupees under Agriculture Directorate in that Committee so that recovery may be there for poor farmers. And much as well, the case of kidnapping of 4 MLA candidates of Suangpuilawn constituency and selling of Soil & Water Conservation Department farm building at Vairengte, the cases which has not yet been solved.

Mr Speaker, I am well aware before hand that MNF party would use personal attack on me even before I move this Motion. But for want of better Government for the people I chose to face that challenge. What is most important for MNF Ministry is to determine whether we are having a good Government, or is it alright to threated the general people with arms, and whether the

sanction for construction of Bamboo road for making Mizoram a 'Switzerland of the East'. Mr Speaker once again, I have to inform the House that those relentless words as alleged has never come out of my mouth, and I insist that the Ministry takes moral responsibility for erring this Government and step down from their seat for the betterment of the people of Mizoram. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now close the discussion. Decision will now be taken. Since our Rule does not insist to take this kind of decision by secret ballot, it may be done by raising hand. Now, the member who are in favour of this Motion may raise your hand. The members who are against the Motion may raise your hand. Alright, 13 members vote in favour of the Motion and the rest 25 votes against the Motion. Hence this House rejects the Motion that "This House have no confidence in this Government".

Our list of Business for today is now completed. We still have 4 more Bills to be discussed and be taken up tomorrow. Is it necessary to call a meeting of Business Advisory Committee for that discussion or decide by the House ?

PU H. RAMMAWI : It may be more convenient if the
MINISTER discussion of the House is followed.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, keeping in mind the concern
our Chief Minister have for an
important vents of our religion which fall
within this week, it may be wise to refer
it to Business Advisory Committee so that our discussion is resumed next week.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker, the function is mostly held
in day-time. It may be wise to take those
4 business by tomorrow so that office
works may be resumed immediately.

S P E A K E R : Two of the Bills are of Amendment and
the other two concerns with clinic and
Road Fund and I do hope the discussion
is taken up smoothly. What is the
opinion of MPC and ZNP ? Do you all agree to take up tomorrow. If so, our
discussion will be resumed tomorrow. Our discussion for today is now concluded and
we will resume tomorrow at 10 : 00 A.M. of the 3rd April, 2007.

Sitting adjourned
11 : 45 A.M.