

S P E A K E R : 'Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but, in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. Act. 10 : 34, 35.

Starred question no. 66. to be asked by Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 66. Will the hon'ble Minister for Power and Electricity Department be pleased to state -

- (a) The total amount spent by the State Government for the procurement of power from outside since January 2003.
- (b) The rate of power.
- (c) The rate and buyer of power sold from the state quota during this period.

S P E A K E R : The Chief Minister may be asked to give replies.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to starred question no. 66 are as below -

- (a) Between January 2003 - January 2006. the State Government has purchased 10, 28, 51. Million units of power.
- (b) The average rate of power purchased by the State Government was Rs. 1.90 per unit in 2003, Rs. 2.08 per unit in 2004 and Rs. 1.73 per unit in 2005-2006.
- (c) During the last four years 74.67 million units of power has been sold through power traders to outside the State.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary questions please. If 74.67 million units was sold, it means that the State has recieved crores of rupees from it. I ask if this has been high lighted as a source of State income in the Budget.

Secondly, we have raised voice against the sudden increase of power Tariff. I would like to ask whether the Government intends to review the rate of Power Tariff.

My next question is whether the State Government sold power without going through power traders. I raised this question because it is heard that power from the State quota was sold without going through power traders in 2004-2005. So, I ask whether the government will sell power only through power traders in future.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

: Mr Speaker, I would like to ask the reason why power has not been generated from Bairabi Thermal Project which was contracted at the cost of Rs. 85.95 Crores.

In regard to Teirei Hydel Project, I would like to ask how far the State has got profit from this expensive project.

PU H. ROHLUNA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the required mega watt of power during peak hour? What is the exact mega watt of power produced by the State Government. ?

For what purpose does the Government spent the revenue income received from selling of power to the outside.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, in the back page of the energy bill given to the domestic consumers, the unit rate of energy is written. Has this rate been effective? If not, what is the existing rate per unit for domestic Consumers?

S P E A K E R

: Let us now call upon the Chief Minister to finish his replies.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, I will try to give my replies as detail as possible. The State has got a quota of 87 mega watt of Power.

During peak hour, power requirement is only 55 mega watts. If that is so, we can have excess power to sell. The income from selling of power is deposited at State treasury under a separate Head of Account. It is calculated that this income has contributed a lot to the power bill. The income recieved from power is being submitted to the Finance Department

In regard to power tariff, the present rate is Rs. 3-/- per unit in average. However, due to pressure from outside, power Bill has now been proposed to be calculated separately depending on the units of power consumed by a consumer. However this proposal has not been finalised by the Cabinet. According to this proposal, the rate per unit would be Rs. 2.60/-

In the case of power quotas received by the State and its demand I would like to say that the power demand of the State is not constant.

In response to the question raised by Pu Rinliana, I would like to reply that the State Government has highly profitted from Terei Hydel Project. Initially, the project was taken over by the Department. The project can generate 3 mega watt of power, now, the project has been privatised in the hope of better Maintenance, (Interruption).

Mr Speaker Sir, Terei Hydel Project has been privatised because the Government of Mizoram has experienced that privatisation is far more profitable than Government Undertaking. It is not that the Government do not trust the department. It is also the policy of the Government of India to lay more emphasis on privatisation. I would also like to res that we have highly benefitted from Terei mini hydel and crores of rupees have also been received from it.

In regard to the question regarding Bairabi Thermal Project. I want to assent that it has certainly produced power. Bairabi Theremal Project has been highly beneficial in times of power shortage.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to tell the House the total watt of power produced in Mizoram.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, our Power plants can produce 35 Mega watts of power. However, in order to generate more, we need more quantity of oil. Therefore, the production does not remain the same. It is adjusted according to our requirements.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to ask if power trading by unscheduled inter-change could be stopped in future as power rate is lower in this system ; Whether high or low in watt, if the State has excess power to trade, it has to be sold through Power traders at a high price.

- S P E A K E R** : I think the Chief Minister has enough questions to deal with therefore he may rise to furnish his replies.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, in response to the question raised by PuLalduhoma, I would like to say that it is technically difficult to stop trading power by an unscheduled inter change . Thank you.
- S P E A K E R** : Starred question no. 67 to be asked lay Pu Sailothanga Sailo.
- PU SAILOTHANGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 67. (a) Is the Government aware that nutritional foods to be distributed to various Villages have not been delivered in full. (b) If yes, I ask whether action is taken. (c) I ask if better distribution system could be found.
- S P E A K E R** : The Minister for Social Welfare may answer the question.
- PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to starred question no. 67 are - (a) No. (b) The employees are advised to keep up honesty in work. (c) The present distribution system in found to be satisfactory. However, the Government is open to advice.
- S P E A K E R** : The members are requested not to make a repetition of their questions. The Ministers are also requested to make their replies as clear as possible for the members to avoid repetition of questions.
- PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO** : Mr Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister said that he has no knowledge of nutritional foods to the supplied to rural areas not

safely reaching their destination. If that is so. I would like to ask whether the Government will accept if I give full information.

Secondly, there are times when certain villages have no place to stock these nutrition food. But, the Government does not permit to stock the supplies in other places than Anganwadi Centre which creates problem. So, I would like to advise the authority to see that nutrition supplies could be stocked in places according to the convenience of the Village concerned.

Lastly, I would like the Government to become aware of the system by which nutrition foods is being distributed.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to advise the authority to see that Tuivai bridge between Vanbawng and Khawlian be maintained so that the suspension bridge would not be damaged in the Monsoon.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker, is there proposal to open more ICDS. Centres ?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, It seems that Pu Sailothanga is not satisfied with my replies regarding nutritional food supplies.

It would be appreciated if the member can provide information. As I have stated before, the Government is not aware that the distribution system of nutrition food is unsatisfactory. Anyhow, necessary action would be taken if the member can give information on the matter.

In regard to distribution of nutrition I would like to request every member to inform me any mal-practice, so that immediate action can be taken. Replying to hon'ble member from Saitual constituency, the expenditure for construction of bridge between Vanbawng and Khawlian is Rs. 3,00,000/- instead of Rs. 6,00,000/- I appreciate his speech. If there is complain in the quality of work, it will be enquired. Again, speaking about distribution of nutrition, the suppliers put them in the Central Godown which are distributed to various Anganwadi Centres through C.D.P.O's, the amount of distributed materials are informed to Co-ordination Committee of various areas. I, therefore, request every member to render better suggestion for the improvement of this normal practice.

Replying to Pu K. Vanlalauva, hon'ble member from Khawbung Constituency, Steps are still taken since 2001-2002. According to all India Policy, ICDS. Centre would be inaugurated only in Block Headquarters. Here in Mizoram, two Block Headquarters are still left, which are Khawbung and Phullen. We are now waiting for permission from the Central Government. We therefore, hope that two now C.D.P.O's. Officers will be inaugurated shortly.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu R. Khawpuithanga, to ask starred Question No. 68.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister for Relief & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to reply Starred question No. 68.

- (a) That Mizoram is said to be situated on very High Risk Zone of Earthquake. Can preventive measures be taken ?
(b) If so, how ?

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to questions asked by Pu R. Khawpuithanga.

- (a) Preventive measures from earthquake with high Magnitude cannot be taken.
(b) The best ways to take preventive measures are to construct houses firmly and to use light materials for construction of buildings.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I expect the hon'ble Minister to say that preventive measures from earthquake can be taken. We know that, Disaster Management Committee has been constituted and much amount of money had already been spent for buying Silpouling. Training had also been organised. Cannot we take preventive measures ?

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, earthquake cannot be predicted rightly. So, adequate preventive measures cannot taken since we do not know the exact time when it will occur and upto what magnitude will it be. However, steps can be taken to prepare ourselves to lesson destruction caused by it. We take steps for such purpose. We got instruction from the Central Government, according to which Rules are still being prepared. It will be completed shortly. Disaster Management Committee will, therefore be constituted at various levels. The said Committee will be responsible to give instruction to the people in the matter of building houses.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, how many Disaster Management Committees have been constituted till now ?

**PU LALRINCHHANA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, the said Committee had already been constituted at State level, District Level and Block level and Village

level in various Blocks and Villages. As I have Mentioned, Rules is still being prepared. When we complete this Rules, it will be constituted at all villages and Block too.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO

: Mr. Speaker Sir, the most dangerous areas are said to be classified. Can the hon'ble Minister mention such areas?

**PU LALRINCHHANA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, the experts can identify the dangerous areas. in the map through Geological photograph. But, it is a technical matter, So, I cannot mention in detail

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

: Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Department be pleased to state- Whether food for work

can be given to an individual or temporary organisation as a contract work or not.

**PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, According to the guidelines, any work under Food for work cannot be given to an individual or temporary/fake organisation as a contract work.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Mr Speaker Sir, In the matter of Food for work, it is found in Khawruhlian that Rs. 70,000/- with 10 quintals of rice was

drawn by VCP on 13.9.2004. and 6.5.2005 respectively but no work was done. Again, in the same Village, Rs. 60,000/- and 110 quintals of rice was drawn by VCP. for construction of widening of playground under the same scheme. But, no work had been there. Another Rs. 80,000/- with 30 quintals of rice was again drawn on 16.4.2005.

S P E A K E R

: Please ask your question, he will finish detailed statement if you demand. Now, supplementary questions only.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have finished. I would like to raise a question that will enquiry be done on such misappropriation of fund? Will action be taken against this ?

PU R.M. CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, no work order is given to Village Council during last year. What is the reason for this? Will it be given to Village Council this year? Secondly rice, under Food for work scheme, is distributed at Lunglei. Can the Government distribute rice in other Villages which can be approached by Truck vehicles ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, as stated by the hon'ble member from Chawngte Constituency, some temporary organisations are used in my constituency to be a nodal Agency for this scheme other than Village Council. This practice is done mainly in Villages where MNF. Party Village Council are not there. I, therefore, ask the question that will the hon'ble Minister take steps to abolish the said bad practice? Can he give assurance on this matter?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have no Knowledge of what Pu R. Lalzirliana said. Village Council is the working agency of this scheme. If there is misappropriation of fund, let him furnish written complain so that enquiry can be done. Replying to Pu R.M. Chakma, hon'ble member from Chawngte Constituency, I did not know that work order was not there during last year. I will enquire this. Work order is issued by DRDA. In regard to distribution of rice from Lunglei's only It is our desire to cover all villages which can be approached by truck vehicles. But, there is no sanction for transportation from the Central Government. So we cannot implement what our desire is. Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister, Finance Department can release sanction for transportation cost, due to which all Block Headquarters can be covered during last year. However, we cannot go farther than Block headquarters.

Replying to Pu Lalrinliana Sailo. I do not deny that some works under SCRY are allotted to an individual and appropriate NGO'S. However, we try to allot SGRY works to Village Council's as much as possible.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, can the Government reserve SGRY. fund totally for the poor people? Let another source of fund be introduced to favour the members of Ruling Party.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Bible says "Jesus christ is the saviour of all men especially of those who believe "(Timothy 4 : 10). Does this Ministry apply this verse ?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are proper guidelines for various schemes. We try our level best to follow them as much as possible.

However, as I have mentioned earlier, there may be some mistakes in some places. Anyway, progress is still going on.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is now over. Today hon'ble members Pu Sainghaka, Pu Lal Thanhawla, Leader of Opposition and Pu K. Lianzuala cannot attend today's session. Before taking up of Private Member's Resolution, we have two other business-laying of papers and Presentation of Reports. Now, let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga to lay the 19th Annual Report of Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board, 2003-2004 in this House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, your with permission I hereby lay the 19th Annual Report of Mizoram Khadi & Village Industries Board, 2003-2004 on the Table of this House.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be circulated to the members. Now, Let us call upon Pu Lalthlengliana, Chairman of Estimates

Committee to present the Ist Report of Committee on Estimates, 2004-2006 Relating to Public Health Engineering Department in this House.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and with the consent of this House I hereby present the Ist Report of Committee on Estimates (2004-2006) Relating to Public Health Engineering Department in this August House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy of the Report be circulated to the Members. Our next business is Private Member's Resolution for this ses-

sion which were balloted on 14 March, 2006. Now we shall take up Private Member's Resolution in accordance with our Rules 27(1) Let us call upon Pu Liansuama to move his Resolution.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. The wording of my resolution is that "This House is willing to upgrade the Hospitals in the three District Headquarters Kolasib, Lawngtlai and Mamit to District Hospital". Now, we still have eight districts in Mizoram. Of these, Aizawl and Lunglei Districts have bigger hospital than others though they are not adequate enough. Saiha, Champhai and Serchhip also have good hospitals. Meanwhile Kolasib, Lawngtlai and Mamit are greatly in need of better hospitals. Mr. Speaker Sir, health is very important for everyone. The condition of health in rural areas in particular is not satisfactory. There is an old saying that lost of health is the lost of everything. Among our 45 demands I opine that demands for Health, Education and PHE Departments seemed to be the most important.

When I asked the staff of the said Department, 2308 staff are there under Health Department in Mizoram. We spent Rs. 75 crone for this Department which was about 3.8% of our total Annual Budget. Therefore, our Health Coverage seemed to be very unsatisfactory. It is our duty to strengthen this Department we need to improve Rural Health Care. There are many people in the said Districts Lawngtlai, Mamit and Kolasib District who cannot go to Aizawl for medical treatment. Therefore, we greatly need to have better hospitals within our respective districts. Otherwise, we cannot achieve higher position in the Human Development.

Today, I do not ignore other districts. But, the said three districts are greatly in worse condition than other remaining five districts. I therefore request all of us to support me in this matter. I opine that improvement of Health Services would be one of the most important factors for development of the whole state. If we can have District Hospitals in the most backward districts they will be accompanied by various posts which will help us to solve unemployment problems to some extent. Now, transportation of corpse from Aizawl to other villages becomes a burden for MLA's from rural constituencies since many people go to Aizawl for Medical treatment due to lack of health facility in rural areas. We can therefore, minimize such problem. Mr Speaker Sir, I will not speak much more, I hope that other members also will speak its importance in detail. So, I request this august House to pass my resolution.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: The Resolution has now been moved. We will have discussion. As usual practice we will allot 10 Minutes for each member. Who will start first? Yes, Pu K. Lalrinliana.

PU K. LALRINLIANA

: Mr. Speaker Sir. Thank you. From the speech of the mover of this resolution we know that Health Services is an important

subject. Civil Hospital Aizawl is very crowded it cannot accommodate all those who go for treatment. So, we need to have another reliable hospitals in every districts to lessen the work load of Civil Hospital Aizawl. I am aware that some patients who are referred to Aizawl from Kolasib and other Hospitals met problems very often due to shortage of accommodation. In Kolasib, Dispensary had been opened in 1896, which was upgraded to PHC in 1964. From 1976 we have CHC with 30 beds. Although the number of beds is increased to 58 it is still a Community Health Centre till date. All the beds are occupied by patients through out the year. So we greatly need bigger hospital atleast District Hospital with 100 beds. Kolasib and its surrounding Villages need such hospital.

Mr Speaker Sir, I just point out the importance of this Resolution from my point of view as a member from Kolasib constituency. I think that Lawngtlai and Mamit also will require District Hospital. Therefore, I support this resolution to pass in this House today. Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, any member will want to pass this resolution. Meanwhile I do not know whether other district headquarters

like Serchhip, Champhai have had District Hospital or not. As mentioned by Pu Lalrinliana, hon'ble Member from Kolasib Constituency, it is important to have bigger hospitals as much as possible. Therefore this resolution is very important. In this connection, I would like to mention that adequate facilities should be there. For instance, one P.H.C. is upgraded to C.H.C. but no additional staff and other necessary facilities required by C.H.C. were not given. That upgradation ended with great inaugural function only. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, If we pass this resolution and if we are going to upgrade the said hospitals I opine that necessary staff and equipments for District Hospital should be there as well.

From 2002, dead rate increased year by year. There may be different reasons but of course it is due to malaria. That's why, more fund is to be provided in the budget.

The hon'ble Members suggested opening of Hospital at each District Headquarter provided with six specialist Doctors. Such proposal is very good. But it should be remembered that Hospital without doctor is meaningless. That's why, Doctors are very important for health of the people. It appears that Doctors and Hospitals are to be decentralised for better health care. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Let us call upon Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO

: Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. First of all, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to note down Bukpui Hospital

which does not have oxygen. It appears that the Resolution moved by Pu Liansuama is very important. I do support it for passing. The Resolution is "Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai PHC be upgraded to Hospital

I would like to inform the House the position of those Health Centres. First of all, Kolasib C H C Dispensary is opened in 1896. It was upgraded to PHC. in 1960 with ten bedded. The PHC was upgraded again to C.H.C. in 1972 with 30 bedded. It has an area of 14010 Sq. M. It feeds 69129 population. It has two Specialists, four medical doctors, a pathologists, a few staff nurse and Accupunturist. This shows the need for upgradation to Hospital status.

And I would like to highlight that the isolation ward is too old and bad for the patients. The bed provided is too poor. If Government upgrade the three district headquarters to Hospital Status, various specialists should be provided with technicians and better X Ray machine. I therefore support the Resolution moved by Pu Liansuama.

Thank you.

PU S. HIATO

: Thank you Hon'ble Speaker sir, I also support resolution moved by Pu Liansuama. But if it were passed will the provision of budget be altered as well?

In the former ministry, P.P. Thawla's Resolution was passed, but no Progress in seen, no work is done in pursuance of the resolution. That's why, if the Government do not take up implementation work passing of a resolution is useless.

In fact, "Health for All by 2000" is our Principle. But it is meaningless in 2006 too. It is good to upgrade district Headquarters Hospitals. But People in rural areas are suffering greatly. That's why, it is more necessary to improve existing PHC's in the Villages. Most of the PHC have no specialist nor medical officers. If this resolution is passed and the present position is not improved, how will we accomplish the resolution.

It appears that the House gives importance to this resolution. Will the hon'ble Minister know how to accomplish such important thing. We have a number of Doctors and specialists who are not employed by Government. Will the Government Create for them. Truly Speaker, we could not employ them. If so, what will be the benefit of passing this Resolution. Now, PHC and CHC Building are already constructed by Government at Borapansury, Chhuarlung, Chakhang, sangau etc. but they are not functional as it should be. They are used for only keeping Cows and goats. Let all this health centres be made functional. Then, it is good to pass this Resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: It's pleasing to know all that. Let us call upon Pu R. Khawpuithanga.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA

: Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is very important to discuss this Resolution. All Members are expected to say something

about it Five Hospitals out of eight Hospital were upgraded to district Hospital. Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai are not yet upgraded to district hospital. Considering the population in their hinterland and population in the district headquarters, they are worthy of promoting to district hospital. Not only that but they have enough area for extention of buildings.

Comparing to other small states, Mizoram is the highest in primary health. Although it is not good enough the position of the Primary health care has to change according to the needs of the people. With the changing of our lifestyle, hepatitis, Aids etc. encrease year by year. That's why, Mizoram truely needs to improve hospital and health care system and Health Department also need more fund in the budget.

This resolution is moved for the three districts which have no district Hospitals in this headquarter. It is a very important step to maintain Primary health of eveyone, I therefore, support this Resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Saikapthianga, Senior Member of this House.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir, A very important Resolution is now being discussed. It appears that the Members support the Resolution.

As we all know, Mizoram is facing femine due to bamboo flowering. Rats will increase in the state and rats cause plaque. As such it is needed to prepare for such occurence and we need to press central government to take immediate steps to counter the coming femine.

Kolosib, Mamit and Lawngtlai districts are in the western and in the South western belt. The whole areas of these districts are backward than other districts, even in primary health of the people. That's why, this resolution is moved considering the needs of the people. And it is necessary to pass the resolution because, fund for such is not provided in the budget. The Hon'ble Chief Minister and Health Minister will I believe try their best under the policy of 'Health for All'.

The Central Health Minister is a South Indian. If the House Leader and Health Minister impart the Central Minister the problem face by Mizoram State I expect that we will have success in our target. As suggested, un-employed Specialist doctors should be employed in the Government. This will involve large sum of money, but it may be achieved in accordance with the importance of the target.

Truely, Speaking, the three districts are malaria infested area. The people are hard working. When malaria patients are sent to Aizawl hospital, it is usually late for them to recover. House, it is truely necessary to open/have hospital and the central government also should be moved

earnestly. The State is in a good position in regards to Primary health. But it is not enough. I therefore, heartily support the Resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will have a recess and resume the business at 2 : 00 P.M.

Sitting adjourned at 1 : 00 P.M

2 : 00 P.M.

PU C. LALRINSANGA
DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will resume our business. Let us call upon Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, This Resolution is very important. Anyhow, it appears that upgradation of those Hospitals into district hospital is in the hand of the Government. In fact, the Government could do this upgradation without passing the Resolution, though a Member from Ruling Bench had moved it. It may be that he has no confidence in the government.

But the State Government has financial crisis today. Due to this financial crisis vacant posts can't be filled up and revenue/taxes are highly increased by the Government. It is difficult to understand why this Resolution is moved by the Ruling Member. If the hon'ble concerned Minister could give us assurance for such upgradation, that will do. If so, passing of the Resolution will not be necessary on this day. That's all. Thank you.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, This Resolution is moved by the Ruling Member but not from the member of the concerned constituencies. It will be move disirable to discuss if it is moved by the Member of the concerned Constituency. We all know that everyone needs good health enywhere at any time. That's why we need more improvement in health care. Health Center is needed as no hospital, CHC, PHC etc. have adequate doctor, nurse, technician etc. It passed, this Resolution will be fruitful. It appears that the concerned department as well as the concerned Minister will be busy implementing the works. Resolution passed before are rarely fruitfull. That's why, it is not the best thing to move. Resolution in this House.

UPA Government is very good for the needy. There is no partial administration. If the hon'ble Chief Minister and the concerned Minister explain the besic need of this State, this upgradation programme will be accomplished even without pussing this Resolution. But if passing of resolution will be helpful for the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the concerned Minister in the implementation of works connected with the resolution, let it be passed.

Anyhow it is good to remember the basic needs of the state when the budget is prepared. In short, if we pass this resolution, we should do our best to have it implemented successfully. Thank you.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA.

: Thank you, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir,
It is very pleasing to discuss this Resolution moved by Pu Liansuama. The prin-

ciples contained in it is very good for the people. It appears that Aizawl and its adjoining villages have move good health services than other constituencies like Saiha, Lawngtlai, Mamit, Kolasib etc. It appears that it is more pleasing for Lawngtlai district. Generally, there are move diseases in the riverine areas of Tlawng and its western belt.

What I give more importance is that Government proposed Sangau Assembly Constituency to be included in Lawngtlai District as it is Lai Autonomous District Area. Lawngtlai District has a Primary Health Centre at Borapansuri, where no doctor is posted, not any worker. CHC with thirty bedded is opened at Lawngtlai. The are is very backward from all angles. Many people died of simple deseases. This district is very in need of Medical facilities. Only two doctors posted at Lawngtlai CHC. is very pleasing for the people of Lawngtlai District. Considering the situation, this resolution is very good for the people.

And if this resolution is passed by the House, the Cenral Government also will give move importance to it. I therefore, request all Members of the House to pass this Resolution. Thank you.

PU LIANSILOVA

: Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir,
This Resolution moved by Pu Liansuama is the result of the need of the people.

This resolution concerned three constituencies of the Ruling party. This resolution seems to be a cry with despair of the ruling party members and they might have approached the Minister many times before with the problems of their Constituencies. Perhaps they think it best to move a resolution to awaken the government to the problems faced by their constituencies particularly in health facilities. Financial crisis has always been stated to be the reason for not taking improvemental steps. But, if government gives priority, it will not be difficult to post more doctors & nurses.

In this connection, I would like to point out that a room allotted for maternity in the Civil Hospital is not good enough. It is too congested for the patient and their caretakers. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to take initiative although financial crisis prevails in the state. If budget fund is appropriately used and as per the requirement, it can be understood by the public. In the same way, it is important for the government to determine what step has to be taken first and that help in solving the problem of the people as a whole. It is to be noted that there are many who cannot afford to get appropriate Medical treatment where as others who can go to any hospital outside Mizoram. I, therefore accept this resolution as an S.O.S. from the needy people. It is time for the government as well as the concern Minister to give full support to this resolution.

Thank you.

PU D. THANGLIANA

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I am glad to have the opportunity to discuss this important resolution moved by Pu Liansuam I opine that this resolution is not meant to defame this Government out of an important material for the government to show to the people the need to give priority to Health-care and it is much appreciative.

It is pleasing to learn that this government, without partiality to a Constituency of the Ruling or opposition party, starts to take step by concentrating on Health-care in the Constituency of Champhai, Serchhip and others places. This resolution is aiming to further regular functioning of District Hospital at Kolasib, Lawngtlai and Mamit. In this connection, I am glad to mention that there is proposal for improvement of the said District Hospitals for which 6 specialists will be assigned if achieved. Not only this, the proposal further concerns with clericals, nurses, superintendent and various technician's for the said Hospitals. In the meantime, I would like to remind the House that my Constituency is in the remote corner of Burma Border and it is a problem for the people to come to Aizawl for Medical treatment. So, we need 30-50- bedded PHC. for which the government may kindly take an affective step for the achievement to that effect.

So Mr Speaker Sir, while this House determines resolution of a member from Phuldungsei, I have to improve the House to include the problem of my Constituency.

Thank you.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA

: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, While discussing the resolution moved by Pu Liansuama, I want to mention the problem of Mamit Hospital. This Hospital is having 23 staff including specialist. But Mr Speaker Sir, there is no quarter for Doctor even though we are having a convenient place to construct. Besides, this Hospital is of 30 bedded only and needs to upgrade atleast to 50 bedded as the demand is very high. The hospital is situated within Malaria Concentrated zone. It is, therefore very much important for the government not to forget the problem of western side of Mizoram while determining the problem of Health care in Mizoram. I therefore strongly support this resolution.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir, The wording of this resolution is praising this government as an efficient government. I don't understand why it is stated as an efficient government whereas IV Grade appointment at Civil Hospital is given not in favour of those who had been working 5/6 years but to fresh applicants. In reply to the question of number of inaugurated CHC. which has not get functioned the concern Minister stated that the number is 20. If my memory serves me well, it also includes Sialhawk and Sesih where no doctor has ever been posted and this proves the weekness of this government.

In regard to certain steps taken by the government such as Construction of Health Centre at Border areas and free Medical treatment for BPL. family, I would like to point out that all such projects are Centrally initiated schemes and even the latter one is no longer introduced here in our state and is much regretted.

Speaking of what we called Refererral Hospital I must say that it is, in a way shameful to give that name. Presently, there are only 17 beds where as some rooms are used as breeding chickens. If the government could not afford to construct the building it. May be wise to divert the building as Aizawl District Hospital. This project is started at the cost of 40 crore and 53 lakh rupees and the out going Chief Secretary have even stated that major development Project will be taken by Government of Mizoram where as the revise estimate is 76.76 Crore. The building is supposed to be extended upto 300-500 bedded room but it is shameful to learn that the Capacity is only 17 beds. We still have a lot to learn of how to use the budget fund appropriately.

Mr Speaker Sir, if we examine the budget of Health Department, certain amounts of fund is allocated where it is not necessary. But instead lack of provision in respect of BPL. schemes should have been given priority.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, The Resolution moved by Pu Liansuama Concerning upgradation of Hospital at the three District Headquarters Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai to District Hospital they are supposed to be upgraded without moving this resolution since they are of District Headquarters yet it may not be done instantly due to sudden increase of District Headquarters but necessarily it is supposed to be done soon. In a way this indicates the weakness of the government.

Mr Speaker Sir, this Resolution has also been moved by Pu P.P. Thawla, a Member from Tuipang Constituency and Pu F. Lalthangzuala, a member from Hnahthial Constituency. The three mover obviously are of 'B' team of the Ruling Party. I am afraid that this resolution would not be much effective as it is not coming from the main Ruling Party 'Yet' we the members from the opposition Bench does not hesitate to support this resolution as it concerns the welfare of the Mizos as a whole. It will be much more appreciative if the resolution is moved from the main Ruling Party so that immediate step will be taken effectively.

Supposing this resolution is passed for immediate action, I would also like to include the one and only Hospital at Khawzawl, the Headquarters of My Constituency for upgradation along with the three Hospital at District Headquarters of Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai. Hospital at Khawzawl is only of ten or more bedded Hospital which is less in Contrast with the number of Households and Population of this village. It is therefore necessary for the House to determine this needs while discussing matter concerning upgradation of hospital at the three District Headquarters

Thank you.

PU H. LALSANGZUALA

: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, This resolution moved by Pu Liansuama Concerning upgradation of Hospital of the three Dis-

trict Headquarters is much appreciated as it is of an important matter. While determining upgradation of the said Hospitals, it is also necessary to consider its maintenance otherwise it will turn out to be an useless Hospital. Even in my constituency, construction of health Sub-centre had already been finished but no facilities or staff is given and the building is now being occupied for other purposes. It may be urse if the government consider this case so that this Health - sub -Centre is improved for the benefit of the concern people. In the same manner, it is also necessary to improve our Civil Hospital with necessary equipments and staff. Hence, Mr Speaker Sir, I fully support this important resolution for the welfare of our people as a whole.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: I now call upon Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga The concern Minister of this Resolution to have his speech in regard to this resolution.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is pleasing to learn that most of the members expressed their opinion in support of this resolution and

their desire to bring it to the full extent of the achievement.

By saying District Hospital, most of the members are questioning the standard of that Hospital. In this regard, it is to be noted that as soon as declaration of District Headquarters was done, there are 5 which had already been called District Hospital and the rest such as Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai are yet to be upgraded with a capacity of 30-50 beds. Regarding the strength of staff for District Hospital, even the Central Government cannot specify the limit as it is usually done according to the economic condition of that perticular state and as conveniency of the state authority

Among our District Hospitals, the government is planning to upgrade Champhai and Saiha Hospital not less than to 100 bedded where as Mamit and Lawngtlai hospital will be upgrad from 30 bedded to 50 even though both are of District Hospital. It is, in a way Concenient for the opposition members to critisize this resolution because it is a must for a District Headquarters to have Hospital of its own and it is not necessary to put pressure on the government by moving resolution and it is alleged that this indicates the government is losing confidence in the members and that the government do not deserve to be called an efficient government. Even so, the concern department is much appreciated to receive this kind of resolution and it will never be ignored.

Regarling the strength of staff for a District Hospital, Mamit Hospital will require 57 more staff in addition to the existing 23 including X-Ray and laboratory technicians with equipments such as X-ray and E.C.G.

As for Lawngtlai Hospital, it could be maintained regularly with 48 more staff consisting of 4 Medical officers and specialist. Regarding Kolasib District Hospital, the existing 42 staff will be increased upto 102 in order to maintain 100 bedded efficiently.

According to our speculation fund for the said will then be included from this year's budget for which non-plan fund of my department for this year is increased by 132.5 lakh and Plan fund by 499 lakh. As soon as this Budget is passed, 400 more staff will then be acquired so as to meet the requirement for the newly upgraded District Hospitals.

Moreover Mr Speaker Sir, I am proud to mention that we will soon be able to appoint more Nurses, Health Workers and Doctors from Centrally sponsored scheme R.C.H. Here priority may be given to those who had been working on contract basis for 7 or more years. Yet it may not be possible to give all of them appointment at first phase. Hopefully, the rest will soon be given appointment to the post which may be vacated by those regularised from R.C.H. In the same way, the government will determine appointment in respect of Health workers and others.

Not only this Mr. speaker Sir, in order to solve the problem of the people in remote areas, the government determines posting of specialists in every Community Health Centres for which 27 new Doctors including surgeon are being appointed.

Even though there are more points to raise, I have to stop here due to limit of time.

Thank you.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, in view of the need to improve Health-Care in Mizoram, I opine it is much necessary to pass this resolution

Moved by Pu Liansuama. Fortunatly, Health Ministry allocated Plan fund amounting to 10,000 Crore from which 10 will be utilised in the North-Eastern States. This means that we are having sufficient amount of fund for improvement of Health care in our state, we have even received instruction from the Central Ministry to prepare project for the year 2005-2006. Project for Construction of 1 District Hospital has already been prepared following the guideline of Central Health Ministry i.e. one District Hospital in a year. Since we are having 3 District Hospitals to upgrade, it is necessary for us to approach the Central Ministry by passing this resolution. Here, it is to be noted that this upgradation does not concern only of construction of the building, but also of staff quarters, instruments and maintenance of the hospital which may take not less than 22 crore. Since the said requirement cannot be met from state fund alone, it is necessary for us to give pressure to the Central Ministry so that sanction is given for infrastructure development within the year 2006-2007. what we can do for that achievement right now is to pass this resolution unanimously.

Secondly, since the existing strength of staff is not sufficient enough to maintain our hospitals including which will soon be opened, allotment of budget in respect to Health Department for the year 2006-2007 is increased by 582 lakhs in Compare to the previous year not less than 200 new

posts have also been created under Health department which includes, Doctor, Nurses and other technical workers. Furthermore, 500 more will again we made as soon as allocation of Plan and Non-plan fund is increased by the next year. Hopefully, we with soon have sufficient staff so as maintain health Department efficiently and in order to achieve our needs, it is important for each of the member to vote in favour of this resolution.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We now have finished discussion on our resolution. I now call upon Mover of this resolution Pu Liansuama to wind up our - discussion and then beg permission of the House to pass the resolution.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, to start with, there is a saying "A baby who cries more often for her mother's milk usually is more satisfied than the other babies". In the same manner, in order to meet our requirements, we are bound to give more pressure on the Concern Authority. As for this reason, I move this resolution with a hope of Unanimous support from the members so that we may be able to give an intensive pressure to the central government.

It is much appreciated that most of the members participated in the discussion of this important resolution. In regard to criticism of Pu Andrew Lalherliana against the Ruling Ministry as being classified in two groups A and B, the truth may be proved from our reaction to this resolution.

Hence Mr Speaker Sir, I now move that this House pass the resolution for upgradation of Hospitals at three district Headquarters Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai to District Hospital by this efficient government. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Liansuama has now moved this House to pass his resolution "Hospitals at the three District Headquarters Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai may please be upgraded to District Hospital under this efficient Government". The members who agree to pass may say 'yes' and those who don't may say 'no' (the members 'yes').

This House has passed unanimously the resolution moved by Pu Liansuama Our business for today is now over. The Meeting will be resumed on 20th March, 2006 at 10 : 30 AM.

Sitting Adjourned at 4 : 05 P.M.