

S P E A K E R : Anyone to Speak ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, your contention that it is difficult to ~~Assembly~~ hereagain in time after a ten minutes recess it is quite true. Will you give us a chance to study the Address and start discussion tomorrow ?

S P E A K E R : We shall not have discussion today. The Business for today is just moving the motion. The Governor has addressed the House and Pu R.Lalawia has move a motion of thanks which is seconded by Pu H.Rammawi. Is there anyone who likes to speak okay, the BAC was constituted yesterday which will function under the chairmanship Saingura Sailo, Minister i/c P.A. is ex-officio member, Pu R. Lalawia Pu K.Lianchia and Pu Lal Thanhawla are appointed members. But Pu Lal Thanhawla decline the appointment and in his place Pu Vanlalngena is appointed as suggested. Pu P.Lalramliana is also appointed member of the BAC, which has six members. After this sitting the committee will meet in the office of Speaker. The Business for today is finished.

Meeting adjourned at 11 : 200 AM.

L.C.THANGA  
Secretary.

PROCEEDING OF THE THIRD SITTING OF THE FIRST MIZORAM STATE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON 12th MARCH, 1987.

PU J.THANGUAMA, Speaker at the chair, 10 (ten) Minister and 26 Members were present.

BUSINESS

OBITUARY

Mr.Laldenga, Chief Minister and leader of the House to make obituary Reference on Mr.R.Dengthuama, Ex-M.L.A. ( Assam ) who died on 12th October, 1986.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

2. (1) the Speaker to announce names of members to be on the panel of Chairman.
- (2) The Speaker to report to the House the time table settled by the BAC for the current Session.

MOTION

3. Pu Sangura Sailo, Minister, Law, Judicial & P.A. to move motions for elections to -
  - (1) PAC (11) Estimates Committee.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

4. Discussion on motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address to commence -

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S P E A K E R : The first item of Business is obituary Reference on Mr. R. Dengthuama Ex-MLA ( Assam ) who passed away on 12.10.1986. Now we shall call the Chief Minister and Leader of the House Pu Laldenga to make the obituary Reference.

PU LALDENG  
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Pu R. Dengthuama was one of the most popularly known among the Mizos. Every grown up Mizo knows him. After prolonged illness he passed away on 12th Oct. 1986 at his home at Thakthing Veng, Aizawl. He was 66.

He was personally and intimately known to me as he was my classmate at class VI. We both hailed from the same village of Bukpui. He was born in 1920. His Father was Chhunruma, a Primary School Teacher. After Passing M.E. School from Serkawn M.E. School, he completed High School from Bijnipur Christian High School. He Studied I.Sc at Scottish Church Collage, Calcutta, but abandoned his study without completing it.

He served as Censor Officer during World War II in 1942 and was stationed at Chittagong. From that time he was preoccupied with politics and always told us about the politics of Mizoram at that time.

He was one of those who formed the first Political Party in Mizoram, the Mizo Union. In the Southern region of Mizoram, he was an important leader. Except during his study and during his life for the political awakening of Mizoram. He was elected M.L.A. of Assam in 1952-54 and he was one of the foremost MLAs. He worked as Judicial Officer in Mizo District Council from 1954-59. He once told me that Government service was not his inclination and that he held that post on the request of his superiors. He thus left the post and re-entered politics after sometime. From 1967-68 he was president of Mizo District Congress and he was ordained Church elder in 1980.

He was one of the leaders who fought for restoration of peace and normalcy in Mizoram during disturbances. Till his last day, he was a member of various Committees set up for restoration of peace in Mizoram. When we returned from underground he told me that he accomplished his goal in Political field and that he wanted to retire.

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Mizoram, he had a sincere concern for the uplift of Mizoram. He spent all his life for the progress of Mizoram, with his death, Mizoram lost a great leader who dedicated his life for the service of the people and of the land. I am grateful today for being able to speak about him. He was my personal friend and guide. His death was a great loss to the Mizos he was one of the pioneers of politics in Mizoram. He set many examples for generation to come. He deserved to be remembered in the History of Mizoram for his Contribution to Mizoram Politics.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Is there anyone who wants to Speak ?

PU HIPHEI : Mr Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has said about Mr. R. Dengthuama and I did not know much about him as I lived in a distant place. I wish the opposition Leader is present today to speak about Pu Dengthuama who would know him more closely and intimately than I do. However, I would like to say whatever I know about him.

These days, a man is almost at his heyday at 66 and can be of great service to the nation. The untimely demise of Pu Denthuama at that age shocked not only his family but also Mizoram and the people living in it whom he loved very much.

Although I do not know much about him, what I know is his sincere desire for restoration of peace and normalcy in Mizoram. Although he was as old as my father, he always invited me to his home and told me how Mizoram was badly in need of peace and harmony. His speech had a deep impression on me. He always told me how he sacrificed his services for the restoration of peace in Mizoram. Today, peace has been restored, the politics of Mizoram will go on in an atmosphere of peace. That he was no more with us to continue his political career in that peaceful atmosphere hurts me much. However, it is the will of God and no one can object it, I would like to say today that his colleagues, his fellow politicians whom he always ably guided are very shocked by his untimely death. I wish that his principle of peace with which he desired to uplift the people of Mizoram remains impressed upon the minds of the people. May God console his bereaved family and shower his blessings upon it.

Thank you.

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PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, that we have an Obituary References on Pu R. Dengthuama today reminds me once again that we are living in a mortal world. My predecessors have spoken about him in good detail. When Mizo Union Party was in its heyday in 1946, the names of the Leaders were sung in songs. I remember singing myself the name of Pu Dengthuama among others.

When Mizo Union Staged a non-co-operation movement, he foresaw that better confrontation among Mizos would be inevitable. I think most people of this generation do not know that I would like to make this known to them.

He played a vital role in setting up Mizo District Congress Committee in 1967 and I remember him working together with the Hon'ble Speaker. He also played a vital role in paving a path for negotiation between MNF and Government of India. He also wrote a book on the subject entitled "With various development in politics, he was no longer leader of the Party which eventually act a table for finalisation of negotiation yet I know for sure that he was one of the leaders who initiated an endeavour to bring the MNF leaders and Government of India together in a negotiating table.

From personal contacts, I know that he was preoccupied with the progress and development of Mizoram. Therefore, his death is a great loss for Mizoram. I advice his desire for peace.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us suffice it now even though many member might like to speak. We shall now absence a minute silence as a mark of respect to Pu R. Dengthuama. (The House observed a minute Silence ).

The next item of business is announcement of name of members of panel of chairman who would preside over the meeting of the House in absence of Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

1. Pu Vanlalhruaia
2. Pu Zosiana Pachuau
3. Pu Liansuama.

The next item of business as proved by the BAC is discussion on the motion of thanks on the speech of Governor which is the business for today. Tomorrow, the Leader of the House will wind up the discussion and the motion will be disposed of the same day. The printing of Budget Book has not yet been completed and is expected to be completed on 20th this month. After presentation of the Budget, members will require at least two days for a through study of the budget. So 21st and 22nd are Scheduled for study of the budget by members at home, 23rd and 24th, are Scheduled for the discussion.

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I am of the opinion that it would be better not to give Ministers chances to participate in the discussion since they will be having chances to do so on demands in respect of Departments under their respective charges. Instead, I am thinking of giving more chances to members of the Opposition Parties.

Since some members like to tour their constituencies on 28th, voting on demands are schedule to be made on 27th which will be the closing date of this Session. Let copies of the Report of BAC be distributed to members.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to make one Suggestion. The Governments Departments cannot utilise the funds allotted under revised estimate until and unless they are voted in the House. Can the Revised Estimate be completed earlier and discussed and Voted before presentation of the Budget for 1987-88?

S P E A K E R : The Department has been pressed to expedite printing of the Budget Book.

PU SAIKAPTHIANBA : Mr. Speaker Sir, despite hard pressure from Government Budget Book is not completed in time. Who is responsible for this?

S P E A K E R : Instruction have been issued that all Government Departments should absence office hours starting from 9:00 A.M. and that attendance in the official gallery should be improved. I would like to ask Ministers once again to instruct their officers to be present in the official gallery when the House is discussing matters concerning their Departments.

Let the Minister in-charge Parliamentary Affairs present the report of BAC for approval of the House.

PU SAINGURA SAILD : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask this House to approve the report of the BAC which the Hon'ble Speaker has read.

S P E A K E R : Can we approve the report as it is?

PU HIPHEI : Mr. Speaker Sir, Private members Business is usually taken up on Friday. From there report, it transpires that the first Friday during this Session is scheduled for presentation of Budget thereby curtailing rights and privileges of members in discussing private member's resolution, which is unfair. If Government is not ready to present the Budget on the other day and if it admits the irregularity it made, we may approved it. If we go like this, the only chance a member has for consideration of private member's resolution will be closed. Can the BAC amend the report? Can Monday be scheduled for presentation of Budget instead of Friday?

PU R.LALAWIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, members from Opposition Groups outnumber ruling members in the sitting of BAC. After clarification of all difficulties lying a head, these members from opposition Groups approved the report. Under the circumstances, The BAC could be not set better schedule. The rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly provides that Friday shall be a time for taking up private members business and that if not suitable, Government Business may be taken up on that date. Therefore, I would like to suggest that this House unanimously approves the report.

S P E A K E R : What Pu Hipheih has said is true. Friday is the only chance in a week for considering private members resolution. While the Business Advisory Committee had its meeting, no private member's resolution has been received and as such the first Friday has been fixed for presentation of budget. There is no motive or intention to suppress the rights and privileges of members as such.

PU F.LALRAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, your statement that no resolution was received at the time the Business Advisory Committee was sitting was not true. I myself submitted one resolution. I have submitted my resolution ten days before the time fixed for discussion and my resolution is in order. The list of Business seems to have been incomplete since there is no mention that after presentation of budget, private members resolution would be taken up as agreed upon by the Business Advisory Committee.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, rule 26 of the rules of procedure & conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly provide that every Friday in every Session shall be allotted for private members business and also that if Government Business is to be taken up on this day, the Speaker may, in consultation with the Leader of the House, allot a time for discussion of private members business. Allotment of the first Friday for presentation of Budget does not violate any rule.

Mr. Speaker Sir, you appointed more members from the Opposition Groups as members of the Business Advisory Committee and members unanimously approved the report. Therefore, this House has to approve the report of Business

Advisory Committee.

PU HIPHEI : Mr. Speaker Sir, I did not mean to criticised the report or mean to say that it was in contravention with the rules, Since 172, Friday in every Session has been allotted for Private member's business. What I insist upon is a clarification as to why Friday is allotted for Presentation of Budget in this Session.

S P E A K E R : It was meticulously discussed Yesterday. Another Friday will come when a private member's Business will be taken up, if any. I assure you that.

However, the calendar was prepared in a limit time. Finance Department has also been urged to expedite completion of preparation of budget, and members of staff of Department worked round the clock. In 1985, budget was ready for presentation on 21st March, this year it is expected to be presented on 20th March which shows a little progress. We admit that the calendar is without any short comings. The Hon'ble Minister in-charge Parliamentary Affairs ask the House to approve it despite its short comings as a result of late completion of Budget. Will the House approve it.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, I second it.

S P E A K E R : The calendar was unanimously approved. We shall proceed to the next item. This House has many committees in it out of which to belong to Financial committees, namely Public Accounts committee and Estimate Committee, with nine members each.

As per rules, members of these two financial committees are to be elected from among members of this House. The Ministers i/c Parliamentary Affairs may like to say something in this connection. Let us call him now.

PU SAINGURA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, the matter was discussed MINISTER by the Advisory Committee on Business yesterday and it was agreed that the Membership of the two financial committee be shared by all Parties by ratio. But that was an informal discussion. As per Provision of sub rule (1) of rule 229 read with 220 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, nine members of the Public Account Committee should be elected for a term of 30 months from election. If there is no proposals for an election. I propose nomination of members of Public Account Committee for approval of the House.

The Estimates Committee is to have nine members. I ask the House to agree to have an election to membership of this Committee the time for which will be fixed by the Hon'ble Speaker.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Rules Prescribe that members of Public Account Committee and Estimate Committee should be elected In respect of Public Account Committee a Provision has been laid down in Rule 230, and in respect of Estimate Committee, the provision of rule 232 of the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly clearly defines the Procedure to be followed. But since Mizoram attained a status of U.T.



members of this Committee had never been elected, they had been nominated with mutual agreement between various political Parties. This year also nomination can be made in the same manner. I therefore, suggest that an arrangement be made amongst political parties to nominate members of these committee without holding an election. It would be the best thing if this House agrees upon the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Parliamentary Affairs.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Minister in-charge Parliamentary Affairs suggested holding of an election and at the same time allowed nomination through mutual agreements among various political parties if possible. The suggestion was seconded by Pu H. Rammawi.

It is the discretion of this House to decide as to whether an election would be held or membership may be filled up by nomination. The best thing is to make an arrangement among various political parties as was always done before.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, please fix the date for holding an election when the decision will be made. It is not time to discuss the matter now.

S P E A K E R : We have to decide it now, if we prefer to hold an election, the date for election will be fixed.

PU LIANSUANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the House has to decide which way it would follow. As moved by the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Parliamentary Affairs. I prefer an arrangement was done before, which will take less time.

S P E A K E R : Well those who agreed upon an arrangement among various political parties instead of holding an election may raise their hands. An arrangement is agreed upon unanimously. The Speaker will nominate members of Public Account Committee and Estimate Committee as soon as possible. Besides these two Committees, there are many other Committees like Library Committee, Assurance Committee etc.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, an arrangement has now been agreed upon. Will various political parties furnish the names of their nominees to you or will you select anyone you like?

S P E A K E R : Since I was elected Speaker, I think it would be my discretion to nominate anyone I like.

We shall now proceed to the next item of Business, that

that is discussion on motion of Thanks. Before starting discussion. I would like to announce that rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly Provides that the Business of the Assembly should be transacted in the official language or languages of the U.T. or Hindi or English. It further provides that if any member addresses the House in any of the languages which is not the official language of the U.T. or Hindi or English he should have to make over in advance to the Secretary a copy of the speech written in English. Our state language is Mizo. A member is allowed to address the House either in Hindi or English also. If a member wishes to speak in a language other than official language or Hindi or English, his speech requires to be translated into English.

The Rules Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly which is mainly followed in transacting business in this House is very incomplete and incomprehensive. Therefore, Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha and Practice and procedure of Parliament by M.M.Kaul and S.L.Shakdhar is also consulted. Besides this, if the guidelines are found not practicable or appropriate, a hand Book, Lok Sabha Speaker's direction and Speaker's direction are also followed in transacting business. So, the Rules we are following need immediate amendment for which experts among us will be nominated as members of Rules Committee.

Some members complained that casting of vote inside the House (during an election of Speaker) spoilt the sanctity of the House. Making such a complaint after it was agreed that casting of votes would be held inside the House is rather a degradation of the sanctity of the House.

A 10 minutes break after the address of Governor is shown in Bulletin Part II. But even the former Speaker did not necessarily observe it. As I said earlier after a break it is impossible to gather together again in time and as such I did not allow to observe that break. Under the Leadership of the new Speaker, the Assembly will frame new rules if and when necessity arises. For this, I appeal to all members to extend Co-operation.

There are many members having no conveyance facilities, I, the Speaker also have only one pool Jeep with which some members are lifted. Even my wife go by Bus. I would ask Ministers to provide one vehicle each to our members other than who live in MLA hostel during this Session. I hope each MLA can be provided with one Vehicle during Session, excepting those who already owned ones.

Now, we shall start discussion on Governor Address. Mr. Vanlalnghaka suggested that two minutes be allotted to each member. If we go like this, I shall stop every member after the bell rings, The Strength of member increased to forty now. After discussion on Governor's Address, discussion on Budget will be held. I consider that 10 minutes for each member would be quite enough. Members of the Opposition Groups will be given more time. The member made a point of order regarding duration of time to be allotted to each Speaker. If a point of order is to be made chewing of betel nut and reading of news paper is not allowed inside the House.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no rule which prohibited eating of betel nut inside the House. What rule did you mention? I know that reading of newspaper is not allowed inside the House. Eating betel nut is not prohibited as well as smoking.

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall have a discussion of the speech of Governor yesterday regarding the achievements made by the Government and plan and schemes set by the Government. We shall have recess at 1:00 P.M. and we shall resume our sitting at 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. But members may be prepared to sit upto 9, if necessary.

PU R. LALAWIA : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to thank this House for admitting my motion of the Speech of the Governor. The speech mainly dwells upon the achievements election was held recently, the Government Departments have limited time to prepare budget as a result, many proposals and schemes to be taken up by Government are not envisaged in the speech of the Governor.

The first paragraph of the speech is regarding an expression of thanks upon the restoration of peace in Mizoram. This is an important thing. This state Assembly Session can be held today because of an agreement reached between the MNF the Government of India. The new state of Mizoram was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 20th February, 1987. For the restoration of peace in mizoram, various political parties, Social organisations and churches did their best. on the night of signing of an accord, the jubilation of the people of Aizawl was beyond expression. The year 1986 is an important year in the History of the Mizoram. It is the blessing of god that an election to the Mizoram state Assembly was held smoothly. It is fortunate for the people that one of the parties contesting the election captured majority seats.

How this agreement will change the status of Mizoram can be seen in the speech of the Governor. In the 53rd Amendment to the constitution of India, certain provisions have been incorporated which deal with the protection of Mizo Customary Laws, ownership and transfer of land etc. Therefore this agreement is an by this agreement. One important thing brought about by this agreement was the visit of the Mizoram by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi who toured all over Mizoram for three days to have first hand knowledge of the problem of Mizo people. His speech on the occasion of the inauguration of state was also worth remembering. He promised to the people all possible assistances from Government of India. We are very fortunate and all these were brought about by the signing of memorandum of Settlement.

The Governor, in this speech pointed out that the Government is committed to protect the right and privileges of the minorities and to give due attention for their welfare as enshrined in the accord. It is unfair and undesirable on the path of a majority to suppress the rights and privileges of minorities.

In India, the Mizo's constitute a minority. Government of India protects our rights and privileges as is being done by Mizoram Government to minorities in Mizoram.

For the Development of Mizoram, road communication, air service and railway are the prerequisites. Action has already been taken by the previous Government for a attainment of these requisites and this Government is also taking active speedily. Allotment of funds in respect of various Department has also been raised. The working of PWD is also now mechanised, and the progress is speedier than before. Black topping work has been started in Aizawl town and the progress is quite satisfactory. This also seems to be the result of an agreement made between the MNF and Government of India. In the field of development, Mizoram lags far behind other states in India. All members, irrespective of Party affiliations, must join hands to work together, in the coming years to be able to keep pace with other States.

There are at present very few black topped roads under PWD. It is a matter of great pleasure to note that PWD is speedily taking action in this respect. Power and Electricity is also one of the prerequisites for Development. Unless we have adequate supply of power. No Industry can be run at all. Action taken and schemes formulated for construction of more hydel projects are pointed out in the speech of the Governor. Grid power imported from other States is also expected to be increased from 15.11 MW to 16.1 MW this year. Power generated from diesel engine generators is also expected to be increased to 3.25 MW which will go a long way in solving the power problems of Mizoram, and many villages can be electrified.

Schemes are also laid down for providing drinking water to more villages. Drilling of water from underground is also proposed to be taken up which makes the people of villages happy. I once proposed underground water drilling. I once saw the drilling in Meghalaya and I firmly believed that the same could be done in Mizoram also. I proposed drilling of water from underground many times and I am grateful that drilling is being done during the tenure of the present Government.

In Local Administration Department in long form a great progress has been made. There are no proposals for construction of community Halls. Village Council Offices, and Loans for Villagers and also construction of 88 Village Council Offices. Besides, an area near Muthi is being explored to see if there is lac. I think that all these are possible as a result of signing of the accord. The same time Mizoram is ushered into an era of peace, more blessings begin to be showered upon it.

The Governor, in his speech stated that Rs. 75.50 lakhs has been allotted for permanent cultivation, and that as many as 660 families have been assisted by Government in growing each crops. Moreover, as many as 1350 families have been selected by Government to take up permanent cultivation.

For maintenance of Law and Order. We need more police personal and also to improve their efficiency. It is quite gratifying to note that Rs. 2 crores has been sanctioned for the purpose.

Rs.3 crores has been allotted for maintenance of fire service. The PTC at Lungverh is also intended to be agreemented and improved. It is the policy of MNF party to improve the service conditions of Police personnel, to provide better living quarter and to increase the number. Raiding of more police battalions is our aim.

What the Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi promised to the people of Mizoram is worth remembering. The same blessing were expected as far back as in 1984 when Mrs. Indira Gandhi visited Mizoram. The congress Party also promised to the people during electrinering that if t he congress party was voted to power, more and more money would be released by the Government of India for Mizoram. But when we look at the Budget, the margin of increase in plan budget from the P.C's Ministry budget is very small. But when Rajiv Gandhi visited Mizoram after signing of the accord, as much as Rs.211 lakhs has been sanctioned for construction of inter-village footpath alone. For construction of 20 rural godowns, Rs.60 lakhs has been allotted beyond the provision of the budget. For water supply, Rs.100 lakhs has been allotted, for rural electricity Rs.150 lakhs, for power and electricity in Aizawl town Rs.350 lakhs the total amount being Rs.370 lakhs. Besides the expenditure for construction of National High Way linking Lunglei, Saiha & Tuipang which is 237 Km. long will be very high. The signing of the Accord has a great impact on the development programmes for Mizoram and with this agreement a new path will be paved for Mizoram to proceed towards Development.

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, as a seconder to the motion, I would like to say something. When I read the speech of the Governor in the First Mizoram State Legislative Assembly. I find in it many important things. However, the contents of the speech are not to my expectation. For the last twenty years, all Mizos inside and outside Mizoram suffered a lot under the cruel hands of disturbances. Our youth could not continue their studies and could not enjoy the happy social life. In the minds of the people there remained something gloomy which made them sigh in grief. Now all the darkness disappeared. Through the earnest effort made by the MNF, our Government and Government of India, we can now breathe an air of peace and harmony.

The contents of paragraph 4 at page two of the Governor's speech is to me the greatest among them all. Here is produced the speech of the Hon'ble Prime Minister when he visited Mizoram immediately after the signing of the accord. I believe that the Hon'ble Prime Minister will never neglect the needs of Mizoram whatever political party is in power in the State. The speech of the Prime Minister reproduced here is very important, and the Governor also expressed his thanks for it. Therefore, we also ought to be thankful for this. This new government may be incompetent or inefficient. But it is quite a comfort to know that the Prime Minister in his capacity is ready to extent any possible help.

At paragraph 6, it is indicated that road communication, power and electricity etc. are the pre-requisites for all round development. Particularly in Mizoram, the most urgent need is communication which includes road communications, railway service and air service. The most important thing is that this Government takes steps towards construction of reliable communication in Mizoram. It is a matter of extreme qualification to the people to note that Government commits itself to take immediate steps in this direction. To enable government to take steps speedily, we, members of this House and the general public have to extend full cooperation to Government.

Paragraph 7 deals with matters relating to power & Electricity. Construction of 132 KV Transmission reminds of the then Power Minister Pu Lalmingthanga who did his best for improvement of power supply in Mizoram. Not only does Mizoram need sufficient power supply but transmission of surplus power to also to be made for transmission of surplus power to other states when Mizoram attains self sufficiency in power supply.

At page 3 of the Governor's speech mention has been made about proposed installation of windmills and wind generators and Hmuifang and Sangau are said to have been the proposed places for the installation. I have seen such windmills near Amsterdam in the Netherlands and the mechanism is not complicated or sophisticated but simple. I am afraid the windmills, if they are installed, would be damaged by storm and cyclones at least two times a year. If it cannot be installed to withstand cyclones it would be more beneficial to the people of rural areas if petrolaxes are distributed to all Villages. Moreover, I think construction of Micro Hydel Project at Darzo would be of much more benefit than windmills. I would like to ask Government to reconsider this proposal.

Regarding MIZOFED and Apex Bank, it may be stated that many people get the benefit from these two institutions. The Department of Co-operation directly concerns the welfare, it would be a good idea if the staff pattern of the Department is informed. The post of Registrar Co-operative Society also may be made an I.A.S. Cadre post.

At page 10; it is seen that about Rs. 400/- lakhs has been allotted for District Councils which is a matter of great pleasure for the people. At the same time I am afraid it is like giving a sharp knife to a small child. Therefore, Government should give clear cut instructions to the authority of District Councils regarding proper utilisation of the funds so as to avoid misuse. I therefore, once again ask the concerned Department to give clear cut instructions and guidelines to the District Council Authorities regarding proper utilisation of these funds. Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir.

PU VANLALNGENA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, I carefully studied the address of the Governor. I find it quite good to a certain extent but it has also certain shortcomings.

I gladly accept what is mentioned at Para 1 page 1 which is regarding gratification on the signing of memorandum of Settlement by the MNF and the Government of India. But I cannot accept the following statement that the accord fully answers the aspiration of the people of Mizoram. It is true that we are all happy over the signing of the accord but it does not fully answer the aspirations of the people of Mizoram.

The MNF had been struggling for sovereign state for more than twenty years. When an agreement is reached between the MNF and the Government of India, what are the aspirations of Mizo People. The accord fails to fully answer our aspirations. Even the aspirations and expectations of MNF itself is not fully answered. For example, we are expecting to have a greater Mizoram but the accord does not provide for this particular thing.

During the period of insurgency, many houses are burnt down, a large quantity of properties were damaged. We are expecting that when an agreement is made, more compensation would be given to the victims and the burden of the people would be alleviated with the help of proper rehabilitation. But these expectations are not yet fulfilled. I do not criticise the accord itself but the statement of the Governor that the accord fully meets the expectation of the Mizo people. Moreover, we wished that all the natural resources be in the hands of the state Government. The MNF is also willing the same, but this aspiration also has not been answered. We also hope that all confiscated local arms should be returned to the rightful owners and also that all political prisoners would be set free. We also hoped that with the signing of the accord, provisions would be laid down empowering the state Government to abolish District Councils. But these aspirations remained unanswered.

The Governor expresses his gratification to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi and to Pu Laldenga for the important roles they played in bringing about this honourable agreement. At the same time we are indebted to the Congress Ministry which made an arrangement in the Ministry to accommodate Pu Laldenga and his colleagues. It is quite unfortunate that the Governor has not made any mention of it in his speech.

At para.2 of page 1, the Governor expressed gratification to the Election Commissioner for holding a free and fair election. He also thanked various political parties for their strict observance of rules governing conduct of an election. This statement is not true. The last election was not free and fair election. Didn't we call it a tussle, a contest between Mizo and Vai's (non-Mizos) this violate the provisions of the constitution of India, it spoils communal harmony. Therefore, the election can not be stated to have been free and fair. There were too many instances of treat intimidation and cheating.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, after thorough study of the Governor's speech I find out that the achievements made by the former Government envisaged in it is quite satisfactory which the schemes chalked out by the present Ministry are far from expectation.

Regarding electricity, what is enshrined in the speech is what the Congress Ministry had stated, e.g. Tuirivang Hydel project etc. At the same time no schemes appear to have been chalked out for construction of Bairabi Hydel Project. This is quite unfortunate. But this will be made clear

when the Budget is presented. It is a shame that the first Mizoram Assembly cannot present budget at the time of its choice. The officers responsible for preparation of the Budget must yet get it ready for presentation in the House at a stipulated time. Which Department is responsible for this delay? The press of Finance Department? Counting of Votes stated on 16.2.87. It was then evident that a Ministry would be formed and that a budget session would follow soon. But we have to wait for many days before preparation of budget is finished. This is a shame to Government and insubordination to MLAs in particulars.

Water set management Project at Darla-k is mentioned here. There are two members of the staff posted here with one tractor. The Tractor is used by anyone who likes.

Some people believe that the new State Government is God's creation. But the election was not free and fair. In my constituency which is inhabited by backward classes like Tuikuk and Takam, there were many instances of threat and intimidation during election campaign and even after election. We should immediately stop threatening and intimidating others since a Mizo youngman does not fear anyone.

When I visited my constituency after election results were announced, the Villagers of Drlak told me that they dared not clear the jungle for cultivation because of intimidation. I asked the Local MNF supporters why they did such things and I was informed that they did with the instructions of Pu P. Lalupa.

Even though the address of the Governor is to our entire satisfaction, the fact that it clearly envisages the efforts made by our leaders in bringing about restoration of peace in Mizoram makes me much grateful. I expect this Government to formulate definite programmes for the development of Mizoram. If it fails to do so, the people will reject it in the next election.

What makes me discontent today is that a few days after a new Government was formed, there was an incident of murder at Saitual. A number of persons were imprisoned and detained till date. The Hon'ble Chief Minister in his speech at Lammual stated that all prisoners would be released but till today many of them remain detained.

Regarding compensation, I would like to say that our Village being dominated by Mizo Union supporter during the disturbances, suffered a lot. All the houses were burnt down. While I am hoping that allotment would be made in the budget for the purpose, no provision of fund has been made.

Thank you.

PU P.C. ZORAMS NGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Address of the Governor, when meticulously studied reveals the greatness of Congress Party. The great deeds of the Congress Ministry envisaged in the address makes me quite happy. At the same time, it is unfortunate



to note that no mention has been made as regards to the steps prepose to be taken by this Government I wonder if no definite goal is again set by the new Government. During election campaign, no definite manifesto has been prefound by the party. Even after an election and after a new Government is formed, the Ministry has nothing to say regarding definite goals towards which it intends to lead the people. This is very frustrating. Some programmes which the MNF Campaigners promised to be implemented like giving of compensations, release of all prisoners, raising of additional battalions of MAP are not to be seen in the Governor's Address.

If I am not mistaken, the letter sent by the Emisary to the President of MNF to the President P.C. Party on 6th June, 1981 cautioned the P.C. Party not to submit anymore memorandum for abolition of Chakma District Council since it was a subject of discussion in the peace talk. We had a high expedition that the accord would abolish the District Council but to the extreme disappointment of the people, nothing about it has been incorporated in the Accord. The fact that many prisoners remain in jails today and that even the gallant Officer Maj. Kapchhunga has been released on parole testifies that the aspirations of the people are not fully met by the Accord.

Next, it is not enough to convey our thanks to the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Chief Minister alone for bringing about a close to insurgency. The Priminister even said in a public meeting after signing of an accord that conclusion of peace talk was possible because of the selfless sacrifice of Pu Lalthanhawla for the cause. When asked the reason why peace talk could not be resumed in 1982 at Palam Airport, the Chief Minister told the press that it was because the then Chief Minister could not step down. It is quite a pity that no mention has been made in the Governor's Address that the success of the negotiation between MNF and Government of India was brought about by the selfless sacrifice of Pu Lalthanhawla at the altar of peace.

The Governor in his speech stated that election was free and fair which is not true. I think it was because the sentiment of the youth was roused during election campaign. Young people of Saitual were involved in a faithting with the Dumkas and thereby thrown to Jail. The MLA of this Constituency and the Finance Minister are responsible for this. Why did they persuade the youngmen of the age group of 12-15 years to court arrest even after many houses were burnt down? Most of those arrested are students and their careers are sure to services are now in the danger of our campaign propogandas **in the circumstances, the election can not be called " Free and fair Election "**.

Why did we tell the people during election Campaigns? We told the people that the election was a contest between Mizos and non-Mizo (Vai) Just because I belong to a Congress Party. A teaching like this inseminate disintegrity and hatred among different communities. Is not the Saitual incident the consequence of this teachings?

In the Governor's speech, nothing regarding programmes set by Government is to be seen. Mizoram which lags far behind other states in the field of Development needs to take speedy steps towards development. There seem to be no hope in the present Government. Government servants are not to blame. How can they work without any clear cut guidances or instructions from Government? Government servants felt secure and performed their duties with great interest in the Congress Ministry. The reason was because Government was cognisant of the basic needs of the people. There is no time to teach the people to strife to attain an Utopia. The Governor, over and above omitting to express thanks to the deserved, called the election free and fair which makes his speech unsatisfactory. Moreover, no mention has been made of the abdication of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and his colleagues in favour of MNF leaders. It is because of their selfless sacrifice that a new joint parliamentary Government is formed today.

Among those omitted by the Governor in his speech, what I consider most important is creation of a separate cadre of civil service for Mizoram which is necessary for the Administrative improvement of Mizoram. Moreover, the MNF Party, during election Campaign, made many promises to the people, like securing better markets for gingers, stopping licensed sale of liquor etc. But none of these have been included in the speech of the Governor. To me, this tantamount to a contempt of Government policies, and also contempt of the electorates.

Raising of more battallions of MAP has also been promised. But the existing battallion has not yet been made a full fledged battallion. This new Government has many steps to take in this respect. Now there arises a need to guard the Burma, Cachar and Bangladesh borders which will require more police personnel. It is quite unfortunate that nothing regarding improvements proposed to be made in this respect is to be seen in the Governor's Speech.

It is reliably learnt that at Central Jail, Bungtlang which has capacity to accommodate 200 prisoners, about 400 persons have been incarcerated which is extremely unfortunate. Is Government intending to make a black hole of Bungtlang? All the young men of Saitual who were arrested in connection with the murder incident were also known to have been confined here. The conditions of the Prisoners cannot be imagined since the Jail building is extremely congested.

I wonder why the achievements and progress made by the printing & Stationery Department have not been mentioned here. It was because of the efficiency and hard work of the Department that the election could be held as scheduled. The Department deserves a mention in the Governor's speech. Moreover, the Department is under the charge of a cabinet Minister. That the achievements made by the Department have been omitted is a sheer insubordination to the Hon'ble Minister.

Next, no definite schemes for rehabilitating the inmates of Remna Run have been mentioned in the speech. It is learnt that this Government made a proposal to Government of India for Payment of Rs. 5,000/- each to MNF returnees for construction of Houses. It is further learnt that the proposal is elleged to be made by Congress (I) Party,

I want to clarify that the Hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Laldenga is solely responsible for this. It is again a pity that this proposal has not been included in the Governor's speech. I would also like to inmates of Remna Run.

To conclude, I would like to express my thanks to Governor for the speech which he delivered since it mainly deals with the achievements made by the previous Government. At the same time I am disappointed to note that many things which deserved to be mentioned have been omitted. Government should have a look at itself once again.

Thank you.

PU P.LALBIAKA

: Mr Speaker Sir, this is my maiden speech and many members appear to be proud of their seniority. When I carefully study the speech of the Governor. I am sorry to find out that almost no new schemes are envisaged while it concentrates on pointing out the achievements already made by the Government gone by.

As pointed out by many members. Governor seems to be misguided to maintain that the last Assembly election was free and fair. To prove this fact, let one state some incidents within my constituency on the eve of election. In Bolia Village, a public meeting was conducted and the people were forced to attend it. The MNF personnel asked the people how many of them would vote for MNF and how many for Congress. Only few people declared their intention to votes for MNF while the rest preferred to be manhandled instead of voting for the MNF.

After results of election were announced too, two Houses belonging to Chakma at Chawngte were demolished and a bomb exploded near the residence of our Block President. It appears that the atmosphere that prevailed before election continues to do so till now, and Saitual incident might have been inspired or instigated by this atmosphere. Under the circumstances, I can not consider the election as free and fair.

I am sorry to note that the name of Pu Lalthanhawla is not mentioned in the Governor's speech about restoration of normalcy in Mizoram. It is because of his great sacrifice that the MNF Ministers could join us today. I feel it necessary to amend the speech so as to include a statement about the contribution of Pu Lalthanhawla and his colleagues for the restoration of peace in Mizoram.

Next while Mizoram is badly in need of having its own Cadre Services, it is quite a pity that no mention has been made in this speech.

The following points which the MNF party promised the people during the election campaign were also not mentioned in the Governor's speech.

Securing better markets for sale of ginger produced in Mizoram has not been mentioned in this speech while the MNF party promised that it would be able to sell ginger at the rate of Rs.6.00 per Kg.

in Bangladesh. This tantamounts to a contempt of the Policy of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The MNF Party also promised to stop licenced sale IMFL, But in Governor's speech nothing of that kind has been mentioned. It is unfortunate that no mention has been made of raising another batallions of MAP. It would be highly appreciated if this Government takes steps to raise another batallions of MAP as we have a long time of boundaries to guard.

Central Jail at Bungtlang has a capacity of 200 inmates while about 400 people have been thrown in including those 50 people arrest in connection with Saitual incident. I cannot but wonder if Government is intending to make block hole of Bungtlang.

The performances and achievements of Printing & stationery has not been pointed out in the Governor's speech. It is because of their hard work that we could have an election.

Again, no clear cur statement about the intention of Government to rehabilitate MNF returnees has not been made in this speech. This is a pity. I would like to ask this House to state the policy it is going to adopt to rehabilitate MNF returnees.

Thank you.

PU S.HIATO

: To me, Mr Speaker Sir, today, the 12th of March, 1987 is an important day. It is the first time I contested an MLA in a state, and it is the first time I am elected an MLA of a state.

As already stated by my fellow members, in the speech of Governor, the point which deal with the achievements made by the Congress Government make me greatful. The status of Mizoram as incorporated in the memorandum of settlement, is not special. No Special provisions have been incorporated in the same and even higher status are granted to Andra Pradesh and Assam.

The statement of Governor about the District Council make me much grateful. But I would like to to say that the powers vested in the District Councils by sub-para (1)&(2) of Para 6 of the 6th Schedule to the constitution of India are not all handed over by the Government of Mizoram. As provided by the provisions of the constitution, the District Council should have powers over Primary Schools, dispensaries, Market, fisheries, Road Transport Cattle farm, waterway, Agriculture Animal Husbandry, Community Project, Co-operative societies, Social welfare, family planning etc. of all these the District Council is now vested with powers our Primary Schools. I would like to ask Government to take steps to vest more powers with the District Council as provided by the Constitution of India.

While the Governor was an Lieutenant Governor visited Saiha on 12th December, 1986 he promised that all powers provided in the Constitution would be vested with the District Council. The prime minister also made similar promise. I would request Government to look into the matter and to materialise the promises.

Members from Chhimtuipui District are facing problems of lodging here in Aizawl. Since 1953 Government has been urged to make arrangement for District Council House but till today nothing has been done. Mr Speaker Sir, I request Government to take immediate steps to construct or even hire building for District Council House for lodging of the District Council members when they came to Aizawl on official duties.

In the 1985-86 Budget, a provision was made for construction of District Council House at Aizawl. It appears that the fund is going to be surrendered.

I have something to say regarding election. The election was neither free nor fair in Tuipang Constituency. The Congress (I) supporter at Lawngban Village were treated with ostracism if they voted a Congress (I) Candidate. Mr. Hipei polled 54 votes out of the total votes of 269 at Lawngban. At Serkawn, out of 368 votes, he polled 100 votes. Those who cast votes in favour of Congress (I) candidate in this two Villages were expelled from the District Council. Under the circumstances, the election cannot be called free and fair election.

We have seen a proposal for improvement of Health Services in Mizoram. But the Schemes are mostly intended for Aizawl. As you know, there is no any specialised doctor in Chhimtuipui area. Saiha dispensary is a 50 bedded dispensary, but there is not a single surgeon to perform operation. As a result, many patients with serious illness to Aizawl. As a result, many patients who can be cured here in Aizawl die in our area.

It is learnt that some new buses have been purchased recently, Buses which are now plying in our area are worn out and there is only one bus service to Tuipang. The Bus is always too congested that straphangers always greatly out number those who occupy the seats. A bus service from Kawlchaw to Saiha is much more congested. Compared with the condition which prevails here in Aizawl District, the condition of Chhimtuipui is unimaginable.

An allotment of Rs. 400 lakhs has been made for District Council. The amount is so huge that the Hon'ble member of Sangau Constituency rather feels uneasy about it. But there is a country Aid rule framed by Government of Mizoram to be followed in utilising these funds. Meanwhile, provision in the revised Estimate, can not be released by Finance Department as yet. I am afraid that the funds would lapse when the financial year expires. I would therefore, like to ask Government to look after the District Council with fairness. We the people in District Council area are expecting special treatment from Government since we are backward. While expressing gratifications over the speech of the Governor in General.

I would like to say that my gratification is not complete since a proposal for construction of Micro-Hydel project at Chhintuipui which is expected to be capable of generating 400 M.W. and construction of Micro-Hydel project at Tuitlawk are omitted in the Governor's Address. I hope Government would take steps to improve the power position of Chhintuipui area.

Thank you.

PU H. FRANGDAWLA

: Mr Speaker Sir, the address of Governor can be divided into four parts. the first part mainly deals with an expression of gratification over the signing of memorandum of settlement which is quite comprehensive. The Hon'ble member of Suangpuilawn constituency Pu Vanlalngena voiced his discontentment in that the Governor does not convey his thanks to Pu Lal Thanhawla. Probably the Hon'ble member did not read para 2 of the address which goes on like this - " I take this opportunity to thank all people who untiringly worked to bring about peace in Mizoram". Here the Governor thanks all people who worked for restoration of peace in Mizoram. All the names of the people cannot be named and I think it improper to insist upon naming the Congress Leader in this august House.

In my view, a statement that the accord fully answers the aspirations of the people of Mizoram is true. Had negotiations gone as desired by the P.C. and Congress parties, the 53rd amendment to the constitution would never have been made at all. What we desire most is restoration of peace and not anything else. Now with the signing of the accord, peace has been restored and there is no denying the fact that the accord fully meets the aspirations of the people of Mizoram.

The Governor's Speech clearly envisages the commitment of this Government to work for the uplift of the people of Mizoram. it commits itself to extend assistances to every individual in his strife for Development, in social life, etc. This is a matter of great satisfaction.

I am grateful that mention has been made of various achievements made by the previous Government albeit in less detail. Effort made by the previous Government in bringing about self-sufficiency in power & Electricity and Agriculture have also been mentioned and I would like to thank the previous Government for this.

The Governor's speech clearly stated that it intends to take steps for the Development of Mizoram, and members may not keep their eyes shut to it.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: The time is almost over. Those who spoke in the forenoon session will not be given time in the afternoon. Members who do not own Vehicles will be provided with the same. Nine members, namely Pu Chawngzuala, Pu Lalrinmawia, Pu K.Zahungliana, PU K.L.Lianchia, Pu Vanlalnghaka, PU.P.C.Zoramsangliana, and Pu Saikapthianga do not own vehicles. Arrangement is intended to be made to lift these members to attend assembly session and also to drop them when the sitting is adjourned in the evening. We shall now have recess and resume sitting at 2. p.m.

Recess till 2. p.m.

S P E A K E R

: We shall resume discussion. Eight members have spoken in the forenoon Session. Pu P.Siamliana may speak now.

PU P.SIAMLIANA

: Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir, we had a discussion on the speech of the Governor in the forenoon Session. The Speech mainly deals with the achievements made by the Congress Government and opposition members did not seem to have much to say but to make certain complaints.

During the peace talk, the then Chief Minister expressed his satisfaction about the status being enjoyed by Mizoram at that time. While gladly accepting the statement that it is a matter of great satisfaction that an accord has been signed, some of them utter words of discontentment.

The Chief Minister, when he arrived at Aizawl after signing of memorandum of settlement, stated that the provisions of the accord are not to their entire satisfaction. If the opposition members are not satisfied, let them ask for what they desire from their bosses in the Centre. It is strange that they sit here doing nothing while signing that the accord does not fully answer the aspirations of the people of Mizoram.

Certain untoward incidents occurred at Saitual. The Chief Minister also expressed his sorrow and he also expressed his wish that such incident would not recur in future. Politicising such an incident will never yield desirable results.

Regarding election, their bosses in Delhi also proclaimed that the election was free and fair. Alleged incidents of treat and intimidation are baseless. Frankly speaking all political parties promised many things to the people. The people know which party promise roof to the Houses with C.I.Sheets and which Party threatened supporters of other political parties with cutting of IRDP money. Not a single party is to blame.

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PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, I am happy today that a new Government has been formed after peace has been restored in Mizoram. I am also happy for being able to speak in the first Session of the first Mizoram State Assembly.

I consider the statement of the Governor about power and electricity not satisfactory. The future in this respect is stated to have been depending mostly on diesel-powered generators. Construction of Micro-Hydel Projects at Khawiva and Turivang are targetted. Why is it that the one at Vanva is omitted? Will the existing scheme be abandoned? Moreover, no mention has been made about construction of major Hydel Project. I can not but wonder of this Government has no intention of taking up construction of major Hydel Project. I cannot but wonder of this Government has no intention of taking up construction engine generators for our power requirements, no progress will never be achieved.

The previous Ministry has almost completed construction of Micro-Hydel Project at Ngopa within at my constituency. Unfortunately, the project has not been recorded in any record book. It would be a good idea if this is included among the achievements made by Government.

At page 3, the speech deals with mechanisation of construction of roads. While the pace of progress is expected to be speedier, employments for poor peasants will diminish or even disappear. Even the registered Constructors may be rendered jobless. I am afraid while a progress is made, it may have undersirable consequences upon the people.

At the penultimate line at page 3 is mentioned the name of newly constructed PHC and SHC buildings. One of them, namely the one at Hnahlan has already been constructed in 1983. I wonder why it has been included in the list of newly constructed PHC Buildings.

At page 7, under Education, Universalisation of elementary education and adult Education are stated to be given priority. This is a good idea. Not only India, but UNESCO also formulated a programme for universalisation of elementary education. Adult Education is now found insufficient and a woman development Co-operation is proposed to be set up. This is a good step to wipe out adult illiteracy. It is also stated that possibility of introducing ten plus two system in the School along with vocational education is under examination. The system had been recommended by the Kothari Commission as far back as in 1964-66. Why is it that the possibility of introducing the system is at the stage of examination in 1987? Has it never been examined before?

Setting up of a separate directorate of Sports and youth Welfare is a sign of the development in the field of sports and games. But at the same time, there is discontentment among officers of the Department in connection with their service conditions. The vacant post of officers were filled of country to the expectation of some officers who have been serving in the Department.



At para 30 of page 12, it is stated that construction of Central jail at Bungtlang at the cost of Rs.1.69 crore had been completed and the Jail had been commissioned. It is a sad achievement to have a jail building constructed at the cost Rs 1.69 crores. Had the expenditure been utilised for social welfare or Agriculture Development, the Address of the Governor would have been much more interesting. How come such a great jail building is required. Is it worth mentioning in this address ?

The last line of para 34 at page 13 goes like this - The Government is giving them (MNF Returnees) free house sites and financial assistance for construction. No mention has been made regarding the place where House sites would be given. It would be more gratifying for the MNF returnees if the address clearly indicates that free House sites will be given at Aizawl. The Amount of Financial Assistance should be made more specific.

In the Congress and P.C.Ministries many MNF returnees were given financial assistances many times. But the amount given is too meagre. Many of them were given truck Loan, but most of them did not have enough money to deposit as security. As a result, the profit was gained by the rich and the scheme was of no beneficial to the people for whom it was meant. Thing is different this time. The returnees are not too many, and to look after their welfare an MNF Ministry has been formed, and I hope more Financial Assistances are given for thier rehabilitation.

I am bit confused about the second sentence of para 40 at page 15 which reads - "Detailed plans for 1987-88 are yet to be finalised. I am sure the Council of Ministers will go into this in detail, lay down policies and physical and financial targets to be achieved during the next year". The same are understood to have already been submitted by Government of Mizoram to planning commission recently, and planning Commission has already finalised them. Allotment has already been made on the basis of schemes and policies formulated by Government of Mizoram and A.I.R. and T.V. also broadcast about it. Why is it that it is now indicated that the plans are yet to be finalised ? Next, if the plan is to be discussed by Council of Ministers, is there any need for us to participate in the discussion ? Is not this a proof of the incompetence of those who prepared Governor's Address ? Or don't you care much about it ? Now Government, committed to practical works for development is formed. Why is it that annual Plan for 1987-88 is stated to have been in a stage of finalisation ?

Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA

: Pu Speaker, it is the blessing of God that I can participate today in the discussion of the speech of the Governor. But only 10 minut is allotted while we are all accustomed to speak for not less than three hours. I woander how I shall abridge my speech.

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I would like to say something about the statements that the manner and conduct of elections served as a model and that the election was free and fair. During the 1984 election campaign, a P.C. Official Candidate Pu Lalthawmvunga was assassinated and another P.C. Official candidate Pu Balmama was attacked with explosives. The latter escaped unhurt fortunately. I myself, also prandomed my life with Rs. 1,000 from pistol totting guys. Order were circulated that an announcement should be made that no one should vote for P.C. Candidates and that stern action would be taken against those who did not comply with that instruction. The election was over, the Governor in his speech said that the election was free and fair. In N. Vanlalpai Constituency, election could not be held as scheduled yet the Governor been misguided? It is quite a shame. If the 1984 election was considered to be free and fair, the latest election must also be considered free and fair. If the two elections are not free and fair, these two sentences in the Governor's address must be immediately amended. If these sentences are to be obliterated, is there any reason why the statements made by the Lieutenant Governor regarding 1984 election would also not be expunged? The Bible, which says "You shall be measured with the same measurement with which you measure others" is a guide to our spirit as well as our day to day life. We must all remember this.

I cannot digest the statement that the Accord fully answers the aspirations of the people of Mizoram "- with the signing of memorandum of settlement, the MNF and Congress Parties might have been satisfied in their political goals. But one of the demand of the MNF, demarcation of Mizoram boundaries on the basis of specification in the North-Eastern Re-Organisation Act, 1971 was not acceded to. Again, another demand, i.e. vesting with Government of India powers over all natural resources within Mizoram, has not been acceded to with these demands not acceded to, can the agreement be considered as having fully answered all the aspirations of the people of Mizoram? I am afraid a record is made which can become an obstacle for us in future in our endeavour to secure a better status for Mizoram. Moreover, despite the fact that the constitution of india provides for unification of areas inhabited by one community into a single administrative unit, Government of India, in reply to the demand made by MNF delegates for reunification of all Mizo inhabited areas into a single administrative unit, said that it could not make any commitment to take steps for the purpose. Are we entirely satisfied with the replies given by Government of India? Vesting powers to abolish District Council with Government of India also form part of the Demands of the MNF delegates, but this demand also has not been acceded to. Under the circumstances, I would like to suggest obliteration of the statement that the accord fully answers the aspirations of the people of Mizoram. I am afraid this statement could pose a problem in future.

At page 3, mention has been made of the progress made in Aizawl water supply Scheme. Last year, it was declared that the scheme would be completed in July. I wonder if July is an April Fool. While expressing my thanks for the progress, I would like to ask the Government to expedite completion of the work so that the urgent need of the people can be met.

At page 14, something has been said about New Land Use Policy. It is indicated that as many as 46.78 persons were given grants in-aid under NLUP during the period from 1984-85 to 1986-87. There is a vast difference between the records in paper and the actual position. This policy is not feasible for Mizoram. Instead of helping cultivators to do permanent cultivation, it will serve as a harbinger of famine in Mizoram. I would like to foretell Government that a few months from now, various famine committees will approach it to ask for assistance.

At page 5 is mentioned the achievements made by the previous Government like giving of Septic Tank loans to 400 persons. This year there is a provision of Rs. 110 lakhs for Housing Loan, but it is learnt that 94 lakhs has already been disbursed to persons whose applications have not been rented through the Board. Why is it that such a large amount of money has been disbursed without renting it through the Board? Will Government take any steps to correct the procedure? It will be a matter of gratification if this new Government looks into the procedure with which Housing Loans were disbursed or given in the previous Government.

The validity of licenses for sale of liquor is going to expire on 31st March. While I am expecting that the Governor would state that licenses would not be renewed, I found a statement, rather proudly that during 1985-86 a revenue amounting to Rs. 161,43,320/- i.e. for ten months. This shows the high expenditure of the people on liquor and the future is grim. The expenditure has a tendency to increase substantially every year. What we consider as an achievement can bring about our ruin.

At page 9 is mentioned the progress made in the field of Health and family welfare. There seems to be very little progress in maintaining or improvement of the existing medical institutions. In my constituency, there are PHCs at Ngentiang and Chhingchhip with no doctors. I spoke about it in the last Budget Session and the Hon'ble Minister promised me that in either of the PHCs, a qualified doctor would be posted. Unfortunately, no action has been taken till date. I would like to ask the Hon'ble Health Minister to take note of this and to make immediate arrangements for posting of doctors in the PHCs.

At page 10, we see that Government is intending to allot larger areas of plots of lands for agricultural purposes. In Mizoram there is no definite land holding system which poses obstacles to development works. When Government is taking up Development work in certain areas, some people claim ownership of the land and the work is always impossible to be carried on. The number of passes issued does not indicate the efficiency of Government. Unless a land holding system is introduced, Mizoram will be full of private lands within a very short period which will block all development works. Otherwise, Government is forced to acquire private lands thereby exposing itself to severe flak.

Regarding education, many High Schools, Middle Schools & Colleges are stated to have been upgraded to the status of deficit system. While this development is much welcomed, dissatisfaction always presents itself

as a result of sanctioning of the posts of only one teacher and Headmaster along with one post of Grade IV Staff for each School. Previously, the practice was sanctioning of the posts of Headmaster, four teachers and two Grade IV Staff. This new deficit system even comes to be dubbed as Congress Deficit System'. What Mizoram needs is qualitative improvement in education.

At page 11, is mentioned about the police. It is quite gratifying to note that much improvement has been made in the organisation of police set up and providing them with better housing facilities. At the same time, it is unfortunate that villages within my Constituency are not within the jurisdiction of Champhai P.S. while others say that they are within that of Sefchhip P.S. There is a constant problem whenever there arises a necessity for obtaining police verification. The people of my Constituency would breathe a sigh of relief if Government opens a police outpost at Chhingchhip.

At page 12, we see that financial assistance would be given to MNF Returnees for rehabilitation. The questions the people in Villages always ask are, - who are the MNF returnees referred to here? Are the returnees other than those who came our ground after signing an I cannot give definite answers. I shall be much grateful if it is clarified. The conclude, the Governor's speech mentions nothing which is of the concern of Lungpho Constituency. Thank you, anyway.

**S P E A K E R** : The time allotted to each member appears rather short. Most of us are accustomed to speak many hours. However, we shall be having more time during budget discussion will be held subjectwise. Members of opposition parties will be given more time. Members of ruling party will be given time to speak afterwards. Lastly the Leader of the will wind up the discussion.

**PU LIANSUAMA** : Mr Speaker Sir, is it not better to give chance to anyone who likes to speak?

**S P E A K E R** : It is up to you. It will be accepted if you can give them chances.

**PU VANLALHRUAIA** : Mr Speaker Sir, I would first of all, like to say something regarding election. In my constituency, Tuikuk were forcefully driven out from their houses to cast votes since they were already paid money to cast notes in favour of certain parties.

Regarding construction of Jail buildings. I consider that the Jail building is too small that in a room capable of accommodating 75 people. More than 500 were confined. Therefore, the Jail building is too small.

I am very sorry to learn that the District Council has not been vested with the powers as provided in the Constitution. I hope this Ministry vested all powers with the District Council as provided in the Constitution.

There is much mention of Saitual incident. If we are going to politicise it, no political Party can escape blame. The people of Saitual have long been oppressed and they have been almost breathless. Now a new Government is formed in which they can breathe freely.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA :

Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me a chance to speak, to deliver my maiden speech in this House.

When I study the speech of the Governor. I find it quite acceptable. The achievements mentioned in the speech are made by the previous Government and I take pity on the members of the Opposition because there is very few achievements to be envisaged in this speech. The Governor was also placed in an awkward position since he was constrained to praise the performances of the previous Government. While there is not much to say about it.

Since the people rejected the previous government because of its inefficiency, there is no need to speak about its inaction. Now a new Government is formed and the people hope that it would be much more efficient.

I would like to express my dissatisfaction over the scheme for procuring more diesel generators instead of lasting assets like Hydel Projects. Now, there is no scheme for continuation of the construction of the construction of Bairabi Hydel Project.

The Governor expressed his thanks to the Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and Pu Laldenga. To a certain extent I support the contention of some members that Pu Lal Thanhawla also deserves to get the credit. We are very much indebted to him for his obedience to his boss who instructed him to abdicate in favour of Pu Laldenga.

No doubt the accord is not to the entire satisfaction of the people. We all know that it does not meet the entire aspirations of the people. What we should know is that whenever a necessity for negotiation arises, the terms of agreement can not be dictated by either of the negotiating parties. In the case of Mizoram accord. We must fix responsibilities for failing to meet our expectations to someone who can do if he likes. Government of India could not accede to all the demands of the MNF delegates, and we know that in the centre, Congress Party is in power. It is extremely unfortunate that a branch of that Party is having a foothold in Mizoram.

The Governor expressed his thanks to the election Commission for conducting the election smoothly and successfully. The performances of the election in this election like guarding the ballot boxes against rigging, running election Machineries successfully etc are quite satisfactory. The election Commission performed its duties satisfactorily.

I would like to say soething about Saitual incident as a member of Saitual Constituency. Saitual has no inter connection at all Effeorts to make political Capital art of the incident merely worsened the situation. A contention that incident of killing at Saitual was the result of instigation of the people is totally baseless and untrue. In that incident, the Pankas were the agressor, but the reaction on the part of the Villages of Saitual was rather tough. This incident has no connection with politics, it is a sudden, unexpected incident and there was no time to instigate anyone to kill the Dumkas. On the other side, I don't think anyone gives drinks to the Dumkas to incite them to action. I hope the authority concerned disposes of the matter shortly.

Thank you.

PU F. LALRAMLIANA

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Mr Speaker Sir, the achievements made by the Congress Government as indicated in the Governor's speech is satisfactory. But steps proposed to be taken by this Government

are not mentioned which is paid to understand. I hope this will be clarified during budget discussion.

I think all of us remember the Jubilation of the people on the night of 30th June, 1986 when a memorandum of settlement was signed. After 20 years of insurgency, Mizoram once again enters an era of peace and harmony. But when we see the provisions of the memorandum, it is found that there are many shortenings in it. In Punjab agreement, the priorities of Punjab are enshrined at no.1. But in Memorandum of settlement, nothing of that kind is indigated, during the disturbances, many people lost properties and even lives but in the accord there is no proposal for compensation to anyone killed. (by terrorists or security forces ). Now a new Government has been formed and the people have fervent hope that larger amount of money would be given as compensation. I would like to ask Government to take immediate action to give compensation to all victims of disturbances.

We have something to repent. It is a pity that we have a habit of treatening voters with dire consequences if they do not vote in favour of our parties. During the previous election campaign one candidate Mr Lal-thawmvunga was assassinated. This time also there were many instances of treat and intimidation. many people in my constituency asked me to send some Mizo youngmen to their Villages to protect them from MNF party is in power, I hope threats and intimidation disappear.



At Saitual in my Constituency about 90 rebels from Burma have a hideout. I ask immediate action from Government to drive them out. Nine families migrated to my Constituency from Burma. I ask Government to deport these people immediately.

At para 9 it is stated that construction of roads would be done with machines. I don't think any kind of Machine would be effective as long as it is operated by the P.W.D. The Department is doing construction of road between Diltlang and Chawngte with Bulldozers. Almost five months have passed but no progress has been made because there is always defect in the machine. When a part of the machine becomes defective, it takes more than one month to replace it. I don't see any advantage which may come from mechanisation.

Regarding Civil Supply, I would like to say that there is absolutely no stock of rice in my Constituency. During the past three years, there was no such problem. If Government enquire the reason why there is famine, the answer is that the people did not have time to their own works since they were required to entertain the MNF Returnees as well as Security Forces. I shall be much grateful if Government takes immediate action to mitigate the problems of the people.

Rehabilitation of MNF returnees as indicated in the Governor's speech is far from satisfactory. It is said that house sites would be given to them and financial assistance meant? I would like to suggest that House sites be allotted within Aizawl area and that at least Rs 50,000/- be given to each of the MNF returnees for construction of Houses. I would also like to ask Government to make arrangement to absorb all of them in police Force in their own ranks.

Let me say something regarding power and Electricity. A project report has already been finalised for construction of Micro Hydel Project at Tuisumpui. The same has been forwarded to Government of India. Even though the project is not mentioned in Governor's Speech, I would like to ask Government to pursue the matter immediately.

To conclude, I would like to say that the people had enough of IMFL the licensed sale of which was initiated during Congress Ministry. I hope this Government does not continue it.

Thank you.

**DU HARI KRISTO CHAKMA :** Mr Speaker Sir, thank you very much for giving me a chance to participate in the discussion of Governor's speech today. I would like to express my deep gratitude about the statement at para 28 of page 10. A large amount of fund has been allotted for the Development of the three District Councils.

There is an acute shortage of rice in my constituency and I would like to ask Government to make arrangements for despatching of rice there.

What I want to say regarding construction of road under PWD is that the construction of Chawngte road has not yet been completed till today as a result of which the people suffered a lot. I would like to advise this M.N.F. Government to continue the works already stated by the Congress Government.

Electric/Power supply is very much irregular at Chawngte. There is no sufficient supply of Kerosene oil, and the problem in this respect is much acute.

We have a problem in water supply too, I would like to ask Government to take steps to improve the situation.

Due to absence of post office at Chawngte, many problems also arise. This problem also requires immediate attention of Government.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA

Mr Speaker Sir, I request you to give me a bit longer time for you are giving more time to Opposition Groups.

When we look back at the Lieutenant Governor's speech of 1984 Budget Session, we were happy about a statement that 324 MNF personnel were apprehended, such and such number of arms and such and such rounds of amunitions were seized. The Lieutenant Governor's address of 1986 Budget Session expressed hope that conclusion of peace talk was concluded, and in an atmosphere of peace, an MNF Ministry is formed. This is a matter of gratification.

But a statement in the Governor's speech that the accord fully answers the aspirations of the Mizo people is not true. The MNF President in his Public speech at A.R. Ground said that the provisions of the accord were neither to the satisfaction of the MNF delegates nor to the expectation of Government of India. While this speech was prepared, the Chief Minister might be too busy since he was preoccupied with other matters relating to the formation of Government. Probably it was because of this that the speech is not satisfactory. Since we all admit that the accord does not fully answer our aspirations. I suggest that this passage be amended.

As pointed out by the Hon'ble Member of Lawngtlai Constituency many accords have been signed recently on 25th July, 1985, the Punjab Accord was signed. Shortly after that the Assam Accord was signed.

It is true that the people of Mizoram could no longer suffer the panches of insurgency and that the Congress party announced that it would gladly accept any agreement arrived at between the MNF and Government of India. There are many reasons for which we crave for conclusion of peace talk. While some people hoped that Mizoram would attain higher status than Kashmir, others believed that in the coins of



Mizoram will be inscribed the bust of Mr Laldenga. In the Punjab Accord, it is clearly written that Chandhigarh would be added to Punjab while in the Memorandum of Settlement it is written that the Mizoram state will consist of an area specified in section 6 of the NEAR Act, 1971. While Article 3 of the Constitution provides for reorganisation of state boundaries if necessity arises, the memorandum confirms that Government of India did not make any commitment to alter the boundaries of Mizoram specified in the NEAR Act. This is one of the reasons why we cannot accept a statement that the Accord fully answers the aspirations of the people of Mizoram. The leader of the Hpuse also stated that the provisions of the accord were not to their entire satisfaction. Under the circumstance, I think some mistakes have been committed while drafting the speech.

The Governor concludes his speech with a statement that he pointed out only outstanding achievements of Government. Everyone is aware that in a small booklet like this all the achievements could not be written in detail. When electrification of Phalleng 'W' was commissioned. The C.E. Power stated in a public meeting that a Mini Hydel Project would be installed at bouring villages. He also promised that works would be started in the coming year. But in this speech the proposed project has been omitted. I would ask the Government to take note of this.

All of us condemn the killing at Saitual which occurred recently. The chief Minister also expressed his sorrow for the incident over AIR. But in this Governor's address, nothing has been mentioned about it. I think it would go a long way to console the victim and their families if a condolence is written here.

By Rehabilitation of MNF returnees, we generally mean those who came overground after signing of the accord. If so, those who came overground before, and those who are badly in need of rehabilitation, will not get the same. Under the circumstances it would be a good idea if Government of India is moved to revise the rehabilitation scheme so as to include even those MNF personnel who came overground before signing of the accord. Besides, I demand rehabilitation of all those whose properties were lost or damaged during disturbances without any discrimination.

Thank you.

PU ROKAMLOVA

Mr Soaker Sir, I think all of us are happy today as we are discussing the first speech of the first Governor of Mizoram state. During the disturbances, fear was the dominant factor in our daily living. We even dared not speak truth, rather we were always constrained to uphold even sheer lies as truth. While we are hoping that intimidations and threats, it transpires that such evil practices have not yet completely disappeared. However, representatives of the people who assemble here today should rededicate ourselves to fight against such evil practices.

Usually Governor's speech deals with the achievements made by Government in the previous years and also envisages the schemes and proposals to be taken by Government. The people of Mizoram elected a Government which they hope would be most efficient to develop Mizoram state. I would like to tell Government that within its five years term the people will be expecting them to provide them with their requirements.

The achievements made by the U.T. Government indicated in this speech are quite satisfactory as compared with the achievements made by other U.T. Government.

Regarding plan budget, it may be stated that we were not satisfied when the plan budget amount of Rs 130 lakhs was raised the next year to Rs 149 lakhs. This time, in a state budget at least Rs. 370 to Rs Rs 400 lakhs is expected. Moreover, the centre promised to make more allotment if required. I think we remember the Prime Minister allotted Rs. 800 lakhs for Development works when he visited Mizoram a few days after signing of the accord.

We expect this Government to continue the works already stated by the former Government. In the Governor's speech, no proposals or schemes to be taken up by this new Government are not mentioned. In the concluding lines, it is stated that the council of Ministers would lay down policies, physical and financial targets to be achieved during the next year. As a member of this House, I would like to point out certain problems which my constituency has been facing and I ask Government to not them.

The MAP's urgent need is raising of another 5 batallions. If 5 batallions cannot be raised, some additional batallions are required to be raised. They are expecting Government to take step in this direction and it is hoped that allotment of funds would be made for the purpose in the budget. Next, I would like to say that the ammend police force is desirous of setting up a national Guard in which the Police personnel expect to be absorbed protecting their ranks. Raising of a Mizo requirement is also the expectation of the people of my Constituency. I don't knew the feasibility or otherwise, but it is my duty to appise this House of the requirements and expectations of the people of My Constituency.

Many buildings in New market were burnt down during the disturbances. A joint team of Civil and Military Officers conducted verification for payment of compensation. Now this has been enshrined in the accord. I request Government to take immediate action to pay compensation to the victims which will also be a part of implementation of the Memorandum of Settlement.

Members of the first state Assembly who assembled today appear to be better disciplined than those of the previous Assemblies. There is no vociferous altercation and any kind of pandemonium in the House. But intimidations, menaces, or threats which we experienced during election campaigns must disappear. We must all join hands to fight against and to do a way with these evil practices.

As you promised Mr Speaker, every member expects you to uphold liberties and freedom of members.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I think there is no one to speak. the participation is quite satisfactory. Nine members from Congress Party, 6 members from MNF and two from P.C. Parties participated in the discussion. In case there is anyone who likes to speak, sitting hour will be extended with the permission of the House.

P U H I P H E I : Mr Speaker Sir, we are of the impression that the discussion is to be concluded tomorrow as you announced. Some of us therefore wait for tomorrow to speak.

S P E A K E R : The budget is expected to be presented on 20th March, 1987 and the House cannot be adjourned more than 7 days between two sittings. In order to avoid that irregularity, a sitting is scheduled to be held tomorrow.

Let me say something regarding Saitual incident, the matter is subjudiced and it is improper to discuss here in this House, many Mizo youths were arrested in connection with 1979 Silchar incident. A number of Mizos were killed, while no non-Mizos were arrested, many Mizo were arrested in Mizoram. The action taken in connection with Saitual incident is fair enough.

The atmosphere which prevails in our sitting today is healthy and lively. Tomorrow, please try to enter the House in time i.e. at 10:30. Please do not be in a habit of making a point of order if the sitting is not started exactly in time.

8. The sitting is adjourned till 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 P.M.

L.C.THANGA,  
Secretary.