

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us listen to the Bill introduced by our Minister can you distribute the copy? (a copy was distributed among the members).

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, when the ruling and the treasury bench made a speech you switch on the mike but when we made speeches you switch off the mike what is the reason?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is no power supply. We shall resume our Session on the 24th August, 1988. I adjourned the House.

House Adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

L.C. THANGA,  
Secretary.

PROCEEDING OF THE FIRST MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
EMERGENT/SPECIAL SESSION  
3RD SITTING ON 24TH AUGUST, 1987 (MONDAY)

PRESENT

PU K. THANFIANGA, Deputy Speaker at the Chair. Chief Minister, 11 (eleven) Ministers and 26 (twenty six) Members were present.

CALLING ATTENTION

1. PU VANLALNGHAKA to call attention of the Minister in-charge Health and Family Welfare Department on the sufferings by some persons due to consumption of poisoned fermented soyabean at Kolasib.

MOTION

2. PU P.SIAMLIANA to move a motion for approval of statutory orders on Pawi District Council in the following form :-

"That this House do approve the statutory orders on Pawi District Council which was laid on the Table of the House on 18th August, 1987."

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill to be considered

3. PU SAINGURA SAILO, Minister in-charge Parliamentary Affairs etc. to move the following bill to be taken into consideration -

- (1) The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Minister Bill, 1987.
- (2) The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker Bill, 1987.

And

- (3) The Mizoram Salaries Allowances and Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly Bill, 1987.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : "Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to govern this thy great people?". It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this - And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you".

I Kings 3:9-12

It has been three days since the session started. Today, we have 3 Bills to consider besides calling attention and Breach of Privileges to be taken up.

First of all, we will take up Breach of Privileges motion to be moved by Pu Hiphei.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thought you are going to read it out for me.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : All right, I will do it.

To,  
The Secretary,  
Mizoram Legislative Assembly,  
Mizoram : Aizawl.

Subject : Notice of complaint of the rules 145 of Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

Sir,

As permitted by the Rules mention above, I am submitting the following complain to the House for its decision and necessary action.

On the evening of 22.8.1987 at about 5.p.m, I was going to a friend's place to have dinner with my wife. My Vehicle was stopped and delayed at Dawrpui, Bungkawn by Pu Lalsawmliana, Sub.Inspector of Police where he insulted me in public and said.

- (1) I did not know that you have been delayed.
- (2) I have no time to give you personal attention as I am too busy.
- (3) I do not believe that your Driver has a driving license.

As a result we had a heated argument and people started together around us. When I consider his behaviour towards me, I not only failed to keep my appointment. I am of the opinion that he despises not only me but all MLAs and this August House.

Therefore, this Sub.Inspector of Police should be given due punishment in order to safeguard the dignity of this House.

Yours faithfully,

HIPHEI

I have read the complaint submitted by Pu Hiphei. If he has to say in this regards, he may do so.

PU HIPHEI :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank the House for accepting my complaint. It is not actually pleasant to make a complaint. I have in

fact, waited for quite sometimes before I submit this complaint as I was hoping that Pu Lalsawmliana would regret his behaviour and come forward to have face to face talks so as to reach an understanding without having to bring the incident to the notice of this August House. However, as there was no such time and also today being last day of the Session, I am compelled by circumstances to submit a complaint today. I deeply regret to have to talk about outsiders who could not participate in our discussion here in the House. On the other hand, I was deeply hurt by the incident. As I want my experience to be future example for safeguarding the dignity of the members and this August House, I am submitting a complaint today with much hesitation.

As stated in the complaint letter on the evening of 22.8.1987, I was going to a friend's house to have dinner with my wife. My vehicle was stopped and delayed at Dawrpui Bungkawn by Pu Lalsawmliana, Sub. Inspector of Police where he insulted me in public. As my usual driver was absent due to illness on this fateful day, I was using another driver whom I know and who has their own vehicles. I also did not know that he left his documents at MLAs Hostel. After we were delayed for quite sometimes, my patience worn-off, so I personally went to see Pu Sawmliana, Sub. Inspector who at that time was checking documents. I requested him to let me go on my way as I was getting late for the programme we have. I also informed him the reason why I used this driver. But, what he said to my pleading was that he did not know that I was delayed and that he had no time to give me personal attention as he was too busy. He also said that he did not believe the driver I was using as holding any driving license.

As a result, we had a heated argument and people flocked together around us. When I an insult to the dignity of House and its members who represent the people. Though, I respect his performance towards his duty. I do but feel hurtled the way he treated me in public. I may be a humble man, but the people elected me to represent them. I feel that Pu Sawmliana despised not only me but all the MLAs and this August House by behaving that way.

I have no suggestion regarding action to be taken against Pu Sawmliana and I do not want to make anyone's life unpleasant. But, as I want to safeguard the dignity of the House and the members, I have decided to bring my experience to the notice of the House and action may be taken if necessary. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If anyone have things to say in this regard, you may do so but one may not take too long.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Member had submitted his experience. Truly speaking. We the MLAs do not deserve respect so it is good to know the problems faced by our fellow members. From sometime back, police has become very active but they need some more instructions to exercise traffic rules and regulations because some of them do not know these rules and even the Government has to see this. There are many rules in Motor Vehicle Act and Mobile Court is also there.

Whenever a Traffic Police is going to check any vehicle, there must be an order or warrant from the authority. Otherwise they can no simply check someone's vehicles especially the MLAs during Session. We may go out at anytime like early in the morning or at midnight but they can not delay us.

Regarding checking of vehicles, we've thought about the condition of the motor and the driver. If they are trying to do this, why do they check only at Bungkawn? Let them check Bawngkawn and Zambawk also. Or let them do the registration of out going and going in of vehicles as it is done in other states. For driver also, even if we do not have driving license or documents. There is a proper rule to do things. They will note down our number and we will be told to produce our driving license or necessary documents. They should not detain either the driver or the vehicle. Therefore, this also has to be noted in mind.

Regarding the present case, I don't think even a police Officer did it intentionally. He had done this to the Hon'ble MLA may be because he was too busy. Truly speaking the Police are having uniform discipline. So it is good to check the discipline of Police like how they approach other officers.

We all know the position of MLAs in order of presidency. I used to think our position offered to us by God and people is not recognised by the people and even the Government Servants. It is trust worthy what the Hon'ble Member said that the Hon'ble MLA has driving license.

Besides this, when we visit our respective constituency, we used to have passengers from our constituency but it is a shame for us when a policy duty even if he is not a traffic duty stopped and checked us. Therefore, I do hope even this incident will leave a good example in the future.

All of us who are sitting in this House can experience this kind of incident. So it is necessary to protect ourselves and our dignity. The Hon'ble Member who submitted this Breach of Privilege has been respecting the House. What I'd like to suggest is that the House has a Privilege Committee so let this Committee take up this case by consulting House Leader, Speaker and the mover.

Thank you.

PU VANLALHRUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the incident met by the Hon'ble Member was so sad. Therefore, this matter should not be neglected. I think it should be taken up by Privilege Committee.

Thank you.

PU F.LALRAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'd like to say few things in this matter as I was there while the incident took place. On that Saturday evening I ran to that side with Pu Hiato and people were gathering at Bungkawn. When we looked around we saw Pu Hiphei, a Member from Tuipang Constituency waving his hands. We parked our Motor at the side of Hospital road and we went to them. Though I didn't know how they started. I think it is not good to treat any member in such a manner by any Police Officer as if to make fun of us.

We, the Members are nothing but we are elected by the people, so even if the Officers do not know us personally, they should give importance to us after knowing who we are. In the case of Pu Hiphei also, his driver said he was driving Pu Hiphei's motor, that Police Officer should know Pu Hiphei because there is no other person who bear this name and as mentioned earlier Pu Hiphei had become a member in this Legislative Assembly since U.T. and he had also been a Deputy Speaker and a Minister of State, so he should be known. Anyway, we the members are expecting respect wherever we may go. Almost Officers, big Officers are very polite and show respect to us but those who are in the law post are very difficult to deal with; sometimes we have to wait them for half an hour even for a simple thing. Therefore, I do request the Government to revise the privilege of the members and circulate orders if necessary.

Today also I expect that Official Gallery to be full but its not like that. It came into my mind that even our Session does not

have any meaning for the Officers. Anyway it does not matter whether we are ruling member or Opposition Member, our dignity is the same. Therefore it is the duty of the Government to preserve the dignity of the members of this House. And in this particular case I do support the proposal of the member from Kawrthah Constituency to leave in the hands of the Privilege Committee.

Thank you.

PU R.LALAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I feel sorry for the incident met by the Hon'ble Member. As the Rule 148 permits it. I think it is good to hand over to the Privilege Committee.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are discussing about the privilege of the members. It is clear that this matter is very important because its written in the Constitution of India in Article 192. The Privileges of the MLA, House and Committee is clearly written in it. Even in our rule 148 it is written.

The incident met by the Hon'ble Member led my mind to the other days in which I've met this kind of incident. The Hon'ble Opposition Leader Pu Lal Thanhawla also said just now that they couldn't arrive in time because of the heavy jam of traffic. Similarly, this morning, Pu Deputy Speaker there was a heavy jam of traffic at New Street. I'd like to know whether the traffic Duty checked at the checked place while checking vehicles or Is there no such checking-place? I also met this kind of incident once. My driver didn't carry his driving license but at that time everything was done according to rules. That Officer told my driver to produce his driving license before 9 A.M. the next day at Thana. I'd like to know by what means this Sub.Inspector stopped the Hon'ble Member. We are having immunities during Session. It is unlawful to check MLAs during Session. Shall we still have these who do not know rules for traffic duty? Therefore, as some of the Hon'ble Members had suggested, instead of reprimanding that Sub.Inspector in the House, it will be better to have Privilege Committee take up the case and give that Sub.Inspector some punishments which will also give a good lesson to our Officers.

Thank you.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble  
MLA Pu Hiphei had moved this  
motion. I also have met this  
kind of incident. Once in the  
month of June also Public Account Committee Team went  
to Champhai and Ngopa, we were stopped by the Police  
duty at Khawzawl. I myself was driving and I was the  
first. There that Police stopped me and even after I  
told him that we were PAC members and MLAs he said that  
he never knew PAC. Even when we return from Champhai  
he still didn't know what is P.A.C. There also we had  
discussed that our Police too have some more to learn.

Truly speaking. We used to  
respect those who are above us because we are them more  
often. We do not respect that much even those who are  
above us if we never meet them. Likewise Pu Hiphei also  
even if he is not an MLA, he should be saluted by Police  
Officer because he is an Ex-Minister. Therefore, in  
this particular case also our Police Officers have many  
to learn. I don't mean punishment but he should be  
taught at least something like MLAs are to be respected  
and also that all the MLAs do not necessarily drive ZRG  
but they used to go by ZRM too. Which does not mean  
that they are not MLAs. So the Police Officers have  
some more to learn but we are not their teachers. I  
therefore demand that let the teachers do their work.

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have  
MINISTER enough discussion regarding  
the incident met by Hon'ble  
Members. From the discussion  
of the members general idea can be formed. Pu Hiphei  
himself admits that his driver was wrong for not carry-  
ing his driving license but after knowing that it was  
Pu Hiphei's MLA he should be treated in other way. In  
the mean time we members of the House should also res-  
pect traffic duty and try to help them in their way of  
checking drivers driving license. During P.C. Ministry  
I used to drive myself but always keep my license  
whenever I may go.

Even the Police should know  
who is to respect. Like that it was not proper to de-  
tain even after knowing it was Pu Hiphei MLA. So ins-  
tead of taking decision in the House. I think it will  
be better to refer to the Privilege Committee so that  
we can take up another Business.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is it quite enough?



PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that they still think we are in a disturbed state. I really feel bad for the incident met by the Hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency. I do support to refer this case to the Privilage Committee which will consider this case carefully.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we shall call upon House Leader to deliver his opinion.

PU LALDENGA :  
CHIEF MINISTER I think it is necessary to consider the report of the Hon'ble Member. We all feel very sorry for this particular incident.

So as some of the Members had suggested. I think it is good to refer this particular incident to the House Committee. And I'd also like to point out that as we, members of this House are the Legislators, let us try to give examples to the public to obey rules and regulations and let us not think Police are the oppressers. Anyway my point is that let us refer this case to the House Committee.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : From now on no one can speak long.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if we refer to the House Committee as suggested by the House Leader, it will not be appropriate. So instead of refering it to the House Committee it is better to refer it to the Privilege Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have heard the opinion of many members. So now we shall make our decision. As rule 148 permits is we shall refer this case to the Privilege Committee.

PU VAILALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, he mentioned House Committee twice.

PU H. RAMMAWI :  
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no confusion as the House has various Committees.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

We shall refer this to the Privilege Committee and the Committee should consider this case within one month and after

that it will give report to the House.

Now we shall proceed to the next Business that is Calling Attention Motion. I shall read out the motion but there will be no discussion. Only the mover will say and the concerned Minister will reply. The Motion is :

To,

The Speaker,  
Mizoram Legislative Assembly,  
Aizawl : Mizoram.

Subject : Calling Attention to a matter of urgent importance.

Sir,

Rule under 57 of the Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly I call the attention of the Minister i.e. Medical and Health Services to the following matter of urgent public importance.

I request that the Minister may make a statement there on 24th August, 1987....of the matter Mizo Arsi, a Local Daily in its issue dated 12th August, 1987 published that as many as 39 persons have been suffering from eating a poisonous fermented soyabean in Kolasib. Out of which 8 persons were admitted into Hospital. This is a matter of great public importance and the notice.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- VANLAINGHAKA.

Now we shall call upon the mover to say few things.

FU VANLAINGHAKA :

Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker, for giving me a chance to speak. Pu Deputy Speaker, you've given me time to speak. At Kolasib some persons suffered from eating a poisonous fermented soyabean and I was there too at that time.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Well now you've said so we shall call upon Minister in-charge.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Wait Pu Deputy Speaker, the time you've given me is not ended at yet. (I didn't fix the time) Then I am beginning you more (Not permitted. Now we shall call upon the Minister) Let me finish. One person had died and another 49 persons were admitted to the Hospital. Why shouldn't we mention this?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It's enough now we shall call upon the concern Minister.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the incident at Kolasib for eating a poisonous fermented soyabean is deep regretted. We fell sorry for our people who are suffering. They are mainly from New Kolasib area 56 persons suffered from stomachache, vomit and diarrhoea. Among these, one person namely Ramfangzauvi, 21 had died on 13th August, 1987 and another person Tlanhhungi 25 had an abortion. And 15 of them were admitted to Kolasib Hospital and those who were not admitted were also been given treatment by the Doctor at their respective houses. Names of the person admitted to the Hospital were Sangpuia, Laldinliana, Lungmuana, Thanglawra, Zosangliani, Zothanfala, Biakmawii, Vanlaltlamuana, Rampani, Ramchhana, Tlarhhungi, Tlanpara, Ringliana, Lalbiakzami. As I've mentioned earlier, Ramfangzauvi had died but others were released from Hospital in good condition except one.

It is difficult to find out from where this soyabean had been taken. There were two persons who fermented those soyabean. One was Pi Maichami of Kolasib Vengthar who bought 4 Kgs of soyabean from Te-i D/o Pi Sawiluaii. It was said that these soyabean were brought from Champhai. But its not been proved whether it was cultivated in Mizoram or it was taken from other may round but its investigation is still going on.

As soon as Medical Officers know about the suffering caused by this poisonous fermented soyabean. They gave report to Kolasib Police and SDO Civil and the SDO also had reported the matter to Aizawl DC. So the Police and checked all the soyabean found in Kolasib and destroyed it and there was no more report about the suffering caused by soyabean.

There who suffered from eating a poisonous fermented soyabean were visited by Hon'ble Minister Pu Tawnluia. We feel so sorry for this incident and the Police had been investigating about this till now. And that's all I can give the report.

Thank you.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, point of clarification. He said they were admitted Hospital, how many of them were admitted to Kolasib Hospital, Kawnpui Hospital... Is the Government intending to give compensation to these victims? And can you clarify them by reading out the names of the victims?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, 15 of them were Hospitalised at Kolasib but I can't give the names of others. There is no other compensation rather than the treatment they were given at the Hospital.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, that's a wrong information because some of them were also admitted at Aizawl. (It's enough) Waite. Pu Deputy Speaker, wrong information should't be given. (There can be a question in calling attention) but its point of clarification (He had answered it) I didn't raise any question. I am demanding clarification only. (You've mentioned about rules so now I am going to stop you as by our rules). But it is permitted to have clarification. (One person cannot do mote than one). But I'm the mover and I'm demanding to give the House a right information.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we shall go to second number. Pu P.Siamliana submitted a motion for approval of statutory orders on Pawi District Council which had been laid in the House on 18th August, 1987 by District Council Affairs Minister. So now I shall call upon Pu.P.Siamliana to move the motion.

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.  
Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg your  
kind permission to discuss the  
following motion in the House.  
Let me read out the motion. That this House do approve  
the statutory orders on Pawl District Council which was  
laid on the Table of the House on the 18th August, 1987.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we've heard the motion he  
had moved. We shall call upon  
Pu P.Siamliana to be the first  
Speaker in the Discussion. I  
think some of you may have many things to say in the  
discussion but we shall fix 10 minutes for one member  
and I do hope you can say as much as you want during  
10 minutes.

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, being the  
mover, can you give me some  
more minutes. (You are given  
15 minutes). Pu Deputy Speaker,  
the Pawl District Council had been dissolved because  
this Council had been violating certain laws and rules.

First of all its in regard to  
financial irregularities, secondly in misutilisation of  
fund and thirdly in regard to non-deservation of finan-  
cial rules and procedure and also to administration and  
New appointment - the previous Ministry released a noti-  
fication on 20th August. It's written clearly in no 6  
and 7 as follows - The District Council shall not enter-  
tain new staff out of the fund.... at the disposal  
without...approval of Government of Mizoram. But with-  
out proper advertisement more than 70 new staff were  
appointed as follows :

1) Peon	-	10
2) Typists	-	6
3) Circle Inspector-II	-	1
4) Circle Inspector- I	-	1
5) L.D.C.	-	10
6) Chowkidar	-	2
7) Dak Runner	-	2
8) Dak men	-	3
9) Assistant Revenue Officer	-	3
10) Information and Public Relation Officer-1		
11) Assistant End. Officer	-	1
12) Finance & Accounts Officer	-	1

13)	U.D.C.	-	-	-	1
14)	Assistant Account & Circle Officer	-	-	-	1
15)	Circle Education Officer	-	-	-	1
16)	Demonstrator	-	-	-	1
17)	Forest Guard	-	-	-	6
18)	Assistant Engineer	-	-	-	1
19)	Junior Engineer	-	-	-	1
20)	Project Officer	-	-	-	1
21)	Sanitary Inspector	-	-	-	1
22)	Forester	-	-	-	11
23)	V.L.W.	-	-	-	1 (Village
24)	Field Worker	-	-	-	1
25)	Assistant	-	-	-	1
26)	Extension Officer Sericulture	-	-	-	1

Regarding finance also there were many things to be pointed out for example misuse of money. It was mentioned as Repair of Water Tank. Rs.50,000/- each was given to Vaithuampui, Bungtlang, Chawngtlang, Lungtian, Sangau, Vawmbuk, Saidah L and Saikah as lump sum. But no works had been done. At Lawngtlai Village. There was a provision of Rs.1,40,000/- for maintenance of Jeep Road and they added Rs.2,00,000/- which was not included in the provision. And in Bazar area they sanctioned Rs.1,50,000/- for which had been taken up by BRTF. They proposed Rs.3,00,000/- to prepare District Play ground but this amount had been given to their favourites to make a retaining wall instead of constructing a play ground.

There was also a Personal Loan which had been distributed among the PDC members. In 1976-75 round about Rs.67 lakhs was received under Plan but from 1986 its about Rs.26 lakhs and it seems they didn't know how to utilize that much amount of money so it's divided among themselves. There were about 70 staff in PDC and among these, 40 of them took personal loan without any provision. Like that they misused funds they used to get.

Regarding vehicle also there are some points to be pointed out. The District Council had their private motors and those motors were hired by others people at the rate of Rs.7,000/- per month. And the District Council collected money which was supposed to be submitted to Personal Labour Account but without submitting that and without consulting even an SDO or Drawing & Disbursing Officer, they just called the Cashier whenever they return from their journey and drew PA & DA as much as the amount kept by the Cashier. So Pa Deputy Speaker, it is not known till now where the Rs. 1,50,000/- had been.

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Mention may be made in regard to Village Interpath and School repairing. Rs.10,000/- was sanctioned for Kawlchaw L.P.School whose length was 12 ft. but for that the one who took up the work could finished only in a day. And for Lawngtlai Primary School III Rs. 15,000/- was sanctioned but no proper work had been done till today. For T.Dungzau Primary School also Rs.10,000/- was sanctioned and it's been reported as they had finished but no work had been done.

Another strange thing is Pu Deputy Speaker, that about Serkun river. At Serkun necessary work had already been done when the M.N.F. returned from Arakan. But they issued work order again which means that they simply made double bill for Serkur river.

Regarding Village Council also, at Thaltlang the three V.C. members from P.C.Party and the District Council didn't approve the nominated member.

And I'd like to mention some more in regard to Inter Village pass and water supply. Saikah Village was given Rs.5,000/- for water tank in 1983-84 and another Rs.2,000/- was given again in that year and in 1985-86 they were given Rs.5,000/- again. That means they were given in double but the tanky was not properly made. Chawngtlangpui Village was given Rs.15,000/- for water-tank in 1984-85 but that was not done properly. Like that they were given Rs.33,290/-. In 1983-84 Rs.5,000/- was given for water Tank, Rs.100/- for sowing of seed and Rs.1,500/- for weeding of nursery bed, Rs.2,000/- for repairing & fencing. But nothing was done properly. At Chhiahtlangpui Rs.1,000/- was sanctioned for village interpath in 1984-85 but no path can be found. Likewise Taikhan and Sihtlangpui were given Rs.3,000/- and Rs.750/- was given again in 1983-84 Khawkawn was given Rs.500/- in 1983-84 for repairing Jeep road and again Rs.2,200/-. Like that they simply diverted the money but no works had been done.

Another strange report was Pu Deputy Speaker, that about their maintenance of Cash Book and A ccount. There was Rs.1,527.23 according to their Cash Book as balance outstanding but in their book entry dated 12.3.85 it was Rs.6,29,364.68. And in Office over drawal was Rs.3,00,000/-. According to rules if anyone draws money he has to distribute it as soon as possible. Otherwise it should not be drawn. And the remaining should be deposited to Treasury. But they didn't even deposite to the Treasury. They invest it and they overdraw it's interest and they have to repay by Rs.147.19 per day.

And whenever they go to Delhi or some other places they didn't make tour programme, they just go and when they return they collect any available money as their T.A. These things can not be neglected and I do request other hon'ble Members to co-operate. Thank you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any one to speak? Now  
Pu Lal Thanhawla, Serchhip MLA.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble  
Member had submitted a report  
regarding the enquiry of Pawi  
District Council and now we are  
discussing about it.

What I wanted to say is that  
the reason why they got District Council and why they  
had been favoured to have District Council and that they  
may be spoilt as they are minorities. I think the  
Government should take care of them as parents do. But  
now they think they are being harassed.

And as they thought that they  
don't have enough power for their own governing body we  
promised them to give more power as permitted by Sixth  
Schedule. But we couldn't do it quickly because its  
provision needed time. Even in an accord signed by  
Central Government and MNF special provision was made  
for them. Even the amount of money we could spare for  
them from state plan budget was too little. As the  
mover had pointed out earlier it was about Rs.6,00,000/  
7,00,000/- in the past. In 1985 and 1986 we increased  
and it increases in small amount every year. So in  
Current Financial Year the Central Government sanctioned  
4 crores out of 5 crores we demanded. Like that they  
were favoured even by the Central Government. It is  
clear that they will have many shortcomings specially  
in regard to laws and principles. But in this matter  
also we do hope that they will be taught and guided by  
senior and expert Officers. If I'm not mistaken just  
recently also Home Minister talked about how to develop  
them and he agreed to send senior Officers to help them  
in making plans to Chief Minister. But now as soon as  
this Ministry was formed one of the MLA from this Dis-  
trict left his party and joined another party in which  
he was made a Minister and it is clear that his first  
action was to destabilise the District Council. So it  
appears that there is an intention to dissolve the Dis-  
trict Council because before the Government issue noti-  
fication one man enquiry Officer had done everything  
needed for dissolution.

As I've mentioned earlier,  
they will have many shortcomings, but regarding appoint-  
ment as mentioned by the mover, they were permitted to  
do in anticipation of the Government Approval. And if  
they are given time to justify themselves I'm sure they  
will have many things to justify in regard to appoint-  
ment and money matter. Therefore it is better not only  
for them but whole Mizoram to help them in making plan  
under the guidance of the expert and have the Government  
look after them strictly for they can utilise money as



permitted by Indian Constitution and 6th Schedule Constitution and also as mentioned in Memorandum of Settlement. So that they can be developed gradually.

We do know about how the present Ministry develops Village Council. The Hon'ble Minister visited them without giving them any information. They could not receive him as they did not know that he was coming. But they were dissolved from Office just like that. There were many Village Council they dissolved without proper cause. If we really try to improve and develop them without having any intention to dissolve I think that will be best for our whole country. So if we do things with consideration and help each other we do not have to discuss these things and both sides can live happily.

Now also there are many accusation about Lakher District Council. These who are in the District Council can not stay in place because it is not known how the Government will take action. Therefore instead of harrasing people I do request the Government to show a good way and encourage them.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the concern Minister answer it.

PU SAINGURA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, the one Man Commission submitted some of his reports but we are not satisfied with that and we haven't taken any decision whether to add or not.

The sources of information is not only from the report of Commission. We've get informations from various places and we also have documentary prove for all these informations. We won't be able to tell our source of information we've got information even within an hour. That is the reason for taking action against the District Council.

And just now the Hon'ble Member used the word dissolve but it is not dissolved. For there can be better administration we only suspended the functions of the executive and Lawngtlai SDO is placed as Administrator in place of Governor.

PU F.LALRAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad for the answer given by the Hon'ble Minister. We got a telegram on 11th July, 1987 from the Government and we also heard from Radio. District Council Session was summoned beforehand so the members came for session on 3rd August without knowing whether they can have session or not. So a telegram was sent to the Government for clarification on 3rd August itself. But no information was received. Now also Pawl District Council session is being adjourned till today.

As pointed out by the Hon'ble Minister in 6th Schedule para 14 'The Governor may at any time appoint a Commission to examine and report on any matter'... So as already pointed out it is also written that will give the reports. Let me read out again para 14 of sub para 2- "The report of every such Commission with the recommendations of the Governor with respect thereto shall be laid before the Legislature of the State by the Minister concerned together with an explanatory memorandum regarding the action proposed to be taken thereon by (the Government of the State) In regard to the dissolution of District Council, the way of action taken by the Government was wrong because for source of information only some of the reports of the commission were submitted to the Government and it was not laid in the House.

Besides this, regarding their quota para 16(2) was based. This rule can be applied when the members are equal in numbers from each party and can not form a Ministry or if there is civil disturbance. But it is wrong to take action only because of irregularities, violation of financial rules. The Government should have a careful look in this matter or withdraw the order.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there are many things to be pointed out. Since the reasons of dissolution are made I'd like to clarify some of them. In para I wooden bridge had been pointed out. I was also an executive member in 1983-84. There are no J.E. and Engineer. Only S.As are there and they do not know anything about technical. They do not know how to maintain M.B. Book and there was none to check and to countersign.

Regarding stone of bridge, the span is not some at all. But it is lumpsum sanction. For example a bridge was made on Ngenpui river in 1984. And that bridge was repaired by Agriculture Department last year in which Rs. 10,000/- was spent. Since there is no much profit, a person is requested to do the work. Because of this they never invited tender and they never maintain measurement book and we are introducing now. They are also learning about building to do in a proper channel.

As the mover had pointed out, I'm sure that the Pawi District Council will commit many mistakes. If we are going to trace this, these can be many reasons and I'm sure we would not like to mention some of them.

Pu Deputy Speaker, one thing which is used as the source of information is completely wrong and that seems to be a report of the Commission. It is in regard to the construction of step and it was mentioned that the steps were constructed in between Sangianga's house and Dengmuan's house but there is no Dengmuana at Lawngtlai. Sangianga of course is there.

Regarding usage of funds, sometimes they were asked a large amount of money by the M.N.F. and in order to conceal this, they have to make other heads. Irregularities of fund was also mentioned. The Government used to send internal audit and even and A.G. used to send audit party and in their audit notes nothing was written. Like that how can they charge for irregularities of fund without any report from A.G. and there is none to be taken up by P.A.C. In regard to R.E. according to our rules no 12 - for the three districts. District Council Secretary will be D.D.O., D.C. will be Controlling Officer, and Executive Secretary will prepare utilization Certificate which will be countersigned by S.D.C and the copy should be given to A.G. They can not release the fund without these. But the new Government violated this rule and let the Under Secretary, DP & AR(E) Branch drew the fund and he was also told to hand it over to the Deputy Secretary D.C.A. The Secretaries of each District Council to produce utilization of certificates but the District Council could not do such thing. It is clear that the District Council was dissolved only because of this. If they want to take action, let them take to the persons like to the Controlling Officer or the D.C. In this matter there is no justice at all.

I'd like to say something regarding appointments. It seems that the Government does not know that the District Councils are Autonomous having their own Constitution and Rules. It is written in the Constitution in the Mizoram Autonomous District Council Constitution and Conduct of Business Rule, 1974. Chapter 24 follow - The Executive Committee may from time to time determine and appoint establishment to be employed by it, and may fix the salaries and allowances to be paid to such establishment provided that in any Financial Year the aggregate salaries and allowances payable by the District Council in respect of each establishment shall not exceed such limits as the administrator may fix from time to time. Post Creation had never been done from here since the beginning of Pawi Regional Council. If they are going to do post creation from here let them discharge those who are being employed from the seniormost. Order notification issued by the Government on 20th August,

last year violated the above rule. Therefore Pu Deputy Speaker, will the constitution be more powerful? District Councils are doing their right work and make appointments as they used to practice for so long. They used to take Governor approval after making appointments, that is their way of practice and its their convention. In this their is no violation of any rules. And since the administration was taken up by the Government. Lawngtlai S.D.O. has been appointed to take the charge of Governor. Lakher District Council, Chakme District Council and Pawi District Council has been dissolved and suspended in the past but the D.C. had been appointed to take Governor's charge. But now why do an Sub-Divisional Officer had been appointed who is under Deputy Commissioner? This really decrease the dignity of the Councils.

It seems that the Commission submitted a report that the signatures of Muster Roll are differ from each. How do they know its differ? Is there any expert to prove this? Therefore, the report of the Commission is not dependable. It was also mentioned that Water Tank was made at Saikah in 1983-84 by Rs.50,000/- and it is true.

Regarding internal village pass, how can we always have clean and clear pass throughout the year.

One more wrong report given by the Commission is that it has been reported that IVP from Chawngtlangpui is not there. How can such report be given because till today people are using this, Likewise sowing of seeds, repairing and fencing of plantation together at Sihtlangpui and Phaitlan are mentioned and I am sure these are not doubtful. For all these, report of the commission is not worthy to be used as sources of information.

Mention was also made regarding Marbeat Kai to Kawlchaw. But it was really constructed. Jeepable road at Kawlchaw is also pointed out for spending too much money in it. That is right because 1 Km from Kawlchaw there is a place to take balu and I myself asked the Government so many times to construct a permanent road and once estimates had been made but the Coalition Government had dropped again and I'm not sure whether they are keeping new or not. Since Lakher District and Pawi District are taking balu from here alone, it needs money to maintain the road.

In regard to appointment, we have our own ruled regarding nominated member of Village Council. It is written in Chapter 4 para 3 of Village Council Act. That Executive Members can nominate member how they used to practise it that at the time of filling nomination for Village Council Election they used to file for nominated seat, and it seems they still practice this.

Pu Deputy Speaker, though there are many things to be pointed out, I will wind up soon. Pu Deputy Speaker, in spite of all the points mentioned above the main reasons for dissolving the Council are that the Hon'ble Veterinary Minister and a woman are involved in this and also that the Council do not want to occupy the house of the Hon'ble Minister's father, and we are sorry for this.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me a chance. The Hon'ble Member who spoke just before me had pointed out as if the Governor assumed direct power violating provision of laws. But I'd like to point out that it does not violate any laws rather it is according to the laws. It's clearly written in 6th Schedule para 16 of Sub Para 2 as follows - "If at any time the Governor is satisfied that a situation has arisen in which the administration of an Autonomous District or region cannot be carried on in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule, he may by public notification assume to himself all or any of the functions or powers vested in or exercisable by the District Council or, as the case may be the Regional Council and declare that such functions or powers shall be exercisable by such persons or authority as he may specify in this behalf, for a period not exceeding six months." If we look at the above rules, there is no objection in regard to the power directly assumed by the Governor. It is clear that the Government is also giving importance to them as their case is mentioned even in the provision of memorandum of settlement.

Even in regard to Budget they are given separate budget. Likewise, they are highly favoured by the Government and they are specially looked after by giving them autonomous administration. And now the Governor assumed direct power in order to maintain better administration and also to utilise the funds in a better sense. I think they are done out of love. We must not take it as discrimination but we must know that it's been done out of love. From now on they will learn to take up administration according to rule of laws and the importance of provision of laws etc. It is sad that in the administration of Pawi District Council there is no maturity and responsibility. They are charged in many points. It is clear from the report and from the motion that their funds were misused by few people.

They made double bill for the construction of Forest Office at Tuithumnar. Besides these, it is clear that they do not mind about cash balance and they do not have any respect of democratic

principle. Because of all these things, our beloved brothers need admonition and for this purpose direct power was assumed for 6 months only. After 6 months they will take up administration by themselves and they will be able to learn how to take up administration.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I've got an announcement. Some of the members never signed in Attendance Register which means that you will not be able to draw your T.A., so you better signed. And those who have not submitted biodata for Who's Who also you try to submit as soon as possible. Well, you may continue.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, returning to our discussion, Hon'ble Member like Pu Ramliana pointed out as if this was done that we do not love them but as I've already said it was done because of love. They admitted that they had done wrong and blamed some other persons but that does not mean that we should not admonish them. I do therefore support the motion moved by Pu P.Siamliana. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will not call other members for morning session since its time for recess. We shall start at 2:00 P.M. again.

Recess till 2 P.M.

2 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall continue our discussion. Now Pu Hiato Saiha MLA.

PU S.HIATO : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me a chance in afternoon session. As we all know, there are three District Councils in the South. Whenever our Hon'ble Ministers visit us they told us that we will be loved and cared and looked after specially and this really consoled us. But now in about only 2 weeks there is a terrible disaster. I wonder why the Government is such in a hurry. An order was issued on 1st May, 1987 Friday for Pawi

District Council Enquiry Commission and the Commission was sent to seize all the files on 4th May. Besides this they received WT in regard to confiscation of power on 30.7.1987 saturday and the S.D.O. took the charge on 3rd September, 1987. Truly Speaking they will have something to be cleared for they're run for 4 years and 7 months. But they were not given any chance. They will have election on 1st November and they have only 3 months left but they can't even wait for that.

And now the District Council has been in the hands of S.D.O. Hon'ble Member from Saitual Constituency had said this was done because of love but that love will be a strange love. If we are look after with this kind of love, I'm sure Pawi, Lakher and Chakma will mourn forever. And I'd like to ask will that be a true love?

Pu Deputy Speaker, as you all know those who are in District Council are not highly educated and poor and I'm sure that there may be many mistakes. The main problems we used to face was that we used to report ourselves. Whenever we report each other we have to please the Ministry but sometimes we could not come to Aizawl to please the Ministry. Pu Deputy Speaker, now also that is the case. This kind of incident had taken place even in Congress Ministry, P.C.Ministry and M.N.F. Ministry as well. Therefore, it is difficult to know who loved us best. It is a matter of politics and District Council was formed because of politics. Pawi District Council was formed in 1953 and if we consider the background for giving Council, it is clear that we are specially looked after. Since we are toughed by every Ministry, our young generations have new thinking and they often reached Delhi to ask U.T. for our District Council area. The reason is its not that we want to separate from Mizoram but the way we are looked after is very bad and I hope you understand this. And I'd like to clarify some points.

Pawi District Council was charged for giving appointment to 171 persons. I dont find why they should not be given new appointments because Planning Department had already accepted their Plan No.G.28014/29/8788/BLG of 28.4.87. Advertisement was called on 14th May after the approval of the Planning Department only. And if we carefully read constitution of Conduct of Business Rule, Appointment is supposed to be made by the District Council. Only Gazetted Officers appointment is sent for approval. Therefore there is nothing wrong in this regard.

As the mover did not visit Lawngtlai what he had pointed out about Lawngtlai are meaningless. I'm sure you'll surely find pioneer road which is 8 feet in breath. Even the Enquiry Commission saw this.

Regarding dissolution of V/C can be dissolved with proper Rules and in the meantime appointment can also be given for nominated seat. We can see this in Village Council Act, 1974, para 6 even the duration of V/C is also there. And in para 25 the Executive can dissolve the V/C if administration can not be taken up efficiently. And in para 3 it is clear that the Executive Committee of the Elected Members will appoint 1/3 of nominated seat. Therefore, there is no violation of laws in this regard.

They are also charged for violating financial rules. Of Course there may be some mistakes. Frankly speaking, we used to copy what our leaders are doing. A sum of Rs.1,50,000/- which has been sanctioned for District Council was confiscated to purchase a motor and after a short period, they asked some amount of money to repair that vehicle because its been reported that it had met an accident. They did this because according to our rules only the Secretary can draw the money and the D.C. can sign it. We are glad that there is District Council House at Aizawl, but in this too, we have to submit a wrong bill for servant, furnitures etc.

As mentioned earlier by some of the members, the D.C. is the Controlling Officer, and nothing can be done without his countersign. And if there is financial irregularities, it will go to A.G. and from A.C. to P.A.C. then to the House. If anyone is to be punished for financial matter I'm sure none of us, even the officials cannot be exeused. When our Ministers and other Officials visit us, we sometimes used to make a feast but that expenditure can not be shown in a book, we used to enter under work order. Other Departments also used to do this.

Lastly, now the fund which had already been sanctioned is in the hands of those who do not work for it. Since we are facing election in the month of November, the funds are used to strengthen MNF Government, even S.D.O. Civil is quite active in this. We never think that we will be used as political instrument. So for the last I would like to request you to treat us with love so that we also can love and trust you.

Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say few words. I do not know much about this but Pu Deputy Speaker, I want the right ones to prevail as I do not favour any of you in this regard my words may be worthy to listen.

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I find it is difficult to consider this it is easy to show power when we are in power. According to me and what I learnt from the notification, there may be some other way to admonish in order to assume the power of District Council. The mover hold paper which seems to be his points and Pu Deputy Speaker, I think all the members should have it so that we can make right assessment and it should also be kept as House Property.

In page no.2 we find the dissolution of Thaltlang Village Council, it is written as follows - "Thaltlang Village Council was dissolved by the District Council simply on ground of unauthorised felling and disposal of few reserve trees and wastage of water pipe. The wrong deed could have been action of some miscrient beyond the control of the Village Council." I think this will be quite right. Some construction of bridges are also mentioned. In this case, the executive is not the one who constructed the bridges. It could be the work of some contractors. So the bad works or actions of some miscrients are not worth to dissolve the Village Council or District Council.

A member from Tawipui Constituency had also mentioned construction of field, retaining wall etc. for his points. Any way, in order to construct a field Retaining Wall is necessary. But that can not be regarded as a point. It was also mentioned that about 15 lakhs of rupees was lost and in Budget Session also we do not know how 5 lakhs of rupees was wasted. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, we should also examine ourselves. Regarding utilization of fund, we know that the fund should be drawn according to their needs and they should deposit all the balance to Treasury if there is any. Likewise even the present Government should examine itself whether these things are done or not. So since they have been given District Council. I think it is good to understand them and also to favour them.

I do not support to have District Council there but the Government of India felt the necessity and its been written in the Constitution and they've been given and since they are given District Council it is our duty to consider their welfare. According to me what we have done is too much. We may get ourselves into trouble for wanting of more power. So Pu Deputy Speaker, what we have done for the District Council is not justifiable. Therefore, let the Government give back the power to them for 2 or 3 months. So that at the time of election people can elect better ones. In every Ministry dissolution is very common. Even P.C.Ministry was blamed in this regard but Pu Deputy Speaker we did not dissolve though one man Commission was formed.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not take much time. As mentioned by the Hon'ble Member from Lungpho Constituency, the power of Pawi District Council was assumed because election is near at hand. Even the Minister in-charge should think carefully. Why did you take Rs.2,40,000/- from the Council fund - Rs.6,50,000/- which had been drawn on 31.3.87. There is no fixation for District Council House Rent till today. I myself went to the D.C. and enquired about this. So why did you simply take the house rent just like that? Is not this financial irregularity? On 12.5.87 father of the Hon'ble Minister in-charge District Council Affairs simply took Rs.2,40,000/- from Secretariat Administration Department. You can check by yourself. He took it for house rent. Shall we go like this? Think about the dissolution of Village Council. They were simply dissolved even without taking any enquiry. Is this the principle of democracy? The balance of the Council fund is being kept by Deputy Secretary. District Council Affairs. How can he keep Councils fund? Pu Deputy Speaker, does he have financial power? They have been harassed like this while even the doers are nothing. I'm going to proclaim this. I know many things to proclaim though they may not be relevant to Council matters.

Let us stand firm at the truth. The reasons to assume Councils power which was shown in the objective report on statement do not convince me at all. Therefore Pu Deputy Speaker, since it is your power, you form a Committee, taking members from both the ruling and opposition members to enquire into this matter. In the last session, the Hon'ble Minister in-charge District Council Affairs answered my question regarding District Council. There he said the house rent is Rs.16,000/- per month. But it has not been fixed till today. Why did he give wrong information to this August House. I, therefore, do request to take an enquiry if its not expanded. It would like to request House Leader to accept this because this matter is real. I do strengly demand to examine what we have pointed out. We are seeing speak in others eyes without noticing a log in our own eye. In the current year, the Council is being allotted more fund form the Central which he had already passed in the Budget, the amount will be Rs.4,00,00,000/-. It has been feared that this amount might be spent by the Council authorities for campaign. Therefore, I would like to request the authority to check themselves.

Thank you.

PU VANLALNGENA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me time. What we are discussing is very important Hon'ble Member Pu P. Siamliana had moved to approve the assumption of power from Pawi District Council. The Hon'ble Minister had made 9 points for reasons for action but other points pointed out by the mover do not convince me at all. As they are minorities, they are being given separate autonomy - Pawi Autonomous District Council. The way we are treating them is not good enough. We should also check ourselves. I do agree that fund should be utilised properly and that is why we have to speak out about Lottery. There is a financial irregularities in regard to State Lottery.

I also had seen one of the Ministers corrupted a sum of Rs.18,000/-. I saw by myself this and if it is wrong I'll resigned from MLA. I do challenge even the Chief Minister for truth.

Like that even in Pawi District Council there might be some mistakes but what we have some will be much more. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, we can not dissolve Pawi District Council because we are committing much more sin. As money is very important, it should be utilised properly. Pu Deputy Speaker, please do not oppose me as I'm in an Opposition group.

Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say something regarding the suspension of Pawi District Council. The notification accuses the District Council for irregularities, misutilisation of fund non-observance of financial rules and procedure.

I must say that the reason our here is mis-appropriation of fund. I am sorry that I have to report the case of Chakma District Council. The Executive Committee of Chakma District Council are having huge amount of liability. It was 5 lakhs rupees. The Minister concerned knew that very well. We have approached Government many times but what happened? Did the Government take any action for that? Can a District Council be suspended for mis-utilisation of fund or non-observance of financial rules and procedure? Then what about the Chakma District Council? I must ask this House why the Government had not taken any action? This is because of Executive Committee of Chakma District Council has supported MNF. Is it because of their support to the newly formed Ministry? It is known to everyone that the Hon'ble Minister i/c Co-operative Society and Vety have visited Chawngte

once. He inaugurated the newly formed Chakma Jatya Parishad's Political Party Office. In spite of having so much liability why has not any action been taken against Chakma District Council. I want to say that it is because they have supported MNF and why have based on minor reason for suspending Pawi District Council. I don't want to mention about this but before concluding I will say that it is not because of this minor false as shown in the notification that Pawi District Council has been suspended. It is because they were Congress. Then why is it that Government had not followed the same procedure as was followed in the case of Chakma District Council. I demand similar action. I wish this House will understand me and if I have committed any mistake in my speech I may kindly be excused for that.

Thank you.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the newly formed state Government in which people have high hopes is now functioning for about six months. We've tasted them for about six months but they too are just like the other previous Government. Now also we are going to review the achievements of this Government from what it has done to Pawi District Council.

In democracy, to seize someone's power there has to be reasonable cause. But it is too cruel to take this kind of action even without any reason. It is so sad that even our brethren Pawi are facing this kind of cruelty. If we are to be judged from what we have done of what we are doing, no one can escape punishment. That is why we need to have mercy and forgiveness to some extent. So it is difficult to accept the reasons given for suspension of Pawi District Council. The minor faults which have been pointed out earlier can be cleared even in correspondent if they were given time. So, if we are going to criticise any one, let us examine ourselves first. And lastly, though this motion had been moved in this House, I do request the House not to pass this motion.

PU R.LALAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, today's discussion is in regard to the rebuke of Pawi District Council which is an unfavourable condition. Though no one is perfect, I'm sure that the reasons which had been pointed out earlier to suspend Pawi District Council are quite reasonable.

According to me, for everything righteousness is the most important aspect of our lives. Even in regard to Pawi District Council, it is not good enough to form only an One Man Commission. The victims should also justify themselves. And even if we are to form a Commission. I think it will be good to form with more members. For Pawi District Council also the way enquiry had been taken were limited. The Minister in-charge himself had said complete reports had not been given as yet. I hope this will not happen in future.

Pawis as well as we, ourselves will be sorry if they are treated like this since there are many Pawis in Mizoram. It is not good to be treated them like this by any Government. As some of the members had pointed out earlier, action should be taken to the one who did wrong. If they are being used as political instrument very often, they will be hurt and they may also feel that they are separated. So it is necessary to tolerate each other to strengthen ourselves. Otherwise they may ask Union Territory or state and it is clear that by that time we may be losing our land. So it is necessary to show them the right way with love and care. Though I have got so many things to say in regard to them but it is very difficult to say since I am also being reprovved. I hope we will do things carefully in future.

Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANGA :  
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Pu Deputy Speaker, today I do support the motion which has been moved to approved the assumption of Pawi District

Council's power by the Governor. We have had many discussions in this regard in which some defended and some agreed them. Some points are not necessary to point out again.

First, it was pointed out that the Government was in such a hurry in regard to the formation of a Commission as if to surprise them. But the Government never give warning to those who are to be examined for their action. Otherwise the victims would try to clear themselves as much as possible. So it is the procedure of all the Government in India as well as other countries not to give warnings and we have to bear this in mind.

It is true to some extent that the Government should try to understand them even if they did some minor faults. But in regard to financial irregularities it is very difficult to have understanding. In this matter even the Central Government is very careful and even the Prime Minister is working very hard to fight against corruption. While

the Central Government is fighting against corruption we too should follow them and trace wherever there is any improper utilisation of fund.

We've also heard that this mis-appropriation of fund which can be charged as corruption was done to adjust the donation asked by the MNF. In this regard report had been submitted by One Man Commission and there are some more findings to be submitted. But while we were underground, we did not ask for donation to Pawi District Council. So, it is necessary to be careful in our discussion as it is financial matter.

Even though some blamed the present Government, we clearly know from the vote of the people. If the previous Government was clean and right. I think they will surely win again in the last election. But now we clearly see how it was. So now also it is good to suspend the power of Pawi District Council and assume the power by the Government in order to fight corruption and support the motion.

Thank you.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not take much time. There is a clear reason for the Government to take action against Pawi District Council. In this, one woman was deeply involved and that seems to be the main reason. I really feel sad for the Pawi and they too are in great anxiety. Those who fought to enlarge Mizoram nearly for 20 years are now intending to make it small again. We can say this because this Government can make election alignment with Lakher who had asked U.T. for Lakher. It seems they do not mind anything if they can be in power.

It also appears that Pawi District Council has to be suspended because of Chittagong Hill Tract Liberation Army. Even the Hon'ble Minister had said that this had already been approved. In this regard the Government should think clearly. While they are having high hope in the Government, and even the accord signed by the Central Government and the MNF gave special consideration since they are minority, the present state Government should also give special consideration. I think therefore it is good not to pass the Government order.

Regarding financial irregularities, it has been pointed out in page No.4 at point No.4 that forest office at Tuithumhar was completed in Rs.40,000/- for which only Rs.20,000/- was sanctioned. But even to extend only this House Gallery

which had been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister more than Rs.2,50,000/- was spent. I really do support what the Finance Minister had said. Let us have the courage to check financial irregularities from this House on July 8th and 13th because we felt that there was some financial irregularities and we demanded to form an Enquiry Commission to find out about the missing of Rs 120 lakhs but you did not have the courage for this. But, now it is very difficult to understand why you are so been on Pawi District Council which had spent only round about Rs.40,000/-. Let us try to understand how they will feel. And I beg the House to form an Enquiry Commission regarding lottery and also not to pass this motion.

Thank you.

PU VALLALINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, since our Discussion is very important, I think it is worthy to allot more time for this. The Ministry is recommending dissolution in regard to Pawi District Council. I don't know why they based on Indian Constitution for suspension. Its been said very often that this was done out of love but it is difficult to believe this by judging their actions. As the Hon'ble Member from Khawhai Constituency had pointed out the condition of a rubuke person is uncomfortable.

I do support what the Finance Minister had said regarding mis-utilisation of fund. Whether it is Pawi District Council or Chakma District Council or Lakher District Council no one should be spared if there is any mis-utilisation of fund. It seems we are trying to take a speak out of our brothers mentioned this matter in the House for many times. Why don't we enquire such things by forming Enquiry Commission.

It was also mentioned that Government never give warning. But in this particular case, they know long before that there was a kind of warning. The reason is- the Enquiry Commission was formed on 14th May, 1987 but they could submitted report on 4th May. We should speak only truth in the House. And there are lots to think regarding Pawi District Council.

There is Rs.30,00,000/- in the sanction order made by the Deputy Secretary i/e District Council. But why Rs.6,00,000/- had been taken out of this ? Pu Deputy Speaker, I am deeping order number with me and let me read it out -it was given on 3rd August, 1974 its Order No.DCA/E-43/87/56. Shall we

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enquire about this too? If the Government can not face this challenge, there is nothing much to hope in this Government. If Pawi District Council is to be dissolved for financial irregularities, we should also dissolve Chakma District Council. If not, an Enquiry Commission should be formed. I've gone to Chawngte twice for this matter, they mis-utilised it too much Pu Deputy Speaker. Shall we compare Pawi with a child who confused when awoken from sleep? Such an unparliamentary language create dicrimination. Pu Deputy Speaker, we should also know the rules of the House and at least it is good to know to wish the Chair.

And regarding what you had mention earlier that MLAs will not be able to take TA/DA if they do not give their signature was the mistake of the Secretariat. There are W & W who are being employed for such things, they are supposed to know us all.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there are some more to say in regard to Pawi District Council. I, therefore, do request the House not to pass this motion.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: We'll try to end up our discussion. Well I'll give you chance once again.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker, I won't say long. There is a short conclusion from our discussion regarding Pawi District Council is charged for misutilisation of fund, the District Council Affairs Minister should also be enquired for his misutilisation of fund. He misused more than the District Council. So if Pawi District Council is suspended or dissolved I demand to take an action against the Minister in-charge Pawi District Council.

PU TAWNLUIA  
MINISTER

: Pu Deputy Speaker, today We've had many discussions. We all agree that due to financial irregularities administration can not function properly in Pawi District Council. After a careful study, as mentioned in the Constitution 6th Schedule, the Government felt that the Pawi District Council which is an Autonomous District Council can not function any more. So it felt that it is necessary to asseme administration by the Governor.



This had been done by the Government with great hesitation in order to restore the people as well as the share of the public. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker now we've had enough discussion and I'm sure we can form our own opinion and it's quite enough so will it be good to take vote if it is necessary.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let Pu Hiphei say something. After that we'll call upon Pu Saingura.

PU HIPHEI : Thank you. Pu Deputy Speaker, since I am from that place I'd like to say a few things. It is very difficult to explain how the present Government is treating Pawi District Council. It's not dissolved or suspended. Dissolution is in Chapter 1:1 and suspension is in Chapter 15, but none of these two are applied. Some said it's suspended and others say it's dissolved. An Enquiry Commission was formed on the basis of Chapter 12. But if they use this as a base. Report of the Enquiry Commission should be placed before the Legislative Assembly. But today they do not have the courage to lay the report of the Enquiry Commission in the House. When the Hon'ble Minister was asked the source of information, he said Enquiry Commission and others. But he did not have the courage to show the report of the Enquiry Commission and this shows that the Enquiry Commission was not formed. So, if we are going to say that they suspend it, there is no word like of suspension in Chapter 12:6 which they used as their base. Of course there is suspension in Chapter 15 but without using that, Chapter 16:2 is used. As we have said, there had been suspension and dissolution in previous Government. But those were done with reasonable cause.

The Pawi District Council is going to have an election on November. And how can the present State Government which has been only two months can know the faults of the District Council which is nearly finishing its 5 years term? Therefore, the way they wanted to do things is not good. We do not demand to give warning or such things but they had appointment for Enquiry Commission and we want that appointment order to reach District Council too. Let the D.C. who is also an Administrator gets the copy of an order and then let the Enquiry Commission go after that. Instead you simply kept the order and the Enquiry Commission went there secretly and seized all the files before letting them know the order. Is

that a right manner? So Pu Deputy Speaker, let us examine carefully whether the causes mentioned to assume power are reasonable or not. The mover had pointed out many faults which are not included in our documents but Pu Deputy Speaker, how can we know whether they are right or wrong?

Besides these, its been pointed out that in Village Council, they appointed their own party member for nominated member. They will surely appoint. It's written that the Executive Committee can appoint for nominated committee member. There is nothing wrong in this regard.

Some of the Ministers had pointed out that this had been done in order to abolish corruption which is favoured by the Central Government. If this had been done to please the Central Government, let us examine ourselves too. Pu Deputy Speaker, some of the Ministers have spent lakh of rupees to furnish their houses. And some had taken Rs. 5,50,000/- from District Council fund. Some Departments had spent District Council's fund to purchase motor Car. Truly speaking the Mizoram Government is the real cause for financial irregularities.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : No more can be said because there are some more to be done. We have other Business to be done. It's going to be 4 P.M. and we have 3 more bills to discuss. Do you want to extend our time? Well, will expend our time, will try to finish till we finish and will try to pass the other 3 bills also.

PU F.LALRAMLIANA : Since it is late let us finish what we are doing and leave the other for tomorrow.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Well finish soon as it is good news for all of us. If it is too long will continue tomorrow but for now will extend our time. Now we shall be concluding our present discussion and we shall call upon Minister concern to wind up the discussion.

PU SAINGURA SAILO :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me a chance. Before talking about the assumption of District Councils power,

I would like to say something. From the speeches of some of the Hon'ble Members specially a member from Phuldungsei Constituency, it can be thought how wrong I would be. Let me explain those things. Not so long after we occupy the Office, authorities from Chhintuipui District, Lakher District, Chakma District their CEM and E.M. used to contact me and I was told that they do not have District Council House. They asked me to give Rest House for them. So, I told the Secretary to check the file and from that we came to know they've asked for a long time back. So we felt it good to have Rest House for them. Again I told them to discuss about the rent with Secretaries and they had the discussion. We tried to purchase a plot of land, I suggested Luangmual and Zemabawk sites. We had discussions for this too and we concluded that we can not buy a plot of land as 40/50 lakhs of rupees is required. They used to have informal Committee. And in their committee it seems they do not hesitate to contribute, so each District Council contributed in their contribution. I thought they will draw their R.E. at Saiha but they said it will be easier to draw at Aizawl itself. So I agreed as they proposed and they were also allowed to spend their R.E. for this.

They contacted me again for the house and they even looked at our house and they all agreed on it. As they all agreed I also agreed. But the owner who is my father had asked than to give at least one year rent in advance and they agreed that too. But I feel so sad as it is my father's House. Now the rent is Rs. 16,000/- per month.

An enquiry Commission was formed in regard to the assumption of power by the Government in Pawi District Council. The Commission was sent to Pawi District Council but they did not cooperate as they would be. In order to continue, another notification is to be issued and we have not made decision for this. Let me read out 6th Schedule 16(2) - If at any time, the Governor is satisfied that the situation has arisen in which the administration of an Autonomous District of reason can not be carried out in accordance with the provision of 6th Schedule, he may by public notification assume to himself all or any other exercisable by the District Council or other case may be the Regional Council and declare that suspension or power shall be exercisable by such person or authority as he may specified in this behalf a period not exceeding 6th months. But if he finds it necessary he can extend.

One of the Hon'ble Member had pointed out why the report of the enquiry was not laid in the House. To some extent that is right, but we are not based on the report of the enquiry, we regard it as only one of the sources because we have many other sources that is why we are taking action. Everything is done according to the rules with great care. It's written in the Schedule itself very clearly like if the Governor is satisfied....

As soon as we were in the office, we got a letter from Joint Secretary of Central Government Do.No. 714/87-MZ dated 26th March, 1987 from this, it is clear that even before us there had been many reports in regard to mis-appropriation, and administrative practice in Pawi District Council. May be because of this we got a letter from Central in which we are asked to take enquiry and sent report to them as soon as possible. But we did not want to take action only because of this, so we searched for other sources by taking inquiry and collecting various informations we could get.

It was also pointed out that action had been taken hurriedly. As I have mentioned just now there were many reports even before we were in power. So we took the inquiry. When enquiry is being taken, it can be put into two things- first is, if enquiry is taken in order to dissolve the Council it has to be discussed in the House. And even the District Council has to discuss it. But we don't think to it is good to dissolve it as they are the choice of the people. But still, we find it is necessary to take action for their wrong exercise of power mis-appropriation and in their actions against democratic norms. Anyway, I'd like to say the action we are taking is meant for corrective measure, its not more punishment. As we all know their election is approaching and if there is corruption, that can disturb even the election. So we felt is necessary to assume power by the Governor. So now we do not dissolve them, we only suspend the Executive like C.M. and E.M. of course they are still MDC and still take their salaries as MDC.

In the documents we've collected. There are many strange things. Their cash books had not been upto dated for quite a long time. In 12.3.85 while Rs. 1,52,723/- was in their bank account, there was Rs. 6,29,364.68/- in the chest according to their cash book. And on that same day, they drew Rs. 3,00,000/- as over-drawal. But nothing could be done even for the Enquiry Commission as he could not check their cash book.

Regarding Village Councils a uniform principle is followed. But in some of the Village Council like Lungzarhtum, Lungpher and Vawmbuk, there are three seats each in which P.C. got two seats and Congress one. But the Congress created two nominated seats and appointed Congressman. This apposes democratic principle.

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And the Council has to submit their monthly account to A.G. Shillong. This is clear even in 6th Schedule. But the present Council had not submitted even once, and we've received reminder many times for this. Regarding their Recruitment Rules also, we've served notice to them twice but they didn't give importance to it. They had also drawn their Bill even before the commencement of work and also even before the plan is being approved. This clearly shows that the District Council Executive had done something. So now we are taking action as corrective measures. And we are trying to improve the administrations in Pawi, Lakher and Chakma. There had also been many complaints in regard to distribution of funds. For all these reasons, it is quite reasonable to take actions and we also want it to be a corrective measure. So, I'd like to request this August House to pass this motion.

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI :  
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, let me say few things. While we were Mizoram District Council. These three Districts - Pawi, Chakma and Lakher were in Pawi-Lakher Regional Council. After U.T., 1972 April, the Central Government had divided them into three Districts Councils in order to safeguard minorities. So Pu Deputy Speaker, since 1972, the power of District Council had not been altered. But the people from these District Council areas urged for more power. So fortunately more power was given to the District Council during the previous Congress Ministry in which terms and condition were also mentioned clearly. There are 11 paras and Pu Deputy Speaker, if we look at para 6 and 7 the District Council shall not entertain new staff out of the fund place at their disposal without prior approval of Government of Mizoram. The Hon'ble Member from Lawngtlai Constituency had pointed out that the Mizoram Government have no power to interfere in the appointments in District Council.

But if we look at it carefully its - The Executive Committee subject to the provision of rule 16. Rule 16 is to appoint an Officer by the District Council Executive. It's true to some extent but in the beginning its clearly written - subject to the previous approval of the Administrator. Like that Department Plan to be approved by Planning Department and when the Planning Department give their approval, administrative approval has to be taken again. But the District Council had done all these against the rules.

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And Pu Deputy Speaker, even the Hon'ble Member from Lawngtlai Constituency admitted there were many faults. Regarding section 14 and 16 of the Schedule action was taken on the basis of section 16. Pu Deputy Speaker Congress Legislature Party can not understand the action taken against Pawi District Council. The Hon'ble Member from Hnahthial Constituency said that he was so grieved since he is also Pawi. I myself is also Pawi and hail from Pawi area. The Pawi District Council had also been dissolved by the previous Congress Ministry led by Pu Ch.Chhunga. It was dissolved under para 16, sub para (1) of 6th Schedule. In the meantime power of Chakma District Council was also assumed by the administrator. Even P.C.Executive at Lakher District was dissolved. But no one used to say that they were done so because of hatred.

Some of the Hon'ble Members had pointed out that District Councils Vehicles are kept by Mizoram Government at Aizawl. But Pu Deputy Speaker, its not MNF Ministry who had done this. During the previous Congress Ministry, plan had been reflected separately from Planning Department so that Lakher District Council can not claim that vehicle that why they can not claim it till today. Even in regard to Chakma District Councils Vehicle, the same case is still there and those can not be mended at once. Therefore, I'd like to tell this August House that even if the present Ministry is charged for these, the blame is on the Congress as well Ministry.

The Hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency had pointed out that its neither dissolution not suspension Pu Deputy Speaker, even Chakma District Council was dissolved by the same rules while he himself was Deputy Speaker. Even Lakher District Council in which P.C. Executive was there was dissolved after Lakher Congress Assembly had passed to dissolve it.

It is baseless that the Enquiry Commission seized all the files. Order for Enquiry Commission regarding Pawi District Council was issued on 1st March and the Enquiry Commission reached Lawngtlai on 4th May with the order.

Regarding mis-appropriation of funds. Pu Deputy Speaker, while the present Hon'ble Member from Lawngtlai Constituency was E.M. he took Rs. 50,000/- to go to Aizawl by District Councils Car and that too was simply missing. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is quite reasonable for the Government to take action, for District Councils Plan was too awful. Pu Deputy Speaker, let me say those awful plans.

The distance between Bualpui Middle School and nearest water point is 1 KM. and Rs. 70,000/- was planned for 1 Km. between Sangau Vety Office and Lal Veng. The distance between Fangrang and

and Thaltlang was reported as 20 Km but in their own plan at IGP, page no 3, they said its 8 Km. But we assume it as 4 miles. For this Rs. 6,00,000/- was estimated. For approach road to Council Quarter Rs.75,000/- was estimated as they said its 2 1/2 Km. And at Lungtian Rs. 7/- per Km was estimated for Vengthar Kawn to High School road. At Lungtian Rs. 20,000/- was sanctioned for construction of Primary School but no school was constructed so another Rs. 20,000/- was sanctioned and they could built at last. At Vawmbuk Primary School to Middle School was reported as 1/2 Km and sanctioned Rs. 35,000/- for this.

So Pu Deputy Speaker, for all the above reasons it is quite reasonable to take actions against Pawi District Council for a correcting measure and I'd like the House to approve it.

Thank you.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we don't regard him any more as Pawi since he is a defector.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, please excuse MINISTER me. I'd like to clarify this since the term defector is used very often. It is known throughout Mizoram that I've defected once and I myself do not deny this. On the other hand, the Congress Legislature Party also has a defector who had defected thrice.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I've been elected as Independent in 1972, I did not have any ticket.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Sit down, its enough.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'm going to clarify, why did he tell lies ? Lies should not be told, why did he charged me I like that?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It's enough now, I will clarify this. In order to restore the dignity of the House we must know how to use Parliamentary expression. Now we shall decide whether the statutory order can be passed or not as the Minister had winded up.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, wait a minute. The Ex-E.M. of Pawi District Council had appealed to Gauhati High Court regarding assumption of power and an Enquiry Commission of Pawi District Council and the Gauhati High Court served show cause notice to the Government of Mizoram. Even the Hon'ble Chief Minister had been informed. If that is the case can it be contempt of High Court to discuss this matter in the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House has not received any information as yet. So the House will proceed on as usual. Do we all agree to pass this statutory order?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : It has been communicated that it will be brought to the notice of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is the right of the member to say whatever you like. But the House has not been informed yet.

Since its been winded up, the mover will be given 1 more minute.

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have had enough discussion. It is not a new incident. The Pawi District Council had been dissolved and the Lakher District Council too had been dissolved. Even Chakma District Council was suspended. So I do request the August House with your permission to pass this order.

Thank you.



DEPUTY SPEAKER : Can we pass this? Now it has been passed by the House. Now we shall proceed to the next item. If you look at List of Business, you will see that we have some important business to do.

We shall go to no B. Now the Parliamentary Affairs Minister will ask the permission to consider in the House for the three Bills which had already been introduced on 18.8.1987. In the List on Business some words are missing, that is - 'and also the bill be passed' so as rules 29:3 permitted that should be added.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, you can not do like that from the Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I simply add the wordings. But that does not mean all are to be passed. That depends on the members. You will discuss and you will decide.

Now, I shall call upon Parliamentary Affairs Minister to move it. There is corrigenda in regard to Salaries and Allowances of Ministers, Bill for Speaker and Deputy Speaker; and Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Member of Legislative Assembly Bill. I hope you have seen those. So now let the Minister in-charge ask the permission of the House.

PU SAINGURA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg the  
MINISTER House to consider and pass the Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Bill, 1987 and The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker Bill, 1987.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do the House agree to pass this? I do hope you have studied the Bill which had been introduced. It is good that we all agree to discuss.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is getting late now and I am sure all the members would like to participated in the discussion. Since it is been permitted to consider, can we do it tomorrow? Otherwise it will be good to have time for tea.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, during MINISTER Session, we used to do till 12 midnight. But as the Hon'ble Member from Phuldung-sei Constituency had suggested, it will be good if you can give us time for tea.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I shall call upon House Leader to express his opinion in this regard.

PU LALDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, even in CHIEF MINISTER Parliament they used to stay for long when Private Bill had been taken up. Now also we all know about our Bill, and let us try to finish today itself as had already been passed by the Business Advisory Committee, but it will be good to have time for tea.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Well now it is going to be 5 will have tea at 6. The Minister had already introduced and we've passed and agree to discuss The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers, Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members. In the Bills there are ordinances and modifications. I would like to request you all to read it carefully not to mix up modification and ordinance. Now I shall call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, shall we discuss the 3 bills at a time or separately or clause by clause? What is the opinion of the Minister ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Since there are 3 Bills, We'll discuss one by one. There are 13 crores in Bill No 1 and 2 and 16 crores in Bill No.3, altogether 42 crores. So, We'll discuss one by one but its up to you whether to discuss one bill as a whole or clause by clause.

PU SAINGURA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, if I move  
MINISTER three times, I'll have to repeat three times of the same words. Therefore, its more convenient to move together at a time. But for discussion, let's decide which one will be first. And I'd also like to have few minutes to explain why ordinances are there.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Let us take the decision of the  
MINISTER House regarding whether to discuss all at a time or sepe-  
rately or clause. But there may be one problem if we are going to discuss all the Bills together, i.e. in regard to Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Will the Panel of Chairman take the Chair? Let's make decision in this regard.

PU LIANSUAMA : If we all agree, I suggest to discuss the three bills together in order to save time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we all agree? Is it necessary to discuss about Panel of Chairman? Panel of Chairman had formed on 11.3.87. In other States, they used to function for one year but we do not have any fixation of their terms. Well go as our Rules No 19(2).

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister said there are somethings to be explained in the ordinances, so it will be good to explain these first.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Then let us call upon the Minister to explain.

PU SAINGURA SAILO :  
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, ordinances were hurriedly prepared since we could not have Assembly Session at once and as it were hurriedly prepared it is not good enough. As our rules permitted there are some slight differences in the modified form as amended with that of ordinances. Regarding Speaker and Deputy Speaker, air travels, family pension and grants of loan were not included in the ordinance, so its been included in the modified form bill. As accepted in the informal Committee. Sanctuary Allowance which were Rs. 1,150/- and Rs.500/- will be raised to Rs. 1,150/- and Rs.700/- respectively for Deputy Speaker. So the total amount for Deputy Speaker will come up to Rs.4,500/-. The definition in MLA Bill, Section 2 had also been modified in which about the loans for Chief Minister, Ministers, Speaker and Deputy Speaker are added. Constituency Allowance for MLA which used to be Rs. 1,300/- is raised to Rs. 1,500/- so that they will get Rs.3,500/-. In the ordinance, mention is not made for advance TA for Members, so, it is suggested in Bill Section 5 clause 3 to be able to take YA in advance a maximum amount as Grade-I or Group A. And in Section 7 it is written that they can take DA for 7 adjourning days. In the ordinance air travel is not included but it is suggested that members should entitle air travel for Official duties. There is also corrigendum but that is solely typing misgake.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we all know the meaning and I think we can start the discussion. You can point out whatever you like from the three Bills. But some of you may not master the bills and can not discuss very fast. Anyway, we shall start our discussion now.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as I was out of station, I could not study properly, but I would like to say few things in general. I think I am the happiest in the increment. But if we look at the condition of our state, the increment is too much. As we do not have revenue sources, we used to face many problems in planning. Steps had been taken in order to increase our revenue since we

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are functioning as a State. So in order to increase our revenue Excise Act had been introduced and Lottery had also been organised. We knew that the introduction of Excise Act will not be accepted by the Church, but we could not resist doing it, since there is no other sources. Still the revenue we are getting from this is very insignificant. Even the whole budget is allotted by the Central. While we are in such condition, the increment should be reasonable. Today, even if we look at other State MLAs, we will be the highest paid Members. The spirit of Service is for the country. Therefore, it is necessary to think whether it will be good to raise by hundred of percentage. When the Government consulted other MLAs the Hon'ble Speaker and already announced it, therefore, it is not necessary to appose now. But according to me, it will be good to revise the salaries of the Members and Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there anyone? Now Pu Hiphei.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, in general I amhappy that the salaries of the MLAs had been raised. I was really very difficult to manage with Rs. 650/- while price of everything are increasing and the value of money is decreasing. But considering our poor revenue sources and comparing with other State MLAs, to raise like this, as the Hon'ble Opposition Leader had mention will be a shame for us because we are solely depend upon the Central Government. We also have to think about the opinion of the public? Poorer people have to pay more taxes since bus fare had been increased, electric charge and land revenue had also been increased. In the meantime, the Hon'ble Speaker had announced and it also appeared in the ordinance about our salaries. I, therefore afraid that public will hold the opinion that the Legislators are increasing their own salaries. I do not mind the increment, but the jump is a bit too much as more taxes should be collected from public.

It is not that the salaries of MLAs had been increased but considering the increment of the salaries of Government Servants and increasing high prices and changing standard of our living, it is quite necessary to raise the salaries of MLAs from Rs.650/- p.m. Therefore Pu Deputy Speaker, whether we want it or not, the salaries of the Ministers, Speaker and Deputy Speaker and MLAs should be passed as already laid on the table of the House.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : We are going to have tea-break at 6 Pm. I would like to invite you all for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at my residence for tomorrow. Now we will have time for tea. Now we shall continue our discussion. I shall call upon Pu Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are discussing about our salaries. What had been pointed out by the Hon'ble Member from Sangau Constituency, regarding the salaries of various State MLAs was right. If the Secretariat who prepared statement can show the comparison of various states in the statement, it will be a great help to form a decision. In the compared book, till July 1986 the total emolument in W.Bengal was Rs. 650/- and in Kerela it was Rs.550/-. In Tripura, they got Rs.800/- with all other allowances. Regarding TA, Kerela got Rs.50/-, Tripura Rs.45/- and in West Bengal and it is different in the state and outside the state like 49,41,37. Since I think the original principle of our discussion is not as desired by the executive. The Speaker had already announced and that can not be neglected just like that.

Governor of a state or President of India used to announced by our state Government could not even wait for Assembly Session and I really feel sorry for that. Government servants are fighting against the Government to increase their salaries and I think it will be better to clear their problems before considering ourselves so that it can be done without any guilty conscience. (And in any Parliamentary Publish, power of the Governor or President had not been exercised even once in regard to salaries regarding ordinance constitution). Therefore, if any ordinance is going to be done in future, this thing should not be repeated by any means. I used to think what will be public opinion of the Government giving priority to members and Ministers there are many steps to be taken to solve various problems at public level. Next to us, Village Council Members will also surely demand to increase their salaries.

There is an order of presidency in India in which MPs are much higher than State MLAs, still while the MPs are getting Rs.2,250/- which will mean that we are getting pay than that of MPs. I think there are other ways to get benefit instead of increasing our salaries with high percentage.

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From the executive point of view, it is true that the salaries of MLAs and Ministers which used to be Rs.450/- and Rs.650/- is too low. But I do hope they give consideration to the possible public feeling even while they consider this matter. To think carefully, we do not deserve to take Rs.3,500/- per month as MLA. Those who have more works like Committee Members and Chairman of various Committees are also getting honorarium and TA/DA. Even the Government servants who used to work daily do not feel we deserve this. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, in my opinion, the jump is too much. It is clear that the amount sanctioned in the Budget Session ....for the salaries of MLAs, their TA/DA and Medical Re-imbusement will not be sufficient. Meanwhile if we look at the people whom we are representing, their share is quite insufficient. While Rs.48,000/- had been spent to furnish some of the Ministers Bungalow the sanctioned amount of Family Relief Scheme for the Village people is too meagre. It is not likely for the legislators to favour ourselves even while the cases of Government servants are not cleared. Though we have done it, it is not but right for an ordinary MLA like us to take more than MPs and Central Ministers. In the statement given by the Secretariat, we can see that among Indian states U.P. and Nagaland have highest paid Legislators and we are still going to get more than them. As we do not have enough resources. We are not to be compared with the surplus states like Punjab. Therefore, as I Have already said the jump is too high and I do not agree to pass it as it is.

And lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, even in regard to pension, we get the highest. Regarding loans for Car and House Building, I would like to request the concerned Minister to clarify whether will be able to take both at a time or not. And if it is not presumptuous, a member dies unfortunately while holding Office, it is written that the amount of the advance or any part thereof which would have accrued on the date of his death in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant of the advance along with interest thereon shall be written off. But this is not the manner of granting loans. Will it be possible to amend as either the legal their will repay or the pension of a member will be adjusted? Therefore, as the Hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency had pointed out, I think it is better to have second thought in this regard.

Even our TA is too much TA for MP is Rs. 75/- per day, it is not good to surpass the MPs. Pu Deputy Speaker the Hon'ble Finance Minister said in Budget Session that Resource Mobilisation Committee will be formed and that still occupies my mind. In regard to Resource Mobilisation while bus fares, Electric bills and land revenue are increasing. I think tax should be increased in liquor sales too. So for the last, I think it is difficult to pass this as it is. Thank you.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER :

New Pu A.Lalherliana.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me a chance to speak. Today, our discussion is so sensitive and we need to be clear in this regard. We can see from other states that salaries of their members are not based on the salaries of MPs. Some of the members had said it is too shameful but if we are going to take that way everything is shameful for a deficit state like us. And we do not need to have guilty feeling because our total revenue is even half of the amount we get from the Central.

I think the idea of increment in our salaries had cropped up because of our poor economical background. We, the MLAs are representative of the people and work for our respective Constituencies, our work is very heavy that sometimes, it is much heavier than full time workers. So, we deserve at least to get enough to manage ourselves.

We being compared with other states, but if we look at Maharashtra state, besides their salaries amounting Rs. 2,350/- all the MLAs are having Mansion Bungalow at Central, Bombay and some of them can get round about 3000/4000 for rent. If our Government is in a position to provide like this, our salary may be reduced. But we still face problem even in the case of residence. Therefore, if we calculate in terms of rupees, MLAs at Bombay will be getting more than Rs. 6,000/- per month.

Besides this, cost of living is quite different in various states. In Mizoram, our revenue is too low, but cost of living is very high. Therefore, if we consider in terms of cost of living, it is not that much high. While talking about our welfare, we have to be careful not to blame each other. And I want all of us to bear in mind that we are not getting our increment from the revenue collected from the public. Let us also not use as political weapon. In other states, they had been enjoying all these since along time back. And if other states are to be fixed again their salaries. I am sure they will fix much higher than this because in all the states, cost of living is still increasing.

Therefore, I want to pass the proposal made by our leaders and I would also like to request my Hon'ble Colleagues Members not to be blame each other for this.

Thank you.

...81/-



DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now Pu Lalrinchhana.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, today I do support  
MINISTER the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers, Speaker, Deputy Speaker and MLAs Bills which had been introduced in the House and I think we have to pass it. While preparing these Bills all party representative were there and time was given to complain. And while preparing these Bills there is not such rules as this should be done in accordance with other states in India. Therefore, we are right to fix our salaries according to our economic condition.

In this regard, the most important thing is how would the MLAs, the representatives of the people serve the people with all their might and what facilities do they need for this. In the past also, we have had many problems because of poor facilities given to the MLAs and Ministers. If the politicians, even the present MLAs and Ministers will not be able to lead Mizoram, we still have to think how to get side-income. Therefore, in order to develop Mizoram, the MLAs need good facilities.

With our present salary, we can hardly manage ourselves. If our salary is increased as proposed it will be easier for us to work with all our abilities for the people without thinking our family. Now people of Mizoram are offering facilities to the MLAs and Minister and we are going to serve them with these facilities. Bearing all these things in mind, the rate of increment had been fixed. Therefore, there is no point to have guilty feeling in this regard. This is only a step to serve the country for development.

As that is the case, we the MLAs and Ministers should bear in mind that people are having high hope in us. And we have to prepare ourselves to follow the right path and also to be more effective. So, if we are going to take steps like this, the present rate of increment is not high, it will rather be a minimum requirement. And Pu Deputy Speaker, I am sure if other states and even the Central Government fix pay after Fourth Pay Commission, they will not fix at lower than what we have proposed.

If we look at our Officers, we will see that our rate of increment and facilities equal only to that of the middle group. Therefore, as I have said earlier this had been done so that we can serve the people with all our mights and there is nothing to misunderstand even for the public. So, I would like to pass this bill together.

Thank you.

...82/-

DEPUTY SPEAKER : For your formation as the paper distributed, the salaries of Mizoram MLA was Rs. 650/-. The same rate was the salary of members in Assam, Meghalaya and Manipur before Fourth Pay Commission. Regarding salaries of the MLAs, Speaker and Deputy Speaker, the Central Government had already sanctioned 9.73 lakhs of rupees and you can get this in arrear, Now Pu R.Lalawia.

PU R.LALAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have few things to say in this regard. In the informal committee, there were two members each from the Opposition groups and I was the only member from MNF. I feel that due to the low salaries of the MLAs, they can not do their work properly. Therefore, it is necessary to raise the salaries of the MLAs so that they will be able to work as MLAs. Besides this, even the Ministers are led to corruption because their salary is too low. If they corrupt after raising their salaries it is upto them. So it really necessary to increase the salaries and I think the present increment is not enough because we are being judged from the amount we are taking.

And if we are being criticised because of this, their ground of thinking is not right. I would like to request our Ministers to be more careful in regard to corruption since our salary have been increased. It is very difficult to accept the Ministers constructing concrete buildings with such an amount of salary. Therefore, I would like to request the Ministers to use this increment as a precautionary measure against corruption. The Opposition Members had pointed out that more than 4 lakhs rupees had been sent to furnish Minister Bungalow and if that is true I can not accept it. So, the present increment of salaries is meant for prevention corruption and also that the MLAs will be able to serve the public more efficiently. If we have to take the old rate of salary, it is very difficult to visit our Constituency regularly.

And while we increase our salary. We also have to think how to increase state revenue. For example if we are not going to cease liquor permit, the rate of one bottle should be raised, even lottery had been increased. So, for the last, we will spend money and we will also try to increase our revenue as much as possible. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now Pu Zoramsangliana.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me a chance to Speaker. I won't take more than 15 minutes. Since I am one of the beneficiaries, I am really grateful. But I feel bad on the other hand when I think about the sources. It is from our own state revenue like from the increment of bus fare, electric fare etc., that our salary is increased that way I am ashamed of myself and that is why Pu Deputy Speaker, it is difficult for my conscience to agree this.

And if we are going to increase our salary let us try to impose more tax on the rich, not on the poor people.

Today, why do we, the Legislators have increment of our salary as a first task? Ordinance for this had been prepared hurriedly. It is better to fulfill our election manifesto first.

To consider only for the benefit of the elected is not fair enough. Bearing all these things in mind. I am afraid that even Village Administrators will have demand the same. The amount of money which had been given as a regard should also be increased because they are working full time and much work harder than us. To some extent, it is true that, we, the MLAs are also judged from our pay by Government Servants but I am sure that we are not judged like that rather the Government servants are willing to work in order to fulfill our policy in any Ministry. Therefore, today, when I think about the sources for the increment of our salary I would like to tell you that I can not pass this.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I shall call upon Pu Siamliana.

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have had enough discussion regarding our salary. Various point had been raised from all sides but we have to think carefully about the maniaure of the increment. In the meeting when representatives of all parties were presented and we all agreed to raise the salaries because Rs.650/- was not enough to manage ourselves. It also came into my mind how could the past MLAs construct concrete building during their 5 years terms.

If our salary remains as it was in the past I think it will surely lead me to the other way round. To prevent such things, our leaders had done this. Besides this pension had also been increased. Those who had been an MLA but did not complete their terms due to various reasons will also enjoy this. All these are done because in order to work efficiently, facilities are needed.

What had been said by the previous member was also contradicting cost of living in Aizawl is too high. It is known to all of us that even if our salaries are not raised, bus fares and electric charges will increase automatically - And we don't have to feel guilty to the Centre because it is their duty to provide us since we are deficit State. Therefore, it is good to pass the present Bill and I do support it.

Thank you.

PU RUALCHHINA :  
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, in today's discussion regarding salaries Hon'ble Members had participated and from our discussion

it is clear that there are some slight differences in our opinion. It is important to note that the increment in the salary of members, Speakers, Ministers etc. will not effect taxes and we should also bear in mind that this will not reduce the shares of the poor. We are getting our salaries from non-plan. Therefore even in our speeches we have to be very careful. This had been fixed by looking at our minimum requirement in order to serve public more efficiently.

Besides this, in the Memorandum of Settlement it is mentioned that since we are deficit state, revenue gap will be filled up by the Central Government; therefore there is no need to feel restrain. Regarding increment of our salaries. I have taken some ideas and people are of spine that if their salary is increased, they will not look for side-income in the wrong way.

The present Government is taking steps to become a surplus state knowing that we are still a deficit state. Therefore, we all have many responsibilities and we do not allow to reduce the shares of the poor, that is why we are now discussing this Bill. If we consider the cases of Ministers, there are many Organisations asking donations to the Ministers. Even in this case, they can be more helpful to various organisations if they are getting more. So, I would like to say it is our duty to pass this Bill.

Thank you. ...85/-

PU VANLALNGENA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I won't take much time. I am here just to represent Congress Party. But what I would like to tell other Hon'ble Members is that we were only rubber stamp; everything had been done and it was also already announced by the Speaker. Hence whether we are in the meeting or not is all the same as we are mere rubber-stamp.

We all agree that Rs. 650/- is not enough. There had been proposal to increase even in the previous term. It is sure that all of us want to raise our salaries from Rs. 650/-. But what we can not agree now is that the jump is too much.

It is difficult to understand what will be enough. I think it will be quite reasonable if it is raised to either Rs.2,000/- or Rs.2,500/-. But now it is been raised to Rs.3,500/- and Rs.800/- for personal attendance, so altogether it becomes Rs.4,300/- for each member. Besides this, even TA/DA had also been increased. Therefore, if the expenditure for one member is reduced to a little bit, there will be some more for public. I do agree to be level with the people but I can't agree to being much higher than public.

Regarding corruption it is not a matter of rich or poor. Even in the service of the Constituency it is not a matter of rich or poor. If we look back the previous terms, it is clear that those who were rich were not necessarily efficient members. That will be the same even in the present term. Only those who has will and determination will be efficient.

Hon'ble Members had said there had been corruption in the previous terms because of low salary but that is not right. Corruption is in the mind as human wants unlimited. The Hon'ble Finance Minister had said that any person responsible for financial irregularities should not be spared. This is very important. It is the responsibility of all the Ministers as you are responsible for financial movement in your respective departments. That means the budget of Mizoram is in the hands of the Ministers. If we misutilise the budget our country used to suffer.

Therefore, while the annual income of rural people is very low, to increase our salary in this much is not good. So, even if we are going to pass this bill, I would like to request all the Hon'ble Members not pass as it is. To raise is good but not like this. The jump is too much now. If it is around Rs. 2,000/- I can agree and I am sure we will be able to manage ourselves by Rs.2,000/-. So, I don't want to pass the Bill as it is.

Thank you.

...86/-

PU K.L.LIANCHIA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, in the informal meeting, representatives from all parties were invited and we had discussions many

times. Now we are discussing what had been discussed in the meeting. The amount required for the three Bills in a year will be Rs. 15 lakhs. Some Members had said that we will be the highest paid members in India, but in other states, the MLAs are provided with good facilities like vehicles besides the cash. As we often used to say, Mizoram is a deficit state, still Government servants in Mizoram are getting more allowances comparing with other states.

Anyway, we are discussing about our salaries and to some extent it is not easy to day. But let us do it bravely if we are going to do it because it is clear that we are going to use it for a long time. It is not easy to revise very often. Therefore, I think we have to agree what had been passed by our leaders. But in this regard what we have to remember is that we should also try to increase our revenue sources. And regarding collection of revenue, it seems the system of collection is not good enough, it is troublesome for public. What I am afraid is we will cause inconveniences to the public.

And what really touches my heart is that I got a letter from Thinglian VCP in which he congratulated me for the increment of our salary and next he wrote that in their village they did not have even ration to take. While such condition prevails within our state, I feel reluctant to increase our salary. I feel bad to have such an amount of increment while others are dying out of hunger. Therefore, we have to be either a Minister or MLA who deserves increment.

There had been a proposal to raise the salaries of MLAs during Congress Ministry. The Proposal had been sent to Delhi but as the dawn of peace was approaching, the proposal was not followed up. If that proposal had been fulfilled, the present increment will not appear to be too much. Truly speaking, Rs. 650/- per month was too little that it decrease the status of the MLAs. That is why it is good to cooperate each other in this regard and Pu Deputy Speaker, I do support this bill.

Thank you. ...87/-

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, being  
MINISTER Finance Minister, I have lots  
to clarify in this regard.

While we consider about our salaries, I was the strongest. But other Hon'ble MLAs even from other parties pressed me to raise the salaries so its been done. As our salaries cannot be considered by one party, we called representatives, from all the parties. Its not that we simply agreed to what others had done. We had discussed so many times and we changed the figures many times. But it had come out as agreed by all the representatives from all the parties. Therefore, we must know that this is not the proposal of a single party.

Regarding increment in our salaries, I do not think there is none to inside one another. It is meant to serve public and rural people more efficiently. As I've mentioned earlier, this had been agreed by all the representatives in the committee, therefore, today also I do think it is good to pass this and I'd also like to mention that I do support this.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now time will be given to  
Pu Venlalnghaka.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, since my  
speed is slow I do hope you  
will understand me even if I  
take a little long.

Today, we are discussing our own salary and it can be assumed that there won't be any opposition in this regard. Pu Deputy Speaker, let us not think about only money we've been told that this is meant to fight temptations but I don't think temptations and corruptions can be faught by means of money. It should rather be faught by words. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, why do we agrue in many matter.

It is true that we need more money in these days but the Opposition Members said that our needs should be moderate. Today, if I am to care only my salary I think I will be the happiest in the increment. Ust recently, one of the Hon'ble Members had pointed out that members who served one term could build concrete building, but in my case, I have'nt built concrete building till today and I am still in a rented house. Pu Deputy Speaker, by accusing one another with false, we cannot serve our country. One thing what I'd like to point out is that Aizawl D.C.

had fixed Rs.15/- as minimum wage, order for this had been issued only last year. But we are taking Rs.7/- only for porter charge. I, therefore, would like to request the House Leader to note this. If the order of Aizawl D.C. is not changed, the Bill which we are going to pass today and that order will contradict each other.

As the Hon'ble Members had pointed out, will it be good to increase the salaries of the V/Cs while ours is increasing. Otherwise there can be some hindrances in their works. They too can face many problems because of their low salaries. They are busy ushering VIPs, Ministers, Directors who visit their Villages and have no time to do their own works. Therefore, I think it is good to raise the salaries of V/Cs while ours is increasing.

One more thing I'd like to pointed out had already been pointed out by some of the members. Besides, opposing to too much jump in the increment, I can't accept the proposal to draw Rs.6000/- p.m. by Minister for not occupying a quarter or Bungalow. In the past they used to take Rs.200/- p.m. for this.

Regarding imposition of taxes some said it has nothing to do with the increment of our salaries. But the House Leader and Finance Minister knew this very well. There is an estimate for our requirement of fund and it is in the basis of this that Central Government sanctioned fund. Therefore, it is better to let us know clearly about this.

Even if we all agree in the increment of our salary, we will surely face problems from Reserve Bank after 10 years. We will be facing problems when the Mizoram Government will not have funds to draw from the Bank. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, we have to be very careful in this regard. Let us think carefully. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, as I can't accept the jump in the increment of MLA salaries, I don't think I can vote for this.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

Now you'll have only few minutes. Pu Zosiama Pachuau will speak first.



PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker, I think we are pleased to discuss our salaries. While we were under U.T. Ministry, we did not have authority regarding salaries of the MLAs but now we can do as we wish. It is important to bear in mind that regarding the salaries of MLAs, Ministers, Speaker and Deputy Speaker, it is not only for the present members. It is for the previous members and also for the future members. And some of us said the increment is too much. Anyway, if it is properly utilised, it is not too much. The increment of our salaries will be judged from our work. If we work efficiently, people will not say the increment is high but if we do not work properly, they will think its too much. So, it depends on our performances. So, it is good to know that we, the members, are having more responsibilities while our salary is increasing.

Lastly, it is fortunate to have a proposal like this. It is good to show our likes and dislikes. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to increase our salary.

Thank you.

PU TAWNLUIA :  
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, in this August House we are discussing about the increment of the MLAs, Ministers, Speaker and Deputy Speaker and it seemed that we all drew our salary in serial as the new increment basis. This shows that we accept this. Today, we are not discussing about the revenue of Mizoram but we are discussing the spirit of increment in our salaries, its scope and advantages. It is known that the condition of the MLAs is very tight. It is also very difficult to manage by Rs. 650/- p.m. I am very grateful to our leaders to have this plan because it is very difficult to revise salary. Even the former salaries we had been taking was made since 1972 and only after 10 years we can do it now. Like that when will this be amended? Now also if we look at the amount, though the figure seems to be high, many will be relieved as we have poor facilities.

Even when the constituency is small, expenditure can be very high, that is why I do not think the jump is not that much high. In other states and even in Parliament, they are provided with good facilities. Therefore, by judging from all these and as the living cost in Mizoram is high. I don't think the present increment is not much. So it is more important for us to pass this.

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Mention had been made regarding Market rate. There are about 90 Government Stall in Market. A-lane had been rented for Rs. 370/- p.m. but the new rented rate will be Rs. 1,000/-p.m. B-lane used to be Rs.300/- p.m. and it will come up to Rs.800/- p.m. V-lane used to be Rs.250/- p.m. and it will be Rs.700/- p.m. and D-land which used to be Rs.200/- p.m will also come up to Rs.650/- p.m. And tea-stall which used to be Rs.105/- will be Rs.500/- p.m. Like that, even the Revenue collection will be increased by certain amount.

Furnishing of Minister's Bungalow had also been mentioned. It is true that the expenditure for this is high. The reason is that we want to keep a better quality of things and when we occupied these bungalows, they were too empty and that required everything to be new.

Well, today, I'd like to pass the Bill and I do hope we will surely pass the Bill,

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

Now I shall call upon House Leader and after that the concern Minister who moved the Bill will wind up.

PU LALDENGA :  
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak. As many of the Hon'ble Members had participated in the discussion. I don't think it is necessary to repeat all the points. I have nothing to add in this regard except that it is quite reasonable.

One thing I'd like to clarify is that the imposition of taxes are not meant to recover the increment on the salaries of members. We are not going to increase taxes because of the increase in expenditure. As one of the Hon'ble Minister had pointed out in the memorandum of settlement. Its written that the revenue gap will be filled up by the Central from consolidated fund. We used to ask the Central Government for our needs. So its not that we are asking someone's shares. Its ours as long as we are Indians since its Indian consolidated fund. So we also mentioned in the budget our supplementary demand from consolidated fund due to the increment of the salaries. There is nothing to be ashamed of in this regard. We all know that our state is very poor and there can be many reasons why we are so poor. Anyway, both the rich

and poor state share the Central consolidated fund. So we don't have to be reluctant to ask fund from Central and the Central used to grant according to our needs. Therefore, because of the increment in our salaries we are not going to increase taxes. I want the August House to know this clearly. And we won't either increase the salaries as much as we want. This had been carefully considered by the committee and the proposal is quite reasonable.

It is not possible to manage a family by Rs. 650/- p.m. Chief Minister used to take Rs. 1,400/- p.m. but it is not possible to manage a family. I'm sure they had been helped by their relatives otherwise it is not possible to live. And when we are helped by others, we feel we owe at least something to those who helped us.

I think the House has to pass what had been accepted by the representatives of all parties. Even the salaries of Government Servants will be raised. That too will not be based on increases in taxes. On the other hand taxes will be increased according to our abilities. But this will not be used to either to increase or decrease the salaries. Other development funds are also taken from the consolidated fund. Therefore, let us all take it without hesitation. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I want the House to pass what had been passed by our leaders and party representatives.

Thank you.

PU SAINGURA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not have  
MINISTER much to say since many Hon'ble Members had said. One thing is that, as some of the Hon'ble members had said, while we were planning this, all the representatives from the parties were there. And we considered this case carefully, we even looked at others states, so it had been fixed according to the cost of living in Mizoram.

So, I request the House to pass the Mizoram salaries, allowances and pension of members of the Legislative Assembly Bill, 1987. The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker Bill, 1987 and the Mizoram which had been moved in a modified form.

Thank you.



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DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister in-charge Pu Saingura Sailo had moved 'The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Minister Bill, 1987, The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and Deputy Speaker Bill, 1987 and the Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of Members of Legislative Assembly Bill, 1987 and we had discussed these three Bills for a long time. Now I am asking the House whether we can pass or not. (We can pass it). Its good. So, I declare that these Bills are passed.

Today we could finish our business smoothly and now its going to be 9 p.m. We have had a grand discussion. I'm sure you are not tired since we are discussing about our salaries. I'm really glad we have such a good day. From now on will draw our pay according to the rate of salaries we have just passed.

Now we will adjourn the House but before that I'd like to invite you all to a dinner at my residence. Well now, I declare the House adjourn. Sine die.

House adjourned sine die.  
at 8:52 P.M.

L.C. THANGA  
Secretary.