

**FOURTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(FOURTEENTH SESSION)**

8TH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 27TH MARCH, 2003

PRESENT

1. Pu R.Lalawia, Speaker at the Chair, Deputy Speaker, Chief Minister, 14 Ministers and 21 Members were present

QUESTIONS

2. **QUESTIONS** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

3. **PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA** to make a statement on untoward incident at Tuipubari on 26th March, 2003

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

4. **Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** to move that the Mizoram Education Bill, 2003 be taken into consideration.

ALSO

to move that the Bill be passed

5. **PU C. LALRINSANGA** to move that the Mizoram Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2003 be taken into consideration and

ALSO

to move that the Bill be passed

SPEAKER

“So that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust”

Matthew 5:45

We shall take up questions. Now let us call upon Col. Lalchungnunga Sailo to ask Starred Question No.101.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO

Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of School Education Department be pleased to state.

- (a) That there is a report of big corruption on Medical Re-imburement and L.T.C. in School Education Department which is investigated by Department Enquiry Committee and Anti-Corruption Branch. Has Enquiry been finished?
- (b) How many persons were given charge sheet?
- (c) What action will be taken by the Government?

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER**

Mr. Speaker Sir, here is the answer to questions asked by hon'ble Minister, Col. Lalchungnunga :

- (a) The said corruption was enquired by Anti-Corruption Branch.
- (b) Departmental Proceeding has been drawn against 20 staff and 16 officers.
- (c) Necessary action will be taken against the involved persons.

- COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. Have the said 20 staff and 16 officers remained in their respective posts or are they suspended from their service ?
- PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what I am going to ask seems to be relevant. How many Aided Teachers are employed in various Primary Schools ? Is there proposal to regularize them ? If so, will the Government condone their qualification ? How many new teachers are given appointment to fill up vacant posts due to pension and death in various Primary School and Middle School during a Calendar year of 2001 ? What pay scale was given to such new teachers ?
- PU F. LALTHANZUAI A : Mr. Speaker Sir, since when is the Government aware of such corruption ? When did the Government give order to enquire this to the Anti-Corruption Branch ?
- PU P.B. ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what amount of money was mis-used for such fake M.R. and L.T.C. ?
- PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, is there any person among 20 staff and 16 officers who was given promotion in his service ?
- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Dr. R.Lalthangliana to give answers.
- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I was not prepared to answer the questions asked by the hon'ble Leader of Opposition as it needs some exact figures. Therefore, I will note down such questions and written answer will be given later. And, as I have said earlier, 20 staff and 16 officers were found to be involved in

this corruption. We got Inquiry report from the Vigilance Department in November 2002. The School Education Department was noticed to take Departmental action against them. Among them 4 officers had already been pensioned off from their service. This case needs more time as the accused persons were given time to have explanation. This case seems to be started from 1992 - 1993. Now, the accused persons filed court case. In this connection, I would like to mention that they still hold their post. But promotion is not given to any one of them. Meanwhile, the Cabinet Meeting recommends decentralized policy. Therefore, some of them take charge of District Officers with their own grade pay, which is not promotion.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana to ask Starred Question No. 102.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you I ask Starred Question No.102 to be replied by the hon'ble Minister of Power & Electricity Department.

- (a) What is the reason for not publishing the result of Interview among the Muster Roli worker in Power & Electricity Department held in November 1999 ?
- (b) How many workers were appointed to Jungali Post during January 1999 to 28.2.2003 ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister and Power & Electricity Department Minister.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to Starred Question No. 102.

- (a) The said result has not been published due to financial problem for salary.
- (b) 12 (twelve) appointments were made to Jugali post on compassionate ground.

PU LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we know that it is difficult to make new appointment. Meanwhile, there are M.R. workers who still remain 'unskilled' for more

than 10 years. Is there any possible way to classify them into various skill categories such as semi skill, skill-I and skill-II. So that they can get better salaries ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister to give answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, we also want to give them better salary, So we still apply for that system in accordance to our financial condition.

PU L.N.TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister of S.A.D. (Secretariat Administration Department) be pleased to state :

(a) Has the Government enquired mis-use of Rs 18 lakhs in May 2002 under S.A.D. which was published in the newspapers.

(b) What action was taken against this ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to questions asked by the hon'ble member Pu L.N.Tluanga.

(a) The said missing money was Rs 19,35,965/- In this connection, Case No.262/02 Dt 30.5.2002 under Section 409 IPC was filed against Nazir Lathmingliana. He was suspended from his post.

(b) Case has been going on, So, final action has not yet been taken.

S P E A K E R : Since Court case is still going on, our Rules does not allow to discuss this. Now let us call upon Pu K. L. Lianchia to ask Starred

Question No. 104

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister of School Education Department be pleased to state :

- (a) What amount of money was received by the Government of Mizoram from Central Government under NLPCR Scheme ?
- (b) Has that amount of money been used justly ?
- (c) Has the said money been used totally ?

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Minister, to give answer.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to question asked by the hon'ble member Pu K.L.Lianchia.

- (a) Rs 2072 lakh and Rs 1248 lakh have been received by the Government of Mizoram for Elementary School Improvement Project and Secondary School Improvement Project respectively.
- (b) & (c) The said money is being used continuously. We think that it will be used totally during this year.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, is that amount of money received fully in one phase? Is there year wise break up? In my constituency, nearly Rs 20 lakhs was sanctioned in 2000-2001. But the money has not been released till date. What is the reason for this? When will the money be released?

PU H.LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank for the coming fund from Non-lapsable Pool of Central Resources. Many villages were included in my constituency too in the Phase-I. But the office staff said that they could not go to some villages near Tuivai river due to the presence of insurgents. Therefore, they were included again in the Phase-II, which is eagerly awaited from there. When will the money be released?

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, NLPFCR is a project made during the period of former Education Minister. The following are the year wise break up of

money received by the Government of Mizoram :

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| (1) | First Instalment for Elementary School Improvement Project (2000 - 2001) | - | Rs 1072 lakhs |
| (2) | Second Instalment for Elementary School Improvement Project (2001 - 2002) | - | Rs 1000 lakhs |
| (3) | First Instalment for Secondary School Improvement Project (2000 - 2001) | - | Rs 624 lakhs |
| (4) | Second Instalment for Secondary School Improvement Project (2001 - 2002) | - | Rs 624 lakhs |

Due to the financial problem, the money cannot be released quickly. In spite of this, Finance Department tries its best effort. Therefore, we hope that fund can be released totally during this spring season. We still have another project costing about Rs 3900 lakhs to be submitted to the Central Government.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this non-lapsable Pool of Central Resources Fund will be used to construct building for 843 Primary Schools, 485 Middle Schools, 115 High Schools and 8 Higher Secondary Schools. Besides, Teaching & Learning Equipment will be provided to 1266 Primary Schools and 678 Middle Schools. Science Laboratory Room is also to be constructed for 115 High Schools and 12 Higher Secondary Schools. Laboratory Materials is also provided to 30 Higher Secondary Schools and 165 High Schools. We also know that there are private High Schools who greatly required Grant-in-Aid. Therefore, 52 private High Schools were aided from the 1st Instalment and we hope that another 49 Schools can be aided from the 2nd Instalment.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the Government's policy on the said Building Grant? Will the Headmaster draw the money or

the Government will entrust the concerned V/C?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, we have a proper proposal on the executing procedure of the said Grant in which the school will have Building Committee

to be responsible in the expenditure of the Building Grant. Collective responsibility will be applied in this matter.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, can the Minister tell me the formation of the Building Committee?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, School Building Committee will consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer like other Committee of

various community owned Projects. In some villages which already have Village Education Committee, Building Committee will associate such V.E.C. There will be representatives from NGO and official side. If the hon'ble member wants to know a detailed formation of Building Committee, I can furnish later on.

PU K.T. ROKHAW

: Mr. Speaker Sir, the former Minister of School Education Department told us to make a list of the needy schools in our respective

constituencies, I also listed out 3 schools and submitted to him. However, no schools in my constituency appeared in the list last year. What is the reason? Does the later Minister rejects the steps taken by the former Minister?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I give assurance to the hon'ble member from Tuipang constituency that I will enquire this and I will try my best and I am

also aware of the necessity of Building Grant for various schools in Chhimituipui District. And in regard to the question raised by the hon'ble member, Pu K.L.Lianchia, the Chairman of School Building Committee is the V.C.P. of the concerned village, Member Secretary is the Headmaster of the concerned school. Other members are Teacher's representatives, Parent's representatives, President of Y.M.A. Branch and representatives from other NGO if necessary. The Committee is properly formed to execute the construction work. It is expected to be active when the funds are available but remain inactive when the work is completed.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to reply :

- (a) What is the reason for not occupying the newly constructed P.H.C. Building at Ngentiang ?
- (b) When will the Doctor be posted at Ngentiang P.H.C. ?

PU F.MALSAWMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to questions asked by the hon'ble member from Lungpho constituency are as follows :

- (a) Construction of PHC Building at Ngentiang has been completed now and office order has also been issued to occupy this building.
- (b) There is a Doctor in this P.H.C., who is Dr. Thanmawii. She cannot reach Ngentiang village due to damage of her vehicle. She will go to her post as soon as repairing of her vehicle is finished.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for knowing that there will be a Doctor in Ngentiang P.H.C. Meanwhile, the only Pharmacist in the said PHC has been transferred to other place. Can this post be filled up again? Next, can the Government give priority to Medical Services? We need the services of Medical Staff such as Doctors, Pharmacists, Nurses and Health Workers very much especially in rural areas. Is there possible ways from Finance Department to give priority to Health Services ?

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, can the Doctor of Ngentiang PHC go by other vehicles? If it takes a lot of time to repair her vehicle there may be serious problems at that village. Besides, all the staff of our hospital in Buarpui have been transferred to other places and even X-ray equipments are also taken away. I have told about this to the concerned Minister. When will the Government take steps to make our hospital functionable as before?

PU LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, yesterday, there are 7 pregnant women who were listed out to be operated in Civil Hospital Aizawl. But only 5 women underwent operation due to shortage of water supply. 2 women were sent back home. This seemed to be a serious case. Is it good to enquire this and to take steps to avoid such problem.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, some days ago in this same Session we heard that the Doctor posted to Ngentiang PHC was attached at Serchhip. But now, we hear another answer that she still waits for repairation of her vehicle. Which one is correct, the former or the later answer? At the same time, can the Government provide better vehicles to those who were posted to remote places such as Ngentiang, Suangpuilawn, etc., where other transport services are not available?

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in my constituency also, we have no Doctors in the PHC of Mimbung, Rabung and Hnahlan. Some of them have no Doctor for three years. Can these posts be filled up? Besides, can priority be given to medical services?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu F.Malsawma Minister to give answer.

PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, we are also sorry for shortage of Doctors. Now, we have 19 PHC without a Doctor. Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister, we hope that we can solve this problem to some extent. Regarding the question raised by the hon'ble member from Buarpui constituency, one Ophthalmic Assistant has been posted there, he is now expected to join his post. And, regarding the water problem faced in the Hospital as mentioned by the hon'ble member Pu R.Lalzirliana, some incidents can be there accidentally which is not our desire. Anyway, we try our best effort to avoid any problem as much as possible.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: We will call upon Pu K.T. Rokhaw to ask Starred Question No. 106.

P U K . T . R O K H A W

: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister of P.W.D. be pleased to state :

- (a) Has the repairing work of K.P.Road (Kawichaw to Phura) been started now?
- (b) If so, who is the contractor? What amount of money is estimated for this work?

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A
C H I E F M I N I S T E R

: Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to questions asked by the hon'ble member, Pu K.T.Rokhaw :

- (a) The repairing work of Kawichaw to Phura road has been started now.
- (b) The name of contractors, addresses and estimated amounts are -
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| (1) K.Sangluanga, New Saiha | - | Rs 52,83,559.97 |
| (2) Lalnunmawia, Bungkawn Aizawl | - | Rs 57,30,894.14 |

P U C . T H A N G H L U N A

: Mr. Speaker Sir, the road between Rawnakawn and Saizawh, which is about 40 kms long was constructed from NEC fund. It has been handed over to state P.W.D. now. But it is not properly maintained. Is there any proposal to repair this road?

P U K . T . R O K H A W

: Mr. Speaker Sir, the construction work of Kawichaw to Phura road has been done. Now, widening and Black topping will be done.

Those who live in Chhimituipui District also bidden the tender. But generally as we often speak about in this house, all major works in this district are given to the contractors from Aizawl and Lunglei Districts. What is the reason for not giving this contract works to the contractors from Chhimituipui District?

I got an information from E.E., P.W.D. Saiha Division that widening and black topping of this road will not pass through Kaisih village. This greatly hurts the feeling of Kaisih people. Therefore, I request the Government to make this road through Kaisih village.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question; Thenzawl to Lunglei Road is still under construction now. We also heard complaint from the leader of Opposition Group on the stone used for this road. Does the Government verify this? Who is the contractor and sub-contractor of this road? From where shall we get stone for this road?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we are mentioning
CHIEF MINISTER Kawlchaw to Phura road. Therefore, I was not prepared to answer Thenzawl to Lunglei road.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, they used bad quality of stone. Can he answer me whether they have verified that stones or not?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if there is complaint
CHIEF MINISTER on the quality of stone used in this road. I will ask the concerned Department to verify it. Regarding the road from Rawnalkawn to Saizawh. We could not start repairing works at the exact time due to late allotment of fund from NEC. But now, repairing work has been started. In this connection maintenance of the existing road cannot be done not only in Mizoram but also throughout the country due to lack of fund. Anyway, we try our best effort in this regard.

PU C.THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the maintenance work is very bad. Generally, only 1 km can be repaired in a year. If so, this road of 40 kms will take 40 years to be maintained. Can the Government work harder?

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, our main source of fund for maintenance of road is the Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India. Fund is generally released to every state in a year-wise. We cannot get new or additional fund even if other states have not used up their funds already sanctioned. This creates problems for us. Knowing this, the Minister of Surface Transport Ministry advised us to fight the present guideline as he thinks it is unfair to halt the flow of fund to state which had made use of the fund. Now, we still fight for this. We will raise this in the Meeting called by the 12th Finance Commission on this coming monday.

Regarding the contract works in Chhimtuipui District, we also want to favour the people of the concerned District. But in case of contract works under PMGSY, there is guidelines to be followed in which such contract works are generally major works which cannot be given to small contractors. Anyway, we still try our best to favour them in any possible contract works. And the hon'ble member wants to make road pass through Kaisih village. I do not know what amount of money will be needed. Anyway, I will tell the Department staff to fulfill his desire if possible.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA

Mr. Speaker Sir, the contract work of Aizawl - Thenzawl Road is given to Johnson Eastern Power, Aizawl. We have mentioned the quality of stone used in this road. Yesterday, I also visited this place where I found that they used very bad quality of stone. I hereby brought home such stone for the sample to produce in this House. It is very bad.

S P E A K E R

It seems to be good to produce the sample of stone used by the contractor. But now, we are mentioning about Kawlchaw to Phura road.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, I appreciate the efforts of the hon'ble member. I would like to say that we need good cooperation with the Opposition Party to make better assets for our state. I will enquire that work. Any constructive suggestion is welcomed. (Pu R.Lalzirliana : Mr. Speaker Sir, the concerned Minister will know what quality of stone is used by the contractor)

Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir, I will enquire this. But, there is appropriate time to raise our views. Therefore, this can be mentioned in the General Discussion period or any other time. We all want to have good assets. Therefore, we beg for good cooperation from the members.

SPEAKER : Alright, Now, let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask Starred Question No. 107.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Home Department be pleased to state : How many Police Constables were recruited during the year 2003.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, Minister, to give answer.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, during the year 2003, fifty three new constables of Police were recruited.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will go to the next business. Yesterday, I got an application from the Minister of Home Department to present a statement on the incidents at Tuipuibari. I admitted his application according to our Rules No. 60. Now, let us call Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga, Minister of Home Department to present statement in this House.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for permitting me to present a statement in this august House on undesirable incident on 25.3.2003 at Tuipuibari.

Mr. Speaker, as an information received from the Post Commander of 3rd Battalion, M.A.P. Tuipuibari Post, two M.A.P. constables - Lalpamawia and Lalthananga of Constable Numbers 773 and 142 respectively roamed away with their arms without getting permission from their Commander on 25.3.2003. They went to Persang village where they meet one Bru called Bawnga whose Mizo name is Lalrinkima. Unfortunately, Bawnga was shot by one of them on his left knee and Bawnga died on 26.3.2003 at 8:30 A.M.

According to our information, Lalrinkima divorced his wife as he thought that his wife had love affairs with other guy. It is also known that Lalrinkima is a closed friend of Lalthananga to help him persuade his divorced wife to come back to him. On their way to call Lalrinkima's wife, Lalthananga accidentally fell down on the slippery soil and fired his gun. The bullet unfortunately hit Lalrinkima. Therefore, there occurred the said undesirable incident.

As soon as they know this bad news, the Commandant of 3rd Battalion M.A.P. one Adjutant and a Nurse went to Tuipubari with Ambulance. Besides, SDPO of Mamit an O.C. of West Phaileng went to that place. Constable Lalpamawia and Constable Lalthananga were disarmed and suspended from their service on the same date i.e. 26.3.2003. Case No. 6/2003 Dt 26.3.2003/302 I.P.C. and 27 Arm Acts were charged against them. Because of this incident, we hear no report of further violence in this area. We still watch the atmosphere carefully. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: We have heard a statement from the Minister. No discussion is needed.

Therefore, we shall go to the next business. We shall call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Minister of School Education to move the Mizoram Education Bill, 2003. This Bill has already been introduced. Now, let the copy be distributed and let him move it.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today, I am happy for we can have good opportunity to move The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003 in this august

House. This Bill concerns not only Education but also every family in our State. Therefore, it is very important.

Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I would like to point out the name of officials who rendered their untiring efforts to prepare this Bill. They are Dr. L.N. Tuanga, the former Director of School Education Department, Dr. R. Lianzela, Pu R.L. Tawnga, the former Minister Pu F. Malsawma, Secretary of Law Department and Officials of the School Education Department. As Education lies in the concurrent list, we obtained approval from the Government of India. So, it takes a very long time to go through such stages. Now I am happy for I can move this Bill on this day.

School Education Department seems to be the biggest Department in Mizoram. Today, there are 46 Higher Secondary Schools, 396 High Schools, 592 Middle Schools and 1377 Primary Schools in Mizoram. We now have a record of teachers and Office staff of 12914 in various Deficit and Government Schools. In the Office of the Directorate there are 3 Jt. Directors, 4 Dy. Directors. We also have SCERT as a separate set up. There are 2 DIET, one at Aizawl and

other at Lunglei headed by their respective Principals. There is another body called MBSE to conduct Board Examinations. If I am not mistaken School Education Department has 26% of the total Government servants of Mizoram. In spite of this, there has not been a proper Act for this Department since the time of U.T. Therefore, we try our best to make this Bill. After passing through the Central Government, we can introduce it now. Mr. Speaker Sir, the Central Government has made some changes in our drafted Bill. Therefore, the copy of this Bill which we distribute today is different from what we had submitted to the Central Government. But their difference is not so much.

To prepare this Bill, we had studied the Education Act of other states. We got approval from the Central Government on February 17, 2003. Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not deny that this Bill will not be a perfect Bill. But we greatly need to have Education Act for our state. Therefore, I hope that, all of us will agree to pass it today. Other necessary Rules will be made after passing this Bill in this House. So, I wish this House to pass The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003 unanimously, that is why I move this Bill in this august House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now, the Minister has moved The Mizoram Education Bill. We shall have discussion on this Bill, each member is given 7 minutes. As we have two Bills today our time is limited. If members want to club them together, time to be given to the members can be 10 minutes each.

P U K . L . L I A N C H I A

: Mr. Speaker Sir, if we can have more 2 more minutes it is better to club the two Bills together. On other days we often discussed two or more departments at a time.

P U N I R U P A M C H A K M A

: Mr. Speaker Sir, there can be an unfavourable precedence if we do so, let us discuss them one by one.

S P E A K E R

: I have no objection, if majority of you want to club together we can do, it is upto you.

- PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, in the discussion of Demands we clubbed two or more demands together at a time. Such precedence is already there.
- PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Bill is quite different from Demands. It is Legislation business. Therefore, it is not appropriate to club two Bills together at a time.
- SPEAKER : The mover of the Bill can move and which will be followed by discussion. I found no precedence which is unfavourable. Can Pu Nirupam withdraw himself?
- PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not want to withdraw myself. I am afraid that it will have bad precedence in future.
- SPEAKER : Can you point out how can it make bad precedence.
- PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if we club two Bills together at a time, this House can lose its prestige.
- SPEAKER : Yes, it will be better for us if you can clearly point out the reason if there can be bad precedence. I value suggestions given by the members whoever he/she may be. So, I request you to understand Pu Nirupam. Let us take one Bill at a time as we have already made in the business. But, let us remember that 7 minutes each is given to member who want to speak on this Bill.

PU L.N.TLUANGA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am happy for we can discuss The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003 today. I know that it will be very difficult

to prepare this Bill. So, generally I appreciate the provisions of this Bill. But, in page 6, sub No.5 we see that when a school got recognition from the Government it does not mean that school should be aided by the Government. This provision seems to contradict our normal practice. On the other hand, in the definition of recognition we see that a recognized school can receive aid from the Government. Therefore, I wish this provision to be revised.

Besides the above, I want to make provision to fix a minimum age for children to get admission in Elementary Schools. Some parents want their children to enter schools at the age of 3 or 4. I want to make a proper guideline in this matter. Or do I not understand Chapter 6 No. 15(2) of the Bill? Anyway, I really appreciate this Bill and I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Minister for introducing this important Bill in this House. Therefore, I wish this Bill to be passed unanimously. Thank you.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA
DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am happy for we can have The Mizoram Education Bill discussed in this House due to the efforts

of the hon'ble Minister. It is one of the political milestones for Mizoram. As mentioned by the concerned Minister this Bill has been prepared since 1999. However, it required a long time to go through the Central Government. The hon'ble Minister tried his best effort in this matter. There may be some provisions to make amendment for example, it is not clear whether to bifurcate or trifurcate the Post of Director. But, we need to have the Act first then necessary amendment can be made consequently. I am eagerly waiting for this Act, Because, being a member from rural constituency I found many Government servants who used the rural schools to get job but do not want to work there for a long time. They always try for transfer. If we have proper Act, there can be better rules to control such teachers. In my constituency 10 schools have single teacher each and even one school has no teacher.

Today, I want to pass this Bill unanimously. I further request the hon'ble Minister to present the policy of this Act in the next Session. Our schools required proper rules to make our education progressive. Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA

Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many important things to point out. It is nearly almost too late to have this Bill passed. Anyway, I am happy for we can mention about The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003 today. First of all, In Chapter I No.1 we see that "It shall apply to all Educational Institutions" In Sub No.(9), Educational Institution means a college or a Higher Secondary School or Recognised School or Institution defined in this Act. However, when we look at the provisions of this Bill, it is purely for an Institution upto High School only. There is no provision to be concerned with Higher Secondary Schools and Colleges. It is good to revise this provision. Besides, there is no provision to fix the minimum number of students required by an institution to have recognition from the Government.

In Chapter VI, Article-17 under the heading of "Fees and other charges". Will the Government accept various Bills such as Electricity, Water, Telephone etc as submitted by the Headmaster. If so, there can be loop-hold for corruption.

In Chapter VII, Article 21 we see a matter of Inspection. In Article 22 of the same Chapter there is provision on supervisors too. I opine that Inspection is generally used in the armed forces. So, the term 'Supervisor' is more appropriate than Inspector in the matter of School Education.

I am happy for we can have Education Bill to be passed now. This is very important for our state to promote our education system. In addition to the existing provisions of this Bill I would like to include proper guidance on vocational education, so that our students can be more fruitful. Besides, Education is a subject of concurrent list, inspite of this I would like to make our best effort to make syllabus to be suited with our society and culture. I request the Government to remember this when amendment is made in future. Thank you.

PU C.SANGZUALA

Mr. Chairman, thank you. Having an Education Bill to pass would be a great achievement for the Government. Therefore, I would like to express my thanks on this Bill first. Along with my thanks, let me raise some little questions. First of all regarding the order of sub-numbers in Section 1, I opine that Nos. 24,23 and 22 seem to be suited if placed just after No. 19. In Section-1 Sub-No 26, it is written that 'properties or educational institution' here the word 'or' seems to be 'of'. And, I do not understand Section 5(5) in which there is 'disadvantage Group' I opine that this provision can make practical inconvenience. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify this.

In Section 26(2)(g) there is a provision for making Advisory Board in which there would be six non-official members and at least 2 members would be female among them. If so, there is no criteria for the remaining four members. Let this be clarified by the hon'ble Minister.

Mr. Chairman, I have not much points to raise. However, I would like to convey my thanks to the concerned Minister and other officials who took part in preparing this important Bill. Therefore, I support this Bill to be passed today. Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER

: Mr. Chairman, I support this Education Bill, 2003 moved by the hon'ble Minister. More than 30 years have passed since

Mizoram became an U.T. During this period we had no Education Act of our own. As it is under the concurrent list we seemed to use Central rules. Therefore, I would like to express my thanks for this Bill. Next, I would like to mention about the salary of various teachers. Unlike other Departments, qualification based pay scale is used in Education. There are Matric Pay Scale, Graduate Pay Scale and Post Graduate Pay Scale. I want to replace this system by designation based pay scale like other Departments.

Since Education is not my subject I know not much about it. However, I am happy for we can have an Act of our own. This Education Bill gives me great hopes for the improvement of our education. I am not sure whether we will need Central approval to make amendments to this Act? Besides, Is it needed to adopt the existing service rules and administration rules after enforcing this Act?

Next, I also want to fix a student - teacher ratio for every school when the rule is made. Thank you.

Dr. LALZAMA

: Mr. Chairman, thank you. As mentioned by my fellow members, I also thank for The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003. Our education

system greatly needs improvement. Therefore, I appreciate the efforts of the hon'ble Minister of School Education Department for introducing this important Bill. I also think that this Bill will be good enough for our state, because it is drafted after studying The Education Act of our neighbouring states and after consulting experts in the Central Government.

In this Bill, I would like to point out the strength of enrolment and collection of fees. Necessary Rules would come later. This provision is very important. No fees can be collected without the approval from the appropriate authority. In this way there can be uniformity among various schools. I also hope that proper service rules would be there to make improvement of our educational quality. Besides, strong actions can be taken against the teachers who do not perform their duty well. In page 10, Chapter 7, we see the matter of inspection of institutions, This is very important. In the past years, inspection of school used to

be conducted frequently and the Inspector highlights his findings in the inspection note which was very important to improve the quality of education. Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA

: Mr. Chairman, Thank you. When I read all provisions of this Bill I found no points relating to appointment. There is no procedure to make appointment for aided schools. This Bill does not clarify the power of the managing committee of non-government schools in the matter of teacher's appointment. I, therefore request the Minister to clarify this. And, in page 62, Chapter-5 the word 'undivided' seems to be typing mistake and I think it should be corrected as 'unaided'. In Sub-number 14(a) of the same page we see that 'unaided educational institution may collect fees and other charges as may be prescribed by the Government'. This provision is very important because many private schools collect monthly fees as much as they wish, which can be a burden for many people.

Another question which I would like to raise is in the matter of Governing Body. Here in page 7(5) we see that 'where the Managing Committee or the Governing Body, as the case may be of recognized institution intend to suspend any of its employees, it may do so under intimation to the appropriate authority'. Although I support this portion I have a question that can we implement this? Can the Managing Board take actions against the confirmed teachers?

Regarding admission to Class-I, this Bill recommends six years of age. But, if some children who attains 5½ years are rejected to get admission he should be 6½ years in the next year. Therefore, a little concession seems to be good for such children.

On page 13, No.17 under the heading of 'Fees and other charges', we see that 'no recognized institutions shall levy fees or collect any other charges except those as may be prescribed' but in continuation of this provision it is written that 'no recognized educational institutions desirous of levying different rates of fees or other charges or collecting different funds shall do so without the approval of the appropriate authority'. These provisions seemed to contradict each other. Lastly, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if we want to improve our education, we will require qualified teachers. But in my constituency, shortage of teacher is our main problem till date. Thank you.

PU TAWNLUIA

: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Minister of Education Department and Officials who rendered their un-tiring efforts to prepare 'The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003'. This is a remarkable milestone in our history. However, this Bill might not be a perfect

Bill to solve all the problems in the Department of Education. Any necessary Rule should be made later. Therefore, I want this Bill to be passed as we require the Principal Act first then Rules can be made later to cover all Government schools and private schools.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to mention that our Session shows the maturity of members. We can make smooth conclusion on every Bill and demand after having good debates. Therefore, I would like to express my thanks to the opposition members too. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Our time is over now. We shall have a break and meeting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

Recess at 1:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will continue our business. Who will speak now? Yes, Pu H. Laltanpuia.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to express my thanks to the hon'ble Minister who introduced this important Bill.

Since having no Education Act for a very long time, we feel as if we have had such Act of our own. Therefore, I want to pass this Bill unanimously. Education Act is important especially for the members from rural constituencies. I am eagerly waiting for the Rules, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to move them in the next Session.

Along with this Bill I would like to mention the syllabus of H.S.L.C. particularly Science practical and Information Technology. These subjects carry marks, however, they are not easily implemented in rural areas like my constituency. I wish better syllabus which makes no difference among various schools in the whole state.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, when I read all the provisions of this Bill, I am not sure about the promotional channel of the staff. In Higher Education Department there are teaching lines and administration lines to be chosen by the staff. In Education Department also there are teaching staff and clerical staff. What kind of promotion will be used for them. It is good to make proper promotional channel for every staff. Lastly, I would like to point out the power of the

Managing Board of Schools it has power to suspend indiscipline teachers. If so, can it bring about more trouble? Can we afford this provision? I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify this. Thank you.

PU RUALCHHINA

: Mr. Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today, I am happy for we are going to have Education Act of our own. Therefore, I would like

to thank the hon'ble Minister, the former Minister of Education Department and various officers who rendered their efforts in this matter. On page 3, No.21 under the heading of 'Primary Education' we see 'formal education', 'informal Education and non-formal Education. In the Government Primary School, children who have attained 6 years can be admitted to class-I. But in Private English Medium School there are Nursery and K.G. Classes before entering Class-I. Is there any way to make Pre-Primary Section for Government schools.

Next, on page 7, No. 6 there is provision to aid educational institutions including private schools. In this matter there are two types of Private Schools, one is a school established by a village community and the other is a school ran by an individual for commercial purpose. Therefore, we will need to be careful when the Rules are made. Besides, in regard to qualification, our normal practice is qualification based pay scale. I want to make various pay scales for various stages of schools such as Primary School, Middle School, High School and Higher Secondary School. Next, I appreciate the provision to give power to the Managing Board to suspend teachers who do not perform their duty well.

In regard to free and compulsory education, I was not fully satisfied with Primary School stage only. I want free and compulsory education upto Middle School standard. Anyway, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I support this Bill and I want to pass it today. Thank you.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILOI

: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to raise few points. In Chapter - 2, under the heading of 'Recognition and Affiliation of

Educational Institution' it is written that 'it has to prescribe facilities for physical education, library, science laboratory and co-curricular activities' I opine that most of our schools cannot afford this provision even the recognized schools do not have such facilities. Therefore, it is good to be careful when the Rules are made. We need Rules to be implemented in most of our schools.

Next, as mentioned by Pu K.L.Lianchia, there is two provisions which can contradict each other in the matter of collection of fees. I, therefore, request the hon'ble Minister to clarify Chapter 5, 14th paragraph.

Next, I accept the provision to establish Advisory Board of Education. But I opine that we will need proper guidelines which can be made in the Rules. We all know that our state is greatly in need of Education Act. So, I also support this Bill to be passed unanimously. Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H. PAUTU : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. I am not going to use too much time. As requested by the hon'ble Speaker, let me point out the reasons for wanting to pass this Bill. First of all I would like to convey my thanks to the concerned Minister and the Officers of Education Department for making this Bill for consideration. I opine that this Bill will include college education too since it is named "The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003".

The other point for which I would like to express my thank is on page 11, Section-10. It is written that employees should be governed by a Code of Conduct. This provision is very important. In my constituency, one Primary School teacher in Khamrang village always drinks a liquor. He cannot perform his duty well. The same case is also there in Thingthelh village. Therefore, proper Code of Conduct is greatly needed to be followed by such teachers in the whole state. Also on page-11 under the heading of salaries of employees, we see that "the scale of pay, allowances and other benefits for the employees of recognized institution when the Government aided may be prescribed by the Government from time to time". This provision is very important to give incentive mind to the teachers.

On page 13, Chapter-VI, there is a provision on the strength of enrolment. Although there is no exact figure for teacher - student ratio I hope that it should be fixed when the rules are made. Again I thank this Bill for including free and compulsory primary education. This provision can be seen in Chapter 10 Section 25. The Government of India also wants to fulfil this provision and it is written in the Directive Principle in our Constitution.

In regard to inspection of schools, some hon'ble members prefer the word 'supervise' to 'inspection'. But in my opinion, we, the Mongolian race need to use 'inspection' since we are different from the western races. Therefore, I do not hesitate to use this word so that we can maintain better discipline. Our education seems to be deteriorating due to the negligence in proper inspection. Lastly, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to raise the minimum qualification for Primary School teachers. At least Graduate should be the minimum qualification, let this be remembered when the rule is made. Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA

: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to say that I support this Bill to be passed today. Here in Chapter V,

we see that the common problem faced by those who work in Deficit or Government aided schools is service condition. They have no pension benefit. Let this provision be clarified by the Minister. Some teachers worked very hard in their whole life but they could not have any pension benefit. I found one of such teachers at Marpara who had retired from his service. His financial condition seemed to be poorest of the poor. Therefore, I request the Government to make pension scheme for those who work in Deficit and Government aided school. Let this be remembered when the Rules are made. Thank you.

PU VANLALHLANA

: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. Mizoram, the second highest state in literacy in India have not had Education Act of our own.

But, today due to the untiring efforts of the hon'ble Minister we can have 'The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003' to pass which is achievement for our state and I hope that this Bill will be passed. We got many advices from our close friends and NGO's in favour of this Bill.

Today, I would like to mention that the introductory part of this Bill seems to be inadequate. In my opinion, our main objective will be development of Human Resources, however, it is not reflected as I want it to be reflected under the heading of 'The statements of object and reasons'. As we all know that education was started in our state by the Christian Missionaries in the late 19th Century. Consequently, schools emerged in various places rapidly. Education was taken up by the Government during the period of District Council and now we have a full fledged state of our own. Education still remains for a long time without having proper Act. Therefore, we greatly need to have proper Education Act, which will be very important for re-construction of not only our education system but also our society and culture. Therefore I truly appreciate this Bill.

The other point which I want to mention is that 'Recognition and affiliation of educational institution' on page 5, Chapter-II we see that 'no educational institutions shall be recognized unless it has adequate financial stability and regular payment of salary and allowances to its employees'. In many villages, private schools are established by a community and the teachers work voluntarily. Such schools will need Government's aid. Besides, teaching aid materials and other facilities demanded by this Bill are very difficult to have for them. Therefore, I opine that it is good to give some consideration to such community schools to have recognition. Anyway, I support this Bill and I want to pass it now. Thank you.

PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER

: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you.
Today, I am very happy for knowing

that we are all interested in this Bill. As mentioned by the hon'ble Minister in his introductory speech, we owed to express our thanks to those who worked very hard to prepare this Bill. They are Dr. Lalnunluanga, Pu R.L.Tawnga, Pu V.L.Nghaka and many officers in the Department. Due to their strenuous efforts we can introduce this Bill for consideration in this House. To prepare this Bill, we have studied the education system of U.S.A., U.K. and our neighbouring states in India. As education is in the concurrent list, this Bill has to go through the approval of the Central Government. Many of our proposals were deleted. In spite of this I would like to congratulate the hon'ble Minister for taking steps to make the Central Government speed up the work connected with this matter. Besides, I want to mention that during the previous Ministry 1993 - 1998, we have passed 41 Bills in this House, now we have passed 52 Bills altogether and if we pass two remaining Bills today the number rises to be 54. This is a symbol of great progress in my point of view.

This Bill might not be adequate as we desire. But, we need Principal Act first to make various Rules on Education. If we pass the Principal Act, we can make necessary Rules to promote our education system. As the standard of various schools in our state is not the same with each other, preparation of education Bill to cover all the schools is very difficult. Therefore, there may be some provisions to be inconvenient for some schools. Anyway, it is good to pass this Bill today, so that we can have the Basic Act to make necessary Rules. So, I support this Bill to be passed today. Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO

: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. Today, I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Minister of Education Department as well

as to the former Minister of the same Department for preparing this important Bill. Many members mentioned that the previous Minister was responsible for not having Education Act of our own. In this matter I would like to say that Mizoram is a very young state and we need many Acts to be passed not only in Education but also in other Departments too. Besides, we looked after our education by applying the Assam Education Act. By applying this Act, we can make Mizoram to get the second highest rank in Literacy in India. Now, we still remain without having Police manual and Trading Regulation Act of our own, no members pointed out about this. Therefore, we cannot blame the previous Ministry for having no Act on Education.

We, the Opposition members also support this Bill to be passed today. I have often said in the Session that I do not appreciate the Government's Policy on education since our schools are used for experiment. I hope that the Government will stop such practice when we pass this Bill. Therefore, I have a great hope on this Bill for the development of our education system and I would like to mention that I really support this Bill to be passed. Thank you.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we are now discussing The Mizoram Education Bill 2003. As said before we are racing on Education. Various schools were established without ready money. Consequently, the quality of the Schools were not good. Governor of Mizo too stated that 2% can pass Matriculate Exam in the First Division 3% in the Second Division, 95% in the Third Division. And 40% only can pass in general. We expect better result after passing this Bill. It seemed that regular payment to teachers are not followed properly. They are generally paid after six months.

And Chapter IV Section No.4 stated that some schools run for profit are not recognizable. Such schools have better result than that of Government schools. I do not know what opinion to be formed in this regard. I feel that it should be remembered when rules are formulated.

And regarding the stages of schools I would like to know the difference between Aided schools and deficit schools.

Chapter V Section 13 stated that the Managing Board or Governing Body of unaided schools can formulate School Code of Conduct of its own. I feel that it is better to follow the rules framed by the Government.

And regarding the maintenance of Academic record of Educational Institution, the health care for student appeared. I feel that we do not care enough health conditions of students or school children because rice supply for day meal is too bad. That is very important especially at the remote villages. Pu Speaker, if we have good institution in the state no student will go to school in other state or foreign which will save lot of money. I therefore, support this Bill to be passed in this House. Thank you.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Speaker, I would like give thanks for this Bill. I thought that we would pass it without proper discussion. If we are to discuss point by point, there is much to speak about. I would like to speak only in principle.

I read thoroughly the former Bill. I read only once about this Bill. As used to say, this is the biggest Department concerning all of us and every family. We were agrieved for not having Rules properly before. I have to point out two things. In my constituency, there are six schools which have no Headmaster till date. I often asked questions about it. But the term of Ministry come to an end without setting the problem. And Lungphunlian has one teacher but never goes to school for years from 1997. The matter is reported to the authority and enquired the matter and it is true. The honorable Minister too gave us assurance but not

decided the matter till date. The present position is like this. It is therefore very pleasing that the hon'ble Minister had formulated such Bill.

And the Bill is framed by our experts. That's why, I feel that it is not necessary to say much about it. Besides inefficiency of some of the teachers, we may have to learn by now that white colour job orientation will not last long. I therefore, would like to know whether the Bill is framed for job orientation. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister and Senior Officer to frame the Rules for betterment and upliftment of Education. Thank you.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this Bill really gives me immense pleasure to speak out and convey my sincere thanks to the hon'ble Minister and Officials who had taken great pain in introducing The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to get some clarification from the hon'ble Minister. Chapter II, No. 4 is recognition and affiliation of Educational Institution for the purpose of public examination it had been stated that recognized educational institution shall be affiliated to the Board. In my constituency, Some schools follow the Bengali as medium of instruction affiliated to the Board, which do not appear in the Board Examination like PSLC and MSLC. Most of the schools combined together and conduct examination by themselves. Some students are facing difficulties because after passing, Bengali Medium Certificate is being issued by the inspective Schools. So here, the Board may make some arrangement for giving the certificate with the date of conduct of examination. So, I think Bengali schools will have some problem if the Bill is passed especially in my constituency. There are more than 21 single Teacher Primary Schools and some Middle Schools too have no Headmaster. If the Bill is passed, I think it will bring some development in the field of education and also it will decrease the imbalance teachers between rural areas and urban areas. Therefore, I do support the Bill and request the hon'ble members not to discuss any more and let it be passed. Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, first of all, I would like to say that our Legislature Party would like to pass The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not speak about the Bill in detail but in general. This Bill contains nine chapters of which Chapter 2 is Power of Government to regulate Education, Chapter 9 Advisory Board of Education under Miscellaneous provision and the Chapter of service condition are the most important

chapters. Although the rate of literacy is very high, employment problem is also very high. That's why we need job oriental education, employment oriental education which is not clear in the principal act. It will be very pleasing if it is provided in the Power of Government to regulate Education. In the advanced countries, education is based on employment oriented in the field of resource mobilization, in our own land for self-employment orientation.

And I feel that provision should be made for maintenance of schools where plenty of Mushroom had grown.

If we do not improve their service condition, we cannot expect quality education. It is required to improve service condition of teachers from Primary School level to Higher Secondary Schools. And I feel that the education system should be carried out in a way of employment orientation especially in the field of Horticulture, Agriculture, Forests based resources, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary. Regarding establishment of school, permission should be the first stage than that of recognition. I feel that recognition should be the second stage.

And appreciation of English Medium School rapidly increased in the State. If so, the education system be made so as to have English for medium of instruction from the lowest level. I therefore, like to pass and support this Bill to be passed on this day. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

Every member supports the Bill. We will now call upon Education Minister to wind up the discussion. And let him beg the

House to pass it.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER

Thank you, 21 members participated in the discussion and many of us expressed our thoughts and ideas in regards to our education and

the system itself, which is very pleasing. If I am to clarify all the points, it will take too long. That's why I request the hon'ble members to inform me in writing for further action needs to be taken although I had noted down the points. I therefore request you to have a good understanding as we have to discuss another Bill. I will clarify only some points.

The matter of recognition will be considered in accordance with financial soundness. And schools opened for profit would be included in the matter of recognition. And I feel that the matter of deficit is sensitive. Government of Mizoram tried to do away with the deficit schools. Now, we have a number of Deficit Middle School and High School. They were regarded to be provincialised to Government Schools. But it will be carried out in accordance with availability of

fund. The Government also tried to do away with the quantity of different stages of Schools like - Permission, Aided, Adhoc, Grant-in-Aid, Deficit etc. That is the policy of Government.

And the syllabus and Managing Board of Schools will be incorporated in the Rules later on.

One thing I would like to inform the House is that Head Teacher will be changed into the name of Headmaster. Now, 36 High Schools, 100 Middle Schools and 240 Primary Schools have no Headmaster. They will be filled up as soon as possible.

The Opposition leader suggested education to run in the way of job-oriented. The Government of Mizoram too have such policy. We are now to introduce Computer Education in about 100 High Schools. Australia may also help us in this endeavour.

Regarding the amendment, I would like to request you to pass this Bill as its present position as it is prepared. It is prepared by the learned groups of the Department concern. The working group drafted it basing on various Rules of other states as well as the Central. It may be necessary to make amendment some days it will be done so if needed.

It appears that it does not include Primary Education in the Autonomous District Councils. But it may be regarded as making it for them too. In regards to recognition and its administration, it will be incorporated in the rules later on. Anyhow, if we could pass it, we may attain the highest literacy rate in India. The Autonomous District Council areas are especially low in the literacy rate in the State. We will therefore, try to have major operation there.

The hon'ble members mentioned inadequacy of teachers in villages. Unfortunately, Government of India changed its policy and terminated 272 Hindi Teachers. But now they are re-employed, and another 78 Hindi teachers are given in addition to the present position. We are now expecting 161 Hindi teachers from the Central Government in the coming year.

Not only the Provincialisation of Schools but the promotion avenue and service conditions will be improved. Now, 3000 teachers were promoted to the Selection Grade and 1000 teachers have been condoned. And the problems faced in each district will be improved, as the administrative systems are to be decentralized. I think that this will improve the problems in the district level.

Hindi and S.S.A. are to be included in future Budget. Under these heads, we were given a lot of money. And many rules will be properly maintained under this Bill. Besides the present Rules, like Mizoram Aided School Recurring and Non-Recurring Grant in Aid Rules, Date of Retirement Gratuity Rules etc. Transfer and Posting Rules will be properly formulated.

And step will also be taken for disable children @ Rs 1200 per head.

And Pu Deputy Speaker, School will be set up for 10 – 20 houses of small village under S.S.A. Teachers will be appointed from those village under fixed pay. Village Education Committee will be constituted for promotion of good education.

Government of Mizoram is now taking step for introduction of School Academic Session as practised before.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am very pleased to introduce this Bill with enthusiastic participation of the hon'ble members in the discussion. The Rules will be drafted as soon as possible as we were hurry in this regard. I also request the advice of the hon'ble members. Not only the members but also ex-members of the House.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : I have to say that the point of clarification under Chapter 5 regarding the provisions applicable to undivided Educational Institution. Whether it is true or false the provision 'unaided'?

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Whether Government has policy regarding retired teachers of Deficit Schools. Whether this Bill take care about them.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the retirement of teachers in deficit school will be taken care of by the Bill. And "unaided" is the correct one. It is Not "aided" typing mistake appeared in it. I am sorry for I did not clarify it. I request you to make correction. Pu Deputy Speaker, under page No.12 - 'Power to prescribe Code of Conduct', every employees of an unaided should be indicated. Please make correction now. Pu Deputy Speaker, I therefore, request the House to pass "The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003".

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister wind up the discussion of - The Mizoram Education Bill, 2003 and request the House to pass it now. Can we pass it. (The Bill is voted and passed).

Now, we will call upon Pu C. Lalrinsanga Minister to ask the House to move the Mizoram Cooperative Society Amendment Bill, 2003. The copy be distributed to the House.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER This Bill is " The Mizoram Cooperative Societies Amendment Bill, 2003". First of all, I would like to make apology to the hon'ble members for there are some mistakes in regards to typing and wording of the Bill. It was drafted in cramming atmosphere. But it is completed by the officers of the Department.

This Bill is very very important. There is much to speak about it. But it can be finished shortly. The main purpose of this Bill is the registration of The Mizoram Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) by means of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Cooperation Act, 1961 Section 11. As per the rules as soon as RBI offers License to the Bank, it should be registered to DICGC. The Mizoram Cooperative Apex Bank was established in 1982 and functions properly since then. It is also profitable for the customers. But due to bad recovery of loan, the strength of the Bank goes down slowly. That's why, our Bank could not meet the desires of RBI in respect of financial norms, accounting and management. We are therefore, booked under Bank Regulation Act, 1949. We therefore, have to insure our Bank as the provision of the DICGC Rules. The NABARD too, informed us to insure our Bank accordingly when they visited our Bank.

I am therefore, moving this Bill for the public to have confidence in it and the employees too may have security in their services. It appears that it is our duty to upgrade the Bank in such a position so that, the RBI will be the sole authority of this Bank. And the RBI will also be responsible for the existence and termination of our Bank. I therefore, move the Bill as per the DICGC Act, 1961 which also indicated that we are not registered for along time, but now to be registered as per the said Rules. I request the hon'ble members to pass it so that the Bank may continue to function according to the Rule. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister had moved the Bill. Any member who want to speak has 5 minutes time.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if we see the objects and reasons provided in para 2 page 2, the period of condon come to an end on 31.3.2003. It is worthy to pass it.

And as a result of the inspection by the Reserve Bank of India, The Mizoram Urban Co-operative Development Bank Ltd is not as, its present condition, unsafe for depositors. That's why this Bill is to be passed automatically. The hon'ble Minister now moved this Bill in time. As the Bill is so important for the Bank and its customers we should pass it as the Legislature party so decided.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not familiar with Bank wordings. That's why, I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister to clarify the "Transferee Bank" and "Insured Co-operative Bank" as its definitions are not shown in the front pages.

And I feel that it is required to pass to have further correction for there may be necessary correction or there may be some mistakes.

PU L.N.TLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are two bodies Apex Bank and MUCO Bank under Co-operation. I am one of the founder, I remember our ignorance about the Bank. I would like to point out that the Bill comes into existence for amendment of the defective portion of laws. On the other hand, I would like to request the members to provide and show favour to those Banks which are the handiwork of the Mizos. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will call upon the hon'ble Minister to clarify the question and ask the House to pass the Bill.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, RBI had enforced all Banks under corporation to be insured Bank since 1961. But it is now very late to insure our Banks. It is now obligatory to passed as the hon'ble members had said while there may be a number of questions to be asked.

Regarding the question of insured Bank and transfer Bank, we meant that Insured Bank is the Bank registered as the rules laid down by DICGC. While transferee Bank means the Bank registered under DICGC. If a Bank has

registration, that means the Bank is transferee Bank. And cooperative Bank is also just like that. Cooperative Bank is the Bank of Society. But without customers such Bank can never get success properly. The staffs too tried their best. Government of Mizoram too tried its best for the success of the Bank. This Bill if passed, it will highly improve the confidence of the people, which will inspire earnestness to the staffs and increase its importance to the people. And we should remember that members of this august House have responsibility for the success of the Bank. And I do appreciate the work of the Department for the success of these Banks.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the share factor of the Apex Bank and MUCO Bank is 50% deposit. After passing this Bill, will the RBI liquidate these two Banks?

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as I said before, RBI can liquidate our Banks at any time whether we have registration or not. The RBI can do liquidation of our Bank before or after it is insured. Pu Deputy Speaker, I therefore, request this august House to pass "The Mizoram Co-operative Societies Amendment Bill, 2003". Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister begged the House to pass "The Mizoram Cooperative Societies Amendment Bill, 2003". Will you agree. (This Bill is voted and passed unanimously)

We have now finished our business for today. We will resume at 10:30 AM tomorrow. Sitting Adjourned.

Adjourned at 4:00 P.M.