

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

9TH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 28TH MARCH, 2003

PRESENT

1. Pu R.Lalawia, Speaker at the Chair, Deputy Speaker, Chief Minister,
14 Ministers and 22 Members were present

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

3. **Resolution.**

S P E A K E R

“But the meek shall possess the
land, and delight themselves in
abundant prosperity”.

PSALMS 37 : 11

We will take questions, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to ask Starred
Question No. 121.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare Department be pleased to state -

SDMO Dental Surgeon and X-Ray Technician were transferred. The reason why the SDMO Dental Surgeon and X-Ray Technician were not posted to fill the vacant posts?

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon the Minister to give answer to the above question.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, the reason why the SDMO Dental Surgeon and X-Ray Technician were not posted. It is now decided by the Medical Officer to place Doctor there as soon as possible.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, can one more Medical Officer be posted. If the present Medical Officer goes on duty, Tlabung Civil Hospital has no Doctor.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, we know that we have to receive Rs 22,22,660/- from Central for eradication of Leprosy in the State. The Health & Family Welfare Department redistributed the fund in each district unequally. Whether it is possible to distribute equally in each district?

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, we have more and more Doctors, some of them are specialist. Every year the number of specialists is added. Whether the specialist can be distributed to every Hospital equally?

PU H. LALTANPUIA

Pu Speaker, in my constituency, Suangpuilawn PHC has no Doctor for half of last year. What is to be done?

Not only the Doctors but also Staffs of Health & Family Welfare Department are inadequate to meet the requirement. Will more staffs be provided under this Department?

PU C. THANGHLUNA

Pu Speaker, we all know inadequacy of Doctors in the State. Doctor of South Bungtlang was attached to Lawngtlai CHC. Then South

Bungtlang has no Doctor for some times now. Whether Government of Mizoram has proposal to meet the requirement of Doctors?

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Minister had assured me in the former session to have Medical camp in my constituency where specialist

Doctors are not attached. It is not implemented till date. Will the hon'ble Minister send the specialist Doctors to have Medical camp in some villages of my constituency?

S P E A K E R

Being a senior MLA, you followed the Minister's Assurances, you will be more respectful if you continue pursuing assurances given by the Ministers.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO

Pu Speaker, if the X - Ray Technician was transferred, it appears that X-Ray machine is no use. And in which places are the

Dental Surgeon and the X-Ray technician transferred?

And I visited TB Hospital Zemabawk, Food Supply is too bad while TB patients need balance diet?

COL.LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Minister said that 23 Specialists were undergoing training. We know an acute shortage of specialist Doctors. Is it not possible to lift restriction for undergoing specialized courses?

PU F.MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding specialist training we have shown favour for their further study. Not only that, but also we have high expectation of our doctors, to be more successful in treating the patients. As such, we sent them to fill up seat reservations for further studies.

And diet supply of TB Hospital, I, myself, visited and see the diet of Civil Hospital it is too bad as the rate is too low. It is only Rs 15. It is required to have revision of the rate of diet supply to the said Hospitals.

Regarding X-Ray technician, the X-Ray machine arrived but can't function for want of man power. Now, not only the Doctors, the vacant post of nurse, health workers and IV Grade will be filled up.

And Mobile Clinic was conducted at Tlabung and Chawngte. But if he meant the Medical camp for days, it will be considered again.

In regards to attachment of Doctors at Lawngtlai Hospital, we feel that Laboratories will be more useful for the people of that area instead of posting additional Doctors at the Hospital.

Regarding appointment of Doctors - there is proposal for appointment of 18 Doctors, hence, the problem faced by Suangpuilawn will also be solved.

The same case is with Khawhai so does Champhai Civil Hospital which is equipped with Laboratory, hence more Doctors is needed. Anyway, we try our best to meet the demands made by the hon'ble members.

Regarding immunization on Leprosy - Central fund is being distributed and further course of action is to be discussed with CMOs.

Lastly, Doctor will be posted at Tlabung as demanded by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU C. SANGZUALA

: Thank you, hon'ble Speaker. Pu R.Lalzirliana and my Starred Question, number 122 is that will the hon'ble Minister Education be

pleased to state -

- (a) The number of teachers deployed in different schools under Operation Blackboard Programme whose service was terminated school-wise?
- (b) Whether there is any proposed to take back such terminated teachers under the said programme?
- (c) If so, the number of teachers and propose date for joining?
- (d) If not so, the reason thereof?
- (e) Whether confirmed teachers are terminated among them?
- (f) If so, the reason thereof?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, answer to the above Starred Questions are -

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| (a) | (I) | Primary School | - | 171 teachers |
| | (II) | Middle School | - | 106 teachers |
| | | Total | - | 277 teachers |

(b)(c) Rs 198 lakhs is received from Central for those 277 teacher. The new Academic Session is proposal for joining their post.

(e) Need not to answer.

(d) Yes, there are 11 teachers from Primary School. But it should not be treated as final. It was a mistake by the Department.

(f) The posts are co-terminus posts they are not to be confirmed. Consequently, proposal is made for its cancellation.

PU LAURINZUALA

: Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. Will you provide any arrear to them?

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, whether such teacher will enjoy their increment?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, after the Operation Blackboard Teachers' appointment, writing test and interview was held for Primary School Teachers.

Panel list was made under this. But some teachers other than in the panel list were appointed. Some of them appealed in the Court and the court decreed in favour of the appellants. So, the Government of Mizoram made order of appointment. If so, whether the Department can make appointment to those who are in the panel lists other than the appellants?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to the above supplementary questions are -

(1) I feel that no sanction will be made for this arrear. But it should be considered again.

(2) The teachers of Operation Blackboard were made by the Central Government. They will be given salary accordingly.

(3) Appointments were made for the valid panel list. But some of the panel lists were lapse i.e, after one year. Those persons were not appointed.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.T. Rokhaw, to ask Starred Question No. 123.

PU K.T.ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister, Education Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether there are some Primary School and Middle Schools which have no Head Teacher or Headmaster.

(b) If so, the name of Schools.

(c) The reason thereof.

S P E A K E R

: Let's call upon Dr. R. Laithangliana to give answer.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, answers to the questions (Starred) are -

(a) Yes.

(b) 242 Primary Schools have no Headmaster, 22 Middle Schools and 33 High Schools have no Headmasters. I would like to inform the House that Head Teacher is changed as Headmaster.

(c) The Headmaster did not like to join their post as some Headmasters are posted in the far flung villages.

PU LALRINZUALA

: Pu Speaker, some Headmasters were transferred to some other school at random. But no Headmaster is appointed for the vacant posts. Will you stop such random posting and will you have better proposal in this regard, for, absence of Headmaster brought forth bad result in final examinations?

PU K.L.LIANCHIA

: Pu Speaker, I feel that answer to Starred Question No.C is not clear enough. Facts of reasons should be pointed out. Some Headmaster declined their posting more than two times. If Headmaster has declined posting more than two times, will you discharge such headmaster from their post?

PU K.T.ROKHAW

: Supplementary Question. Pu Speaker, we knew 295 Schools have no Headmasters. When will you provide Headmaster to those Schools.

Secondly, some teachers also declined their place of posting. Will you show favour to the candidates of the concerned village in time of appointment?

Thirdly, how is inspection to be conducted for High Schools and Middle Schools?

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Speaker, some schools in my constituency have no Headmaster for 5 or 6 years. The schools greatly suffered. If so, would you be able to advertise the posts of Headmaster?

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Dr. R.Lalthangliana, Minister to answer.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, answer to the last supplementary question - that is not the rules and procedures of the Government. There are number of volunteered teachers who declined their posts. From what we have said, I think we have realized the importance of the Bill we discussed a day earlier. I agree with the suggestion made to favour candidates of the concerned village in the appointment of teachers, so that no transfer and posting will be required for them. It will be well to incorporate in the Bill.

And school is to be inspected at least once in a year. It may be more than two or three times.

And if a Headmaster declined his posting three times, he has no chance to be called again. Remembering the question, we may have new Rules from the Bill passed yesterday.

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Dr. Lalzama or Pu J.Lawmzuala or Pu P.B.Rosanga to ask Starred Question No. 124. Pu J.Lawmzuala to ask it.

PU J.LAWMZUALA : Pu Speaker, Dr. Lalzama, Pu P.B.Rosanga and I ask Starred Question No. 124 to be answered by the Minister, Agriculture.

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Pu Aichhinga, Minister i/e Agriculture to give answer.

PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, answer to the above
Starred Questions are :-

- (a) 9366 families benefited first installment of MIP.
- (b) MIP will be benefited by 22,452 families during the year 2002 - 2003.
- (c) Rs 4000/- each of the first installment of MIP was given to 9366 Agriculturists.
- (d) Fund under Mizoram Intodelhna Project was given to agriculturists.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Pu Speaker, Rs 20 crores is provided
in the Budget. The nodal
Department is Agriculture
Department. But it appears that the
Directorate does not know about it. Is it better to deal it by the nodal Department?

Secondly, Bamboo mahal and Broom mahal is bid in the name of MIP Board. It is then work-out. For what purpose the profit is used. Is not it the mahal bid in the name of the MIP Board in favour of an individual i.e. a Secretary.

Thirdly, Is not it better to hand over MIP to either of the two Directorates of Agriculture instead of entrusting persons having no necessary educational qualification to implement the said project?

PU LALRINZUALA

: Pu Speaker, we know that
Rs 3,73,44,000/- is spent for MIP,
we had passed Rs 20 crores for it
last year. Whether the said fund

can lapse for the current year? Not more than 16 crores have been said to be distributed, is not the whole amount to be distributed or used up?

PU P.B.ROSANGA

: Pu Speaker, whether this project is
used for strengthening a single
political party of MNF ? Evidence
is there.

PU L.N.TLUANGA

: Pu Speaker, it is said that Rs
4000/- each is given to the
beneficiaries. But actually, some of
them received Rs 1500 or Rs

2000/- or Rs 3000/- respectively. For what purpose the deduction is used?

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, it appears that Rs 7500/- is to be given to the beneficiary as the first installment as provided in the book of MIP. But it seemed that only Rs 1000/-, Rs 2000/-, Rs 3000/- and Rs 4000/- respectively was given. When will the balance of the first installment be given?

And the hon'ble Minister said that fund under MIP will be given to 22452 families during 2002-2003. But next Monday is the last date. How will we do it?

PU J.LAWMZUALA : Pu Speaker, it is said that Rs 3 or 4 crores out of Rs 20 crores is used for MIP. Now, Rs 1560.24 lakhs is demanded for the current year. It appears that there is much misappropriation. What is the reason?

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, MIP Marketing Board takes up Broom mahal. A serious problem is met by the people at Vairengte. I, therefore, would like to ask whether MIP Marketing Board is set up to undertake business?

PU K.T.ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, who undertakes selection of beneficiaries under MIP in the State? And Zawngling in my constituency was selected for implementation of MIP and necessary requirement was fulfilled. But no money is received till date. What's the reason?

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, MIP is applied for agricultural purposes, generally. But why a Pastor, who has no technical knowledge of agriculture is used as the Chairman of MIP?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, R.D. Department is the Nodal Department of MIP before. But now Agriculture Department is used for the Nodal Department. But the Director has no knowledge about it properly. He has now knowledge about it. He will be the most responsible person in the near future.

And no MIP Board is set up, but MIP Marketing Board is set up to seek for Marketing facilities of Agricultural and Forests products. Guidelines is properly formulated to carry out such marketing facilities in other state. Anyhow, it is better to accept the steps taken by the Board.

And Government of Mizoram felt that either of the two directorates of Agriculture is selected for the Nodal Department. Instead, Executive Authority is constituted from both of the directorates to carry out the MIP.

Regarding the question of MIP Chairman and Vice-Chairman, we felt that we are running MIP smoothly under their guidance. They are, in fact, the promoters of MIP. They had formulated the Guidelines, too. As such, we selected them for its taskforce.

In regards to lapse of appropriation we feel that there will be no lapse of appropriation. Rs 5 crores is drawn from the Central which is used as first installment. Now, Rs 15 crores is to be drawn after submitting plan properly. We are ready to give the beneficiaries full payment. But the Central Government is not yet ready.

And it is regarded as a material for presents to MNF party members. By principle, it is not used for presents to party workers. When awareness campaign is conducted, such policy is totally ignored. It is for the workers. If one received the first installment, he will not receive the second installment if he does not do the work.

Pu Speaker, I don't know how did MIP Marketing Board take up Broom mahal and how it carries out. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now, question hour comes to an end. We will take up Private Member's business. We will have discussion on Private Members

Resolution. Then resolution is "Kamalanagar College be upgraded into deficit system during the financial year of 2003 - 2004". Now, we call upon Pu Nirupam Chakma to move his resolution.

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

: Thank you, hon'ble Speaker. I feel that I am fortunate to move this Resolution. It is the only Resolution that I had succeeded in

submitting Private Members Resolution. I also appreciate the support of hon'ble members. I would like to thank you for sparing me time to move my Resolution.

It reads as follows - The Kamalanagar College be upgraded to deficit system during financial year 2003 - 2004.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we all know Chakma area particularly the CADC with the neighbouring areas are educationally backward till date. The situation was very sympathetic till the opening of High Schools in different parts of the district raised the aspiration of the people to open college for pre-university classes. Due to high rate of demands from the people I, in consultation with the CADC, Government Servants, people's representatives and businessmen had initiated the process of opening a college. A Committee was constituted under my Chairmanship and the first sitting was held on 27.12.90. As we all know, it is a lot of efforts to implement the dream of opening the college. It was established on 2.4.92. It has 120 students. It has a good hinterland. The adjoining areas of Lunglei district and Lai district are its hinterland. It was affiliated to NEHU on 17.4.99. It has 18 teaching staffs for eight degree classes. It also has 6 non-teaching staff. I think you will learn that we will have a serious problem to implement the dream.

Regarding building, it has Assam type building consisting of class rooms, the Principal room, the common room (office). It also has a huge plot of land for construction of college campus, residential buildings for the Principal, teaching staffs, and non-teachings staffs. Mr. Chairman, the necessities for opening a college in the backward area is not exaggerated. However, I would like to point out that this college is the only communal college in CADC having a population of 34 thousands plus the population in the neighbouring areas of LADC Lunglei etc. Students from Chawnkte, Tlabung, Marpara and Tuipuibari attend this college. That means it is the only college in the western belt of Mizoram. Pu Chairman, under such circumstances I expect that the college not only deserves special attention from the Government but the matter should also be put up at least in 1999 for upgradation into deficit system. I had been pressing the House through questions and resolutions. This is the only time that I am lucky that my resolution had been put in the first order of precedence. So, I take this opportunity to request all the hon'ble members of this august House to sympathise with the people in backward area and so to say that in the three Autonomous District Councils CADC is only the district where there is no deficit college or Government College. So, from that angle also the college deserves to be upgraded since it is located in the Autonomous District Council headquarters, Chawnkte. Mr. Chairman, I will truly be happy if the hon'ble member's thro' their consensus pass my resolution today. I therefore, request all the hon'ble members to support this resolution. If you support, it means that you are supporting the upliftment of education in the most backward area and the minorities where Chakma, Bawm, Bang, Bru etc. even the Mizos are availing the services of this college. I therefore, request all the hon'ble members to pass the resolution that Kamalanagar College be upgraded into deficit system during the financial year 2003 - 2004. Thank you.

PU K.T.ROKHAW
CHAIRMAN

: A member will take ten minutes to discuss this resolution. Now, Pu C. Thanghluna

PU C.THANGHLUNA

: Pu Chairman, I support this resolution. I would like to point out the reasons why I am supporting the resolution. As the mover said before,

Chakmas are the minorities having population of 34 thousands inhabiting some parts of Mizoram. We, the Mizos, regarded ourselves to be the owner of the land, where there are some minorities like, Bru, Bang, Bawm in the western belt. If so, I feel that we are responsible to upgrade the backwardness of those people. Now, this college is the only college established for such minorities. It has a huge plot of land for college campus. Not only that, but it also has an Assam type building of its own. It has a number of students, teaching staff and non-teaching staff. It was permitted by the Government and NEHU. I feel that it is not good to be in a such condition. It's our duty and responsibility to upgrade the college into better position.

Not only for the Chakma population, but it is necessary for the said minorities and the adjoining population like Mizo, Lai etc. If we think deeply, we would upgrade the said college for the upliftment of the minorities in the western belt where no other college is set up. I therefore do support the resolution and request the House to pass it. Thank you.

PU LALRINZUALA

: Pu Chairman, I also support this resolution. I will point out some points of reason to support it shortly. Firstly, Members of the

House and the people of Mizoram should have good understanding of their situation. Because four High Schools of Lawngtlai district depend on this college and three High schools from Lunglei district depend on it. That's why, this college is very important for the people of western belt.

Secondly, I feel that it is worthy to upgrade into deficit status. It was established in 1992. It may be guessed that the concerned people will have great difficulties. I wonder why the former Government did not upgrade its status to deficit status.

And I feel that it is a very good example for the Government to show that it follows a new pattern in education. It appears that the Government concentrated only on the capital but neglected the rests of the towns and sub-towns. That's why, we have a serious problem in remote schools. If more attention is given to the colleges in various towns, the problem of education in Aizawl will be automatically solved. In the same way, I would like to request the Government to give more attention to the higher institutions at different places like Lunglei,

Hnahthial, Lawngtlai and Saiha too. I therefore, request the Government to upgrade the Kamalanagar College into deficit status by passing this resolution. Thank you.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA

: Pu Chairman, I feel that it is very important to upgrade Kamalanagar College into deficit status. Because Lawngtlai and Saiha have college

of their own. Chakma has not yet had any college. It was now set up going through many difficulties and it is now brought forth in this august House. It is sure that it's our responsibility to upgrade its status. On this day, we should give them true mothers' treatment. It is not only for Chakma but also for Mizos inhabiting its adjoining area.

Secondly, considering the locality it is worthy to set up such institution at such place of Chawngte for its hinterland that could be made use of it as well. And if we do upgradation of this college I feel that the Chakma will see the attitude of Government of Mizoram and will have the attitude of ownership of the land which will bring fraternity in the Mizo society.

Thirdly, it is very easy to run development on population basis. In such cases, development will be concentrated only on urban area and remote areas will be neglected. It will therefore, exist imbalance development in the country. That's why, we should keep balance development in the country. That's why, the Kamalanagar College should be upgraded in the deficit status. Not only that, but the attitude of learning at the college should be carefully checked by the Government. In this way, the Government should look after colleges which is located at different places like Zawinuum, Mamit, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Saiha etc, and quality is more important than quantity which should be kept in mind. I therefore, feel that it is needed to upgrade the Kamalanagar College to the deficit system and I do support to pass this resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now, the Ruling Bench, Pu K. Vanlalaiva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA
MINISTER

: Thank you Pu Chairman for sparing me time to speak about the resolution. I give importance to this resolution. Because the population

of CADC is more than 30,000. Not only that, but it is also CADC Headquarter. But I am afraid that if this resolution is passed, it would not be for the good of the CADC. If they are confined only to their area, their progress, to some extent may be retarded.

And I would like to say one thing that the mover of this resolution is a Minister, Higher and Technical Education in the former Ministry. I would like to ask why he did not press the Government to upgrade this Kamalanagar College? Why did not he improve the authority? If he had warned the Government by resignation I feel that he would be surely successful. But this Government too has to give importance to it. Anyhow, we have to know how this Ministry has taken step in this regard. The concerned Minister said that in reply to unstarred question that this college was under consideration by the Government. That's why, I feel that it is not necessary to discuss this resolution any more. It may be better to withdraw it by the mover of the resolution since it is already under the consideration of the Government. Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANA
MINISTER

: Thank you Pu Chairman for the opportunity to speak on this resolution. When I read this resolution, I do appreciate the

mover's earnestness for his constituency. I use to be a member of Private School Management Committee, there is much to be do. I feel that this college is worthy to upgrade in the deficit status considering the location as well as the population. Not only that but it is required to examine the number of students. The population, location and hinterland may be good but if no students exist, it's not fit for establishment of college.

And I would like to point out whether the standard of this college is fit for upgradation. We have now university. The standard of our university may be highly different from Indian Universities, we know nothing about it from this House. But the concerned Department will know about the standard. This may be the reason why the former Ministry did not upgrade this college into deficit system. If this college fulfills such measure, it may be upgraded during this financial year by the Government.

And I want to inform you that we are discussing a resolution for upgradation of a single college. If all the members speak up only for his constituency, we will take all our time which is not good.

In short, if it is worthy of upgradation to a deficit system, the concerned Department will know about it. If it is worthy, it will be surely upgraded, let us depend on the decision of the concerned Department. Thank you.

PU P.B.ROSANGA

: Pu Speaker, the former member just before me said that no single college or school is to be discussed in this august House. But

I would like to inform the House that each member has to speak on behalf of our constituency. Accordingly, I feel that it's good to pass this resolution. The

School Education Minister yesterday said that CADC reduces the literature rate in the state in connection with this resolution. I remember the beginning of the establishment of Pachhunga University College, I feel that this college is to be upgraded to the deficit status as moved. If so, that will bring higher standard to those minorities.

In short, Pu Chairman, I feel that this Government should give true mother's treatment to those minorities. That's why, I support this resolution to be passed in this House. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Now, the clock struck 1:00 PM.
We will have a recess and resume at 2:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : Now, we'll continue our business.
Pu Z.H.Ropuia will speak.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to speak about the resolution. It was brought up by member of Chawngte constituency. I feel that there is much to speak about it. Kamalanagar is also called Chawngte 'C'. I think that it will be more fruitful if it was moved during the ten years of their Ministry. I had a spot visit to the area upto Vaseitlang, that it needs more development. But now there is great progress in this Ministry.

I think we need to consider the resolution more carefully. All of us give importance from different angles. But it is Bengali Medium which brought them backwardness in education. I think it is better to cover with SSA as the area is the most backward area of the state in education. That resulted the low rate of literacy in the state. That's why, it should be thought very deeply. Some of the students are foreign Chakmas. And I feel that it is required to examine the position of the institution, some students and teachers or lecturers are bogus citizens. Not only that, it is required to examine the examination results. I feel that it is to be established as school of fact and institutions area to be examined from the grass-root level.

And CADC area is highly developed from BADP fund and World Bank. Roads are highly improved.

Lastly, considering all the factors I have stated, I feel that the resolution should not be passed, if we do, I am afraid that the House will lose its dignity and decorum. If we are to pass this resolution, there will be much to be passed. I therefore, request the hon'ble member to withdraw his resolution and to look for new suitable resolution. Thank you.

Dr. I. ALZAMA

: Pu Speaker, I thank you for sparing me time to say about the resolution. If we think deeply the matter I feel that they are very

sympathetic. I have witnessed all the difficulties of the Governing Board of the college as I had experience in this regard. Kamalanagar College has 18 teaching staff and clerical staff, I wonder how can the Governing Body provide salaries. I do favour it to be provincialised by the Government. But there are many private schools and colleges. All of them needed deficit status. But as the hon'ble member said before, it is unfit to pass a resolution for upgradation of a single college or school in this august House. If it were, for all private schools and colleges, it may be worthy. But now, the resolution implies only a single college to be upgraded.

We are now having university. The colleges are proposed to be set up properly. Recently, LH College Durtlang and J. Thankima College are amalgamated and Bungkawn College and Johnson College are also amalgamated which are upgraded into deficit status. In this way, the Government is taking steps to set up colleges in a proper manner. Anyhow, the resolution moved by the hon'ble member is very good considering its location and its hinterland, it is good to remember that it is the steps already undertake by the Government. That's why, it is not convenient to pass by the House. The Government will do the upgradation if it meets the criteria. Thank you.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA

: Pu Speaker, I have to say something about the resolution. The mover of the resolution gets out of the House. I would like to congratulate

him for his earnestness for his own constituency. Almost all the hon'ble members said that it is good to upgrade the Kamalanagar College considering its location, feeding schools, the member of teaching staff and students etc. I also support it. But there are some criteria to be observed by the Government when any institution is to be upgraded. We had passed Education Bill yesterday which clarifies how to improve the education system in the State.

And the CBSC also had some directions and suggestions for improvement of education. If we pass this resolution it will be in contrary to the Government's policy. We have now proper directions and suggestions. I feel that it is not wise to pass this resolution simply in this august House. I feel that this House should not discuss about only a single college.

In fact, we are responsible to upgrade and improve the education system in the state. As such we are now discussing the pros and cons of the matter. There may be some ideas that the said college should be upgraded as moved in the resolution. But, it is not wise to pass it. And I would like to point out that the reason for the decline of the quality of education may be guessed at improper functioning of educational institutions and improper behaviour of teachers. Some teachers use to take intoxicable drinks and drugs. That's why, we should be careful in administering our educational system.

And I would like to know whether the mover of the resolution wants to admit his children in the Kamalanagar College. It is very easy to take care of such institution where we did not like to admit our children. We know that educational qualification is not enough in the modern world as it is a competitive world. We should therefore, make decision whether the college is good for upgradation. And we should think whether this resolution opposed the Government policy. If it opposed it, it will be unfit for passing. Thank you.

PU C.SANGZUALA

: Thank you, hon'ble Speaker. I want to speak about the resolution. Firstly, I do appreciate the earnestness of the mover of this

resolution Pu Nirupam Chakma for his constituency as well as the minority of the people. I would like to thank him for his selection of resolution displaying the importance of education system in the state.

As the mover said, we know the date of establishment, location of the college, the number of students, the number of its feeder schools etc. I feel that it is very worthy for upgradation as every district wants higher institutions like this college. I am very sorry for it is not deficit till date. But if we were to pass this resolution concerning a single college, it may not be the best. In fact, almost all the members want to upgrade private schools in their respective constituencies. But it appears that it is not the procedure of the House to pass a resolution concerning a single institution may be because we would hamper the policy of the Government.

And in order to upgrade an institution, there should be some criteria. It is required to consider whether it fully satisfies the criteria. The reason why other members did not move a resolution in the House is that it is not the procedure of the House. The Government is to upgrade private schools in accordance with the availability of funds. Let us therefore, depend on Government if it is not withdrawn by the member. Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO

: Pu Speaker, I would like to praise the hon'ble member of Chawngte constituency for his earnestness for his constituency as well as the backward class of minorities. But it appears that this good resolution is going to be heart breaking to him as well as to the minorities.

As we all know, we tried our best to secure the highest rate of literacy in India. But we could not attain the highest because of the backwardness of CADC area in literature. In fact, it is due to Lawngtlai district and Chakma district. It may be seen in the official record. All of us want development of all districts. Only urban area should not be developed but all remote areas are to be developed as well. This will reveal the beauty of Mizoram. A news paper published that the Governor of Mizoram said that the politicians regarded only Aizawl as Mizoram. I fear that the publication will be the truth. Considering the number of colleges in Aizawl district with the number of colleges in Lunglei and Lawngtlai district, it appears that there is a great difference in regards to the development. If it is rejected on ground of Opposition member's resolution it will be very disappointing for the people.

And the minorities are especially inhabiting the southern part of Mizoram. As we were recognized by the Central Government, we were offered district council. The upliftment therefore rest in the hands of the Government of Mizoram. The former Government upgraded Saiha and Lawngtlai colleges. This is the responsibility of MNF Ministry. The said college may not meet all the criteria, it should be upgraded as the hon'ble member moved in the resolution. Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA

: Pu Speaker, what I want to say is that Chawngte is an Autonomous District Headquarter having Civil Sub - Division. The college has a very good feeder High Schools. Not only that, but they are also backward in literature. That's why, it is to be given importance to upgrade the college. It has a Higher Secondary School too. If it were moved in the House by the hon'ble member I feel it is appropriate to move it. But if it were moved in the former Government or when Chakma District Council has intention to have election, I think he will be successful. But now it seemed that the resolution would not be passed.

But I would like to request the Treasury Bench to treat them properly as the true mother did to her children. It is said that deficit system is to be banned but we are now in the old position of deficit system. I feel that even if it does not comply with the criteria it is required to give more attention considering the present position of Mizoram State. Anyhow, I support this resolution and want to pass it now. Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER

: Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to speak. First of all, I would like to say that the hon'ble member is fortunate to

move the resolution. I think it is the first time that a resolution for upgradation of a private college into deficit status is being moved. I feel that it is unworthy to move such resolution to be passed in this august House.

Secondly, as the hon'ble Deputy Speaker had said, the House has to maintain its dignity and decorum. If a resolution that concerns only one college is moved and passed, it will not be fair and just. The Government has to consider the whole area of Mizoram. It will be more appropriate if the resolution covers other colleges as well. Anyway, Government of Mizoram is now taking step for upgradation of school and colleges. Let us have confidence in the Government. Thank you.

PU K.THANGZUALA
MINISTER

: Thank you, hon'ble Speaker. The motion of the resolution is that "The Kamalanagar college be upgraded to deficit system during

financial year 2003 - 2004". I feel that it is not time to move this resolution because the plan size is not known now. Not only that, but no detail proposal can be had, the Budget is to be voted as lumpsum for four months only. Besides these, there is much financial involvement in such college if upgraded to deficit system.

And I feel that there is no intention to reject or pass this resolution. In fact, we did not know the criteria for its upgradation. It seemed that it is more appropriate to move it in the Cabinet meeting. The cabinet too can do it. The mover of the resolution was a Minister, Higher and Technical Education. Why did not he moved it during those time?

It is not appropriate for the House to discuss about only private college. There are now two deficit colleges by amalgamating four colleges. For this, no resolution was moved, it was a Cabinet's decision. The present resolution also should be taken up at the Cabinet.

Now, Government of Mizoram has formulated a policy to do away with the deficit system in the State which is adopted from Assam State. It may be more appropriate to move it after formulation of such policy. I therefore request the mover of the resolution to withdraw it. Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA
MINISTER

: Thank you, hon'ble Speaker. I do praise and appreciate Pu Nirupam Chakma for his devotion to his constituency. When moving his

resolution he said that the college has 18 teaching staff but it appears that the total number of lecturers is more than 18. I request him to clarify about it when winding up. I think it will be very tiresome for the people as my constituency also has 4 private High School. Anyhow, I feel that we are to discuss all matters concerning a constituency for the whole State. That's why we should give importance to each of our constituency. The member of Chawnge constituency does a good thing for the constituency. While I feel that establishment of Private Institutions should be discouraged for the good of the people of our State.

And i would like to point out that MNF Ministry is not uncaring for the Southern part of Mizoram. There flourished various developments from the former MNF Ministry. That's why, the people made choice for MNF candidates.

And I want to say that Southern part of Mizoram is not neglected. If we see the statistical date of the establishment of colleges, it will be clear that it is not neglected. That's why, this Government distribute fund equally in the whole State. We do support the success of this college, we favour it to attain Provincialisation from Government. But it is not good to insist on this august House to pass a resolution for upgradation.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA

: Pu Speaker, I support the member and I congratulate him because he is the first Chairman of the Governing body. The Kamalanagar

is the headquarter of the Chakma Autonomous District Council. Mara District has Government Saiha College and Lai Autonomous District has Lawngtlai deficit college. Only Chakma District had no Deficit college. As already stated, the affiliation, enrolment of students, number of teaching staff, building etc fulfilled the criteria for its upgradation to the deficit system.

Pu Speaker, we know that there are many schools in the CADC, the parents were mostly poor and could not afford for their children to have further education outside Mizoram. The Kamalanagar college is the only college where they can have further education after matriculation. Therefore, I request all the hon'ble Members to support it without much discussion. If we pass it, that will greatly help the students to have further education. Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H. PAUTU : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker for sparing me time to speak. What I want to say is that Private Schools have better examination result than Government schools and colleges in Mizoram, India and in England too. If such institutions are provincialised, salaries of teachers increased but the examination results become worsen. But as a result of political compulsion, there may be different kinds of criteria. I am in tune with the mind of the mover of the resolution. But there may be financial constraint.

Pu Speaker, what I want to say is that the mover of this resolution is a Member who is afraid of setting bad precedence in the House. In fact, no resolution is passed for upgradation of Private School to the deficit status. I'm sure that a bad precedence will be made if this resolution is passed. As we said before, the Government too has given more attention to it. But, considering all that had been said in the discussion, I feel that the said college should be upgraded.

And it is said that the Southern part of Mizoram is neglected by the Government in different kinds of development. I feel that is not true. The development funds are disposed equally in the State. In fact, BADP, MIP, NLUP etc. are used in plenty in those districts councils. I feel that it has more development than the northern side of Mizoram. Kamalanagar college is also under consideration by the Government. If this resolution is pass, I also have to move resolution for the same case in the House. I therefore request him to accept and wait the steps taken by the Government. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Your attention please. The time is now almost up. The Minister needs time for winding up. Now, we will call upon the concerned Minister before Leader of the House. Now, Pu B. Lalthlengliana, the concerned Minister will speak.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker for sparing me time to speak. From the very beginning of this Ministry I became a Minister by the sake of our Leaders, to look after this Department. It is a Department where I had an experience. It may concern someone but I want to say in good faith that there is much improper functioning which requires improvement in Schools and Higher and Technical Education. I think deeply how I would take steps in this regard. In fact, every 400 or 500 houses tried to set up a college. Some of them were defunct after two or three years. In Aizawl, many tried to run a college for profit at every street. I found that such attitude worsen the education system in the

State and we need to seek its remedial measure. I called consultative committee and officers of the Department. Their finding for best remedial measure is amalgamation of two or more colleges and restriction of setting up of college upto 2004. We expect that the State will adopt this for years in future and that will bring forth qualitative improvement in education. Science colleges were also set up. While Government of Mizoram also set up Residential Science College. And two amalgamated colleges have been set up at Aizawl. As we were busy in the Capital for reformation we have no time to pay attention to other places.

And it is also decided that UGC norms should be adopted for reformation of the education system, but could not do so as we have Mizoram University Rules. Now, the Mizoram University Rules is under formulation. In accordance with the university norms, Hrangbana College and Government Aizawl College only are qualified for upgradation to Government College. But as we are in remote areas, the UGC recognized our true position and the Mizoram University also gave us concession. Consequently, we can run colleges.

According to the University norms, only a college having 500 students qualified to form the college. There are many colleges that does not meet the criteria while teachers are employed fully which gave us serious problem.

I visited the Kamalanagar College on February 10, the Joint Director accompanied me and had inspection at the spot. The statement of the mover of the resolution is mostly true. But I would like to inform you that High School does not feed college now but it is the Higher Secondary School. How many Higher Secondary Schools exist in CADC? It may be two, Tlabung and Chawngte. Will the two Higher Secondary Schools feed a qualified college. That is not the main purpose. As I am the concerned Minister, I'll inform you that most of the colleges were upgraded to the deficit system. Chawngte College and Lunglei Morning College are the next. The expert team recommended Lunglei Morning College not to extend its affiliation. If it is not extended in the coming year, it may be regarded as to be defunct. If so, only Chawngte college is the next college to be upgraded. Now, it is not yet clear how much fund is to be provided in the Budget this year. Anyway, it will be upgraded as other college. If so, I feel that it is not necessary to pass a resolution for it now.

And one thing I want to say is that English, Education, History, Economic and Political Science are the subjects to be introduced. But no subject is introduced except English. Which subject is to be introduced - the Bengali or Mizo. If it is not Mizo, MIL is to be introduced formally. It is therefore under active consideration of the concerned Department. I therefore request the mover of the resolution to withdraw it. Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I do appreciate the devotion of Pu Nirupam Chakma for CADDC as well as his subjects. I would like

to say my gratitude and special thanks to him. What I want to say is that we want to upgrade and improve the Kamalanagar College. I would like to point out only two or three points to clarify the rules of procedure in this regard. First of all, the college needs some qualifications to meet the criteria of the Education Department.

Secondly, it is required to examine financial position as it has to involve huge amount of money. That could not be ascertain by the Department if it is not clear in the plan size. It may be passed expecting the edequacy of funds in the Budget. But if the Government has to undertake things involving fund it has to make proposal properly.

Thirdly, the system and the forum is not good enough while the purpose is good. If the House pass the upgradation of a particular school or institution to the deficit status or Government status, every member of the House has to move such resolution here. If we pass it, we'll make a very bad precedence. To have an institution upgraded, the concerned Department has to make notification in accordance with the availability of fund from Finance Department. It is therefore, not to be passed in this way, the Government will take necessary action in accordance with the necessity. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now, I'll call upon Mr. Nirupam Chakma to wind up the discussion not to spend time more than five minutes.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy to note that 19 members participated in the discussion of my resolution. There are many

points to be clarified but I have not much time I will do clarification only on the points of questions raised. Firstly, regarding the criteria, a college meets the criteria of the Department if it is affiliated to the University. That's why, this Kamalanagar College meets the criteria of the Department.

Secondly, it has 18 teaching staffs, the number of students is 100 during the academic session of 2000 - 2002. During the visit of the hon'ble Minister he might received a false information as he had not much time to enquire the matter.

Thirdly, it is said that resolution for upgradation of a college should not be passed in the House. The House had passed for the construction of

footpath at Durtlang Leitan. This resolution concerned more population than this footpath.

Fourthly, regarding the medium of instruction, we have only English Medium but no Bengali Medium exists in the CADC. And we have English Elective subject observed in the college.

Regarding salary, the public takes initiative which caused serious difficulty to the people. Now, the Managing Committee Chairman is Rosik Mohan Chakma, CEM.

And it is said that the college is under consideration by the Government. If I am not assured by the Government, to upgrade to the deficit system I have no confidence in the discussion only. I would like to request the hon'ble members to pass it for the CADC has no other college.

Some members questioned as to why it was not upgraded in the former Ministry. We know that it was affiliated in 1999 only. That's why we have no chance to pass such resolution. I therefore, request all the hon'ble members to support this resolution as it is for minorities living in the most backward area in education. Please support the resolution which states as follows -that the Kamalanagar college be upgraded into deficit system during the financial year of 2003 - 2004. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now, we will vote for Pu Nirupam Chakma's resolution 18 members had spoken about it.

(The resolution is voted and not passed).

Then, this Session is the 14th Assembly Session, Summary of business transacted during the Session are :- The total questions received - 437. Starred Questions rejected - 58, Starred Question admitted - 379, Starred Question answered - 24, Starred Question not answered - 116, Starred Question not received - 2. Starred Question transfer to Unstarred Question rejected - 11. Unstarred Question not received 4 from Health and Family Welfare Department, Forests, GAD and R.D. Unstarred Question No.47 and 92 of interim reply is received.

The Committee Report presented to the House are :- 1) Business Advisory Committee Report, 2) Appropriation Account 2001 - 2003, 3) Finance Account 2001 - 2002, 4) Annual Report of MPSC for the year 2001 - 2002.

The following are laid on the Table of the House.

- 1) One official Resolution and adopted.
- 2) 24 Private Resolution was received of which 14 resolutions were rejected and 2 withdraw.

And five Amendment Bills have been passed.

Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga, Home Minister presents a statement in the House concerning unfavourable incidents on 25.3.2003 at Tuipuibari.

And the Estimates Committee has a spot visit to verify stones collected for State Highway between Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei.

We have now finished our business. The hon'ble member had done well in the House. I feel that the debating system is highly improved. I am the most inexperienced member, but I am very happy for you have a good understanding of me.

I would like to request you to remember that you are requested to have dinner. If you can enjoy it, we will be very grateful.

House adjourned sine die.
4:00 PM

T. SAIKUNGA
Secretary.