

**THIRD SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1999**  
(Time : 10:30 AM to 1: 00 PM and 2: 00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**PRESENT**

Pu R. Lalawia, Speaker, at the Chair, 15 Ministers and 24 Members were present.

S P E A K E R : "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD."  
Jeremiah 17 : 7

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."  
Proverb 15 : 1

Now, we will proceed into the business and we will take questions. In regards to supplementary question, the Speaker may fix the number of supplementary question as per Rule No. 39(1) & (3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of this Assembly. An adequate time is allotted for raising questions within which you are not asked. You may not ask all questions as your own desire. That's why, the separate question asked in this business should be clearly answered. Although supplementary question is done with Speaker's own power, I will take the will of the House. As practised in most states, more than three supplementary questions are not asked. If we have a number of supplementary question, the more unanswered questions will be there. Do you agree to have only three supplementary questions? Or Will you ask any question or you will ask as much as the will of the Speaker? If I feel that it's clear enough.

P U N I R U P A M C H A K M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, as the rules permit, we may ask at least five supplementary questions.

S P E A K E R : The rules does not provide at least five supplementary questions. If you see Rule no 39(1) & (3), you will be clear about it.

P U K . T . R O K H A W : Mr. Speaker Sir, the supplementary question be asked according to the starred question.

S P E A K E R : Time is open for raising starred question. As such, all of you have separate question. In this connection, other Members want to ask many questions supplementarily. This is not the purview of our Rules.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are some specific important questions in which case, more the supplementary questions come up automatically.

S P E A K E R : Other members may not give importance to what you termed as important. Today, if you ask any supplementary question as your desire against one starred question, it will take up question hours and other starred questions will be left out and not be asked. That's why, will it be better to fix three supplementary questions for a starred question?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question be asked in accordance with the starred question.

S P E A K E R : How many supplementary questions do you propose? It is the authority of the Speaker. It is provided as "if it is not clear enough, the Speaker shall call supplementary questions from Members." I, therefore, ask you whether you will fix the number of supplementay question or you will ask as much as your desire and leave out many starred questions?

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it's your authority, it is good to guide the House as your own desire. That is best for us. But the Member should obey the instruction of the Speaker. He will be clear enough about questions, no Member should oppose the Speaker.

S P E A K E R : If so, let's fix it according to Speaker's direction.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it's good to go by Speaker's direction.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, before taking starred question - In the record of Bulletin Part - I yesterday, it is provided that "replies to unstarred question no 1 - 5 were laid on the table." But I did not receive my unstarred question no 2, 3 and 4. What is the reason?

S P E A K E R : Now, let's call upon Pu Zakhu Hlychho to ask starred question no. 19.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister, Finance be pleased to state -

- (a) For what purpose Rs. 100/- crores is given to him in his former visit to Delhi ?
- (b) In what way was it utilised ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it was not brought in cash. I think the member mean to ask in which head the money was allotted.

In the share of February 1999 we will receive -

1. Rs. 47 crores for LIC Loan,
2. Rs. 25.98 crores for basic minimum service,
3. Rs. 8.14 crores for Indo Myanmar,
4. Rs. 1.86 crores for Non - cuttable fund,
5. Rs. 4.00 crores for Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase - II,
6. Rs. 5.00 crores for Referral Hospital,
7. Rs. 10.00 crores for special ways and means advance.

The total amount is Rs. 101.98 crores.

Rs. 47 crores will be used by the State Government as its own will. And Rs. 10 crores for special ways and means advance and will be used by the State Government in the same way. The rest of the amount will be utilised as per the head given.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, looking into fund, it is inadequate for our state. Looking back into the Financial Statement and Governor's speech, it seemed that the formation of our budget system is not good enough in this Government. Whether the hon'ble Chief Minister brought it from additional budget or from the former plan? And whether the special ways and means advance was brought for the coming year in advance?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do appreciate such large amount of money. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to inform the House the utilisation of such sum of money in paragraph wise with the share of each department. And I also ask him how do we get such sum of money?

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we all know, we have a lot of debt as the former Government left us. But the Central Government easily allotted more Rs. 100 crores more to the hon'ble Chief Minister. How much the Government of India had confided in the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister?

S P E A K E R : Carry on your supplementary questions. Let him give answer at once.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we came to know about "Peace Bonus" but not sure about it. Does the 100 crores includes in the Peace Bonus?

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Mr. Zakhu Hlychho said that the deficit of finance is due to the lack of mobilising additional resources as a result of proper budgetary system. The former Finance Minister informed the House that financial deficit is due to utilisation of funds for luxury and entertainment. Did the Finance Minister gave false information to the House then?

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon the Minister incharge to answer the supplementary questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the expenditure liability of the former CHIEF MINISTER Government is more Rs. 400/- crores more. After adding the fund under special ways and means advance the amount increased more and more. The loan liability is more than expenditure liability. But it's not required to count loan liability. It may be about 500/600 crores. If we add the two it may becomes more than 1000 crores.

Now, I'll start from "Peace Bonus". It may be had from plan and non-plan and new scheme other than constitutional share. Its general term is called "Peace Bonus" as a result of my request. The Government of India too, referred it as "Peace Bonus" at any time. It may be had now and then. The Government of India advised us to prepare normal plan every year other than the annual plan which shall be the main Peace Bonue and then we will have financial sanction for it. But it should be presented every financial year. Not only that, but I want to inform the House that the financial sanction for special ways and means advance and loan purposes are also Peace Bonus in any way. That is to be remembered.

The special ways and means advance is to be recovered within the same financial year as it is one year loan. If it can't be recovered, it should be rolled over. Although we could not recover we were granted such fund specially for the next year. And central assistance is also a loan to be repaid within a fixed period. But if we were regarded a special category state 10% remittance is automatically to be given. But now, the Central Government paid for us most of the assistance. In such way some of the liabilities are likely to be used as grants.

And Rs. 47 crores share is now used where it is needed. And LIC is known to all and the basic minimum fund and Indo - Myanmar road fund are not transferable to other head, non - cuttable fund is used for Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme and Referral Hospital. The special ways and means advance are not yet concluded in the Budget. If we were not granted, we will have no fund to be used. But fortunately we are given Peace Bonus, Loans and advance amounting to Rs. 101.98 crores. Then we could ran the government within the first three months. On the other hand, we cannot draw any fund from any budget head.

And the special ways and means advance is a loan. But if the State Government request the Central Government to write off its loan informing its difficul-

ties it can be written off. Some amount of such loan was wrote off in 1990, 1991 and 1992. Loans may be treated in the same manner.

And regarding state liabilities, the former State Government is not good enough in mobilising resources. Not only that but the expenditure liabilities is added year by year within ten years. So that the expenditure liabilities has amounted to not less than Rs. 400/- crores.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question will be asked by the owner of the starred question only, rest of the members not ask supplementary question.

P U Z A K H U I L Y C H H O : Mr. Speaker Sir, my supplementary questions are firstly, it appears that the hon'ble Finance Minister said about Peace Bonus as an additionality to budget. On the other hand he also said that the plan for Peace Bonus is now preparing. He also informed the House that special ways and means as a Peace Bonus. On the other hand, special ways and means advance is usually received by the former Government. If so, has the Central Government offered Peace Bonus to the former Government of Mizoram?

Secondly, in regards to the expenditure liabilities, will the hon'ble Finance Minister be pleased to furnish to the hon'ble members the expenditure liabilities in the department wise with its reasons ?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister will answer the above supplementary question, after that we will take the next question.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, Peace Bonus is not to be entered into CHIEF MINISTER Head of Account. It is a general term. Peace Bonus is a charitable fund given to us for peace and harmony in the State. Now, we have not less than Rs. 400/- crores of liability under Special Ways and Means Advance. If it is not totally recovered, no fund can be sanctioned under the same head. But on the other hand, we do need this. That's why, we were favoured and receive fund under the Special Ways and Means Advance.

And Peace Bonus may be had under normal plan and non plan too. It has no head properly, the Central Government will make arrangement from which head it will be sanctioned. But it may be sanctioned under different head in accordance with the plan.

There may be different kinds of schemes under plan and non - plan. The present Parliament Session will make necessary arrangement for different heads. Such whole plan is then called Peace Bonus.

And regarding the expenditure liabilities, we will supply all the hon'ble Members the list of expenditure liabilities in department wise as requested.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu H. Rammawi, to ask starred question no. 20.

P U H. R A M M A W I : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question no. 20.

P U R. T L A N G H M I N G T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, this road is not only Lengpui Airfield approach road but it is Aizawl - Manu Interstate Road Phase I, it is now under construction.

P U R. L A L Z I R L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, did former hon'ble Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and MLA of Mamit Brig. T.Sailo promise Lengpui JAC when election campaign was operated to cancel that road if they were elected ?

P U R. T L A N G H M I N G T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I knew nothing about such promise.

P U R. L A L Z I R L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Lengpui JAC is going to have a fasting on 21.3.1999 for the promise which was not implemented. How will you treat them ?

P U K. T. R O K H A W : Mr. Speaker Sir, whose plot of land will be affected by this road ?

P U R. T L A N G H M I N G T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, this will be passing through sixty seven plot of land. If he want to know the list of land holders I may furnish their names to him.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the fasting of Lengpui JAC, we are now going to have a meeting at 1 : 15 PM on this day at the Chief Minister's Chamber to know what their motives are. I do hope that we would solve this problem today.

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Pu Lalchamliana to ask starred question no. 22.

P U L A L C H A M L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, my starred question no. 22, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Public Works Department be pleased to state -

- (a) What is the length of the roads constructed in Mizoram by means of NEC fund ?
- (b) The location of the roads ?
- (c) Is there any road under construction now ?
- (d) What is its length ?
- (e) The names of contractor whether PWD or BRTF ?

PU R. TLANGHMINGHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the questions are -  
MINISTER

- (a) The length of black topped road is 374.10 kms.
- (b) (i) Kawnpui - Bairabi 45 kms.  
(ii) Kanmun - Tuilutkawn 94 kms.  
(iii) Tut - Tumpanglui 78 kms.  
(iv) New Vervck - Tuiruang river 21.80 kms.  
(v) Khawzawl - Singzawl - Thanlawn 85 kms.

Besides these completed works 14 kms is to be constructed. Now, 40 kms is completed between Phairuang to Bughmun, 29 kms is to be constructed. And 10 kms is completed between Saitual - Tuivai - Daido - Bukpui and 125 kms is to be constructed. The said road is under construction from NEC fund.

And the said NEC roads were constructed by PWD.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, only one supplementary question. It seemed that the work of BRTF is not better than that of Mizoram PWD comparing to the expenditure. I, therefore, wish to know if we can share all of the contract work of the New National Highway like Sairang to Manu and Seling to Kohima to Mizoram PWD?

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in my constituency Lawngtlai, Rawnalkawn to Chamdur road is now constructed from NEC fund. Black topping and maintenance is handed over to Mizoram PWD. It's about 30 kms. The Minister did not point out about it. What is the reason?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, what amount of NEC fund is shared by Mizoram PWD? Secondly, for what projects is the NEC funds used and the location of those projects. Thirdly, what percentage is deducted/charged by PWD against the work of other departments other than PWD and against the work of NEC? Fourthly, for what purpose is such deduction applied?

PU H. LALTANPUIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the NEC road of the inter-state highway from Saitual - Phullen - Daido - Manipur, Manipur State constructed upto Daido, Vawngkawt, while Mizoram constructed the road very slowly. Will PWD take immediate construction in this inter - state highway? And the inter - state highway between Saitual and Phullen is not wide like other inter - state highway it be maintained to be wider like other inter - state highway?

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what step is now taken regarding the road construction from the PMS scheme?

PU R. TLANGHIMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the supplementary questions are long and involve a number of figures. As, I may not satisfy them all I want to inform them to follow outside this session. And I am very grateful for the hon'ble Members have much concern about my portfolio which is very interesting. And we had made a verification at the spot the work of BRTF. The work is to be handed over to Mizoram PWD as soon as the work is completed. They collected and used any kind of stones whether it is soft or hard. I feel that is not worthy to be taken up. Now we are informing the authority. That's why, the work quality of PWD and BRTF has a great difference.

We have not yet received Rs. 54.33 lakhs out of Rs. 1500 lakhs from NEC fund during 1998-1999 which we were expected to receive. And in the target of 1999-2000 of Rs. 1500 we still have to receive some portion of the amount from NEC. That's why, we can take step depending on borrow.

Also, Thenzawl to Buarpui, Serkhan to Bagha and Champhai to N. Vanlaiphai roads are taken up by BRTF from NEC fund. We had proved that the work of BRTF is not good from those roads. On the other hand, Saiha - Sangau - Hnahthial roads are constructed by Central Defence and handed over the work to Mizoram PWD receiving the agency charge about Rs. 11 lakhs. We utilised such fund for the infrastructure.

I cannot give a clear answer about the PMS now. While, Saitual to Phullen Road is now ready for black toping but we will have examination at the spot before starting the work.

And regarding the taking up of all roads of Mizoram by PWD, we want to do it, but we can't do it. The roads are usually taken up according to the work sponsor like Central Defence, Service Transport etc. Now, the BRTF may expect to take up Aizawl to Manu National Highway 141 km long. We are going to take up in this road. Not only that, but Selling - Tipaimukh - Kohima National Highway also will be taken up by the Mizoram PWD. If care is not taken from the very beginning of the construction i.e. selection of stones or boulder, there can be no good road. That's why, PWD Mizoram tried to take up those roads. It now appears that everyone has more confidence to PWD Mizoram than that of BRTF.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, only one supplementary question.  
H. PAUTU Will you carry out the construction of Serkhan to Bagha road without visiting Vairengte as early as possible?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Government of Mizoram had no decision about it till date. But it is under consideration.

S P E A K E R : Starred question No. 23. Pu R. Lalzirliana, to ask now.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister, Rural Development Department be pleased to state -



- (a) Whether Government of Mizoram seeks the marketing of Tung seeds?
- (b) What's the rate of Tung seeds per kg?
- (c) Whether there is intension to construct the link road for Tung planters in the compact area?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer of the questions are -  
MINISTER

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Rs. 7 per kg for MKVI Board and Rs. 10 per kg to Tung Society.
- (c) Yes, some portion of the road was constructed.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir. Supplementary questions please.

- (a) In which market Tung seeds were sold?
- (b) Whether Government of Mizoram would be able to fix the rate of Tung seeds just as that of ginger?
- (c) For what purpose Tung seed oil is used.
- (d) Whether price subsidy is to be given to Tung planters?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, although I'm the concerned Minister, I cannot give a clear answer because a Coordination Committee headed by the Chief Secretary had a plan properly on 24.6.1997. As a result of the decision of the Coordination Committee Tung Plantation is taken up by Horticulture Department, while, Industries Department had taken up the system of processing and the fixation of the rates of Tung seeds is taken up by Trade and Commerce Department. That's why, Rural Development Department cannot give detail answer in this starred question.

PU C. LAIRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please - Whether the new Government of Mizoram has a new policy to be followed?

S P E A K E R : The Minister concerned may give answer to the supplementary question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the supplementary question raised by the hon'ble Member from Vanva, we, Rural Development Department do have a new policy to be followed. The Cabinet Meeting too had passed for its full fledge department so as to be economically rolled. That's why, we will take step in the way to have self-sufficiency in food. It will not be done only in Rural Development Department but Horticulture Department, Agriculture and some other department will do this best in such ways and means.

S P E A K E R : Now, the question hour has gone, only four starred question is asked. I will, now, inform the House that the hon'ble Members Pu K. Sangthuama, and Brig. T. Sailo will have absent from the House today.

Now, we will take the next business. We will call upon the hon'ble Leader of the House to lay to the table of the House the 7th Annual Report of the Mizoram Public Service 1997 - 1998.

PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission I lay the 7th Annual Report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission 1997 - 1998 to the table of the House.

S P E A K E R : The paper be distributed to the hon'ble Members. We will go to the next business. Now, we will call upon Pu Tawnluia, Minister to introduce "The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Amendement Bill, 1999", to the House.

PU TAWNLUIA  
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your kind permission I beg to lay "The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Amendement Bill, 1999" to the House.

S P E A K E R : Do you agree with it. ("Yes" said Members). If so, we will call him to introduce it.

PU TAWNLUIA  
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do hereby introduce "The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Amendment Bill, 1999," to the House.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The copy of the Bill is distributed readily to the Members. Now, we will go to the next business. An Official Resolution is brought into the House. We will call upon Pu Tawnluia, Minister to move it. Firstly, let me read out the Resolution. "This House condemns the increase in violence and killing neted out to Christian minorities living in different parts of India. This House therefore, resolves that expedite actions be taken by Central Government to prevent reoccurrence of such violences and killings in the future".

PU TAWNLUIA  
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is to give importance Christians Christians in this resolution today. I feel that it is unfortunate. As we know, this resolution is about the incidents of violence and killing of Christians recently in different parts of India. Which is condemned by this House. It, further, demands the Central Government to have protect Christian against the physical violence and killing in future.

If we see article 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India, "Right to Freedom of Religion" is provided. Under which all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice and propagate religion. The article 26 also provides that every religious denomination or any section thereof shall have the right to manage its own affairs in matters of religion. No particular religion should oppress another. Under article 29 of the constitution, the interests of the minority religions are to be protected. But in India from 1964 upto till date oppressions of Christians is greatly increased in different parts of India. From 1964 to 1997, cruel treatment occurred thirty eight times to Christians. In 1997 such treatment occurred 15 times. During 1998, such coercion occurred 90 times. It is most popular in Gujarat state.

Eleven Churches and chapels were burned and destroyed. Not only that, important Ministers were killed in such cruel violence. Such as, eleven fathers, one brother, one pastor, three priests and six surgeons. Mr. Graham Staines and his two sons were killed cruelly on January 23 at Manchar, Kanjur District of Orissa. As such, Christians were oppressed and ill-treated in different parts of India within two years only. Now, many Christian ministers meet difficulties from different angles. That's why, it's to be call "the great terror" automatically. We, therefore, give importance to it and do condemned such cruel violence and killings of Christians while we are having "secularism" for Constitution.

Let me highlight the incidents of violence and killings in different parts of India shortly. Gujarat - 38, Uttar Pradesh - 17, Bihar - 14, Maharashtra - 10, Punjab - 5, New Delhi - 5, Tamil Nadu - 2, Kerala - 2, Haryana - 2, Orissa - 2, Andhra Pradesh - 1, Karnataka - 1, Assam - 1, Rajasthan - 1. These are the news of all India. A few days back on 23rd January, 1999, Graham Staines and his two sons of 10 years and 6 years were cruelly killed at Monahar Village in Orissa, on February 16, 1999 a Christian symbol cross standing on a hill in Orissa was broken which caused violence and about 200 houses were burnt and wounded a number of people. An adjournment motion was brought into Orissa Legislative Assembly for this purposes.

The world is surprised at India as the Constitution of India is usually violated in such ways. The Australian Senate too informed Prime Minister of India to detect out the wrong doers and also ask to take necessary action against them. It also requested India to safeguard Christian's from such cruel violence. The British House of Commons too adjourned the House on those incidents. That's why, we condemned such violence and we are taking its remedial measures.

India should look back at itself and justify such incidents. If it favours the wrong dress there may be greater disturbance in India. The Constitution of India provides freedom of religions. As such one is free to prefer and propagate his religion, but the Christians are oppressed by others.

Therefore, "this House condemned the incidents of violence and killings of Christians in different parts of India. This House, therefore, resolves that expedite action be taken by the Central Government to prevent reoccurrence of such violence and killing in the future." I, therefore, request the hon'ble Members to pass this resolution.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I believe that the hon'ble Members would like to speak about it. Each Member will have 10 minutes each for discussion, warning bell will be rang at 8

minutes. One should keep the time fixed. Now, Pu C. Sangzuala may speak.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I feel very grateful for this resolution which is brought into the House by the Home Minister. The Minister pointed out the important informations. I want to speak on something connected with this resolution.

Today, an Ecumenical movement is going on in different parts of the world. The most popular issue is harmony between different faith/religions. Friendship of different religious is the most familiar issue in the world. I feel that it is a humiliation for Indians that such incidents occur in India. I feel that it is not good to expose such thing but it is impossible as it is done against foreigners. It is very shameful for the Government of India as well as our own state. Anyhow, it does not unfit India which has a constitution providing secularism. It appears that Law and Order is not kept in the State. We have the best constitution but the worst happen in the State. In such way, the Central authority should think about it.

Now, BJP are in power in the Central Government, they are regarded to be extremists in religion. They are easily suspected by others. If so, the world will condemn and refuse the Indians from different angles. But we do not believe such thing will not be done by the Central Government. But the fact is that, it is not good enough to safeguard religious minorities.

That's why, I feel that it is good to save India against from such condemnation. In such way, I mean that we will enlighten the Central Government. If such violence and killing is not checked it will effect justice, liberty, equality and fraternity of the nation as well as the peace and harmony in India. Not only that but the relation between India and foreign countries may easily be broken.

On the other hand, if the Central Government takes necessary steps in this regard, freedom of religion will be safeguarded in the State, peace and harmony will flourish in India. Not only that but also the relation between India and Foreign countries will be improved. As such, I am very grateful that this resolution is brought into this House by the hon'ble Home Minister.

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I want to inform you that this resolution is fully supported by the opposition members. This resolution is brought into the House from two hon'ble Members as Private Members resolution to be discussed tomorrow. But as it is now brought into the House as official resolution we will discuss it today. And we knew that the ruling MLA too submitted this resolution. That's why, I want to inform you that it is fully supported by all Members.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we know India is the most popular democratic government. We have the best and longest constitution in the democratic country. Dr. Ambedkar and his colleagues drafted a very good constitution, in which all religions have equal right before law. That's why, no physical violence and killing ever occurred within the state at large. Article 25 of the constitution provides the rights of a citizen in his religions, one has a right to profess and propagate his religion. The constitution accorded the doctrine of Christians to propagate Christianity. I thought that the drafting committee of the constitution will be Christians. On the other hand it may be the act

of God. For this reason, religious violence and killing never occurred during 40 years of congress rule in India. There may be minor disturbances somewhere. But never occurred such minor disturbances for Christianity. Mr. Speaker Sir, what I want to say is that if a party other than Congress party ruled in the country such violence usually occurred in the country.

Firstly, during the rule of Janata party Setana's Bill came into existence. That caused a serious hardship for Christians. We, Mizoram, too had black day protesting the Bill. As a result of the protesting, the Janata Party and its leader met their downfall and never come to power again till date. Last year BJP Government came into power, the youth front Hindu Vishua Parisad and Bajrangdal inflicted physical violence to the Christians. As we know since December 21 last year, it is only three months have passed and 21 church buildings were burnt, 12 churches were destroyed, 2 schools of christians were broken and 43 christians were imprisoned. I feel that there will be a number of minor cases that we did not know.

Secondly, a few days back, Prime Minister Vajpayee wanted to call National Debate on conversion. But opinion poll is taken and 53% support and 30% does not support it. I feel that the National Debate on conversion is a challenge for christians. That's why, we should have cooperation in this regard. People conducted protesting march on February 1, 1999.

Thirdly, Mr. Speaker Sir, an unfavourable thing that I want to mention is that the tribals in some other state of India thought that it is impossible to be Christian for tribal. I read news paper yesterday which indicated that the meeting of Bajrang Dal, VHP and RSS in Uttar Pradesh discussed and decided that "the pride and joy of christians nowadays in India is that the presidency of Sonia Gandhi as Congrec (i) party." I feel that it is absolutely not true. But I think that they have such opinion for we were observed protesting march in Mizoram bravely. In such way they had falsely charged the christians. Mr. Speaker Sir, Mizoram is only a majority christian state. As such, only we are to protest such cruel violence and killing in India.

As provided in the book of Esther, I think that the Lord appointed us, to sit in this House to protest such cruel violence and killing in such a time. That's why, I request all the hon'ble members to pass this resolution and the government to take expedite action.

Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to  
MINISTER speak on the resolution moved by the hon'ble Minister  
of Home. I do support the resolution. This showed  
that the two Houses of Parliament and State  
Legislatives did not safeguard the constitution of India as we had oath and affirmation.  
There is a provision to safeguard freedom of religion but this showed that we did not  
safeguard the provision. During the period of 35 years, various political parties ruled  
the country both in two Houses of Parliament and State Legislative Assembly Houses.  
Those legislatures parties could not safeguard the freedom of religion. The present ruling  
party at the central did not stand in 1964. The cruel violence and killing occurred in the  
years 1964, 1978, 1980, 1987, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998  
respectively. Churches were destroyed at different places. The killings of fathers,  
brothers, sisters, missioneries and priests were not wrong doors in the public. But they  
were suffering from christianity while they were observing religious festivals, christmas,  
congregation, etc. All Legislature parties both in two Houses of Parliament and states

stands for safeguarding the provisions of the constitution of India. The violence and killing, oppressions of Christians proved the failure of state Legislatures and that of parliament. When we talk about such things some members always condemned a particular political party. But that is not right, various political parties ruled the country in parliament as well as the state from 1964. In fact, no ruling party could safeguard christians from such violences and killings as per provided in the Constitution of India.

That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, all Legislative parties both in the two Houses of Parliament and States should try to safeguard the provisions of the Constitution. For this purpose, we should take steps immediately by passing this resolution. Our state MP too should urge the matter in parliament. We could not condemn only parliament but also we, the State Legislatures have such responsibility, we are to carry out the responsibility. That's why, after passing this resolution we should take an effective step for this purpose.

Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I am very grateful to the hon'ble Home Minister for bringing his resolution. H. PAUTU The opposition leader too, said that all opposition members supported the resolution. I also submitted it as a Private Members Resolution. I feel that it is very grateful as it entered as an Official Resolution. I will take only a little time.

As we all know, we have secularism in the constitution. The Drafting Constitution of India, they knew that there are different kinds religions and races in the country both in the plain and hilly areas. Pu Nehru called different kinds of religion as "a very beautiful garden". Because different kinds of religion and race lived peacefully within India. While, some states like Madhya Pradesh, etc. have a conversion bill in against the freedom of religion provided in the Constitution of India. It is unfortunate that some states have such conversion Bill.

For those conversion Bill atrocity and killing occurred in different parts of India. That's why, I demand the Central Government to detect out those wrong - doers and to impose appropriate punishment against them. I, therefore, feel good the wording of the resolution and support it for passing.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do thank you for sparing me time to speak on the resolution. I feel that it is good to amend the working of the resolution in this way.

"This House condemns the increase in violence and killing meted out to christian minorities living in different parts of India under the BJP Ministry in Central. This House therefore, resolves that expedite actions be taken by the Central Government to prevent reoccurrence of such violence and killing in future". The hon'ble Members and Home Minister clearly spoke about it. I will not repeat them. The Congress party ruled India about 45 years of which 7 years were occasionally ruled by political parties other than Congress party. I believe that the Unity of India would be broken if it were occurred in 45 years of Congress rule of such violence and killing of Christians during the seven years. No member should support any Central Government in this regard. We should take steps not only for Christians but also for the unity and fraternity of India.

That's why, the violence and killing of Christians occurred during the present BJP Ministry at the centre through its volunteers like - RSS, VHIP, Bajrang Dal and Durga Vahini. They knew that they will be safeguarded against any case charged against them. I, therefore, feel that the resolution should include the Central BJP Government should resign from the Ministry. The Constitution not only provides freedom of religion but also the safeguarding of the minority peoples. In this connection, we, the Members of State Legislative Assembly have a vital importance to it. As the hon'ble Member said before, I am sorry for the House Leader did not attend in observing "the protest day".

But on this day, I am very happy to pass this resolution with the hon'ble House Leader and the hon'ble Speaker. The people of Mizoram usually elect a good christian for this representatives both in Parliament and State Assembly. I am sure that most of the people of Mizoram appreciated the letter sent to the Prime Minister by the hon'ble Member of Parliament. We should oppose very bravely the Ministry who could not support the Constitution of India. It is not a minor case. But it is a constitutional violation. All churches had observed protest march. Should they observed the protest day every incidents? We, the politicians should continue the will of the people. That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, all of us have cooperation to oppose such thing. I, therefore, support the resolution and want to make amendment by adding "under the BJP Ministry".

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if the resolution contains necessary amendment the copy should be produced to the House before one clear day. But no copy is received, that's why, can we proceed in accordance with the rules?

S P E A K E R : Mr. Zira pointed out about the amendment of the resolution. But it will not be accepted because it is not done as per provided in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Now, we will call upon Pu Lalrinzuala.

PU LALRINZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to speak, I speak nothing today. But as a result of an important resolution is to be discussed I will speak about it. I feel that all of us do appreciate the resolution. It is also very grateful that the former Member contributed earnestly the proposal of amendment. The reason is that all of us have confidence in this Government. Anyhow, it is grateful that the new Government gave a good impression to the hon'ble Members.

If this resolution were raised in the House before dates, I believe that most of missionaries would have avoided such violence and killing. During the last fourteen years a number of atrocities occurred in different parts of India we feel that this kind of resolution is not to be raised in the House. But when a party standing "for God and our land", came into power, the resolution is raised officially in the House to accord with its principle. On the other hand, we had no complaint about it as we regarded they should not raise such resolution.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we are discussing the atrocities of Christians all over

India but in Mizoram too, christians met such difficulties. Nl. Rohmingthangi and Nl. Lalbiakchhungi suffered and were killed for christianity. If this kind of resolution is raised in the House, it will minimise such sufferings. But I think that they were not given importance at that time. But on this day, the sons of the soil came into power and such sufferings were given importance, which cause me a great pleasure and give a lot of thanks to the resolution.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very grateful to the opposition Members for demanding the hon'ble House Leader to lead the protesting March, although it was observed by the church leaders. In another Ministry, there could never be any expectation. But if he led the protesting March, the church leaders may not agree with it. But such great expectation prove that the performance and greatness of this august House. Therefore, this resolution is good enough to be passed as it provides the national integrity and safety of the Constitution.

Thank you.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, India is the biggest population in Democratic country. The Government adopted secularism and provided in the Constitution. The christians are only 2% of the total population which are the lower group in humanitarian. There are many atrocity against christians in India. The local newspaper too revealed about the matter. The most cruel violence and latest killing is written in India today with the photograph. On seeing their photo they seemed to be very graceful. The two sons were very lovely from their appearance. Graham Staine and his two sons became ashes for religious atrocity. This stimulated our heart automatically. The atrocity of christians has a secret origin. The Visharanath Hindu Parisad (VHP) are very popular in this regard. Ashok Singhal, the leader accused christians to have conspiracy against the Hindus and propagate such words in India. Recently, Mother Teresa and Amarthi Sen were awarded Nobel prize and Sonia Gandhi became President of Congress (i) India. They believe that they were considered through them. 2% of Indian population could not conspiracy against them. But we want to live peacefully with them as provided by the Constitution. We, the Mizo, are peace loving people. The weaker section lived with us peacefully. We cannot tolerate such atrocity and it is very shame for India.

I feel that such cruel violence and killing were only fit for the time of 18th Century. That's why, it is very fearful in future. We live peacefully here, how shall we will safeguard our brothers. What do we expect to be done by India? I am very happy to discuss this resolution which the hon'ble Minister raised this resolution.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now call upon Pu F. Lalthanzuala to spend ten minutes only.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I feel that this resolution is very important for India. It may be regarded the most important resolution raised in this House. I knew that the hon'ble Home Minister too gave importance to it. No party should take it as an advantage of its own. It is unnecessarily suffering for Christian which can destroy and split the union of India.



Firstly, what I want to say is that Prime Minister Desai ruled the country when "Setana's Bill" was passed in the country. At that time, Mother Teresa asked Prime Minister Desai whether he feared the Lord in a face to face interview. We may ask Prime Minister Vajpayee the same question today. Immediately Desai dethroned from power. Christians were not abled to wipe out totally. The Christians were suffering from atrocity in different parts of the world. But they were increased day by day. Any country who caused to suffer against christians never rise to power, instead, they became weaker and weaker. We saw in different countries like - Russia, China, Vietnam, etc.

Secondly, Christian sufferings breaks the unity of India. We will not be bound in the Government of India. The christians were tied up in different states of North East India, like Nagaland, Manipur, etc. I think that the unity of India will be broken immediately, if we suffer from such atrocity. That's why, I do support this resolution as it concern the unity and weakness of India.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will have a recess. We will start business at 2 : 00 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

**2 : 00 P.M.**

S P E A K E R : Now, we will start our business. We will call up Pu K. Vanlalaiva, MLA from Khawbung Constituency.

P U K. VANLALAUVA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to speak on the resolution. There is much to speak about

it. I am very grateful to discuss this important official resolution. I feel that we should speak about the subject matter of the resolution denying privation and party system.

On the other hand, Central Government is the origin of our Government. The Government is running at the centre between 1964 - 1997. This resolution originated from 1964. It is not a new thing. We should not condemn any particular political party at the centre. The atrocity and cruel killing of Christians occured in 1964 for so many time. On the other hand, we shold not use it as political advantage. The aims and object of this resolution is that is not it required to revise the provision of "Secularism or Freedom of religion", provided at the Constitution of India. Otherwise, we may be oppressed under the Constitution of India.

The slogans against Christians on the latest Christmas day were - "Let the Christians be flown away, bigger and bigger the Hindus, all pastors are the thefts". That's why, we cannot condemned the present government at the centre. We, the Mizo christians think of the world, while the incidents within India is very bad within this 30 years. That's why, we are now demand the Central Government to protect the provisions of the Constitution of India.

That's why, the churches took steps to protest such cruel violence. We noted that the leader of the House is expected to lead the protesting march. But if we think of the security measure, it is not to be done. It is not to be condemned in such

way. All of us knew that the importance of the leaders of the people, they should not interfere in such mob rule. The resolution only mean that better protection of the provision of the constitution like secularism. This House is not established for condnation but for seeking the truth.

That's why, the resolution formulated and raised by the hon'ble Home Minister is praise worthy having the spirit of bravery and patriotism. Because it has protection of the provisions of the Constitution. That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, I request all the hon'ble members to pass the resolution.

Thank you.

Dr. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what I want to say is that I am very grateful to the hon'ble Home Minister for moving the resolution officially. I expect that all of us will support it. We the people of Mizoram do condemned the atrocity and killing occuring in India from time to time. The people observed the protesting march for once. I feel that it is necessary to pass this resolution to show that the Mizo people really condemned such atrocity and cruel killing of Christians. I think that it would be very profitable if our state MPs urge both houses of parliament as they are our representatives in parliament. If so, the atrocity and killing of christians may end in India. The Constitution too provides secularism, under which all religions in India have the same right to freely propagate and profus and worship his religion.

The sufferings of Christians also occured in 1975. That's why, the atrocity and killing occured in different parts of India at different time and places. A few years back, the atrocity and killing to Christians occur more and more in India. That's why we really condemned it. And this resolution has to be passed in this House for remedial measure.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Although I do not feel at MINISTER home to discuss the matter I will speak the resolution. Unfortunately, great sufferings occured in India to the Christians. Some of us frankly speak on the matter and the rest are not frank enough. I feel that both of them have merits. BJP formed the government at the centre, as such it is responsible in this regard. In fact, the government will not make such sufferings. But there are some organisations like RSS and BHP who were the religious fanatics. They became at home in India and oppressed Christians. It may be that the Central Government have given them a green signal. That's why, the Central Government is responsible against the sufferings of the Christians. I want to inform the Government of India that there should not be impartial religions administration in India.

Secondly, I want to point "Setan's Bill" and also want to clarify about it. It is an Indigenious Religions Faith Bill of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh. This Bill is passed to restrict conversion to christianity. The Christians were oppressed, burnt their church building, although they increased day by day. The Government, then, cleverly passed this Bill, for all religions within that state. The Bill requires assent of the President of India. At this time the State Government of Arunachal is ruled by the Congress Party. But at the centre, Janata Dal led by Mr. Moranji Desai ruled the Central Government. But the people of Mizoram observed protest day at Aizawl. That's why, we should not condemn each other. No Member should speak "If Congress in not in power, religions is not safeguarded in the Country".

And Pu Zira, MLA from Saitual Constituency opined his desire that the Central Government may be dissolved. But we should know that Public Law and Order is carried at by the State Government. It rests upon the Chief Minister of a State Government. Orissa State is headed by Congress (I) Chief Minister. That means, the Chief Minister could carry out and submit his resignation.

And regarding Madhya Pradesh, it seemed that some of us want them to resign from their posts. But they are not to be forced to resign from their seats. This House is not the most suitable place to speak about them. Different parties ruled at the Central Government. But they were not in favour of Christians for they were all non-Christian. It is our duty to pass this resolution as the occurrence was not satisfactory for Christians. Any political parties may ruled at the centre it does not matter to Christians. No party is to be chosen for Christians. There is no difference among them for us.

Anyhow, it may be regarded as the act of God or the will of God. It may be a blessing in disguise. We, the Christians, in Mizoram are free from all obstacles. Anyway, we dislike and form of atrocity and cruel killing in India. That's why, I support the resolution moved by the hon'ble Home Minister.

Thank you.

PU LALTHANKUNGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I too, submitted this resolution. But as it was raised as an Official Resolution, I feel that it is worthy to be supported. I'll not repeat the facts and figures of the evidences of atrocity to Christians. But what I want to say is that two hundreds houses were burnt in Orissa State a few days back. Just before these dates, seven houses were also burnt in Orissa State. Four persons were seriously wounded. We were hear that they were minority Christians through Radio and newspapers. After a few days 200 houses were burnt as said before. Being the most populous democratic country in the world, it is a pride for the leaders of India. Looking back the spirit of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution of India, the Government of India now, could not safeguard such provisions of the Constitution. I am deeply worried about it now. Dr. Ambedkar was of a backward class like ourselves. His image at Mumbai was broken by such people wanted to make sufferings for minorities and Dalit groups. The Ruling party of the Government of India is surely responsible in this regard. As said before, the Central Government did take enough steps to control such violation of the Constitution of India.

In fact, after the incidence in Gujarat the Central Government warned them and nothing is known till date. But in Orissa and Bihar, it may be imagined that the State Government does support the notification of Central Government. If so, I feel that the unity and integrity of the Indian union will suffer a great loss. It may be imagined that the minority religions and minority classes would like to separate from the Indian Union. I, therefore, very sorry for these bad news. That's why, it very grateful to discuss this resolution. I feel that we should pass it unanimously in this House for all States and Parliament of India may know our idea. I feel that the Government of India should take prompt action in this regard to safeguard the Constitution of India and the welfare of minority classes and different religions. On the other hand, Mizoram is the most peaceful State in India. Someone accused Mizoram and Nagaland to have a spirit of insurgency. India should know that may cause a serious problem for the security of India.

Thank you.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. As we know, it very grateful to the mover of this resolution. It was said that India is a secular State. It's right. But it is vast, there are different classes of people and different religions using various language. That's why, it is difficult to safeguard its secularism. Before these years of atrocity, the Christians in India had a lot of suffering from others. Many Christians lost their posts when they converted into Christians. It may be a share from God but now, we should strongly oppose the matter. On this day, I feared that we will be a political whip than sharing the tolerances of Christians in India and fail to the main point of the resolution.

It is said that no suffering is likely occurred in India recently but the democracy of India is too busy. Some Political parties know how to make religions as the bond of disturbances when became loser in the parliamentary election. This make me to think seriously. I want to request all members to condole the suffering of Christians in different parts of India instead of becoming the political whip of a political party at the Centre.

And we only demand the resignation of the Lok Sabha MP is not it good to demand even Rajya Sabha Member? We should have cooperation in this regard. Are we ready to demand to resolve the House of the Orissa Legislative Assembly? We should not seek to condemn no political party but we should share the sufferings our brethrens. Let us, therefore, pass this resolution without any complaint.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : You should not make such noise as you had spoken what you want to speak, you have to listen now.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I am sorry for I am not fluent in Mizo language. I do support this resolution. As the official resolution is former to Private Members Resolution, we should think that what will be done tomorrow. As appeared in this resolution it is required to find out who had done such atrocity and killing to the Christians. We may know through newspapers, TV and Radio. As we know they were VHP, Bajrang Dal and RSS. If you see newspapers on the day before yesterday you may prove the truth. No other parties interfered in this regard. We should condemned such parties. These hindu fundamentalist parties are the whips of BJP at the Centre. Sang parivar are also included for this whip. They presented their parties at the BJP General Assembly. Many Ministers belong to this parties in the BJP Ministry. The Government of India is running by this parties. If the agencies of Government had done such things who will have restriction against them? That's why, I support this resolution. The Congress (i) Party will opposed the BJP at any time. Do the Mizoram Political parties oppose the BJP parties? I feel that we should not support them from Mizoram. All of us know that the incidents, we should opposed them from different angles.

Thank you.

Fr. K. THANGZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I also support this official resolution. That's why, I have to speak a little.

Firstly, India had a bitter experience in the religions matter. In the

freedom fighting all religions fight for Indian National Independence. But in practice, communal massacre occurred in India on ground of religious extremists especially between Hindus and Muslims which resulted partition of India.

Today, I'm so sorry for such incidents occurred in India after celebrating 50th Anniversary of Indian Independence. The former leaders of India like M.K. Gandhi, Nehru, etc. led the nation without any communal disturbances. These incidents proved that the people of India did not respect or appreciate the provisions of the Constitution of India.

Secondly, the children of India ignored the footprints of the former leaders like M.K. Gandhi and Nehru. Those incidents had side effect to them. A daughter of Hindu family in Calcutta left Hinduism as soon as she knew that the Hindus brutally killed Graham Staine and his two sons. This is written in the national newspaper. As such, it has side effect on Hinduism too. The same thing may occur in different places.

Thirdly, these incidents make a better cooperation and unity among Christians of different places and denominations. If the Hindus come to know the matter, I think that they will have a repentance to do such thing. It appears that these incidents brought "blessing in disguise". What I want to say is that the Hindus had cruel violence, killing and burnt church buildings from 1964 violating the provisions of the Constitution of India. This proves that law and order is not properly maintained by the Government. That is how the foreign countries had observed the Government of India. It is very shameful for the Government. That's why, I'm very happy and highly appreciated this resolution which would have a shocking force to the Government of India.

And regarding the observation of Protesting March, I feel that the Government of Mizoram had interference and led the protesting march for arrangement is made for its peacefulness and permission from the Government of Mizoram. As it was observed by the churches, it is good and fair to be led by the Leaders of the churches. I, therefore, very happy to pass this resolution.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to speak. Firstly, I want to give thanks to the hon'ble Members who raised this resolution for discussion and to the hon'ble Minister who moved this official resolution. Not only that but also thanks to all the hon'ble Members who support this resolution.

On this day, I want to repeat that many Christians lost their lives in different parts of India due to cruel violence against the minorities and Christians. This is the truth. Today, the world gives importance to preserve the right of minority as a human right. For this reason some minorities falsely accused the stronger sections to the Human Rights Commission eg. the inhabitants of Western side of Mizoram. That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, the Christians in India are cramped day by day. That's the truth.

And it appears that are some Member tried to take advantage of this resolution. But I feel that it's not good to use it as a political advantage. "Secularism" and Freedom of Religion have different meanings. We should not confuse the two concepts. In fact, violence to Christians is popular in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa. But the Government of those states are formed by different political parties.

That's why, we should not condemn any particular political parties. In fact, all of them were responsible in this regard.

Anyhow there were some people who dislike and hate Christians. Those people displayed cruel violence and killing to them. That's why, this resolution brought into this august House condemning all violences and killings in all parts of India. As such, we have unity in this regard.

Mr. Speaker Sir, after observing the protesting march on February 1, 1999 the sufferings of Christians in India did not yet ended till date. I can point out five incidents at different places of three states like Kerela, Assam and Orissa. That's why, there will be sufferings for Christians. It is, therefore, worthy to pass this resolution condemning such atrocity and killing. It is also fit for to warn the Government of India.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, to raise this resolution is needy and DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER it is done in time. We had listened different incidents from the hon'ble Members and the hon'ble Home Minister, I will not repeat them. Such incidents occurred from 1964 as recorded. Before dates, Pu Nehru and other noble leader led the nation and such incidents seldom occurred. The atrocity and killing occurred 161 time from 1964 against Christians. Such thing were - robbery of Christian hospitals, demolition of Church buildings, burning of houses, burning of Holy Bibles and rape of Missioneries and nuns. Some of Christians are brutally threaten and harassing Christian gathering. In some places, institutions were interrupted causing closing of schools and Christians buses were delayed and cross symbols of Christians above the Church building were taken away. Some of them were beaten, some of them were trampled with foot by force and some of them were threatened to be killed.

Considering above all, it is true to say that Mizoram is Christian State. It is now time to discuss this resolution. If there is no any discussion or criticism or opposition worse things may occur in India.

Nowadays such kinds of oppression increase more and more. The news of killing of three Missionaries is known by the world. Some states passed anti-conversion Act by which Act adivasis/dalits backwardness concessions provided by the Constitution of India were forcibly withdrawn from them. In 1995, the Christians in Delhi protested hardly on such things. At that time Mr. Vajpayee was not the Prime Minister.

Anyhow, the sufferings of Christians is always existed when any party ruled in India and it is necessary to discuss the problems faced by Christians in India in this august House. I desire the Central Government to know what we are discussing in this august House and the will of the people of Mizoram. The hon'ble Home Minister too has an idea about the resolution. That's why, I also support it for passing in this House.

If this august House has torture in India it will light up all Legislative Houses in India if God blessed our legislation or resolution and I expected this resolution will be made powerful for the present and future of India.

We, India have a very good Constitution. The hon'ble Members had

spoken different kinds of its provisions. As we know, secularism is provided in it. And every religious denomination and every person had the same right from the constitution. Accordingly we are now going to resolve a resolution to safeguard the rights of a person or the rights of religious denominations. If we keep silence in this regard it will exert to the non - Christians of religious minorities and communal minorities. We are now discussing to safeguard the life, will and interests, etc. of the tribal and backward classes of India. That's why, I think that the God will bless our resolution if we pass this resolution without any dissent opinion. I, therefore, support this resolution.

Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to discuss the resolution. The hon'ble Members had spoken a number of items. I have not much to speak and I will speak in name only.

The hon'ble Home Minister raised a resolution about the oppression of Christians which were not like and about unexistence of such oppression in future. This kind of violence against Christians occurred in the 1st Century and before the middle ages in Europe. To Christians, it is very harmful and shameful as it occurred today.

I feel that it is not good to take as an political advantage by a particular party. No party should do it in such way. All of us should condemn such violence was committed. If a single political party committed such violence and killing, we should oppose and condemn such party. We should not condemned any political party nor should we take an advantage to it. But we should condemned the cruelty and killing. It is now very shameful as it occurred in India which is only fit for a communist country or muslim country. In deed, it is very shameful to be the citizen of India. That's why, the people of Christian majority state should condemned the atrocity and cruel violence supporting and passing the resolution. As we have a secular state it is our duty to condemn such atrocities in our country.

I, therefore, feel that we should condemned those who committed such oppression and those who defamed the state of having secular constitution. Let us pray to God for such thing would not reoccured in India and pass this resolution with a cheerful mind.

Thank you.

PU VANILAIHLANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, this resolution is worthy to be resolved in this House if we have perusal. Even the other Members too raised is as Private Members' Resolution. But I am very grateful for the hon'ble Home Minister raised it as official resolution. On the other hand, I feel that I was agrief as it is require to resolve this matter. The Opposition Leader Mr. Zakhu Hlychho called this Government as a Christians. As the hon'ble Members had discussed the ins and out of the matter, I will speak about it shortly.

What I want to say is that there are a number of religious denominations in India. Some of them are large in number of Member and some of them had a small number. But the Constitution of India safeguards their rights under article 25 to 29 respectively. Not only that but the preamble declares India as a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic. By secularism the former leaders of India like

P.M. Nehru, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Dr. Radhakrishnan mean that "we respect all faith and religion". This means India is still upholding it till date. What I want to point out which the hon'ble Members had not pointed out is that the Christians contributed much in the making of a Great India. Christians contributed in framing or drafting the constitution of India which is the best and lengthiest constitution in the world.

The sixth scheduled to the Constitution of India is formed by Rev. JMM Nicholas Roy, Mother Teresa was a Nobel Prize winner, Leander Paes, Indian Tennis star was also a Christian; Mizoram and Kerela, the land of Christian are possessing the highest percentage in literacy in India. In such way Christians have a lot of contribution to make India great. Not only that, but many Christian Institutions produced many great men in India and abroad.

On the other hand, it is unfortunate that Christians suffered a lot of oppression, physical violence, atrocity and killing. That's why, I do grateful to the resolution as it raised officially in this august House. I, therefore, want to pass this resolution as prepared and framed by the hon'ble Home Minister.

Thank you.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do highly appreciated this resolution. I'll, therefore, speak about the resolution.

Now, it seemed that the foretells of our former leaders during the period of Indian Independence is seemed to be come true in India. A great invasion between Hindu and Muslim broke out at that time because Hindus have desire to make India for the land of Hindus as Muslims had. When the constitution of India is framed, secularism and freedom of religion is given importance. But now, after 50 years it is neglected and atrocity to Christians occurred in the different parts of India as India lack of leader who had the true spirit of Indian Constitution in this regard. The Mosalmans and Christians especially suffered a lot from Hinduism because they regarded us to retard their aim to make India a Hindu State as did in Nepal. that's why, it appears that this resolution is slightly late to pass in this august House. But it is not bad to pass now. I hope that it will be very fruitful if the majority Christians state oppose the atrocity bravely.

In this connection, I want to point out that the inquiry of the killing of Graham Staine and his sons is not properly done. Not only that, but it appears that there is no intention to find out the fact.

Besides this killing, some other incidents occurred in the same state. This showed that the State Government of that state take any step to control violence and killing in India. After the killing of Missionaries, the world knew that law and order position in India. British parliament too had discussion the matter. Looking back the present situation, it seemed that the Government of India as well as Orissa state didn't have to control such physical violence. That's why, it seemed that the position of Christians became more tight day by day. That's why, we should publicise this resolution as wide as possible. Mr. Speaker Sir, I do support this resolution as it is a valuable resolution.

Thank you.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, this important resolution brought in by the hon'ble Home Minister is needy at this time.



No Member opposed it, as such I feel that it is not necessary to take a long time discussion. It appears that some Members take an advantage to this resolution while discussing the incidents of atrocity and killing against Christians. Let the Government of India take immediate step to stop the atrocity and killing of Christians in future. Let us have it as prayer and song with the bottom of our heart. We may not have a success to pass this resolution if our mind is not rightly approach to the goal of resolution. I feel that it is an ideal not to have political advantage as it is religious concern.

The incidents of atrocity and killing occurred to Christians nowadays is really condemnable. The physical violences occurred before dates are used for condemnation to some political parties. Although Indian Constitution provides secularism, if the authority to safeguard the provision does not safeguard it, it is now the Christians who suffered from such thing. As such the Christians have not to enjoy freedom of religion, instead of it, the Christians had a martyrdom in India. If necessary, the Christians should have a martyrdom, but, we should not have any martyrdom if the authority could safeguarded the provisions of the Constitution of India. If the Christians unnecessarily have a martyrdom, the ruling Government is compulsorily responsible to it. In the present situation too, BJP is responsible to it. Even in the state concerned too, the ruling Government is responsible to it. The Government does not keep up law and order, not only that but secretly relaxed law and order in the effected area. The Christians have pain in their heart against the increase of atrocity and killing from a few years back. We feel that such thing will be never occurred in India.

If we are going to have political advantage in this regard the Christians will not be safeguarded. It will be only a good resolution. I hope that we would share of the sufferings of Christians today.

The Christians had been suffering from atrocity and oppression, it now has increased more and more. It may increase more and more in future. That's why, I support this resolution to be passed with holy heart.

Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA  
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I feel that this resolution is very important. The former Member urged his desire. I, too, support him. It appears that we consult our Lord to discuss this resolution. I am very grateful that the hon'ble Home Minister raised this strange resolution and feel glorified it. This Session is the first budget session for this new Ministry. I wonder and feel sorry to have overhand this resolution on the other side. I feel that it is grievous for this House that such thing occurred in India which concerned much our heart.

We had listened much about the incidents of atrocity to Christians in different parts of India. What I want to say is that it is a violation of the fundamental rights provided in the Constitution of India. We should be anxious about it. We must submit it to the Central Government.

Secondly, it is not good for the person who had committed such violation. These incidents can stop and break a very important programme of the Nationl.

Thirdly, this House passed many resolution but never knows its result. But as this resolution is so important and all Members support it, we should take care of it to submit to the Government of India which would produce a meaningful result in India.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to ask this House to sent a delegate to the Central Government if the Law permits. I want to make such suggestion.

This House did like and support it fully. I feel it is good to show our dislike in place and in time. We should draft memorandum very carefully and submit it to the Central Government by sending delegation from this House.

Thank you.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, this resolution is not only good but it is also important and really needed. I feel that it is our duty to raise this resolution. The Church opposed this incidents through prayer. Not only that, the Church also observed a protest day.

As this resolution is a serious case, we, the Members discussed the matter seriously. I give it a vital importance. That's why, we should not pass it simply as other resolution. I feel that we should carry on our discussion as it is very important.

And I feel that it is not good to lead the people in observing the protesting day. He gave a sound advise and permission to observe the protest day. Not only that, he sent his condemnation of the atrocity to the Prime Minister. I feel that he is praise worthy for all. While we should not condemn any political party. In such way there may be much to speak aout.

S P E A K E R : A few minutes back, Pu Zirliana raised a point of clarification demanding amendment of the resolution. Although it is not good enough, you discuss all the matter in such way. It's not to speak on the other side of the resolution.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, as I said before, I feel that all Members should participate and discuss the resolution. I feel it is necessary to point him with finger by all Members if he does not participate in the discussion. In such way, I do support the resolution.

On the other hand, I feel sorry to discuss such incidents of atrocity. Anyhow, we did not condemn no political party but only the person concerned who committed such atrocity. In such way, we prayed to God for the atrocity may be stopped in India. Not only that, we expected any Government whether the Central or State Government to keep up law and order situation.

That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, this resolution is good enough for passing as it was already framed its wording by the hon'ble Home Minister and I do request all the Members to pass this resolution without any complaint.

Thank you.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me speak on the resolution shortly. As we read, "This House really condemn the increase of violence and killing of Christians in differ-

ent parts of India". This word does not mean that there was no killing before, and it indicated the increase of killing. I feel that no party should fear to condemn nor to be condemned. The reason is that there is no difference between today and before dates in regards to the atrocity in India. But may condemn the government and its Chief Minister concerned failing to carry out law and order in that state where killing of Missionaries occurred.

Today, the atrocity occurred in India and increase in this government. The Government is headed by the BJP. But we have to point no one with finger. The resolution does not mean such thing. But it means to reduce the increase of such atrocity in India. Not only that but we want the Central Government to protect all religious freedom by means of the provisions of the Constitution of India in different states.

What I want to say is that it is fortunate that we have a discussion on behalf of Christians. I highly appreciated our discussion today. But where does this lead us? Is it Delhi? No, we should reach the highest goal. We should have prayed to our Lord in groups and individually.

On the other hand, the Christians are not to complain, revenge nor to take action or physical violence against them. We are to be grateful in all sufferings. Not only that but also we should not seek help from Delhi nor Foreign Countries. I feel that we would not mean to serve God without difficulties. I, therefore, support this resolution.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, it is 4:00 P.M. Will we finish our discussion. If so, we will call upon the hon'ble House Leader. After that the mover of the resolution.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am sorry to discuss this strange resolution. But I feel that best result is to be expected as difficulties may strengthen Christians. We should not wonder the matter as Christians ruled over India for more than hundred years. Although the percentage of Christian population is very low in India. Some of them were seemed to be more civilised than those of majority religions. That's why, there might be envy against them.

Now, BJP are in power at the Central Government. The atrocity is now increased in India. But the atrocity occurred even before the existence of BJP. Although its volume is not high in the country and ignored as a whole. But the atrocity increase more and more in the country. Most of BJP and its colleagues were extremists Hindus. It appears that violence and killing increased due to their slogans and action in the country. That's why, the Government did not like the atrocity and said, "This is not our own will", and tried their best to do away with the atrocity. But it cannot do away with the atrocity easily because such extremists had done it very often. We are very sorry about the matter. We pray to God to do away with such atrocity as we are Christians. As a Government, what we have to do is to resolve this resolution.

And regarding responsibility, the Central Government had responsibility directly or morally. The State Government too had responsibility like that. That's why, they will try to do away with such violence and killing.

Regarding this atrocity, I, the Chief Minister of Mizoram do condemn it and sent message to Central Government by FAX. I also displayed my condemnation in writing and orally to the authority when I visited New Delhi. Not only that, I also showed my condemnation through newspaper. Just like that all of us tried our best to condemn from different angles. When the Churches observed protest day, I, politically feel a good chance for popularity. But it is not good to interfere in it from another side. But I do support the protest groups and informed all Ministers and Members as well as my wife to attend at the protest day. I also feel desire to attend and follow the protesting groups. But I feel that it would arouse speculations. That's why, I did not attend the Protest Day.

Therefore, we do our best capacity to condemn this atrocity as a Government or as a Church or as a Chief Minister. Now, we display the highest effective measure of protest by Official Resolution from this Legislature Party.

Therefore, Mr, Speaker Sir, it appears that all of us support this resolution. Proportionately we are the most number of Christian State, we may show the highest protest in India. That's why, we display our protest by Official Resolution for publishing in Newspaper and Radio. This is our duty. Mr. Speaker Sir, all Christians in Mizoram will cry out with all our strength, whether it is a Church, organisation or politically or individually. That's why, we should show our protest of such atrocity in the highest order for Christians in future.

I, therefore, give thanks to the hon'ble Members those who support this resolution and request all the hon'ble Members to pass this resolution for we may show the most effective protest of the atrocity.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Home Minister to wind up and request the House to pass his Resolution.

P U T A W N L U I A : Mr. Speaker Sir, on this day, I am very grateful for all the hon'ble Members and solemnly and cordially discussed this Official Resolution. This shows that we give importance to the resolution and support it. I feel that we should actively carry out the discussion in the matter of concerning the welfare of our nationalism.

I feel that it is the duty of Christians to discuss the matter cooperatively. We did not discuss other religious nor condemn non-christian Organisations but do condemn the atrocity on Christians in the country. But we do condemn everyone who commits such atrocity. It is the hope of the people that every religious in India have equal rights to upgrade its religion.

While we condemn physical violence and killing against a particular religion. That's why, I think that the voice of the people of Mizoram will be to do away with an ugly slogan to get rid off Christians and increase the Hinduism in the country. I move this Resolution remembering the Government of Mizoram should safeguard all religious rights impartially in the state.

I, therefore, request this House to pass this resolution, "This House condemns the increase in violence and killing meted out to Christian minorites living

in different parts of India. This House, therefore, resolves that expedite actions be taken by the Central Government to prevent reoccurrence of such violences and killings in the future".

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Two hon'ble Members submitted resolution concerning the same matter as a Private Member's Resolutin. If the resolution was submitted officially I request the hon'ble Members to accept as their own resolution. I thank them for their acceptance and enthusiastic discussion. The resolution is that "This House condemns the increase in violence and killing meted out to Christian minorities living in different parts of India. This House, therefore, resolves that expedite actions be taken by Central Government to prevent reoccurrence of such violences and killings in the future". (The resolution is voted and passed without any dissent opinion).

The resolution is now passed without any complaint. As the hon'ble Chief Minister said before, we should follow it to take necessary action. Tomorrow i.e. 19.3.1999 is for Private Members Resolution. But the resolution for tomorrow is discussed today. That's why, we will take a recess for tomorrow. The other resolutions submitted by Pu Zakhu Hlychho and Pu R. Lalziriana will be discussed on 26.3.1999. As we had no business tomorrow, we will take a recess and resume our business on 22.3.1999 at 10 : 30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4 : 23 P.M.