

SEVENTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 26TH 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, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, 14 Ministers and 18 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

1. Questions entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S BUSINESS

2. Resolutions.

S P E A K E R : If it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12 : 18

We shall take up questions. Starred question no. 77 is to be asked by Pu Z.H. Ropuia. If he is absent does he authorise any member to ask his question? If not, we shall take up starred question no. 78 - Pu Nirupam Chakma.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 78 is -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Rural Development Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Which are the Rural Development Block in Mizoram that are not covered by NLUP ?
- (b) Whether the Government of Mizoram is going to implement the NLUP Scheme in the non - implemented Rural Development Block ?

S P E A K E R : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, the concern Minister authorised Pu F. Malsawma, Minister to answer it. So let me call upon him.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 78 -
MINISTER

- (a) The following R.D. Blocks in Mizoram are not covered by NLUP - Hnahthial RD Block, Bnghmun RD Block, Darlawn RD Block, Lawngtlai RD Block, Chawngte RD Block, Sangau RD Block, Aibawk RD Block, Tuipang RD Block and an additional Phullen RD Block.
- (b) As better schemes are being formulated, the Government of Mizoram has no intention to implement NLUP in these blocks.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Supplementary question, Mr. Speaker Sir. We have 24 Development Blocks in Mizoram. Out of these, it is reported that 11 blocks have already been covered under this scheme another 9 blocks is yet to be covered. Whereas the people in the present 12 Development Blocks already enjoyed the implementation of this scheme, why should the new government deprive the same facilities to the other 12 Development Blocks and development blocks yet to be covered without formulating new schemes for them. Why the government is impending to discontinue this scheme?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no question of depriving
MINISTER them. Better schemes are being formulated and evolved, and they would not in any case be deprived of these benefits and the remaining 11 including additional 12 Sub - Blocks would be covered. For this, workshop is also already conducted and that scheme and effective means of implementation is under active considerations.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. According to the Minister's answer 9 blocks are not covered by NLUP as better scheme is being formulated. I would like to ask whether these 9 blocks can be given priority under the new scheme? I also would like to know whether the government can implement NLUP in these 9 blocks while a new scheme is being searched/investigated.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Some had started NLUP since last two years back and the government had given out seedlings according to the trade they had opted. I would like to know how the government is going to do these, will they stop just like this? Secondly, the Minister said workshop had been conducted in which experts had presented papers, and he also mentioned that a new/better scheme is being considered to replace NLUP. What is that new/better scheme? How did the papers were present in that workshop? Can we, the MLAs be given that paper?

S P E A K E R : Let me call the Minister to answer.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question asked by the
MINISTER hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency, it is not appropriate to give NLUP to the remaining blocks,

while we are seeking a better scheme because it is not good to spend large amount of money without doing soil testing for these areas. The new scheme will be more useful and a proposal is being made to make pressure to Agriculture Financing Corporation at Guwahati.

In regard to those who had taken up NLUP as asked by the hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency, there is no intention to stop them. The scheme during 1994 had been implemented and some are being given the money and the amount deposited at 'K' Deposit had also been drawn. Sanction is also being asked for this year. In general it is possible to finish those who opted for Veterinary and Industry while agriculture is a bit slow. I would like to say that it will be continued without any deprivation for those who had been choosen. Regarding workshop paper, it will be better to ask the concerned Minister.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to ask whether the government has provided Budgetary Provision to continue this during the next financial year ?

S P E A K E R : Let the Minister incharge answer it.

PU F. MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we all know the present budget is just vote on account. It will be considered carefully when normal Budget for each deaprtment is made.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, my first question had not been answered.

PU F. MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I think that will be sure.

S P E A K E R : Now I call upon Pu F. Lal Thanzuala to ask starred question no. 79.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 79 is -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Rural Development Department be pleased to state -

- (a) What RD Blocks has not functioned which are to be announced as RD Block ?
- (b) When will they function ?
- (c) Is there any intention to open new RD Block ?

PU F. MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 79 -

- (a) No notification had been issued to open new RD Block.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) There is a proposal to open new block but final decision has not been made.

PU H. LALTANPUIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether it is possible to receive a full share for Khawbung and Phullen additional Blocks since there is no more much financial involvement.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know how IRDP and IAY are given in block base or population base. Secondly, as Tuipang Block is the biggest in Mizoram can it be made in two blocks?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question, it is important to open block in every constituency in order to be self sufficient in food grains. Is there any intention to continue this policy?

S P E A K E R : I now call upon the Minister incharge.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding Khawbung and Phullen
MINISTER additional blocks, as mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Suangpuilawn Constituency, the matter is under consideration but no final decision had been made as yet. So I would like to request the people of these areas to wait patiently. In regard to IRDP and other funds, we receive them in block wise hence the government distribute accordingly. To divide Tuipang Block as mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Tuipang Constituency, the government also feels the need but the matter had not been finalised. In regard to open blocks in every constituency as pointed out by the hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency, it may not be best to do in such way. However, the government will do thing as it feels best for the people of Mizoram.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 80 -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge School Department be pleased to state -

- (a) When will the 107 vacant posts of Primary Teacher be filled up?
- (b) Will advertisement be made for this?
- (c) Is there any intention to open SDEO Office at Saitual?
- (d) If yes, when.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 80 -
MINISTER

- (a) These posts will be filled up as soon as examination norms 1999-2000 is prepared.

- (b) Yes.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions. First, we are grateful that Saitual High School has been upgraded for 10+2 standard. At the same time, can the government construct a good hostel at Saitual ?

Secondly, as often mentioned in the House many schools in villages have only one teacher, as teachers are being transferred at Aizawl till today. On what grounds are these teachers being transferred at Aizawl ?

Thirdly, is there any intention to transfer Primary Teachers to villages? And fourthly, the previous Government appointed a number of Primary Teachers even a panel list had been made. Now appointment had been given according to that panel list. At the same time, many new appointments had been made without making any advertisement. I would like to know on what grounds these new appointments are made?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Few days ago the hon'ble Minister said due to financial problem no fresh appointment of teacher will be made. But now these vacant posts were filled up by officiating appointment. I would like to know if the Minister tell lie, or there is fund all of a sudden? I also would like to know how the officiating appointment were given, how did they select ?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question asked by the MINISTER from Saitual Constituency, the government knows the need to improve education system hence Hostel will also be constructed if our allotted fund permits.

In regard to posting of teachers at Aizawl, we are trying to do rationalisation as far as possible so we are collecting which school have more teachers and which school have less. In the meantime, I would like to mention that there are some cases to be considered under humanitarian condition. Regarding panel list made by the previous ministry, the present ministry also knows about it. But as there is no rules and conditions, the government has free hand to appoint anyone. Yet 23 who had Pre Service Teacher Training from the panel list were given appointment. Besides these, 10 from Lunglei, 3 from Aizawl and 7 in order of merit were given permanent appointment.

In regard to filling up 107 vacant posts under operation Blackboard, the whole examination was cancelled due to leak out of question. As the operation was under Central Scheme the fund should be used within this financial year, and as the present financial year is going to be over there is not time to conduct fresh examination. So these posts were filled up by officiating appointment. The post of teacher mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency is reflected in the Revised Estimate Annual Plan. As the need for High School section is high, it's been diverted for High School section, it is a separate issue. So, the posts filled up now are under operation

blackboard, etc. The officiating appointments are made according to the need of the school.

S P E A K E R : Now, I call upon Pu Lalchamliana to ask starred question no. 81.

P U L A L C H A M L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 81.

S P E A K E R : Now I call upon Pu Tawnluia, Minister incharge Home Department to answer.

P U T A W N L U I A
M I N I S T E R : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 81 is no.

P U L A L C H A M L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. It is important to have police out post near Cachar border for the safety of our people. I, therefore, would like to know is it possible to open police out post at Buhchangzawl and Phaisen in the next financial year?

P U L A L T H A N K U N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, we all know about the incident which took place day before yesterday. According to the latest information we received, Manipur rebels have their camp near Khawpuar and they have modern equipments. As that is the case, the people of these areas are in danger. I, therefore, would like to know is it possible to create additional police out post at Vaitin and Tingmun? Secondly, is it possible to deploy more security forces in remote areas like Mauchar. Thirdly, I myself saw the damage done by the latest incident and some persons were wounded. Is there any intention to give compensation for these?

P U K . T . R O K H A W : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. The main question arises because we do not have proper demarcation with Cachar. I would like to know whether the Government of Mizoram intends not to make even an inch in order to have our exact boundary besides giving police out post.

Secondly, as Luipuk in my constituency is near Burma border, it is the main entrance for rebels. I would like to know can the Government give Police Out Post at Luipuk.

P U C . T H A N G H L U N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, in order to relief the harassment met by the people of Vathuampui from the rebels can the government open Police Out Post here in the next financial year?

P U H . L A L T A N P U I A : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is quite embarrassing for the constituent

villages near Manipur and Cachar boundaries as they are often crossed by rebels. As that is the case, it is very important to guard our boundaries. In order to do this, I think it will be good to have more posts for our police at Tuiruang and Tuivai and I would like to know how can this be done.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. In my constituency, there is N. Hlimen which is crossed by Serkhan Bagha road, but now this road comes out of Vairengte and Vairengte is very convenient to enter Mizoram for non-Mizos who used to bring drugs and liquor into Mizoram. In order to prevent these, I would like to know whether it is possible to open Police Out Post here or not?

S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon Minister incharge to answer.

PU TAWNLUUA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I appreciate the speeches of our
MINISTER Members. The proposed police out posts are among the lists in the next financial year according to our financial situation.

In regard to the question asked by the hon'ble Member from Bilkhawthlir constituency. I would like to remind him that no additional police out post had been opened particularly at Buhchang and Phaisen as they are not far from Bilkhawthlir out post. Besides this, there is IR Bn. Capital Headquarter at Vairengte and police out posts both at Saiphai and Saipum.

In regard to the questions to open Police Out Posts in the constituencies of Lawngtlai, Tuipang, Suangpuilawn, Ratu, Kawnpui which are near boundaries, I have noted down their suggestions and the matter will be looked into. It is the opinion of the Government to deploy as much as possible either from I.R., MAP, MRP and Home Guard to guard our boundaries. We are now asking Union Home Minister to give us IR Bn, new MAP Bn. and Prevention of Infiltration Force and we believe that we will be given some at least. Therefore, we shall look into the matter of police out post mentioned by various members. However, even before this for more sensitive area like Ratu special arrangement may be made. In this way, I would like to inform all the hon'ble Members of this House that my department is trying its best to safeguard all the people of Mizoram.

Regarding compensations to be given the victims of the latest incident at Ratu mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Ratu Constituency, the matter will be looked into according to the rules the Government is having. Lastly, I would like to request the hon'ble Members to understand our financial problems which hinder us to take steps as we wish.

Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister had not answer my question regarding our boundary with Cachar.

PU TAWNLUUA : This matter is included in the Joint Manifesto of MNF
MINISTER & MPC. It is our commitment to sort out our dispute

boundaries. Not to mention to lose one inch. We rather to enlarge our state and necessary action will be taken according to the rule.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu C. Sangzuala to ask starred question no. 82.

P U C. S A N G Z U A L A : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 82 is -

Will the hon'ble Minister incharge Local Administration Department (LAD) be pleased to state -

- (a) The arrangement made for sanitation in Aizawl Town.
- (b) Is there any intention to make railing at Bawngkawn - Durtlang road for pedestrians ?
- (c) Will the construction of foot path at Aizawl town be continued ?

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu H. Vanlalaiva Minister incharge to answer.

P U H. V A N L A L A U V A : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question no. 82 is -
MINISTER

- (a) Sanitation Wing under LAD is taking up sanitation work at Aizawl Towns, and Sanitation Officer makes arrangement according to 'The Mizoram Town Rules, 1980'.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) There is no intention to make railing at Bawngkawn - Durtlang road for pedestrains during 1998 - 99 from LAD due to financial problem.
- (d) There is no intention to continue construction work of foot path at Aizawl from LAD during 1998 - 99 due to financial problem.

P U C. S A N G Z U A L A : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. We had been told that there is an intention to improve disposal system of garbage in Aizawl town but we are not sure how it will be done. Our market area is very untidy. It seems that garbage had been thrown even at link drain and side drain. Is there any intention to improve disposal system of garbage including all these and does LAD make guidelines for this ?

In regard to construction of foot path and railing I would like to know whether the government can give priorities for these two works.

P U R. L A L Z I R L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. First, I would like to know site selected by the government to dispose garbage. Secondly, did the government selected NEHU complex road at Tanhril as the site at dispose garbage ? Thirdly, those who disposed garbage there used to take home cubic stones and I would like to know whether they have permission from higher authority.

I think my next question will be relevant as it is under the same Minister. There is complaints to abolish Dilkhan VC of my constituency. The DLO sent CA to verify the matter but this CA did not go to the spot and did verification at Aizawl with the complainants and submitted his report. I would like to know did the department give TA/DA? I also would like to request the hon'ble Minister not to accept the complaints. Can be assure me not to abolish it?

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Can the
H. PAUTU garbages at Sobji Bazar of Aizawl be disposed at
5 : 00 A.M. as done in other cities ?

S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon the Minister incharge ?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in regard to the questions asked by
MINISTER the hon'ble Members from Aizawl Sourth II and
Kawnpui Constituencies, New Market is not under
Local Administration Department (LAD), it is under
Revenue Department, yet, LAD used to help them to some extent. However, our
improvement programme includes all these which had been mentioned by the hon'ble
Member from Aizawl Sourth II and I would like to request all Members, NGOs and
anyone to give advice.

Regarding construction of foot path and railing steps will be taken according our financial condition.

In regard to site for disposal of garbage asked by the hon'ble Member from Saitual Constituency, Dumping ground had been made at Muthi area of Aizawl-Lunglei road but this can not be used as the road is not good. However, it is being repaired to be used. LAD did not make site to dispose garbage at Tanhril road. If some used to dispose there, the government does not know about it.

The question about VC is not relevant with the main question. If any one dispose garbage at Tanhril road necessary action will be taken.

In regard to dispose garbage of Sobji Market early in the morning as asked by the hon'ble Member from Kawnpui Constituency, the matter had been discussed with the Revenue Minister. Arrangement had been made to do this as early as possible but due to shortage of vehicle they can not do as expected. However, we are planning to but 3 vehicles and in this way we are taking steps as much as we can.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. The hon'ble Minister incharge Transport Department asked me to make a statement in the House and I allowed him to make a statement but no questions should be asked. Now, I shall call upon Pu Lalrinzuala, Minister incharge Transport Department to make a statement.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, today I regret that I have to make a
MINISTER sad statement.

Yesterday, a bus whose registration no. was MZ - 02/0223 owned by Pu C. Lalruata of Lunglei Venglai met an accident at 1 : 30 P.M. near Zotlang, Haulawng to Lunglei road. According to the information sent by Dy. Commissioner, Lunglei, there were around 42 passengers out of which 9 died at the spot and one died at hospital, 28 passengers were taken to hospital and 5 of them were released after they were given first aid. The bus had tumbled 30 metres from the main road and severely broke into pieces.

The Deputy Commissioner Lunglei arranged vehicle to take the dead bodies to their respective villages and console each of the families of the deceased and Rs. 500/- each to the wounded persons on behalf of the government.

As soon as the 60th BN BSF at Zotlang knew about the accident they took up the rescue work and the Government of Mizoram expressed its gratitude to the BSF Officers and their team.

Under the guidance of Lunglei DC, the people of Lunglei and the neighbouring villages including Government servants at Lunglei really worked hard to rescue the victims of the accident and the government is very grateful to them.

The government is doing whatever it can do for the families of the deceased and wounded persons, and it is the intention of the government to relief them as far as possible. The list of the deceased and wounded persons is enclosed here.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy of the statement be distributed.

As today is meant for Private Members' business we shall take up Private Resolution. As per the relative precedent I shall call upon Pu Zakhu Hlychho to move his resolution.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for allowing me to make my resolution. First, let me read out my resolution. It is important to have proper planning so that Mizoram can attain sufficiency in food grains. Let the government form a Commission to make/draft such proper plan.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is encouraging to know the prospects of the new ministry.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned in his budget speech about the plan to be self sufficient in food grains, and I am glad that he had mentioned that top priority will be given to Agriculture and Horticulture because it links with my resolution. I know the wordings of my resolution may not be clear enough I, therefore, do not mind to change the wordings. Meanwhile, I would like to request the members to accept my resolution considering my zealousness.

The previous ministries since UT Ministry various plans had

made to attain self sufficiency in food grains like Garden Colony by PC Ministry, Jhum Control by the previous MNF Ministry and New Land Use Policy by Congress Ministry. Unfortunately these policies were not successful as the expected. Even the present MNF & MPC Ministry gives top priority to this. As we all know, Mizoram is a fertile land for all kinds of agricultural crops yet we are very poor as we do not have proper plan. Now also I move this resolution bearing in mind that let our experts make a proper plan. During the previous ministry, the then Governor consulted Dr. Swamy Nathans of Research Foundation Institute and TATA Consultancy farm regarding what would be best for Mizoram. But the previous ministry did not know about the outcome as it was in its last part of the term. It will be good to pursue that.

Mr. Speaker Sir, while Mizoram is a fertile land we do not have good research, statistical data and demonstration farm. We blindly cultivate any kind of vegetables or fruits without having any research like soil testing etc. This is the reason why we failed. Therefore, it is very important to have proper plan and I urge the House to consider my resolution carefully.

Mr. Speaker Sir, from the speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister and from today's question it is clear that the government is intending to stop NLUP. I do admit that NLUP had failed in most parts of Mizoram. At the same time, I am sure if it is not integrated farming even the new scheme will also fail. That is why I asked recommendation by the experts in Workshop and NLUP. I learnt that they recommended to have proper planning. I also believe that if the new Ministry take up with proper planning it will success and that is why Mr. Speaker Sir, I move my resolution as follows - It is important to have proper planning so that Mizoram can attain self sufficiency in food grains. Let the government form a Commission to make/draft such proper plan.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Each member will be given 10 minutes as we have another resolutions to take up. Now I call upon Pu Aichhinga.

P U A I C H H I N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, the resolution moved by the hon'ble Member from Saiha constituency seems to be reasonable from his point of view and expressed his concern for the people of our country. Meanwhile, the MNF and MPC had thought about this for years thus we included in our election manifesto. Even the hon'ble Chief Minister and RD Minister made a number of statements as we already have proper plan.

Beside this, the government had formed several Advisory Boards which are to be more effective than the proposed commission. Even we form a commission, it can be no more than these Boards. I, therefore, think this new ministry can do without forming a commission. As the resolution moved by the hon'ble member is the steps we are going to take I do not think it is necessary to form a commission.

Thank you.

P U H. V A N L A L A U V A : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The resolution moved by the hon'ble Leader, Opposition Group shows his concern. It also tells us all things need the owner to look after them. The previous MNF Ministry prepared

propered plan to be self sufficient in food within 3 yrs. Unfortunately, the MNF Ministry was dissolved after a short while and the plan was neglected. Both the MNF and MPC party had thought about this while they were in opposition for 10 yrs and various steps had been taken for self sufficiency programme. I am sure we will not waste our time had the mover of this resolution knew about all these.

Thank you.

ER. K. THANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, our resolution is very good. I the mover knows clearly about the steps taken by the previous ministry and it is heartening that he supports the number one priority of the present ministry. However, I do not know the need to form a Commission at this stage as great efforts had been taken even by the previous ministries. In March 1995, Water and Power Consultancy Service had been consulted whose report was a huge volume. If we could follow the plans and suggestions made by this firm we shall have sufficient food grains. In September, 1997 Mat Valley Multipurpose Project had been prepared by Central Water Commission in whose report many good plans and suggestions were written. In October and November 1998, Blue print for sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development had been prepared by MS Swaminathan Research found. In March 1997, Watershed Management of Mat River Catchment in Mizoram was prepared by Central Soil & Water Conservation Research & Training Institute whose report had been properly recorded. Besides these, Identification and Preparation of Master Plan for Medium Irrigation Projects had been prepared by WAPCOS in 1994. The aims and objectives of all these is what had been moved by the hon'ble Mmber. All these firms and reputed firms - some are even International Consultants. I wonder why no steps had been taken according to the reports of these firms. Therefore, it is my opinion that there is no need to form a seperate commission while we have good reports. We also have many experts in Agriculture and Horticulture Department who had surveyed how we can attain self sufficiency in food grains and now we already have a good plan - our next steps is to begin works. Thus it is not necessary to form a Commission and I would be grateful if the mover of the resolution could withdraw it.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I would like to thank the mover of this resolution for moving such a good resolution. It is clear that he is deeply concerned about how we can be self sufficient in food grains. He also admits the failure of various policies by the previous ministry. As mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Serchhip constituency, though several plans and suggestions were prepared by the previous ministry there was lapse in the execution and that is why we are still in this condition. As that is the case, the present ministry gives high priority to this.

The Budget speech delivered by the hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted that Agriculture Department is planning to make 5000 hectare for wet rice cultivation which means the government is trying to improve agriculture. To fulfil this it is written in the budget speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister at page no. 7 as - 'for mechanisation of private farm more machineries of different types are proposed to be distributed on subsidy'. Even the Governor said in his address that bulldozers and tractors will be purchased accordingly. All these showed that the present government has proper plan thus it is not necessary to form a seperate Commission. I, therefore, would like to request him to withdraw his resolution.

Thank you.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Member from Serchhip Constituency said various commissions had been formed and it can be thought what is the need to form a commission if those commissions could not find a way out for self sufficiency. But if those he had mentioned were not real commission. It is not enough to have Horticulture products in order to be self sufficient. What we mean self sufficient in food grains is rice particularly in Mizoram.

In order to make wet rice cultivation it will be too expensive for Mizoram as our land is hilly land. Even if the government is trying to mechanise our existing jhum system by subsidising power tiller, tractor and bulldozer I think only few cultivators will be able to get these machineries even in a subsidise rate. Therefore, it is clear that the system we are trying to practise will not be successful as our economic condition is not good if there is no proper plan. Thus it is important to have proper plan.

In order to be self sufficient in food grains, it is important to have proper irrigation system for our cultivators. It is important to have a commission to look into irrigation system. At the same time, the commission will also find out what kind of crops should be cultivated according to the soil. Truly speaking, in the Advisory Board formed by the government members are usually we, the MLAs, who can give wrong advice to the government if we are not specialised in the subject. Therefore, I think it will be best for our country to form a commission.

Thank you.

PU I.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the resolution moved by the hon'ble Member from Saiha constituency to some extent. It is clear that he supported the hon'ble Chief Minister's wish to be self sufficient in food grains. I appreciate his wording - 'proper planning'. In my opinion we have many experts in agriculture but they can not make out a proper plan to benefit our cultivators. It will be good if the government diverts all its funds to improve/promote wet rice cultivation. But the problem we are facing is that even if the government tries to take steps to make wet rice cultivation in plain areas, those areas are already in the name of individual.

We have Farmers' Association in Mizoram who worries many things. Under the guidance of this association, Pu Laltina of Durtlang village cultivated rice by making large pits, he made about 2000 pits and I asked him about their harvest. He and his wife felt that it is more productive than our present cultivation system. Even the Agriculture Department had been advised to try this system but the department did not take any initiative. This shows that it is important to give incentive to our farmers. However, the Government of India, had already cultivated beggar's mind to its people through various schemes. In my opinion, it is better to help those who are to be successful than the poor. As this resolution supports the aim of the government, I feel very happy but I don't think it is necessary to form a commission.

Thank you.

PUB. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do support the first sentence of the resolution moved by the hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency but not the second sentence. The mover used to be in the ruling bench in the previous term

and I never knew that he supported the opposition even when we raised this kind of topic. It will be good, had he proposed to form a commission while he was in a ruling bench.

From what I had listened, the hon'ble Member from Lawngtlai constituency pointed out that it may not be best to form a commission. I, therefore, would like to advise him to withdraw this resolution if the oppositions do not agree with each other. If he does not want to withdraw it, as mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Serchhip constituency various committees and commissions had been formed by the previous ministry who had submitted their good findings. It is not that the findings of the commission to be formed will be better than those.

He may think that this ministry will be like the previous ministry without paying no attention to the need of the people. We are told that the present ministry which functions only 3 months had done more than the previous 10 yrs ministry. I would like to say that this ministry is going to work hard. By taking Horticulture and Agriculture by the Chief Minister shows that the system of this government will be different and this also shows that we are going to take stern steps. There is nothing new to be done by forming a commission. I don't think it is necessary to form a commission as if we do not trust our experts. Only within three months undeveloped hectare of and in various parts of Mizoram had been identified. Likewise, immediate steps had been taken to be self sufficient in food grains.

As mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Khawzawl constituency, this ministry is going to do work. As the mover supports the aim of the ministry I would like to request him to withdraw this resolution.

In the MNF & MPC Coalition Ministry priority is given to the farmers as such steps had been taken in border trade to market the products of our cultivators. To fulfill all these, the hon'ble Chief Minister is taking Agriculture and Horticulture Department. Therefore, it is not necessary to form a commission hence I request him to withdraw his resolution.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we, the opposition are only few Members I would like to request you to kindly defend us. It is quite heartening that the government is trying to take steps in order to be self sufficient in food grains. We are afraid of even a non Mizo driver as we are not self sufficient in food grains. Because of this, this resolution is moved. As it is moved by the opposition I am sure it will not be passed as we are much less than the rulings. I would like to support Border Trade which had been mentioned by the hon'ble Member from Sateek Constituency. This matter should be studied by the experts.

The present ministry said we shall have sufficient food grains by 2002. But if we look at our Budget it will not be easy to attain self sufficiency either in agriculture or horticulture or other products. While saying this I do not blame those who prepared our budget and the Ministry. Even if we try our best it will be difficult to attain self sufficiency within 1 or 2 years. That is what it is important to form a commission.

It is heartening to know we are going to take loan from World Bank to construct road and for development. In the meantime, while we have good roads but

do not have sufficient food grains the gap between the rich and the poor will be wider. Therefore, it is important to pursue the policy of the government. In order to fulfil the policy of the government it is important to form a committee to study how the Japanese are doing and also send the farmers to study their methods. Otherwise, it will be difficult to attain self sufficiency merely from the fund sanctioned by Central Government. Hence, I support to form a Commission.

Thank you.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if we carefully read the resolution
DY.SPEAKER moved by the hon'ble Member from Saiha Constitu-
ency we can see that it is very important. It will be
more emphasizing if it reads like this - 'It is important to have proper plan so that
Mizoram can attain self sufficiency in food grains. To make such a proper plan we have
confidence in the Ministry'.

We all know that the previous ministry had implemented various policies so as to be self sufficient in food grains and large amount of money had been spent for this and various consultancy firms had also been consulted but no positive results had been found from those policies.

Now a new ministry who gives top priority to attain self sufficiency in food grains is formed and I believe that this Ministry can make a good plan in this regard as it is its top priority. I am sure that the present ministry will find a way either in privatisation or mechanisation to fulfil its new policy and I am confident that this ministry is capable of making a good plan. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble Member who moved this resolution to amend his resolution in this way thus pass it.

Thank you.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, this resolution is very important.
What we the MLAs of this august House should know
is that either we or political parties do not know how
Mizoram will attain self sufficiency. As mentioned by the mover, various policies like
Garden Colony Policy, Jhum Control and NLUP had been practised by PC, MNF and
Congress respectively to attain self sufficiency in food grains but we all know the
results. Therefore, without making a policy either by a ministry or a party, it will be
good to form a commission comprising our experts. This resolution is tally with a zero
base budgeting as often mentioned by the hon'ble Chief Minister. If we go like this, I
am sure Mizoram will attain self sufficiency in food grains within 5 years. If a
commission is formed, it can take stern steps which is not possible for us and can give
us direction. I, therefore, would like to request this august House to pass this resolution.

Thank you.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. In my opinion it is not
MINISTER best to form a Commission in everything.

As already mentioned, the present ministry gives top priority to be self sufficient in food grains and we are trying to attain this under the leadership of our Chief Minister. Therefore, it is not necessary to form a Commission now while we are formulating things. Even if a commission is formed the government itself is to take the

execution. I, therefore, would like to say that it is not necessary to form a Commission, we should rather support the steps taken by the government.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now have recess and resume our sitting
at 2 : 00 p.m.

Recess at 1 : 00 P.M.

2 : 00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will continue our business. As our resolution is about food grains I will give more time to Members. Now, I will call upon Pu Rualchhina.

P U R U A L C H H I N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am glad that the hon'ble Member suggests to form a Commission in order to attain self sufficiency in food grains as it is the most needed for Mizoram. The new Ministry is giving top priority to self sufficiency, therefore, it is not necessary to form a commission. It may be necessary when we think the self sufficiency programme is failed. We have Agriculture and Horticulture Departments to take steps in this regard. So, instead of taking much time, I would like to say it is not necessary to form a Commission now.

Thank you.

P U H. L A L T A N P U I A : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. As mentioned by the hon'ble Members before me I am glad that this resolution is moved. In our Budget session and previous session the Governor and hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted steps taken by the government in order to attain self sufficiency in food grains.

I am glad that the mover has great faith in the ministry and this shows that all the members of this House accept the policy of the government. We have many experts in Agriculture, Horticulture and Vety Departments but the previous ministry did not know how to make use of these experts. I am sure that it will be a great challenge for our experts as the government is giving top priority to self sufficiency. Most of the bulldozers purchased by the previous MNF Ministry which stood for only 1½ years were now scattered away. However, I am sure the present policy laid down by this ministry will be successful. Therefore, as proposed by the hon'ble Deputy Speaker, I think we can pass this resolution if the hon'ble mover makes amendment that we trust this Ministry to make a proper plan to attain self sufficiency in food grains.

Thank you.

P U S A N G H M I N G T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. It is a good think that the hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency had moved quite a good resolution in general but if we look at carefully it can be seen that it needs some amendment. The mover had brought out our election manifesto in which we mentioned to make a comprehensive master plan. This ministry

is willing to continue the good works done by the previous ministry as such reports of consultancy firms had been examined but there is no time to do anything. As that is the case, it will be troublesome to form a commission now instead of continuing the steps taken by the previous ministry. I, therefore, would like to drop this resolution for the time being though I appreciate the motive of the mover. Otherwise there is no chance to continue the works done by the previous ministry. In our modern age I think it is more beneficial to consult consultancy firms instead of forming a commission. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble mover to withdraw this resolution.

Thank you.

Dr. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. As said by some of the hon'ble Members, I too am glad that the hon'ble Member from Saiha Constituency moved a resolution supporting the policy of MNF to be self sufficient in food grains. The present Ministry formed Advisory Board which will take steps in Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Forest & Environment and others for self sufficiency. As that is the case, I feel it is not necessary to form a commission. At the same time it is important to educate the public not only to receive financial help from the government but try to stand by themselves. Therefore, as we all support the steps taken by the government to attain self sufficiency the discussion we have now is quite enough thus it is not necessary to form a Commission.

Thank you.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. We have to thank the hon'ble Opposition Leader for moving this resolution which supports the policy of the government.

I would like to point out that though this resolution is moved with good intention, there can be some implications. While this ministry is trying to take steps under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister, to move this kind of resolution can be taken as to surpass the government. I, therefore, would like to request the mover to withdraw this resolution.

Besides this, I do not advocate any kind of commission because the procedure under the commission is slow. While the motive of the mover is good and as we are all eager to attain self sufficiency, I am afraid we shall waste time if a commission is formed in this matter. As mentioned by hon'ble Member Dr. Lalzama I think our discussion is quite enough to show that we all support the policy of the government and the steps to be taken. Hence, I request the hon'ble mover to withdraw this resolution.

Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am glad that the MINISTER Opposition Leader moved a resolution to attain self sufficiency in food grains. Though we are trying to attain self sufficiency in food grains, we cannot attain self sufficiency if our land is not suitable. The mover of this resolution confirms that we all agree to take steps in this matter. However, we have to be very careful for the steps we are taking. Does it mean that we are not self sufficient because we do not have proper planning. We have spent quite a large sum of money to attain self sufficiency.

Agriculture Department is formed since we have UT and various steps had been taken by Agriculture Department by making various plans in order to attain self sufficiency in food grains. But as we can not fully implement those plans we still do not have sufficient food grains. What we need now is not only a plan but the implementation of plans and sincerity. We have many plans which could be applied for WRC, contour trench, terrace cultivation. Truly speaking we have spent quite a large amount of funds to attain self sufficiency in food grains but we can not attain this till today due to misuse of funds. In order to attain self sufficiency we have to work at the field. Bearing this in mind our Chief Minister takes the responsibility by taking Agriculture Department. While we are taking up the implementation programme, we, the MLAs whether we are ruling or opposition should join hands so that we can attain self sufficiency in food grains in a short time. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble Member to withdraw this resolution.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The resolution moved by DY. CHIEF MINISTER the hon'ble Member from Saiho who is also a leader of opposition group supports the aim of the MNF & MPC Ministry. I am glad that he wants Mizoram to be self sufficient in food grains and this ministry gives top priority. As that is the case this resolution can be taken as to show that the legislators are all in one mind. As the hon'ble Vice Chairman of Planning Board had mentioned earlier, we have various reports of various consultancy agencies, and necessary steps had been taken by this ministry to implement these reports. After having all these reports it is not necessary to form a commission. I am sure the hon'ble Member from Saiha knows that the government is having all these project reports.

As we all know, this Ministry is only 3 months old yet it can be seen that self sufficiency in food grains is the top priority of the hon'ble Chief Minister from his Budget speech and other speeches. Even his Cabinet Ministers used to mention that it is our number one priority wherever we go.

Thus with our Agriculture and Horticulture scientists and with our available resources we are now taking steps and no one will renounce this. While that is the case, to form a commission now may confuse our scientists and I am sure we will succeed and attain self sufficiency in food grains. Now we are hoping to be in a new millenium and all the people of Mizoram are thriving to be self sufficient in every aspects. At the same time, the government is also taking steps to benefit our farmers. As that is the case, it is not necessary to form a commission and I would like to request the hon'ble Member to withdraw his resolution.

Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to support the motion for Private Member's Resolution of the hon'ble Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I think every member of the House who had spoken earlier supported the idea of having a better planning for self sufficiency in Mizoram. There is no two opinion on this matter from the opposition bench and treasury bench, every members have supported. I must congratulate and thank all the hon'ble Members. The very idea of having a better planning for Mizoram in order to attain self sufficiency is a conservative opinion that has been express in this august House. But while almost

the entire treasury bench members of this august House had supported the idea, they are reluctant to go for the Commission. Who will prepare the plan as proposed by the resolution? I think it is a rejection of one's conscience, it is very clear. Where our conscience agreed for a better planning we want self sufficiency. And for that what is the harm for constituting a Commission. The people of Mizoram will not be surprised that the Budget presented by the hon'ble Chief Minister is prepared without a sitting of the Planning Board. And I believe uptill now the Planning Board of Mizoram would not be constituted, we know that we have a Dy. Vice Chairman of the Planning Board - hon'ble Member from Serchhip Constituency. But as Planning Board of the State I believe we have not heard anything that there was a sitting of the Committee because it is not constituted.

Therefore, if you look at the planning of the Government of Mizoram which was presented in the Budget provision and all the priorities the hon'ble Member have mentioned, where is the increase in budget provision or in the priority sector? I may mention Agriculture which is supposed to be the top priority - Horticulture and allied sector - where is the budgetary support on this statement? I think it is merely a statement, hon'ble Chief Minister had mention many times that Mizoram would be made into Switzerland of the east. If a Commission is constituted why not bring a Switzerland person to guide us. But a few minutes ago, the hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister had mentioned and in the morning the hon'ble Member from Serchhip constituency had mentioned that the previous Congress Government appointed commissions to prepare various schemes for Mizoram specially relating to Agriculture sector and allied sectors. It is a good news whose record is to be studied, I think the Government would go through it. I think if these reports are studied by a Commission it will be more fruitful. The Government had engaged different firms, they are experts and conservatives, why? Because it is not within our capacity to prepare such reports, we had appointed various firms to do the job for us. If various reports are studied by the commission and suggests the government which percent to be expected which suggestion will be accepted. I think this will bear good results.

The mover stated that the previous government had adopted garden colony by PC Ministry, Jhum Control programme by Congress, MNF by Congress, and there are a number of such stories. As far as those policies were concerned I think NLUP was most successful. But there were failures too. People who have receive from 5/4 years back will be reaping harvest in the field of Horticulture, it requires 7/8 years to get harvest. Now many people are reaping harvest and they are very happy but those who have failed are unhappy. They are looking for the implementation or may be the people might have misused the money. The real figure will be known by Rural Development Department. I think it was mentioned in area form say 50%, 60%, 70%, and there are even 80% success because it can not be cent per cent. The present ministry is intending to discontinue this very policy depriving the people of many Rural Development Blocks. But where is the alternate policy? I have not seen in the budget book the increment of demand in the priority sector. What we say is not true otherwise self sufficiency of Mizoram will never come, it will remain a dream.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I think if the government is really sincere for the development of Mizoram, a comprehensive planning is required and not just a statement in the House. Therefore, I think the resolution moved by Mr. Zakhu, hon'ble Opposition Leader is appreciated by the Ruling party and is really interested in the idea of self sufficiency. With these few words I request all the hon'ble Members to pass the resolution for the development of Mizoram and for the people of Mizoram.

Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, our resolution seems to be good to
MINISTER some extent. The mover urges the government which
they could not implement for 10 years of their
terms. This ministry gives importance to practical works than forming a commissions
who have good findings. Moreover, the mover did not define his resolution in my
opinion. While we say we support the resolution, we support to be self sufficient but
not the whole resolution.

In my opinion, the aim of the mover is to delay the steps taken by the
government as this Ministry is really working. If a commission is formed, it will take
atleast 3/4 years thus the term of this Ministry will be near to its end and there will
be no time to implement the findings of the Commission. At the same time, forming
a Commission is also very expensive. Hence, we do not support this resolution as this
Ministry is taking steps to attain self sufficiency in food grains with the help of our
agricultural scientists. The most important thing to be self sufficient is to have political
will and the government is going in this direction. As that is the case, I expect the
mover to say his willingness to back up the steps taken by the government in this
regard.

Thank you.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The resolution moved by
MINISTER the Opposition group Leader shows that he is con-
cerned about our country and also that everything
needs to be cared for. During the previous MNF Min-
istry steps had taken to attain self sufficiency within 3 years. Unfortunately, that Ministry
was short lived, and the steps taken by the MNF Ministry had been ignored by the next
ministry. But even while the MNF & MPC were in the opposition for 10 years, how
to attain self sufficiency in food grains was their main subject. During those 10 years
various experts had been consulted and even MNF Party published a booklet named
Economic Programme. Had the hon'ble mover known all these, we should not waste our
valuable time.

It is the top priority of this new Ministry to attain self sufficiency in
food grains and that is why a new system had been declared. In order to attain this,
Master Plan had been prepared during those 10 years. As mentioned by the hon'ble
Member from Aizawl N-II to form a commission now is to delay the steps taken by
the government. I, therefore, would like to request the hon'ble mover to make
amendment as suggested by the hon'ble Member from Lungpho constituency who is also
our Deputy Speaker.

Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say a few things.
When I read this resolution I thought the mover is
moving no confidence motion because it seems he
does not our Chief Minister and the steps to be taken
by the Ministry.

We have many experts in Agriculture Department to give advice and
even for a lay person there is no much problem to be self sufficient. Our main problem
is as mentioned by the hon'ble Member lack of willingness to work hard. According to
the system of the previous government some even lost hope in agriculture but now we

have a government who is trying to work hard. If we are ready to work we have many plans to implement. Therefore, I trust this government to help the people of Mizoram to attain self sufficiency in food grains thus it is not necessary to form a commission.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : If there is no more to say I will call upon our House Leader and after that the mover of the resolution will be given 5 minutes. Well, Pu K. Vanlalauva.

P U K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The hon'ble Opposition Group Leader wh solution. However, it appears that he spent many of his thoughts. He is a senior member in this House and he is senior not only in the government but also in the party and even in other party, thus he had many experiences. In my opinion he moved this resolution only because he is in the opposition bench.

Mr. Speaker Sir, he moved that a Commission be formed to make proper planning so that Mizoram can attain self sufficiency in food grains. In my opinion, it is not best to form a commission whenever we are taking up a major issue. If he carefully thinks that it is the top priority of this ministry and immediate steps will be taken to fulfil this. I don't think he will move this kind of resolution to delay the programme of the government. It is a big question why they did not form a commission regarding NLUP for which a huge amount of fund had been spent but not succeeded. If this government neglects this, let him move it, but now even our House Leader mentioned in his budget speech and even other members used to say this. Therefore, while he himself supports the steps taken by the government and even the government is giving top priority, I think it is not necessary to pass this necessary as it is.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : He did not speak about your personal life, he only mentioned about the party so I cannot change it. Now, I shall call upon the concern Minister. He will be given half an hour as per our rule no. 13. However, he may not complete within the allotted time, in that case we shall take the decision of the House.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am also grateful as resolution concerns my department. We really need proper planning for economic self sufficiency in our state. This resolution proposes to form a commission in this regard. It is a good idea but we all know that this ministry is recently formed and we do not yet know our plan size for this year. We have not present our budget, it rather is vote on account for four months only to authorise our government to use money. We are just following last year's Revised Estimates of our budget as suggested by financial authority and we shall be knowing our plan size soon so that we can present our budget. At present, every Department do not know their plan size as yet.

Setting up of a commission is good as proposed in this resolution. But commission is generally established when there is a particular problem on salary and other specific problems. Now, I see no reason to form a commission as there is no big problem on organisation and other spheres in Agriculture Department. This resolution seems to propose better master plan and to give priority to agriculture for greater product. Therefore, to form a commission is not appropriate for this, I rather opine that study team or research team are more appropriate in this regard. On the other hand, this resolution can be amended through the formal procedure if our hon'ble Speaker allows it. Anyway as I had said in my budget speech this government will give priority to attain self sufficiency in food grains. I, Leader of the House take the portfolio of Agriculture and its sister Horticulture unlike the former ministries. I am greatly interested in this sphere and steps will be taken to improve our agriculture system.

Regarding food grains we give priority to our main food items like rice, wheat and other cereals. The government will emphasize mechanisation instead of our cultivation system because our cultivation system requires great amount of energy and our maximum product is about 100 quintals for a family. Therefore, we require more energy to compete the annual income of government servants like LDC. Meanwhile, mechanisation can greatly increase our production by using tractors and power tillers. So we have to apply mechanisation in our agricultural system thus this government adopts mechanisation system.

To apply mechanisation we need to buy machineries such as bulldozers, tractors and power tillers. But we shall adopt privatisation on such machineries to avoid expensive maintenance. Now, it is known that there are around 5000 hectares of cultivable land in Mizoram half of which had been completed for cultivation. We hope that the remaining part would also be prepared for cultivation within 5 years. We started our project in this year and our annual budget for this work is around 12 crore rupee. The land will be levelled by private bulldozer and the government will help the farmers to hire such machineries. In this way, we are going to apply privatisation. Proposal is also made to give loans to farmer to buy huge machineries. For this purpose the government will be the guarantor and we are still looking for such funding agency. In this way, a single person can do work 10 - 20 times more than our present system. However, in INdia mechanisation is opposed by some people due to unemployment problem. In contrast to this idea, our state afraid that the incoming of non Mizo labourers this makes mechanisation system easy in Mizoram as we can avoid the employment of non Mizo labourers. In this way we can attain self sufficiency in food grains.

Mr. Speaker Sir, levelled land is not only enough, we also need proper irrigation system. Thus, Irrigation Department will also be strengthened to employ more mechanics and engineers. Besides these, we also emphasise construction of dams to feed our paddy fields. The other important thing in this regard is link road for easier transportation of our big machines and other necessary things. Therefore, construction of link road is the first step to be taken. We propose to make a network of link roads as much as possible. All these measures will also help the people to provide more works.

Regarding research and survey we have had good reports made by Swaminatjam which gave us good idea. So, anyone can take the charge of this portfolio and I aware that we are all clear about this. Meanwhile, the technical and scientific works should be done by the expert teams. Our proposal for this purpose should be presented to the Central Government as a special scheme and we shall ask them to fulfill it for our peace bonus.

Mr. Speaker Sir, our goal is to eradicate poverty and to make our people prosperous. In this way even corruption will be less than before. And everyone can earn more than one lakh rupees every year by selling his agricultural products. So, privatisation will be adopted to avoid corruption which is involved in our traditional retail system. We will follow the system applied by most countries so that food grains can easily be bought in the market. At the same time some food grains will also be stocked in the reserved godown maintained by the government for poorer people. On the other hand I really convey my thanks to our Opposition Group Leader for making this resolution. His resolution shows that we are all interested in self sufficiency in food grains. But we know that we just begin our ministry and it is not nice to form a commission even before doing research and survey. Besides, I do hope we are sure about this way to attain self sufficiency and we have good reports of expert teams. For all these reasons to form a commission now is of no use and it is better to follow our normal way as commission takes too much time as we are eager to start self sufficiency programme. I, therefore, oppose to form a commission but I would like to say that is very good as it gives us an opportunity to express our policy for self sufficiency in food grains.

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me time to wind up. First, I would like to request all Members of this House not to use unparliamentary words in order to keep up the dignity of this House. And it is shameful to be little the lesser Members by the majority. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to request you to kindly safeguard the dignity of each Members of this House.

S P E A K E R : Wait a minute, it is right not to use unparliamentary language/words and it is not allowed to mention personal character. But just to mention the party of a Member is permissible. Now you may continue.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am glad that even ruling Members support my resolution, it seems you can not support only the last five words but I do not understand that because you are afraid of your leaders. Though you may not want to pass it I am glad we have discussed it.

I moved this resolution because the hon'ble Chief Minister said we must try not to depend on the mercy of Central Government alone and if we are not going to depend on Central Government. I am afraid we may not success if we go according to our present system. I do not mean that this ministry will fail to attain self sufficiency in food grains. I rather mean how you will success in the steps you are going to take. To be self sufficient in food grains it does not mean only wet rice cultivation but other vegetables which are grown in Mizoram. I also mean that the Commission will look at market assurance to give incentive to the people.

S P E A K E R : There is no more time to discuss that topic Wait...You should listen while I am speaking. If you are not going to withdraw it, ask to pass it. You have taken more than I allot you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Well, Mr. Speaker Sir, the Advisory Board is to advise the government it is written that the government is not bound to accept suggestions and views made by the Board. I didn't say that NLUP had failed but the implementation was not up to the expectation. Why don't you form a Commission to unify the implementation of NIUP. However, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass my resolution which reads. It is important to have proper planning so that Mizoram can attain self sufficiency in food grains. Let the government form a commission to make/draft such proper plan.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The mover of the resolution Pu Zakhu Hlychho asked the House to pass his resolution. Those who agree to pass may say 'Agree' and those who do not agree 'Not agree'. Those who do not agree are more, hence it is not passed.

As Monday is holiday we shall resume our Session on Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4 : 20 P.M.