

**LIST OF MEMBERS OF FOURTH
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 1999**

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1.	Tuipang	K.T. Rokhaw	Hunthar Veng, Aizawl
2.	Saiha	Zakhu Hlychho	Chaltlang, Aizawl
3.	Sangau	H. Rammawi	Tuikual 'A', Aizawl
4.	Lawngtlai	C. Thanghluna	Assembly Hostel
5.	Chawngte	Nirupam Chakma	Assembly Hostel
6.	Tlabung	N.K. Chakma	Assembly Hostel
7.	Buarpu	Lalrinzuala	Zohnuai Lunglei
8.	Lunglei 'S'	J. Lawmzuala	Assembly Hostel
9.	Lunglei 'N'	Dr. R. Lalthangliana	Kanan Veng, Aizawl
10.	Tawipui	Z.H. Ropuia	Salem Veng, Lunglei
11.	Vanva	C. Lalrinsamga	Bazar Veng, Lunglei
12.	Hnahthial	F. Lalthanzuala	Zohnuai, Lunglei
13.	N. Vanlaiphai	R. Lalawia	Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl
14.	Khawbung	K. Vanlalauva	Venghlui, Aizawl
15.	Champhai	Zoramthanga	Chaltlang, Aizawl
16.	Khawhai	K.L. Lianchia	Electric Veng, Aizawl
17.	Saitual	R. Lalzirliana	Armed Veng North, Aizawl
18.	Khawzawl	Aichhinga	Babutlang, Aizawl
19.	Ngopa	P.B. Rosanga	Kanan Veng, Aizawl
20.	Suangpuilawn	H. Laltanpuia	Venghlui, Aizawl
21.	Ratu	Lalthan Kunga	Chhinga Veng, Aizawl
22.	Kawnpu	Sanghmingthanga H.Pautu	Chhinga Veng, Aizawl
23.	Kolasib	Rualchhina	Luangmual, Aizawl
24.	Bilkhawthlir	Lalchamliana	Electric Veng, Aizawl
25.	Lokicherra	Tawnluia	Kanan Veng, Aizawl
26.	Kawrthah	K. Sangthuama	Electric Veng, Aizawl
27.	Mamit	Brig. T. Sailo	Kanan Veng, Aizawl
28.	Phuldungsei	J. Lalthangliana	Republic Veng, Aizawl
29.	Sateek	B. Lalthlengliana	Bethlehem Veng, Aizawl
30.	Serchhip	Er. K. Thangzualla	Chanmari Veng, Aizawl
31.	Lungpho	Vanlalhlana	Venghlui, Aizawl
32.	Tlungvel	L.N. Tuanga	Electric Veng, Aizawl
33.	Aizawl 'N' I	Dr. Lalzama	Chaltlang Lily Veng, Aizawl
34.	Aizawl 'N' II	F. Malsawma	Chaltlang, Aizawl
35.	Aizawl 'E' I	Lalhmingthanga	Khatla, Aizawl
36.	Aizawl 'E' II	H. Vanlalauva	Chhinga Veng, Aizawl
37.	Aizawl 'W' I	Col. Lalchungnunga	Bungkawn Vengthar, Aizawl
38.	Aizawl 'W' II	Lalrinchhana	Tuikual 'A', Aizawl
39.	Aizawl 'S' I	R. Tlanghmingthanga	Venghlui, Aizawl
40.	Aizawl 'S' II	C. Sangzuala	Chaltlang, Aizawl

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FOURTH
MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FROM 15TH JULY TO 4TH AUGUST, 1999.**

FIRST SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 15TH JULY, 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, Deputy Speaker and 22 Members were present.

OBITUARY

1. Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister to make an obituary reference on Kargil heroes who laid down their lives in the defence of our country.

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

3. Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister who is also Minister in - charge Finance Department to give statements on the Budget for 1999 - 2000.

SPEAKER : Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and mysterious things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

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Today, Pu J. Lawmzuala can not attend the session due to the demise of his mother.

The first business for today is an obituary reference to be presented by Pu Zoramthanga. As we are all aware many people have lost their lives in the Kargil was. After the presentation of obituary reference, the House will observe two minutes silence.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we all must have known the term
CHIEF MINISTER "Operation Vijay" Kargil is located at Jammu & Kash-
mir State, about 5 or 6 kms from the Line of Control
within the Indian side. Being a suitable place of
hideout for the enemies, the Pakistani armies have passed the Line of Control and
occupied this area for sometime. In order to promote better relationship between the two
countries India and Pakistan had made Lahore Declaration. Moreover, the case of the
Line of Control has been shown in the Shimla Agreement while India has complied
with this agreement, Pakistan has violated the agreement and crossed the Line of
Control and settled within the Indian side. To push back the Pakistan armies 'Operation
Vijay' was launched in which more than 300 heroes had given their lives to save the
country. Besides, many were left disabled and thousands of innocent people have
suffered. In this connection, General Malik, Chief of Army Staff, has invited Chief
Ministers of each States to organise and collect assistance for the families of the Kargil
victims. Following this request, a special Relief Committee was set up in Mizoram and
asked the state government employees to contribute their one day salary to this cause.
Besides, Kargil Martyr's Fund Raising Committee is set up.

With the steps taken by the government formed Relief Committee, a
successful public meeting was convened at Vanapa Hall on 12.7.1999 as an indication
of our support to the war heroes. His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram has
conducted the meeting. Beside the Governor and the Chief Minister representatives of
all political parties, Church leaders, leaders of Ex - Service League and representatives of
the Kargil Martyr Fund Raising Committee had given speech. Their speeches have
instilled a feeling of nationalism to the people. The Government of Mizoram is deeply
concern with the sufferings of the brave soldiers who had given their lives to save the
country. We prayed for the bereaved families and their dedication can never be
forgotten.

The Government of India normally gives an ex - gratia of Rs. 10,000/-
to the next of kin of the deceased. Besides this, relief has been given to the invalid by
providing employment and free education to the children of the war victims. However,
this relief is found to be trivial in this generation and so the ex-gratia of Rs. 10,000/-
is increased to Rs. 1,00,000/-

We remember the soldiers who have given their precious lives to save
their country. I would like to make an appeal and an invitation to the people of
Mizoram to make financial contribution as an indication of our support to the cause for
which they gave their lives.

Thank you.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. As we are aware, I was
H. PAUTU appointed as the Chairman of the Kargil Relief Com-
mittee set up by the government. After deep consid-
eration, the Committee made an appeal to the govern-
ment to increase the amount of ex - gratia granted to the families of the soldiers who
died in the war.

It is our misfortune that the Pakistanis have acted against us in this
manner. No international country has ever caused any disturbances to the neighbouring
state on the eve of an elections. It is hard to cope with the action of the Pakistan
government. While it is expected that the two countries would have better relationship
as a result of the visit of our Prime Minister to Lahore, the Pakistan government has

acted in the contrary manner. This dispute has been designed by the Pakistan government to disturb our election. Therefore, it is appropriate that we have fought back the intruders. Though the operation is not fully completed, our participation as the people of Mizoram through donation is necessary for their inspiration whether big or small.

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is pleasing that the hon'ble Chief Minister has made an obituary reference to the Kargil heroes. We all know that Pakistan intruder and the Pakistan armies have crossed the Indian border and settled within Indian territory. The Indian armies have fought bravely these intruders and more than 300 precious lives have been lost from the Indian side including several army officers. I would like to say that we deeply mourn the soldiers who died in the fight for the sake of this country.

Besides the deaths it has been shown that 493 soldiers have been injured. We pray for their immediate recovery. It is also our wish and hope that those soldiers who are missing would soon be found by the government.

Thank you.

COL LALCHUNGNUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is our duty to observe an obituary reference for the soldiers who lost their lives for the defence of their country. India has often waged wars with Pakistan. The Indian people particularly the Mizos have never supported the Indian armies of the Kargil war. I would like to appreciate that this obituary reference is conducted in the House. It is great that our soldiers have come out victorious. As we all know, Kargil is situated in a high altitude area where movement is very difficult not to mention their equipments. The Indian armies have fought bravely and many times attacked the hideout of the Pakistani intruders. The attack was not successful in the first attempt. As the Pakistanis had settled in the higher area they were in a better position, but the Indian armies never gave up and fought courageously and has now driven out most of the intruders out of Kargil. It is a great achievement what these soldiers have done. Many have lost their lives while there are many injured, we remember those who gave their lives. We respect them as heroes who have inspired the Mizo armies and it will be an encouragement for them.

We have mentioned the Fund Raising and with the fund collected we can help the families of the war victims. Many soldiers have sacrificed their lives for us to live peacefully. It is our duty to donate fund for the families of the soldiers who gave their lives for us.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : It is pleasing that the members have taken this occasion sincerely. Let us now call upon the hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, one thing I would like to point out to the whole nation in this obituary is that it is unfortunate that the outsiders have caused trouble against India. As it is said that a coin has two sides;

this incident, while it is a misfortune for many precious lives have lost, on the other hand, this misfortune has brought integration to the whole nation. The blood of the martyr has brought national integration which is never experienced before. This deserves special mention. The whole nation mourned for those martyrs and I would like to mention that the Indian nation has gained solidarity from this misfortune.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the obituary reference presented by the Chief Minister. At the same time, the Kargil war indicates the failure of the defence of the country by the BJP formed government. It is most regretful that an incident that can be avoided had taken place due to the failure of the defence strategy of the BJP government. I would like to praise the deeds of the Indian armies for their battle to save the country. Today, I mourn for the ones who lost their lives and I wish that those injured may recover soon.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The members deeply mourn for those who gave their precious lives in the Kargil war. A Bulletin was also issued from this Secretariat. Even a Resolution was moved by the Opposition Leader that our one month salary be donated to the Kargil Fund. In this regard I would like to express my gratitude to the member for his dedication for this cause. He is also requested to understand the rejection of his resolution. The government eventually decided that all government employees should donate one day salary for the Kargil Fund.

The House shall now observe two minutes silence.

We shall now take up question Hour. Starred question No. 1 to be asked by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU N.K. CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question No. 1.

Will the hon'ble Minister i/c Health and Family Welfare department be pleased to state -

- (a) The reason for not delivery of Gypsy Ambulance provided for Tlabung Civil Hospital by the WHO under Tribal District Post - Partum Project.
- (b) Where is the said vehicle ?

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the first question is that the Gypsy Ambulance under question is specially provided for Post - Partum Project. But, Post - Partum Project has not been created in Tlabung and thus the ambulance was utilised at Saiha District.

As for the second question, the ambulance is presently in Saiha.

PU LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, is there proposal for the purchase of more ambulance for Civil Hospitals ?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please. My first question is the number of vehicles allotted for Drug Control Administration in the Health Department and whether vehicle is allotted for each District.

Secondly, the Male Medical Officer is not allotted vehicle and hence the department's ambulance is kept by him. As this is the case, the Ambulance cannot be utilised for the right purpose. It would be appreciated if a separate vehicle could be allotted for the Officer. Pool vehicle is also urgently required for the Doctor.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question raised by the MINISTER member from Saitual Constituency, the hon'ble Chief Minister has taken steps to solve the problem. As a result, three 407 type vehicles was recently purchased to be utilised as ambulance and one Gypsy soft top is also purchased.

I think the question raised by the member from Tuipang is not relevant to the Starred question. However, the matter will be looked into.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask the exact number of Ambulance allotted to Lunglei, Saiha, Champhai and Kolasib.

Secondly, does the Government of Mizoram expect more ambulance for Post - Partum Project from World Health Organisation ?

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have furnished my answer to the MINISTER starred question and therefore, I will not give more answer to the other questions.

SPEAKER : Let us go on to question no. 2 to be asked by Pu K. Vanlalauva.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to starred question no. 2 are as furnish below -

- (a) There is no release of final bill before the completion of the construction of PHC, SHC and Sub - Centre buildings.
- (b) There are Health Sub - Centres with no Health Workers.
- (c) In Devasura Sub - Centre, Chhimtuipui District, there is no Health Workers.
- (d) There is proposal for the posting of Health Worker at Devasura Sub - Centre.
- (e) Main Centres where microscopes are not installed are Chhualung, Chakhang Vahai, Vaseitlang, Borapansuri.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please. Three Sub - Centres are being constructed at Bulfek-zawi within Khawbung Constituency. Before the completion of the construction work, it has been said that final bill was released. The Health worker posted at Bulfek is also staying in Champhai as the Sub - Centre was not yet completed. It would be appreciated if the department could take action for the immediate completion of the said building.

Two months back, there was sanction for the reconstruction of Khuangthing Sub - Centre. But, only repair work was done to the existing building. Final Bill is also released to the contractor. It would be appreciated if this action is not repeated in future.

I would like to emphasize that there are Sub - Centres where there are no Health Workers as in Sialhau village, Bulfek, Vanzau and Khankawn. The people in these areas are facing difficulties due to the absence of Health Workers not to mention medical supplies. However, it is wished and hoped that the government fulfil its programmes in strengthening health care facilities in rural areas.

Lastly, the Sub - Centre building at Khawbung needs reconstruction as it was constructed way back in 1978. I request the Minister to note this and take steps for the immediate action in this regard.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please. Does the hon'ble Minister know that there is no Health Worker in Khojoisuri and no Medical Officer in Chawngte ?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please. The Dental Surgeon posted at Saitual has been taking narcotic drugs. I have even asked the concerned Minister if he already has any knowledge about this. I have learnt from him that he had come to know about the case of this Dental Surgeon. The people within my constituency have complaint of this case and in pursuance of this I appeal to the authority to transfer this Doctor. But, action has not yet been taken till date. It would be appreciated if this Dental Surgeon could be shifted from Saitual immediately.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no Nursing Superintendent at Saiha Civil Hospital. It would be appreciated if Nursing Superintendent could be posted immediately for Saiha Civil Hospital.

Secondly, I would like to ask whether the government intends to reconstruct Saiha Civil Hospital building.

Thirdly, there are no specialised doctors at Saiha Hospital and so, the people have to come to Lunglei or Aizawl in case of severe illness which is a problem for them. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister to note this and specially consider this case.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, at Lungmuat Village, out of the total
H. PAUTU inhabitants of about 650, over 300 people have been
suffering from various illnesses. The Health Workers
posted at the Village were shifted out in January 1999.
I have brought this matter to the authority. However, the post has not been filled up
till date. Can the Minister take immediate action in this regard so that Health Workers
be posted at the village immediately.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, the construction of Chhuanlung PHC
building was completed some time back. When will
this PHC, be started functioning?

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I will start answering
MINISTER with the case of the release of final bill against the
construction of Sub - Centres. As a Minister I have no
knowledge of this incident. I will look into the matter and if necessary actions will be
taken.

Coming to Khuangthing Sub - Centre, the construction of building was
completed and the Doctor has verified the building followed by the issue of Completion
Certificate. Then, final bill was released to the Contractor. However, there was
complaint regarding the condition of the building, and so, Dr. Lalengmawia Khiangte
was sent by the government to have spot verification. He even took photograph of the
building. From his investigation, the Senior Doctor was satisfied with the construction
of the building. From this report, the government found no problem at Khuangthing
PHC.

According to the record, there are no female Health Workers in 24
Sub - Centres, and 23 Sub - Centres with no male Health Workers. It is expected that
Health Workers be posted in every Health Centres and Sub - Centres in a short time.

As for the case of the Dental Surgeon posted at Saitual, for the case
is a serious one, it demands careful consideration. There are even suggestions that the
Doctor be posted at Aizawl and deprive of all his medical duties. Anyhow, the case will
be given priority but I cannot assure you that he would be transferred within this week.

I would like to ask the member to raise only questions that are relevant
to the starred question.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have raised questions relating to
Health department with the expectation of his replies.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have furnished my replies with the
MINISTER best I can.

Emphasizing on the point mentioned by Pu R. Sanghmingthanga, there
is posting of Health Worker at Lungmuat. If the Health Worker does not report himself
to his posting, action will be taken.

Buildings for PHC have been constructed at several places like

Chhualung, Bungzung, Sesih and other villages. But, these PHC cannot function due to shortage of fund. The existing PHC will be maintained first and the rest will be considered according to the availability of fund. As for Chhualung PHC, the government had given commitment. Therefore, it will be officially opened as soon as possible.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Nursing Superintendent of Saiha Civil Hospital has been attached to Aizawl Civil Hospital. Can the hon'ble Minister arrange for the posting of another Nursing Superintendent for Saiha ?

The Civil Hospital of Saiha is badly in need of Medicine Specialist, gynaecologist and surgeon while there are more than forty specialists posted at Aizawl Civil Hospital. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to urge the hon'ble Minister to give priority to this case and assure us that specialists would be posted at Saiha.

PU N.P. CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister has not answered my question.

The Medical Officer posted at Chawngte has been undergoing training outside Mizoram. The only doctor we have is Dental Surgeon. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, please arrange for the posting of another Medical Officer for Chawngte Hospital.

SPEAKER : Many supplementary questions have been asked and it will be appreciated if the Minister can answer all of them. However, if replies cannot be furnished for all the question, we must remember that the starred question is the most important.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have great respect for the member for his dedication to his constituency. For the moment, I cannot give any assurance. However, I will look into the matter.

Coming to Chawngte Hospital, Sub - Divisional Health Officer was posted recently. There may be cases where the officer has been going on leave. Anyhow, the matter will be looked into.

SPEAKER : Starred question no. 3 to be asked by Pu H. Rammawi.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 3.

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

Whether there is proposal for the supply of vegetable seedlings and seeds to the farmers.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the department of Agriculture intends to supply seeds and seedlings to farmers before the end of winter.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please. I have raised my starred question because we have seen from the Governor's Address that the government has programmes and policies to lift the farmers from poverty. In the meantime, the department of Rural Development has formulated new programmes and schemes and introduced new projects for the welfare of the farmers. Rural Development Department can also provide free supply of seeds to farmer. Formerly, the problem of the farmers was mainly their poor knowledge regarding the process of agriculture and how to find suitable market. As for now, knowledge has been imparted on the system of agriculture and they can easily classify the types of foodgrains to be cultivated. They have a clear vision on how to get profit out of their products. In this case, I ask the Minister what policy does the government have in economics.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the government has differentiated our
CHIEF MINISTER agriculture products into two categories, foodgrains and vegetable. The economic policy is also going in two ways. One is self-sufficiency in foodgrains and the second policy is to focus interest on revenue earning crops. Crops and vegetables will also be selected on the basis of their value in the market.

The government intends to identify revenue earning crops to the people and necessary directions would be given as well on the method of cultivation. Supplies for seeds and seedlings will also be identified and the supplier will also be provided loans or grant-in-aid so that only good quality materials will be supplied. There will also be suppliers for every particular area to avoid the problem of transportation. It is also intended to supply only good quality seeds.

SPEAKER : Starred question no. 4 to be asked by Pu K. Vanlalaiva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 4. Will the hon'ble Minister i/c Health and Family Welfare department be pleased to state -

Whether there is proposal for the construction of Doctor's quarters and staff quarters of Sesih PHC.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the construction of Sesih PHC main
MINISTER building has been completed. There is also proposal for the construction of Doctor's quarters and staff quarters.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please. Primary Health Centres are constructed at Bungzung, Khanbung and Sesih but without kitchen. PHC cannot really function without kitchen.

I would like to mention again the case of Khuangthing PHC. As mentioned earlier, the building was planned for reconstruction but only repair work was done on the existing building. I have mentioned this matter to the community leaders

of the village. I had even visited Khuangthing four times this year. The condition of the building is unsatisfactory. Is the hon'ble Minister aware of the fact that only repair work was done on the PHC.

PU LALTHANKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, PHC main building at Sakawrdai has been completed but also without kitchen, Doctor's and Staff quarters. Is there any intention for the construction of the said quarters?

Er. K. THANGZUALLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the on-going construction of Serchhip Civil Hospital has an estimated amount of Rs. 24 lakhs. At present, the physical achievement is between 50 - 60 percent but the estimated amount was already spent up. I had a spot visit on 17th June and saw the condition. How is the government reacted to this matter?

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Normally, construction works are to be undertaken by the Public Works Department. For the construction of the main buildings and kitchen for PHC at Sesih, Khumtung and Khawbung, estimates have also been made and construction work is handed over to the Public Works Department. And if kitchens are not constructed for now, I can assure you that it will be done so.

Coming to Khuangthing PHC building as stated earlier, I have accepted that it was reconstructed and not just repaired. The official and doctor sent to have a spot verification were also satisfied with the construction. That is the report received by the government.

As for the PHC of Sakawrdai and Khawruhlian, construction work is handed over to the Public Works Department.

There have been various reports regarding the on going construction of Serchhip Civil Hospital. In the current year, additional fund is sanctioned for the completion of the hospital. Anyway, the matter will be reviewed.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Now, the Report of the Business Advisory Committee may be presented to the member. If there is no one to object the report, it will be regarded as approved. (Report of the Business Advisory Committee was presented and approved).

We shall go on to the next business, our budget has been passed on a vote on account for four months. Let us now call upon the hon'ble Finance Minister to deliver budget statement. A copy may as well be distributed to the members.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, when a budget is presented into the House, it is usually accompanied by appendix and achievement. But, we have not seen an appendix today.

SPEAKER : The budget is already presented into the House. As chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee, there will not be a general discussion, only the demands will be discussed.

For today, our business is only to deliver the budget statement that will be clarified later.

As the hon'ble Chief Minister had presented the budget statement the House is adjourned till 10 : 30 A.M. tommorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 12 : 15 P.M.