

**SECOND SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup> 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, 12 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 22 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

2. Resolutions.

**SPEAKER** : Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

Proverb 16 : 8 - 9.

Dr. Lalthangliana, Pu K.L. Lianchia and Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga have taken leave of absence. Dr. Lalthangliana has authorised Pu F. Malsawma to answer his starred question no. 5.

Let us call Pu Lalthan Kunga.

**PU LALTHAN KUNGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 5.

Will the hon'ble Minister i/c School Education be pleased to state the answers.

**PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to starred question no. 5 are as below :

- (a) 107 Middle Schools have no Hindi Teacher.
- (b) 76 Schools in Mizoram have more than 2 Hindi Teachers and 1 School with 3 Hindi Teachers.
- (c) Number and names of School that have Hindi Teachers.
  - (1) Blue Mount School, Aizawl.
  - (2) Willow Mount, Durtlang.
  - (3) Calvari School, Durtlang.

- (4) Presbyterian English School, Kolasib.
- (5) Presbyterian School, Champhai.
- (6) Champhai Bethel Mission School.
- (7) Gospel Centenary School, Lunglei.
- (8) Adventist English School, Lunglei.
- (9) Christian Education Centre, Lunglei.
- (10) Southern Flower School, Lunglei.
- (11) Presbyterian English School, Serchhip.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please.  
DEPUTY SPEAKER There are 726 Middle Schools in Mizoram for which there are 669 sanctioned posts for Hindi Teachers. The Central government has sanctioned another 206 new posts for Hindi Teachers this year. But, these posts have not yet been filled up till date. What is the reason for this?

Hindi subject has been selected as a compulsory but the problem faced by the students is shortage of Hindi Teachers. For the progress and promotion of Hindi, one Hindi Propagating Officers and 4 Assistant Propagating Officers posts were created in 28.12.1972. Is there any proposal to create more posts?

In Mizoram we have 4 DEO Offices and 10 SDEO Offices. Can the government post at least one Inspecting Staff for each office.

In 1972, the posts of one Assistants, one UDC and 5 LDCs were created to deal with correspondence in Hindi language. It has been almost 20 years since its creation but without any promotion chance. These staff are being neglected by the government for sometime. Is there any way to provide promotion chance for these ministerial staff?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me start with the questions  
MINISTER relating to Hindi Teachers. The Central government has sanctioned 206 new posts of Hindi Teachers last years. However, the sanction has not yet been released. The State Government is awaiting clarification from the Central Government. It is expected that sanction will be released soon.

As for the establishment of Hindi the matter has already been discussed in the Senior Officers meeting. And the post of Deputy Director has also been reflected in the Budget.

Emphasizing on the posting of Inspecting Staff and the promotion of Ministerial Staff, I would like to inform you that the matters are under active consideration.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there is shortage of Hindi Teachers. But while there are 2 Hindi teachers in some School, there are some without any. Can adjustment be made in this regard?

PU N.P. CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, during the visit of the former Prime

Minister, I.K. Gujral to Mizoram, the then government had informed him of the shortage of Hindi Teachers. As a result of that, we are now provided with the sanction of 206 Hindi Teachers which is very pleasing. Since 206 Hindi Teachers is for the whole of Mizoram. Will there be a quota provided for the District Councils?

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Hindi is a compulsory subject. But, there are several schools without Hindi Teachers particularly in rural areas. Therefore, adjustment should better be made. Moreover, 11 government Hindi Teachers are being posted at Private Middle Schools. As these teachers are under government payroll, they should be re-attached to Government Middle Schools.

Dr. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have heard from the hon'ble Minister that there are 107 Middle Schools and 220 High Schools without Hindi Teachers. If this is the case, does it mean that these schools without Hindi Teacher do not include Hindi as their compulsory subjects?

Secondly, 2 new posts of Hindi Teachers have been sanctioned, but, it has not been materialised till now. What is the reason for this delay?

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask the number of officiating Hindi Teachers during December 1998 to July 1999.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, two Hindi Teachers from Kawrte and Bunghmun Middle Schools were transferred to Aizawl along with their posts. How does the government intend to proceed with this matter?

Secondly, regarding the Schools without Hindi Teachers, will Hindi continue to be compulsory?

To conclude my question, I would like to enquire the reason for the shifting of Hindi Teachers from rural areas to Aizawl.

Er. K. THANGZUALLA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I have heard from the member from Ratu Constituency that 669 Hindi posts have been sanctioned out of which only 273 are filled up. Why is the government making delays in filling up the rest of the posts?

There are many cases where teachers, whether Hindi or other subjects are transferred without substitution. As a result of this the students have suffered a lot. Recently, within my constituency, parents of the students of a particular schools had collected fund among themselves and recruited private teacher on their own expense. I have reached the matter to the authority. And a substitute order was issued yesterday for which I have expressed my gratitude. In this case, I would like to request the authority not to transfer teachers without placing a substitute.

**S P E A K E R** : The Minister incharge may answer the questions.

**PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Member from Serchhip Constituency has asked the reason for the delay in the filling up of the post already sanctioned by the Central Government. This case has been processed to the DP & AR. Under the efforts rendered by the hon'ble Chief Minister progress is made. We are now awaiting the result.

Emphasizing on the posting and transfer of teachers the new government has met various problems. While the government has been taking action in favour of some teachers who are having problems in their posting there are people who have suffered at the other side. The government is aware and deeply concerned with the problems faced by Middle School students due to shortage of Hindi Teachers and has been working to solve the problem. The 206 sanctioned posts of Hindi Teachers is expected to be released shortly. As for the examination of Hindi Subjects let us anticipate that the Department authority would find a solution.

Coming to the question of the number of Officiating Hindi Teachers, I am not fully prepared to give the exact number as the question is not relevant with the main question.

Regarding the question raised by the member from Chawngte, ten posts of Hindi Teachers for Lai and Mara Districts each and another 10 posts for Chakma District Council have been earmarked.

The member from Suangpuilawn Constituency has suggested that Government Hindi Teachers posted at Private Middle Schools be attached at Government Middle Schools. The government does not consider that necessary as the awaiting 206 sanctioned posts is expected to cover the requirement. Moreover, the Central policy is propagation of Hindi language and Hindi Teachers will be posted at Schools irrespective of government owned or not.

As for the question raised by the members from Aizawl North I and Bilkhawthlir Constituencies, the government is aware of the problem regarding Hindi Teachers and the case is under consideration.

For the information of the members, let me announce that there is proposal for the creation of new posts such as one Deputy Director, 4 Hindi Propagation Officer, 6 Assistant Teachers, one Superintendent, one Assistant and one UDC. I am happy to inform the House that DP & AR has even released sanction for the same.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, 'William Booth Comprehensive School' at Saitual comprises of Primary and Middle sections. Middle section has been upgraded to a deficit system and thus the payscale between teachers in the Primary and Middle sections are widely different. This matter was already raised to the Minister in charge. Hence, I would like to ask if the whole of William Booth School could be upgraded to a deficit status.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask whether the government is aware that there are certain officiating teachers who sent their substitution in their place. If so, will action be taken?

PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will try to answer from the last question. Regarding officiating teachers who sent their substitution the government has given authority to the DEO and SDEO to take action against those teachers excepting those who are given special consideration. The member is invited to furnish information if there are such teachers.

Emphasizing on William Booth School, I have even visited the School myself. The government has been reviewing this policy matter. At the moment, I am not able to give assurance. However, I want to state that I am aware of the problem of William Booth School.

SPEAKER : Starred question no. 6 by Pu K. Vanlalaiva.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 6.

Will the hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration Department (GAD) be pleased to state -

Will it be more convenient if the construction of Inspection Bungalows by different departments be undertaken by GAD.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, to answer starred question no. 6, I would like to state that construction works of all Inspection Bungalow is not possible to be undertaken by GAD for now.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we know that different departments have constructed their own Inspection Bungalows and particularly hold ownership to it. There are many occasions where accommodations are superseded between VIPs and department officials at Inspection Bungalow. Hence, it is suggested that all department Inspection Bungalow be taken over by the GAD.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I understand the idea behind the suggestion raised by the member. However, it cannot be carried out according to the suggestion for the present.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 7.

SPEAKER : Pu F. Malsawma, Minister to answer the question.

PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to starred question no. 7 are as follows :

- (a) The amount of NLUP fund still to be released to the beneficiaries of different trades is Rs. 3,54,23,592/-.
- (b) Fund will be released as soon as possible.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred question no. 8 to be asked by Pu H. Rammawi.

**PU H. RAMMAWI** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 8.

**PU RUALCHHINA  
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to starred question no. 8 are as follows. The member asked whether Forest department can take measures for control and restriction on taming elephant within Mizoram. In this regard, the department has been taking necessary measures to control wild elephants. But, this is not an easy task as elephants are not domestic animals. We have a number of sanctuaries now in Mizoram and most of the wild life within Mizoram are living in these sanctuaries. In case the animals have crossed the sanctuary and become a threat to human life and crops, the Chief Wild Life Wardens have the license to shoot at the animals or give the permission to others. In case of an accident against wild animals the government gives ex - gratia or compensation to the victims.

**PU H. RAMMAWI** : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question please. The department of Forest has Wild Life Sanctuary at Salazawl within Tuipang Constituency. In this sanctuary, there are elephants that seem to come from Burma and they have been harassing the people around here and also destroying their crops. The people around Ngengpui sanctuary have also face the same problems from wild elephants. Therefore, I would like to urge the government to take more effective preventive measures against these wild elephants before human lives are lost.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are 7 wild elephants at Ngengpui sanctuary and they have been harassing the people and destroying their crops. These elephants usually made their appearance during November. The victims were not provided compensation till date. According to the hon'ble Minister, the Chief Wild Life Wardens have the authority to issue license to shoot these wild elephants. Does this denotes that the license holder can shoot at the wild elephants at any time ?

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister has stated that the best solution against those menacing wild elephant is to kill them. Meanwhile the YMA has emphasizing on the preservation of wild life. Hence, a better solution may better be found.

**PU RUALCHHINA  
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have Wild Life Protection Act which provides for the permission to hunt down any wild animal that becomes a threat to human life and cultivation. The member has raised a suggestion to apply another method to restrict and control wild elephants. This may be a good suggestion.

Regarding the incident at Ngengpui Sanctuary, there was a report of the case of wild elephants destroying the crops in 1996. After assessing the value of the crops destroyed, compensation was given to five persons. There was another similar incident in 1998 - 1999. The department has made assessment for compensation against the lost. H. Darkhuaia, Mualpui Village, K.C. Lalthangmuana, Ngengpui Village and Chopraha of Ngengpui village are due to receive compensation.

There was also another incident on 18 October, 1998 in which an elephant escaped from the sanctuary and destroyed crops worth Rs. 1,60,000/-. Assessment was already made to provide compensation to four persons. As for the recent incident mentioned by the member, the matter will be noted.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Rammawi to ask starred question no. 9.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 9.

Is there an intention to review Recruitment Rules under the Government of Mizoram that has so many amendments ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we have seen in the starred question, there has been many amendments in the Recruitment Rules under the Government of Mizoram. However, it is difficult to stop this practice all of a sudden. But, the case will be considered.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have come to understand that the percentage of reservation for promotion is varying in various departments under the state Government of Mizoram. Is it possible to follow a uniform percentage for all the departments.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, if we look into the Mizoram Gazzette, two thirds of the contents comprised of the amendments of Recruitment Rules. Recruitment Rules have been amended from time to time by authority persons in the concerned department so as to adapt their demands. Some departments also amend their Recruitment Rules in favour of certain officials. As this is the case, it is suggested that uniformity should be prevailed for different departments regarding Recruitment Rules. My question has also been raised with the idea behind this suggestion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I agree with the point mentioned by the member. Recruitment Rules have been manipulated for some time in the past. So, the government has been taking measures in order to prevent this practice. Particulary, the Board of Advisors has started to function now. This Board is expected to review and check manipulation of Recruitment Rules by some officials for their own advantage.

SPEAKER : We shall take up the last starred question to be asked by Pu N.K. Chakma.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble member from Sangau had mentioned his point in the general term. If there was a specific incident, the members should be informed.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister may note down the point raised by the member.

PU N.K. CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask starred question no. 10.

- (a) What are the works projects under BADP for Tlabung Constituency?
- (b) The amount already incurred for Tlabung Constituency?

PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the first question has covered extensively and if the hon'ble Speaker permits, a copy may better be distributed to the members.

As for the second question, according to the record, an amount of Rs. 36592720/- has been incurred so far.

SPEAKER : As provided by our Rules, the copy may be distributed to the members.

PU N.K. CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is learnt from the hon'ble Minister that lakhs of rupees has been spent but the works are not properly executed. I would like to know the name of the executing agency.

PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are executing agencies which could be seen in the right side of the copy. Most of the projects were executed during the previous government. And if it is not utilised properly, hon'ble member would be fully aware that the present government is not responsible.

SPEAKER : Question House is over and we shall go on to our next business.

This Assembly Secretariat has not received any replies from the departments for the questions to be asked on Monday. It would be appreciated if the concerned Ministeres could urge their respective departments to furnish prompt replies.

Our next business is Private Members Resolution. Of the four we have, we shall take the first Resolution moved by Pu K.T. Rokhaw. The Resolution



being - 'Since Inner Line Pass failed to preserve and provide security to sons of the soil in Mizoram, Sales Tax should not yet be imposed'. The mover of the Resolution will be called first and be allotted 10 minutes, 5 minutes each will be allotted to the members.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO :** Mr. Speaker Sir, before the mover takes the stand, I would like to request you to clarify the reason for rejection of my Resolution which was partly mentioned yesterday. The idea behind my resolution is to indicate my aversion to the illegal entry of Pakistanis to the Indian territory. In your letter, the reason for the rejection of my resolution was stated as - '.....because Assembly Bulletin Part - II 36 of 7.7.99 containing donation of one day salary was already circulated'. My resolution does not merely aim for donation alone, but my support and corroboration to the steps taken by the government and the armed forces for the defence of the country. As provided in our Rules, no. 125, if the Speaker has the opinion that my resolution has obstructed or prejudicially affect the procedure of the House, and if that is the reason I should have been informed by the Speaker through his office and clarify thereof or I should be informed through telephone. I presume that my Resolution will be rejected in the House provided that it is the member's opinion. But, it has been rejected before it reaches the House. Therefore, I demand to know the reason.

**S P E A K E R :** Our Rules no. 125 states that, '..... the Speaker may disallow any Resolution or a part thereof when in his opinion it is an abuse of the right of moving a resolution or calculated to obstruct or prejudicially affect the procedure of the House or is in contravention of these rules? It is not necessary to give the detailed reason. The Rules does not demand for the Speaker to furnish the ground of rejection. It is Speaker's discretionary power.

We shall go on to the next business. Let us call upon Pu K.T. Rokhaw to move his Resolution.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, you have clarified the reasons for your rejection of the resolutions of other members while you have not given us the reason for the rejection of my resolution. My resolution is relating to the TA/DA bills of the hon'ble Chief Minister prior to this ministry and also that of the hon'ble Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana. I would like to know the reason for the rejection of my resolution.

**S P E A K E R :** We have a convention that matters relating to this Assembly should not be questioned on the floor as no one is entitled to give replies. If any member is interested in matters relating to their Assembly they should raise the question before the office of the Speaker. The House is not the place to express whatever you like. The members should consider the Rules and Convention.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA :** During the previous term the Speaker was never countered like this..... (Interruption) .....

**SPEAKER**

: Let us call Pu K.T. Rokhaw to move his Resolution. If not, I will adjourn the House. Since, Pu K.T. Rokhaw prefers not to move his Resolution, the House is adjourned. The session will be resumed at 10:30 Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M.