

**FOURTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2001**

(Time : 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

Pu R. Lalawia, Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, 14 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 23 Members were present.

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**QUESTION**

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

**PRIVATE MEMBER'S BUSINESS**

Resolutions.

**S P E A K E R** : Thus says the Lord - "Keep justice, and do righteousness for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed".

Isaiah 56 : 1

We shall go to our business and take up question. I shall call upon Pu Lalrinzuala to ask starred question no. 41.

**PU LALRINZUALA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question No. 41.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in - charge Social Welfare Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Does the Government give financial aids to various Homes for destitutes like orphanage, handicapped, etc. (only Private undertakings).
- (b) If yes, the amount given to each Home during 2000 calendar year.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : MINISTER** Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question No. 41 is -

- (a) Yes.
- (b) During 2000 calendar year Rs. 10,28,250.00 had been given to various Homes.

**PU LALRINZUALA** : Mr. Speaker, my question (b) is the amount given to each Home. Can the Hon'ble Minister give the break up.

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

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, the break up is as follows -  
**MINISTER**

1.	Calvary Hospital, TNT Zuangtui	-	Rs. 3,15,000/-
2.	Hermon Children's Home	-	Rs. 1,44,000/-
3.	Hlimna In, Keifang	-	Rs. 1,01,250/-
4.	Motherless Baby Home, Tuikual	-	Rs. 67,500/-
5.	Muanna In Boy's Home, Mualpui	-	Rs. 61,875/-
6.	Kawlkhuma's Children Home, Lunglei	-	Rs. 61,875/-
7.	Kolasib Children's Home	-	Rs. 61,875/-
8.	Baptist Church Orphanage Home, Serkawn	-	Rs. 51,750/-
9.	Enna In, Kolasib	-	Rs. 50,625/-
10.	Synod Hmangaihna In	-	Rs. 38,250/-
11.	Motherless Baby Home	-	Rs. 27,000/-
12.	Orphanage Home, Saiha	-	Rs. 20,250/-
13.	Motherless Baby Home, Khatla	-	Rs. 10,350/-
14.	Lai Ram Baby Home, Lawngtlai	-	Rs. 13,500/-

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I've heard that we received additional fund from Central for Old Aged Pension, I would like to know why this had not been released.

**S P E A K E R :** The question is not relevant. However, the Minister will answer if he can.

**PU J. LALTHANGLIANA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask the amount given for Faith Home, Chhingchhip.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the latter question we gave from free mess with other 9 homes. In regard to Old Age Pension the detail answer is given in unstarred question No. 61. Is it necessary to read out?  
**MINISTER**

**S P E A K E R :** Now I shall call upon Col. Lalchungnunga Sailo to ask question No. 42.

**COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO :** Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question No. 42.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in - charge Social Welfare Department be pleased to state -

- 1) Had pay arrear for Government Servants who has gone on pension before 1.1.1996 been given?
- 2) If not why?

- 3) Does the Government intend to impound 3% of pay arrear of Government Servants with effect from 1.7.2000 to GPF?
- 4) Had 3% of Dearness Relief for pensioners been given?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, answers for starred question No. 42-

- 1) Pay arrear for Government servants who has gone on pension before 1.1.1996 had not been given.
- 2) As pay revision is adopted from 1.1.1996, there is no pay arrear for those who had gone on pension before 1.1.1996.
- 3) Considering both the privilege of Government Servants and the Government. 3% of pay arrear of Government Servants which they are supposed to get from 1.7.2000 - Group D will get in cash upto 31.12.2000 and the remaining amount and whole amount for Group A,B & C will be impounded to GPF. Order for this had been issued on 19.12.2000.
- 4) Order to give Dearness Relief to Pensioners had been issued on 12.1.2001.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Our financial position had been improved. Is it only 30% can be given in cash to Government Servants instead of impounding of GPF?

SPEAKER : I shall call upon Minister in - charge to answer.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, as I had said earlier, the decision is made considering both for the privilege benefit of Government Servants and the Government itself.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether it is the willingness of Group A,B & C of Government Servants or impose by Government to impound their arrear to GPF?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the decision is made after consulting the leaders of federation.

SPEAKER : Now I shall call upon Pu C. Thanghluna to ask starred question No. 43.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question No. 43.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in - charge Social Welfare Department be pleased to state -

- a) The reason for re - employing officer's pensioners in the Government of Mizoram.
- b) Is it because there are no experts to fill up their posts ?

**S P E A K E R** : I shall call upon Pu Tawnluia Minister, DP & AR to answer.

**PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, answers for starred question No. 43-

- a) The reasons for re - employing pensioned officers are quite reasonable.
- b) No.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. According to my knowledge pension age for Technical Department and Education Department under the Government of Mizoram is 60 while it is 58 for other Departments. If this is true, is there any problem to fix pension age at 60 for all Departments ?

**PU H. LALTANPUIA** : Supplementary question Mr. Speaker Sir, it is learnt that many Government Servants are re - employed after retirement. In particular, if I am not mistaken the term of Lunglei DIET Principal had been extended four times and I feel that DIET administration suffers because of this. I would like to know the reason for this - Is there nepotism ? At the same time, 4 persons were given promotion to work at Lunglei DIET but only one of them joined at Lunglei and the other three are posted again at Aizawl, Lunglei DIET suffers greatly for this. I would like to know what action will be taken by the Government in this regard ?

**PU LALRINZUALA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it seems some officers are re - employed and some are not. I would like to know the criteria for this.

**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Supplementary question, Mr. Speaker Sir. How many retired/pensioners had been re - employed by this Government. I also would like to know why there is no Government Servants at Chawngte and does the Government aware of this matter ?

**PU K.L. LIANCHIA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, one more supplementary question. The hon'ble minister said that there is good reason to re - employ retire/pensioners. I would like to know whether it is a good reason to sign a Memorandum of Understanding due to financial crisis ?

**S P E A K E R** : I shall call upon Pu Tawnluia Minister in - charge.

**PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, MOU is not a reason as challenged by the hon'ble member from Khawhai constituency. There is a standing order and a guideline to re-employ pensioners issued by Government of India. We follow this guideline whenever a particular person/officer is to be re-employed.

Regarding Lunglei DIET Principal, there is job/functional requirement and this is the main reason why we re - employed pensioners or extend their terms. I think we are now clear about the criteria. The number of re - employed during this ministry is 23. In regard to fixation of pension age, the matter had been considered by the Cabinet and however, the Government decided to follow the same pattern. I would also like to make it clear that there is a nepotism. I think the hon'ble Minister can explain about the principal of Lungfei DIET.

**S P E A K E R** : Questions had been asked about pension and the hon'ble member's supplementary questions do not cover the main question. It is not necessary to answer all the questions. So, I will not allow this.

**PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, we want to clear things in the House. We must know that there is a good reason and I would like to inform the House that there is none to post from RE, RR for Lunglei DIET Principal. Regarding pension age, it is the norm we are following from Central.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question regarding fixation of the same pension age for Education and Technical Departments with other Departments is not properly answered.

**PU TAWNLUIA** : It is norms.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred question No. 44 is asked by Pu Lalrinzuala and Pu J. Lalthangliana, I shall call one of them to ask.

**PU J. LALTHANGLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question No. 4.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in - charge Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state -

- (a) The amount spent to distribute various sport materials during 1999 and
- (b) During 2000
- (c) The reason for stopping 25 % subsidy for sport goods.

**SPEAKER** : I shall call upon the Hon'ble Minister Pu B. Lalthlengliana to answer.

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, answer for starred question No. 44 is -

- (a) The amount spent for various sport materials during 1999 is Rs. 23.14 lakhs.
- (b) During 2000 it is 25.15 lakhs.
- (c) 25% is not subsidised, it is 75%. As there is no more fund, subsidy has been stopped.

**PU LALRINZUALA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it seems that in 2000 funds for sport is more than there was in 1999, but we received a notification that there was no more fund. Now we are in the month of January and we have February and March to go in the current financial year. How are we going to do with our youths if there is no more fund. Is there a way to make additional fund for this particular Department as it is the only department to rescue our youths from drug abuse.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, in 2000 December, District football sports was held at Aizawl but the Government could not give them any aids. Even in my constituency we had Zonal Sports in the month of October and the Government could not give even one football. We mentioned in this very House that more funds should be allotted for Sports Department as it is the only Department to give incentive to our youths, but no improvement had been made till today. I, therefore, would like to know why more funds cannot be allotted for Sports Department.

**SPEAKER** : I shall call upon Minister in - charge to answer.

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, as I am not the one to allot funds for the Department, I myself could not give any item for my constituency. Last year, we distribute for a longer period because we stock the materials we purchased for Rs. 23.14 lakhs. There are more than seven hundred villages in Mizoram. Sports goods are provided to these Villages besides, a number of Schools and Colleges were also given besides MLAs and Ministers. Even after our stocks were finished we gave for indent. But as our indent and former liabilities rose high, we decide to clear our liabilities which shorten the duration of our distribution. We gave notice to all MLAs about our inability to distribute sport materials on 13.11.2000. However, we issue some materials for exceptional case. In this connection, I would like to mention that fund allocation to buy sports materials is not that meagre, but as our interest in sports is growing up, our demand also grows and this results in shortage of supply of various sport materials.

**SPEAKER** : If it is difficult for the concern Minister to give the figure, I allow him to clarify it, but I do not allow other Ministers to clarify.

**PU P.B. ROSANGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, according to the answer given by the Minister, the main reason is shortage of fund. I would like to know if Finance Department can give additional fund.

**SPEAKER** : House Leader is allowed to clarify any queries while other Ministers are not.

**PU J. LALTHANGLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether the Sports Minister used to ask fund from Finance Department or he never does.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister said that fund allocation for Sport Department in this year is more than last year. He also mentioned that shortage of sports materials is due to utilization of fund for clearing liabilities.

In regard to fund, our plan fund and non - plan fund are increasing. However, since the implementation of Fifth Pay Commission we have little for others, this is the problem faced by even other states. (Pu Zakhu Hlychho : Planning Commission does not allow to use more than 20% of non - plan. Is it possible to use like that ?)

Mr. Speaker Sir, after the implementation of Fifth Pay Commission, 20% alone can not cover in any states requirements. As a result, some states decide to declare plan holiday. Meanwhile, Planning Commission said if plan holiday is declared, they can not give plan fund. So they have development fund just in name. As that is the case, we also can not give enough for this Department.

**SPEAKER** : Now I will call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask starred question no. 45.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 45 is -

Will the Hon'ble Minister in - charge Education Department be pleased to state -

Is the Government continue to give/provide lunch for Primary Schools?

**PU F. MALSAWMA  
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is the scheme of Central Government to give/provide lunch for Primary School and the State Government does not know whether Central Government is going to continue this scheme. If there is no alteration, it is expected to be continued.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Since it is the scheme of Central Government, I do not think that Central Government make an order to give poor quality of rice. If this scheme is to be continued, can a good quality of rice be given.

Secondly, the hon'ble Chief Minister said on 25.5.1999 at Vanapa Hall that he had already signed approval of non - Graduate Pay Condolation which is not enjoyed till today, I would like to know the reason for this.

SPEAKER : Please ask the relevant question otherwise we can degrade the dignity of the House.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as I am not asking about other Department it is relevant with my main question and our Ministers are familiar with their Departments. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, in regard to selection grade (Speaker : ask about Primary School). It's about Primary School. In January 1986, there was an order to upgrade Primary Teacher who had 18 years of service. This is not enjoyed by Middle School teacher. Why ?

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask supplementary question.

SPEAKER : If it is not about provision of lunch to Primary Schools I do not allow to ask.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is about provision of lunch to Primary Schools. Is there a policy for District Council. Will the same provision made in the District Councils area?

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, rice provided for lunch for School children is being taken even if it is not edible for human, it's being taken at least for animals. Since it is the policy of Central Government, can the Government of Mizoram give a better quality of rice ? And instead of giving poor quality of rice, can the Government give in cash ?

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, does this scheme mean only rice ?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not know the intention of Central Government. As it is for lunch, it is meant to be eaten during lunch - break. As rice by itself can not be eaten, I would like to know whether the scheme includes its preparation. Is there any scheme/proposal to provide lunch which can be taken during lunch - break ?

SPEAKER : Now I will call upon Education Minister to answer about only lunch.



**PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is important to know clearly about this cheme. This scheme is known as National Programme of Nutrition Support to Primary Education declared by Central Government on Independence Day, 1995. The scheme is planned upto 31st March of this year, 2001.

Rice is being supplied by FCI through Food & Civil Supply Department to every block including Chawngte Block. Food & Civil Supplies Department gives by 3 kgs each. That is all that Education Department knows about this. According to this, the beneficiaries are 97,283 children; so from 1.4.2000 - 31.2.2001 the amount of rice sanctioned for this is 29,184.90 quintals. Other than this, Education Department does not know what quality of rice had been given.

Regarding its preparation as asked by the hon'ble member from Saiha Constituency Pu Zakhu Hlychho it is an important question and we have asked about it in the NERCT Meeting held on December and they said it is most practicable to give in this way. Regarding the question asked by the hon'ble member from Buarpui Constituency, cash payment in lieu of rice is not permitted.

Regarding the quality of rice, I think the Minister in - charge, Supply Department will know better than me. The Department wishes to give best quality. I am sure some will get good quality while some may get bad quality. But we do not know what quality of rice had been sent by FCI. As I mentioned earlier, it includes Chawngte and if they do not get, they can ask from Supply Department.

In regard to the question raised by the hon'ble member from Saitual Constituency, I do not think the hon'ble Chief Minister did not use the word 'signed'. I think the hon'ble Chief Minister just said his decision.

Even the former Chief Minister gave assurance in the previous Ministry. However, the Department is considering this matter, as we do not have enough money, we can not do things quickly. I will be glad if the hon'ble member take notice that we reflect this matter whenever/wherever we can.

**PU H. LALTANPUIA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question no. 46 -

Will the hon'ble Minister in - charge Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state -

The number of street lights/lights made during 2000 - 2001 under Solar Photo Voltage Programme.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, during 2000 - 2001, provision had been made under work programme but we are starting the work only.

**PU H. LALTANPUIA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether there is a seperate wing to take up this work under Power & Electricity Department and the amount of fund sanctioned by NEC for this programme.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, we use to have power supply four or

five times a night. I would like to know the reason for this. And we the MLAs are given special connection but power supply we get is enjoyed by others as well and we have to pay Rs. 125/175 for special connection fee monthly, besides this our bills are made according to the metre reading which means we have to pay double for having special connection. I would like to know whether there is a way for paying double payment ?

**S P E A K E R** : Now I will call upon Chief Minister.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question asked by the  
**CHIEF MINISTER** hon'ble member Pu H. Laltanpuia, there is a seperate wing to look after Photo Voltage Programme for this programme. 50 lakhs rupees had been allocated from various heads. As finalisation of our plan fund is late we are going to start this work now.

I do accept the irregularities of power supply as mentioned by the hon'ble member Pu Zira, it is one of our main problems. I regret that even special connection creates problem for us, though we tried our best to benefit those who have special connection. However, it is not possible to solve our problem in power supply all at once, this requires a long term project.

For the power supply we receive from outside the Government of Mizoram lost crore of rupees every year. Just recently Power grid, NEEPCO and other also ask for our debts. This is a big problem for the Government of Mizoram and we try our best to find a solution to this problem.

**PU H. LALTANPUIA** : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether the hon'ble Minister could give priority to electrification of remote rural areas.

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

**PU ZORAMTHANGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, electrification of rural areas is our  
**CHIEF MINISTER** priority and 73 villages had been electrified but they need special maintenance. However, I would like to inform the hon'ble member that priority will be given even in future to electrify rural areas.

**S P E A K E R** : Question Hour is over now. We shall follow our business. Today is meant for Private Resolution and 11 resolutions had been balloted. As mentioned in Bulletin Part II NO. 97 Dt. 12.1.2002 we shall take up Pu Rammawia's resolution. His resolution is - To communicate Lai District Area, let Lawngtali - Sangau road be constructed by PWD. I will call upon him to move his resolution and he shall be given 15 minutes while other members will be given 10 minutes each. Now may I call upon Pu H. Rammawi to move his resolution.

**PU H. RAMMAWI** : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, in regard to the subject of

this Resolution which I have to move, I have to mention that it should not be moved if the previous Government pursued the case.

I, first of all, have to mention that the eastern and western part of Lai District, may be said as no Geographical connection as it is separated by Lunglei District and Mara District in between. There are 17 villages in the eastern area with 18 Village Councils. Since this particular area is the most populous region in Chhimtuipui District, the department of Food & Supply even faces a number of problems in catering food supply. One to lack of appropriate link road, food supply has been carried into this area inconveniently from Saiha during rainy season. Not only this, from Sangau, the Headquarter of my constituency, we have to take the road via S. Vanlaiphai, Darzo, Zobawk, Hrangchalkawn plus 88 kms long so as to visit Lawngtlai, the District Headquarter or from the south it is necessary to pass through more than 10 villages in Mara District. This mean that it is necessary to cover the distance that covers Aizawl to Champhai.

Moreover, as we already knew, the people in this area are poor because of lack of proper communication yet it is necessary for them to spend all they have in order to collect their essential commodities from Lawngtlai. In the previous Government, the department of PWD included construction of this particular road in the plan but unfortunately the work scheduled is out of trace since 1984 - 85. A reminder is submitted in that regard but to no effect.

As we have seen here in the Resolution I have submitted, it will not be a difficult task for the Government if it is obliged as proposed. The most curtail road from Lawngtlai to Sangau could be constructed by enrouting Chhimtuipui river. The most difficult part in that regard seems to be construction of bridge across this river since this river is known as the largest in our State.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the line is drawn in the previous years while it was first proposed but it is not similar with that of the idea I have now mentioned. It is important for the department to prevail appropriate survey of the route before starting the work.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I, therefore, beg to submit this Resolution for favour of passing here in this august House.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. As one of the concern members of this Resolution, I have to express my support for the member who submitted this resolution. It may not be necessary for other members to express their respective ideas in this regard keeping in mind the importance of this resolution.

In this connection, it is necessary to point out the backwardness of Lai District area. Not to mention the eastern part of the district, more than 30 villages of the western side also has not yet been linked by proper road. I, therefore, would also like to request the Government to consider the case of the western side while taking its step for the eastern side.

In this connection, I would also like to evolve the case of shifting of SDO office from Bualpui to Sangau. Since the hon'ble member of this Constituency Pu H. Rammawi have taken the initial part for the shifting, the angry people of Bualpui gives warning to him that revenge will be taken as soon as he visits their village. I am, therefore, afraid for the life of the concern member unless immediate step is being taken in regard to construction of this road. It may not be necessary for me

also to repeat the importance of this resolution as the concern member pointed out in detail. Though my suggestion for construction of road along Tuichawng river has been ignored by this Government, I would like to give my support in regard to this resolution submitted by Pu. H. Rammawi.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to mention that the Resolution submitted by Pu H. Rammawi deserves consideration as I too have known the problem of the people in this area due to lack of proper communication. The hon'ble member from Lawngtlai constituency seems to ignore this problem though it is the neighbouring constituency as he hardly have important point to raise in that regard. I personally have visited the area to get the idea for the best alignment of this route.

Unfortunately, the problem of this area has been ignored for the last ten years by the then Ruling Congress Ministry. It may not be necessary to repeat the inconveniency of the existing alignment of this route for which improvement is much necessary. I further have the knowledge about the Geographical feature of this area and there will be no problem in getting boulder stones for construction of this road as it is naturally available in the areas around. As we all know, the main reason for poor condition of the road to Tlabung is non - availability of ideal quality of boulder/stones in the areas around.

Moreover, Mr. Speaker Sir, from the economic and security point of view also, this route deserves much attention as large area of forest situated in this area which has now been used by Soil & Water Conservation Department for plantation of cardamom. Not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, if this road is constructed as planned, the areas around would also serve as one of the best picnic spots in the state. I believe the members who are familiar with this areas will not speak against this resolution.

Mr. Speaker Sir, you have seen now that members from the opposition too support this resolution and therefore deserve to be passed here in this House without much ado.

Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, point raised by various members before me were, as a whole appreciative yet certain members seem not to take this resolution seriously. I, myself would also like to support the resolution of Pu H. Rammawi as it concerns the construction of link road. In fact, I am always ready to support this kind of resolution since it is also much necessary in my constituency.

As already pointed out by the concern member of this resolution, if plan for construction of this road has also been included in work scheduled of PWD in the previous Government, it is clear this problem has also been felt long before this Ministry and it is the responsibility of this Government to pursue the plan which has already been started by the Government of the previous Ministry.

Regarding construction of this particular road, the most difficult part seems to be construction of bridge across Chhimtuipui river as the road would not be accessible during rainy season especially in times of draught. As we have experienced from the river Kawlchaw, it could not be crossed if bridge is built at water level. In fact I would like to propose amendment for this resolution for inclusion of the

I am, therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, standing here to propose construction of a permanent bridge as in the resolution while making my speech in support of it.

Thank you.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all have to express my appreciation for the chance to discuss the resolution concerning Chhimtuipui district. I do feel the problems being faced in this area. Since I was once living in Saiha for 10 years and I even counted myself as a part of it. The people in this areas received attention from the Government, yet there are number of problems which has not yet been solved, which instilled the minds of the people that they were no longer being taken care of by the Government for a certain period of times. This resolution of Pu H. Rammawi infact deserves a positive approach.

On the other hand, Mr. Speaker Sir, it is also important on the part of the Government to put immediate effort in this regard as the people in this areas suffers various hardship long enough due to non - availability of proper link - road. It is true that appropriate link - road is also needed in other parts but this particular area deserves priority.

In this regard it is to be noted that the construction will only cover about 70 kms which is much shorter by one - third of the distance covers by the existing link - road between Sangau and Lawngtlai. This will reduce much energy, petroleum consumption and also financially involved. This Government has made effort for the welfare of the people in the three districts yet it is much necessary to continue the work in future. It is not the policy of this Government to ignore the problem of the people in the remote corners. In fact, it is necessary for this House to understand that these three districts in the southern part also deserve concern of the Government as other parts of Mizoram.

If construction of this road is taken up as planned, it will be beneficial not only for the concerned persons but also the Government especially the department under my charge as Public Service Buses, would then be operated in that route. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, in this connection, I would like to remind the House that Transport Department is at the service for the public needs and therefore priority has to be given to this road.

Since the Resolution submitted by hon'ble member of Sangau Constituency concerns the people as well as the Government, I am giving my support for favour of passing here in this House.

Thank you.

**Er. K. THANGZUALA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, since this resolution is a multi-purpose project, I strongly support its passing.

Now, let me give brief points why this road could be called a multi-purpose project. Most of our roads here in our state are meant for the purpose of rural connectivity. As we have seen here in the map, in order to visit Lawngtlai from the Northern part of Mizoram, it is compulsory to enter Lunglei town inconveniently. But presently, BRTF has now taken step on construction of road from Hnaththial to Sangau and it is expected to be maintained in future as one of the important Highways. When it is finished, it will be much saved economically and energetically so as to visit the southern part and vice versa.

Secondly, the main problem arises out of non-availability of connectivity from Lawngtlai to Sangau is that it is a waste of time, and also energy and financial loss as there is alternative other than going via Saiha town in the south and Hnahthial in the north.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this route could also be availed profitably for Agricultural and Horticultural products. Generally, no natural resources could be found in our State except on the bank of the rivers. Hence, this prospect will bring connectivity for our farmers as well. It is very much delightful to bring about this idea while the government determines suitable plots of land for Agricultural and Horticultural development.

As we have listened, this route could also play an important role in Tourism development in our state as it will then be possible to connect 15 kms long stream of Kualthawli which is expected to serve as one of the sites of tourist attraction. In this river, there is a possibility to locate water sports facilities for our youths. We are fortunate to have this natural river for water sports which could be achieved without large financial involvement for the construction.

In regard to the development of Fisheries Department also, we have a good prospect as this fresh water river could serve as an ideal source for fishing and also picnic spot for the youths.

Last but not least, Mr. Speaker Sir, this road will play an important role in bringing up connectivity of the three Districts of the southern part and administrative convenience between themselves. If an expert engineer surveys the route, it will be much appreciated if the alignment is getting through Saiha district so as to improve better communication. It may not be possible to construct this route as state Highway standard yet it is necessary to do atleast as major District road standard. In this way, this road could serve as multipurpose route. I, therefore, express my desire to pass this Resolution unanimously here in the House.

Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA  
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I also have to make few points of my opinion in regard to this Resolution. Generally, the majority believe that this resolution will not be necessary to submit for discussion in the House as the matter has already been determined since the previous ministry. Yet it has now been moved to the House as one of the resolutions as it has not been accomplished. I, therefore, opine that this matter deserves special consideration of the House. If we look into the map, Lai District has been separated by east and west and the area of Saiha District in between. Not only for the concerned people in this area, this route will provide much convenience for the Government especially for Supply and Transport Departments.

Besides, as mentioned by various members, this road will play an important role in bringing about developmental works for this area. As already proposed by a member from Chawngte Constituency, it will be much appreciated if a permanent bridge is built across Chhimituipui river so that no problem is evolved especially in rainy season. Yet, it is necessary to determine the benefit of building the said bridge economically and administratively. It may not be wise to built a formidable bridge by spending large amount of money if the said is believed not to be resourceful for the Government.

Speaking of steps which has now been taken by PWD such as construc-

tion of National Highway from World Bank fund it is also necessary for the Government to determine upgradation of connectivity in the remote areas. Certain members repeatedly pointed out about the rich Forest of Chamdur here in the House, and in this connection, I would like to mention that it will be much resourceful for the Government if proper road is constructed in this forest.

If we examine this resolution from every corner, it is much necessary for the members to pass this Resolution unanimously here in this august House.

Thank you.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, though certain members have already pointed out the importance of this Resolution from different angles yet I would also like to add what I feel to be necessary.

In relation to the points raised by hon'ble Minister for Supply, it is good to encourage to have a resolution which has multi-purpose value. Since most of the important roads headed from north to south and vice versa, the location of our district Headquarter generally are far apart from the State Capital and this hampers the progress of our people as a whole. Keeping in mind this problem, we are fortunate to be able to extend our outlooks following this Resolution for the welfare of our people. It is, therefore, important for the members to give our support to this resolution no matter what party we belong since it is the utmost need of our state to develop interior areas.

As we have listened, this resolution is important from political, administrative, economical point of view and also from security point of view. If we look into the map, it is regretted to learn that Lai District has been divided politically and administratively due to lack of appropriate connectivity. If this resolution is passed unanimously, it will certainly pave the way for the development of the concerned people in this area and also for the Government as it will then be possible to maintain appropriate road communication especially for the department of Transport and Food & Civil Supply Department.

I, therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, have to express my opinion in support of this resolution and I do hope it will be passed here in the House unanimously.

Thank you.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : I first of all have to express my appreciation for the Resolution concerning connectivity of Lai District Council i.e. construction of road from Lawngtlai-Sangau submitted by our fellow member Pu H. Rammawi.

Not to speak of the necessity for our state as a whole, it is very important for Lai District since no proper connectivity existed between east and west of the district. It is much pleasing to bring the idea of construction of this particular road as the concern people in this area suffers long enough politically as well as financially. This road could pave the way for proper communication and it will also save wastage of energy and time. In fact, it is much necessary to achieve this plan. Moreover, this road could serve as alternative to the main road since blockade of road is our common problem especially in rainy season.

I, therefore, have to invite our fellow members and the opposition bench to support this resolution for betterment of our people in the remote southern part.

Thank you.

PU LALTHAN KUNGA : The time now is 1:00 P.M.. We will now have a  
DEPUTY SPEAKER recess and the Session will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

**2:00 P.M.**

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now resume our main Business. To start with, may I call upon Pu Lalrinchhana, hon'ble Minister to have his speech.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to thank for the chance to express my ideas in regard to the Resolution submitted by Pu H. Rammawi.

When I first came to know about this Resolution, it comes into my mind that the problem could be solved by Public Works Department without bordering to discuss it here in the House. But the details given by Pu H. Rammawi convinced me a lot and as such I also have to direct my speech towards passing of the resolution.

In the same manner, I even have felt the necessity to improve the road approaching to our main FCI Godown at Ramrikawn as more curtail road could be constructed via Sairang and PTC. Construction of road, as we have listened is therefore, no less important than this approaching road to FCI Godown at Ramrikawn. Hence, I opine that these two roads deserve to be given priority not just like other roads constructed under Rural Development Department and Public Works Department. As we have listened, it is very unfortunate, for the Government and the people in this area as there is no alternative approach other than getting through the neighbouring District Headquarter so as to visit the eastern part of Lai District from the Headquarter, Lawngtlai. To some extent, it could be said that the government also ignores this problem too long whereas demand is made a couple of times earlier.

I, therefore, expresses my opinion in brief in support of this Resolution submitted by Pu H. Rammawi.

Thank you.

PU LALRINZUALA : Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we are now discussing a resolution which has multi-purpose value. It is very interesting to discuss. The resolution if implemented as planned would serve a wide variety of purposes which includes all Buses under Transport Department. I, therefore, found that this resolution is simple enough for discussion and it prompts me to discuss this budget provision. I feel that this resolution is worth discussing. The resolution is "Lawngtlai to Sangau road be constructed by Public Works Department for better communication of Lai District Area". It seemed that the resolution means a short cut road. A short cut road was onstructed between Lunglei and Buarpui. But the road is now closed for lack of fund. Now, new



proposal is made for better communication in Lai District area between Lawngtlai and Sangau. It is worthy of discussion for Treasury bench as well as for opposition bench.

When I examine answer to unstarred question, Rs. 200/- lakhs is disposed off without call of any tender under Public Works Department. It is unfortunate that Sangau Constituency does not receive any amount. Aizawl to Marpara and Bnghmun route is also closed for lack of maintenance. To visit the western side of Mizoram, one has to go by foot. Sairang to FCI Godown road is also required to be maintained. While, there is lot of construction of culvert in different places, I feel that it is needed to be examined by the Committee on. Estimates for it seems that they are running in first gear to dispose of the funds. That's why, I feel that construction of such an important road should be carried out without further delay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I do sympathise with the hon'ble Members sitting at your right side for they seem to be failing to squeeze out money where needed from those who could provide. We are, therefore, praying on behalf of them as they had requested us for help. Let their cry be heard. If we see an involvement of fund for the supply of seedling it is about Rs. 4/- crores. In fact, it is unfortunate that money is spent where it is not so necessary but there is no money where it is needed. This is not good.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we knew the importance of the said communication. It's importance depends on the safety of life as well as the life of the hon'ble Members. I, therefore, support the resolution and want to pass it in order to start the work from tomorrow as the work is very urgent. That's why, let us give priority to it keeping in mind what I had just said.

Thank you.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I do support the resolution, "Lawngtlai to Sangau road be constructed by Public Works Department for better communication within Lai District Area". I think no one will oppose to this resolution. But I want to judge how we discuss resolution in this august House. Now, we have eleven resolution to be discussed. No one has any direct opinion. It may take us whole day for us to discuss if we have no concrete idea without having concrete idea, I wonder how would we pass it.

The contents of the resolution should be entered into the list of schedule of works under Public Works Department. I think this resolution is brought in this august House after failing to have it entered into the work schedule of Public Works Department which shows improper functioning of our State Government. The importance of having the resolution passed and implemented should be our priority.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, the resolution moved by the hon'ble member Mr. H. Rammawi has importance for his constituency as well as the whole of Mizoram. Considering likely expenditure involved, the resolution would be profitable for the Government. But we have a number of resolution to be discussed which is very important to us. I suppose that we should discuss no. 2 after this discussion. But the discussion is going on and we take the whole day. Even subjects outside the purview of the resolution is earnestly spoken. It appears that the resolution includes all subjects/ departments. No. 3 is also good for discussion. I feel that the Ruling Government applies a delaying tactic for avoiding the progress of the poor people of 80% of the population we should not neglect them as they are also human beings. Mr. Speaker Sir, the delaying tactic displayed by the ruling shows negligence of poorer section of the people.

While supporting the resolution Mr. Speaker Sir, my constituency and the hon'ble Speaker's are very poor in communication. We are the people of dark constituency, where the Great Bear of Star is twinkling and a number of many insurgency groups are rooming. The present condition is due to lack of good communication. A number of insurgency groups prevailed in Manipur who always come to Mizoram. My constituency is the gateway of Mizoram for them. Due to lack of good communication, police cannot pursue them even if they were informed. In fact, Chhimituipui District had only five constituencies, one in Chakma District and two constituencies each in Lai and Mara Autonomous District Council. Every year we had passed more than Rs. 300/- lakhs for them. Not only that, but also a number of development fund flows into Chhimituipui district from different departments since UT period. Besides these, many crores of BADP fund flows into it. If we look at our constituencies, the communication is very very bad. That's why, the Government of Mizoram should remember the backwardness of our constituencies while I am supporting the resolution.

Anyhow, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, a number of question is asked in this House but we always receive wrong information. That's why, I do not believe the Government would implement the resolution even if it is passed.

Lastly, I do support the Resolution - "Lawngtlai to Sangau road be constructed by Public Works Department for better communication within Lai District Area".

Thank you.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I do support the resolution  
MINISTER moved by Pu H. Rammawi. The importance of the construction of road between Lawngtlai and Sangau is clear if we look at the map. In fact, there could not be connectivity within an Autonomous District Council Area without the proposed road. Twenty - nine years had passed after the attainment of Union Territory and fourteen years after a State. I am sorry that the previous Governments of Mizoram including MNF Government had neglected the problem of Chhimituipui District. If the resolution is passed and implemented the people of Lai District Council will highly benefit by it. Not only that, but the whole people of Chhimituipui District as well as the whole of Mizoram will highly benefit by it. I wonder how can the hon'ble MLA of Lawngtlai said that the road is meant for running away of some person. He should not speak such doubtful thing. Anyhow, I am very happy that the Government as well as the opposition members support the resolution. I, therefore, do support to pass the resolution - "Lawngtlai to Sangau road be constructed by Public Works Department for better communication within Lai District Area".

Thank you.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to  
MINISTER speak a little. That's Sir, the hon'ble Members are the members who cannot be satisfied. It is clear from the discussion of the Governors Address. When MLA Election is over, the new Members informed the Newsmen to give importance to road communication. From my point of view, they had failed from expectation because they did not want to give me advice nor discussed in this august House in favour of road communication after Public Works Department is handed over to me by the hon'ble Chief Minister. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I am very happy for this resolution because it means that the House gives importance to what Public Works Department had given importance on road communication. There is a number of road communications left out by the former Governments during 24 years. I am very sorry for we did not complete the works

within one year. Now, the budget for the second year is not yet allotted. We were taking steps to complete the said work left incomplete by the former Governments. It is now, with the genuine leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister, National Highway is demanded for the construction of Mizoram Public Works Department. A hundred kilometer is given to us and the construction is completed successfully. The realistic persons praised the work of Mizoram Public Works Department while the work of BRTF is only to be good. They wondered the greatness of the Government of Mizoram in its work. Some may think that I give more importance to the constituencies belonging to the opposition members. Impartially, I did such work as I am responsible as a whole. On the other hand, I did not receive any thanks from them. Not only that, I also had committed work to be done in different places. Of which Buarpui road is also included. The Buarpui MLA had spoken in such a way that if it is not good or if our policy is not good we will stop the step taken in this regard.

Sangau road is now ready for construction. I do appreciate this resolution contributed by the hon'ble member of Sangau Constituency because the work of Public Works Department would become a reality. I, therefore, support and ask all the hon'ble Members to pass the Resolution - "The road between Lawngtlai and Sangau be constructed by Public Works Department for better communication within Lai District Area".

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Fifteen members had participated in the discussion of the resolution supporting it. Anyone else to speak against the Resolution?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Mr. H. Rammawi had brought into the House a resolution relating to the road between Lawngtlai and Sangau for construction by Public Works Department. I feel that it requires to be considered deeply and seriously. If the Government is unable to do it, it is not required to be passed. We all know the importance of the road for construction but if we can not implement it, we should not pass it. We should not simply pass any resolution just like a children's play, we should consider the matter deeply keeping in mind our financial position. In fact, after more than 20 years of UT we can achieve only a bridge over Kolodine river. Lawngtlai to Sangau road is about 70 - 100 kms long passing through no village. Not only that, but also it has to cross the river of Kolodine. Truly speaking, it is not very recommending to pass it. On the other hand, Public Works Department roads of Chawngte, Borapansuri, Ratu and N. Khawlek are now blocked since this Ministry is formed. Our roads need to be maintained, but no fund can be allotted for maintenance till date. Lawngtlai to Sangau road is already constructed passing through Kawlchaw - Saiha - Lungzarhtum - Bualpui - Lungpher - Rawlbuk and Chenral. This road is truckable with black topped. In this Computer age, no one thought of short cut method. It appears that this Resolution is meant for a short cut Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, let's not pass it without careful consideration. After some years hence, the new generation will condemn this House if this Resolution is passed or vice versa. In fact, I, myself support the resolution, but it is not good to pass if I think deeply as the proposal road passes through no villages which means only few villages will be benefitted by constructing the proposed road.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, this road was surveyed by Public Works Department and some part of it was constructed and it was now totally abandoned. That's why, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I feel that it is better the resolution be withdrawn by the mover. He, himself is an independent MLA supporting the Ruling Party. If it

is passed and not implemented he will move No - confidence against the Government. The mover is appointed Chairman of Public Accounts Committee. How did the Government appoint him for Public Accounts Committee Chairman? As provided by the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business is to be appointed from Opposition member. It means that the ruling party treated him as an opposition member. I request the Government to clarify his exact position. We should not do business in the House just like a child's play. We should remember that it is the highest authority in the State. The hon'ble Chief Minister and Public Works Department Minister know very well about the financial position in the State. There are a number of roads to be maintained which are now blocked. It is very good for passing but we should remember that we can't do them all.

As the Public Works Department Minister had spoken, road construction is done in my constituency without call of tender. It is very pleasing, but the work is not made for public but only for the contractors. As such, he had given wrong information in this august House. I want him to give true information in the House.

Thank you.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I realised the time I visited Sangau. To visit this place, we have to pass the road through Saiha and Bualpui 'NG'. It is the road constructed by BRTF. The importance of the resolution is that Mr. H. Rammawi, MLA of Sangau dared not visit its headquarter because he has to pass through Bualpui 'NG'. The reason is that Tuichhak Sub - Division is shifted from Bualpui 'NG' to Sangau which greatly disappoints the people of Bualpui 'NG'. Hence, construction of Lawngtlai to Sangau road is a must.

Now, the period of Financial airlock is over and we can use money from our own accounts. That's why, I think the work will be implemented if the resolution is passed. Tourism Department too constructed Tourist Lodge at Sangau. Tourist used to climb Phawngpui Tlang (Blue Mountain). When I visited Sangau I met a couple of Norwegian to climb the Blue Mountain. They want to see birds and trees there. That's why, this resolution is very important and appreciate for passing as the road will be short and direct. As the hon'ble Members said before, fishing too will be convenient at river Kolodine. In fact, circular road is very expensive and not good. A good example is seen in my constituency.

And Aizawl to Marpara road is now blocked and it is needed to repair as soon as possible, we should be able to maintain such road. And Sangau is also connected with Hnahthial, a passenger bus is flying between the two. Airfield for copter be constructed at Sangau for better conveyance of tourists as it is an important place in our State.

I also want to request the hon'ble Members to admit the problems faced by the people of far flung villages on road communication. In this connection, I would like to speak about Kanghmun road. It is fifty kilometres away from Aizawl. The road is already surveyed and fund allotment is appeared to be ready but the road is not yet constructed till date. The concerned Minister had spoken about it and I request him with thanks to take immediate action.

Lastly, there is a notable thing on this road. That is, the meeting point of Tiau river with Kolodine is very worth seeing. A legend said that seven couples had broken their marriage - tie for this meeting point. If we pass this resolution, let us implement the work which will show the honour of this House.

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I feel that there is something to be clarified. Pu R. Lalziriana had spoken about Pu H. Rammawi. I request all the hon'ble Members to know and keep the honour of this august House. Pu Zakhu Hlychho, Public Accounts Committee Chairman, filed a petition against the hon'ble Speaker in the court. Then his Chairmanship deceased automatically. Pu N. Chakma was appointed for the said post but rejected. Pu H. Rammawi was, then appointed for Chairman, Public Accounts Committee because no other members are convenient for the appointment.

Now, seventeen Members spoken the resolution may we pass or continue our discussion. What's your opinion?

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Zakhu Hlychho.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, this resolution is very very important. But I am very sorry for the answer of this resolution. It must be humiliating to discuss it. Not only that, but also the people as well as MLAs of Chhimituipui District are degraded in this regard. If we want to speak about the resolution we should speak to the point with its relevant connected items. It appears that the member have taken an advantage of the discussion to say whatever he wanted. Being Legislators in the State, we should do nothing in such a hasty way. If it were my resolution, I will surely withdraw it. But being a man, I think he would not withdraw it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, what I want to speak is that this road is firstly borne in the minds of the people of Lai District. When Pawi - Lakher District Council is to be divided I was fortunately CEM in that District Council in 1972. The Boundary Commission came and surveyed the areas. The authority of Lai District Council requested us to give this area for construction of connectivity for Lai District. This area includes the land of three villages namely Tuipui Ferry, Rammibawk and Phalhrang. But we did not agree to this request because these three villages were belonging to the Mara people. After a long discussion, we were favoured against the matter. That's why, Tuichhak and Tuithlang area of Lai District had no connectivity properly. As I had spoken, it was considered recently. The former Government too considered about it. Jeepable road was constructed upto Sahrichhuah from DRDA fund. But this road is to be passing through the river of Kolodine at its widest place. As such, there may be a serious problem. In regards to crossing the river, it requires marboat including more than ten labours, which is very expensive. The former Government had made provision in the budget for surveyance and investigation of this road. But the Government considered various difficulties involved such as river crossing problem, many cliffs on boths sides of Kolodine and its long distance etc. After considering all the acute problems involved that the Government abandoned the policy. That's why, it is required to consider deeply as a large amount of money is to be involved. We also have to consider whether the Government would benefit economically. It appears that we are going to pass this resolution. I am afraid that we would be a laughing stock to pass a resolution which we cannot implement due to non - availability of fund. It is true that we, the people want to have this road constructed and the people needed the road very badly. It will therefore, be pleasing if the resolution is passed and fund for its construction be provided in the next budget and the work be entered into the list of schedule of works of Public Works Department.

Thank you.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Personally my knowledge for this resolution is very limited. However, from what hon'ble members before me have mentioned, I am able to gather my opinion. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, whatever project the Government proposed to take up, there should be a well laid out master plan. Therefore, there should be a 'Road Master' plan for Mizoram. Then, according to the importance of the route, the government will be able to take up the project.

Hon'ble member from Tawipui mentioned about the importance of this route. However, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if the route was important, why has the government not included in the master plan? The hon'ble Public Works Department Minister supported the resolution, and even gave assurance that, it shall be taken up. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, what I would like to mention here, is that, the hon'ble member should have gone to the hon'ble Public Works Department Minister, instead of bringing the resolution here, in the House, as they both agreed to the importance of this route. So, also, it looks like the government, just take up projects according to their priority list, and not according to its importance or plans. There is no proper system, and proper plan for any project in this government. They take up project according to the pressure received for a particular project.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, in the Governor's speech, it was mentioned that, Techno - Economic clearance for Bairabi Hydrel Project have been received. However, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Techno - Economic clearance was received way back in the year 1998. Therefore, I don't see the need to highlight this, in the speech. I expect something more in the Governor's speech.

Lastly, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to support this resolution.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we shall call upon Pu Sanghmingthanga.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. Since I am not familiar with the area, I thought of supporting the resolution without making a speech. However, I would like to mention few things. Friday is private member's resolution day. Whether it is ruling or opposition member, private members have the privilege to submit their resolution. Therefore, even if ruling members submit their resolution, it is not a government resolution.

Then, coming to the road - Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, from what the mover have mentioned, it is clear that Mara District and Lunglei District falls on the way. Some of the hon'ble members stated that, the mover, was suggesting that the road should not enter any village. But from what I heard, the mover was very careful with his word, that was not what he meant, we all know that, therefore, the route of the road, according to me should be dealt by the expert, they shall decide which village the route shall enter and they shall find the shortest means of the route. So that farmers, from the area can reach the market with their products more easily. Therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, where there is good communication, the people of the area can expect development. At present position, development for the area is for reach. Therefore, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, as it seems that we all agree to this resolution. I would suggest if we could take the vote for this resolution now.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It's now 4 : 00 P.M. Now we shall call upon the House Leader to wind up. Then, we shall call the mover of the resolution.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Today we are discussing about the construction of Lawngtlai to Sangau road. This road seems to be very important as 40 members of this House are discussing the resolution the whole day. However, Mr. Deputy Speaker, if we look from different angle, we are wasting time in discussing such small issue in the House. The first member from the opposition bench who made the speech today, clearly said that, since it is a very important route without discussing much we should vote for the resolution. However, the treasury bench are not interested, they however wish to waste time on this resolution.

Today, in the question hour, we heard the House Leader, mentioning that, it is impossible to finance for new footballs to be distributed. So why are we wasting time on this resolution, since there will be financial difficulties with this project too. Therefore, we should vote against this resolution.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : In the usual parliamentary practice, the Minister - in - charge usually does not take part in discussion. However, the Minister took part and was supporting the resolution which is not the usual practice in the parliament. Only when the Speaker feels the need for clarification, the Ministers are then called for clarification in private resolution.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, since the Minister had given his assurance, in this regard, this resolution needs not to passed in this House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is not parliamentary practice. Resolution has to be passed in the House.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : I have witnessed parliament session. There is usual practice and convention in the Parliament House.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the opposition leader thinks that he is a teacher. He is trying to inculcate in us that after the speech made by the opposition leader, it is not conventional to make speech in debates.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : There is usual practice, the dignity of the House should be uphold.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : According to seniority wise, I have been sitting there at the opposition bench. Several times, as you do. Therefore, there is no need for you to charge senior members like a child.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Stop. I'll use whatever I want. Now we shall call upon the House Leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. Hon'ble member  
CHIEF MINISTER from Sangau, today had moved a resolution for better communication in his constituency. From what we have heard there is no direct road within the Autonomous District Council. Most of the members spoke for the resolution, therefore, I'll not repeat the same.

We know, the state is facing financial problem at the moment. However, the Central had asked the State Governments to make project for rural road, they had given us guide line for this project. It is seven year project. Therefore, we will try and include in the next budget if possible. It's not only Mizoram, it's the whole of India. Therefore, as I've said, it's difficult from our Annual Plan Budget, but we will to manage somehow. Therefore, I support this resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we shall call upon the mover of the resolution to ask for passing or withdrawl of the resolution.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all, I should thank the hon'ble members for supporting my resolution. Only hon'ble members from Saitual and Ngopa constituency were speaking against the resolution, but even they towards the end of their speech were not against the resolution.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I, therefore, request this august House to pass my resolution. In the year 1983 - 1984 budget, it was included in the work schedule, but unfortunately it was rejected in the House. I, therefore, request hon'ble members to pass my resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now take vote on the private member's resolution moved by Pu H. Rammawi. Members who agree to pass the resolution may say 'yes' and those who do not agree may say 'no'.

The members have unanimously agree to pass the resolution.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is an important announcement to be made. The 4th Mizoram Legislative Assembly Session has come to an end. During the four days of sitting 134 starred questions have been submitted and 132 were admitted. 60 questions have been taken as list of business, out of which 14 questions were replied. 19 unstarred questions were received in which all were admitted. With the 54 starred questions taken as unstarred questions the total number of unstarred question has come to 73. We have 2 Government bills. The Mizoram Finance & Government Settlement Bill, 2000 which was



handed over to the Select Committee which has submitted the first reports to the House. After the House approved the report, the name is changed as, 'The Mizoram Land Holding and Land Settlement Bill, 2000'.

The second government Bill, 'The Mizoram Ancient Monument and Archeological Sites and Remains Bill, 2001' was considered and passed by the House. Er. K. Thangzuala, Minister has laid on the Table the report and annual account 1998 - 99 on the Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board. Others are The Mizoram Sales Tax (Amendment) Rules 2001 by Pu Lalchamlia Minister, The Mizoram (Prevention and Control of fire in the Mizoram Village) Rules 2001 by Pu H. Vanlalaiva, Minister and the statement laid by Pu C. Sangzuala Chairman from the 8th report of the Public Undertaking.

Important Reports are laid on the Table of the House, Chairman of Bussiness Advisory Committee has submitted the reports of the Business Advisory Committee. Pu Lalrinchhana has also laid the first report of the Select Committee on 'The Mizoram Tenancy and Government Land Settlement Bill, 2000'. Pu H. Rammawi, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committe has also laid the 5th & 6th Report of the Public Accounts Committee. Pu Lalthan Kunga, Chairman, Estimates Committee has also laid on the Table of the House the first report of the Committee.

Pu C. Sangzuala has moved the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address and was discussed in the House. As requested by the mover of the Motion, the House has unanimously approved the motion. Pu Sangthuama, Minister of State has stated that 'Aizawl - Buarpui (NG)' quoted on the 22nd para of the Governor's Address was an error. However, the House have no authority to correct the error without the consent of the Governor. As such, the matter was processed by the concerned Minister and informed the hon'ble Chief Minister that the Governor's consent was already taken accordingly. I now inform the House that the error, 'Aizawl - Bualpui (NG)' is corrected as 'Saiha - Bualpui (NG)'.

Out of the 44 private member's resolution submitted 30 are admitted. Resolution no. 1 moved by Pu H. Rammawi was passed by the House.

As a Speaker, I want to share my gratitude to the Minister and their concerned departments for enabling to reply all the questions sent to the departments. Once again, let me express my gratitude to all the members. The House is adjourned. Sine die.

The House was adjourned sine die at 4 : 10 P.M.

T. SAIKUNGA  
Secretary.

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