

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND & BUDGET SESSION OF THE SECOND  
MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. 15TH MARCH, 1989 TO  
31ST MARCH, 1989.

FIRST SITTING ON 15TH MARCH, 1989

PRESENT

PU HIPHEI, SPEAKER at the Chair, 4 (four) Ministers  
and 14 (fourteen) Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

2. THE SPEAKER to announce that Pu Lal Thanhawla vacated 25 - Lokicherra Constituency Seat.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

3. THE SPEAKER to report to the House the Time-Table settled by the Business Advisory Committee.

PANEL OF CHAIRMAN

4. THE SPEAKER to announce names in the Panel of Chairman.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

( Bills for introduction )

5. (a) PU LAL THANHAWLA to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Sales Tax Bill, 1989-90.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill.

- (b) PU LAL THANHAWLA to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram (Sales of Petroleum & Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit & Lubricant) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1989.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill.

- (c) DR.H.THANSANGA to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1989.

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to introduce the Bill.

- (d) DR.H.THANSANGA to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1989.

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SPEAKER : "So again, have I purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the House of Judah; Fear not. These are the things that you shall do; Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgements that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, says the Lord."

Zecchariah 8:15-17

We shall go on to question and answer. Let us call upon Pu Lalbiaka.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, I ask question No.1

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

- (a) Whether the site for the Construction of Saikuti Hall has been settled.
- (b) If yes, where and what is the number of the Pass.
- (c) When will the construction work begin and be completed?

PU ZALAWMA : Pu Speaker, for the answer to  
MINISTER question -

- (a) The site for the construction of Saikuti Hall has not yet been settled.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Revenue Department is unable to answer.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, Saikuti Hall has been named since the P.C. Ministry. Various Ministries have proposal for its construction. But it is a shame that even the site for its construction has not yet been settled. Therefore, I would like to request the new Ministry to consider this and to give even an assurance to us.

Regarding this Hall the people of Lunglei thought that the site would be at the Quarter Guard. However, the MNE Ministry decided that the Hall is to be constructed at the sites of the Revenue Office and the S.P. Office I would like to ask whether this could be altered and the Hall be constructed at the site of Quarter Guard.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, As the Hon'ble Member before me had mentioned the site for the construction of Saikuti Hall has been left to the Lunglei Town Advisory Committee headed by the then Deputy Commissioner, Pu P.Lalnithanga. In 1985 the application for grant of Quarter Guard was sent to the Directorate. But, according to the reply of the Hon'ble Minister, It seems that application was lost. Therefore, I would like to ask whether that could be investigated and find the culprit and whether the government would take actions against the one who was responsible for the lost.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, Supplementary Question. To construct a Hall, It is necessary to have a perfect plan for it as it can makes the city grand. So, in this regard, I would like to ask whether plan has been made for its construction.

PU ZALAWMA :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the construction of Saikuti Hall has been considered and is under discussion since 1985. But, the Lunglei

Town Advisory Committee has some difficulty regarding the site. And also, the previous Ministry had nothing to recommend regarding the site. Therefore, the matter has been kept under pending since then.

During the years 1985-86 the Congress Ministry tried to take steps for this. But due to the changing of the Ministry the proposal made by the Town Advisory Committee was not carried out. At present, since the Town Advisory Committee has no proper application submitted for it, the Department is not in a position to take action.

As the Hon'ble MLA of the Buarpai Constituency had suggested the Lunglei Town Plan and the Town area Public area encroachment would soon be enquired by the Revenue Director after this Session.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANCA :

Pu Speaker, during the Congress Ministry of 1985-86 location of site for the construction of Saikuti Hall was settled at

the Children's Park area. When the MNF came into power, this had been cancelled and the leaders of the MNF had distributed this area among themselves. Is this true?

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU :

Pu Speaker, It seems that Saikuti Hall has no place in Lunglei. So, I would like to suggest that as soon as the

Session is over the Hon'ble Minister (Revenue) should settle the site. If not when the new Ministry arises, there will be new ideas and plans.

PU P.LALBIAKA :

Pu Speaker, Supplementary Question. The reason for suggesting Children's Park area for the construction of Sai-

kuti Hall is that during the rule of the MNF, the Ministry intended to distribute the area to individuals. This had not been agreed by the Chandmary YMA and the whole Societies. So, to preserve the Children's Park area, the area was reserved by the Deputy Commissioners

Office. If that is so, the old sites for the Offices of the S.P. and the Revenue Office could be used. Therefore, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister that when the Director of Revenue visits Lunglei, could this matter be settled once and for all.

PU ZALAWMA :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the area of the Children's Park is too narrow for the construction of a Hall. So, as we heard last from the

Town Advisory Committee, when the site is chosen necessary action will be taken. We cannot make an allotment order till the Town Advisory Committee has decided the site for its construction.

As the Hon'ble MLA of the Ngopa Constituency had stated the name Saikuti Hall was given during the P.C. Ministry. It is very regrettable that the Ministry gave only the name.

SPEAKER :

We shall go on to question No. 2 Pu Zosiana Pachuau.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker;

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

- (a) The number of Meghawatts required for the electrified towns and villages in Mizoram.
- (b) The number of villages targetted to be electrified during the current financial year of 1989-90.

PU LAL THANHAWLA :  
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the answer to question -

- (a) is 31 (thirty one) Meghawatt.

For the answer to the second question as the number of villages targetted to be electrified during 1988-89 is 52, and for 1989-90 it is 55.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, Out of the 31 Meghawatts needed, what is the number of Meghawatts produced by Diesel Engine and what is the number of Meghawatts taken from outside ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA  
CHIEF MINISTER Pu Speaker, about 20 Meghawatts has been received by Diesel Engine. 8 Meghawatts from outside.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask whether the targetted 65 villages to be electrified are being indentified.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, for the information of the Hon'ble Member. The number of targetted villages to be electrified during this year is 52. Out of the targetted 52 Villages, 27 Villages are being electrified. Another 25 Villages are intended to be electrified in the Current Financial Year. But, we have met some difficulty in collecting the materials. And, the 25 Villages are not identified as a whole.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the first question is what will be the source of power for these Villages to be electrified.

The second thing is, as we are short of power source, in these villages only the fitting will be done, but will the power connection be done as well.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, wherever there is an electric fitting there will be power connection. At present we have a little trouble with the supply of power because our Transformer in Lokicherra needs slight repair.

There is proposal for setting up of a 12.5 M.V.A. Transformer in Zemabawk from which we can get an extra 10 Meghawatts. And also from Jeribam 132-K.V. Line has come. These are the main power sources.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, Are we going to have more Diesel Engine in this Current Financial Year?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, since the Diesel Engine becomes too expensive, It has been discouraged in India. But during the Prime Ministership of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, we are sanctioned more than 2 (two) crores as the Prime Minister recognised our difficulties. That 2 (two) crores rupees was not raised up. So, with that money the Government intended to have a Mini-Hydel Project.

SPEAKER : We have finished our two questions for today. I shall now make an important announcement. During the Election Pu Lal Thanhawla was nominated from two seats - Serchhip and Lokicherra. He was elected from those two constituencies. As demanded by the Rules of Election, he had to vacate any one of the two. On the 3rd of February, 1989, I received a letter from him stating that he decided to vacate Constituency No. 25 - Lokicherra. After it was accepted the number 25 - Lokicherra is left.

In this matter, I have issued a Notification. You all must have got it by now.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, we, the members do not get the Gazette Notification copy.

SPEAKER : The Notification copy was officially issued. If there is anybody who has not yet get the copy I want you to inform the office. According to the Indian Constitution Article 174 - Part I, the Business Advisory Committee had a sitting on the 6th March to discuss and make arrangement for the Second and Budget Session to be held on the 15th March, 1989 as called by the Governor of Mizoram. The Committee again had a meeting on the 10th of March and settled the programme for the Second Session as follows:-

The Session will last for seventeen days. The sitting will be had daily except on Sundays and holidays. Fridays will be for private members business except when there is an important government functions or on holidays. Since the 24th of March is Good Friday, the Committee decided the 17th March for the discussion of Private Member's Business.

It is expected that the Supplementary Demand for 1988-89 and the Annual Budget for 1989-90 and its related papers would be laid on the 23rd March, 1989. Monday, the 27th March will be for the discussion and voting of Supplementary Demand for 1988-89 and the Appropriation Bill of 1989 and also for the discussion of the 1989-90 Budget.

Tuesday, the 28th of March will be for the discussion of the Budget. The next three days the 29th, 30th and 31st March would be for the discussion and voting of the various Demands. But the final decision regarding the above time fixed will be made by the Speaker.

So, the Business Advisory Committee settled the time table for the Budget Session as follows :-

15.3.1989 (Wednesday) for question and answer.  
16.3.1989 (Thursday) Question and Government issues.  
17.3.1989 (Friday) for Private Papers.  
18.3.1989 (Saturday) and 19.3.1989 (Sunday) are Holidays  
20.3.1989 (Monday) for discussion of government issues.  
21.3.1989 (Tuesday) is also for Government issues.  
22.3.1989 (Wednesday) is Holi  
23.3.1989 (Thursday) for Supplementary Demand, Annual Budget for 1989-90 and Allied Papers.  
24.3.1989 (Friday) is Holiday (Good Friday)  
25.3.1989 (Saturday) and 26.3.1989 (Sunday) are again Holidays.  
27.3.1989 (Monday) - 30.3.1989 (Thursday) for Discussion of the Budget.

The Session will be over at the 31st March, 1989. Are we all agree with the Time-Table made by the Business Advisory Committee ?



PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, I think the programme set by the B.A.C. is good enough. According to the Rules of Procedure the Speaker of the House will Chair the Business Advisory Committee. Besides, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister and other Member will also be included.

I feel very sorry that since the date that programme was made no M.L.A. from the MNF Party has been selected for the members of the Committee. It is heard that the MLAs of the MNF Party intended to boycott this coming Session.

The people elected the MLAs to represent them. These elected members have to discuss the budget for the coming year. So, if these MLAs are not going to appear in the Session. It would be very disappointing for the people they represent.

All the Members of the House took Oath to safeguard and preserve the Indian Constitution. During the Assembly Session, each member has daily allowance and T.A. This has given me an idea that if one refuses to be present in the Assembly Session what will be the use of having all these allowances. As the Salaries and Allowances Amendment Bill is to be presented to the House today, I would like to suggest that those members who refuse to be present in the Assembly not be given their salaries. Therefore, I would like to suggest again that the programme set out by the Business Advisory Committee be accepted by this august House.

SPEAKER : Are we all agree with it? Now the House has agreed with the programme made by the Business Advisory Committee.

Now we shall proceed to our next item. Our Chief Minister has two Bills to introduce in the House. They are the Mizoram Sales Tax Bill, 1989 and the Mizoram Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products (including Motor spirits and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1989. Let us call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, our Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce his two Bills.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I beg to leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram (Sales Tax Bill, 1989 and also to introduce Sales of Petroleum Products including Motor Spirits and Lubricants Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1989.

SPEAKER : Do you agree? (Members agreed).  
Let us now call him to introduce his Bills.

PU LAL THANAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you for permitting to introduce the two Bills. I hereby introduce the said two Bills.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Dr.H.Thansanga, Parliamentary Affairs Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce his two Bills.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (A amendment) Bill, 1989.

SPEAKER : Are we agree to introduce? (The Members agreed). Let us call him to introduce his two Bills.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I hereby introduce the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1989.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call him to beg leave of the House to introduce his other Bill, The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1989.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the  
MINISTER House to introduce the Mizoram  
Salaries and Allowances of the  
Ministers of the Legislative  
Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1989.

SPEAKER : If we all agree let us call him  
to introduce. (Members agree).

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I hereby introduce  
MINISTER the said Bill to the House.

SPEAKER : Let us distribute the copies  
we now have four Bills to  
discuss. For today the  
meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.