

SECOND SITTING ON THURSDAY 16TH MARCH, 1989.

PRESENT

PU HIPHEI, SPEAKER at the Chair, Chief Minister, 8 (eight) Ministers and 15 (fifteen) Members were present.

LIST OF BUSINESS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. PU LAL THANHAWLA to lay on the table a copy of each of :-
 - (a) The Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year 1985-86 relating to Government of Mizoram.
 - (b) Appropriation Accounts, 1985-86.
 - (c) Finance Accounts, 1985-86.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

(Bill for introduction)

3. DR.H.THANSANGA to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Salaries, Allowances & Pension of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1989.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill.

SPEAKER : The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, If you keep the Commandments of the Lord, your God, and walk in his ways.

Deuteronomy 28:9

Now, we shall take up question No.3 by Pu Lalbiaka.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, my Question No.3 -

Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to reply -

What steps have been taken by the Mizoram Government for the Kautlabung (Tuikhawthla) Micro Hydel Project ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the answer is that
CHIEF MINISTER the Preliminary recognising survey for the Kautlabung Hydel Project has been finished. The final survey would be had next year.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, Supplementary question. I feel very happy with the answer. But, I would like to ask whether the "next year" he mentioned meant this Financial Year.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, Yes.
CHIEF MINISTER

PU VANLALNGENA : Additional Question. Pu
DEPUTY SPEAKER Speaker, the Government has an intention to proceed with the Bairabi Hydel Project. But, many farms and roads will be damaged because of it. It seems that the Tuivai Project would be more profitable than the Bairabi Project and in Tuivai no roads or farms will be damaged and the project be able to provide more power than Bairabi. I would like to make a question in this regard whether Tuivai could be projected rather than Bairabi.

PU VANLALNGEAKA : Pu Speaker, At present the Maciham Micro Hydel Project is going on near N.Vanlaiphai village. This Project has been started since the previous Congress Ministry. I would like to ask when this project would be completed.

SPEAKER : The Questions asked as Supplementary Questions are all big questions. The two questions just asked were not exactly connected with the Starred Question. Therefore, we shall consider the questions as irrelevant. The Fourth question by Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, my Starred Question No. 4. -

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Law, Judicial and Parliamentary Affairs Department be pleased to state -

- (a) The total amount of fund allotted by this Ministry for Car loan and Building loan for the MLAs for the year 1988-89.
- (b) Can the Money be drawn now?

SPEAKER : The Minister in-charge may reply -

DR. H. THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, for the year 1988-89
MINISTER Rs. 7 (seven) lakhs has been allotted. For the answer to the second question, as soon as the Revised Estimate is passed by the House the Money can be drawn.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : The allotment must be more than 7 lakhs, Has the other department consumed some of them?

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, he did not address the Chair and cannot be regarded as a question.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Supplementary Question, Pu Speaker. According to the reply of the Hon'ble Minister 7 (seven) lakhs is there for Car and Building Loans. Will the members who accepted only the post of MLA, who took oath, but refused to be present at the session be included?

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we have only the MINISTER provision but no rules, so the allotment cannot be spent now. 7 lakhs has been allotted for priority. This 7 lakhs is only for this year. After the financial year more would be available for all the members.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, Does it mean that the 7 lakhs is for the Car loan and Building loan of the MLAs? It seems that Rules had been finished longtime back. I also like to state that if the Car and Building loans are under the dealings of the Parliamentary Affairs the Members will face lots of difficulties regarding loan forms, and filling up the forms and others. The loan forms have to be applied to the Parliamentary Affairs. In this regard how is the Ministry going to take steps?

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, out of the 7 lakhs MINISTER allotted, 4 lakhs is for Car advance, the remaining 3 lakhs as building loans. The forms are also available and some forms are already submitted. According to the Rules Parliamentary Affairs has to deal with this matter. But as the respected members had discussed earlier, the matter had been transferred to the Assembly Secretariat for it is more convenient instead of having Parliamentary Affairs handle. Also, there has to be slight amendment to the rules and the amendment need not be passed by the House. In the next session the Rules may be laid on the table of the House. That is the intention of the Ministry.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, Is the Act need not be amended? If the rules has to be amended, it seems that the Act has also to be amended. Why don't we introduce the bill today along with the Parliamentary Affairs Bill to be submitted today? In that way it would be easier. Otherwise the Members will face the same old problems.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, there is no need to amend the Act as the Act itself is alright. Therefore, only the rules will be amended and after that it will be ready for use without amending the Act.
MINISTER

SPEAKER : Question No. 5 by Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, my Starred Question No.5.-

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

What steps have been taken in Mizoram for operation blackboard?

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we have not received sanction for this. So, I cannot reply the question. In 83 Schools, Building Grant have been given. Pu Speaker, if the respected member wants to know this in detail he may contact the Office.
MINISTER

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, Can you please tell me only the names of the Schools that got building grant from Hnahthial Block?

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Since Hnahthial
MINISTER Block is in the Second phase,
no sanction has been received
and cannot be told now.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, regarding the selec-
tion of the Schools to be given
Building Grants, it seems that
the person who made the selec-
tion had no on-the-spot verification before making selec-
tion. Selection has to be done carefully. Therefore,
Pu Speaker, I would like to know the Criteria.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, regarding the selec-
MINISTER tion, the Inspectors and the
C.E.Os are supposed to make an
inspection and report realistic
assessment. But the Government does not received any
of the report. Regarding the criteria, the grant has to
be given only to those who really need it.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker I would like to cla-
rify a few things. Regarding the
selection of Schools to receive
grants. I would like to know
what kind of Officers are sent to make verification and
report ?

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, one of the objects
MINISTER of operation blackboard is to
have two rooms school building,
have verandah, and should also
be good enough to accomodate boys and girls seperately.
Each School should have at least 2 teachers of which
one should be female. The School should also have
teaching and learning materials. The selection has been
made blockwise.

Five Community Development
Block are selected which cover 166 Schools. That is the
first phase. In the first phase, 166 Schools are se-
lected, and 87 Schools are given grants in Rs.62,100/-
each. 25% of the expenditure will go to the N.E.C. So,
for the first phase the N.E.C. will take up 80% for
which sanction had already been made.

At present the second phase is under proceedings. 273 Schools are selected. The Building Grant will cover 93. For the third phase survey has been going on. This is the present condition.

PU SAIKAPHTIANGA : Pu Speaker, what are the names of the five blocks and where are the 93 buildings built?

PU VAIVENGA : Pu Speaker, Do you mean the Secondary School, or an Elementary School? Can you please explain?

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, It means Primary School which is an Elementary School. The selected blocks are Ngopa, Thingsulthliah, Reiek, W.Phaileng and Serchhip Blocks for the first phase. For the second phase Tuipang Block, Hnabthial, Chawngce, Lungsen, Bunghmun and Lawlnuam Blocks are selected.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask a short question. Is it possible to distribute the copies of the names of the Schools that got grants?

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the Government has its own procedure, but distribution of the copies may be done unofficially. Anyway if we all get in contact with one another we can do it in a better way.

SPEAKER : We now have finished our questions for this morning. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla has some papers to lay on the table of the House.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, with your permission,
CHIEF MINISTER : I laid on the Table of the House,
a copy of each of :-

- (1) Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, for the year 1985-86.
- (2) Appropriation Accounts 1985-86.
- (3) Finance Accounts 1985-86.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The copies may be distributed to the members. We shall go on to our next item. Dr.H.Thansanga has a Bill to introduce. Let us call upon him to beg leave of the House to introduce.

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

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

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you, with
your permission, I now introduce to the House the Mizoram Salaries & Allowances and Pension of Members of Legislative Assembly Amendment Bill, 1989.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed to the members. We now have finished for today. Our Sitting for today is adjourned. We shall continue the meeting tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.