

THIRD SITTING ON 17TH MARCH, 1989 (FRIDAY)

PRESENT

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

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Resolution

2. (a) PU P.LALBIAKA to move his resolution -  
"The Mizoram Government should start the Construction of State Highway on the Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei Road."  
(b) PU F.MANGHNUNA, to move his resolution -  
"This Assembly is of the opinion that the Mizoram State Public Works Department Roads from Diltlang - Chawngte and Rotlang - Chawngte be handed over to B.P.T.F."

SPEAKER : "We, who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbour for his good to edify him; For Christ did not please himself."

Romans 15:1-3

Let us now call upon Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, I ask Starred Question No. 6.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state -

The percentage of Aizawl population covered by Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme.

- SPEAKER : Let us call up the Minister in-charge.
- PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, Aizawl Greater CHIEF MINISTER Water Supply Scheme covered 45% of Aizawl population.
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, has the Scheme covering 45% of the population or is it suppose to cover 45% of the population.
- PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, this Greater Water CHIEF MINISTER Supply Scheme is expected to cover 45% of the population of Aizawl.
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, How is the Govern- ment going to support the remaining 55%.
- PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, while this Water CHIEF MINISTER Supply Scheme was prepared the population of Aizawl was about 80,000. But now the population has increased to 1,00,000. Therefore, more than 55% are put to phase-II.
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, How many Vehicles are used to supply water to the people who are not supported by the Greater Water Supply Scheme.
- PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, At present 30 Vehi- CHIEF MINISTER cles are used officially. Out of which 27 Vehicles are servi- ceable.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : CHIEF MINISTER

SPEAKER : Pu F. Manghnuna to ask Starred Question No.7.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : CHIEF MINISTER

PU F. MANGHNUNA : Pu Speaker, I ask Question No.7. -

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

If it is correct that the Planning Commission of India had separately allocated Rs.100 lakhs only for Electrification of Chhimtuipui District in 1987-1988? If so, how was it spent?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Speaker, It is correct that Planning Commission had separately allocated Rs.100 lakhs for Power Projects in the Chhimtuipui District during 1987-1988. It was spent for augmentation of Diesel Power Stations in the District.

SPEAKER : Pu Zosiama Pachuau to ask question No.8 -

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, to be replied by the Minister in-charge, Local Administration Department, I ask

Question No.8-

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

- (a) The number of families which will be benefitted under the EWS in Mizoram during 1989.
- (b) Number of beneficiaries selected district-wise, eg :- Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhimtuipui District.
- (c) Norms for the selection of the beneficiaries under EWS.

SPEAKER :

Let us call upon the Minister in-charge to reply -

PU ZALAWMA :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, (Speaker : Before you answer will you please give the meaning of EWS ~~is~~) EWS means Economically Waker Section.

- (a) 100 household approximately
- (b) 60-families in Aizawl, 20 - families in Lunglei and 20-families in Chhintuipui District.
- (c) There is a governing rules for the operation of this small loan known as the Mizo (Small loans to EWS) Rules 1983. Application are invited from those families who do not have GCI Sheets roofing and whose annual income do not exceed Rs. 4200/-.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU :

Pu Speaker, I would like to ask what the Rules is.

PU ZALAWMA :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, According to the Rules, the Department will invite application and those applications would be scrutinised by the same. And then among the nominees there will be a selection of families to get the loan. Each selected families would get a loan of Rs.5,000 with an interest of 5%.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU :

Pu Speaker, where would the application be submitted? The Hon'ble Minister had stated that loans are not favour able as it is difficult to pay it back for the poorer sections. But I would like to say that as the interest is only 5% is it possible to give loans to as many families as possible. Many families are in need of the loan.

PU VANLALNGENA :

Pu Speaker, families selected to get the EWS loans are supposed to be given loans in order that they could have a better house to live in particularly they are given GCI Sheets as a loan for their roofing. Is it possible to give them free of cost ?

PU ZALAWMA :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the application may be submitted to the District Offices. There is a suggestion for the encouragement of this loan. But giving loans to the backward and weaker sections will only add to their burdens since they have to pay back. So, it is not very encouraging for the Department. The Department carried on with this loan as it is from the Central Planning Commission.

PU LIANSUAMA :

Pu Speaker, According to the answer of the Hon'ble Minister, It seems that if loans are given out in large amount, the share for the poorer section become less; Therefore, If loans are lessen, Re-settlement and Rehabilitation would increase. So that the condition of the poorer section could improve. In that way the poorer sections could get grants not loan.

PU ZALAWMA :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, regarding Rehabilitation, the State Government demands grant to the Central Government. From the Grant received from the Central the EWS is introduced, therefore, what I mean is the share of the weaker section is taken from the Grants received from the Central.

PU VANLALNGENA :

Pu Speaker, EWS means "Economically Weaker Section." Therefore, EWS is for the improvement of the Weaker Section. What I would like to ask is whether it is possible to give grants to the Weaker Section, but not as a loan.

PU ZALAWMA :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, according to the EWS Scheme the Weaker Sections are to be helped by means of loan not as a grant.

SPEAKER :

Starred Question No. 9 by  
Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : I ask Starred Question No.9 -

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

- (1) Reasons why teacher of deficit Middle Schools and High Schools and Colleges have not enjoyed triple benefits.
- (2) Whether the Government take steps in this regard.

DR.H.THANSANGA :  
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, for the answer to the first question, In the Triple benefit Scheme, not only the Government but also the Managing Board of the Institution has to bear the fund. Even if the Government has agreed to this Scheme, the Managing Board also to take part in it.

For the answer to the second question, an alternative arrangement was sought for giving much better benefits to the teachers of deficit aided High School and Middle School in Mizoram. The following Rules/Regulations/Scheme are being processed. The Law Department has already vetted all the said rules, Regulations and Schemes and they are now in the Finance Department for vetting.

- 1) Mizoram Aided School Death-cum-Retirement-Grativity Scheme.
- 2) Mizoram Aided School Contributory Provident Fund Regulation.
- 3) Mizoram Aided School Management Rules.
- 4) Mizoram Aided School Employment Rules..
- 5) Mizoram Aided School Amended Grant-in-aid (For recurring and non-recurring Grant-in-aid) Rules.
- 6) Mizoram Aided School Amended Fee Compensation Rules.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU :

Pu Speaker, Supplementary Question. The Teacher of the Deficit Middle Schools, High Schools and Colleges have no security of service because the Government does not provincialise these institutions. During the previous Congress Ministry, there was a provision for this. But due to the introduction of the Educational Bill, the triple benefits Scheme of the teachers are forgotten

According to the Hon'ble Education Minister the Triple Benefit Scheme cannot be carried out due to shortage of fund. But in the case of the Gandhi Memorial High School in Champhai, the teachers enjoyed this triple benefit scheme even before Mizoram became an Union Territory. Does this mean the Managing Committee has surplus fund ?

Another thing is in the Mizoram Board of School Education, there is the Triple Benefit Scheme and this Scheme is being implemented with the Government's fund. If this is so, why can't the deficit Middle Schools, High Schools and Colleges enjoy the benefits under this scheme.

DR.H.THANSANCA : Pu Speaker, regarding the G.M. MINISTER High School in Champhai. I have no knowledge of the scheme being implemented there. But it is quite clear that this scheme can be carried out if there is mutual agreement between two parties.

Regarding the MBSE, it is an autonomous body, and the institutions and the MBSE are not scrutar. Their position is also quite different. So, these two cannot be compared while we have so many institutions we have only one MBSE body.

Regarding the Education Bill, Draft has been already made since 1987 But, to look at the draft clearly, it is not the best thing to do for our state. Therefore, instead of this Bill, we think it would be better to revise the rules, like Death-cum-retirement, gratuity and the Contributory Fund. This does not mean that it is the best thing for the teachers. But, if there is any defect, it could be altered.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister just mentioned that the G.M. High School in Cha mphai is enjoying the Triple Benefit Scheme because of mutual agreement between the concerned bodies. I would like to know the two bodies and also the accord. Regarding the other scheme. If two bodies have agreed are they supposed to be benefitted ?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalhuthanga.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I agree with the Hon'ble Member of Hnahthial Constituency as it is relevant. I would like to make a question regarding the Deficit Schools while some Schools have 6 or 7 teachers\some have only 4 or 5. They keep asking to the Department for more. Is the Government trying to supply more teachers to these schools.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, regarding the agreement made by the two parties in G.M.High School in Champhai, the two parties are the School Managing Committee and the Government. In the Triple Benefit Scheme, as the Managing Committee has to contribute, it also has to agree with the Scheme. Regarding this particular School, the Committee agrees to make contribution, so the two parties made an agreement.

Regarding teachers in deficit Schools, allotment of teachers is made according to the strength of the students. Schools with large number of students have more teachers and small strength of students have small number of teachers.

Now, the Mizoram Aided School Amended Planning Rules has been revised. The division of section depends on the strength of the students. If students are have divided into sections the School needs more teachers. After proper inspection and all the necessary assessment are made, it will be considered.

SPEAKER : Pu Vaivenga.

PU VAIVENGA : Pu Speaker, I think our problem regarding the triple benefit scheme can be solved by provincialising these aided schools. Has the Government intends to provincialise these aided schools.

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Pu Speaker, as stated by the Hon'ble Education Minister, the number of teachers in a School depends on the number of the students.



Regarding the schools in my Constituency, In Khumtung and Baktawng Villages, there are High School and the Khumtung High School is older than the School in Baktawng. But, when Craft Teacher and a Hindi Teacher are given to Baktawng High School, the Khumtung High School is not provided with the Craft and Hindi Teacher even though Khumtung High School deserves it. We have demanded for a Craft Teacher and a Hindi Teacher to the Government several times, still the department does not take action. Therefore, I would like to ask what criteria has been used in this regard.

SPEAKER : I would like to remind members that for each Starred Question, only 8 Supplementary Questions are allowed according to the Rules.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask and make suggestion to the Hon'ble Minister.

First is regarding the security of service of the teachers. Some teachers have been servicing for 17 or more years. So, is it possible to provincialise. These Schools or to implement Mass Provincialisation Policy for these Schools ?

If this is not possible, what about raising of their salaries ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, How many Middle and High Schools have been listed for upgradation to deficit School in the Current and the coming year ?

How is the Department going to take actions against teachers who neglect their duties ?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Vanlalngena

PU VANLALNGENA : Pu Speaker, in the last elections, some of the deficit School Teachers had been campaigning for ZORO in my Constituency. Is this against the Law? One of the High School Headmaster in my Constituency has not attended School this year since the beginning of the session and remains in Aizawl. Is it possible to take action against him.

SPEAKER : Let us now call the Minister to answer all the question being asked.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, for answer to the question of provincialisation of deficit Schools. I would like to state that the Government have not considered this matter yet. Regarding shortage of teachers in some of the Deficit Schools, this may be because of the transfer of teachers. Regarding the Craft Teacher and Hindi Teacher, the matter would be reconsidered.

Regarding leave, and negligence of duties by some teachers this is connected with the question of provincialisation of Middle and High Schools. Whenever a teacher neglects his duties the Managing Board is there to call an explanation. But in the case when the Managing Board failed to control that particular teacher; the Board could make a report to Higher authority.

In the Aided Rules, there is provision for teachers not to get involved in politics. Not only the Government School Teachers but also the Government Aided School Teachers are not to take any part in the politics, it is against the Aided Rules.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Speaker, at present, the financial condition is very bad. So, I have no knowledge of how the higher authority is going to take action regarding the upgradation of Schools into deficit schools.

SPEAKER : Pu Rosangliana, one of the Members have submitted his leave as he is suffering from fever. I announce that his leave of absent is granted. We shall go on to our next item. Today we have two Resolutions to move. Let us now call Pu P.Lalbiaka to move his Resolution..

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to move my Resolution - "The Mizoram Government should start the Construction of State Highway on the Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei Road."

SPEAKER : He is already permitted.

PU F.SAPA : Pu Speaker, I would like to support the Resolution. The Resolution is really needed by the people of Lunglei District.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, I fully support the Construction of State Highway in the Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei Road as this is necessary for the people of Mizoram.

PU F.MANGHNUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I fully support the Resolution of the Construction of Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei Road, as it is the most important highway in Mizoram. If this State Highway is constructed communication and administration will be improved. Therefore, I would like to request this august House to pass this Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there anyone else ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, after Pu Hari Kristo has finished I would like to stand again.

PU HARI KRISTO CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I support the Resolution of Pu Lalbiaka. The construction of State Highway in this road is necessary for the people of Mizoram. If this State Highway is constructed the transportation and communication would be greatly improved.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Minister in-charge.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, we all know that the road under discussion is important I would like to assure you that this road will be given priority. As mentioned by the Members not only the road itself but also for the betterment of the people the construction is important.

This road is 171 kms in length. If State Highway is constructed, the road would be shortened by 65 kms. During the 4th Five Year Plan and the 5th Five Year Plan the existing road had been mentioned as "District Road". At present our state has a Road Development Plan in which proposal is made to name it as state highway. For that the PWD had submitted its proposals to the Planning Commission. But, before the Planning Commission has approved the proposal, it cannot be carried out as there will be no sanction of fund. According to the proposal, about 19 crore would cover the construction. This is the present condition regarding this road.

In the Aizawl - Thenzawl Road 54 Kms is under soling and metalling and 38 Kms is under black topping. The approximate expenditure for this road during the 5th Five Year Plan is 405 lakhs, and 365 lakhs during the 6th Five Year Plan and 451 lakhs during the 7th Five Year Plan.

At present, the soling and Metalling has been done in the Lunglei - Thenzawl Road of which 25 Kms is finished 230 lakhs has been sanctioned for the coming Financial Year. The formation topping has been finished except the rocky portion.

In the speech given by the Prime Minister, he had stated that he recognised the importance of that road and that his Ministry would try to improve it. On the 9th of last month, the Minister of State for Home had conducted a meeting in Delhi in which I was present. There, the Minister said, "The Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei Road is being given commitment by the Prime Minister, therefore, priority should be given". So, the matter has been under consideration by the Central. However, when the matter is carried on at the Central level, we have nothing much to do here in the State level as the higher authority, even the Prime Minister himself had given his commitment to take steps in this regard. But, we have to know that we are not to sit tight and only wait for the result of his commitment, but we are to take steps by making proposals.

Lastly, I would like to request the respected member to withdraw his Resolution although the matter has been discussed for a certain period. This does not mean that the Resolution is not good enough or unnecessary, but because the matter has to be dealt with at each level. So, I request him to withdraw the Resolution. And I would also like to request him to understand it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call Pu Lalbiaka. He is requested by the Minister in-charge to withdraw his Resolution.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to give my gratitude to this August House and to the Chief Minister and respected members for giving explanation regarding my Resolution. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our Prime Minister and Home Minister for their commitment.

A large amount of fund has been allotted for this in the next financial year. In order to have the Government carried out the task, I withdraw my Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.Lalbiaka asked for the permission to withdraw his Resolution. Do you agree? (Members agreed) We have two more Resolutions. Let us call Pu Manghnuna to move his Resolution.

Regarding the Resolution of Pu Manghnuna, I would like to say that as Chawngte is the Sub-Divisional Headquarters good roads have to be connected with it. As we know, bad roads leads to convenience in administration. Besides, the people living in that area are backward people. Therefore, good road is greatly needed in that area as regular supply of daily needs are to be supplied.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu Mari Kristo Chakma. This Resolution is very important and in every Session, this matter is always discussed.

The road from Rotlang to Chawngte is about 20 years old and yet there is no improvement. The road is only 55 Kms. But, It is a shame that no improvement can be seen within 20 years. As there is no proper road goods and food supply can not reach its destination easily. Sometimes we have to hire private vehicles which cost Rs.1200/-.

If the construction of these roads are handed over to the BRTF. I hope there is a chance of having good roads in the near future.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to say a few things regarding the Resolution of Pu Manghnuna with my support.

The Resolution of Pu Manghnuna shows that the construction of good and new roads is greatly needed in that area. That road has been looked after by the P.W.D. for more than 10 years, still, we are discussing it at the House today. This shows the importance of the road in discuss. Therefore, the Government should give first priority in this regard. Without distributing funds in every corner, funds should be spent in order of importance. In this way we could have improvement in every directions.

PU ZALAWMA :  
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, as we have nonwater-ways, no air-routes, roads communication should be given priority. That is why this Resolution has to be considered and clear up soon. Regarding this Resolution. I would like to make a suggestion that if our Engineers make proper scheme and plan the P.W.D. Department could have easily done their

PU F. MANGHNUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you for permitting me to move my Resolution. My Resolution is "This Assembly is of the opinion that the Mizoram State Public Works Department Roads from Diltlang to Chawngte and Rotlang to Chawngte be handed over to BRTF".

I would like to give a few comments regarding my resolution. Chawngte is the Chhimtuipui District Sub-Divisional Headquarters as well as the Chakma District Council Headquarter. Therefore, the roads which connect Chawngte are highly important. But, the roads connecting Chawngte are very bad and are only Jeepable roads. During the rainy seasons. It is very difficult to go through these roads. The construction of roads from Rotlang to Chawngte is under the PWD which is about 40 Kms. But only about 12 Kms is completed. The road from Diltlang to Chawngte is also very bad and is not even Jeepable, not to mention truck. So, I have the opinion that if these roads are handed over to BRTF organisation the construction would be faster and will improve. Therefore, I would like to request this August House to pass my resolution that the said roads be handed over to the BRTF.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Resolution of Pu Manghnuna has given me a lot of thinking. Why cannot the P.W.D. finish the construction of Rotlang to Chawngte and Diltlang to Chawngte Roads? In this matter it is necessary that the higher authority should check ourselves. This failure is not the fault of only the Department but it must be our fault. We have passed many good Resolutions in the past but they always failed to accomplish it. Therefore, it may not be the best idea to hand over the work of our Engineer to BRTF. If free hand is given to the Department concerned by the Hon'ble P.W.D. Minister. I am sure the Department would accomplish the work sooner or later so, although the Resolution is quite good. I would like to request the Hon'ble Member to withdraw his Resolution.

PU P. SIAMLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to comment on the Resolution of Pu Manghnuna. I agree with the Hon'ble MLA of Ngopa Constituency that the higher authorities are responsible for failure of carrying out the plans for development.

duties. I think proper scheme is what the department lacks. If proper plans and scheme are there the construction of these Roads need not be taken over by the BRTF. Time Bound Programme is what the Department needs.

PU VAIVENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in this Resolution, it is clear that we trust the BRTF more than the PWD. Therefore, there is something to reform in this department. This department has been run with our own budget since 1972. But, many works have been left unfinished. If this department take steps like the BRTF has done, it would be different. One of the main causes of the failure of the PWD is the contract system. Therefore, we should lay stress on mechanization. If contract system is followed, the authorities should have regular supervision. So, to improve the present condition, the P.W.D. has something to change in their system.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the Minister in-charge.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Resolution of Pu Manghnuna is "This CHIEF MINISTER Assembly is of the opinion that the Mizoram State Public Works Department Road from Diltlang - Chawngte, Rotlang - Chawngte be handed over to BRTF".

We have been listening to various suggestion from the Members. What we have to know is that the BRTF has got a bigger amount of fund sanction than us. It is also a Central Organisation with better machinery. That is why BRTF cannot be compared with the P.W.D.

The new Ministry has a plan to take new steps regarding the time bound programme. We now have better facilities like good machineries with this we can move faster.

As stated by the Hon'ble Member of Tawipui Constituency, the Department is unable to move faster due to the unnecessary involvement of the Ministers. This kind of thing will not happen in the new Ministry.



Regarding the Diltlang - Chawngte road, the length is 31 Kms. At present 10 Kms is Jeepable road 80 percent has been done with formation topping. It is still progressing since 1981. It is not due to the Department but due to shortage of fund that it cannot progress rapidly. There is also a proposal for the increase of fund.

The Lungsen - Chawngte road is 53 Kms. in length and has been under construction since 1974-75. It is proposed for trackable. The formation topping is finished except the rocky portion. The department planned 60 lakhs for its fund.

This matter has been taken up in the Central Level like Minister of State for Home, Defence Ministry and the surface Transport Ministry. If it is necessary, Mechanised will be applied. Therefore, for the time being we shall take the matter as it is. But we all have to remember that, this new Ministry will try its best to carry out this problem. And I would like to request the Hon'ble Member to withdraw his resolution not because, that it is not necessary, but we have to think of the Central.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu F. Manghnuna.

PU F. MANGHNUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I know that my resolution is a big issue which involves the Mizoram Government as well as the Central. I am very much happy to learn that the Chief Minister and my fellow Members have supported me in this regard. Also, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had explained of how the Government is taking steps towards progress, therefore, with great confidence to the Ministry I withdraw my resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : With the request of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Manghnuna asked the permission of the House to withdraw his resolution. Do you all agree? (Members agreed). We have two resolutions which were both withdrawn. We have finished our programme for today. We shall resume our meeting on Monday at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.