

SECOND SESSION OF THE SECOND MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY : 1989.

11TH SITTING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST, 1989.

PRESENT

PU HIPHEI, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 8 Ministers and 15 members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

2. Pu C.L.RUNLA, Minister in-charge Environment and Forests Department to move Official Resolution in the following form :-

"In pursuance of Clause(1) of Article 252 of the Constitution of India this House resolves to adopt the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 (No.53 of 1988) as passed by the House of Parliament".

S P E A K E R : The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God and I will exalt him.

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Question No.41 Pu Zoramsanfliana.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Supply Department be pleased to state -

- (1).The present stock position of rice in Mizoram.
- (2).How many quintals are stocked at present ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, the overall stock
MINISTER position of Mizoram is satisfactory. The number of stocked
at Vairengte amounts to -
10,955.01 quintals. The total stock in Mizoram amounts
to 23,882.24 quintals.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary
questions . What is the additional requirement for the
coming monsoon ?

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, What is the present
position of rice stock in Vairengte godown and Zuangtui Godown respectively ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, our monthly requirement is 75,000 quintals . We
MINISTER have asked for our Monsoon stock and the Government of
India has allotted us our two (2) Months quota which we
are preparing to lift now.

Usually, we always keep a stock of 10,000 quintals in Vairengte. However, recently the Contractors have lifted this in the new higher rate and in the mean time the new stock from Gauhati has not arrived yet. It is being despatched new from Gauhati. Pu Speaker, Zuangtui Godown is being used as a Transshipment Godown. The new stock arrivals are lifted instantly and therefore stocks are not kept except one or two trips.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the retailers feeding areas are fed from Zuangtui Godown . Does it mean that they will have nothing to lift ?

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. Who are the Contractors who are responsible for lifting supplies from Gauhati and Silchar ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, it does not mean
MINISTER that the retailers feeds should be without stock to lift. It is because the FCI did not issue proper order to lift supplies from Gauhati. However, that has been settled. As for the names of the Contractors, I am sorry I cannot give their names here, If the members so desires, he may come to the Office and we will furnish it.

- PU F.SAPA : Pu Speaker, a supplementay question. I would like to know the present stock position of Lunglei Godown ?
- PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question. If rotation system is to be applied, then does it mean that Retailer feds such as Rawpuichhip, Lengpui, Lengte, Rulpuihlum, Chungtlang and Dapchhuah will have to starve?
- PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I cannot tell exactly what the resent stock position is Lunglei. If the member desires to know he may be furnished with the details in the office. There is no question of starving for the said retailer feds , they will recieve their quotas in rotation.
- PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, there are many Retailers in Aizawl who take their quotas from Zuangtui Godown. All the Retailers expect to take their quotas every week. It takes a long time to rotate and this poses a big problem. The best way to meet this problem would be to construct Godowns at places like Rawpuichhip and Lengpui etc. From where the retailers can draw their quootas . The rotation system is what we criticise. It takes too long to rotate out even once. It is also a big problem for retailers who lift their quotas from short distances about 80 km. Their quotas are too heavy for jeep loads and too light for hiring trucks . How can this problem be solved ?
- PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, many godowns were constructed during the disturb-ances. However, there were great losses and it was decided that the number of Godown should be minimised. That is how the Retailer feds have come to being. Regarding the rotation problems faced by the retailers, the Government will find ways to solve the problems. The present number of godowns in Mizoram are about 200 post creations are being discussed in the Supply Department. The Govern-ment is considering how the best administration can be made lighter .
- PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Speaker, we always speak of the past things may have been difficult during the disturbances but things are different now. Would it not be a good thing for the government to construct more godowns if the need arises ?

PU VAIVENGA : Pu Speaker, there is great scarcity of rice in Chawngte and the surrounding areas. In spite of this scarcity there are some contractors who have sold it in black market. What measures does the Government intend to take to improve the rice scarcity? Is the Government aware of these facts?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question please. We find a provision of Rs. 15 lakhs in rural Godown. It appears that Rawpuichhip and Lengpui godowns are not to be used for stocking supplies. What I do not understand is the provision for rural godowns while the principle is to minimise godowns.

PU F.SAPA : Pu Speaker, it is learnt that Buarpui and Tuichawng areas are suffering great scarcity of rice. If there is not enough stock in Lunglei godown, would it not be the best thing to strengthen the stock in Lunglei so that it will not be necessary for the Retailers to lift straight from Aizawl?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, If there are many malpractices regarding rotation of supplies, the Government will look into the matter. The Government is also enquiring into the matter of the contractor at Chawngte. Most of our godowns in the rural areas are not RCC Building and need repair. Provisions have been made for such repairs and re-building. The Government will also inspect the godown at Rawpuichhip as it is no longer fit for utility. Regarding the changes for carrying contractors for Dampa, Rengpui the Bill has not been issued. The Government is interested in strengthening the stock at Lunglei godowns as suggested by the Hon'ble member, Pu F.Sapa. The latest information I received regarding the stock position at Lunglei Godown is over 1000 quintals at present. The Congress Ministry has chalked out a programme to improve the supply conditions in Mizoram, Contractors have been newly appointed and we expect good performances from these Contractors.

S P E A K E R : Question No.42 Pu Liansuama to ask.

PU LIANSUAMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state -

(a). How much money was given as Rehabilitation to the MNF Returnees who came overground as a result of the Memorandum of Settlement between the MNF and the Government of India ?

(b). Is there any intention of the part of the Government to sanction more ?

PU P.SIAMLIANA
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the amount of Rehabilitation already paid to MNF Returnees who came overground as a result of the Memorandum of Settlement amounts to Rs.3,13,74,000/- only.

(b). Regarding more sanctions, it depends on the agreement negotiated between the Government of India and the Government of Mizoram.

PU LIANSUAMA

Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. On the 3rd March 1988, a Supplementary Budget was laid out in the House in which Rs.14,80,00,000/- was provided as payment to MNF Returnees for their rehabilitation. This was passed by the House on 7th March, 1988. At that time we were in the Opposition bench. The Session ended on 27th March, 1988. On 31st March, 1988, the whole amount was drawn from the State Bank of India and deposited in the Apex Bank. Before the end of June last year, the money was tempered and some amount was distributed among the MNF Returnees. Only a small sum was distributed from the provision of Rs.14,80,00,000/- How did the MNF Leaders Pu Laldenga utilise the rest of the provision ?

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA

Pu Speaker, the House sites at Maumual, Chaltlang were allotted to MNF Returnees without consulting the owners. Passes were issued to them along with the money to construct houses. However, it has to be learnt today that these MNF Returnees have sold their plots. It means that they do not need it. If that is the case, will it not be possible to return these house sites to the previous owners in Chaltlang?

PU P.SIAMLIANA
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, yes there are many talks about the Ex-gratia Money being drawn from the State Bank of India and deposited else where. I cannot give an answer to this vague matter. The Hon'ble MNF Leader might have distributed the provisions in his imagination. We cannot say what is going on his mind. I cannot tell you how and where the rest of the provisions have been utilised.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, it is exactly as the member from Phuldungsei said, that Rs.14,80,00,000/- was passed in the Supplementary Demand last year, we know the member of MNF Returnees and the money distributed does not tally with the recipients. Therefore, the remaining money must be somewhere. The Department of Finance should know its whereabouts even if we do not.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, as far as we know, it was transferred from the State Bank of India to Apex Bank. However, the account number was not disclosed to us. For the information of the Minister in-charge Co-operation I would like to know the account number of the Rehabilitation Minister in the state bank. I would also like to know when and by which account he withdrew from the Apex Bank, and also who benefited from the interest of Rs.9 lakhs thereof. I am sure the answer will not be available today. However, I intend to ask this same question in the next Assembly for all the world to know. If it was credited again I will understand because it will mean that the money was used to pay the over-draft. I understand that it may not be possible to answer all this in the House today. What I want to say is that I intend to raise this question again so please be prepared.

PU P.SIAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, we are aware that Rs.2.20 crores were utilised as Ex-gratia payment. Regarding the Bank Account number inquired by the Hon'ble member, the authorities concerned will try to find out as soon as possible.

Due to lack of close relationship and openness among us, it is impossible for me to give a clear cut answer, however, we shall try our best to uncover what ever we can.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

Whether the Government has traced the whereabouts of the missing 1,30,000.00 quintals of rice during the MNF Ministry.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, the Government of Mizoram has traced out 7527.49 quintals out of the 1,30,000.00 quintals missing. The remaining 1,22,472.51 quintals are completely un-traceable.

PU LALHUTHANGA : Pu Sepaeker, a supplementary question please. It was reported in the House last year that the exact amount of supplies produced from the FCI and the amount lifted. As the Hon'ble member from Ngopa stated it was known that a very different type rice quintals in the form of notes was received in the Godown. Has that been traced down or not? What does the Government intend to do about it?

PU VANLALNGENA : Pu Speaker, does the Government intend to investigate the missing 1,22,472,51 quintals?
DEPUTY SPEAKER

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question. What about the persons responsible for receiving only Challans in stead of rice quintals? What about the SDO Lawngtlai who countersigned the Challana?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker as I have already stated, only 7,527.49 qtls. were traced out of the missing 1,30,000.00 quintals. Regarding the challans, the Government of Mizoram is carrying out investigations. The Co-operation of the Hon'ble members of this House is solicited in this matter.
MINISTER

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker my question. Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge General Administration Department be pleased to state -

Whether the allegation that in the General Election 1989, the Ngopa Ballot Box was counted before the driver reached Aizawl?

PU LAL THANAWLA : Pu Speaker, the answer to that question is 'No'.
CHIEF MINISTER

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. Presuming it is true that the Ngopa Ballot Box was opened before it reach Aizawl. Can you tell us the number of votes obtained by Candidates of each party?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, the question itself was not very clear. It asked whether the Ballot Box was counted before reaching Aizawl. In that case, the Ballot Boxes are usually two in number. Counting them would not be anything worth mentioning.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, the question is about the Box. However, it is understood that there are some contents in the Box. What we would like to know is whether or not the consent of the Candidates were obtained before opening the Ballot Box ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the question of counting the Ballot Boxes itself is relevant. This is because there are some people searching for empty ballot boxes. The presiding Officers for Ngopa polling station was Pu K. Zachhunga Deputy Director, Accounts and Treasury. He left Ngopa station for Aizawl at 7:00 AM on 22nd and reached the receiving counter at Aizawl at 13:15 PM. without any hitch. It usually takes about 9 hours from Ngopa to Aizawl. The Presiding Officer used ZRG 1901 for the Election Duty and the driver was Rinawma s/o Lungmuana Electric Ramthar Veng. There has been no complaint regarding the safety of the Ballot box. It was sealed by the Presiding Officer in front of all the party agents alongwith their signatures. On reaching the receiving counter at Aizawl, it was inspected by the Election Agents, Counting Agents and Candidate Agents before opening the sealed boxes. When counting started, it was done by many Officers who re-counted the votes many times. Results were announce only after the votes were tallied and recounted. Therefore, when the results were declared and they lost, the only thing left for them was to complaint.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question please. There were five rejected votes. There were rumours that M.N.F. candidates ordered their people to drop one rupee notes in their ballot paper. If so, would it not be collected offense ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, these are just rumours and we do not pay much attention to them.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, According to the Chief Election Officer, special Training was given to a number of Presiding Officer at Circuit House Annexe. Who were these Presiding Officers and how many were they ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, training is given at CHIEF MINISTER Vanapa Hall and for those who are very new, training is again made for them at Circuit House Annexe. About 21 Ballot boxes were left there which was found out on the day votes were cast. These empty boxes were returned to the Deputy Commissioner under the strict custody of Police and Political party representative. Therefore, false allegations such as empty ballot boxes found in the room of Santosh Mohan Dev were totally fabricated.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, my question has not been answered. I asked about the special training and the list of those who participated in the training.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I shall furnish CHIEF MINISTER that later.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, there has been rumours that a Ballot Box was found near Bung Bungalow which was regarded in a video film. However, this video film was seized by the C.I.D. I would like to know if the government has seen this video film, or whether there is any such film to be seen.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, there was not a single CHIEF MINISTER ballot box missing during the elections. Not a single Candidate or agent reported any such missing ballot box. If a ballot box has been found near Bung - Bungalow, it might have been that of Mr Rama Rao or Devi Lal. The Government is not aware of any such incident.

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Member from Ngopa said that he was not present when the Ballot box of Ngopa was opened and that he did not give his consent. If that is so, does it mean that he does not accept his membership ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I think that question should be answered by Ngopa member. There are counting agents and the members have their representatives. I myself have never been present at the countings in Aizawl club. The Hon'ble member may not have been represent at the counting but we thank him for accepting the results.

PU LIANSUAMA : "Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms be pleased to state -

Whether there is an intention to set up Mizoram State Public Service Commission as consented by the Constitution of India.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Yes, setting up of Mizoram State Public Service Commission is about to materials.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. I am satisfied with the reply given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister . Public Service Commission is to be the key point in the development of our State. Does it mean that the previous government did not give a thought to set up such Commissions during t their term ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, let us not dwell on the achievements failure of the previous Ministry. As permitted by the Constitution of India, we welcome the idea of setting up Mizoram Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations are being gathered from neighbouring states and the work of framing the Rules for Mizoram Public Service Commission is being processed. The Chief Engineer PWD and Chairman, Technical Sub Committee, Aizawl Town Expansion Programme, have been informed to look for suitable site for the MPSC Office and the plan thereto. Post creation have also been made in full and the only thing left is the Rules to be finalised.

PU ZOSIEMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, just one supplementary question please. How long will it to take finalise the MPSC Rules ? Can we hope to complete it during this Ministry ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we shall soon have it completed during our five year tenure.

S P E A K E R : Question No.46, Pu Liansuama to ask.

PU LIANSUAMA : " Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Exise and Taxation Department be pleased to state-

What steps has the Government taken regarding the illegal Cigarette factory at Vairengte set up during the MNF Ministry ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the case is between the owners of the Cigarette factory and the Central Customs & Exise and therefore the government of Mizoram is not directly involved. The Central Government has sued the government of Mizoram regarding the application of Central Exise and Salt Act, 1944 in Mizoram at the Gauhati High Court. In reply, the Government of Mizoram gave a counter affidavit that the Central Exises and Salt Act, 1944 is applicable in Mizoram.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question please. It was learnt that one of the responsible person for the illegal Cigarette factory at Vairengte who called himself Richard Sailo absconded and was known to have been sheltered by the MNF Government. I would like to know his whereabouts and whether this impartial Ministry is intending to keep on sheltering the criminals ? Why was he not apprehended ?

PU VANLALNGENA DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question. What were the irregularities in taxes committed by the illegal sale of the Cigarette both to the Government of Mizoram and the Central Government ?

PU P.SIAMLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Chief Minister may be right in saying that the present Ministry is not involved in Vairengte Cigarette factory scandal. However, I would like to make a few statements to show that the previous Chief Minister and some of his Ministers might have involvements in the scandal, in spite of the fact that the MLA of Vairengte constituency Pu Vanlalhruaia and myself were not aware of the fact. It was not officially opened and we MLA did not know about the setting up of the factory I remember once when we were sitting in the Chief Minister, Pu Laldenga's room he phoned one person regarding some mysterious file, the phone was answered by his wife whom I learnt was Andrew Lalherliana's wife. The Chief Minister told them to come to his residence with Pu Aichhinga at 7 PM. At that time I was wondering what they were up to again.

Again we learnt that the Chief Minister phoned his brother and had the following Conversation :- "Ngurchhin, in whose name did you do it"? The reply was, "Saingura's father". Why did you do it in the name of Saingura's father? You know very well that we had trouble in the House the other day. Do it in the name of some person very far away, whom nobody will find out even if investigation is taken. Do as I say, Ngurchhin".

Later on the name of Richard Sailo appeared in the news papers in connection with the Vairengte Cigarette factory scandal. When investigations were made, Richard Sailo happened to be the brother-in-law of the Hon'ble Minister at that time. Another person in this connection turned out to be the brother of the Hon'ble Minister's wife at that time. The other scandal regarding Luangmual Tanhril also turned out to be the nephews of the Hon'ble Minister in-charge at that time. In such circumstances, we may draw a conclusion that they were involved in the Vairengte scandal.

I would like to know what law was applied to set up the illegal Cigarette factory without the knowledge of the concerned MLA of that constituency?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, I demand to know the clarifications as to how registrations and other necessary formalities were hastily obtained from the Directorate of Industries, Secretary Industry and District Industries Centre? I am asking this because there is a certain time framed for such formalities to be obtained. Application for setting up a factory of any kind has to be submitted to all Industry DIC. We have to clearly indicate our project which will then be verified on the spot by the official authorities concerned. Only then can a provisional registration be issued to set up along with a certificate. All such verification were never made on the spot at Vairengte. Registration and the permit to set up the cigarette factory at Vairengte were issued from the Higher authorities and these documents are still to be seen at Aizawl District Industries Centre, Ramhlun, unless they have been destroyed by some one. Will the government be able to trace this out? It is a clear evidence that the previous government was involved in the scandal.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, what the Hon'ble CHIEF MINISTER members said were all very correct. Vairengte Cigarette factory was not set up without the knowledge of the Government. That is very clear. The initial applicants for setting up a small scale unit were Pu Lalchungnunga Tanhril and Pu Lianchhunga Venghlui in partnership. However, the applicants for CST registration was Richard Sailo. We do not know whether Richard Sailo had some sort of power of attorney as Manager.

The North Eastern Tobacco Company issued a provisional registration, 58/01/006909/TROV/551 of 9.10.87. This provisional certificate was issued by the Department of Industries with a validity of one year. It is therefore expired now and was not renewed. This registration under the small scale industry scheme was issued after clearance was obtained from the Central Ministry of Industries. It is therefore evident that the factory was set up with the consent of the Mizoram Government. The Project report was submitted to the General Manager D.I.C., Aizawl by the North Eastern Tobacco Company. The application was for an SSI registration. The salient feature was to manufacture plain and filter tipped Cigarettes. When the document was seized, a State License was found along with it. The name of the manufacturer was not printed. It was printed C.T.C. Ltd. Bombay and MZ instead of Mizoram. The target was to manufacture 50-800 million cigarette per month in the initial period. This will come up to about 150 million Cigarettes during six month, the company is to hand over the processing and technical guidance to the collaborators and in return the company will take responsibility for the sale and distribution. The collaborator will also take up the marketing and market promotion activities. The amount of estimates for plant machinery is about Rs.71 lakhs and the required is about 2000 sq.metres, with a building area of 1000 sq.metre. The amount of power requirement is 20 K.V. and the amount of water consumption would be 15 kilo litres per day. The full capacity of manpower required would be 200-250. Thus the total capital requirement would amount to not less than Rs.30 lakhs. Their amount of monthly savings should be Rs.100 lakhs and their working capital at least Rs.15 lakhs. That is what appear in their project report submitted. We have already heard from the Hon'ble Minister as to how the previous Chief Minister, Industries Minister and other Ministers were involved in this set up. That has answered most of the questions asked. The most prominent among them at that time was the Minister of State, Law & Judicial who influenced Officials saying that the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944 was not applicable in Mizoram. It was also the same Minister of State who received and gave Missionary Hospitality to the visiting representatives of the Golden Tobacco Company.

The person in-charge of the firm was Richard Sailo and the date of creation was November, 1987. The Government of Mizoram seized 77 cartons of Cigarette and the amplifict license number was 4L/41/ GIC/87. The said Richard Sailo made attempts to obstruct the seizure but it was no avail.

From the confession of the person responsible apprehended the amount of Excise tax avaded during the operative three months or so was Rs.76 lakhs. In the light of this the tax evasion for one year would be calculated upto Rs.40 crores. Mizoram would be losing several crores in the shares. However, the record of tax evasion graded by the Government of Mizoram is only Rs.10 lakhs. We may say that the annual revenue lost of Mizoram Government has been Rs.1600 lakhs. This case is

being taken by the Revenue Intelligence Department, Ministry of Finance Government of India. Their finding have been registered as Case No.424,425,587/88 at the Gauhati High Court. It is sub-judice to the High Court and cannot be further discussed.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, I would like to know what has become of my unstarred question, now that the session is almost over.

S P E A K E R : There are some questions not answered by the Department. There are also some questions which time has not permitted to answer. Your question could be therefore be among one of these.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, if you say such things there will be more question unanswer in the future.

S P E A K E R : The Committee Members for PAC and Estimates Committee have been nominated. PAC Chairman will be Pu Zosiama Pachuau and Pu Andrew Lalherliana for Estimates Committee. These two Committees are the two only Financial Committes we have their term will be for 30 months.

Committee on Petitions :-

Pu Vaivenga - Chairman
Pu J.Thanghuama - Member
Pu J.H.Rothuama - "
Pu P.C.Zoramsangliana - "
Pu Andrew Lalherliana - "

Committee of Privileges (7 Members)

Pu F.Manghnuna - Chairman
Pu H.K.Chakma - Member
Pu Saikapthianga - "
Pu Lalrinchhana - "
Pu Lalhuthanga - "
Pu F.Sapa - "
Pu Lalrawnliana - "

Committee of Subordinate Legislation (7 Members)

Pu Liansuama - Chairman
Pu Tawnluia - Member
Pu A.Lalherliana - "
Pu Lalhuthanga - "
Pu P.Lalbiaka - "
Pu F.Manghnuna - "
Dr.R.Lalthangliana - "

Committee on Government Assurances (6 Members)

Pu P.C.Bawitluanga - Chairman
Pu Vaivenga - Member
Pu Liansuama - "
Pu Aichinga - "
Pu P.C.Zoramsangliana - "
Dr.R.Lalthangliana - "

Rules Committee (9 Members)

Pu Hiphei, Speaker - Ex-Officio Chairman
Pu Saikapthianga - Member
Pu Zosiam Pachuau - "
Pu H.Rammawi - "
Pu Vanlalngbaka - "
Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga - "
Pu Zoramthanga - "
Pu Lalrawnliaana - "
Pu Rosangliana - "

HOUSE Committee (6 Members)

Pu Vanlalngena Dy.Speaker - Ex-Officio Chairman.
Pu H.K.Chakma - Member
Pu Laldenga - "
Pu Rualchhina - "
Pu F.Lalbiaka - "
Pu Rodangliana - "

Library Committee (6 Members)

Pu R.Romawia - Chairman.
Pu Vanlalngbaka - Member
Pu K.Vanlalauva - "
Pu F.Manghnuna - "
Pu F.Sapa - "
Pu P.C.Bawitluanga - "

We will go to our next item.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, you have read out the names of the opposition MNF members and their Chairman in spite of their absence in the session. These people have no interest in the development programme of the state so why they have been included in these important Committees. It is in your power to suspend these dis-agreeable and dissatisfied members. They have just been elected and they want all the TA/DA and salaries without carrying out their duties and responsible towards the people. They are the first ones to draw their salaries too. If they do not accept this Ministry they have nor right to draw their salaries let alone include them in these Committees. Therefore Pu Speaker, use your power and give them notices for their dismissal.

S P E A K E R : We shall now call Pu C.L.Ruala to read out his resolution and move the same.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, my resolution
MINISTER reads :-

" In pursuance of Clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution of India is how to solve to adopt the water prevention and Control of Pollution amendment Act, 1988, No. 53 of 1988 as passed by the House of Parliament . Pu Speaker this Amendment Act has been passed by the House of Parliament and this House has to adopt it. This Act has been used in India since 1974. There was no need to adopt the Act while Mizoram was an Union Territory. The Previous Ministry did not take any action at the order issued by the Central Government and we are now going to implement it. After this Amendment Act 1988 is adopted by the Government of Mizoram, we will be able to set up a Board.

It is therefore necessary for this House to pass the adoption of this 'Water Prevention and Control of Pollution Amendment Act 1988, in order to set up a Board and implement it. I have therefore introduced this resolution. After we pass this in the House, the State Government will decide as to the application of it in the state. The affected areas will be notified in the Gazette Mizoram is now a new born state and is on the road to development. This Act will soon be very important for budding industries to be set up in the near future. I do not think it would be difficult for this August House to adopt this amendment Bill.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : If there is no discussion the Mover Pu C.L.Ruala may request the House to pass the resolution.

PU C.L.RUALA : Yes, I request this House
MINISTER to pass my resolution.
(Voice vote was taken and the resolution was passed unanimously) I shall now read out the resolution.

" IN pursuance of Clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution of India this House resolve to adopt the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 (No 53 of 1988) as passed by the House Of Parliament has been unanimously passed by the House.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to request the letters mentioned by the Hon'ble member from Mamit to be expunged from the Assembly Proceedings.

S P E A K E R : If the owner permits. (Pu P.C.Zoramsangliana, Yes I permit it to be expunged) Then it will be erased from the record . Our Budget session is now over and members have attended every deligently. We have always been able to form quorum in spite of the absence of the Opposition MNF Members. This is all thanks to the Hon'ble Members. I thank you all. We shall now adjourned the session sine die.

Meeting adjourned
Sine die at 12 : 40 P.M.

J.K.KHENGLAWT
Secretary.