

2ND SITTING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd-1990 AT 10:30 AM.

PRESENT

PU VANLALNGENA, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, 10 Ministers and 24 Members were present.

OBITUARY

1. PU LAL THANHAWLA, Leader of the House to make obituary reference on the following persons-

1. Pu Thangridema - Ex-Speaker
2. Pu Sangliana - Ex-Member of Parliament.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA, Chairman, Committee on Estimates present to the House the Fourth Report of the Committee on Estimates on Public Works Department.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

3. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on Governor's Address.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

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We shall go straight to our business. Two of our most re-knowned politicians Pu Sangliana P.M. and Pu Thangridema, Ex-Speaker died recently, their obituary references will be made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone else ? Pu J.H.Rothuama.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the untimely demise of two of our esteemed leaders is a great loss for us. In spite of the big gap in our age Pu Thangridema and I have had a close working relationship in politics. We have toured together the lengths and breadth of Mizoram. His humility was outstanding and it was a joy to be working with him. There are certain traits in him which are worth following his interest in politics dated back to the pre-Independence days of India. He has visioned an Independent Mizoram which would stand on its own feet. He stood firm in his belief and never wavered his political views. He has one goal for Mizoram and he worked towards that goal.

Pu Sangliana was another ideal leader known to every Mizo, especially in the education circle. His contribution to education in Mizoram is commendable indeed. He was the mentor of many of our Mizo Officers, we can also say that Pu Sangliana was the pioneer of education in Mizoram I have also had the pleasure of serving under him both in the Middle School and High School for about ten years. During his tenure as Inspector of Schools, recognition was given to many High Schools and grant-in-aid given to many Primary and Middle Schools. His name stands out as an educationist much more than as a politician. We have therefore lost a great man in his demise, I am sure that the next generation will also come to understand this great loss.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H.Thansanga.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have heard much about our two leaders and there is not much I can add. Apart from what we have heard about Pu Thangridema, I would like to add a little more. It was his humility and selflessness which struck me the most. I did not have such a close contact with him as Pu Zosiana did for seven years, however I know that he was truly self-less. His family life was also exemplary, He was a loving and affectionate father and grand-father.

We cannot mention all of his contributions to the education in Mizoram. Mizo literature has also been greatly enriched by his contribution. We may say that Pu Sangliana was one of the most learned men among Mizos. We used to here-worship him when we were students. He was also physically a very handsome man. He was smart and a thorough gentleman. He was always afraid of hurting the feelings of others. We have lost an eminent educationist in his demise.

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- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Andrew Lalherliana, Chairman, Estimates Committee may now present a Report.
- PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I the Chairman, Committee on Estimates having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on its behalf presents this Fourth Report on action taken by the government on the recommendation contained in the Second Report of the Committee on Estimates relating to the Public Works Department.
- Thank you.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : Copies of the Report may be distributed in the House. Discussion on the Governor's Address will be taken up.
- PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it would not be proper to suppress the discussion by allotting too little time.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER : As this is not pertaining to the budget of the state, lengthy discussion will not be required as in the budget session.
- PU C. M. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, government policy is often exposed in the Governor's speech and the discussion is within the frame work of the government policy.
- PU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, discussion on the Governor's Address is a time when members can have a freedom of speech. We are not going to discuss only the seat reservations. It also does not mean that you can maneuver the discussion just because you are on the Chair. (Deputy Speaker :- Where there is no written Rule, my decision is final).
- DR. H. THANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not think we have to argue about anything. Our subject is Motion of Thanks and we should keep to that. This Session is an Emergency Session so we if we do not have much to discuss it does not matter. Let us discuss the motion as it is and keep within the subject. I do not think, Pu Deputy Speaker, that you should allow the members to stray from the subject.

PU LAL T ANIAWLA  
CHIEF MINISTER

: Pu Deputy Speaker, it is important for the members to understand why this emergency session has been summoned. The 62nd Constitution Amendment Bill 1989 has been passed by Parliament. The 40 year reservation for Scheduled Tribes & Castes has expired on January 26th 1990. The Bill passed by Parliament has to be ratified by the State Assemblies and we have summoned this Emergency Session to ratify it, before the 22nd January 1990.

However, the first Session of the year has to be addressed by the Governor. As it is an emergent session we discussed the Resolution yeastersay not with standing the Rules. The Governor's address is therefore solily on the occasion of this emergent session. Therefore our discussion should also be pertaining to the subject.

PU ZALAWMA  
MINISTER

: Pu Deputy Speaker, if we look at Para 16(4) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, the address was adapted yeaterday and the only thing we have to do is to communicate it to the Governor. Discussion should take place only if there is an Amendment.

PU LIANSUAMA  
MINISTER

: Pu Deputy Speaker, No.17 of the Rules of Procedure clarifies it. Whatsoever is in the Governor's address should be discussed. It reads - "On such day or days or part of any day, the Assembly shall be at liberty to discuss the matters referred to in such address". As for the time of discussion, the Speaker may decide according to his will. The scope of discussion is within the address of the Speaker. However, the discussion does not appear to be necessary as it has been adopted yeaterday.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

: Pu Deputy Speaker, why is it so difficult to follow the existing Rules.

PU R.ROMAWIA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, we have not passed the Governors address. Therefore we have to discuss it.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU

: Pu Deputy Speaker, there is much to discuss even the last para of the speech. It says that 1990 will be a year of remarkable progress.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Ten (10) minutes will be given to each member for the discussion. We shall first call upon Pu R. Lalbiaka to speak first.

PU P. LALBIAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is fortunate for us that this emergent session has been summoned to re-  
tify the Amendment of the Constitution. It is solely for the benefit of Scheduled Tribe and Customs.

I do not have much to add to what has been said already. Ten minutes is also more than enough in opinion. What the Governor has highlighted in his speech about the year 1990 is very clear. I am hoping that Mizoram will surely see better developments. When we implement the 8th Five Year Plan.

PU R. ROMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, although it is very short, the Governor's address is packed with points for discussion. We have very high hopes for the year 1990 and the Ministry will do its best to make it come true.

In pursuance of the Amendment of the People's Representation Act in 1987, Seat reservations for Scheduled Tribes was increased to 39 seats. The Tribal Leaders of North Eastern India have pursued the Act diligently and as a result we now come here to re-  
tify the Sixty Second Amendment Bill of 1989 passed by the Houses of Parliament. It is therefore not our main purview to discuss the Governor's address in itself today we have come here to re-  
tify the Bill passed by the two Houses of Parliament. Let us not therefore argue about the address. The Governor has opined his hopes for a brighter 1990 and it is our prayer that this hopes is implemented in the full sense.

Thank you.

PU LALRAWNLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity. I am really thankful that another 10 years have been proligged for the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and Castes in India. The past 40 years have not been fully utilised by the Centre for the upliftment of tribal people. The Governor's address also clarifies this. The Central Government has not been successful in its policy of upliftment for Scheduled Castes. It is very sad that even 40 years have not been enough to uplift us. The additional 10 years have also may not be enough for the people of Mizoram. I am afraid that we may not be able to implement the address of the Governor. This present Ministry should do its best to carry

out the implementation of the address for the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and castes. We should also learn to safeguard Government funds in the interest of our own benefit.

Thank you.

PU VAIVENGA

pu Deputy Speaker, as Scheduled Tribes we owe our thank to this Amendment Bill passed by the House of Parliament. We tribals are only a handful among the multinationals in India. The favour shown to us is very great that 39 seats out of the 40 Assembly seats are exclusively reserved for Mizos and only one seat can be given to Mizos. What we have passed in this House today is indeed a very welcome thing for us.

Thank you.

PU ZORATHANGA

pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me this time to discuss the motion of thanks on the Governor's address.

We have unanimously passed the ratification of the Amendment Bill, 1989 in favour of Anglo-Indian Minorities and we are deeply grateful to the Central Government for their concern. The Governor has stressed the importance of the co-operation and active involvement of all the Hon'ble Members in bringing about a remarkable progress for our state. This is the time to start a new era of development as the new year comes into being. I do not think this emergent session is the time to discuss big government policies. We can do that in the Budget Session.

PU R. MANGHNUA

pu Deputy Speaker, I consider it very wise of the Central Government that another years has been added for the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes. In Mizoram itself we have been greatly benefited by this reservation. In Chhintuipui District, reservations have been made for M.C.S. and other non-gazetted Officers for which we are deeply grateful to the Government of Mizoram. And as the Central government has extended another 10 years, we hope that the State Government will not forget to uplift the more backward areas of the state.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: We have five minutes more. If there are no one to speak we shall have Recess till 2 P.M.  
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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Governor's Address is short but fully packed with meaning. It is very important that we should fully understand the impact of this favour shown to us by the Central Government. It is now up to us to implement this Bill in the right way.

Considering the economy of our new found state, the need to economise our meagre income. Other Contemporary states are much better off in their economy than Mizoran. We have no agricultural products and no other source of cash crops in our state. We have even destroyed our local vegetation.

Considering the nil production of the state, the misappropriation practiced by us is astounding. We have misused our funds for our own individual profits. Why have some Departments leaned Government money to individuals? The reason is clear, it is solely for the profit there of Development cannot be expected the way we are living now. The past year 1989 was certainly not a year of remarkable progress for us. If it is not possible to put an end to corruption, let us at least try to lesson the practice. This will surely be a good start for the year 1990. It is entirely up to us to uplift ourselves after what the Central government has provided for us.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Chief Minister may now wind up the discussion.

PU LAL THANHAWLA  
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our discussion on the Governor's address today, has been very lively and I believe the Hon'ble members have taken been interest in the development of the state.

Whenever our Party lost in the general elections, I always offered my best wishes and God's guidance to the new Ministry. However, such good wishes has never been offered to us when we won the elections. I was very impressed by the speech of the Hon'ble Member Pu Romawia. It was a very mature way of thinking. We need and solicit the Co-operation of the public. Members fail to catch the full implication of this official resolution ratified by this August House.

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The Scheduled Caste and Tribes constitute about 40% of the country's population. It is the country's obligation to uplift these people within the next ten to twenty years. Our land tenure systems and other customary laws also need to be revised. Land ceiling will be soon necessary so that the poorer section of the States have been mentioned very often. This was a programme chalked out by the Party long before the Elections were Scheduled. If there has been any mis-appropriation of the programme, I regret the same, I am aware of the fact that there could be some political influences in the method of choosing the recipients and that it may not be flawless. Police cases are being registered in the case of such mis-appropriations. Our fiscal policy is the lowest in India. We are the poorest state in the country and out of the 12 crore target, we have managed to earn only 3 crores this year. We have the highest number of government employees tighten our economy in every aspect. The government is therefore taking up strict investigations in the various departments and any mis-appropriation of government funds are to be legally used. It is therefore the duty of every citizen to be conscious of the fact that we have to work very hard to make ends meet.

I think it is very appropriate that the Governor has said that 1990 will be a remarkable year of mover of the motion has requested, I request the House to accept this motion of thanks.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The motion of Thanks has been moved by Pu P.Lalbiaka. I hope the motion can be accepted by all the members. I would like to announce that all the members of the House are to meet at 1 P.M. tomorrow in my Chamber. The agenda will be the establishment of the Indian Parliamentary Association Zoram State Group. Annual members, Associate members and Life member fees will be realised. Let us not fail to turn up.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU: Pu Deputy Speaker, certain bills were not laid in the House owing to the moving of no.confidence by the MNF members. Does it mean that the Government prefers to extend it by ordinance?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us discuss our programme first.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not clear about the extension by ordinance why has the government not done so in the next first session ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We should know that the government has not overlooked the matter. However, there is no time for that now. We will now adjourn our session.

Meeting adjourned sine die. at 2:5 PM

J.K.KHENGLAWT  
Secretary.