

EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY THE 31st JANUARY. 1991 AT

10:30 A.M.

PRESENT

Pu Vanlalngena, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, 9 Ministers and 23 members were present.

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

1. Pu Vanlalnghaka to make a statement in connection with the fixe that broke out in Mamit on 20th January 1991.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

(Bill for consideration and passing).

2. Further consideration of the -

(1) Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of the Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1991.

(2) Salaries and Allowances of the Leader of opposition Bill, 1991.

and

(3) Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief whip Bill 1991.

also

to move that the Bills be passed.

3. Pu J.Lalsangzuala to move that the Mizoram Co-operative societies Bill, 1991 be taken into consideration.

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to move that the Bill be passed.

PU VANLALNGENA  
DEPUTY SPEAKER

: "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:6.

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PU R.ROMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as there is no question today, I take it as Zero hour. I have got important thing to say in regard to the M.C.S. Exam which had recently been conducted. At the bottom of the question paper name of the printing press was clearly printed as M.G.P. In regard to essay, it is quite clear that same candidates knew beforehand the question for essay as readymade essay were brought to the Exam Hall. This is very unfair, the setting of the question itself was below standards. Even the marking was not clear. In General knowledge, the total mark according to the given mark was 92 only while it was supposed to be 100. Question No 5 did not carry any mark and in question No 11 it was written  $3 \times 10 = 5$ . Even question No 14 did not carry mark. So there were only 92 marks while it was supposed to be 100.

In English (Deputy Speaker : If your topic had been entered in substantive Motion, it can be done. As there is no question for today, we do not have zero hour. So we shall take up our business). As I had said in the beginning, I thought this will be granted as Zero hour. Then Pu Dy. Speaker, will you please give me chance to speak ?

PU VANLALNGENA : We shall take up our business.  
DEPUTY SPEAKER (Pu Lalrawnlana : Pu Deputy Speaker May I ask why did Leader of the House absent while we are discussing important things ). The Leader of the House has other important things to do so he asked permission from the Speaker for his absence.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are same questions which are not answered. Will you please tell the reason to the House.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, we submitted a number of questions. But some were not answered. Can you tell the reason for this. ?

PU VANLALNGENA : This matter will be answered by  
DEPUTY SPEAKER the Speaker at the end of the Session. Now I shall call upon Pu Vanlalngaha, Minister to give statement.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for  
MINISTER giving me time to give a statement in regard to the fire that broke out at Mamit in which the office of AH & Vety Department was burnt down and that a person was burnt to death.

The incident took place on the 20th January, 1991 Sunday at 7:00 P.M. The house was occupied by K.C. Roduhawma, SDVO of Vety Department. He attended took place. As there was no power supply, wife of K.C. Roduhawma lit a Petromax and played with the Children in the sitting room. In the meantime they heard a peculiar sound from the other room where Lalbiakthanga slept and smelt smoke. Then they tried to open the door of Lalbiakthanga's room but as it was locked inside, they could not open it, soon. Even their neighbours came to help them but as the door of the room was locked inside and as the fire was burning too much. They could not save Lalbiakthanga 16yrs old. So he was burnt to death.

The reason, it seems was that there were some petrol and Kerosine Oil in the room where Lalbiakthanga slept. As there was no power supply, Lalbiakthanga lit a candle and the Oil caught fire from the candle. But we can not prove this.

In this regard, the Directorate of AH & Vety had been informed by W/T from Mamit. The W/T he was received at 21.1.1991, 7:00 A.M., As soon as the W/T was received, our Director sent one officers to enquire the matter at the spot. Later, some more Officers also went to have spot verification.

In regard to the tragedy met by the Department, we are very grateful to various social organisations and to the Church for helping us in many ways.

Though many properties were burnt down in this incident, it is not possible to give the exact value.

Lastly, I am thankful to you Pu Deputy Speaker for giving me chance to give this report and I also thank the members of this House for listening to my statement.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Minister had said that many properties were burnt. But he did not say whether the building was burnt or not. When did they build that House and what is its value? Were any persons who lost their lives in that incident? Did not the Department fix fire Extinguisher in the building? Will it be good to have fire Brigade even in the Villages?

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to our Rules Statement of the Minister can not be questioned and discussed so the questions raised by the Hon'ble Member are not valid.

PU VANLALNGENA : Ministers Statement can not be discussed but clarification can be made. Now we shall proceed to our business. It is the Bill,

moved by the H<sub>o</sub>n'ble Minister. Pu H. Thansanga for consideration. Those who had already spoken can not be given time. Now we shall start our discussion.

PU VAIVENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, today we have I important Bills to be considered. Out of these three, I would like to concentrate on two of them. Firstly, I am glad that the Government Chief Whip Bill has been moved in the House to pass, which we never had before. This is an important achievement for Assembly Secretariat.

In Parliamentary practice Chief Whip is given Ministerial rank and status. Now also we are planning to give Minister of States status to the Chief Whip. I am glad the Government made a decision to give such status to the Chief Whip.

Secondly we are going to consider the opposition Leader Bill. In general practice, opposition leader is given Ministerial rank. Now I am glad we are going to pass a Bill which will give special status to the opposition leader as the opposition leader plays an important role in the House.

As I had pointed out I am glad that there is a proposal to give special status both to the Chief Whip and to the opposition Leader as this is one of our achievements since we attained statehood.

Lastly, if we go through the Bill one by one and clause by clause. Therefore, I would like to request the H<sub>o</sub>n'ble Minister to tell us how do our neighbour states practice this so that we can know more clearly the advantages and disadvantages of these Bills.

Thank you.

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it seems that we are going to create a new Chapter in Assembly Secretariat which we never had before. In the past, Chief Whip were treated as ordinary member. But in our present Bill, i.e. Chief Whip Bill, we are intending to give special status to the Chief Whip. Though the Bill itself is good, I would like to request the Minister to explain some of the following points.

In the definition of the Bill 2(e) regarding family of Chief Whip, it is clear if the Chief Whip is male as it is written Government Chief Whip shall include a wife residing with him and legitimate children residing with or wholly dependent on him and where the husband has more than one wife, only one wife shall be included in his family for the purposes of this Act', But it is written again in the case of a female Chief Whip as follows - 'If the Government Chief Whip is a married woman, family shall include her husband residing with her'.

Does this mean only her husband will be included in her family but not her children in the case of female Chief Whip ?

Regarding salaries of the Government Chief Whip, it is Rs.1,350/- P.M. This means the Chief Whip will have to manage his family by Rs.1,350/- If he purchase his monthly necessities, his salary may not even cover his necessities. Therefore, in my opinion, Salaries of the Chief Whip is too little.

In regard to Grants of loan, I would like to mention that 1 lakh rupees is too little for a building or purchasing a house. In this connection, I also would like to say that car loan which is only one lakh rupees is too little while the cost of a Car is still going up.

In statement of objects and Reason it is written - 'The proposed Bill is prepared on the terms of other state Government but suitable to our present condition and requirement. While Government servants are expecting to get higher salaries, I feel it is necessary to increase the amount of Car loan and building loan specially for the Chief Whip in order to enable him to really work.

The Opposition Leader Bill is very important. If there is no opposition group/party, there is none to direct the Ministry, It is pleasing that the Government is intending to provide quarter and other necessary things for opposition leader.

But in my opinion, salaries of the members is too little, comparing to their work volume. Truly speaking, some Department Secretaries are looking after only one department while they are getting high amount of salaries. In the meantime, government Chief Whip, Opposition Leader and MLAs are working for the whole of Mizoram and have to go even to the remotest area. Therefore, while there are volumes of works for MLAs, I would like to suggest the increment of their salaries as the Government Chief Whip and opposition Leader are both MLAs. Anyway, I would like to mention for the last that it is a great achievement for the Government to introduce these Bills.

Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not say much. I am glad that the Government had an idea to introduce Chief Whip Bill and opposition Bill.

From our discussion in regard to these two Bills, it seems we consider the opposition Leader as Cabinet rank and the Chief Whip as Minister of State rank. But if we look at the Bills they are not given the facilities. They are supposed to get, Therefore I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister concern to review this matter because we soon will want to amend these two Bills.

Besides the opposition Leader and Chief Whip, it is necessary to revise the facilities and welfare of the Ministers and MLAs. We used to complain that we are not treated as we should be treated by some Officers. The main reason for this is our status is not made clear. Therefore, it is necessary to make clear our position and status so that even Officers will treat us accordingly. So from the light of our discussion, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to put the opposition leader as Cabinet rank and Chief Whip as Minister of State. And as I had already said, let us give facilities to other members including Chief Minister, Ministers, Speaker and Deputy Speaker so that they can perform their duties more efficiently. Even the Officers will treat us as their superior and if there are those Officers who do not treat us as we should be treated, it will be easier to take action against them.

So, Pu Dy. Speaker it is my suggestion to provide better facilities to all the member of this house besides the opposition Leader and the Chief Whip in order to improve out State and to enable the members to carry out their duties efficiently.

Thank you.

PU K. VNNLALAUVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, these three Bills can be taken together. What I would like to say is both the Opposition Leader and Chief Whip deserve to have separate salaries. In my opinion it is good to while in the Bill that the opposition leader will be entitled to enjoy all the facilities enjoyed by the Cabinet and the Chief Whip will also be entitled to enjoys as the Minister of State.

As there is not clear rules to fellow in regard to the facilities to be given to the elected members. They do not get proper treatment from the Officers. Therefore, it is best to write clearly about this so that there will be no more confusions in future.

Regarding the Bill itself, I feel Ministers are having much more responsibilities than the Officers. Though the officials knew how to draft the Bill, they have problems to some extent. They used to forget that the Ministers and other members are their superior. In these Bills also, it is written that both the opposition Leader and Chief Whip will be treated as class 1 Officer while they are travelling, I also would like to remind the House that the Assembly Secretariat is not Government Secretariat, It is an autonomous body, Therefore, salaries and facilities of the members of this House specially the two leaders which we are considering now can not be compared with other officers.

Thank you.

PU ZALAWMA  
MINISTER

: Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say few things in these Bills, but instead of concentrating on the Bill itself, I would like to mention the responsibilities of the members of this House as this links with the Bills to some extent. Mizoram had Administrative autonomous body since 1952 starting from District Council under the constitution of India.

Here it is very important to know about the power and dignities of the members of this House who represent the people of Mizoram. In the meantime, it is difficult to explain and practise the powers and dignities of the representatives. Till today, we, even the members do not know clearly about our status/positions. Therefore, we, the highest legislators in Mizoram should know where lies our dignities. In my opinion, foundation of our dignities lies in our economic condition.

Even the present bills are like financial bill which we never had before. It is clear that there will be more expenditure. So while considering our salaries, we have to think whether this shows our dignities to others ?

In our service for the people also our dignity lies in our dedication. We need to be broad minded while executing policies and programmes laid down by this House. Even as the present Bills are new, we know that they are not perfect and there may be some mistakes. If we look from other sides, to increase our salaries is not as we are dedicated to serve the country and the people. But we should always remember that salary is not the reason why we volunteer to serve the country. In the meantime, I feel it is important to strengthen the economic condition of the highest legislators in Mizoram. Now also, both the opposition Leader Bill and the Chief Whip bill can be amended if they are not good enough.

From the speeches of some of our members, it seems we are taking politics as a mean to earn livelihood ex-employment. If we take politics like this we can not be considered as Politician, Politician is one who has clear vision and clear target to improve and develop the country with all his might.

Therefore, bearing all these in mind, I feel it is very important to give facilities and appropriate salaries while drafting Bills so that members can serve the country better. If the Bill is not good enough we can make an amendment.

In regard to loan, I feel 1 lakh rupees is too little to construct a house. It should be at least 2 lakhs rupees. Regarding Car loan, even Maruti Car costs about Rs.1,40,000/- these days. It is too little as prices of every thing goes up. Therefore, though the

present Bill is not perfect, let us bear in mind that it is amendable and it is only the beginning, I want to pass these Bills unanimously.

Thank you.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, today, we have to think clearly while considering these three Bills namely - The Chief Whip Bill, The Opposition Leader Bill and the facilities of the MLAs. because these concern about the whole of Mizoram .

In the facilities of the Chief Whip, there is no telephone. We also said that House rent allotted for Chief Whip is too little. This is correct because there is no house to be rented for Rs.2,500/- P.M. in Central Aizawl. In some states, Chief Whip is given Minister of State rank, but I feel the present Ministry does not want to give the Chief Whip Minister of State rank because while the Minister of State is allotted Rs.5,000/- for house rent, Chief Whip is allotted only Rs.2,500/- for house rent.

Likewise, in other States and even in Parliament, the opposition leader is given Cabinet rank, But in our State while the Cabinet Minister is allotted Rs.5,000/- for house rent, the opposition leader is allotted only Rs.3,500/- from these two points. The intention of the Ministry is very clear. Even in regard to TA / DA of MLAs it is not good to write 'like first grade Officer' I feel it is better to fix TA / DA of MLAs otherwise what is the meaning of order of precedence.

Besides MLAs, Ministers and Speakers also take Housing loan and Car loan; for this Rs. 265/- had been deducted from the salaries of our attendant in addition to the deduction of our own salaries. Still we can manage our family but it is a shame if we think carefully about this. It is clear that there are other things behind the scene Because of this, officials can not respect and treat us as we expect them to do so. We can not even restore the dignities of our Chief Whip and opposition Leader if we go on like this. We used to complain that we, members of this House are not getting proper treatment from the officials. It is true but how can we expect them to treat us highly if our facilities and salaries are less than theirs. So, in order to restore our dignities, it is very important to have better facilities. Even our Assembly House needs reconstruction.

Even the makers of these bills which we are considering feel that the bills are not good enough. Therefore it is not good for the legislators to pass the Bills, I, therefore, would like to request the Government to withdraw these bills for now to reconsider it and we shall pass it when it is okay.

Thank you.



PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am disappointed by the absence of our Leader of the House and other Ministers while discussing important bills like the ones we have today. This shows we do not give importance to our business.

Today's bills do not concern only a particular department or project, but they do concern about the status of the members of the highest legislative body in Mizoram. Therefore, while considering these bills we have to be very careful keeping in mind the condition of our State and our Ministry.

Though I am not going to say much in the bill itself, I would like to point out few points. In my opinion, it is good to make clear about telephone, electric and water supply and personal attendant in the salaries and facilities of the opposition Leader and Chief Whip. In short, let the Opposition Leader enjoy the facilities enjoyed by the Cabinet Minister and even the Government Chief Whip will also enjoy the status of the Minister of State.

I am not satisfied with the two bills because I feel the facilities enjoyed by the Chief Minister, Ministers, Speaker etc is too little I do not think even the public will mind to give better facilities to whom they had elected to govern them. I, therefore, would like to request the Government to withdraw these bills for now. We will soon have Budget Session and let the Government move these Bills in the Budget Session with better thought and draft so that we can pass it unanimously.

While taking about the salaries and facilities of the members of this House. I also would like to make a say in regard to the dignity of the members. Today, it is very important to safeguard our dignities as we are representing the whole of Mizoram. Sometimes, it seems people do not show respect to the elected members. It is the duty of both the people and the Government to show our respect and honour to the MLAs. In this regard we had listened to statements made by member the other day about the problem faced by two of our members with our opposition Leader at Delhi. It is clear that some Officers were responsible for that incident. Though there is no House Leader today, I would like to request the Deputy Leader to look into this matter as soon as possible and take necessary action. Thank you.

DR.H.THANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am not  
MINISTER going to be detail because it is our second time, I am glad that members showed interest in the bills. The points they had pointed out are also correct. But as the mover of the Bills, I do not agree to withdraw these Bills, because we can amend any Bill from time to time and it's easier to amend than to reframe it.

Though it is not possible to explain all the points which had been pointed out by some members, I will try to explain some of them. First, I would like to say few things in regard to the definition of 'family' of a Chief Whip specially in a case of a female Chief Whip. I would like request the House to add the following words after 'with her' 'and legitimate Children residing with her or wholly dependent on her' so that there will be no more confusion. Secondly, in regard to the suggestion made by Pu Tawnluia, he suggested that it should be made clear about telephone, electric, water supply and personal attendant of the Opposition Leader and Chief Whip. I take it as understood. Therefore, I would like to request the Hqueeto take it as printing mistake.

Besides these, Pu K. Vanlalauva wanted to write the facilities to be enjoyed by the members seperately. This matter will be considered in the next amendment and this point will be noted.

In regard to the House rent and salaries attoted to the Opposition Leader and Chief Whip, practices of various states differed from one to another, Status of the Opposition Leader and Chief Whip of various States also are not of the same. Therefore, we can not say about other states but we can do as we wish and in accordance with the economic condition of our state. Like that, from our discussion, we can know which part is to be amended and so on. In between the current Session and next Session, we the members will have more time to study these Bills and note down those portions which we want to amend. So it will be easier to make amendments of these Bills in the next Session. Now itself, it is good in my opinion to have this Bills in existance.

The Ministers do not have a single paise in Discretionary fund. This matter is also connected with our present Bills. We all know about the facilities we have. In the meantime, varouus cocial organisations are expecting us to contribute more than public and prices of eveything goes up. Therefore, we, the members, as a whole are facing problems. So it is very important to upgrade the Status of the Members of this House but remembering the economic condition of our State in order to safeguard our dignity.

For the last, though these Bills are not satisfactory, we never had them before, so let us pass them as they are and we will amend them if necessary in the next Session. So, Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that - (1) The Salaries and Allowances of the Leader of Opposition Bill, 1991. (2) Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip Bill, 1991  
and  
(3) Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of the Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1991 be passed by the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister had asked to pass the Bill. As there are three Bills we shall take them one by one. We shall now first take the Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of the Member of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1991. Those who agree to pass clause 2 and 3 of this Bill may say so. (Members agree). So, clause 2 and 3 of this Bill is passed. Those who agree to pass clause 1 and the enacting formula may say again. (Members agree). So clause 1 and the enacting formula of this Bill is passed. So, those who agree to pass the Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and Pension of the Member of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill 1991 as a whole may say so. (Members agree) This Bill is passed. Now we shall go to Bill no 2. Those who agree to pass clause 2-13 of the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances. Leader of the Opposition Bill, 1991 may say so. So clause 2-13 of the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances, Leader of the opposition Bill, 1991 is passed. And those who agree to pass the schedule under clause 7 may say again. So it is passed. Those who agree to pass clause 1 and the enacting formula may say again. It is then passed again. Mover of the Bill made the convection that is, in page no 2 it should be added 'the legitimate children residing or wholly dependent on her' after 'her family' Do we accept the convection ? So, it is added.

The last Bill is the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Government Chief Whip Bill, 1991. Those who agree to pass clause 2-13 of this Bill may say so, clause 7 has schedule and those. Who agree to pass it may say again. (Members agreed). Then it is passed. Those who agree to pass clause 1 and it's enacting formula may say again (Members agreed). So, those who agree to pass the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Government Chief Whip Bill, 1991 as a whole may say so. (Members agreed) So this Bill also is passed.

Our business for this morning is finished now. We shall have recess now till 2 P.M. and resume our meeting at 2 P.M.

Recess till 2 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we shall take up our item no 3. I shall call upon Pu J.Lalsangzuala to beg the House for consideration of The Mizoram Co-Operative Society Bill, 1991.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission I beg to move that The Mizoram Co-Operative Society Bill, 1991 be taken into consideration.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we shall start discussion. Each Speaker is allotted 5 minutes.

PU R.ROMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad we are going to have our own Rules. It is not good to go as Assam Act or Central Manual. Though it may

not be perfect, it is good to have our own rules. While considering this Bill, if we look at the book, it is very lengthy and the wordings are difficult to understand for us as they are written in English. Therefore, I think it will be good if we can have a Mizo Version of this Bill as Mizo is also accepted as official language. Besides this, what I would like to say since we are going to have our own rule is that it is good to give priority to sons of the soil in regard to registration in the society and Membership. Even the Indian Constitution Article 371 (a) gives us special provision we are minority and underdeveloped. Therefore, it is good to make special provision for ourselves.

Thank you.

PU VAIVENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as already pointed out by the Hon'ble Member our Bill is very thick and the wordings are difficult to understand.

Today, I am glad because we are going to have our own rules. I think the Bill will become more effective if it is written in Mizo. I, therefore, would like to request the Government to make Mizo Version of this Bill, as there is nothing much to say other than this in the Bill, I want to pass it is.

Thank you.

PU RUALCHHINA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker for giving me an opportunity to speak. As had already pointed out. There is nothing much to say in the Bill except the wordings. In my opinion, it will be better if more Mizo Version can be published as most of the operators of this Bill will not fully understand English. Besides this, there is a corrigendum, but I feel there are some correction to be made in some of the corrigendum. If we look at corrigendum 11 it is written Serial No 39, but in serial no 39 page no 80, there is no Sl. no 39. Therefore,

I think it should be Sl.No 96. Even Sl.no 12 is not clear. It is written- in the line between'. But it is not clear enough. It is in line 6 and I think it should be - "In the six line between the word reasonably and mis-appropriation". Another point I would like to mention is that it is easy to pass a Bill but we used to face problems in practising it. In case of the present Bill also, there will be a problem in the condition of registration itself. Therefore, it is vey important to be careful while practising Act. There is Mal practive of Act, it will be bad for our country. Therefore, I would like to request the Minister to note of this point.

Thank you.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, Mizoram had never had Society Act before. In 1987 there was a proposal to have the Society Act. but the then Ministry was dissolved and could not bring out it's proposal. It's high time now to have our own Rules Act. So we are going to have Mizoram Society Act now. The Bill is very lengthy. Though I am not going to say much, there is one point I would like to point our. In page 9 section 14(A) it is written about the amendment as follows - 'to amend by law in accordance with the amendment drafted and forwarded to the society by him within such time as he may specify in the order'. Here 'he' should mean 'RCS'. Still these will be problems in the practical side. Therefore, I think it will be more if it is written after 'by him' instead of 'within' as follows - 'in such and days like 30 or 40 days from the date of receipt'.

Inspite of the printing mistakes and some of the unfavarouble wordings, I want to pass this Bill because it is good to have society Act of our own. We can make necessary amendment and correction later.

Thank you .

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to have the Co-Operative Bill 1991 As we all know. Co-Operative movement had played an important role to upgrade poorer section in various countries till today. In the past, we used to have the Assem co-operative Bill which was very old fashioned even in the wordings . Regarding the present Bill, it is very lengthy and I am afraid the society will not be able to work our according to the Bill.

Officers of this Socociety do not have any facilities and it is vey difficult for them to be efficient. Therefore, I would like to request the Society to take new steps. Since a new Bill is being introduced. The society also has a bank namely Apex Bank but it seems even the bank also does not function as it should be. I heard that contractors and other businessmen are getting more loan from this bank. I think this is not the

S P E A K E R : Now we shall take vote on the Bill. Those who agree to pass clause No 2-108 of The Mizoram Co-operative Society Bill, 1991 may say so. (Members agreed). Now it is passed. Those who agree to pass clause No 1, Preamble and the enacting formula may say so. (Members agreed). It is passed, so, The Mizoram Co-operative Bill 1991 is passed by the House.

Some members had pointed out that they desired to raise a discussion on a matter of Public importance. According to our Rules, such notices should be submitted in written, But for today, as the Deputy Speaker had already admitted it, we will have some time for discussion. It may not be necessary for all Members to participate in the discussion as our time is very limited. One member will be given 5 minutes and let us (let's) try to adjust not to repeat what we had said. First, I shall call upon Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Thank you Pu Speaker, for giving me time. I would like to point out about the exam of the MCS which had recently been conducted. The MCS Officers are the backbone in administration particularly in Mizoram. Because of this, their exam is very important. But the last examination was very unfair. Firstly, the question was defective. In any competitive exams they never mention what exam it is and even the date should not be printed on the question paper. This is against the examination rules.

Secondly, wherever the question papers are printed, name of the printing press who printed the papers should not be printed. This shows the papers are confidential. In regard to General knowledge questions, form of questions should be different according to allocation of marks. The question form itself was wrong.

Besides these, there were many printing mistakes in the question paper. Even the questions in General paper were not objective type. It should be specific question. The questions and the marks were not corresponding, for example, how can we write about Mandal Commission or Stockholm declaration only for two marks. Therefore, standard of the question itself was very simple. If we are to appoint Officers from such questions. I am sure we can not expect much from the Officers who passed the examinations. The wording of the questions was also horrible. In the meantime, there was a rumour that a question was leak out. It is a shame even for the Government to have such incident, yet why the Government has not cancel that examination? These clearly show how bad it is not to have Public Service Commission and how unfair it is to conduct such examination by the executive body. Therefore, Pu Speaker, I would like to urge the Government to conduct fresh examination to recruit MCS Officers with new questions.

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker I would like to say few things. There are many complaints in the recent NCS examination. I will not repeat what had been said before me. There were questions without marks and I wonder now they will give marks for such questions. It is also sham for the whole of Mizo nation that some candidates could have printed essay with the exact words as required by question. Therefore, Pu Speaker, I would like to urge the Government to investigate this matter and take necessary action.

Thank you.

PU VANBALINGHAKA MINISTER : I was also informed about this matter. They also gave me a paper which was brought inside the exam hall and I made a copy of it. In Essay writing the question was Role of Woman in Mizo Society but in the copy they gave me it was status of Women in Mizo Society. Here do the meaning of 'role' and 'status' equal? And if we read carefully, one is 'not' and the other is 'than one thousand give hundred'. But the piece of essay which they brought in the exam hall was not even 1500 words. Anyway, Pu Speaker, what I would like to say is that the answer papers should be seized.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER : As pointed out by some of the Hon'ble Members, this is a very important matter. I do not know how the Government will follow up this matter. I would like to form a team from among ourselves to prove whether there was leakage of question paper or not. And if there is such leakage, the responsible person should be punished. If the Government can prove it the examination is to be cancelled. Therefore, in my opinion it is best for the Government to take action to the responsible person(s).

S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana and he will be the last Speaker.

PU P.C. ZORAMSANGLIANA: Thank you Pu Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to speak. I was told about this last night. As pointed out by the Hon'ble Minister of State in the question paper it was 'Role of Women in Mizo Society' but in the piece they brought in it was 'Status of Women in Mizo Society'. The words 'role' and 'status' seems to be different but their meaning is more or less the same.

will be translated into Mizo and the Mizo Version will be sent to various societies as most of the Co-operative members do not understand English. Pu Romawia had also pointed out to give priority to sons of the soil and I assure that the government will note this. The Hon'ble Member Pu Rualchhina had pointed out about the correction to be made. In this regard, though corrections had been made, yet, there are some corrections to be made and being the Minister in-charge I take this as my responsibility, I therefore, request the House to forgive my shortcomings. In regard to the composition of members, it is true to some extent that share holders are close relatives. But there is no specific rules if they are from separate families.

Pu Rammawi had pointed out about punctuation and it is true that punctuation is very important as it can differ the meaning of the version. I promise the House that this will be re-examined. It had also been pointed out that it will be better to write 'RCS' instead of 'this' in page no 9 paragraph 14. In this regard the heading itself is 'Power of Register, therefore, 'this' automatically means RCS. The Hon'ble Member Pu Bawitluanga had said that the Co-operative Society had been opened in almost all the Villages. We are trying to open the Co-operative Society. In regard to share Capital, the Government is giving aides to various Societies.

The Hon'ble Member Pu Zosiama had pointed out that it is rather non-co operation 'instead' of Co-operation because it is successful only at Sibphir and Kawlbem but I would like to inform the House that Co-operative Societies had been successfully run in many Villages. There are many reasons for the failure of Co-operative movement. First, if politics enter, Co-operative movement can not progress and secondly, if the Ministry or Government involve too much, it can not progress. Remembering these points, the Government is trying to be very careful by giving priority to improve the quality of the Co-operative Societies. Even the Officers are told many times to be more Co-operative. There is a proposal to have Training School for Co-operative at Luangmual to saw the spirit of Co-operative movement.

Besides these, we are planning to have Staff in District headquarters and Sub-division headquarters to watch the work of the Co-operative in field and to give Co-operative education.

It is regretted that there was a delay in disbursement of grants Great care will be taken not to repeat such incidents.

Lastly, I want to thank all the Hon'ble Members who give good advice and suggestions. And Pu Speaker, with your permission I beg this Argust House to pass The Mizoram Co-operative Society Bill, 1991.

Thank you.



purpose of this Bank Society. So if we change our methods and practices with this new Bill, of ours, this Bill will be very useful. In my opinion, it will be good if NLUP is also taken up by the Co-operative Bill as the main problem faced by the Co-operative movement is money. The amount of share capital proposed in the Bill is too little to roadly take up roal developmental works. Therefore, it will be good if the Government and Bank can give more importance in this regard. So that the Co-operative society will become a blessing for our Country.

Thank you.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Deputy Speaker, I've heard that amendment had been made for time allocation from 5 minutes to 10 munutes. (Speaker takes the chair). Anew Bill is introduced and we are going to have a new Act. Since we are going to have a new Act. great care should be taken in it's implementation. The Co-operative Society is successful only at Kawlbem and Sihphir, Therefore, it is Government's duty to find out why the Society is successful only in few places. In this regard, Officers and share holders of the Co-O,erative Society are bearing high respensibilities. Therefore, I would like to request all the Officers of the Co-operation department to scrutinise carefully about their works. It should be examined why the grants are not properly used by the beneficiaries, why didn't they repay their loans and what actions had been taken to those who did not properly used their grants or loans. In my opinion, it may be useful to conduct a refresher course in regard to this Bill. Besides these, if we do not teach the spirit of Co-operative Socie-ty to the share holders and to the members. There can not be any achievement for our country. For the last Pu Speaker, I would also like to request the Minister to note that some years back, grants had been kept in Registrar's Office for three years which had been found out by the Audit party. Therefore, in order to be successful it is necessary to cancel our past performances and take new steps with new spirits.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : If there is not more to say, I shall call upon the Minister in-charge to wind up the discussion and ask the House to pass it.

PU J. LALSINGZUALA : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to thank our Hon'ble Members for giving good suggestions. I would like to request Hon'ble members both from the ruling and an opposition parties who had visited western countries to give suggestions about the work of Co-operative which can be practised in our State. Pu Romawia and Pu Vaivenga pointed out about the language of the Bill. Though the Bill is written in English, it

And as pointed out by the Hon'ble Member from Ngopa constituency, the one who set the question paper was very advance. For instance, in General Knowledge Paper question no 5 was Winner of the 1990 Indira Gandhi price for peace, disarmament of and development. But the winner of this has not been announced till today. If such were the question how can we improve our MCS Officers who are the backbone of Mizoram in administration. And as the question papers were printed in the Government Press, there is presentiment in the opinion of Public. Therefore, the MCS examination should be cancelled and fresh examination should be conducted.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now for the last Pu Lalrawnliana.

PU LALRAWNLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker, I also had seen the question paper and some questions were not given any marks. Those are question no 6 in General English and question Nos 8, 11 & 14 in General knowledge. Beside this, as already pointed out, the question papers were printed at the Government Press. Therefore, I would like to suggest to cancell the MCS examination and conduct fresh examination.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As this matter is considered as Public importance, the House had admitted it and we've had enough discussion. Now I shall call upon the Minister in-charge to have a say.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : The Government is taking enquiry in regard to the MCS examination and necessary action will be taken.

S P E A K E R : We've had enough discussion Hon'ble members had given good advice and suggestions. Let us hope the enquiring body will know the opinion of the House. But we must know one thing that it is not possible to cancell the examination. Anyway, let us hope to acheive something good from our discussion. In our present sitting, we received 77 starred questions but 3 of them were not admitted, 74 starred questions were sent to their respective departments. There were 2 unstarred questions and they were answered. Out of 5 resolutions one was rejected Number of Questions given to varcouus departments are as follows - PWD 10, LAD 7, Sports 7, Education 5, RD 5, DP & AR 4, PHE 3, Power 3, Finance 3, Agriculture 3, GAD 3, Revenue 2, Forest 2, Excise 2, Home 2, Industries 2, Food & Civil Supply 1, District Council 1, Social Welfare 1, Information 1, Animal Husbandry 1,

Out of these GAD and PWD did not give answer for one question each. The concern Minister and Secretaries were expected to give answer for all questions but there were two questions unanswered. I do hope all questions will be answered in the next Session. Out of the 4 resolutions admitted, one was not discussed as there was none to move it. One was moved but it was withdrawn again and for one resolution a vote was taken and it was objected.

In regard to Bill, there were 8 Bill altogether, all of them were Government Bill. Out of 8 Bills, one was Mizoram Revenue Assesment Bill which had been withdrawn by the Minister in-charge. The rest of the Bills were passed by the House.

In regard to presentation of reports, we had one report from Business Advisory Committee, 7 from PAC, 1 from Estimates. 1 from Taxation, 2 from Revenue and 1 from Assurance. In paper laying, Education had laid 8 papers and one each by District Council Affairs and DP & AR.

These are the business which we had taken up during our present session. Though our the ducation of our Session is short, I am glad to see the sincerilty of all members. This shows our interest for the development of our country. Even our behaviour in the House is also improving.

We will now close our Session and the House is adjourn Sine die.

The House was adjourned Sine die  
at 3 : 15 P.M.

H.L.CHUNGA  
Secretary.

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