

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FIFTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FOR TWELFTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 1ST APRIL, 2010
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pu R.ROMAWIA, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 10 Ministers and 26 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

2. * *Resolution*

Note : Please see Bulletin Part-II Sl.No.92 dated 29th March, 2010 for relative precedence of Private Resolutions to be moved.

S P E A K E R : If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword"; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
Isaia 1:19-20.

We will start our question hour with question No – 171, Pu B.Lalthlengliana may ask the question.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concern minister of Industries which are as follows :-

- a) How many staff in MIFCO are unable to get their salary.
- b) The amount owed by MIFCO Ltd, to passion fruit growers.?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu S.Hiato may answer the question.

Pu S.HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the following are the answers to the hon'ble member's question.

- a) During our preparation salary was not given for five months but we have cleared their salary till January 2009, meaning that we have debt only one month salary, i.e February 2009.
- b) MIFCO had cleared all their debts to passion fruit cultivators.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to Starred Question No.172. Pu Lalduhoma may state his question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concern minister of PWD. Are there any plans to widen the approaching road to Zotlang from Vaivakawn and Zohnuai to Chhangurkawn?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister of PWD, Pu Lal Thanhawla may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, at present plans are not made to widen the mentioned roads but these highways are important and it is a must to bear in mind the importance and its consequences if we were to widen it or if it will be better to make it a oneway road.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the connecting road from Vaivakawn to Zotlang is very narrow and if the leaders of the locality permits, it will be wise to make it a oneway road.

I have written a memorandum in this regard and I think this matter should be pursued. There are about ₹.50 lakhs sanctioned for the construction of University road and on its way there is a drain which slides often and if a small bridge could be constructed over the culvert and a retaining wall constructed in the site, it will be very beneficial for us all since it is the main blockade in the mentioned road. Could the sanctioned fund be utilized for this purpose?

S P E A K E R : I will call upon the concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : What our hon'ble member said was important. Aizawl had become congested because of our greed. Instead of hiring experts to solve the solution, I think it would be better to see that every vehicle owner have a garage and if they do not, their vehicle permit should be cancelled and I think this matter should be considered carefully with our experts and officials. Anyway, I have visited the mentioned site a few times, the connecting road to the University is important and we will concentrate on the mentioned site with our experts to solve the problem we are now facing.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Lalrinthanga may have his time.

Pu K.LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, we are among the people who clearly know the situation of the mentioned site. I have reported this to the Parliamentary Secretary and the hon'ble Chief Minister. They give importance to our grievance and the E.E of the concerned department made a project estimate for the purpose and was submitted to Planning Department last year in the month of March. And now the department heads had put us in the New Year work schedule. The landowners also agreed to give portion of their land for extension of the road and since the project estimate is also at hand, I request for an extension of the road within this year.

S P E A K E R : Pu B.Lalthlengliana may ask his Starred Question No.173.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Sports & Youth Services Department. Under 'Catch them young' Policy has a talent hunt being conducted?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu Zodintluanga, Sports & Youth Services Department may answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member Pu B.Lalthlengliana's question is, "Yes, it has been conducted."

S P E A K E R : Pu B. Lalthlengliana may raise his supplementary question.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, does people from rural areas participate in the talent hunt? In which disciplines the talent hunt was conducted and where are the training conducted?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, we have selected one child from rural areas under athletic discipline and our associations have admitted him to a school here in Aizawl.
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Training in wrestling is conducted in Ramhlun and SAI Complex Centre, judo in Tuikual, Chaltlang, Ramhlun and Zemabawk. Archery in Government High School, Zarkawt. Fencing in Sihphir and our coaches are qualified National Games coaches.

Training in karate is conducted in Venghlui, taikwando in Electric locality, wushu in ITI, Tuithiang and Missiong vengthlang, weightlifting and boxing in Bethlehem vengthlang, muaythai in Chaltlang and Zemabawk, basketball in Chanmari and Zarkawt basketball court, cricket training is conducted in Durtlang, and we have just started hockey training in Kawnpui, table tennis in Armed veng, Tuikhuahtlang and Ramhlun Sports Complex. We have only one training centre in chess which is in Bethlehem. Tennis in Tennis Court and Ramhlun Sports Complex. Badminton in Kulikawn Indoor, Government High School and Bawngkawn but since we are short of coaches at present we have to cease our training in Bawngkawn.

Pu Speaker, 'Catch them young' is greatly valued by parents but since we are short of coaches and we do not have enough training centers we cannot pursue it as much as we desire.

S P E A K E R : I will call upon Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No. – 174.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, Starred Question No.174 is for the concerned minister of Soil & Water Conservation Department. Is there any scheme to place the Rangers under Soil & Water Conservation Department in Gazetted status?

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Liansailova, minister for Soil & Water Conservation may answer the question.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question of our hon'ble member Pu K.Liantlinga is- The department had made a proposal in 2009 and the matter was discussed in the cabinet sitting in 31.3.2009, it will be discussed and considered again after the 6th Pay Commission Fitment Committee Report Recommendation is issued.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.P Thawla may state his supplementary question.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, Saiha range is now set for division and construction of quarters and Division Office had been completed and my question is, when will this division start functioning?

S P E A K E R : Another supplementary question, Pu K.Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In terms of training and duties, Rangers under Soil & Water Conservation Department and Forest Department are the same, but Forest Rangers are placed under Gazetted status and it is disheartening not to be of the same grade with our equals, so is there a possibility to make this as one of the agenda in the first cabinet meeting?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu H.Liansailova may answer the question.

Pu H.LIANSAILOVA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble
MINISTER member Pu P.P Thawla's question is –
Construction of Division office and
quarters of Soil & Water Conservation
had been completed and we have evaluated and review our financial condition and we
will consider the appointment of staff in the near future.

As mentioned earlier, regarding the status of Soil R.O., the
government had a criteria and Fitment Committee Report. Base on the criteria the
cabinet will consider the matter.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma may state his Starred
Question No.175.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the
concerned minister of P.W.D –

- a) How much is the amount sanctioned for the construction of connecting
road of Lawngtlai to Myanmar border under Multi Modal Transport
Project?
- b) To what extend work had been completed?
- c) When will the work be completed ?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister of PWD, the
hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal
Thanhawla may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I will answer the hon'ble
CHIEF MINISTER member's question in a wider aspect
and also for the information of my fellow
members. Special Accelerated Road
Development Programme of North East is divided into two sections A and B which
covers all North East Region. An amount of ₹.680 crores is sanctioned for Multi
Modal Transport Project and as per planned, construction work will be completed
within four years.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question Pu Lalduhoma and he may be followed by Pu C.Ramhluna.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this project is also connected with Look East Policy, and we have also visited the site during the former ministry. Is there a way to increase the tempo of their work? Yesterday it was discussed that the sanctioned amount will be adjusted with other projects, will this delay the construction work?

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, how much compensation will be given for the excavation of the road? Has contract work been given? If there is an assessment, can the list be given to us? If work is going to be carried out as planned, the road will have to cut through the cemetery and the people want to dig out the coffin and have another burial place. So, what are the plans made for the people in this regard?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, in August 1997, an agreement was made between Indian delegation and Burmese delegation and it was agreed that, 'joint survey will be conducted by engineers of Burma and India' and it was hang up after the ministry was formed by other parties. But after we convinced the DoNER minister Mani Shankar Ayer and Commerce minister Jairam Ramesh, they were very interested and took up the project and we have come this far. We have tried our best to pursue this as fast as we could and after knowing the sanctioned amount, our engineers took initiatives and the project is now tendered. Adjusting the project will not delay the construction work, in fact it will help in pursuing it more rapidly. The road is 99.8 Km and is now tendered.

Regarding the compensation, assessment is in the process and the government will take care of any bogus claim as per the rules. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Those Autonomous area have a separate Revenue Department and I have asked their Revenue Officer way back in 1980 and he said, ' All Pawi community areas are already measured . Anyway, Pu Lalthansanga may ask his Starred Question No. 176.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned minister of Vigilance Department. How many were booked under corruption between the year 2005 – 2010?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is – During the year 2005 -2010, action was taken against two persons under the case of ACB. And as mentioned before, the process of the government takes time and there are many ongoing cases.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthansanga may state his supplementary question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have two supplementary questions, my first question is - How many pending cases are there? And the second is – Are FIR's submitted by PRISM and other pressure groups considered sub –judice after it reached the court?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I believe it is not sub-judice
CHIEF MINISTER during investigation but after the cases are filed in the Court, it is considered a sub-judice. FIR could be submitted by anyone and investigation will be made by the police or ACB and after report is given, the government makes conclusions for further actions. If I am wrong, our Lawyers may please correct my statement.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to the next Starred Question No.177, may I request Pu B.Lalthlengliana to ask the question?

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my Starred Question No.177 is regarding the former guidelines of MLA Funds which is now reviewed, altered and published by GPC, so, I will skip the question.

S P E A K E R : Since the question is skipped, Pu K.Liantlinga may ask his Starred Question No.178?

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concern minister of Sports & Youth Services Department.

- a) Is the drafting of the Mizoram Sports Policy been completed?
- b) Can you state the names of the Drafting Committee member of Mizoram Sports Policy?

S P E A K E R : The concern minister of Sports & Youth Services Department may answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble MINISTER : member's question is –

- a) Drafting of the Mizoram Sports Policy is completed but has not been finalized.
- b) The member of the Drafting Committee are :-
1. Pu Lalthuamluaia Sailo, Joint Secretary - Chairman.
Sports & Youth Services.
 2. Pu Zoliana Royte, Director - Member.
 3. Pu P.Vanluia, Joint Director - Member.
Sports & Youth Services
 4. Pu J. Vansangzuala, Deputy Director - Member, Secretary.
Sports & Youth Services
 5. Pu Lianzuala, Secretary - Member.
Mizoram State Sports Council.
 6. Pu C.Laltlanthanga, S.P.O - Member.
Mizoram State Sports Council.
 7. Pu C.Rothanga, A.O - Member.
Mizoram State Sports Council.
 8. Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, President - Member.
Mizoram Hockey Association.
 9. Pu K. Biakthianghlima, President - Member.
Fencing Association.
 10. Pu F.Zokima P.E.O - Member.
 11. Pu F.Lawmkima, Asst. Director - Member.

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Liantlinga may ask his supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Even in last year's March Session, the same question had been asked and the reply was, 'Drafting is in the process.' Even now the answer to our question is that it has not been finalized. If our hon'ble MLA's are also among the member of the Drafting Committee, can our Sports minister give a specified time for the completion of drafting the policy.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu Zodintluanga may answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our answer last year, in the month of March was, ' Drafting is in the process' and in July, 2009 the Drafting Committee submitted the draft to the government. Pu Speaker, the draft is a compilation of what the committee wants and desires, but we have to carefully examine and consider what we believe would be the best for our youths and what could be practice for a long time and what policies will be applicable for our state government in the future. And for these reasons, the policies had not been published.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to Starred Question No.179, Pu Lalduhoma may ask the question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of PWD – Are the residents of PWD quarters in Zonuum notified to vacate their homes within one month?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla, the concerned minister of PWD may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, they were given one month notice which was extended to another one month and since our state is now facing many natural calamities, they will be given considerations if they face any crisis.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma may state his supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, most of the residents have financial issues and apart from these, school sessions of their children is a problem for them. Apart from getting a seat in new schools it is difficult for them to pay for the admission fees and other necessities and the same goes for the police. Considering their situation, is there a possibility to extend the period for vacation?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, rate of crimes have increased immensely and our police have also become more on their guard , thanks to our Home Minister. To maintain law & order more effectively in the West zone, our Home Minister took initiatives and a building was bought in Vaivakawn, but since the residents of the building are less fortunate, I am positive that the department heads will be lenient to them.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to the next question. Pu B.Lalthlengliana may state his Starred Question No.180.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : My question is for the hon'ble minister of Vigilance – When will the Vigilance Commission be established?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, Vigilance Commission is planned to be established and an amount of ten lakhs was kept for the token provision between 2009 - 2010 and between 2010 – 2011 one hundred lakhs was reserved for the purpose and our leaders will consider this and decide what needs to be done in this regard.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to the next Starred Question No.181, Pu B.Lalthlengliana may state his question.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, an answer has been provided for my question a few days back, so I will skip the question.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to the next, Pu Lalduhoma may ask his Starred Question No.182.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Industries and they are –

- a) What are the names of the Company which holds a joint venture with Bamboo Development Agency and what is the purpose of the project?
- b) How is the Industrial Growth Centre, Luangmual maintained?
- c) Is Bamboo Plantation still going? What is the method for increasing bamboo plantation without bamboo fruits?

S P E A K E R : Pu S. Hiato, minister for Industries Department may answer the question.

Pu S.HIATO
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's questions are –

- a) Bamboo Development Agency has a joint venture with manufacturing an Export of Bamboo Product, Pvt. Ltd., Kolkatta. To manufacture bamboo mat board, particle board and fluted board MoU was signed with Zonun Mat Ply (P) Ltd, Aizawl.
- b) According to The Mizoram Industrial Area (Management, Regulation & Control) Act, 2008 Chapter II para 4 and The Mizoram Industrial Area (Management, Regulation & Control) Rules, 2008 section 5 sub-section (1), Industrial Area of Mizoram is maintained by the Management Committee and according to The Mizoram Industrial Area (Management, Regulation & Control) Act, 2008 Chapter III

Section- IV and The Mizoram Industrial Area (Management, Regulation & Control) Rules, 2008 section – III Sub – section – II Director of Industries is appointed as the appropriate authority. At present it is under the supervision of Empower Committee under Industry Department which is chaired by the Chief Secretary. In a short time, the area will be made ready for craftsmen on lease.

- c) Bamboo plantation is still on going in Non Forest area and the method for planting bamboo without the fruits are – 1) Bamboo shoots should be nurtured and planted. 2) Roots of bamboo can be planted 3) Bamboo sprout can also be planted.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, is there any hope of getting back the money granted to Venus? What are their products? Is it true that they are trading in woods more than bamboo?

When will we have the profit? Besides, the road to the Industrial Growth Centre is also very narrow, has the department put efforts to widen the connecting road? Can the department reserve the area for Special Economic Zones (SEZ)?

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, on the matter of industries like Venus bamboo, questions had been raised before. So, to give consent or to make an objection, has an Enquiry Commission been adopted by the state government?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu S. Hiato may answer the question.

Pu S.HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Venus bamboo had become quite popular and was established during the former ministry. At first, the machine which was from Kolkatta was not fit for the required work and another machine was imported from Taiwan and it was more suited for woodwork. As we know, they have a debt of ₹.20 lakhs on electricity bill alone, the Chief Secretary with the Commissioner and I went to the site but the Board of Director was not available and after establishing an Inquiry Committee we were able to track him and he said that the company cannot exercise as expected because of the task which was not carried out by the former ministry. But now a new Board of Director had been appointed and we are now trying our best to resume the work to the best of our ability. We have also asked for a reconnection of electricity but they are

unable to provide us the connection without paying the debt and I want to point this out for the information of my fellow members.

Zonun Mat Ply is also given an amount of ₹.2 crores but in the agreement, the condition in which the fund was released was not written. i.e whether it was grant-in-aid or loan system. Fortunately, the industry is successful and since the fund is provided by Mizoram Industries Department, with the Chief Minister we are not taking initiatives to repay the amount given to them and the file was passed just yesterday.

Regarding Venus Bamboo, as stated earlier, such is their condition that we have even extended the reporting time of the Inquiry Commission twice and this 31st of March will be the last day for submission and for this reason we are unable to decide what should be done and what should not be done. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, can you please give me some time, I have an important information for my hon'ble members.

S P E A K E R : Our House Leader may have his time.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the information is about the storm which destroys many houses in different districts. Pu Speaker, we do not have ready funds for aiding the victims we have given orders to every district D.C's to give them aid as required. Though we have tried our best to avoid any last minute rush we are now facing a problem which may be because of the piled up work in different departments and there are many files which cannot be accepted in such a short period of time and we will, no doubt, have a lapse. We have given orders before to avoid this kind of circumstances and we will find out the root and will make sure that the government employees will remember what their duties and responsibilities are, so that such incident will not happen again. Till now, we received reports that cashiers of different departments are unable to give bills creating problems. It is also rumoured that they demand some bribe and to put this to an end, we will now follow the pattern of posting accountants and cashiers to another station after every two years. Our hon'ble members and contractors each have close contacts and from them, we will know their conduct and we will trap them. Our ACB's and police will investigate and take necessary actions.

S P E A K E R : As permitted by our Rules 27, Sec – I, we are going to utilise today, the 1st April,2010 for Private member business and we have received ten Resolutions which were admitted. As per our Rules 124, it was balloted on 29th April,2010. According to Bulletin part – II, No.92, highlighted on the 29th April,2010 we will proceed starting from No.1. Our Rules No.131 gives great importance to the mover and does not specify the duration given to him, but stated that if the mover is to utilize more than 15 minutes, he/she have to ask for permission of the Speaker, so, let us all bear this in mind. May I now call upon Pu S.Laldingliana to move the first Resolution, Resolution No.1.

Pu S.LALDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. With your permission I present my Resolution which is – Schemes for construction of an Airfield near Lunglei is a very satisfying plan and I request to press on this project in the Central government for rapid process of the project.

Pu Speaker, I move this Resolution based on the Election Manifesto No.17 (E) sub – no.4 which states that under Look East Policy, for the convenience of the people of the south, construction of an Airport will be among the first priority.

On the way to Lawngtlai from Lunglei, just after you pass the TNT centre you can see Thangte village on top of which is the Saitluk hill range. The place is at the geographical center of the southern Mizoram and it would take no more than 10-15 km of road to connect the place.

Experts have examined the composition of the mountain and they concluded that an airport with more than 3 kilometers long runway could be built easily. Unfortunately, Pu Speaker, the previous ministry has neglected the reports and made no attempts to build such a facility. In view of possible airport construction in the future, the NGO's have requested the DC not to allow sales and purchase of land around the area to avoid needless compensations.

I would also like to point out that due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister, the Airport Authority of India has sent their top engineers to make a survey of the land but at the time they arrived the roads were impassable and they had to study it from Google Earth. After careful examination of the land, they were satisfied with it and gave us approval to build an airport. The current government has taken quick actions and has sent a DPR with an estimate of ₹ 250 crores under the 13th Finance Commission but we could not submit the concept papers and other documents on time and the project had to be halted for the time being.

Pu Speaker, if and when the airport is finished, it will be an immense benefit to the people of the south and with the Kolodyne Multi Modal Transport Project being undertaken, it is apparent that it will be a huge asset not only for the south but for the whole state.

Again, due to the effort of the hon'ble Chief Minister, Bangladesh has also agreed to trade with us and the government has prepared a DPR to build an Integrated Check Post (IPC) at Kawrpuichhuah. Bangladesh is also preparing such IPC at Thekamurgh and when all these border trade projects are completed, the influx of goods and trade materials would mean a huge difference to the lives of the people in Mizoram and the presence of an airport nearby would mean easier access to India and the rest of the world for imports and exports.

I believe this is why the outgoing DoNER minister, Mani Shankar Aiyar said that when the trade projects are completed, the south will be the hub of trade in Mizoram and since it is close to the border, it is also vital to have a working airport with the looming Chinese threat at large recently. Finally, I would like to request the members to discuss the resolution and extend their support for its passage in the House, thank you.

S P E A K E R : The member has introduced and moved the resolution. Each member will have 15 minutes. Who will start with the discussion? Pu Zodintluanga.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA
MINISTER : I am pleased that such a resolution has been moved in the House, Pu Speaker. I would like to point out first of all, that the southern districts have seen far better developments during the Congress ministry than any other.

This ministry has embarked upon several developmental works for the benefit of the south and we have completed many projects since. There were hardly any developments during the 10 years term of the previous ministry and hence I extend my support for the passage of the resolution.
Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to express my support of the resolution moved by the MLA of Lunglei South to hasten the construction of an airport at Saitluk.

Pu Speaker, the people of the southern districts has been neglected for a long time and their disappointment at the government can be seen in terms of their desire for a separate administration. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to see that the government has decided to fulfill its promise in its election manifesto of constructing an airport at the south.

Not surprisingly, most of the infrastructural developments in the state are undertaken and completed under the guidance of our current Chief Minister and House Leader.

The state has made huge strides in terms of development under this ministry with the hon'ble Chief Minister at its helm. We have constructed a standard airport at Lengpui which no one believed would really be completed at the time of its construction.

A 60 Watts capable Hydel Project was started at Tuirial with an estimate of ₹.480 crores and was projected for completion in 2008 but because of high compensations demanded by a certain brothers the project had to be shelved. But now the hon'ble ministers is searching for a way to start the project anew and has given us fresh hopes.

Pu Speaker, the World Bank Road connecting Aizawl with Lunglei was also started during the term of Congress. Investigations and surveys were made at great costs but the previous ministry was reluctant to continue our work and hence it progressed at a snail's pace. But now that we have regained power, works are being undertaken as quickly as possible and we even hope to finish the construction within this year if the weather allows us.

In fact, this ministry has taken all measures to ensure that we enjoy development in every aspect. As the mover has already mentioned, having an airport at Saitluk would benefit not only Lunglei but all the other autonomous districts at the south. This would mean a colossal development for the state as a whole and it will also help in our integrity and unity as a state. Therefore, I reiterate my support of the resolution, Pu Chairman. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : I would like to extend my support of the resolution, Pu Chairman. I have also introduced a private resolution last year which was passed unanimously and hence I feel that a good resolution like this should not be opposed merely for party reasons.

The hon'ble Chief Minister also invited the members to fight corruption and to visit the government offices at any time. I think he meant what he said and for that, I am sincerely grateful.

Thirdly, it is my principle that good prospects for the state should not be opposed based on differences in party nomenclature. Mizoram is a hilly state and hence construction of roads, river-ways, fields or airports are much difficult than the plains. Therefore, it is my opinion that we should construct airports at every available location since we do not have many places to build them in the first place.

Lunglei District used to be the No. 2 biggest district since the Mizoram District Council and they have seen very slow and little improvements in economic and other infrastructural developments such that, other previously smaller districts even compare themselves to them. Therefore, it is understandable that they feel neglected and uncared for.

Now that proposal to construct an airport is underway, I am sure it is a source of deep satisfaction for them. In any case, the Indian government has decided to implement the Look East Policy which means that the south will be our main platform for trade with other countries. Hence, it is imperative that we have an easily accessible airport in the vicinity.

I do not think I have to say much about the necessity of having an airport at Saitluk because we have representatives from that area who are much more familiar with the lay of the land and the need for the airfield. Therefore, without further ado, I would like to let the House know that I wholeheartedly support the resolution.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Chairman, I would like to say a few words in support of the resolution. On looking back to 1969 when the BRTF started constructing the road to Lunglei, I am deeply pleased that now an airport will be constructed near my birthplace, Tawipui. I am also impressed by the insightfulness of the mover and I commend the Congress ministry who made all these possible.

Having an airport at Saitluk will be especially helpful for emergency patients who needs better facilities because the place is not far at all from Lunglei. In the olden days, the people near the borders used to trade with Burma and

Bangladesh and hence they were more developed compared to other villages. When we started using the Vairengte route, the northern areas began developing faster than the rest of the state and we even have a standard airport near Aizawl now.

However, although it is indeed very useful, the usefulness of Lengpui Airport does not really satisfy the needs of the southern areas. The mover already mentioned how an airport at Saitluk would benefit Lunglei and all the surrounding areas. In fact, he said that with the road and river project going on under the Look East Policy, building an airport at the south is extremely sensible. Therefore, I will not add much to what he had said except that I support his resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthanliana.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I would like to congratulate the hon'ble member for introducing the resolution; a project he had worked so hard for during his time as a NGO president. Secondly, I would like to express my gratitude in the stead of all the people from the south zone to Pu Lalduhoma, Group Leader, who expressed his support of the resolution although he is an opposition member.

In case other parties decide to claim to have proposed the construction of the airport in the future, I would like to make it absolutely clear that this project was started during the previous Congress ministry under the leadership of Pu Lal Thanhawla, our present Chief Minister. He had allocated ₹.600,000 for survey and investigation of the land but unfortunately, we lost in the next election and the party that rose to power completely neglected it in the years that followed. When I enquired about the money that was set aside for survey and investigation through the RTI, I was informed that it was diverted to PWD and I was given the cheque number. To this day, I could not find out what the money was used for.

Therefore, Pu Speaker, as the hon'ble minister has said before, Pu Lal Thanhawla is a true blessing for the south zone because all the infrastructures are created during the Congress ministry. During the previous ministry, we have not only been devoid of development but we actually moved backward as the hon'ble member from West-I pointed out.

Even when they implemented the BAFFACOS, Lunglei District received the same amount of fund as other districts which are much smaller and lower in population. That could probably be the reason why Congress won by a landslide at the south in the last election. They have not only slowed the progress of development but would not even continue the works that their predecessors have undertaken.

They also diverted the money for infrastructural development of the south to Champhai Border Trade which we protested vehemently and it was only after our demonstration that the fund was re –transferred.

When the site for Bamboo Trade Centre with an estimate of ₹ 15 crores was surveyed, the DC invited the NGO's and sought their advice and they agreed on building it at the Agriculture Complex. However, I do not know if there was pressure from the ruling party, the minister ordered the centre to be constructed near Saikuti Hall which was very congested. The experts from the central could not agree and the matter was debated upon at length without reaching a solution. The ministry then completely cancelled the construction and we were cheated of our right once again. Finally I extend my support for the passage of the resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Zirliana.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am pleased
MINISTER that the hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary, Pu S. Laldingliana has introduced a resolution to hasten the construction of an airport at Saitluk in the House.

When the construction of Lengpui Airport was started, I wondered how they would level the land since there were so many valleys and ravines. Amazingly, the Congress party hired a very reliable company and eventually they managed to fill all the valleys and cut the high peaks and ultimately we were able to have a good airport. I commend the efforts of our Chief Minister, who is a great visionary and a pioneer for the development of our state. Therefore, I invite all those who are just and those who want to better our state to join our party for it is the only party who really cares for the development of our state.

The hon'ble Chief Minister favours the south immensely in terms of development. They are undertaking the Multi Modal Transport at this time and when this project is finished, the cost of transport will decrease considerably. I am afraid that all our wealthy businessmen will move to the south when it is completed because of the solid infrastructure and since the benefits will be reaped by the whole of Mizoram, I think instead of saying the southern area only, we should change it to Mizoram.

The southern areas are very valuable especially to the Congress party because they define the workings of our administration. The first visionaries of Mizoram came from the south and we often say that the light of the south brightens the rest of the state.

I agree completely with what the hon'ble Chief Minister has said because I have no particular expertise as the minister of Rural Development and I have requested the DP&AR to provide me with competent officers who would really know the departmental machineries in and out. Therefore, I sincerely regret that we have left over funds from our original estimate during this financial year. It is apparent that while the government is trying to eradicate corruption, there are many officials who do not care a what about the development of the state except their selfish gain. It saddens me to see that the funds meant for the people are misappropriated by the corrupt officials.

One thing you have to understand is that we passed the budget only last October with a Vote On Account when the fund is ready for use by the same month in the past years. Therefore, we have a lot of problems as a result. The SPAB is responsible for sanctioning the departmental funds but the Chairman of the Department, which is the Chief Secretary, is an extremely busy man and he simply does not have sufficient time to take care of all the files. Hence, I suggest that we trust the ministers to be the Chairman of SPAB to ease the burden of the Chief Secretary.

I humbly apologize for the poor estimate we have made and I hope you will understand and forgive me. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will take a short break and we will resume our discussion at 2:00 Pm.

Recess at 1:00 Pm.

2:00 PM

S P E A K E R : We will continue with our discussion. 7 members have made their speech so far and we will call upon Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia next.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to say a few words in support of the resolution moved by the hon'ble member, Pu S. Laldingiana. In the mean time, it is my understanding that when the first survey for the airport was made in 1998, the present House Leader went there in person.

I would like to briefly highlight and compare the meager works undertaken by the previous ministry and the impressive job done by this ministry within only one and a half year.

When the GAD released a notice to set up a Airport Survey Committee in 2006, the NGOs of the area met under the Chairmanship of the DC and suggested 4 places to build the airport which included Saitluk hill. But before any of this surveys and committees are announced to the people, 21 high ranking party members of the then ministry applied for ownership of parts of the land in the proposed area.

When the NGOs heard this, they pressured the DC and threatened to organize demonstrations until the DC issued an order which finally forced the party members to withdraw their applications.

When this ministry assumed power in 2008, it took immediate steps to build the airport under the leadership of our hon'ble Chief Minister. He sent a letter to the Union Finance Minister requesting the amount of ₹.250 crores for the purpose but since we did not yet have even a concept paper, they told us that it was not possible to sanction the fund at the time.

The Airport Authority of India sent experts to survey the land but the roads were impassable so they had to conduct an aerial survey and they were accompanied by our hon'ble Chief Minister. Therefore, I would like to make it clear that no other party has the right to claim the initiatives and efforts we have made as their own.

This ministry has proposed numerous developmental works during only one and a half year of assuming power and most of them have been approved by the central government. The previous ministry has made no real impact in terms of development at the south and it is only after we rose to power that infrastructural aspect of development has commenced. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am a wee bit disappointed that the hon'ble member kept referring to the development of the south as theirs alone. The PC party has also seized power in the past and we have undertaken many developmental works during our government which cannot be simply written off.

It was in truth, during our time that the airport surveys were made at Lengpui, Kawmzawl and Saitluk and hence it was due to our initial effort that the Lengpui Airport has been completed successfully.

The hon'ble House Leader mentioned that the construction of Saitluk Airport is inevitable and with that in mind, I suggest we construct an airfield

at Kawmzawl which can accommodate smaller planes while Saitluk Airport is being prepared to be an International Airport much like Tuirial Airfield and Lengpui Airport.

In the meantime, I would like to request the hon'ble member to cease referring to the airport as 'theirs' because it could bring out the feeling of regional discrimination.

I feel that this is a good resolution and for the betterment of the whole state. We should be open-minded for the good of the state irrespective of our party nomenclature and without further ado, I extend my support for its passage in the House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Nirupam Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to express my support of Pu S. Laldingliana's resolution – We are grateful for the proposition of constructing an airport near Lunglei to mitigate the problems faced by the people of the south; let us further resolve to urge the central government to undertake the construction as quickly as possible.

Pu Speaker, while speaking of the airport we squabble over other developmental works as our own which seem to be the pattern of the discussion. That is why I would like to point out that among all the parties that has taken over the reign of administration in the state, the Congress party has made the biggest contributions and the greatest achievements in the political history of the state.

In regard to the construction of Lengpui Airport, the present hon'ble Chief Minister pursued the project tirelessly and has written letters to the NEC and the Ministry of Civil Aviation back in the 90's and I should know because I was a minister in the previous Congress ministry.

In response to his request, the National Airport Authority along with Mizoram government officials and Border Road Organization officials went to inspect the area proposed by the PC ministry but they found the land to be too treacherous and they decided to construct the airport at the present location. Therefore, it was the Congress ministry who initiated the Lengpui Airport and who finished the project. Again, I should know because I was the one who laid the foundation stone.

We should remember that if we want to build an airport anywhere, be it Lunglei or Champhai, the state has certain responsibilities in terms of provision of water, electric, sanitation, etc. supply.

I approve the proposition of constructing an airport at Saitluk but we also have to remember to deal with the fundamental issues. In the process of preliminary surveys, we do not need to enlist the help of outside companies because the PWD can be trusted to do the job well enough. We also need to make the intended location a free land and acquire it as soon as possible otherwise we will be bogged down by demands for compensation as is the case in most big projects we have embarked upon so far.

With these points being highlighted, I would like to advise the government to be careful about acquiring the land and to protect it from encroachment in the future. The government should also have a well formulated plan about provision of water, electricity, road connectivity, sanitation, etc.

Pu Speaker, I wholeheartedly support this resolution but at the same time, I would like all those concerned to commit themselves fully to the task, especially the PWD. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I feel that we should rephrase the words - 'to mitigate the problems faced by the people of the south' to 'for the development of Mizoram' because we are speaking about an airport, an international airport at that and not just an airfield.

At the mention of the 'southern region' I wonder if they have a little bit of a complex because this is our state and there must be no discrimination emanating from anywhere. Developmental works can be undertaken anywhere if it is convenient and we should not be envious of other regions of the state since it would merely display our narrow-mindedness. We should be grateful for whatever development we can have within the state because we are all Mizo and the achievements we have made are for the good of Mizoram as a whole.

All the major parties have considered the possibility of constructing an airport at one time or the other. It is in fact, not something which is achievable on one's own and claiming to be the ground-layer of such a major infrastructure is quite petty. The fact of the matter is that this is a form of development rolling with the rest of the world. As the world progresses in technology, requirements for better facilities and equipments become essential and it necessitates better transports and communications; hence the need for an airport such as Lengpui Airport.

We need to know that development will inevitably come to our states and it will be implemented as necessary. We should not be jealous of other

reasons or feel neglected just because it is implemented in other locations. We must realize that it is for the good of us all.

One thing the hon'ble Chief Minister spoke about, that attracted my attention is that there are a lot of fund in the budget which were not passed and which has lapsed. There is really no one to blame for this because they receive the sanction too late in the month and there was nothing they can do about it anymore.

Therefore, may be we should distribute the financial powers at the minister or Secretary levels after the Demands are being passed in the House without necessarily going to the Finance Department for sanctioning to avoid lapse of fund.

In any case, too much praise or criticism is detrimental to one's judgment and decision and I urge the ruling members not to praise the House Leader excessively. He is only one man and you cannot expect him to do everything on his own. That is why other ministers should sometimes take the initiatives for the development of our state.

With a suggestion to change the wording a little bit as I have said before, I support the resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Before I speak about the resolution, I would like to remind the hon'ble Chief Minister that the answer to my Unstarred Question No. 41 is absolutely incorrect. I am deeply disappointed at the officials who prepared the answer. Tuipui Hydro Electric Project is actually located at 15 Km south of Khawbung Village.

I sincerely appreciate the wish of the House Leader to put a stop to lapse of fund at the financial year ending. It gives rise to excessive corruption as we are all aware and it does not go well with our faith either. It is imperative that we think of a way to avoid fund lapse because our present system is simply not good enough to use developmental funds on time since the file has to pass through several officers even after the Planning department has sanctioned the fund.

The member before me spoke about the seeming inferiority complex the southern regions have and I agree wholeheartedly. Development should be all encompassing and we should be happy and grateful for any kinds of development in the state irrespective of regions.

As a party also, we should not be reluctant to continue the works started by the previous government. Unless we resume the projects left by the previous ministry, the pace of development will definitely suffer and we will have only ourselves to blame.

Pu Speaker, the resolution is very good at first glance but if you consider the fact that we have a strong House Leader and he has taken every measure to ensure the construction of the airport, one might get the notion that the member does not sincerely believe in the efforts of the House Leader. Therefore, if we are to pass the resolution, I agree with the Home Minister's suggestion to pass it in 'amended form'. With little amendments in the wording if possible, I support the resolution. Thank you.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I think this is one of the rare moments that we all agree on one subject which is quite pleasing. I would like to express a few words of support as well.

Our opinions may differ in concert with our party policies yet we are all involved and responsible for the development of Mizoram and I would like to point out that the MDF was also involved in the construction of the Lengpui Airport from a very early stage.

I feel deeply pleased and fortunate to be able to participate in the proposal for construction of an airport at Saitluk and I support the resolution wholeheartedly.

I am grateful that a resolution has been moved in the House on the recommendation of the Lunglei Airport Committee. The recommended location is ideal for an airport and it is easily accessible from all the main towns of the south. Having an airport will help in other aspects of developments and hence it will surely prove to be a great asset for the people and we do not even have to set aside the fund from our main budget. I hope we will all agree on the Chhimtuipui Undivided resolution as well. I support the resolution, Pu Speaker. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu C. Ramhluna

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker, I do support Pu S. Laldingliana's resolution, that is "On appreciation of the step taken by the government for construction of airport near Lunglei which concerned alleviation of problems of the people of southern constituencies and that the State Authority may further approach Central Authority for immediate completion." It is very pleasing to have such a good resolution. The word, southern people is appropriate for the southern people.

In my opinion, 60-70% of state fund is disposed of in Aizawl District, while only 30 % is spent for southern people. Comparing to the situation of the people of Aizawl District and Southern Districts, there is great difference between them. That is why, the word, 'for the southern people' is quite appropriated. The word does not mean parity, but it means that the southern people will benefit the airport.

On the other hand, resolution passed in the House became meaningless, e.g. Health Care Scheme, if government did not initiate priority. That is why, government should give priority to any resolution passed in this august House. Failure to implement resolution passed in this august House humiliates the House.

As the hon'ble member said before, the airport is actively pursued by the state government. It may be regarded that it is not necessary to pass resolution for that purpose to some extent as step is already taken by the hon'ble House Leader. But, if the ruling party support the resolution I do support it by 120%. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I am very happy for sparing me time to speak a very good resolution raised by Pu S. Laldingliana. MINISTER It is very desirable to strengthen the voice of the hon'ble Chief Minister by passing resolution in this august House on the way to which he has taken step to construct another airport near Lunglei. I am very happy it is going to be passed without any criticism. It is also pleasing to hear thanks giving from one another although it is April fool. The reason is that all development is led by the hon'ble Chief Minister, Leader of the House.

Pu Speaker, I would like to point out that the officers of the state government are fully trustworthy. BRO estimated ₹.70 crores for 7500 feet run way of Lengpui airport in 1992, while our officers estimated the same only at ₹.45 crores in 1994. The work has been completed within the time framed. This proves that our officers are very efficient and trustworthy.

I want to suggest that an official record be made to honour our Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla and Pu Narashimha Rao, the then Prime Minister on whose initiative and effort that Lengpui Airport gets materialized. It is very pleasing that Pu S. Laldingliana knows how to raise a resolution to strengthen the voice of the hon'ble Chief Minister. You will see that various progresses come in the state due to the earnestness of the hon'ble Chief Minister. The central government too had confidence in him.

I am sorry that some members think it inspired southern feeling. But if an airport come into being it will not be benefitted only by the southern people, but it is for all the people of the state.

Hon'ble Speaker, it is also pleasing that step is taken to solve the problems faced by the southern people. I do support the resolution heartily and begged the House on behalf of Pu S. Laldingliana to pass it. Thank you, hon'ble Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Fifteen minutes left in our common practice, the concerned minister used to relate the discussion of the resolution before the mover of the resolution. Let us now, call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister, Aviation Department to relate the discussion.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker, regarding the wording
CHIEF MINISTER 'for the people of southern constituencies,' you and I were, once resided in the southern constituencies. The resolution is therefore, quite relevant as it has been raised. The wording of the resolution was not properly discussed. The members are to satisfied with the step taken by the leaders. As the hon'ble member said before, it might be regarded as no confidence motion, but it is not. I do in fact give thanks for the resolution.

You see, there is proposal to amend its wordings, I felt I am responsible to this. The reason is we have an election manifesto which is to solve the problems of the southern people to construct airport near Lunglei. Demand is to be made for the southern people to the central government through its "Look East Policy,". That is why, this resolution is not brought through their own but it is a means to implement election manifesto. Hon'ble Speaker, in my opinion, there is no difference between airfield and airport. It is to be accepted as the words framed by the hon'ble member.

Regarding the amendment of the wording of the resolution, the hon'ble Speaker was consulted. According to him direct amendment of its wording in the House is not allowed. It is therefore, accepted as an original wording.

Before independence of India, the southern portion is entrance to the state of Mizoram, but not now after implementation of Multi-Modal Transport and Border Trade, the southern will become again the entrance of the state of Mizoram not only for Mizoram but for the whole North Eastern states especially in regard to border trade. After that, we will reach Kolkota within one hour from Sittwe. That is why, the work is to be done urgently.

The state border trade will be implemented from Zokhawthar to Thingsai and Chapui. The approach road to Tiau river too had been constructed. That is why the airport will be very important.

Regarding Tlabung border trade, we had te tea te te with the External Affairs Minister of Bangladesh to put agenda with their foreign minister. The Foreign Minister too, agreed with it after their discussion. He, himself wanted to visit Tlabung border trade at the spot. Consequently, the airport will be very important shortly.

The DoNER minister too is interested in the airport to be constructed at Saitlukkawn near Lunglei because of proposal for Multi-Modal Transport Project. It is necessary to speed up DPR, without which no step can be taken, the concerned department also should be encouraged to speed up the work on DPR. The Chief Engineer and his colleagues of the Airport Authority of India are also interested with the aerial survey of the airport. If the approach road is constructed, we may do DPR along with them.

Although, I contacted the 13th Finance Commission, yet it cannot be considered due to absence of DPR. But with the interests given by DoNER Ministry and the agreement made by Planning Commission we have hope to be successful without help from the 13th Finance Commission. Work will be started as early as possible. We will do our best for the success of the airport. I would like to inform the House that we are ready to do whatever we can for the success of the said airport. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will call upon the mover of the resolution to beg the House to pass his resolution.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Thank you very much hon'ble Speaker. It is very pleasing that twenty six members participated in the discussion and all the members supported my resolution. The two members on your left supported it by 120%.

Regarding the wording of the resolution, as the House Leader said it was framed in accordance with the election manifesto. It means, "Mizoram," instead of "the southern people". We prefer to make alteration, but it is not possible to make alteration directly. I hope the members' understanding. The airport to be constructed is for Mizoram. It is not only for the southern people.

Further, I would like to highlight that the airport to be constructed is very suitable for India too, as it is convenient for national security measure. I will not say much about it. I therefore, beg the House to pass this resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As invited, mover of the resolution begged the House to pass the resolution. Now, we will vote the resolution.

(The resolution was voted and passed).

The Resolution, "On appreciation of the step taken by the government for construction of airport near Lunglei which concerned alleviation of problems of the people of southern constituencies and that the state authority may further approach Central Authority for immediate completion," is unanimously passed by the House.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker, if we are to take
CHIEF MINISTER another resolution, it may not be necessary as construction of Mizoram House at Churachanpur/Lamka, Manipur has been taken up and the work is allotted to local contractor.

S P E A K E R : Is not it more important about the circuit House/ Mizoram House at NEIGRIMS. What is the progress?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker, it is a new thing. It is not yet considered about it. The Mizoram House is constructed in a bigger one. Inauguration function is now ready. But, it is necessary to construct Circuit House adjoining to the Mizoram House. A plot of land is required for this.

S P E A K E R : Of what I want to say is that all important tasks cannot be done at a time. Each projects required special packages of their own. They will be implemented at different time at different places one by one. We also need to broaden our view and outlook. Now, we have finished our business for today. We will take rest. I give my best wishes to all the members to spent Good Friday and Easter Sunday heartily.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there is a large sum of money to lapse. Can the ruling party move for short duration discussion as only one day session is left for discussion?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir. The fund which is going to lapse is not only regrettable, it angered me as well. It has been discussed about it. Anyway, if the member wants to discuss in the House. It will be welcomed.

S P E A K E R : Short duration notice can be done one hour before the sitting starts. It can be done the next Monday. If so, let it be considered. I therefore, give all members my best wishes to spent Good Friday and Easter Sunday as best as possible. The sitting will be resumed on next Monday at 10 : 30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 4 : 10 PM.