

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

**SEVENTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 15TH JULY, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTION

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

SPECIAL MOTION

2. **Pu LALDUHOMA** to move a special motion under rule 138 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative assembly.

PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS

3. * Resolutions.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

S P E A K E R : Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.
Peter 1:9

Now, Question hour, Let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask starred question No. 51.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister, H & Tech. Education department be pleased to state –

- a) Does the National Institute of Technology, Mizoram proposed Workshop for the 1st and 2nd Year Mechanical Engineering student?
- b) Does the 15th laboratory have been prepared equal to the standard of All India National Institute of Technology?

- c) Does teaching and non-teaching staff have been recruited for National Institute of Technology?

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, answer to starred question No. 51 is –
MINISTER

- a) Engineering Mechanical workshops is needed for B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering subject. But workshop for 1styr B.Tech. in electricals, electronics and computer science provided by National Institute of Technology (NIT) Mizoram has already been organized, but not for the 2ndyr students. 1styr students in Nagpur finishing 1st and 2nd semester will proceed to 3rd semester of second Year at Nagpur. But the 2nd year ending semester, that is 4th semester will be finished at Aizawl in January, 2012. Then, Workshop for the Second Year Students will be prepared.
- b) There are no standard specification/parameters of National Level in NIT as NIT is not established under AICTE/NITE. As stated earlier, NIT is newly established in the state and so it is a problem to set up laboratories at the same time. Materials for the laboratories will be purchased as per required by the Institution.
- c) 8 teaching staff and 9 non-teaching staff are newly recruited and their appointment orders have already been issued.

S P E A K E R : Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask supplementary question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, ₹50 crore has been sanctioned for six states of the North-east in 2009. Course given to beginner at NIT is quite simple and I am afraid that low quality of the student who passed from here may affect future career of concerned students. May the time scheduled for setting the said institution be postponed?

Secondly, it is learned that 8 teaching staff of Assistant Professors are newly recruited instead of Professor or Associate Professor. Is this an ideal procedure?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma, and Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are –

- 1) May a copy of NIIT Act, 2007 be furnished in the House?
- 2) What is the reason for issue of appointment order to the newly recruited teaching staff and non-teaching staff before the expiry of the period of advertisement?

- 3) Why the government established NIT in our state in such a hurry?
- 4) Which NGO gave pressure to the state government to set up NIT?
- 5) What is the reason for NIT Nagpur in urging the state government to set up NIT?
- 6) Is there any hidden reason behind setting up of NIT?
- 7) Whether the state government has given any thought that students may hesitate to admit in this institution in such situation?
- 8) Why students of NIT did faced problem of re-imburement of their fees?
- 9) Will the state government seek remedial measures of that problem?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows-

- 1) In which place the government plans to allot a site for NIT Building?
- 2) Will government purchase a plot of land for NIT at Thenzawl?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalsawta, hon'ble minister to give answer.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the state government prepared good enough for setting up of NIT. Among the North-east states where NIT is established, Mizoram is the most advance state. Since the institution is of the central, the state government has a limited power. The state government has given much effort for improvement of the NIT. In 2009, the central government set up appropriate programme for this purpose where as our state too had been given proper instruction for we have a Regional Engineering College. Since the state government has only a Politechnic Institute, NIT is much needed and there is no harm in setting up as long as it is central programme. The hon'ble Chief Minister had even sent his appreciation to the central for setting up the institution in Mizoram. Regarding the question of involvement of NIT Nagpur, it may be noted that even the central government urges the state government for setting up NIT.

Regarding the question of admission of concerned students for their further study, I should say that we, the Mizos are not backward in education and I believe there will not be a problem to that effect.

Regarding recruitment, it has a Board of Directors which consists of 6 persons, but even the Secretary, Higher and Technical Education is not included. There should be proper guidelines for recruitment.

Regarding the appointment of Assistant Professor, the Board deemed the selected is befitted to teach I yr and II yr students. It may be noted that even the Board is observant so that only genuine Professor is appointed for the said.

Regarding NIT Act, 2007 as demanded by Pu Lalduhoma, it will be supplied to all members within this session. Regarding the building, it may be noted that it is the

idea of central authority to start the institution at rented building. The Board opined 8 Teaching staff will do for 67 students. Presently, the Institution has 6 laboratories to meet the existing demand of the Institution.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Whether persons who are involved in urging the state government for immediate establishment of NIT violate the laws where as mentoring period to that effect is 5 years? It is humiliating for the state government to receive such pressure from outside even before we are ready.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I opine we may wait at least one year more for setting up this institution.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : We have already been prepared for one year and we are now ready to open the institution on the 21st of this month. To define the meaning of mentoring period, it does not mean to do for one-self but to guide or help.

Regarding the problem of re-imburement of the scholarship, we do our best to solve it and no more problems will come. Regarding selection of the site for NIT, the institution required 300 acres of land for which 420 acres of land being offered at Thenzawl has already been verified.

Lastly Pu Speaker, it will not be appropriate for the members to compare our newly established NIT with that of other states having the same institution not less than 50 years. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us invite Leader of the House to make his speech.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, even though I had informed in a letter to Shri Kapil Sibhal of Central Ministry that we are not ready yet to set up the institution, our demand was being rejected. So, we are compelled to do our best for setting up the Institution.

Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that we are compelled to start with humble beginning at Chatlang due to strong pressure from NIT Nagpur. Members of Board of Directors also visited the selected site at Thenzawl and made their approval eventually. According to proposal, the location should not be further than 2 hours travel by road from

Airfield and the land should also be obtained at free of cost. As per the 11th Five Years Plan, pressure should be given for immediate establishment of the institution.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No. 52.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble minister Power & Electricity deptt. be pleased to state –

- a) What mega watt will be produced by Tuirial Hydel Project?
- b) Is the project is a resumption of the one abandoned by the former ministry?
- c) Why the former ministry did abandoned Tuirial Hydel Project?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows –

- a) 60 mega watts.
- b) Yes.
- c) According to NEEPCO, failure of the project in question is due to problem caused by Tuirial Farmers Association and failure of Law & Order to that effect.

S P E A K E R : Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- (1) Did the Japanese Engineers spot-visited the project at the beginning?
- (2) Whether the Revenue Officers who supported false claim of compensation were suspended?
- (3) Is it true that number of persons who claimed compensation suddenly increases from 48 to 2026?
- (4) Will second installment of compensation be paid immediately?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- 1) May the hon'ble Minister furnish list of persons who claimed compensation in addition to the first 42 persons?

- 2) Whether concerned persons produced their LSC?
- 3) May the hon'ble Minister furnish assessment of the total amount?

S P E A K E R : Pu Laduhoma and Pu B. Lalthlengliana will now ask their supplementary questions. First, Pu Laduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: –

- 1) Is the commitment made by the hon'ble Chief Minister to the Power Minister of the Central Government stands still?
- 2) If so, what is the rate of consumption?
- 3) What is the existing rate of consumption of power from outside the state?

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

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Revised Estimate of Tuirial Hydel Project is about ₹808 crore out of which 2.87% is used for compensation and 5.34% for Forest Clearance. If so, the remainder is quite enough for starting the project. Why the project is not yet started?

Secondly, what is the amount of revised estimate for the project?

S P E A K E R : Hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, fund provision from Japan is acquired for construction of Tuirial Hydel Project and so we are able to lay the foundation stone of the project. In the same way, we are instructed to lay the same for Tuivai Project next year.

Pu Speaker, there are 48 original farmers since the British rule as no other farmers is allowed to claim compensation.

12 Mega watts will be received at free of cost for the project and without payment of any royalty where as power consumption will be charged as per concessional rate made by the Electric Regulatory Authority.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the copy of sanction of compensation and assessment of the amount be furnished to the members?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : If it is found, it will be supplied to the members. The amount of assessment is ₹903 crores.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu John Siamkunga to ask Starred Question No. 53.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Will the hon'ble minister, Power and Electricity department be pleased to state: -

- (1) What is estimated date of completion as well as commission of 33 KV line of South Vanlaiphai?
- (2) Is there any proposal to construct 33 KV Sub-Station at Cherhlun as well?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows: -

- a) South Vanlaiphai 33 KV Line which is under construction is expected to be commissioned in December, 2011.
- b) Construction of 33 KV Line Sub-Station at Cherhlun is running under the Comprehensive Scheme.

S P E A K E R : Pu John Siamkunga to ask supplementary question.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, my question is: - What are the rules provided for repairing transformer? Should the public bear expenditure for the repair of transformer?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- 1) What is the progress for construction of 33 KV Sub-station at Khawhlailung?
- 2) Some transformers need upgradation. What plan has been made by the government for upgradation of such transformers?
- 3) 132 KV Line at Keitumkawn is not safe for the people. May the department shift the line to a safe place?
- 4) Whether Maicham phase-I is in function? If not, what is the progress?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, transformer at Thingkah could not meet power requirement of the village. Will the government immediately upgrade this transformer to meet the requirement?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Generally, most of our transformers need repairing where as some could be repaired locally. Presently, there is no fund for purchase of new transformers. If there is a plan to do so, the best quality may be purchased.

The problem with Maicham and Vanlaiphai are very important and transformer may be purchased immediately.

Regarding the repair of transformers, the public should not hire departmental laborers to repair transformer from their own expense as it is purely of a department work.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to move his Special Motion which has already been admitted.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the North and South Lushai Hills were amalgamated into Lushai Hills District in 1898. The then Superintendent of South Lushai Hills District, Lt. Col. J. Shakespeare was the first Superintendent. When the North and South Lushai Hills was amalgamated, their Military Police too were amalgamated into Lushai Hills District Military Police. The Lushai Hills District Military Police was then renamed as the First Assam Rifle in 1917.

Lt. Col. J. Shakespeare wrote a book known as "The Making of Aijal." In his book, he wrote the details of the cannon placed at the compound of the First Assam Rifle. The Cannon had been shifted from Lunglei to Aizawl and was placed by the site of the image of Queen Victoria in front of the Assam Rifle's Quarter Guard.

As the First Assam Rifles were moved to Nagaland in 2003, they brought the Cannon with them as they believed this as a War Trophy awarded to them and intended to put it in the museum of the Assam Rifles.

This Cannon is a precious heritage for the state as it was received from Lt. Col. J. Shakespeare. It stayed at Aizawl not less than 105 Years which proved that the First Assam Rifles are not the owner of the Cannon. So, it should be brought back to Aizawl immediately. I, therefore, moved to the House so that it is retained at Aizawl with immediate effect. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now discuss the Motion. All members are expected to spend not more than 5 minutes. Pu Lalrinawma will have first.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I want to mention that the Motion is admitted under rule 138 of the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in the House. The said rules provide that the Motion shall have an “urgency” and “recent occurrence.” In my opinion, the Motion does not concern of an urgent case or of a recent occurrence. It is always published in the Local Newspapers as the matter is of some years back. I opine it should not be admitted. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, the motion concerns an important matter. I also have submitted the same case as a private resolution as the Cannon make Aizawl difference from any other towns/cities in the country as it is highly regarded by the people. Since it is lost since 2003, I found this motion as of urgency. So, I want to inform the House that I give my whole-hearted support to this motion. Thank you.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the motion raised by Pu Lalduhoma is quite important. The cannon being displayed in front of Assam Rifle’s Quarter Guard was highly regarded by the people. Even so, it is regretted as the government under MNF ministry missed the historical as the First Assam Rifle brought it to Nagaland without any objection. As Congress party assumed the ministry, initiation was made by Intach to retain the said cannon. The Hon’ble Chief Minister too wrote to central Home Minister and Director General of Assam Rifle expressing the cannon as one of the most precious heritages of Mizoram. I have been supplied by Intach various documents relating to steps taken for retainment of the cannon. I have even written D.O. letter in support of the motion so that it is regarded as of an important matter. With your permission Pu Speaker, copy of step taken so far by Intach may be supplied to the members within this session. It is, therefore, necessary to take

immediate step to retain the lost cannon which is having much historical value for Mizoram. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, I found this motion concerns an urgent matter as it has already been taken quite a long time to get it back. It should be retained immediately. As a son of Aizawl city, this Motion should have been moved by me yet, I am glad that Pu Duhoma has moved it instead. As expressed by Pu Lalthansanga of his childhood, we were so happy to see the cannon as we used to point at it from vehicle everytime we passed through the area. It is deeply regretted as we, the Mizo has not given enough regard despite the importance and its historical value. If retained, I opine it should be preserved inside the compound of Raj Bhavan. Thank you.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, thank. I would like to thank INTACH for taking the initiative to bring back the cannon. Infact, the cannon holds great significant as it was among those cannon used in Waterloo. I would also like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for taking steps in this regard. I give my support to the resolution.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would also like to express my regret for missing of the cannon. Pu Speaker, the cannon was first placed at Lunglei. Infact, blood was shed in order to protect the cannon. It is a significant symbolic for the people of Mizoram. I therefore give my full support to the motion.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to give my support for the motion. It is a great treasure for the state. The government cannot safeguard every material that Assam Rifles possesses. The government cannot be blamed. It was first placed in Lunglei, but, brought back to Aizawl as it is the capital. Pu Speaker, we all seem to agree with the resolution. Thus, we should adopt the motion. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, first of all I was not aware that Intach took the initiative to bring back the cannon and, so is the Chief Minister. Pu Speaker, we have walked passed the cannon since our childhood. Therefore, it is unfortunate to know that it is missing. As for it was first placed in Lunglei, Pu Speaker, Lunglei was its route to Aizawl. I give my support to the resolution. Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am among those who value and treasure the cannon. We have walked pass the canon since our childhood. With the initiative of Intach, steps have been taken to regain its custody. I personally spoke to DG of the Assam Rifles. However, the Regiment has shifted from one place to another; they might have been given instructions to keep it in Kolkata Museum by the Home Ministry. Therefore, I would suggest an official resolution be passed by the house so that it will have a bigger impact on approaching the Home Ministry. But Pu Speaker, it is the decision of the House.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I know it is appropriate to submit as resolution. But if it is submitted as a resolution, there is uncertainty in balloting. I do not mind if it is submitted as an official resolution. Pu Speaker, the main purpose is to bring back the cannon. Therefore, I would request the House to adopt the motion. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : There is no question of the House not being able to adopt the motion. Alright, do we all agree to adopt the motion? The motion is adopted by the House.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Member absents - Pu Laldingliana. I have just received a note from Pu Robert Lalchhuana, stating that Pu H. Vanlalauva, ex-minister has passed away. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

We shall now move on to private member resolution. Let us call Pu R. Lalrinawma to move his resolution - "We are grateful for steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government to attain self sufficiency in power".

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to thank you for the privilege to move this Motion. Friday is the only day when members are given the privilege to express the views and opinions on matters which they feel important. Special Motion has the privilege to be taken up on any day. Thus, it seems appropriate if it is taken on Friday as it consumes the time for discussion of the resolution. Anyway, Pu Speaker, I would request you to grant me the privilege in future if required.

Pu Speaker, it is the fourth term that Pu Lal Thanhawla led the State Government. During these four terms, various steps have been taken to attain self-sufficiency in power. The total number of small hydel projects that the government owns is 18, out of which 14 hydel projects have been constructed under the government led by Pu Lal Thanhawla where as MNF and PC Government completed 2 projects each. Pu Speaker, I will read out the names of these 18 projects and the year of their commission.

S/Nos	Names of project	Year of starting	Year of commission
1	Serlui 'A'	1982	1984
2	Khawvai	1983	1988
3	Tuilak	1985	1987
4	Tuirivung	1985	1989
5	Tuisumpui	1988	1992
6	Tuipui	1988	1991
7	Kau	1989	1992
8	Maicham	1989	1995
9	Laili Lui	1990	1992
10	Tuidum	1991	1992
11	Tuipang	1992	2004
12	Ramri Lui	1993	1997
13	Vawra Lui	1993	1997
14	Leiva	1994	2000
15	Teirei	1994	1999
16	Kau Tlabung	1994	2005
17	Lamsial	1999	2008
18	Maicham-II	2000	2009

However, there are several hydel projects which are not functional due to lack of maintenance. Pu Speaker, there are ongoing projects as well. Tuirial Hydel Project began in 1998, but was abandoned in 2004. The Project has now been given approval by the Central Government as per the manifesto of Congress Party.

Tuivai Project of 210 Mega Watts is PPP mode for International short listing bidders. In fact, it was issued on 10/6/2011. As for Kolodyne, MOU has been signed with NTPC. It is Build, Own, Operate and Maintain mode (BOOM). Leiva is constructed by taking loan from NABARD and is subsidized from NRE. Lungreng Project is expected to produce 815 Mega Watts. MOU has been signed with NEEPCO, so is Chhimtuipui and Mat. Letter of intent has been issued to M/s Subhash Project and Marketing Ltd., Kolkota for Tuivawl 42 Mega Watts and Tuirini 38 Mega Watts. For Tuichang 110 Mega Watts, Central Water Commission is preparing DPR. Pu Speaker, if these projects are completed, Mizoram will produce 2226 Mega Watts out of which 300 Mega Watts will be free. At present, the maximum requirement at peak hour is 60 Mega Watts. The power demand as forecast by Central Electricity Authority in 2021/2022 is 180 Mega Watts. Therefore, it seems that we shall get the required power supply free. It is praiseworthy for the steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government.

In regard to Bairabi, the project began during Government led by PC ministry in 1982. Investigation and DPR was completed in two years. But there was no approval. Thus in 1996, under Pu Lal Thanhawla's leadership, survey and DPR were done. In 15/11/2010, letter of intent was issued to M/S AASU Project Private Limited, Kolkata.

Pu Speaker, Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government has taken steps in various projects for self sufficiency in power. We the people should learn to appreciate the positive steps taken by our leaders instead of criticizing it. Therefore, it is the duty of the House to voice its appreciation through this resolution. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Mover of the Resolution has now moved the motion. We will start the discussion. Each member will be given 5 minutes. Pu Zodintluanga will start.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to say a few words. Pu Speaker, we are aware that almost all the states of the nation is lacking in self-sufficiency of power. In our state we have the habit of blaming the government whenever there is shortage of power supply. If we understand the steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government, we would gladly appreciate the resolution. Ten to Fifteen years from now, we shall be self-sufficient due to the steps taken by Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Pu Speaker, the project of Serlui 'A', Tuirivung, Tuisumpui, Tuipui, Maicham Phase-I & II, Vawra Lui, Ramri Lui, Laili Lui, Tuipang Lui, Kau-Tlabung and Lamsial had begun and Commissioned during Congress Ministry. Further, Rokhaia gas thermal projects of 8 Mega Watts, Zuangtui Diesel power 1.5 Mega Watts and Champhai Project began and were commissioned during Congress Ministry. Likewise, Bairabi Thermal Project of 20 mega Watts began in 1988 under Shukla Commission. IT was token provision during 1998-99 financial year. Pu Speaker, Whereas Serlui 'B' Project of 9 Mega Watts was abandoned due to the fact that the cost of the project was too expensive. However, it was taken up by MNF ministry with an initial estimate of 70 crores, which was later on revised to 200 crores. Pu Speaker, I feel the need to highlight the work done and the ongoing projects under Pu Lal Thanhawla's Government as they are worth-mentioning. As we have heard earlier that after ten to fifteen years, Mizoram will receive free power supply and surplus once the projects are completed. Pu Speaker, we heard in the question hour this morning that the Tuirial Hydel Project of 60 Mega Watts was abandoned by MNF ministry due to compensation. The Manager of NEEPCO reported that the works of the project were stopped w.e.f. 9/6/2004 following demand for compensation by the Tuirial Crops Compensation Association deteriorated law and order around the project. However, the work of the project has been resumed by the present government. All these are noteworthy as it signifies the true sense of this resolution. I would also like to thank the government for the steps taken to make Aizawl a solar city. I, therefore, give my full support to this resolution. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to thank for the resolution submitted by Pu R. Lalrinmawia.

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Chief Minister deserves credit for taking steps regarding power supply. Pu Speaker, the way the hon'ble House Leader took steps from Tuivai is amazing and deserves to be appreciated. Tender for the project was extended not just to the nationwide, but internationally. In fact, the House Leader approached the Central Government and made Mizoram Zero State Share. The State Government is free of contribution for the project. Pu Speaker, these are all the changes that we have been talking about. For those who have made statements as there is no change, they should analyze themselves and understand the meaning of 'change'. Pu Speaker, please give me extra time.

In regard to Tuirial Hydel Project, it was abandoned during the previous ministry and has been revived by the present government. Pu Speaker, NEEPCO must be relieved as their name could be tarnished because of this project. Therefore, I give my support to Pu R. Lalrinawma's resolution. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, hon'ble member from Ratu Constituency mentioned about change. What I would like to point out is that your leader is more equipped with vocabulary than our leader. He has formulated a new vocabulary in Mizo language. Also, the change the hon'ble member mentioned is not what the change we expected.

Pu Speaker, Pu Lalrinawma's resolution would be more appropriate if the resolution read as follows: – “We are grateful that we have now attained self-sufficiency in power”. Pu Speaker, it has been 10 years since we have attained State-hood and we are discussing a resolution which read, "For the step taken to attain self-sufficiency". It is time we attained self-sufficiency during these 20 years. Thus, in my view, there is no point in giving appreciation or to be grateful. Further, these minor projects should be abandoned and instead concentrate on major projects which are liable to produce more Mega Watts. The hon'ble member mentioned about Farkawn project. Pu Speaker, if you actually see the site, there is only the structure and it will not be long when the project will stop functioning due to its poor condition.

As for Bairabi Hydel Project, Brig T. Sailo started the project in 1977. Had the next Congress ministry completed the project, it would have been a big boost for Mizoram. Also, the present problem of load shedding could be avoided. Likewise, there is no real intention to complete Serlui 'B' Project from ₹5 crore estimated for the project as it is obvious from purchase of 12 Nos. Gypsy vehicles, 1 truck chassis, 1 JCB and 1 Bulldozer. Apart from this, ₹49 lakhs was utilized for construction of approach road to the project and ₹42 lakhs for construction of Bailey bridge even before the start of the project. Now, the present government stated that there is no forest clearance but techno-economic clearance was obtained during the previous Congress Ministry on 26/7/1990.

In regard to Tuirial Hydel Project, Secretary to Ministry of Power issued a notice to NEEPCO chairman stating that there cannot be an issue for not completing the project

due to compensation as ₹2.87 crore rupees have been sanctioned for compensation and 796.25 crore rupees for the project.

I, therefore, find no reason to appreciate or be grateful to Congress Ministry when we are suffering every night from load shedding. During the 10 years of MNF Ministry, we never heard of load shedding. So, I cannot agree with the resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, from the resolution it seems there is revival. If there is constructive gesture from leaders to preserve the good work done by the ones who preceded them, it could prove beneficial for the State. UDA group leaders had stated in the House that we should respect and safeguard the ongoing projects of the outgoing ministry.

The hydro-electric power potential of Mizoram is 4500 Mega Watts, out of which we have 60% at present. The demand of the State is 107 Mega Watts and the power received is 65.31 Mega Watts. We have not attained self-sufficiency in power. State like Bhutan is growing and the per capita income is 60 thousand. Pu Speaker, this is because of adequate power supply in agriculture, industry etc. Unless there is an economic revolution in our state, we cannot grow. So, sufficient supply of hydro-electric power is required. We have to be self-sufficient in power.

The present Government has taken various new projects like Tuivai 210 Mega Watts, Lungrengte 850 Mega Watts and Chhimtuipui 635 Mega Watts to name a few. If these projects are carefully executed, development will eventually follow. I support the resolution if it comes from the heart with sincerity. Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me extra time.

S P E A K E R : We will now have lunch break. Meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

S P E A K E R : We will start discussion of the resolution. Pu K. Liantlinga will start.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing a resolution which states that we should give thanks to the government led by Pu Lal Thanhawla for taking steps in attaining self-sufficiency in power.

The mover was clever in moving the motion. He mentioned the two hydel projects in 1982 and how we have 14 projects now. However out of these 14 projects, I wonder how many are functioning at present and how many have been abandoned. These mini-hydel projects are not

very significant for the development of the state. Congress Ministry started these mini-projects but MNF ministry concentrated on major projects which they expected to produce more. Infact, they took up only two major projects. Pu Speaker, our required consumption is 60 Mega Watts and the total product since 1982 till date is only 5 Mega Watts. Therefore, what is there to be thankful for? The people will be annoyed if we pass the resolution.

Pu Speaker, yesterday I received a phone call from Hnahlan. The informer requested me to mention in the House that they have not received power supply for quite some time. But I informed him that it would be more appropriate if a complaint was lodged in the Power Department. This is our present scenario. People are suffering due to lack of power supply. Pu Speaker, overall the bygone ministry had not taken adequate steps to improve power supply. I wonder if the mover of the resolution is really grateful with the present situation and if he can withdraw the resolution. Pu Speaker, if we pass the resolution, the people of Mizoram will not be convinced with our present situation. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing Pu R. Lalrinmawia's resolution which states that 'We are grateful for the steps taken by Government led by Pu Lal Thanhawla in attaining self-sufficiency in power. In general, no government has deserved to be given praise or appreciation in regard to generation of power supply. In my view, there is no improvement in power.

In regards to power, PC Party had done a major work as during their tenure four rivers weresurveyed and investigated. During Congress tenure, five rivers were surveyed. MNF surveyed one river and DPR was done for Tuivai and Kolodyne stage I and II. Pu Speaker, during the tenure of PC party, two mini-Hydel Projects were commissioned and six mini-Hydel Projects during Congress ministry. Eight Micro-Hydel Projects with 925 Kilo Watts were also commissioned during Congress Ministry. But all these eight projects have been abandoned. It is just a waste of government fund. if so, what is there to appreciate and be grateful for?

Serlui 'B' Hydel Project which was abandoned by Congress Ministry was renewed by MNF Ministry. The project was upgraded from 9 to 12 Mega Watts. With revised estimate, the project is now capable of producing 12 Mega Watts. We are grateful for the achievement.

As for failure of Hydel Project, we mentioned that compensation was the main reason for abandoning the project. However, Press Release from Chief Engineer has clearly stated that it was not the main reason. One factor was that the CMD of NEEPCO Pu Sharma, was reluctant to visit Shillong and the other factor is - the Secretary of Ministry of Power clearly indicated as we met him with our Chief Secretary that if we are given compensation, the unit cost of the production would be high. He then questioned us if we could purchase the total power generated. Pu Speaker, on that day, we were unable to give 'Yes' or 'No' since we had to inform the government on the issue. The hon'ble House Leader today stated that we have made a commitment to purchase total power which may be generated. Pu Speaker, I just wanted to highlight that it was what the Secretary of central authority wanted.

Pu Speaker, few more words please. Kolodyne project was signed on 22nd December, 2008 as per terms and conditions. Pre-construction work is to begin within 6 months, and construction work is to begin within 18 months. However, the project has not begun as per terms and conditions. The Government should speed up the project. Pu Speaker, the steps taken in power as for now is still unsatisfactory, therefore it will be better if we do not pass the resolution now. Thank you.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to highlight the duration of ministry held by various political parties. PC Party held six years, both Congress and MNF thirteen years. Pu Speaker, I would further like to highlight the steps taken by these ministries.

PC Party ministry started and commissioned Serlui 'A' Hydel Project. Survey and investigation for Bairabi Hydel Project was done in 1982. But unfortunately, the ministry ended in 1984. Pu Speaker, it is clear that within these two years nothing could be done in construction. In the year 1996, Brahmaputra Board took re-investigation and detailed Project Report was the received during MNF ministry. Pu Speaker, the project was continued during Congress ministry and the detailed project report was received by MNF ministry. This is how the work had been executed.

As for Serlui 'B' Hydel Project, it began during the PC Ministry in the year 1983.

It is a wrong information that the P.C party constructed a lengthy bridge. However the Congress Party did not have a hand in the project. But the MNF Party when in power went ahead with the project as an easy source for compensation money. Even though it has been claimed to be safe by the assurance committee and the departments, the people living in and around the area have been having problems ever since and nothing has been done till date.

In conclusion, I would like to take this time to convey my gratitude to the Congress party for their sincere work. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As it is difficult for me to be overly strict from here, I would request all members to speak within the allotted time. Now I would like to call upon Mr. Lalrinliana.

Pu LALRINLIANA : I would like to take this time to support Mr.

Lalrinawma's resolution about Mr. Lal Thanhawla's commendable power schemes. We can see the proof if we study the various records we have. Take for example, places like Maicham – I, Teirei, Tlabung and Tuipang which have produced favourable financial gain. I have visited each of these sites and have seen the progress made there. I would also like to bring to your attention, Mr. Speaker, that the media, at times, twist words and present certain things inappropriately. With regard to the Tuirial Hydel Project, a term like 'accusation' was used, which I feel, is completely uncalled for. We engaged ourselves trying to fix the problems during 2003-2004, especially because there was no sufficient power supply for the students. We even made investigations in the area, questioning people, 39 to be exact, about the situation. It is quite strange that had no owners as such before, are now properties of certain individuals. Compensations were claimed by people from places like Biate, Champhai, Electric Veng and other areas. This is a fact, Mr. Speaker, and not an accusation.

With regard to the Serlui 'B' project, which started in 1990, the estimated expenditure kept on increasing due to the increasing rate of commodities. A huge sum was spent on jungle-clearing for just one acre of land, and the tasks were carried out without any objection. So why do we have such reactions now?

I applaud our leader, Mr. Lal Thanhawla, who has taken up huge projects, especially in Chhimtuipui, Lungreng and Tuivai, and I do hope that the new generation acknowledges this fact. The PC party and the MNF party did leave behind traces of their achievements, but not as much as our leader's present schemes. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now I call Mr. Nirupam Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, support Mr. Lalrinawma's Resolution. It does not focus only on the present self sufficiency but also for the future. I appreciate his initiative. I think it is a waste of time to have arguments. Bringing out facts is more important, which will also be beneficial for the public. Mr. Lal Thanhawla had begun the Tuirial Hydel Project during his previous tenure, and it was abandoned for 10 years during the MNF rule. The coalition government separated after a year, and I truly believe that was betraying the public. They have failed to take responsibility for it as well. The public want facts. They want leaders who put in hard work. I would also like to speak on the unstarred Question No. 10. We spent 58 crore 68 lakhs to purchase power in 2008-2009, with a revenue of 100.90 crore. The revenue came down to 67.86 crore the next year while 57 crore 57 lakhs was used to purchase power. In 2010-2011, power purchased was for 76.47 crore with a revenue of 72 crore 57 lakhs. Where did the power disappear? This is a very serious case and certainly needs to be investigated. I request our Power Minister, the honourable Chief Minister to give clarification. Thank you.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, support today's

resolution – the fact that Mr. Lal Thanhawla’s upcoming schemes are truly commendable. The PC Party might brag about their project in Serlui ‘A’ and Bairabi Hydel Project, but I would like to point out that the Brahmaputra Board held a survey Investigation, after which those projects fell through. I had seen the dams, and I saw nothing praiseworthy.

The MNF worked on a small Hydel Project in Lamsial which produced 15 MW. The financial estimates continued to increase with regard to the Serlui ‘B’ project, but it has not been opened to this day. I have friends in Hnam Run who have themselves told me that they do not stand a chance against the Congress government. They also have grievances against their party in wasting 10 good years. On the other hand, we have ongoing projects in Tuivai and Chhimtuipui Phase II as well as in Tlawva, and we have completed the ones in Tuirini and Tuivawl. I hope that the present government holds on for 10 years, after which no one will mention power insufficiency again. We are indeed moving towards a better future.

S P E A K E R : Now I call upon Mr. Lalthanliana, and Mr. P.C. Zoram Sangliana will follow.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : It is a great privilege to be present at a time where we can discuss a resolution such as this. It surely is a great change to see that instead of having accusation made at one another, we are talking about honoring brave deeds done by courageous individuals.

We often accuse each other with regard to power, but after all is said and done, I honestly feel that those who claim to be deeply concern about Power, are the ones that governed for the longest term. According to my calculations, the P.C. Party has been in governance for 15 years, and I feel it is wrong to keep making excuses for one’s inadequacies.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot easily blame somebody for not doing something that takes time. With regard to hydro-power, it needs more than 2 years to be completed. I would also like to point out that in the past 20 years, nothing much was achieved. On the other hand, the present government which has held term for 2 ½ years has made remarkable progress with Power. It is certainly gratifying to know that the Tuirial Hydel Project which had been abandoned in the previous government has been revived.

I am not contented with the resolution alone, Mr. Speaker; I feel it deserves a much bigger honour. Besides the two laudable projects, I must mention the Multi Model Transport Project i.e. the railway scheme. Whatever we have achieved within the 2 ½ years is truly praise-worthy.

S P E A K E R : I call Mr. P.C. Zoram Sangliana to take his time.

After him, Mr. PP Thawla and Mr. TT Zothansanga will speak.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : I, too, support the Resolution. It is a shame that some of us here are incorrectly interpreting the Resolution. I honestly feel that they need to be educated about straightforward governance, and not seen schemes for improvement of power. During Brig. T. Sailo's term, the RTB order was released, and work on the Bairabi Hydel Project was initiated. Then, when our House Leader, Mr. Lal Thanhawla took the office, work on the Tuirial Hydel Project, which he had started, was resumed. He has been diligent about making the state self-sufficient. We now have a scheme for 735 MW – about 60 MW in Tuirial, 210 MW in Tuivai, 460 MW in Kolodyne, 5 MW in Tlawva. Plans are being made to relieve us from irregular power supply and load-shedding. There is also a scheme for 1691 MW. We started receiving 13% of free power since MoU was signed by NEEPCO on 23rd March, 2010.

I would also like to add that our leaders are doing their best for the state's development. However, there are areas where we cannot proceed with work. I am truly grateful for the hon'ble Chief Minsiter Pu Lal Thanhawla's initiative with self-sufficiency in Power supply, and I commend him for that.

S P E A K E R : There is correction to be made regarding the answer to Unstarred Question no.7 made by Dr. R. Lalthangliana. The monthly expenditure should be ₹33 crores instead of ₹1256 crores. Now I call upon Mr. P.P. Thawla to take his time.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that the Resolution today is quite trivial for this respectable house. As you can see, we have 30 supporters to your right, and 8 opposers to your left. But I am sure the listeners, too, will oppose the Resolution.

After being a U.T., the Government of Mizoram was formed and it was only in 1977 that the PC Party took initiative with regard to power as it was one of the basic needs listed then. If work had been resumed on the Kolodyne Hydel Project, we would have already been sufficient, and we would have even sold some of it. But nothing has been completed to this day. When the congress Party came into power, it was regarded as the birth of the 'Candle-government'. One reason for me to oppose the resolution is because I remember the time when a programme was organized at Saiha Bazar, and candles were distributed abundantly. The onset of any new project creates hope for the government and gain for the contractor. It is an easy source of wealth. But how can anyone show gratitude when it is not maintained and completed?

If we are to talk about long tenures, in addition to the 13 years before, we have quite a lengthy period. I am familiar with several projects that started years ago, but those projects hardly saw the light of day. There has been no word about any of them ever being utilized.

It is a shame that projects like the ones in Bairabi and Kolodyne could not be completed, Mr. Speaker. The present government even signed an agreement and memorandum regarding the Kolodyne project. But the two Autonomous District Councils in the area have realized that revenue of only 1% would be gained, which was unsatisfying.

It is important that projects be maintained, and a regular power supply be provided to the public who need it most. I would also like to point out that during the lesson on March 25, nine people lost their lives because of Power in my constituency. I'm not sure as to the extent of the enquiry made, but this is another reason that makes me reluctant to support this Resolution.

S P E A K E R : Now I call Mr. T.T. Zothansanga

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : I would first like to refer to the word of God where in Genesis 1:3 we read about the creation of light. We had our honourable Minister, Mr. K. Liantlinga, mention Hnahlan, and I have just received word that Hnahlan receives the most regular power supply in the Champhai Constituency. The Tuirial Hydel Project was started at the same time as the Hydel Projects in Assam, Nagaland, Arunachal, Manipur and Tripura. Though the other states completed their projects, the Tuirial project could not be continued. I would like to refer to an article in Vanglaini where the party P.R had requested the Chief Minister to acknowledge the achievements of other parties. There was also another article where there were many references to problems of Serlui 'B' and suggestion was made to destroy it. If our present scheme is completed, then I'm afraid it would be a disgrace for the opposition party.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify the challenge of our respected members here today about us losing out on the 71 crores which was distributed in the north-eastern states. We did not receive any amount because we already have enough. It is estimated that 2260 MW be produced, of which 12% will be free. Our leader's scheme is truly commendable.

Deductions should not be made before anything has been completed. Our situation today reminds me of Mr. Thenphunga's scheme which enlightened us Mizo's, but that had certain limitations. It is gladdening to know that we are the ones able to resumes with that plan.

I also take this time to bring forward my grievance about Brig. T. Sailo being referred to by the MNF General Headquarters as a quiet old man who is unsuited to be the Chief Minister or MLA of Mizoram. I implore that personal attacks be avoided henceforth.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : I would like to present a few points that have been mentioned by our leaders today. Just as our needs keep changing with time, what might have seemed huge years ago no longer seems so big today. We had expectations from the schemes which we had undertaken. I commend our esteemed House Leader for having taken steps towards development. When the Serlui 'B' Project was a lot of misgivings from the Department Officers and engineers due to its cost; and eventually was abandoned.

However, when a new party came into office, the same project was resumed with a huge budget. The previous government had refused spending the big amount of 41 crores to produce 9 MW, but those succeeding them plan an expenditure of about 190 crores with an addition of only 3 MW. I believe that would make a record for the most expensive power.

The way the project was undertaken was quite unfair because no professional engineer was consulted, except a retired one. One party mentioned it as resuming what had already been started before, but I truly feel it is a new initiative due to its estimated budget.

In conclusion, I would like to say that Mr. Lal Thanhawla has accomplished the dreams of his predecessors, and I completely support the Resolution.

S P E A K E R : Let us try to keep our speeches within 5 minutes as we have to end this session at 4 o'clock. Now I call Mr. John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : With regards to our Resolution, I would like to bring a few things to our attention. In the past, the Central government permitted only 3 MW for state governments and our honourable Chief Minister had undertaken projects in 14 different places. He did it for the development of the state. Looking at his past achievements, I truly believe he can carry out any project put before him. Do we keep trying to bring him down because we fear his popularity? We should remember that we are not the only state that faces load-shedding. What I cannot understand is why the party that produced a mere 3 MW calls us a 'Candle government'. I truly appreciate our Chief Minister's plans and initiatives, and I believe we are close to being self-sufficient in power. So, I support the resolution.

S P E A K E R : Let us try to control ourselves even if we want to speak. Now I call Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : It is quite an interesting session we have today,

though I would appreciate to hear Mr. Duhawma speak a few words. Though I want to support today's resolution, I have certain misgivings due to the failure of the Saitluk Airport project in Lunglei. I would like to suggest a few amendments, Mr. Speaker, with regards to the signing of the MoU for the Kolodyne DPR, and the Tuivai project. With regard to the Serlui 'B' project, the previous government spent about ₹543.42 lakhs on it.

I truly regret that there is always corruption connected with the power projects. The different accusations need a closer investigation so that we would stop assumptions and jumping to conclusions in the future.

We must fulfill our promises if we want others to have faith in us. The Congress has much to do to gain the people's trust, otherwise they could end up making themselves an object of ridicule like the NLUP situation. Unless there are amendments made to the resolution, then I'm afraid I cannot support it, Mr. Speaker.

S P E A K E R : I think we can vote now. (Interruption)

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA
MINISTER : Even though it is a private member's resolution, Mr. Speaker, I suggest that each of us be given a chance to say a few words.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As 4 O'clock is the time fixed for resolutions of private members, I think we should call upon our House Leader to explain, Mr. Speaker, and start with the votes.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, there have been times when sessions have been extended, so I request that the leaders be allowed to speak.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : I agree that the opposition group leader and the House Leader each be given a chance to speak, Mr. Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Let us restrain ourselves. As requested, I now call upon Mr. Lalduhoma to take his time.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker I feel it unwise to bring in such a resolution which has get to show results. Our state has the potential to produce 4500 MW of power. However, within the 40 years since Mizoram became a government became a government from a U.T., we have not seen great achievements much. We are yet to see a government that can bring about change.

The minor projects that were undertaken became abandoned, which provided profits only to the contractors and authorities. So instead of giving thanks, an apology is wanting. As long as we have load-shedding and no decline in the sale of candles, this resolution should not be passed.

If we look upon the years that have been wasted and used up, do we sincerely believe the public can have hope in us? Do we really believe in ourselves?

The Bairabi Thermal project was the only one which could be completed, but that too cannot be utilized. We have not been able to complete the Tuirial project in spite of all the work put into it. There was always hesitancy due to the cost too. Our honourable Chief Minister made a commitment in writing, saying that the cost would be in subsidies-rate. But I still fear that this would lead to more expenses in the future.

The MoU signed in 2005 could be started only in 2008. We have 137 villages that need power, and only 25 have been provided. The plans are yet to be implemented, and their claims about progress have proven to be false. Our suggestions to form a Village Level Committee and to release an order have also not been met. A sum of ₹100 crores has been invested in this project, and I fear for its outcome.

Having been declared a Solar City, the ZEDA scheme is eagerly awaited. I would like to know our quota for coal and how it is utilized. With regards to windmills, the word 'ongoing' is the only thing we hear of it. I believe we should invest ourselves in what God has blessed us with. If the figures given in an unstarred question from Pu N.K. Chakma are correct, I believe the rates should be decreased. As I have said it before, unless we see results, I cannot support our resolution today.

S P E A K E R : Now, I call the Power Minister and House Leader, Mr. Lal Thanhawla.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : I was quite pleased to hear our honourable member, Dr. R. Lalthangliana, compare the present scheme to the NLUP. At the initial stage, there were a lot of apprehensions about the NLUP, but the results have proven it a success. I sincerely hope we achieve results just like the NLUP has reaped.

I would like to mention the time when the MNF leader had called me on their release from the underground, telling me that they were counting on me. They had 2 emissaries at the time, and it is indeed sad that they are no longer in our midst today. I am glad to have been there when they needed me.

Mr. Speaker, in the past, the state government could not work for more than 3 MW, and at least 4 years were needed for investigation. 75% of the project cost was borne by the non-conventional sources of energy ministry. We are able to start the Tuirial Hydel Project of 60 MW with the help of the Japanese government through the Overseas Development Fund, and were supported by NEEPCO. The Tuivai Project was also undertaken for 210 MW upon their suggestion, but unfortunately it could not be resumed. We had to abandon the Serlui 'B' project also because of the expert's advice as they felt the cost would be too high. I am really grateful that we can resume the project today. Our Power Secretary consulted the Principal Adviser in Delhi, and could acquire help from the Chief Engineer, Mr. P.K. Kokoti, who along with other experts came to Mizoram to inspect and investigate. They also gave us notes and ideas, which will be utilized on this project. However, as the experts from Delhi are yet to come and examine to make estimates, we are still unable to commission the Serlui 'B' Hydel Project. There were many schemes made by the government before us, but we could not continue with them because of the estimated expenditure.

If we read our resolution carefully, Mr. Speaker, we will realize that the word 'scheme' and not 'achievement' has been used. The National thermal Power Corporation is presently working on the Kaladan Hydel Project, which is estimated to produce about 60 MW.

Regarding the Bairabi Hydel Project, Mr. Chhunga was an active participant. The NTPC made a survey investigation, and the DPR was completed within 8 months.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, two central ministers had visited the site in 1979-80.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : The Power Minister, Abdul Choudhury was invited to participate in the celebrations of the 'DPR completion'. When we came back to office, the CHIEF MINISTER Central Electricity Authority (CEA) could not approve the scheme because of several reasons. The NEEPCO representatives came to Mizoram, and we had to abandon it because of the estimated duration. In our third term, we sent a proposal to the Prime Minister for survey and investigation.

The Survey was conducted by the Brahmaputra Board. Some members even mocked and ridiculed us with their assumptions. Clearance and approvals have been made, and the Empowered committee is examining the Memorandum of Understanding Draft.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, I would like the Brahmaputra investigation to be clarified.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : We hope to complete what the PC Party had started. We have projects in Lungreng, Kolodyne and Chhimtuipui, and NEEPCO is carrying out the survey investigation. There are ongoing talks between officials from India and Myanmar, so that both countries can have a share. We expect to sign MoU regarding the Tuivawl project of 42 MW. The Empower committee is studying the MoU closely. So, in conclusion, I give my support to this very encouraging resolution.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Mr. Lalrinawma to take his time.

Pu LALRINAWMA : I truly appreciate the fact that some of the members, including the House Leader, have stood up to speak about the resolution brought in. It is commendable that out of the 18 Small Hydel Project, 14 are presently being undertaken. From whatever we have heard today, we can conclude that the public are quick to grumble and complain as they have high expectations. The Serlui and CE, P&E could not be implemented because they could not get any Environment Clearance. Even though some of our members here think small projects are trivial, I feel that if we start from the smaller levels, we can reach greater heights. We should be grateful for our esteemed Chief Minister's schemes towards the state's development. I believe the public would support us wholeheartedly too. So, Mr. Speaker, I request that this Resolution be passed and adopted.

S P E A K E R : Those who agree, say 'agree', and those who do not, say 'disagree'. So now, the Resolution by Mr. Lalrinawma is adopted by the House.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

S P E A K E R : We have now come to the end of today's business. Meeting will resume on Monday, the 18th 7, 2011, at 10:30 A.M. Sitting is adjourned.

Sitting adjourned Sine Die at 4:48 P.M.

