

**MEMBERS OF THE THIRD MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY**

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2.	2-Saiha	Zakhu Hlychho	Chaitlang, Aizawl.	
3.	3-Sangau	S.T. Rualyapa	Khatla, aizawl.	
4.	4-Lawngtlai	T. Hranghluta	MLA Hostel, Khatla, Azi.	
5.	5-Chawngte	Nirupam Chakma	MLA Hostel, Khatla, Azi.	
6.	6-Tlabung	H.K. Chakma	MLA Hostel, Khatla, Azi.	
7.	7-Buarpui	P. Lalbiaka	Chandmari, Aizawl.	
8.	8-Lunglei 'S'	H. Lalruata	Zarkawt, Aizawl.	
9.	9-Lunglei 'N'	Dr. R. Lalthangliana	Kanan Veng, Aizawl.	
10.	10-Tawipui	F. Laizuala	Zarkawt, Aizawl.	
11.	11-Vanva	H. Thangkima	MLA Hostel, Khatla, Azi.	
12.	12-Hnahthial	L.P. Thangzika	Venglai, Lunglei	
13.	13-N. Vanlalpai	C.L. Ruala	Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl.	
14.	14-Khawbung	Hrangthanga Colney	Zarkawt, Aizawl.	
15.	15-Champhai	Zoramthanga	Chaitlang, Aizawl.	
16.	16-Khawhai	Lal Biakzuala	Chaitlang, Aizawl.	
17.	17-Saitual	C. Chawngkunga	Dawrpui Vengthar, Azi.	
18.	18-Khawzawl	C. Vulluata	Dawrpui Vengthar, Azi.	
19.	19-Ngopa	H. Zathuama	Dinthar, Aizawl.	
20.	20-Suangpuilawn	F. Lawankima	Kulikawn, Aizawl	
21.	21-Ratu	Lalrinchhana	Tuikual "A", Aizawl	
22.	22-Kawnpui	R.L. Valla	Thakthing, Aizawl	
23.	23-Kolasib	Zosiana Pachuau	Aizawl Venglai	
24.	24-Bilkhawthlir	Vaivenga	Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl	
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27.	27-Mamit	Lalhuthanga	Dawrpui Vengthar, Aizawl	
28.	28-Phuldungsei	Liansuama	Chawnpui Veng, Aizawl	
29.	29-Sateek	B. Lalthlengliana	Bethlehem Veng, Aizawl	
30.	30-Serchhip	Lal Thanhawla	Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl	

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32.	32-Tlungvel	P.C.Zoram Sangliana	Dawrpui Vengthar,Azl.
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2. Vigilance Deptt.
3. Sectt. Adm. Deptt.
4. G.A.D.
5. P.W.D.
6. Sport & Youth Services Deptt. |
| 2. | PU J.LALSANGZUALA | 1. Finance Department
2. Planning & Programme Impt.
3. Economic & Statistics
4. Co-operation Deptt.
5. Parliamentary Affairs Deptt. |
| 3. | PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA | 1. Food & Civil Supplies Deptt.
2. District Council Affairs |
| 4. | PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA | 1. Agriculture Deptt.
2. Art & Culture Deptt. |
| 5. | PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY | 1. Transport Deptt.
2. Sericulture Deptt. |
| 6. | PU LIANSUAMA | 1. School Education Deptt.
2. P.H.E. Deptt.
3. D.P. & A.R.
4. Home Deptt. |
| 7. | PU H. LALRUATA | 1. Health & Family Welfare
2. Medical Education
3. Hospital |
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2. Industries Deptt. |
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2. Rural Development Deptt. |
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2. Soil & Water Conservation. |

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1ST SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 12TH

SEPTEMBER, 1996.

PRESENT

PU VAIVENGA, Speaker at the Chair, Sixteen Ministers, Deputy Speaker and the Eighteen Members were present.

LIST OF BUSINESS

OBITUARY

PU LAL THANHAWLA to make reference on the demise of Shri Lalthanauva, Ex. MLA.

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

THE SPEAKER to report to the House the Time-Table for the Tenth Session.

PU BAWITLUANGA to present to the House, the report of the Select Committee on the Mizoram (Market) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

PU J. LALSANGZUALA to present to the House, The Annual Budget for 1995—1997, of the Government of Mizoram.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

PU J. LALSANGZUALA to move the Official Resolution.

SPEAKER : "You shall not be partial in judgment; you shall not be afraid of the face of Man, for the judgment is God's; and the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it." (Deut. 1:17)

First thing first, I like to call upon Pu J. Lalsangzuala, in the absence of our House Leader, to share a few words of remembrance for our late Member Pu Lalthanzauva.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker, Pu Lalthanzauva an MLA during the Union Territory breath his last on the 19th of July 1996 at his residence in Kulikawn, Aizawl. He was 58 years of age.

Pu Lalthanzauva or 'Zautea' as he was fondly known, was born on the 9th of May, 1938. He was the son of Pu Kawlkhuma. After, he finished his matriculation he went on to study Civil Engineering. From 1961—1966 he worked at the Assam PWD as a Subordinate Engineer also known as Overseers. He was suspended from his work during the Mizo uprising. He later went on to join politics and in 1975 was appointed by the People's Conference Party as the Party Joint Secretary and the High Command Member.

In 1978, he was elected as an MLA from the Sateek Constituency with the P.C. ticket. When the P.C. Party split in November, 1978, he joint P.C. 'B' and was appointed as the Joint Secretary and the Party Consultant. In 1979, he was again elected as an MLA from the Sateek Constituency, this time with a P.C. 'B' ticket.

In 1980, he resinged as an MLA in order to bridge the gap between India and the M.N.F. In 1993, he joined PWD as an S.D.O. which he held until his demise in 1996.

Pu Zautea, left behind his wife Pi Zothanmawii and his four Children. Not only was he a good politician but also kind and a good human being. His death is not only a great loss to his family, but also to the people of Mizoram.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalhmingthanga

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, it is an opportunity I would not like to miss when it comes to speaking about our late member Pu Lalthanzauva. Though, it is sad, it is a must that I say, with honour, that we both started our political career back in 1975.

It was back in, 16th and 17th April 1975, that we started the People's Conference Party. As a person, he was open kind and had a great sense of humour.

It was through his great persuasion that we went to Delhi, during the time of our late Prime Minister Moraji Desai, to speak to the Border Road Development Board about the Aizawl—Sialsuk—Lunglei Highway. But we were told that the situation was unfavourable, due to the financial constrain. He was hard working and also had great concern for his constituency and Mizoram.

The then, Janata Dal Ministry was dissolved on 11th of November, 1978, and President Rule was announced. He later joined P.C. 'B'. In 1979, he was elected again as an MLA from the Sateek Constituency with the P.C. 'B' ticket. The work he has done for Mizoram and also for his constituency is a great example to each and every member of the House. There is so many thing we can learn from him specially in the field of Public Relations.

Later in 1980, as our Hon'ble Finance Minister have said earlier, he vacated his seat to show his support for a lasting place between the Government of India and the M.N.F. It is not only his sacrifice which is held with high esteem but also his social works. His work has a great impact upon the society and his death is not only a great loss to his family but also to the people of Mizoram.

If we look at the history of Mizoram, it is very uncommon for a person to be an MLA and later even on to be a Government Servant. But then, Pu Zautea was one of its kind. A kind of person where you can learn so many things from. Besides this, we should not forget the broken family he left behind and I sincerely ask the Government to remember them in time of needs.

SPEAKER : Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA: Hon'ble Speaker, I would also like to share a few word about Pu Zautea, who as a person is a great loss to the people of Mizoram. From the words spoken earlier and also through my personnel experience Pu Lalthanzauva, "Zautea", has contributed a lot to the Mizo Society, Mizoram Politics and also to the Government. I have had the pleasure of working with him and I personally found him very warm, very open with a good sense of humour besides you always feel at ease with him.

Not only this, but sacrificing his seat as an MLA, in order to promote peace between the Government of India and the MNF is an important lesson we should learn. It is an honour speaking about one of the most important politicians and a social worker. It is a great loss to us and we will dearly miss him in future.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Thangkiina

PU H. THANGKIMA : Hon'ble Speaker, I am grateful for the words spoken on Pu Zautea. But like Abraham Lincoln 'The unknown', there are many things we don't know about him.

During the 1960, while he was working in Lunglei as a D.C., PWD Cverseer, I had the previledge of working with him and I personally share many experiences with him. Through my experiences I notice that he was hard working and was also a valuable asset to his party and to our people. The other day I met his family to pay my condolences and was deeply moved by their kindness. It was not only their kindness but their faith in God, which made them strong as a family and hard working as an individual. If I am in a position to help them I am sure I would not hold back anything.

Like the saying goes, "A good tree always bears good fruit", we can see among his children that Pu Zautea gave his best. I greatly admire him for his sacrifices, his work and last but not the least as a person. His death is a great loss to each and everyone of us here and I personally, will miss him very much. Pu Speaker, those were the words I personally unlid to share with everyone. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. J.V. Hluna.

D.R. J.V. HLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker, I wasn't prepare to speak but then our official records said that Pu Zuatea has four sons. Pu Thangkima pointed out earlier that Pu Zautea has three sons and a daughter. The other day while I was at his place paying my respect I was also informed by his wife Pi Zothanmawii that they have 3 sons and a daughter. His daughter is studying her Ilyr. B,Sc, his second eldest is also doing his B,Sc in Poona, his second youngest is studying XII studard in Yercaud and his youngest son is studying class IX in St. Paul's High Scool. so I guess, Pu Speaker our official records are wrong.

Well, as I am standing, I might as well say a few words about Pu Zautea. Back in 1975, when we started Aizawl College, he was among the first batch in P.U. I was a lecturer that time and in spite of our age difference I clearly remember calling him by his first name. He was a remarkable student, who always attend his classes regularly and in fact he did very well in his P.U. Examination. A few years later he became a well known figure in politics even becoming an M.L.A. He was older than me and I even apologise to him for calling him by his first name during his college years. He was a great admirer of education and always said that educated people is what politics is looking for.

Like Pu Thangkima said he had much to complete, specially concerning his family. His wife has cancer and most of his children are studying outside Mizoram. It is a must that we lend our helping hands. We talk about forming a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Family Pension but, nothing has been materialised. It is very important and perhaps taking Pu Zautea and his family as an example we can truly know its importance.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Most of the members have spoken about Pu Zautea, now, let us all stand in silence and pay our respect to Pu Lalthanzauva and his family. (The House observed a minute silence) let us all be seated.

Before I open the question hour there are few things I like to point out regarding the questions and answers. We are starting a new system by which we collect the various questions in advance through Balloting. These questions collected are given in advance to the various departments concerned. In this way we place the different questions in a systematic order and the various departments concerned are asked to submit their answers in time.

Beside, the Minister concern with the department should also be thorough with the questions. It is your duty that you should keep in touch with the Assembly Secretariat, the Parliamentary Affairs Department and also with the concern officers. This way we will all benefit from it.

Well, I shall call upon Pu F. Malsawma to present his first question.

PU C.L. RUALA : Hon'ble Speaker, one thing, would it be possible to send the concern Minister the copy of the question. This way it will be much more faster and the concern Minister will be informed well in advance to present the answers.

SPEAKER : Well, I think that is a very good idea. I will let them know. (pass it on)

PU LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Speaker, the officials are not the most important and I believe all the Ministers here represent the officials. Beside, it is the Minister's duty to be in touch with the officials and if not, he is wholly responsible for it.

SPEAKER : It is quite true, but then most of the Ministers are very busy or out of station. But then, if you ask them to report to you, I don't think they would say, no.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : The Minister are both accountable as well as answerable. The department in charge should duly inform the Ministers or the person in charge as soon as possible. In this way we can know whether he is paying attention or not to say

the truth, they don't know anything at all. All they do is glance at the paper at the last minute. Well, Pu Speaker, it is the person who are sitting to the right that creates all the unnecessary trouble. Mr. Speaker/Sir, they should know it at this moment.

SPEAKER : Okay, I will do it as you want. I will distribute the copy, but I believe it is going to be the same. Please start with Question no 1.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c LAD be pleased to state :

(a) Why is the Step/Drain under the LAD not properly made?

(b) Is the work been verified before the payment of bills?

(c) What is the size of the stone used for making steps?

(d) Is there any work order given during the year 1990—1995 for making steps without the use of cement?

(e) It is proper to raise the rate in order to have a better quality of work?

(f) What are the various criteria for giving the work order?

SPEAKER : Pu Rualyapa Ministers

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, answering the question raised by Aizawl North II member Pu Malsawma.

(a) I have no knowledge that the step/drain made by the LAD are of lower quality.

(b) Yes, advance are given to the contractors.

(c) The sizes of the stones used for the steps are length—16 inches, breath—8 inches and thickness—5/6 inches.

- (d) No, order has been given for the making of steps without cement in the year 1995-1996.
- (e) About the increase in rate, we use the PWD, SER and the cost index are also done through the PWD, SER.
- (f) The most suitable tenderers are given the work order.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu-Speaker, I kindly request you to understand me as I have asked this question numerable times in order to improve the work quality.

Firstly, the quality of the work under the LAD can be seen in the drainage system made in Chaltang Tatkawng Veng. The drain has been repaired twice with an expenditure of Rs. 15000/- and Rs. 10000/- In spite of all this, it has not improved much and cannot be compared to the works done under the PWD I kindly request if the matter could be looked into.

Secondly, It came to my knowledge that some of the verifications, before the payment of the bills are done by some other sources. I learn that there is one where the work done is so bad that the V.C.P would not give his verification inspite of the contractor belonging to the same political party. I have even informed the concerned department about the situation, to which I was told it would be looked into. Till today, I am not sure whether or not the matter is taken care of. I have with me the name of the village if the department is still instrested.

Thirdly, about the measurement of the stone used for the steps, one can easily find out the situation prevailing. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is true that one can't even walk properly on these steps. It is not that I am directly blaming the LAD Department but the Work Culture we are into. In order to grow as a state, one has to come out of this ill practices.

Fourthly, the answers regarding the use of cement is untrue. It is untrue because there are three persons working in Chhawrtui Village without using cements. Regardless of what work they do, they still receive their bills. I have here with me the copy of the payment of bills and one of them is Pu Zosangliana, a member of the Congress I Unit.

Fifthly, I do not know whether or not the rates are increased, I believe through many experiences that the rates are increased in order to have a better quality of work. It is not the negative approach but the positive approach which I am putting forward.

Lastly, It is a must that we change various criteria for giving work order. It is a necessity to cope with the changing world. In order to progress we must change the system. It is not the time to think about the people in our constituency alone but it is time to think about the welfare of the Mizos as a whole, what I am asking is, can we change our system?

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, I believe my question is quite relevant with question no. (f). What I want to ask is what are the various criteria that the government use when choosing their work. Is it done through, the member of the Congress Workers or is on the basis of the importance of the area or the locality.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Hon'ble Speaker, what are the jurisdiction of the LAD? It is confined only to the urban areas or the rural areas as well?

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Hon'ble Speaker, the answer regarding the substandard work in Chaltlang Tatkawng Veng, I will ask my people to look into it.

The LAD Department, to a certain extent is confined only to the urban areas, this is mainly because of the limitations of our technical staff. Most of the works in the rural areas/villages are looked after by the village councils. And the bills are given to them after the submission of the completion report. Since most of the responsibilities in rural areas are given to the village council our department cannot be blamed for their misconduct.

Regarding the cubic stone used for the steps, we cannot follow our official prescription because of the limitations of the availability of the stones. 8 inch/all sides is what usually used.

Regarding the incident in Chhawrtui Village, our staff have verified the work which we also believe is a substandard work. But then the bills were paid only after the verification done by the Village Council.

Regarding the use of cement there are certain situations where it is unnecessary. It is only after the Village Councils give consent that the cement are not used.

Regarding the rates, we use the PWD Skill of Rate.

About the selection, the works are mainly given to the person of the same locality. It is our belief that one always gives his best for his locality/community. I would also like to request Pu Hminga to inform the members of the Village Council in his constituency to submit their proposal.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, Member of the Village Council have submitted their proposal. But due to the presence of many other proposals many of them are turned down. I personally request the Minister if he could be of help for some of my proposal.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Hon'ble Speaker, could the concern Minister answer my question regarding the dispersal of fund?

PU LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Speaker, I think we are all familiar with the substandard work under the LAD. I believe the works are mainly given to our own party men. Could it be possible if some of the work could be given to our voluntary organisation like the YMA?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Hon'ble Speaker, In order to have a better quality of work we need to change our way of functioning. We need rules and regulation like the contractor giving a signed assurance to the department or may be punishing the contractor if any false occurred in the work so that we may have a better standard of work. Could the concerned Minister be willing to look into the matter?

SPEAKER : Pu Ruala, some of the questions are very important to the functioning of your department. So, could you be more precise with your answers, specially on the questions put forward by Pu Sawma and Pu H. Thangkima.

S.T. RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, I believe I have given my complete answer regarding the question on the rate of the works. If the P.W.D. do not change their rate there is little we can do.

Regarding Pu H. Thangkima's question, we have taken various steps in some of the rural areas but due to the limitations of funds we cannot cover the whole of Mizoram.

Regarding Pa Lalhmingthanga's question, we have recently decided to give Rs. 3,50,000/- to each constituency. But, this amount has to be distributed among the various villages. I believe limitation of fund is the main reason for our department's turning down of the proposal.

Regarding the LAD's quality of work, I don't think there is any reason to blame the workers belonging to our party. We have given various work to many of the voluntary association like the YMA, MHIP etc. but the quality and standard of the work is the same. Besides, we don't have enough manpower to check the progress of each an every work going on. But in future we will give our best.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, could the LAD stop its practice of giving contract to a tenderer answering the tender for 10% below the total capital? Perhaps it can even come up with a new, more reliable methods.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, like our respected member from Aizawl South II said, the quality of the work does not depend upon its system but largely on the person's/contractor's worthiness. I believe it is true to a certain extent. A person who puts his community before his personal gain always does a good work. In order to have a good work, it is a must that the LAD should give its contract to the concern Village Council or the YMA. Could the concern Minister give his assurance. Sir, assurance is all that I'm asking.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Hon'ble Speaker, according to the Minister, 80% of the population resides in the villages/rural area. If we are not allotting enough funds to the villages we are not doing justice to the people. The LAD has existed for nearly 20

years and during those years it has given more preference to the development of the urban areas. It is time that the LAD change its practice and give its preference to the rural areas. Could the concern Minister give me a positive answer to my question?

R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : What I want to say is let the LAD be confined to the urban areas and the RD to the rural areas. This way, there will be a balance between the two areas. Can the Government work out any suitable solution?

PU F. LALZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker, In spite of criticizing the LAD's work, for being sub-standard, the people in the rural areas would be happy if those so called sub-standard work are carried in the rural areas. In fact, we cannot implement it this year we should try to include it in 9th Five Year Plan.

SPEAKER : Silence, silence, the question hour is over. I shall call upon the concern Minister to present his answers.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Hon'ble Speaker, on what basis do the LAD step's bill made?

SPEAKER : Pu Ruala.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Hon'ble Speaker, regarding the rate of percentage, we accept all the rates under the schedule of rate.
Minister

Regarding the use of funds in the rural areas, we are using the Urban Development Fund which is mainly for the Urban areas. But, due to understanding, some of the funds are utilised for the rural areas.

Regarding the selections of the tenderer, we select the most suitable person from the various tender submitted.

Regarding the making of bills, the bills are made on work and tender basis.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Hon'ble Speaker, should punishment be issued for mis-conduct?
I believe this is very important.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Hon'ble Speaker, it is hard to
Minister judge right or wrong

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, if that's the way,
how can the right prevail.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Hon'ble Speaker, we are working
Minister at our best to eradicate the misunderstanding that arises between the LAD and the Village Council. Every steps have been taken and the village council conferences are called to do away with this programmes. But, Mr. Spaker Sir, it is very difficult to take action against some of the small offences.

SPEAKER : Let this be enough. We shall proceed to item No. 3. (Disorder in the House)

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, like our old practice, would it be possible to compensate the obituary hour for the question hour.

SPEAKER : Let's proceed to item No. 3. We will discuss the previous question next time.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, It would be inconvenient in future if we change our practice.

I have here with me the EAS guide-line, NLUP policy guide-line which I believe it is very important. Mr. Speaker Sir, the ~~reason~~ of its importance is, do we maintain a reliable village council Account? Our expenditure may be too much. Sir, I kindly request you to extend our question hour.

SPEAKER : Silence, please, it is not my decision alone whether or not to extend the question hour. The decision rest with the members of the house.

PU LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Speaker, in keeping with our old practice, we should extend the question hour.

SPEAKER : Does the House agree to the extension of the question hour? Pu J. Lalsangzuala please give us your opinion.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker, all the questions which are not answered in the House are printed and distributed among the members. Besides, this is a Budget Session for which ten days has been allotted. And another two days are allotted for the General Discussion. In my opinion it is best for the House to proceed on with our programme.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, we have ample of time, besides, in keeping with our old practice, we should compensate the obituary hour and extend our question hour.

BU P. C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker, we are simply wasting our time debating over the extension of the question hour. I believe it is in the interest of the majority of the member of the House to proceed on with programme, we should proceed on to item No. 3.

PU JOHN ROELUANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker, like your previous suggestion it is the best in the interest of the House to proceed on with our next items.

PUR. TLANGH MINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, Is the Government unprepared to answer the next question we have raised. If not, why are they reluctant to answer them. Sir, in keeping with our old practice, please extend the question hour.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, we are not afraid to answer the question. We have answered what all they have asked. Sir, like your earlier suggestion please proceed on with the next item no. 3.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, there is no written law in our constitution that the obituary hour can be extended over the question hour.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : You are not arguing with me but you are with the decision of the Speaker.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, why is it that we are going against our true previous practice. As a matter

of fact you did the same with my Adjournment Motion in the last session, why is it that I am treated differently from the rest of the members.

SPEAKER : Pu Zuala, please, Speak.

PU F. LALZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker, it is a shame to us members that the time we have allotted to pay our last report to Pu Zautea has been demanded by the opposition to be compensated with question hour. Mr. Speaker Sir, please do so with your decision.

SPEAKER : Since our business today is not much, I will extend the question hour till 12:00 noon.

Please, Pu Remsiana proceed with your second question.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, thank you very much for extending the question hour.

Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c LAD be pleased to state in accordance with starred question no. 2.

- (a) How many Village Council has been dissolved regarding misappropriation of funds?
- (b) Is there any rules and regulation formulated for maintaining Village Council Account?

S.T. RUALYAPA : Hon'ble Speaker, the answer to question No. (a) eight (8) Village Council has been dissolved for inappropriate of funds.
Minister

Answer to question No. (b). We have a set of rules and regulation for maintaining the V/C Account, Cash Book are issued and seminar conference are organised.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, regarding V/C there are two important issues which needs to be discussed.

(1) In Khanpai village neither the Government nor the BDO issues any money to the village council. But, the issuing of money are done by the Congress Unit. This is against the law. Does the Government know anything about this incident?

Now that it has come to light, the Government should take immediate action.

Another unlawful practice is also going on in Saithah Village Council. The BDO and the Congress unit combined together are making fake seal for the issuing of fund under NLUP and IRDP. Is the Government aware of this?

(2) Regarding the execution of the funds by the V/C. It is to my knowledge that we have a V/C Development Committee having representation from various voluntary organisations. But it is a common practice in most of the places that the Committee consists of only persons from the congress unit the BDO and some immediate concerned. What step is the Government taking to stop this practice?

PU LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Speaker, regarding the dissolution of eight (8) village councils, Is the record from the year 1954 till date? Could the Minister be more specific. And, Is the various rules and regulations for maintenance of accounts being followed?

JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker, additional question, It is, to my knowledge that the Department is appointing Treasurer for each and every village council to maintain of V/C account. Is it true or false? If true, on what basis are the appointments done? How many V/C's are there without a treasurer?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Hon'ble Speaker, in line with my earlier question, which Departments fund do the council use? If there is any misappropriation of the funds does the Department report to the LAD? Beside, today, there is no defined set of rules and regulation regarding the actions to be taken against the village council for their misconduct. Has any step been taken in this matter?

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Hon'ble Speaker, the Government of Mizoram under the Chief Secretary issued a set of orders on the 26th of June 1995, regarding the formation of VDC. But till today, there are lots of places where the order has not been executed. Why is it so?

Regarding the distributions of funds, we need a define set of rules and regulation? Right now, I can give the House many examples including the concerned Minister's Constituency, Saiphai.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Hon'ble Speaker, we are taking
Minister actions if demand.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, there are many misuse of Development Fund specially the funds from the R.D. Could action be taken against them as soon as possible?

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Hon'ble Speaker, action has been taken. In fact we have asked the person to step down.
Minister

PU LALBIAKZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker, there is a little bit of misunderstanding. The Development Fund comes under the V.C. The LAD has no knowledge of the VDC. What I want to request is could the LAD look after the VDC? In this way, there will be a better functioning of the system.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, we have to do away with the illpractice of appointing our own party people to the VDC. This Committee Members encouraged by the Politicians have no respect for the various officers in charge. The Government should find ways to stop this practice as this is one of the most prominent obstacles on our road to development.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA : Hon'ble Speaker, the V.C. President is also the Chairman of the VDC. It is the responsibility of the Chairman to look after the conducts of the Committee. But, this is not practised by all. And, since, the VC does not come under the LAD we have to understand many of the problems.
Minister

Regarding the set of rules and regulation for the conduct of the VC. Our Government has made a set of rules which we will introduce later in the House.

And, answering Pu Remsiama's question, the I.T.L's VC was dissolved because of misuse of the council funds and for disobeying the Government's order.

PUP.C. ZORAMSANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker, point of clarification—There is a wrong information regarding Khanpui VC. The
Minister

Khanpui VDC was formed through the BDO due to the reason that the Khanpui VCP was and is, not interested in forming the VDC.

Mr. Speaker Sir, every member of the House has the privilege to state his point of clarification and in no way can the opposition member opposed it. I am following all the rules of the House.

SPEAKER : We shall proceed to item No. (3). The BAC has a sitting on the 27th of August 1996, regarding the setting of the programme. It is the House's responsibility to accept the programme.

Today's, first programme is the obituary. Second, question hour and third the introduction of the Government Bill, Presentation of Select Committee Report, Presentation of Budget for 1996—97 and Official Resolution.

Tommorrow, i.e, 13.9.1996, (Friday) will be Private Members Business. Questions, Resolution, Consideration of Mizoram Market Regulation Amendment Bill 1995, as reported by Select Committee. The 14th and 15th will be a holiday.

16.9.96 (Monday), Government Business, Question, Budget General Discussion and other Government Business.

17.9.96 (Tuesday), Government Business, Question, General Discussion on Budget and any other Government Business.

19.9.96 (Thursday) — Questions, Discussion and Voting on Demand. And, any other Government Business.

20.9.96 (Friday) — Private Members Business, Questions, Resolution and any other Business. 21st and 22nd will be a holiday.

23.9.96 (Monday) — Government Business, Questions, Discussion and Voting on Demand and any other Government Business.

24.9.96 (Tuesday) — Government Business, Questions, Discussion and Voting on Demand and any other Government Business.

25.9.96 (Wednesday) — Government Business, Question, Discussion and Voting on demand and any other Government Business.

26.9.96 (Thursday) — Government Business, Question, Discussion and Voting on Demand, Any Government Business.

27.9.96 (Friday) — Government Business, Question, Discussion and Voting on Demand, Introduction, Consideration and Passing of the Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 1996. 28th & 29th will be holidays.

30.9.96 (Monday) — Government Business, Question, Introduction, Consideration of Government Bill, if any.

1.10.96 (Tuesday) — Government Business, Question, Introduction and consideration of Government Bill. If any, any other Government Business.

2.10.96 (Wednesday) — Holiday — Gandhi's Birthday.

3.10.96 (Thursday) — Private Members Business, Question Resolution. If any — motion, if any Bill — These are all the programme.

Now, I shall call upon the Parliamentary Minister to give comment on our calendar.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker, it is with all the Minister member's consent that the Zero Hour be for five minutes. There should be no more than two Zero hour as more than two would effect our programme. Beside this, I agree with the programme prepared by the BAC.

to Thank you.

SPEAKER : Those were the programmes made by the BAC for this Session. It is the House's duty to accept the programme. We shall move on to our 4th item.

I shall call upon Pu Bawihluanga to present to the House the Report of Select Committee of Mizoram Market Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker, with your permission, I present the Report of the Select Committee on the Mizoram Market Regulation (Amendment) Bill 1995.
Minister

SPEAKER : Thank you, Pu Bawitluanga, Chairman of the Select Committee for presenting the Bill. Since it is a private Bill, we will discuss it tomorrow along with the Private Business.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA : Hon'ble Speaker, could the copy of the report be distributed among the members.
Minister

SPEAKER : Please, distribute the Committee's Report. We shall proceed with the Presentation of Budget.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker, the name of Pu S.T. Rualyapa, Co-Chairman of the Committee is not printed in the report. Since it is the Hon'ble Speaker's order, official order is very important that his name be printed.

SPEAKER : That is a very good request. Please, write his name on the report.

I shall call upon Pu J. Lalsangzuala to present to the House, The Annual Budget for 1996-97 of the Government of Mizoram.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as you are aware, I had sought for approval of this august House for 'Vote on Account' on two occasions during the current year. On 14th March, 1996, Vote on Account for the first four months from April, 1996 to July, 1996 was obtained. As you know this was necessitated because of the ensuing General Elections in the country on account of which the Central Government had deferred finalization of Plan outlay and the Central fund support for 1996-97. Again due to unforeseen political developments at the Centre, the reconstitution of Planning Commission was delayed and I had to obtain approval of this House for 'Vote on Account' for further two months, requirement for the months of August and September, 1996 on 17th July, 1996.

2. The discussion of the State Plan outlay for 1996-97 was held on 30th August, 1996. Unlike the preceding years, finalization of the Sectoral allocation of Plan was not done immediately. As a result, even though the Planning Commission has agreed Rs. 281.00 crore as the State Plan outlay for 1996-97, the Sectoral allocation was to be finalised and approved by the Planning Commission. The 'Vote on Account' obtained last is only upto 30th September, 1996. It is now necessary to pass the regular Budget for the whole year 1996-97.

3. I regret to inform the Hon'ble Members that inspite of the allocation of Rs. 281.00 crore for the State Plan outlay for this year, I can only prepare the Budget on the basis of last year's outlay. I am not in a position to include the enhanced amount in the present Budget as detailed preparation of Budget documents takes a minimum period of three to four weeks and at the time of going to Press, the sectoral allocation had not been approved by the Planning Commission. Therefore, the present Budget documents supplied to the Hon'ble Members are copies of the ones which were presented to this House on 14th March, 1996 representing the outlay on the State Plan at the level of 1995-96.

and the Central assistance at the same level as last year. For the increased State Plan outlay for 1996—97, I will come before this august House to seek its approval through Supplementary Demands. Provision will also be needed for grant of Interim Relief and two instalments of Dearness Allowance to the Government employees and also revision of pay scales based on Fifth Central Pay Commission Report which is expected any moment. At the moment no provision for these requirements is made in this Budget. For these requirements, I will approach the House in due course.

4. In my Budget speech in March, 1996 I had mentioned in detail the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission. I need not repeat the same now. However, I may mention that for the upgradation of administration Rs. 2.26 crore representing 20% of the recommended amount each for the concerned items and Rs. 11.40 crore for Lengpui Air-field has been provided in the Budget. Regarding Lengpui Air-field, Finance Ministry has been requested to release the full amount of Rs. 57.90 crore in two instalments during 1995—97 and 1997—98 to enable us to complete the scheme in 1997—98.

5. I may share with you the acute financial constraints being faced by the State Government. The revised budget estimate for 1995—96 envisaged a closing deficit for Rs. 41.21 crore. However, according to the Reserve Bank of India, we had closed the year 1995—96 with a negative balance of Rs. 44.92 crore plus Rs. 8.40 crore representing Ways and Means Advance. Therefore, the opening deficit for 1995—97 has come to Rs. 53.32 crore. This huge deficit is mainly because of the decrease in our share of Central Taxes during the first two years covered by the Tenth Finance Commission's recommendations for 1995—96 and 1996—97. Our share on this account is likely to be less to the extent of Rs. 40.00 crore as compared to the amount assumed by the Tenth Finance Commission. We took up this matter with the Central Government but to no avail so far. Further, the unprecedented calamity in Chhimituipui District during last year had also caused

this heavy deficit as our appeal for financial assistance on this account had fetched only Rs. 4.71 crore which is far from adequate to meet the need for restoration of public utilities etc.

6. We all know that our Budget is heavily dependant on the flow of resources from the Centre. The growth of our own State revenue collection is far inadequate to match the increase in our administrative expenditure. In my speech in March, 1996, I mentioned that the Mizoram Resources Mobilisation & Taxation Enquiry Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary has made fruitful recommendations which brought some additional revenue. While we have made every effort to raise resources of our own to match the need, there are limitations as the resource base of our State is still very poor due to lack of infrastructure. Hence, the alternative is to spend discreetly and avoid unnecessary expenditure by all Government Departments. For this purpose, Finance Department has issued a package of Economy Measures and if these measures are strictly followed by the Departments, we will be able to invest larger fund in the developmental activities.

7. Sir, I would like to mention that due to the untiring dedication and efforts made by the Chief Minister to get more Annual Plan allocation for 1996—97 and the generosity of the Central to this infant State, the Annual Plan size for 1996—97 has been fixed at Rs. 281.00 crore. The increase of Plan outlay is, therefore, 23.78% over the last year's allocation. I may further be allowed to add that the Prime Minister had organised a conference of the Chief Ministers of all the States in the country on the 4th & 5th July, 1996 at New Delhi. The Conference endorsed Seven Basic Minimum Services as of paramount importance in securing a better quality of life for the people, especially those residing in rural areas. The Planning Commission while allocating the Plan outlay for 1996—97 has specifically earmarked a sum of Rs. 42.00 crore for the Seven Basic Minimum Services indicated below :

- (i) 100% coverage of provision of safe drinking water in rural and urban areas.

- (ii) 100% coverage of primary health service facilities in rural and urban areas.
- (iii) Universalisation of primary education.
- (iv) Provision of Public Housing Assistance to all shelterless poor families.
- (v) Extension of Mid-day-Meal programme in Primary schools to all rural blocks and urban slums and disadvantaged sections.
- (vi) Provision of connectivity to all unconnected villages and habitations.
- (vii) Streamlining the Public Distribution System with focus upon the poor.

These Seven Basic Services will have to be continued till 2000 A.D. The State Government is to make necessary action plans and prepare appropriate schemes to achieve these goals.

8. As I have stated earlier, the Annual Financial Statement for the year 1996—97 was laid before the House along with the Demands for Grants in the month of March, 1996. For the convenience of the Hon'ble Members, the same copy along with the allied documents like Explanatory Memorandum, Highlights of Performance during 1995—96 and Programmes for the current year and the Appendices are now circulated to them. I am, at this stage, seeking demands for the current year inclusive of the amounts obtained on 'Vote on Account' on the last two occasions.

9. With these few words, Sir, I commend the State Budget for 1996—97 for consideration and approval of this august House.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : 6th item — Pu J. Lalsangzuala to move an official Resolution

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Hon'ble Speaker, under the List of Minister (Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly Rules 127 Paragraph I Sub (a) I request the members of the House to move the Official Resolution.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We have finished our first programme this morning itself. A question was raised on why the Leader of the House is absent. The reason is he has already made his programme in Sikkim for the 12th, 13th & 16th of this month. Pu J. Lalsangzuala will occupy his seat during his absences.

Pu L.P. Thangzika, has also informed the House of his absence due to ill-health. Pu Lalthangliana and Dr. R. Lalthangliana had also informed earlier of their absences.

Tomorrow our session will be resumed at 10:A.M.

Meeting adjourned.