

**PROCEEDING OF THE 10th SESSION OF THE THIRD  
MIZORAM STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECOND  
SITTING ON FRIDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 1996.**

**PRESENT**

PU R.L. VALLA, Deputy Speaker at the chair, Chief Minister, 16 Ministers and 19 members were present.

**QUESTION**

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

**PRIVATE MEMBER'S BUSINESS**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Private Bill to be considered.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA to move that the Mizoram (Market) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1995 as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

**ALSO**

to move that the Bill be passed.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions.

**PU R.L. VALIA :**  
**Deputy Speaker**

“Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it”.

Proverb—15:16

Today our members H. Lalruata and K.T. Rokhaw may not attend the meeting due to illness, we also received notice. Now we will go on to starred question no. 21.

**D.R. J.V. HLUNA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the main reason for going with blunt of starred question no. 6, 8 and 19 and also starred question no. 17.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** This may be the negligence of the concerned departments, but it is mandatory that printed answer should be given. Now we will call upon Pu Lalsawta to ask question no. 21.

**PU LALSAWTA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Industries Department be pleased to state.

- (a) What is the actual rate of Implements provided to persons under Industrial department.
- (b) What is the reason for taking in-kind is taken at a rate much higher than market rates.

**PU C.L. RUALA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, we have no notice of such high rate that has been charged.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, Instruments and Implements provided by the Industries Department is of bad quality and also the department tried to gain profit per instrument.

**PU LALSAWTA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, We know that for the upliftment of talented persons in carpentry works, the

Government Supply materials through some store at Dawrpui at the rate of Rs. 450/- to Rs 500/- while the market rates is Rs. 200/- only. Has not really the government noticed such transaction or they pretended not to notice it.

**PU C.L. RUALA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, The Department purchased sewing machine but all other instrument is given by subsidy at the rate of Rs. 1500/-. All these instruments and implements are taken up by authorised dealers and Agents. Now the department is intending to conduct by tendering.

**PU LALSAWTA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, in order to have their respective shares by the people in this regard, Will the Hon'ble Minister promise and give us assurance.

**PU H. THANGKIMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, my question is Will the Industry Minister be please<sup>d</sup> to provide Instruments and Implements to deserving persons not favouring any political parties?

**PU F. MALSAWMA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, persons selected for PMRY by task force in Chhimtuipui District are cancelled, why?

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, the statement about 'VDC Information should not be re-considered' is to be considered.

**PU LALHUTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, for Construction of Primary School at Lengpui Village, and Rawpuichhip, all responsibilities are rest upon one member of VDC, this yields good

result, There fore if there is any intention to build school building etc. I suggest that this method should be adopted.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, As no one in the world has the same idea, what is good for me is not good for other we may not draw a conclusion from one idea. We have to say our relating subject.

**PU E. LALZUALA :** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it is un wise to use V/C as chairman of R.D. The formation of VDC is not good enough. There may rise in-equality and previllage in the selection of development funds and the like, besides, introduction of work order should be changed.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to mention **Minister** in short the formation of VDC. As we know VDC is formed by representations of VDP at different villages. Such VDC is linked to R.D.D.A and Chief Secretary at the top. The Chief Secretary is the Chairman of SLMC. As there is a chained set up step by step, it is considered to be free of corruption.

Besides, the above mentioned VDC is intending to follow central guide lines as far as practicable, in this regard BDOs have played important part and are exercising their power under government norms.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Now we will invite Pu S.T. Rualyapa to beg leave of the House to consider his bill.

**PU S.T. RUALYAPA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, with your permission I hereby beg leave of the House to consider The Mizoram Market Regulation Amendment Bill, 1995.  
**Minister**

- DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Now we have to discuss the bill if there is no need to change any clause or words.
- DR. J.V. HLUNA :** Deputy Speaker Sir, Pu Vanengmawia Director, Land Settlement and main record is to be corrected by Land Revenue and Settlement.
- PU T. HRANGHLUTA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, As recommendation made by the Select Committee, the Committee chairman has to report the works attached to the committee.
- DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let us invite the chairman
- PU S.T. RUALYAPA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, the Bill had been introduced in 1995 Session. After Scrutinising the bill by select Committee, the draft report is prepared in September 1996.  
**Minister**

The Select Committee amended some clause, and added a substitute. For instances, clause (1) is adopted as it is, clause (2) subclause 1 (f) is omitted and so also the word 'Commodities' of sub clause (2) is substituted by "meat and other Commodities which are sold by one man".

Besides these, Mr. Speaker Sir, we have to remember that the word 'we' used in private resolution, particularly in this resolution is not to mean other resolutions.

I propose Revenue Minister for chairman, and Pu Lalsawta, Pu Remsiana, Dr. J.V. Hluna, John Rotluangliana Pu Hranghluta. For Select Committee members. Do we agree? If we agree, I declared that these persons are the Chairman and Select Committee members of the said bill.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Now we will allot 5 minutes for each member, let us call upon Pu F. Malsawma.

**PU F. MALSAWMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, The clause (3) (i) the proposed section to be deleted and substituted by the words "The market officer or any other officer authorised by him shall have the power to allot or cancel seats in the market for selling any commodity needed to expand, because we donot know whether the word 'selling' signifies prohibited commodity or a typing mistake.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, regarding section 14—punishment, I want to say that the amount of penalty of Rs. 1000/- with 3 months imprisonment is too severe, this should be changed/amended.

Regarding clause (1) of vegetables whether it should be leafy, fruits, or meat, a competent doctor should examine.

Again regarding clause 7 (a) the power of Market officer or Competent officer is vast, this should be checked by committee.

**PU LALKHAMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Section 5 provides Market officer an enormour power to allot shop etc. Is this provision valid for non-Mizos such as Bangladesh and other? There fore the statement 'Any person on lease by floating of tender's is to be re-considered.

Secondly, the powers of Market officer should be limited.

**PU LALBIAKZUALA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I have an idea that some clause needed amendment, for instances, 'Market officer' may be substituted by 'government'.

Besides, all commodities should be weightable, weight and measures should be practised for all Commodities. Again, as the appendix lost its obscurity, it should be explained clearly.

**PU T. HRANGHLUTA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to mention that in the short title, extent and commencement sub-no (1) "This Regulation may be called the Mizoram (amendment) Regulation 1996" the word 'Market' is missing and is to be included in it.

Secondly in section 10, sub-no (i). (ii) it is stated that the Market officer or any other officer authorised by him shall have the power to allot or cancel seats in the market for selling any commodity, "but did not mention which are prohibited by the government". This must be made clear.

Regarding Appendix, the Appendix will not be included in the act, it does not play an important role in the act.

**PU P. LALBIAKA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Most of the Mizos are now vegetarians. The Mizos extensively eat meat, but the condition of meat in the market and other places has no medical verification, due to this, certain dreadful diseases has been spreading, in this regard I suggest that Verification System is to be included in the Bill.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, in order to add Government Revenue, I suggest that the word 'tender' is to be substituted by 'public auction'.

**PU C.L. RUALA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, 'Any person' under clause 7(a) is to be re-considered.  
Minister

(Starred question is not recorded)

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, The answers for the above questions are as follows:

- (a) Construction of Jeep road under E.S. at Hualngohmun to Samtlang has been under proposal but no priority is given.  
 (b) VDC functions properly.

**PU B. LALTHLEGLIANA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Supplementary questions.

Firstly, why should not the government give priority to Hualngohmun Samtlang Road?

Secondly, was not the government intending to pay Rs. 10 lakhs to the persons who construct road at Hmuifang, Darlung and Peithai Picnic Spot.

Thirdly, have not the government noticed malfunctioning of VDC, particularly at my Constituency where MNF V/C function properly where Congress V/C was functionless.

**PU F. LALREMSIAMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, According to government order on 26th June 1995 VDC (Village Development Council) has to be formed. But no VDC is formed in Aizawl East II such as in Armed Veng South, Tuithiang, Saron Veng, Chhinga Veng, Armed Veng North and Dawrpui, particularly, there was no proposal to form VDC at Dawrpui.

When they were formed latter on, their formation and jurisdiction has not been properly classified. Why have not the government ensured fair and proper formation?

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, The main objective of Centrally Sponsored EAS



is the upliftment of poorer section in the society. In this regard, will the Hon'ble Minister tell us the number of approved proposed works under EAS.

Again EAS has been made under Contract System having agency but Selection System has been politicised. No party other than ruling party are set aside. Has not the government noticed such matters, all these things have taken place at Phuaibuang, Rawpuichhip etc.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding question of Hon'ble Member Pu Lalthmingthanga, I am sorry to say that I have no definite answer right now, but we must have noted that all MLAS are members of BDC.

Regarding contract and Agency basis of EAS and party wise privilege we have no knowledge of such thing. If there is any, we'll have to look into the matter therein.

Regarding appointment of VDC members, no change has ever been made at minister level if it is through B.D.O gain, we have not noticed of the place where VDC has no meaning.

Regarding road Construction, any credit is intended to be paid up.

Regarding question asked by Hon'ble member Pu B. Lalthlengliana, as Jeep and Bus has been in service regularly to Hlimen and Samtlang we can not give priority to this road.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Pu Rinchhana.

**PU LALRINCHHANA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, selection of beneficiary under Rural development has been conducted by

VDC. In this regard, the whole selection is not always conducted by VDC. I therefore request our hon'ble minister to give us assurance in this regard.

Besides the above stated, I suggest that the government conduct selection system and any other matter relating there in on the basis of central guidelines.

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, first and foremost I would lay special thanks to our hon'ble minister for giving me a hope. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we are certain that VDC can not function properly in some places. The government must take step to improve further places where it is not possible for VDC to function. If they cannot function, they should be dissolved. On the other hand, BDO who is incharge of VDC is controlled by ruling party, all things done by BDO is in favour of the ruling party. Therefore as this is the case, the government may have to look into the matter there in.

**PU C.L. RUALA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we have already heard that the condition of meat, i.e cattle, fish etc. is unsatisfactory, most of the people in Aizawl town always eat unhealthy meat. Therefore, checking and verification system is to be added in the rule. A competent Vety. Doctor should have market meats thoroughly checked.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA** : Mr. Speaper Sir, I have three suggestions.

Firstly, according to the bill, market officer means any officer so appointed by the government for the purpose of this regulation. this definition is to be expanded, because the definition do not signify his rank and limited authority.

Secondly, specific and fixed rate should be included.

Thirdly, rent and lease system for location, shop etc. within the area of Market may be included.

**PU LALRINCHHANA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, to become an act, the bill must have rules and regulations. This bill is no exception, if it has to become an act, we must have specific rules.

Thank you

**PU F. LAWMKIMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the clause selling rate of meat and other commodities which are sold by weight is unsatisfactory. What kind of scale will be used and the scale should be hang freely, for, if a man handles the scale, it is always in-correct.

Besides this, penalty should be amended for it is too severe. Not only this, Market condition is unhygienic electric and other important facilities should be provided.

Thank you

**PUP.C. ZORAMSANGLIANA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, though it has been stated earlier by hon'ble members, I want to repeat that the definition, powers and authority of the Market Officer lose its obscurity, his power, authority and rank has to be mentioned clearly.

Again, verification system through Competent Vetynary Doctor is to be included, so that masses of the people may buy fresh and healthy meats and vegetables.

Lastly, special rules or regulation is to be implemented for our own good. As we see, large numbers of shopkeepers, Agents, Sellers and the like are Non-Mizos.

Thank you

**PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, para 3 states—'meat' includes 'meat' generally eaten in Mizoram, it appears that this para excludes pawn, crab, snail, fish etc. all these things are to be added in the act.

Regarding sale and purchase — it has been stated thus, 'Sale and purchase by measurement includes Meat, Vegetables and Food shall be purchased, and sold only by measurement in metric system.' This also excludes 'Bekang um' 'Thingthupui' Pardi, Salari, Khaileng etc. all these things needed a special consideration.

**PU F. LALREMSIAMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if we read carefully the definition we may know what is to be weighted and what is not to be weighted. The committee thinks over carefully Meat classification. Seafood or Cattle meat are included by the word 'Meat'.

The word 'Market Officer', means 'Director' LAD Department. Regarding meat Inspection, inspection can be conducted at New Market, but meat have always been sold at various localities Bethlehem, Armed Veng, Hunthar and so on and so forth, therefore, inspection can not be carried on simlutenously. In this regard, we have a problem.

Likewise, regarding weight and measure, rate fixation, quality control, punnishment etc.—the committee thinks over all possibilities, difficulties etc. and after that they make a conclusion as it is.

Thank you

**PU LIANSUAMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the bill  
**Minister** excluded all advantages for seller  
and buyer, and also the bill is  
messed up with all commodities, meats, vegetables etc. Therefore,  
the bill defeats its purpose, I therefore suggest that the bill is to  
be re-considered.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Now time is up, we'll have recess,  
meeting will be resumed at 2: P.M.  
2:00 P.M. Afternoon Sitting

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let us call upon, Pu P.C. Bawitluanga.

**PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, we have to note  
**Minister** that 'meats' includes Domesticated  
Animals and Aquatic Animals.  
There is nothing to be confused about this. When we talked  
about 'Commodities' it includes all kinds of vegetables that can be  
eaten, such as Maian, Phuihnam, Khanghu etc. all these vegetables  
may not be weight-table but vegetables such as Bean, Potato, Cu-  
cumber, Tomato etc. are weightable in grams or kilogram.

Power of Market Officer regarding seat allotment and can-  
cellation in market place is included in the act, which was not  
included in the former act.

The former act provided that seats auctioned is valid up to  
6 month from the date of auction. The existing act expanded the  
period for 2 years.

Again penalties imposed on person who violates existing rule  
is Rs. 1000/- fine or 3 months imprisonment is not severe, even for  
persons who carry or indulged in intoxicating drinks and drugs  
within the market.

Thank you

**PU JONHROTLUANGLIANA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, public auction had been adopted earlier, but this causes certain problems. In order to overcome such difficulties and disadvantage, public auction is substituted by tender.

To eliminate certain burdens regarding seat allotment etc. within market area, Market officer is made incharge of all these.

Regarding weight & measures, the Committee have an opinion that weight & measures should be used as far as practicable. Again the Committee widened the power of the Market officers so that administration may be started afresh.

Regarding penalties, the penalty will not only bind the sellers and buyers but also binds all persons who sell and buy Intoxicating drinks and drug within the sphere of Market area.

Thank you.

**PU LALSAWTA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the Committee thinks that the aims and purpose of the Bill is good enough. And also the Committee prepared the bill with great optimism.

The main purpose of the bill is to implement selling, buying, weight & measures and administration in proper form. We know that the bill is not a complicated bill. Therefore, I request all the members to have an idea that it may be amended. Thus inspite of all criticism I request the house to pass the bill.

Thank you.

**PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU :** Mr. Speaker Sir, if we analyse the Bill No. 11, that the selling rates

of meat and other commodities which are sold by weight & measures shall be fixed and notified by the Market officer from time to time as may be required' may be good in some respects but I am afraid that practical implementation will be difficult.

If we read further, No. 12 stated that "No person shall sell other meat and commodities which are sold by weight at a rate higher than the rate fixed and notified by the Market Officer". As I have already said, this will be difficult to practise. For instances, the statement does not mention the rate of fresh meat and stale meat, same rate and weight can not be applicable for meat which is sold yesterday and fresh meat being sold today. I therefore have an opinion that the Bill is to be amended.

Thank you.

**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is a must to have proper market place with facilities. But whatever the place may be or what ever the market be, I am afraid the problem will not be overcome. So, I would like to thank all the members for their encouragement, but the Government will face difficulties. We may or may not pass the bill, I have no intention to criticise the said bill, but one thing which according to me is important we have no adequate market place to meet the needs of the people, if we look at Aizawl, Lunglei or any other places, our market is over-crowded, many people who want to sell their products have no room in the market. I therefore, sincerely request the Government to construct market in a needed area.

Thank you.

**H.K. CHAKMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it appears that the Market Regulation amendment Bill can not be passed in the House.

If we passed the bill, rules and regulations laid down by the bill have to be studied by the responsible officers and people. Otherwise we will face many difficulties.

Thank you.

**PU J. LALSANGZUALA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the bill  
**Minister** has been scrutinised by the govern-  
 ment. The concerned minister may wind up, and beg the House  
 to pass the bill.

**PU S.T. RUALYAPA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, due to  
**Minister** the inadequacy of a Bill, 1954,  
 the Amendment Bill 1995 has  
 been put forward by the Select Committee in the House. Amend-  
 ment is made at section 6 of the state regulation, section 7 (a) and  
 section 7 (b).

We have different ideas regarding Market Officer, but the power of Market Officer is not vast. When we talk about Market Officer, we may have an idea about Market Inspector, but the bill does not mean Market Inspector. He may either be a director or any other competent authority appointed by the Government.

'Any person', does not include foreigners or non-Mizos. Such persons i.e foreigners and non-Mizo are barred by Foreigners Act, and Non-Tribal Regulation Act. We can not include all the detailed relevant subjects in this bill.

Regarding market management and accommodations, the Committee rest all responsibilities on market officer such as allotment, facilities, seat arrangement, proper selling of all commodities etc.

Again weight is included in the bill to regulate exact measurement and prices of commodities so that high rise in prices and uneven and irregular prices flow may be checked.



Regarding penalty, it has been included in the bill so as to punish selling and consuming of intoxicating drinks and drugs, and other unauthorised and unlawful commodities that the government prohibited to sell or consume. Therefore to replace the Bill of 1954, The Amendment Bill is prepared by the Committee, and I hereby beg leave of the House to pass The Mizoram Market Regulation Amendment Bill 1995.

Thank you.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I have suggestions in this regard:

Firstly, the power and authority of Market Officer is to be reconsidered.

Secondly, regarding quality control, weight & measures and rate of Domesticated food and aquatic food should be included seperately.

Thirdly, weight & measures section has to be amended in detail.

Lastly, penalty should be amended as it is too severe.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Now we have to take vote on The Mizoram Market Regulation Amendment Bill 1995 that is whether to pass or not. Anyone who agree to pass say 'yes' and those who disagree say 'no', (members said 'agree').

I therefore declared that the House passed The Mizoram Market Regulation Amendment Bill 1995.

Now we have to go to our next business. Let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga to move resolution of "the establishment of parliamentary committee to look in to the matter relating public distribution system under Mizoram government".

**PU ZORAMTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for alloting me time to move my reso-

lution. Which laid emphasis on Kerosine Oil, Sugar, Gas, Rice, Wheat and the like.

Firstly I want to mention about mal-distribution of Cooking gas. Undoubtedly gas distribution system is inadequate to meet the needs of the people. For instance, large number are in queue at the door of Agents but all such persons do not received what they deserve. If we look at other state, door to door distribution has been practised.

Regarding K. Oil and other essential commodities, the agent and the dealer misused public qouta and distribution has been spoiled, people can not buy or take such commodity at the equitable and exact rate, the Agent or the dealers practised corruption.

To overcome all these difficulties, corruption and misuse of public money and commodities, I move that parliamentary committee be set up to look into the matter relating public distribution system in Mizorm for the beneficiary of Mizo people.

Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We have to remember that we alloted 5 minutes, all members are requested to be punctual.

**PU LALKHAMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we can not neglect the importance of public distribution system, not only in Mizoram, but also in India. In this regard I want to mention that one item i.e wheat, eventhough wheat is not our main staple food, but we can not set aside its importance, out of wheat we have a by-products of wheat vai, atta, maida and the like.

In this regard the FCI alloted about 2000 tons for Mizoram, this qouta should be distributed by means of fair price shop. But

we have not received like that, instead it was distributed through flour mill without actual and fixed rate, all these commodities, atta, maida has been purchased at a rate much higher than that of the fair price shop. Therefore in order to regulate all these irregularities the bill is to be passed.

Thank you.

**PU LALSAWTA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is not a secret that malfunction and irregularities of Public distribution, system deserve special enquiry that will take care and penalised wrong doers.

Regarding Cooking Gas—Dealers and Agents give connection beyond 5000/- for profits 10,000/- connection have been given by one agent or dealers, But the sources from company was not increased. This led many difficulties to the people. In order to check all these things, The bill is to be passed.

Thank you.

**PU LALRINCHHANA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Under the Central Government Scheme, all essential commodities especially, rice, K. Oil and Sugar, should be provided in Urban and Rural or remote areas. If we consider our remote areas, large numbers of villages do not receive Sugar and K. Oil. In this regard, it is obvious that there is mis-management or misuse of public shares.

In some areas, they received 100 gram or 200 gram of sugar where it has to be 1 kg per family at reliable rate. Thus, the bill is very important to check and give remedy to problems faced by the people.

Thank you.

**PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU** : Mr. Speaker Sir, we will have to  
**Minister** note that we are not starving for  
 food or other commodities. This confirms that sufficient essential commodities are received by the people. If we consider other States— Manipur, Arunachal and Assam, we are fortunate to have all these commodities without much problem. In comparison with these State, Mizoram scores high position. Food and other essential commodities have been distributed to villages. This ministry tries to promote the welfare of the people by nourishing Urban and village with essential commodities; therefore our public distribution system right now is adequate to meet the needs of the people.

Again, as there is Public Account Committee under which purview is distribution system. Our members who sit on the left side are also members so it is not necessary to have seperate and distinctive committee.

Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu F. Malsawma.

**PU F. MALSAWMA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is unwise to compare us with other backward states. We must have taken steps to improve instead of competing with advanced states. We can not blame ourselves, and also we can not pretend not to notice the wrong done. We can not hide the fact that large quantities of rice had been lost. If the government takes immediate and appropriate action, such wrong will not be committed again and again.

Regarding K. Oil, masses of the people in Mizoram received 2 or 2 1/2 litre instead of 3 litres. We may not mention all relevant matters, in order to overcome all these difficulties, the bill should be passed.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Now the time is almost over, we may not call upon other members. We better keep our time for this reason, we will not call upon our house leader to round up.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, time will be allotted.

**PU F. LALREMSIAMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we have only discussed for half an hour.

**PU J. LALSANGZUALA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, time will be allotted tomorrow or at some-day.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if you fixed the time at 4.00 PM, Does it mean sittings is to be adjourned at 4.00 PM from now on?

**PU F. LALREMSIAMA :** Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, you can allot time, as the resolution is important you may have to spare time for members.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** We may have another time to discuss. Now we will take vote on the Resolution of Pu Zoramthanga that reads 'Establishment of Parliamentary Committee to look in to matter relating to Public Distribution system Under Mizoram Government'.

Those who agree say 'yes', and who disagree say 'no'.  
(Members who agree are out-numbered by those who disagree)

There fore I declare that the resolution is not passed. Now the meeting is adjourned, next meeting will be resumed tomorrow.  
Meeting adjourned.