

**PROCEEDING OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE THIRD  
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, THE 14TH. SEPTEMBER, 1996  
Seventh Sitting on Friday 20th. September, 1996**

**PRESENT**

Pu R.L. Valla, Dy. Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 15 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

**LIST OF BUSINESS  
QUESTIONS**

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

2. Resolutions.

**Deputy Speaker:** *"He who restrains his words had knowlege, and he who has a cast spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent."* Proverb 17:27-28.

Now we shall take up the questions starred questions No. 116, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. Lalthangliana :** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question No. 116. Number of appointment made through the MPSC during 1995-'96.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister):** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, number of appointments made through the MPSC during 1995-'96 are: Direct - 218; Promotion - 242.

**Pu F. Malsawma :** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions which are as follows:

- (i). Does the government intend to revert the power of the MPSC, which was taken away earlier by the government?
- (ii). Is it possible for the MPSC to release its Meeting's Minute if requested?
- (iii). Will steps be taken up by the government to maintain a fair ACR? In the

present situation, the favourites of the Head of Department appear to have considerable advantages.

- (iv). Presently, disappearance of ACR is prevalent in order to bar certain promotions. Is this a serious matter? If so, will action be taken by the government?
- (v). In some cases, ACR is not submitted by certain officers deputed to Mizoram. This creates immense problem and confusion. Can such officers be blocked from leaving Mizoram or warned that their action will affect their own ACR?

**Dr. J.V. Hluna** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether the result of interview conducted by the MPSC was put on notification. Is the government aware that without any notification, the MPSC simply sent the number of vacancies for the post of SDO and AEO in PHE and P&E to the Department?

**Dr. R. Lalthangliana** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to know the number of appointments made in the category of Group A?

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)**: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, regret to say that the appointments were not categorised in Group-wise. However, I will forward the same to the honourable Member at the earliest possible.

Regarding the power of the MPSC, the government has no intention of reverting the same to the MPSC. Further, I am not certain about the Meeting's Minutes of the MPSC. Anyway, after verifying the matter, I will inform whether the same can be released or not.

Matter concerning the ACR is in the hands of the political department, but the DP&AR too is involved in it. To settle the injustice in this matter is quite a complicated task. So, I request the Members' cooperation and suggestions.

Regarding officers who failed to submit ACR in time, earlier we have issued an instruction stating that the flaws of such officers would be reflected in their own ACR. I would like to remind the honourable Members that improvement is certainly seen owing to the efforts of the government. Matter concerning the disappearance of ACR will be duly discussed with the Chief Secretary and the Secretary of DP&AR.

Finally, coming to the question of the honourable Member Dr. J.V. Hluna,

the daily transaction of business in the said department is not known in detail; and any recommendations made is communicated to the government, thank you.

**Pu F. Lalremsiama** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the Public Service Commission is an important constitutional body, dealing with appointments of governments servants. If we have enough confidence in them, why such posts with a pay scale of Rs. 1640 - Rs. 2900 maximum cannot be reverted in their lands? Can this matter be reconsidered by the government?

Secondly, in the recruitment of MPS Officers, the honourable Home Minister furnished wrong information to the House. Can such wrong action be discontinued as far as MPSC is concerned? Will the government reconsider the selection of MPS Officers?

Another point I would like to highlight is that the MPSC and the UPSC is that the MPSC and the UPSC are the only Commissions that can make appointments without having to go through the Employment Exchange. If so, will the governments continue to make unfair appointments, as we have witnessed such matter in the recruitment of +2 teachers?

**Dy. Speaker** : Let us call upon the honourable Minister i/c.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)**: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, regarding recruitment of +2 teachers, the MPSC had already issued a notification and the government considered it unnecessary to process the same through the Employment Exchange.

I am unable to furnish specific answers on matter concerning the MPS as this is in the hands of the Home Department. Besides, in my previous answers, I had already mentioned about the rights and the power of the MPSC.

**Dy. Speaker** : Starred question No. 117, Pu Lalhmingthanga.

**Pu Lalsawta** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, as assured in the previous Session, can we now have a discussion on Limit of Function of the MPSC?

**Dy. Speaker** : Please give the answer in brief.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)**: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, there is no problem from us as long as the BAC can make arrangement.

**Dy. Speaker**: Pu Lalhmingthanga.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question No. 117.

Will the honourable Minister, i/c. DP&AR Department be pleased to state:

- (a). How many times was Pu T.P. Khaund, Resident commissioner, Mizoram House, New Delhi, Government of Mizoram re-employed by the Mizoram government?
- (b). what is the date of his retirement and the extent of his re-employment?
- (c). Reasons for his re-employment till date?

**Pu Liansuama (Minister):** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Pu T.P. Khaund, resident Commissioner of Mizoram House, Delhi retired on 31.12.1994. His service had been extended for five times, and the last extension expires on 30.11.1996.

The reason for his re-employment is that the government of Mizoram requires his efficient services.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, during my stay in Delhi from June 19th. - 30th., I learnt that the Mizoram government has huge number of Lottery Agents in Delhi, which greatly lowers the prestige and dignity of our State. It appears that in the operation of such Lotteries, Mr. Khaund renders valuable services particularly for the honourable House Leader. There are 47 and 27 Lotteries in Weekly and Daily Draws respectively, along with 6 Bumpers. Only the Weekly and Bumper are drawn in Mizoram, while the rest are drawn in the Mizoram House, Delhi with the knowledge of the Resident Commissioner. In matter of ticket printing, it is learnt that beyond the limited numbers, duplicate tickets bearing secret numbers are printed for sale; and the money obtained from this is in the custody of the honourable House Leader. Besides, certain Agency called M/s. Amrit Agency Private Limited helped in setting up the resident of the honourable House Leader at R.K. Puram, Sector 13. This is a serious matter, so can the CBI be requested to undertake investigation?

Moreover, it is unjustifiable to extend the service of Mr. Khaund for 5 times, while we have many efficient and competent Mizo officers for the post. As such, can the extension be cancelled and issue termination order immediately?

**Pu Lalsawta** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions:

- (i). Did Mr. Khaund make a formal request for service extension prior to his retirement?

- (ii). Whether such formal request was made by any IAS Officers retiring from the Mizoram government?
- (iii). Whether any Mizo or Non-Mizo IAS officers approaching retirement are capable of executing similar services at New Delhi as Mr. Khaund?

**Dr. J.V. Hluna** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions:

Rs. 20,000/- had been incurred for installation of PCO in Mizoram House, New Delhi, but this has not yet functioned. Will the same be opened immediately for public use?

Besides, 10 telephones are installed in the said House and the Bill is fairly high. Is it possible to furnish the amount of Bill on Telephone wise?

Lastly, the salary of the Resident Commissioner is higher than the Chief Secretary of Mizoram. Is this a rightful procedure? Are the retired Mizo IAS Officers namely Pu Labnithanga, Pu B.T. Sanga, Pu H. Raltawna, Pu Dengchhuana, Pu Lalthanmawia and Pu L.C. Thanga less efficient than Mr. T.P. Khaund.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)**: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, matter concerning the telephone is in the hands of the DP & AR, so I cannot furnish the answers.

As Mr. T.P. Khaund was re-employed after his retirement, it is inappropriate to use the word 'extension'. The terms of re-employment last till 30th. November and until then, no termination order could be issued.

As suggested by the honourable Member from Aizawl West I, steps are being taken up to appoint efficient and experienced IAS Officers as an Adviser on matters relating to Plan or other Projects.

So far, no retired IAS Officers including Mr. T.P. Khaund had made any formal request for extension of their services, though some are re-employed as the government requires their services. As a matter of fact, whether it is for the Resident Commissioner or others, the Ministry has no hesitation or discrimination to avail the services of any efficient officers. Although, we have outstanding and competent Mizo Officers to replace the present Resident Commissioner, the services of such officers are greatly needed for the welfare and interest of our State. In my opinion, we simply degrade ourselves by constantly lashing out accusations against Mr. T.P. Khaund, prior to that we should always examine ourselves, thank you.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, supplementary questions: Why

is the Ministry unable to do anything because what I have stated are serious matters. Besides, it is wrong to portray Mr. Khaund as exceptionally efficient and have the notion that Mizoram government cannot exist without him. Is it a fact that without his initiation, Mizoram will be devoid of any funds from the Centre? I demand prompt answers.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister):** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, if we review my statement, I did not mention that Mr. Khaund excelled our Mizo Officers in efficiency. I simply stated that our officers should remain in Mizoram if he can function equally good in Delhi. Any statements made in the House should not be misinterpreted. Above all, we are not afraid of setting up an Enquiry Commission. In fact, steps are being taken up in this direction.

Some are of the opinion that Mr. Khaund is not favoured by the Assam government. This is not true because on several occasions, the Assam government requested us to release him for their own Resident Commissioner. In short, he is more or less an efficient officer because the LG and the governor of Mizoram personally selected him as their Secretary.

**Deputy Speaker** : Since this is a question hour, we should not go beyond the questions.

**Pu F. Lalremsiama** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, at the outset, I would like to point out that the efficiency, competency and integrity of particular officer should not be the subject of discussion in the House.

Secondly, what the Ministry has decided is a different matter, but will new appointments be made after the expiry of the extension terms on 30th. November, 1996?

Further, the Mizoram House is crowded with officers drawing high salaries. Can the House be managed more efficiently by lesser number of officers in order to cut down the expenditures? Moreover, it is extremely disgraceful for Mizoram to possess large numbers of Lottery. Can this matter be considered by the government?

**Deputy Speaker** : As specific answers had been furnished, we shall move on to question No. 118, Pu H. Thangkima.

**Pu H. Thangkima** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,

- (a). I would like to know the areas covered by the Forest Range Officer of Rawpui Village.
- (b). Whether the forests of Tlumpui, Dahlo and Tlangpar are included in any Life Sanctuary Areas?

**Pu Saikapthianga (Minister):** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the Rawpui Forest Range is under the Thenzawl Division. The said Range is set up to supervise the wildlife of Khawlung. The area covered by the R.O. is the Bungtlang range.

The forests of Hlumpui, Dahlo and Tlangpau are included in the Khawlung Wildlife Sanctuary.

**Pu H. Thangkima :** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether the Range Officer of Bungtlang and Rawpui supervise the same area. If the forests of Hlumpui, Dahlo and Tlangpar fall under Khawlung Wildlife Sanctuary, where will jhum cultivation be undertaken by the villages? Will their welfare be considered by the government?

**Pu Saikapthianga (Minister):** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, as stated by the honourable Minister, the Rawpui Forest Range is in charge of the Khawlung Wildlife Sanctuary. As suggested by the Pangzawl V/C on 21.7. 1996, matter concerning the inclusion of Tlangpam, Dahlo and Hlumpui within the Khawlung Sanctuary is being verified now.

**Pu H. Thangkima :** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, if the said forests are covered by the wildlife sanctuary, the jhum cultivators of Pangzawl will be deprived of their occupation. So, for the interest of the farmers, I request the Ministry not to bring the said forests under wildlife sanctuary, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker :** Now, we shall move on to question No. 119.

**Dr. R. Lalthangiana :** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I ask my starred question No. 119.

- (a). Will the distribution of GCI Sheets be continued by the governments?
- (b). No. of deserving families that have not yet received the same?

**Pu Saikapthianga (Minister):** Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the answers are as follows:

- (a). Yes.
- (b). No. of deserving families who have not yet received the said sheets are 9639.

**Pu F. Malsawma** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the reports of the honourable Finance Minister and the Rural Department widely differ on matters concerning the number of receipts, bundles and expenditures. Can this be clarified?

Secondly, can the said sheets be allotted to families not recommended by the Congress Unit? why certain families recommended by the MLA are not selected? Is the government aware that double allotment is made to some families.

Finally, what is the amount of profit obtained by the government since distribution of GCI Sheets?

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, in matter of GCI distribution, the judgement and selection of the Ministry is quite biased. So, can a Board represented by Member of various political parties be set up?

**Pu Lalrinchhana** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, firstly, I would like to question whether the fund under NLUP is deposited in the Bank during the current year?

Secondly, is the government aware that lakhs of rupees was discovered at the recent audit of Rural Developments Account?

**Pu Saikapthianga (Minister)**: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, as there is another question on matter concerning the Bank Account, the answers will be provided later.

Coming to the questions of our honourable Member Pu Lalrinchhana, any amount of cash not reflected in the department's account will be duly verified along with our officers. Regarding allotment of GCI Sheets, selection of receipts is in the hands of the BDO. The honourable Member Pu Lalhmingthanga has suggested setting up of a Committee, but this is not necessary in view of the present situation. I regret that specific answers cannot be furnished on whether the recommendation of the MLA is taken into account or not.

Further, some Members stated that there were cases of double allotment in the distribution of GCI sheets. I would like to remind the honourable Members that selection of recipient is a difficult and complicated task as certain families submitted more than one applications.

Emphasizing on the question of the honourable Member Pu F. Malsawma, the Ministry profited considerably through this policy as the living condition of many families greatly improved. Since the year 1988-1996, 69,640 bundles had been distributed and the amount of expenditure incurred is Rs. 11,37,16,000/-.



**Deputy Speaker** : Now, we shall take up the second Resolution concerning the setting up of State election Commission, moved by the honourable Member Pu Lalsawta.

**Pu Lalrinchhana** : Mr. dy. Speaker Sir, does our Rules prohibits the extension of time fixed for discussion of private business? If not, kindly permit us to go beyond the scheduled time as done in the discussion of the Demand?

**Deputy Speaker** : As far as lengthening of the scheduled time is concerned, we shall proceed as the situation demands. The mover of the second Resolution is not present today, so we shall move on to the third Resolution, moved by the honourable Member Dr. R. Lalthangliana, which is as follows: "As establishment of Mizoram State Hospital is a matter of urgent necessity the State government should take this as special Project and take up immediate actions for its materialisation".

Each Member is allotted 10 minutes.

**Dr. R. Lalthangliana** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, today, it is a great privilege to be able to present this Resolution concerning the interest of the people. As this is a crucial Resolution, I request each Member to give their full co-operation.

As we all know, in the present days, the advanced countries are well equipped medically, and life expectancy is naturally higher with advanced medical science, where top priority is given towards medical development and well being of the people. Likewise, our State too should follow the examples and footsteps of the developed countries.

Although, we have number of hospitals, Primary and Sub-Health Centres along with specialist Doctors in our State. Lack of medical equipments and facilities are our main shortcoming. As a result, many people have to go outside for medical treatment, which involves huge expenditure and immense problems. As such, the proposed State Hospital should be a full-fledged hospital, equipped with modern and sophisticated tools and facilities, capable of undertaking any investigations or treatments.

Presently, steps are being taken up by the Centre to promote Health in our country. We should avail this opportunity to set up a Refer or State Hospital. Hence, it is necessary to consider this proposal as a special project and take up prompt actions for its materialisation. Another point I would like to emphasize is

that a State Hospital could have been easily established with all the huge expenditures incurred for refer cases and re-imburement. Besides, the said hospital will be a huge asset for the entire community, particularly for the poorer section who cannot afford the outside treatment. Being in a remote area, flight service is very irregular in our State, which cause great problems for patients seeking medical treatment outside. Further, we have number of expert and specialist Doctors, but unfortunately, they are unable to render their valuable services owing to lack of medical equipments, facilities and research centre. Hence, the establishment of a State hospital in a matter of urgent necessity, which will require huge plot of land to be able to accomodate all the departments and centres. Finally, as stated earlier, the said hospital will be a benierical asset for the entire community of our State. So, I honestly request each Member to pass my Resolution unanimously so that our dream could become a reality. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** : Pu John Rotluangliana.

**Pu John Rotluangliana** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, this resolution moved by the honourable Member Dr. R. Lalthangliana is a crucial one concerning the well being of our people.

As stated earlier, the hospitals and Health Centres in our State have limited facilities, the establishment of State hospital will be extremely advantageous for the entire people, particularly for the under privileged sections. However, the honourable Minister, i/c. of Medical had pointed out earlier that steps are being taken up by the government for establishment of the said hospital. If so, I request the honourable mover to withdraw his resolution, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** : Pu P. Lalbiaka.

**Pu P. Lalbiaka (Minister)** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, considering the present conditions of the various hospitals and the Health Centres of our State, setting up of a well equipped hospital is the responsibility of the government. As the same time, it is of utmost importance to impart instructions on health care and balanced diet.

Inspite of bieng a christian State, we indulge ourselves in all kinds of vices such as tobacco chewing, smoking etc. which are dangerous to health. So, proper instruction on health education is equally important besides setting up a hospital. We have already heard from the honourable Minister about the huge expenditure incurred for the said Hospital and the active involvement of the govern-

ment. If so, what is the use of passing this resolution as steps are being taken up the government, thank you.

**Pu H. Thangkima** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I give my full support to this resolution as State hospital is our first and foremost requirements. So the Ministry should have no hesitation to pass the same. In order to have a full fledged hospital, the first necessity is regular supply of power and electricity. So, the government should take up steps in this direction. Another problem faced by the interior villages is shortage of doctors and lack of specialist and medical facilities. It is a high time for the government to find a way of solving such problems, thank you.

**Pu Laksawta** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, today the importance of this Resolution cannot be ignored. The government should note down the fact that establishment of State hospital is a special project and matter of urgent necessity, and its fulfillment rests in our hands. The honourable Minister had pointed out about the importance of health education and balanced diet. Such instructions and awareness could originate from the State hospital. With the establishment of a State hospital, various disciplines will be set up which could be easily availed by all. However, this proposal will never materialise unless top priority is given by the government. If we closely observe our budget, only 3.03% of our total budget is estimated for the Health Deptt. which is unreasonably meagre. Although this Department has provisions for constructions of building, the task had not been executed by the PWD, which indicates that the Health Deptt. had been totally neglected. Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, today this resolution should not be rejected on the pretext that the same is under the consideration of the government. On the other hand, this resolution should be strongly supported by the House, and the Ministry should actively pursue the task.

At the same time, I suggest that the proposal should be reflected in our next Budget's provisions as this is the urgent requirement of our State. I, therefore, request this august House to pass the resolution unaniously, thank you.

**Pu Lalkhama** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, this Resolution could be the most effective steps in the establishment of a State hospital. Moreover, the unanimous passing of this resolution indicates our strong desire and co-operation to give better medical treatment to the people.

Further, Health insurance should be considering the weak condition of

our economy, so that treatment could be taken in the hospital without any difficulty. Today, our main problem lies in the extreme shortage of medical facilities. To achieve progress in this field, what we need is actions instead of mere impressive words. Thus, establishment of a full fledged hospital is the first and foremost necessity, for which national or foreign assistances are required. There are such organisations in USA and Europe who readily offer assistances in the form of funds or equipments. I am certain that we will be successful if we seek their help. Today, we will be able to take up effective steps through this resolution. So, let us join hands and pass the same unanimously, thank you.

**Pu F. Malaawma** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, today, the importance of this resolution is fully realised even by the Ruling Party. However, despite our wide discussion, there is a tendency to reject the Resolution as it is moved by the Opposition Member. So, the administration of this House is full of prejudice. Only through this Resolution the Ministry can actively pursue the task of establishing a State hospital, and our unity and co-operation will have far reaching effects for its fulfilment. Besides, considering all the problems, burdens and huge expenditures involved in seeking medical treatment outside, this proposal should not be delayed further by the government. As this is a special project, can the Centre be pressurised to take up immediate actions? Moreover, if there is an intention of rejecting any Resolutions coming from the Opposition Party, I suggest that presentation of any private resolutions should be discontinued. Finally, I request the House to pass this resolution unanimously in order to enable the government to take up effective steps, thank you.

**Pu K.T. Rokhaw** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, today we are aware of the urgent necessity of setting up a State hospital. However, as mentioned by the honourable Minister, steps are being taken up by the government and so the need does not arise to pass the Resolution, the Ministry is reliable enough.

As we had already learnt, specialist doctors sent to Lawngthai, Saiha, Chawngte etc. hesitated to accept their appointments. So, I request our leaders to consider this matter and pay special attention towards Chhintuipui District, Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** : We shall have a recess. Our meeting will resume at 2:00 PM.

**Pu Lalrinchhana** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time

to make statements. Today, I strongly support the Resolution moved by the honourable Member Dr. R. Lalthangliana. As pointed out earlier, the various hospitals and Health Centres with its limited facilities fails to meet our demands and expectations. Since the year 1987-'88, the need to set up a State Hospital had been realised by the government, and just the previous days, the honourable Health Minister highlighted all the steps taken up by the government.

Nevertheless, many years had passed and the location of the hospital is not even yet finalised. The main reason is that we cannot afford to set up such an ideal hospital from the normal State budget. So, the Ministry has to exert pressure in such a way that this proposal is included in the special programme of the Centre and this Resolution is our only instrument for obtaining the attention of the Centre as well as the foreign aids. If we really want to state Hospital, the first and foremost necessity is to pass the Resolution unanimously for which I seek the valuable support of the Members. Thank you.

**Pu Lalthmingthanga** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, at the sout set, I would like to give my strong support to this resolution, which aims at making the establishment of the said hospital as a special project, clearly indicating the urgent and extreme necessity of the said hospital. Being an infant state with limited introspection, this Resolution could be our main weapon for convincing the Centre.

Moreover, besides the central government, International organisation too gives top priority to health and medical. The financial difficulties involves in this project could be easily settled if the Ministry follows the rightful proceedure. Hence, it is of utmost importance to support the Resolution. Presently, with such a limited facilities, our Hospitals and the staff are in a pathetic conditions, let alone the patients undergoing medical treatment. Today, we are all aware of the extreme necessity of a better medical treatment, and unlike any other issues, the Resolution is concerned with the health and well being of each and everyone. So, the Cobalt Therapy and other sophisticated equipments will be simply wasted unless a well equipped hospital is immediately set up. It is my sincere desire that the Resolution be passed unanimously by the House so that our dreams of having an upgraded hospital could become a reality. Thank you.

**Pu Saikapthianga (Minister)** : Mr Dy. Speaker Sir, I am grateful that such an important Resolution is presented to the House. So, I would like to emphasize the

significant of the Resolution though the same had been widely stated by others. As we all know, apart from the said hospital, the needs and requirements of Mizoram are fairly large, and the tremendous achievements attained since the time of District Council are inadequate for the fast growing people.

Today, the urgent and extreme necessity of better medical facilities is acknowledged by all. But what ever it is, in my opinion our community is blinded by materialism and attempting to be at par with the more advanced areas without considering our income. This creates immense problems in our society. In spite of our wide criticisms, the conditions of our Hospitals and PHC are quite satisfactory as compared with other advanced States. Above all, none could be blamed for our backwardness in the field of medical science. The fact is that our demand is considerably high and there is little we can do. Today, we should not mislead the people by constantly criticising the Ministry. As a matter of fact, on many occasions, medicines and other requirements are not readily available in the Civil Hospitals of other States as well.

Further, certain improvements have to be made in the administration of Medical Department, particularly on matter concerning the posting of Doctors. At the same time, I would like to remind the Doctors that the lives and well being of the people are in their hands. As far as establishment of State hospital is concerned, the effort of the government is worth mentioning and the Resolution too should be strongly supported as it will enable us to take up effective steps. So, instead of blaming one another, we should work together with a spirit of unity and harmony and pass the Resolution unanimously, thank you.

**Pu F. Lalremsiama** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it is a matter of satisfaction to see the Ruling Party supporting the Resolution. We all seem to be aware of the necessity of establishing a well equipped hospital. As heard earlier, though improvement is seen in the various hospitals and health centres, this failed to meet our demands with the fast growing population and rapid multiplication of diseases. Besides, the wide utilisation of chemicals gives birth to various unknown diseases that cannot be detected.

As stated by the honourable Member from Aizawl W-I, shortage of specialist doctors is another problem of our State. So, more encouragements should be given by the Ministry. Moreover, with the increase in the Plan outlay, top priority should be given to the department of Health, and in the absence of any Medical

Colleges, establishment of a State hospital is the need of the hour.

Another point I would like to emphasize is that unlike the statements of the honourable Minister Pu Saikapthianga, there is no shortage of medicines in the hospitals of other States. Infact, the government hospitals at Port Blair and Delhi are well equipped and certain medicines could be obtained free of cost. Henceforth, even in our State, there should be more provisions for medicines. Besides, if the Ministry is determined enough, funds under capital Project is adequate enough to meet the initial expenditure. So, our leader here should take the initiative by consulting the experts or the consultancy firm. Further, this Resolution could be our first step in the task of establishing a State Hospital. I, therefore, request this august House to pass the same unanimously, thank you.

**Pu F. Lalzuala** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time to make statements. To begin with, I would like to express my strong support for this Resolution and the various criticisms simply reveals its significance. As far as the progress of Health Department is concerned, the installation of Cobalt Therapy and the increasing number of specialist doctors are blessing for our community. Moreover, as compared with other States, the conditions of our Civil hospital is quite satisfactory under the supervision of our hard working doctors and nurses.

Today, the need to set up a State Hospital is realised by all. But this Resolution is quite unnecessary as steps are already taken up by the government. On the other hand, if the Resolution is passed in order to back-up the efforts of the government, then it is quite significant, thank you.

**Pu P.C. Bawitluanga** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, matter concerning the establishment of State Hospital had been widely discussed. Today, I am afraid that all the impressive statements made in the House might not yeild fruitfull results. As we all know, in the present day, Health and hygiene are the main concern of the advanced as well as the backward areas. But needless to say, the conditions of our Crvil Hospital and other Health Centres are far from satisfaction, provided that the X-ray machines and other tools remained unuse. I do not mean that they are deliberately neglected by the government. Inspite of the strong desire, even the concerned Minister can do nothing owing to shortage of finance.

Today, considering the urgent necessity of the said hospital, we should not argue over its location, but work together and devote ourselves for the fulfillment

of this proposal. As the Resolution is concerned with the interests and well being of the entire community, I give my full support, thank you.

**Pu C.L. Ruala (Minister)** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, at the outset, I would like to point out that the Ministry has no intention of rejecting any Resolutions merely because the same come from the Opposition Party.

Today, we do acknowledge the significance of this Resolution. Earlier, the honourable Members had pointed out the special programme of the International Organisation which is - 'Health for all by the year 2000'. However, the main target of this programme is the preventive measures and not the establishment of more hospitals. Whatever it is, being situated in a remote area, our State is in need of well equipped hospitals for which several steps had been taken up by the government. Unfortunately, the Centre instructed us not to launch more major project during the Eight Plan. In spite of that the government has gone a long way in the process of setting up a State Hospital. As the efforts of the Ministry is worth mentioning, I suggest that the Resolution be amended and passed in the following forms. The steps taken up by the Mizoram government for immediate establishment of a State Hospital is highly appreciated; for its immediate materialisation, the State government should continue its active involvement by taking this crucial task as a special project, thank you.

**Pu Zoramthanga** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, our Resolution today is of extreme importance as it concerns the general health and well being of the people. In fact, all our economic developments will come to nothing without proper health and medical facilities. Today, we are all aware of the limited facilities and poor conditions of our Hospitals and health centres, which necessitates the setting up of a well established Hospitals.

Further, considering our geographical location with tremendous problems in communication, we deserve special attention and consideration. Moreover, we will make little or no progress unless the proposed State hospital is placed under a special projects. As far as State Hospital is concerned, we have heard that several steps had been taken up by the Ministry during the past 7-8 years. If so, why nothing is reflected in the Budget? We have no hesitation to amend the Resolution, but there is nothing to be appreciated in the action of the Ministry. This is not an ordinary developmental project, so let us take the initiative and pass the Resolution unani-



mously, thank you.

**Pu C. Chawngkunga (Minister)** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the Civil Hospital, Aizawl was established on 1st. April 1896. At that time, there were only 2 persons willing to take medicines. In the same year, another hospital was set up at Tlaikhuang village, but all the inhabitants abandoned their village. Today, what I would like to point out is that after 100 years of its establishment, the ability to discuss matter concerning well equipped hospitals and medical facilities is a great achievement, thank you.

**Pu H. Lalruata (Minister)** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, as we are discussing the Resolution of the honourable member Dr. R. Lalthangliana, honourable members made valuable contributions to which I am extremely grateful. Eversince, I took charge of the Health Department, the genuine support of the Members had been a source of strength to me.

Today, it is a matter of satisfaction to bring the subject of State Hospital to the forefront again, which had been the main issue of the previous Ministry. But as mentioned earlier, rapid progress cannot be achieved owing to numerous problems even during the 8th. Five Year Plan. Till date, the main problem lies in the selection of site, as a large area and suitable location is required. Although our officers had conducted survey several times, we are not yet able to make a final decision over the location. So, today, I seek the support, suggestion and co-operation of all the Members. At the same time, I assume the House that during the current financial year, more financial allocation will be made for the said project.

However, the financial estimation will have Phase I, II and III depending upon the requirements. Moreover, in order to achieve fruitful results, the Indian Society of Health Administration had been requested to chalk out detailed Project scheme to which a Report has been received accordingly.

Further, from the various statements of our honourable Members, what I have learnt is that the state of Mizoram will not excel others by its size and scanty population, but we need to exercise our minds to improve the quality of our assets and possessions. Considering the success and advancement of the far east countries like Japan, China, Korea etc. we need to have courage and confidence in ourselves in order to be able to meet all the challenges that come in our way. As such, inspite of all the criticisms, our Civil Hospital does not lag far behind in the field of cleanliness. Apart from that, inspite of limited facilities, the dedication and efficiency of our

doctors, nurses etc. is worth mentioning. Besides, owing to the active involvement of our members, the Centre as well as the State government give top priority to Health Department. At the same time, I request this august House to give its full co-operation in our endeavour to achieve better medical equipments and facilities.

Finally, as stated earlier, as several steps are being taken up by the Ministry in this matter, I give my support to the amended version of the Resolution; and it will be a matter of satisfaction if the same could be passed in its amended form, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker** : Our meeting is scheduled till 4:00 PM and now it is already 4, but circumstances compel us to go beyond the scheduled time, I hope this is understood by the Members.

Now, let us call upon the honourable Member Dr. R. Lalthangiana.

**Dr. R. Lalthangiana** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, to begin with, I would like to thank all the Members for actively participating in the discussion of my Resolution. From what we have heard, it is evident that State Hospital or Refer Hospital is urgently required, which is a crucial task involving crores of rupees. To set up the said Hospital, we certainly need the services of experienced doctors, technicians, sophisticated equipments etc. So, this special Project should not be further delayed.

In the year 1990, when we visited various countries in the far east, we learnt that fund is readily available for major or special project in such countries. Besides, the newly formed central government gives top priority towards promotion of health. As such, the passing of my Resolution will have far reaching effects on the Planning Commission. Considering the huge expenditure incurred on refer cases, the proposed Hospital will greatly minimise our expenditure and save our economy. Although, the Ministry claims to have taken up several steps in this task, this matter is not reflected in the Budget. Hence, there is no point in amending this Resolution. It is my sincere desire to pass the same in its original form.

**Deputy Speaker** : In such cases, please clarify whether you accept the amended form or not, or whether you are willing to withdraw or pass the Resolution.

**Dr. R. Lalthangiana** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I will neither accept the amended version nor withdraw my Resolution. Instead, I honestly request the House to pass the same in its original form.

**Deputy Speaker** : As the honourable mover has begged leave of the House to pass his Resolution without making the amendments, Members who agree to pass the same will say 'agree'.

**Pu Liansuama (Minister)** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, in accordance with our Rules & Procedures, the amended form should be read out and Members should be asked whether they agree to it or not.

**Deputy Speaker** : If so, I shall read out the amended form which is as follows: "The steps taken up by the Mizoram government for immediate establishment of a State Hospital is highly appreciated, and for its immediate materialisation, the State government should continue its active involvement by taking this crucial task as a special Project". The original version is as follows: "As establishment of Mizoram State Hospital is a matter of urgent necessity, the State government should take this as a Special Project and take up immediate actions for its materialisation".

Now, our next task is to weigh between the original and the amended forms. Members who agree to pass the Resolution in its amended form will say 'agree' and those who disagree will say 'disagree'.

Now, Members who agree to pass the same in its original form will say 'agree', and those who disagree will say 'disagree'.

As majority of the Members agreed to pass the Resolution in its amended form, the same is passed by the House.

Our Session is over for today and will resume on Monday at 10:30 AM.  
Meeting adjourned.