

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE THIRD MIZORAM
STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
FROM 3RD TO 4TH DECEMBER — 1996.

2ND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH DECEMBER, 1996.

PRESENT

PU R.L. VALLA, Deputy Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, 20 Ministers and 16 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

1. QUESTIONS entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.
2. Laying of Papers.
3. Bill to be considered.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : And the Angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary for you have found favour with God. And behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the most high; and the Lord God will give to him the Throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his Kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:30—33

Now starred question will be taken up, Pu Rualchhina may ask question No. 19.

PU RUALCHHINA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture Department be pleased to state. How far action has been taken by the Government to contour Trench Farming in which Rs. 2500/- was recorded as being sanctioned for one household which was said to be distributed un-evenly.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Since the concerned Minister Mr. Chawngkunga is not present, Mr. Saikapthianga may answer the question.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the relevant answer for question No. 19 is immediately after hearing matter relating to sanction of Rs. 2500/- by inquiry, the sum of Rs. 2500/- should be given to those who do not receive the said amount.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Supplementary question, Sir, I would like to know to what extent does the Government take an inquiry to the Contour Trench Farming sanction according to the list received and verification taken by me, not more than two percent from the amount has been delivered. Without hiding the fact, the four Project amounting to Rs. 13,50,000 has been estimated. Actually out of the above figurehead only a sum of Rs. 18,6400 was received in cash. Therefore about Rs. 11,73,600 is hidden. Should the Government take inquiry to clear out the aforesaid hidden amount of Rupees.?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Mr. Lalhmingliana A.E.O. MINISTER was appointed to Supervise this Project immediately after hearing matters relating to the Project, the Government appointed inquiry Agent from Administration Department/Administrative Department, it is stated that Rs. 2500/- should be given from Contour Trench to 150 families; to this instead of giving Rs. 2500/-, Rs. 2400/- was given to respective families. Similarly, with this, A.P.R. was produced taking into account only Sakawrdai village, for this reason departmental proceeding drawn is transfered and further inquiry is going on. Due to above reasons the Government took steps towards recovering balance from Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 2400/- to respective families.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, A statement made by Hon'ble Minister is contrary to question made by the M.L.A. from Ratu constituency.

According to the concerned M.L.A. about Rs. 13 lakhs has been lost, on the other hand Hon'ble Minister stated that only Rs. 15,000/- was lost. Therefore, if the statement made by Ratu M.L.A. is relevant, the case would be a serious one. Furthermore, if Rs. 1,30,000 is actually lost, action taken by the Government for remedial measure is inadequate, besides, this lost incurred at Rs. 1,10,000/- and Rs. 15,000/- which is different in figure is also a serious case, therefore, on that point Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to know at this moment a valid and correct answer.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I expect you can give me a time for this subject at Zero hour. The concerned Minister stated about only Sakawrdai project, other projects such as West Tuivawl Project, and Tuisial Project, still exist and do not receive the stipulated amount.

In the APR which was signed and produced before the house it appears that a sum of Rs. 2500/- was given to 130 families each at Tuitha Village; To say the truth only 11 persons received the above stated amount.

What I wanted to know most right now is that whether the government took appropriate effective action or not.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Deputy Speaker Sir, whether we are Treasury bench or opposition members, we are responsible to reform our State financial system. For instance a few years back it was not a secret that department of Industries had already lost large quantity of money. To this, we do not see any action taken by the government against such criminals. Likewise about 11 lakhs has been hidden somewhere without being given to deserving families. That is why I urge the Government to explain matters fully and elaborately before the house; again it is well-known that this kind of case is a criminal case which we may call big scam. Therefore the Government must not hide the fact behind scene. In what ways should the Government take action about this? Should the Government recompensate deserving families who did not receive the stipulated amount of money? These are the question I put forward right now.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Intention and step taken by the Government had been discussed, may be, matters relating to project is unclear.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state-which one is the correct figure, Rs. 15,000/- or 11 lakh? The Hon'ble Minister stated that it was Rs. 15,000/- while Hon'ble Member said that it was 11 lakhs.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, As lots of money is involved, I was accorded to explain the reason and assurance thereon.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it seems it is useful to define thoroughly matters relating to the project. Central government allocated 5 lakhs for one project. But the question put forward relate to Trenching, I would like to express gladly matters relating to the project the before Hon'ble members. As stated above, the Central government allocated Rs. 5,80,000/- for one project. Therefore the statement made by Hon'ble Members is correct. Likewise the answer I had given also is correct, the answer I had given for Contour Trenching is already known, besides the statement made by Hon'ble member. There may exist other incorrect figures and matters, for all this reason spot verification was taken by me through Under Secretary, On the basis of the above state verification. This business is carried on by the concerned department through proceeding draw. As assurance is not related to my concerned department I think it is not necessary to put forward into business.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Minister must give assurance, if not he must produce a concerned statement in the House.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is not necessary to provide assurance during proceeding is being drawn, enquiry is conducted by the Department. Therefore, we may give assurance if the concerned Department do not take an Inquiry. It is well-known that Inquiry is going on, and concerned Officers had been transferred. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is not wise to give assurance while departmental enquiry is going on.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Well, the mode of Departmental enquiry has been stated.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I will give a short answer for the above stated question. In respect of misappropriation or financial shortage, inquiry is always taken up by the Department. Officers, put such inquiry and has always faded away without having sufficient result. Not only this, people's participation for inquiry is inadequate. Therefore, I made recommendation that the enquiry Commission should consist of three persons, so that they may be free from bribery and other unfair means. The Commission would consist of One Police Officer One Civil servant and Departmental Officer, but the recommendation was annulled by the Court. So Under Commission of Enquiry Act, Commissioner of Enquiry post was established to inquire into the whole affairs of the Project.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the main reason for this is all the matters are taken from different ideas.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, ACB and Anti Corruption Branch Acts only when Departmental inquiry is not satisfactory.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will go on Starred question No. 20 let us call Mr. Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state —

(a) Is there any intention to provide Pipe Line Water Supply in the area of Durtlang, Sihphir, Selesih, Zuangtui, Thuampui and Zemabawk, which is under the scheme of Economic package of Mizoram, announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister who visited Mizoram and,

(b) If not, Why ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we shall call upon Hon'ble Minister Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the above stated scheme and
MINISTER areas are covered by Aizawl Water Supply Phase-II.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Here I want to ask more
question, from the above statement. It appears that
the main objectives of the Prime Minister's Economic package is to provide sufficient
water to the communities. Indeed, this would be a great help for the Government and
Community.

I have already mentioned many times in the House that these areas such as
Durtlang, Sihphir, Zuangtui, Selesih, Thuampui and Zemabawk are the source of
essential commodities such as Meat beverages, vegetables, Milk, chicken, eggs etc.
Infact all these product need sufficient supply of water, particularly Cows and pigs
require abundant water for drinking, cleaning and the like. Therefore all these pro-
ducts, diary or farming is an essential product that feeds Aizawl town.

Does this scheme cover all the above stated items ? or is it confined only to
human beings excluding Animals and others.

PU H. THANGKIMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Supplementary question.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, one more supplementary
question. Formerly, the Aizawl Greater Water Supply
phase II had been placed under the purview of exter-
nally side project. This does not function due to financial shortage. I am, pleased
to hear that the government intended to take new steps.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, My question is, can this phase cover the area of the
entrance road of Durtlang, Edenthar and area of Theological College? If not should
the government construct suitable wells at these respective areas.

Dr. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I have a question on economic
package. At the time of Hon'ble Prime Minister's
visit to North East, some projects were approved such as

State	No. of Project
1. Arunachal Pradesh	8 project
2. Assam	8 "

3. Manipur	9	"
4. Meghalaya	10	"
5. Mizoram	5	"
6. Nagaland	11	"
7. Tripura	6	"

As compared to other projects, Mizoram Project were fewer than that of others. There may be reasons behind it, it may either be, project report was small or all figures in the project was not accepted.

The NEC chairman, Mizoram, Stated that NEC financial sanction has been cut down due to relevant source of land was given less. Therefore I want to know whether this was correct or not.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we may call upon the concerned Minister.

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, question put forward by Hon'ble member relating to Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II and Prime Minister's visits has no need further commitment. Therefore we have to go on to our business relating to Scheme Phase-II.

To answer the question asked by Hon'ble member from Aizawl North-I Constituency, we have already estimated that about 135 litres of water is consumed by one person per day. This implies, that there would be excess for one person; As we have no separate plan for Cattle and Crops, the excess can be utilised for Cattle and Crops.

Again, to answer the question asked by Hon'ble Member Vanva Constituency, village water problem is included in 'Basic Minimum Service' relating to health, primary education etc. Eventhough we are talking about Urban Scheme in practice the main trust area would be rural areas.

Lastly, to answer the question relating to Phase — II is that it would come into effect after 1997 budget session as the project report we keep is a report of 1994—1995 based on Market Commodity valued base. At that time the project cost about Rs 13 crores and 50 thousands. Now we are approaching 1996, we can not adopt such figure. If the project is operated in expanded form it will cover areas such as Sihphir, Bawngkawn, Durtlang and Edenthar.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we can not neglect the usefulness and importance of the said project. But in order to become efficient, powers and machines play a vital role, our pumping set, stages and machines are out-dated, therefore, I request our Hon'ble Minister to take spot verification thereof.

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, As I was busy with other business I have not had spot verification therein. As stated by the Hon'ble Members, our machines, pumping sets and shafts are out-dated they need replacement, all our implements have been in service almost 10 years. We do not also neglect the importance of water, power machines and so on and so forth, therefore, whatever the case may be, I will look into it.

PU LAU THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, To add to the above statement. There are large number of misused shafts, pipes etc. The pumping sets depend mainly upon diesel, our Central Ministry financed about 424 crores for 60 MW. A surplus out of the estimated plant can be utilised to re-construct the out-dated machines.

Thus, I may say that the government take steps for further improvement in respect of this Scheme, besides these project estimate at Tuivawl, Tuirini and Hydel project has been already submitted and consented at the control.

Dr. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I have a question, why was only 5 project approved ? what is the reason ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now started question No. 21 who will ask, Pu F. Malsawma or Dr J.V. Hluna. ?

Dr. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Industries, Department etc. be pleased to state that —
(a) On what basis PMRY was given ?
(b) How many recommendations of MLAs was selected ?

PU C.L. RUALA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, (a) According to the rules laid down by the PMRY General features and operation guide lines. Government of India and Task Force. Selection was made on the basis of personnel interview and project identification.
(b) PMRY Loan is financed only under the Task Force recommendation no person was selected on the basis of MLA recommendation.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, supplementary question.
 (a) PMRY Loan was not given to deserving candidates, instead it was financed to dependent of high officials, politicians and others.
 (b) The Task Force does not operate selection system under smooth and fair means.

Therefore, is there any discrimination on grounds of politics ? I also pray to the Government to review the Task Force selection.

PU C.L. RUALA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, PMRY Loan was financed under the Central guide lines, we have no authority over the guidelines. Infact, there is no discrimination on grounds of political or personal status.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it has already been mentioned that officers and higher income group dependants were included in the Selection list therefore the Government must look into it.

PU C.L. RUALA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if the Hon'ble Member has a list that does not qualify he must have it submitted to me.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we have always said many times but the Hon'ble Minister has not pay any attention to me.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the concerned Minister declared that a list should be submitted to him if there is any, let us believe that it is reliable.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I should say PMRY screening is unreliable due to the fact that, the stated loan is still allotted to the dependants of Government Officers, dependants of Businessmen and so on.

Therefore we may say that the scheme is a loss. It needs reliable and efficient screening.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, starred question to be asked by Dr. J.V. Hluna, question No. 22.

Dr. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state —

- by the Government ?
- (a) What amount of money was estimated for SDS
 - (b) At what rate should it be distributed to families.
 - (c) At what time should it be distributed ?
 - (d) How many families will be covered by this scheme?
 - (e) Should V/C, YMA and local politicians be involved ?
 - (f) If not, why ?
 - (g) Who does the re-selection ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we may call upon Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the answers for the above questions as follows —

- (a). SDS Scheme estimation is Rs. 8,74,15,016/—
- (b). One family can receive about Rs, 10,000/—
- (c) It should be distributed within 1996 — 97.
- (d) It will cover the names listed in the survey record.
- (e) V/C, YMA and Local Political Party Leaders should be involved.
- (f) and (g) Need no answer, the above answer has already explained.

Dr. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to express that there is party-wise discrimination in the distribution of fund scheme, the Government should abstain from doing such wrongful practice.

PU LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, As directed by Government, Special Development Scheme should be provided to the deserving families, such deserving families should not be excluded from the list due to personal status or political reason. Therefore I may say there is no discrimination at Committee level. In case, there is discrimination, I pray to the people and all persons concerned in the scheme to do the business with clean hands and without privileges.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, discrimination on ground of groups etc. is unconstitutional ; it appears that there is group of personal discrimination on ground of political party. Let us say some person/family are excluded from the list while some persons were favoured.

For instance, there are many persons who are included in the list but 5 persons were excluded namely :—

Name	Father/Mother's Name	Piggery
1. Lalchhuangi	W/o Roenga	Piggery
2. Rokimi	d/o Hnunlanga	"
3. Lakriatluangi	w/o Biakliana	"
4. Vulmanii	d/o Lalroenga	"
5. Kaldaia	s/o Saithankhuma	"

All these persons are from Armed Veng (s). Verification reveals that these persons are included in V/C and YMA list but excluded in the Government list.

To add, Eventhough all members of the House enjoy equal privilege, but I see there exists discrimination among 40 members. I mean to say we have not enjoyed equal privileges.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There is no previlage and no discrimination in this House. Now, Pu L.P. Thangzika any quation ?

PU L.P. THANGZIKA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, As stated by the Hon'ble Minister, Rs. 10,000/— should be given to one family person instead of giving 10,000/— only Rs. 5,000/— was given to one family at Lungfei Block. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state the reason ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we may call the Minister in-charge.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, All MLAs, Aizawl Constituency request the Minister to appoint MLA as Chairman for the survey party, we received no relevant answer to this.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, question hour has come to an end, we have to summon the Concerned Minister to answer the above questions.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, there will be no problems until and unless final list of the scheme is estimated. ~~Survey is conducted under~~ careful study and the survey conducted by Officers is reliable, on that point there exists no discrimination or previlages. Not only that the final list was drafted under critical analysis in consultation with V/C and YMA and different political party leaders at local areas. Eventhough it conducted the survey, as stated above there may be persons who are included, so in respect of the question put forward by Hon'ble Member Aizawl East II I will look into the matter.

- PU F. LALREMSIAMA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if the Minister laid responsibilities to officers it must be a shame.
- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, that is not what I intended to say, I mean to say I will take all responsibility as directed accordingly. In accordance with survey conducted by officers I will finalise the list.
- Dr. J.V. HLUNA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we are merely afraid that the Ministers' approved list and Congress Bhavan approved list will be different.
- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, our Hon'ble Members do not have any confidence in the people. All political parties in their respective areas drafted a list.
- PU LALSAWTA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, such lists are always rejected somewhere, that is why we demanded Chairmanship of an MLA.
- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the list is drafted under the guidance of departmental officers, including Congress, MNF, V/C and YMA. Therefore the list is not manipulated and is reliable.
- PU F. MALSAWMA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the point is, there is discrimination in the list, some are included and some are excluded therefore it needs closer analysis.
- PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, there is neither discrimination nor abuse. In order to draft the list, we consulted different local political party leaders. Leaders of organisations such as YMA and V/C. A list drafted by the aforesaid persons is always affirmed by officers. Therefore there can be no other list. So it is reliable, free and fair.
- PU F. LALREMSIAMA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, As exhibits, misuse at Ratu constituency at high levels; Vanlaiphat and Lungdar Block too exhibits the aforesaid condition.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if the Hon'ble Members do not pay attention to my statement I may not go further. We do not use the scheme for voting, if Congress V/C politicise other party cannot be left out, MPC V/C as well as MNF V/C also politicised. Not only that selection was made on the basis of family income, and condition of living.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now question hour is over, we may be clear of what was said.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, to conclude, eventhough our Hon'ble Member was dissatisfied with what we have done, the scheme guidelines are still reliable.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I may say, all of us are responsible to the subject, we must know that the subject is not for personal interest, instead it is for our State and people. All we have said mainly to the people. As we have paid all our attention to the said subject, I am grateful to all Members. Eventhough there may be some local political party leaders who take political advantage, this does not mean that we neglect the importance of the scheme and the people.

Thus, I request all the members to take about 5 minutes each for one question and answer, Now, we may call Pu F. Malsawma.

ZERO HOUR

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we have to summon Pu J. Lalsangzuala Minister, to lay paper of "The Mizoram Co-operative Societies Rules, 1996".

PU J. LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, with your consent, here I laid paper of & "The Mizoram Co-operative Societies Rules 1996" on the Table of the House.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us distribute the papers.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, like a local magazine its quality is bad. Should the Government replace this in better quality?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : All right, As department has taken up, the Assembly Secretariat has no responsibility, but it should be replaced, and the binding system and covers should be re-arranged.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would inform the concerned MINISTER Department to take due care.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It has to be replaced, but we have to keep this copy now. Now we will go on to the next question. That is Legislative Business. Now the Indian Stamp Mizoram Amendment Bill 1996 was introduced. We may call upon Pu J. Lalsangzuala to explain.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, As I have already introduced, MINISTER the Indian Stamp Act Mizoram Amendment Bill 1996, extends to the whole of India, the Assam Gazette 1930 part II page 700, particularly mentioned Mizoram, Khasi and Jaintia Hills, N. Cachar and Arunachal Pradesh. As we know, the Indian Stamp Mizoram Amendment Act 1973 had been adopted up till now. Therefore we may draft a bill in modified form to suit our State. In this respect the Mizoram research mobilisation Committee recommends drafting.

If we turn to the Indian Constitution entry-63, list 2 and scheduled 7 we may see the Constitutional permission.

Again the Court fee of 1870 was also extended to the whole of India. According to notification made by Assam government in April 10, 1930 and July 29, 1930 Mizoram was included in it. Consequently, the Mizoram Resources Mobilisation Taxation & Court fees Committee recommended that special court fees should be adopted.

Therefore Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly 79 — 'A' I pray to the Members of the House to allow me to introduce the said Acts in the next Session.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You mean, both the Acts.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, that is what I mean to say. MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do the Members agree with him ?

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, To introduce in the next session would be slow process, it should be dealt within this Session, otherwise it will be delayed for along time.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, As all members in the house represent people, so we are the people, our judgement is a judgement of the people.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, All members have an opportunity to popularise the act if it is put forward for the next Session therefore I support the request of the Finance Minister.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I do not say I disagree with Finance Minister's proposal. What I intended to say is should the Government make a chance to the people to understand the aims and objectives of the said Acts through seminar or any other kind thereof?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, critical discussion is necessary before the Act is popularised and explained to masses of the people, it is a must to refer the matter clearly and elaborately by the members. Therefore, it is not necessary to popularise the Acts instantly to the people.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the time is limited, we may discuss the matter at 2:00 PM. So, that we may draw a definite conclusion thereof just now the time is 1:00 P.M. Session should commence at 2:00 PM
The House is adjourned at 1:00 P.M, summoned at 2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : Now, we have to start our business, that is, whether the bill introduced by Hon'ble Finance Minister should be considered in this Session or next session.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Dy. Speaker spared time to discuss the matter with me in the afternoon Session, may I proceed ?

SPEAKER : Here, we have to know that the bill was not introduced for discussion. Therefore, it is not allowed to discuss the matter in the House.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am not asking for discussion. what I wanted to put forward right now is that the bill should be considered by a Select Committee, I may say, to discuss in the next session has no meaning.

SPEAKER : Again, one thing you have to know is the bill is not considered, and you may comment on the bill in the next session, what we have to do right now is whether the bill should be considered in the next Session or not.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the bill is put forward to Select Committee or Study team, the Ruling party may assent the draft of the Committee, there are some important points that have to be included or excluded in the Act, on that point there may be contradiction among Ruling and opposition. This contradiction would be the most striking problems we have to face.

SPEAKER : That is not the way that the concerned Minister put forward the bill in the House, we cannot consider in such a situation.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, As we have confidence in our members, it is not necessary to have Select Committee or any kind. Sir, According to my demand under rule 79(a), I pray your permission to allow me to consider the Act in the next Session.

SPEAKER : Now, it appears that we agreed to the two bills put forward by Finance Minister should be considered in the next Session. Right now, we finished our Session as already settled, Session should be held thrice a year — Budget Session, Monsoon Session and Winter Session, but within this year, we have four Sessions including 'Vote on Account'.

Besides these, the report of 1996 reveals the following items.

1. Session March

(a) Bill passed	—	5
(b) Private Resolution (admitted)	—	12
Private Resolution (passed)	—	nil
(c) Paper lay	—	1
(d) Starred question (admitted)	—	191
Starred question (reject)	—	5
(e) Unstarred Question (Admitted)	—	133
(f) Report submitted	—	2

2. September Session

(a) Bill passed	—	5
(b) Private Resolution (Admitted)	—	14

First Session — March

1. Bill passed	—	5 nos.	
2. Private Resolution (Admitted)	—	12 nos.	
3. Private Resolution (passed)	—	nil	
4. Paper Lay	—	1	
5. Starred question (admitted)	—	191	total - 196
6. Starred question (reject)	—	5	
7. Unstarred question (Admitted)	—	133	
8. Report (Admitted)	—	2	

Second Session — July

1. Bill passed	—	1
2. Private resolution (Admitted)	—	4
3. Private resolution (passed)	—	nil
4. Paper lay	—	8
5. Starred question (Admitted)	—	112
6. Starred question (reject)	—	2
7. Unstarred question (Admitted)	—	36
8. Report present	—	6

Third Session — September

1. Bill passed	—	5
2. Private Resolution (Admitted)	—	14
3. Private Resolution (passed)	—	1
4. Paper Lay	—	2
5. Starred question (Admitted)	—	246
6. Unstarred question (Admitted)	—	179
7. Report Present	—	11

Besides, the aforesaid lists, in this Session

Fourth Session (Vote on Account)

1. Bill pass is	—	1
2. Private Resolution	—	nil
3. Paper Lay	—	4
4. Starred question (Admitted)	—	55
5. Starred question (Admitted)	—	23
6. Unstarred question (Admitted)	—	21
7. Paper present	—	1

Not only that 12 Committee is expanded to 17, During this Session, our behaviour and participation in the House is good enough, all Member's performance is also satisfactory. Therefore heartily, I request all members to behave and show same performance in the forthcoming Session.

Now, I adjourn the House Sine die.

2 : 20 PM