

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

5. Discussion on the Motion of Thanks (to be concluded)

Deputy Speaker : Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your
paths. (Proverb 3 : 5-6)

Our first business is obituary reference. Now, Shri M. Channa Reddy, Governor of Tamil Nadu.

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am sorry to deliver,
Chief Minister Obituary reference regarding Shri Channa Reddy, Governor of Tamil Nadu who has deceased on December, 2, 1996 in Hyderabad. He was called Dr. Sabed, He was born on 13th February 1919 at Maogalrane from the post, he established two Dispensaries at Hyderabad. Free treatment is given to the poor people. In those day, he was accused of revolting against Nizam of Hyderabad Rules and was imprisoned

When he attained 29 years of age, he was elected member of Parliament and served as Minister i/c Food and Civil Supply. He joined Cabinet minister as invited by Srimati Indira Gandhi and hold the Minister i/c Steel and Mines. He resigned this post, because of wrongful allegation made against him by Supreme Court as Offender of Election Rule.

In 1974, he was appointed Governor of Uttar Pradesh and hold the post upto October 1977. He was elected Chief Minister of Andra Pradesh twice for the year 1978 and 1979. He is re-appointed Governor of Rajasthan in 1992. He hold Governor of Tamil Nadu on 13th May 1993 upto 1996.

He left his wife, daughter and two sons. While he enjoy wedding celebration of his close relative, a sudden death catches him at Hyderabad. It is wonderful to have obituary reference on such a breat man who held a very high position in India. This House share the grief which has fallen on his family.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Some answers for today are not ready and not supplied by some Department. We hope that answers from Department to be reached Assembly Secretariat before 12.00 Noon of the Day before. If not, they are to be listed out among the answers of Unstarred Question at last moment which is troublesome for Assembly Secretariat. We will be grateful if the Hon'ble Minister remember this.

Before starting our business, notice to all the Hon'ble Members that five of our Hon'ble Membes will be absent from the House today. They are :-

1. Pu H. Lalruata
2. Pu Hari Kristo Chakma
3. Pu John rotluangliana
4. Pu F. Lalzuala
5. Pu Lahmingthanga.

Now, we shall take Question from the very begining of Starred Question No. 1. We shall call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask his Starred Question.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c GAD be pleased to state-

(a) Is there any intention to reduce vehicles from various Departments for the second batch?

(b) How many vehicles are reduced in the First Batch ?

(c) What amount of money is received in the First Batch reduction ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker Sir,

- (a) It is under consideration
- (b) 134 vehicles
- (c) Rs. 25,47,631.57p.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, a supplementary question. Firstly, what amount of money is spent for purchase of those vehicles? For these reason, some field officers met difficulties. That's why, I want to advise you to take care while reducing vehicles for the second batch.

For example, our Officers at Sub-Towns could not carry on their duty. So, will you give special conscession to those Officers ?

Secondly, is it compulsory to show 'G' to differentiate Government Vehicles? If so, why 'G' is not shown in all vehicles? If not, why 'G' is shown in some Govt. Vehicles ?

PU F. LALREMSIAMA

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, supple-

mentary question- PHE Deptt. ordered a Hard Topped Gypsy on 2nd September. 1995, its delivery order No is 457099 and the Allotment Order no is 9101/G8/1604. When it arrives it is registered in private name on 10th January'96. Its Vehicle No. is MZ01-8872. Who pay its cost? In its delivery order, chassis No. is 188560. But this chassis No is changed. Now, chassis No. is 168560. And its engine No. is 221290 as per its registration number. But, it is 2211290. Is not enquiry to be taken about this ?

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we have a minute to ignore even MLA or Pensioner in this regard. Is not it that we denied the minute when these 134 Vehicles are to be disposed off?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, who assess this rate? 134 motors were disposed off at the cost of Rs. 25/- lakh only. This matter is asked during the last Winter Session through Unstarred Question. The cost of them are greatly differed from the new ones. Who are the responsible Officers for disposal of the said vehicles?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It's better to ask more relevant questions. If not, we may meet difficulty to answer the question. Now, let us call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, government authorised D.C. and Transport Deptt. M.G. Wing to determinate its rates. We had followed their assessment and determination.

And regarding the question asked by Pu F. Lairemsiama, I am ignorant to it. I thank for his efficiency. I'll enquire into it and appropriate action shall be taken against the wrongdoers.

And Govt. vehicles are to be marked to differentiate it easily in order to prevent misuse. This order still stands. But it is unfortunate to have some officers who are to blame by the Government as well as by the people. That's why, it's difficult to carry out the order. As such we are very strict to purchase vehicles and even Chief Secretary is made to involve in purchasing vehicles for Government. We are now taking steps to enquire into such malpractise and found little.

And in regards to disposal, and beneficiaries, austerity measure is adopted as advised by Council of Ministers. The first preference is given to the holder officer.

At the beginning, Vehicles which are not in good conditions are collected. But, after they know that preference would be given to the holders, good conditioned vehicles are again collected.

The original price is not high as they were purchased ten years back in general. Besides these, depreciation of vehicle is to be calculated. That's why, the price could not be so high. In short, the original prices may be noted in detail after list of purchase are shown to Hon'ble Members. Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let's take the 2nd Starred Question and call upon Pu Remsiana

PU F. LALREMSIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c PWD be pleased to state -

- (a) What is the estimated amount of money for the construction of Bawngkawn via Ramhlun to Kulikawn nia Bible Hopuse/Sabinga Lung road for the year 1996-1997? What amount of fund is already spent for the same?
- (b) How many encroachment has been identified at the main road between Bawngkawn and Kulikawn Road? How can such encroachment of Road exist?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, answer to the **CHIEF MINISTER** above question are -

(a) The Estimated Amount for the said year and road is Rs. 85,00,000/- And upto Dec. 1996 Rs. 21,40,600/- is spent Rs. 24,05,000/- is now sanctioned and Rs. 45,45,600/- is to be sanctioned immediately.

(b) Between the Road between Bawngkawn and Kulikawn I think there may be a number of encroacher of the Road. It is not the purview of PWD but Revenue Department. Anyhow, in order to safeguard public areas, the Governmnet is taking steps to root out such encroachers.

PU B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Mr. Deputy Speaker , a supplementary question, -

Has the Govt. an intention to repair the rugged portion of Republic Road between Treasury Square and College Veng ? will you repair it this year ?

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it seems that Rs. 40/- lakhs is not to be utilised. How will the Govt. utilize it? Secondly, why the work is so slow ? Thirdly, will the Govt. repair the Salem Veng approach Road during this financial year ?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, supplementary question -

(a) Will the Govt. ready to form co-ordination committee in order to preserve the road reserved area from encroachment ?

(b) PWD has generally extends the upper side of the Road. That's why they met difficulties is some a rea. In this regard, will the Govt. extend PWD Road even from the other side of the Road ?

(c) Why have not bills are given to contractors under PWD Aizawl North, Road Division ?

PU E. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, only a supplementary question. I want to know the boundary line of the Road between Aizawl North and South Division. I also support the supplementary question of the member from Aizawl 'E' II Constituency regarding the amount of Rs. 85/- lakhs. Besides these, I want the Govt. to use funds more carefully. It appears that funds are always allotted for the benefit of some one. I therefore, ask the Govt. whether fund will be used for the good of all ?

Dy. Speaker : Now, we shall call upon Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the above questions.

Pu Lal Thanhawla : Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Road between Chief Minister Bawngkawn and Kulikawn is an important one. Re-surfacing is now being done between Chandmary and Raj Bhawan Southern Gate. It is expected to be completed within March this year.

And regarding surplus estimated amount, it does not mean that it has to be returned. We have lots of Bill pending. We may use the fund for this. Even if we do not utilise for this it is proposed to be used during the working season by the next year.

Thirdly, we have lots of encroachment between Bawngkawn to Kulikawn Road. That's why, we have proposal to have Town Administrator in order to have spot finalisation having Revenue power. He will also be empowered to make on the spot decision if and when necessary.

Fourthly, I also visited different Town approach Roads and see the necessity of resurfacing. I expect that Republic Road would be under construction of Road Widening.

Fifthly, Bawngkawn to P.U. College Road and Salem Veng Road is now under widening work. After finishing these widening works, we have expectation to solve the heavy Traffic of main Road. As such we hope Town Bus Service would be there even in our Centenary Road.

Sixthly, regarding Road widening at the down side, generally, if the Road is not a new construction Houses are always constructed in front of the Road and upper side of the Road are generally bare. That's why, the upper side is always widened.

Lastly, Road widening is now being done in and around Sabinga's Stone. the Deptt. too has intention to complete the work within this working Season.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we shall take up Starred Question No. 3 and call upon Pu F. Malsawma to ask his question.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Sports be pleased to state-

- (a) Why does the Office of District Sport Office is not open ?
- (b) Has the Governmnet any proposal of financial benefit for those Major Game Players ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister to answer it.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Govt. give CHIEF MINISTER permission to open this Sport Office. But due to difficulty in post creation this office is not yet opened till date. As we know the Recruitment Rule of the Department requires amendment/revision. No direct recruitment is provided. Besides these, a number of senior officers are going to retire. That's why, the Recruitment Rules required Amendment and this is for information to all the Hon'ble Members.

And the Govt. is looking for financial benefit for Major Game players. Our officers arranged employment for Mr. Lalremsanga, archer is a well-known company, Besides these, we are arranging Draft Rules which would soon be completed. After we apply the Rules they will have better financial benefit within the framework of the Rules.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, fortunately, we know that the House Leader is interested in sports. But unluckily District Office of Sport is not yet opened till date which is supposed to be opened in 1994. It appears that Govt. has strength to do what its desire. In fact, you made a commitment is this regard, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to open the said office during the year 1997?

Secondly, moral of officers and staffs in Sports Department's down due to lack of promotion. They expect the Govt. to amend Recruitment Rules in order to facilitate promotion.

Besides these, Govt. show favour only to Mr. Lalremsanga and Zoramthanga. But other major game playerrs who held a high position in north East India, National and International Games are ignored till date. I, therefore ask its concerned Minister to please take more steps in favour of players of the major games ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : We, ourseleves do our best in this regards. Now, Intensive Scheme for sports person Rules is being prepared. After we have proper rules.

I hope there will be better improvement. And regarding the establishment of District Office and regarding identification of the excess staff of the main office it is not an easy task for us since it is within the purview of the Cental commission; Besides this, general ban on post creation is followed in our state as requested by the Hon'ble Members.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall, now, call upon Pu F. Lalremsiama.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, Starred Question No. 4. will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Vigilance Department be pleased to state-

- a) How did the Govt. take action against the officers who are involved in corruption ?
- b) Does the Law permit them to hold their sensitive post after doubtful integrity ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the answer is that Govt. takes actions against mal-practices. Now, Department Enquiry proceeding is presently drawn against one officer. Generally, such officers are always transferred from the post if they have doubtful integrity

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, some officers are suspected to be doubtful. Where should the Hon'ble Member report the case of such officers? Is it to its concerned Minister?

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I think my question would be relevant with the question. That Sir, Gypsy No. MZ-01 6391 of Law & Judicial Deptt. was purchased on 19.7.94 at the price of Rs. 3,30,570/- A sum of Rs. 4,14,859/- is spent for its maintenance without its POL consumption. I wonder if it is not too much. If the fund are used in that way, our discussion on this Budget Session is meaningless. It is noted that the same bill is submitted to the Government and passed ten times. will you take action against this matter before Election? It seems that the Ministers sow seeds and reaped what was sown.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, House Leader informed the House that there are some Ministers who used to collect funds from different Deptts. while they also consume POL from two or three POL Agents. Kindly inform us those Ministers so that we may know the honest Ministers?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we have not
CHIEF MINSITER noticed such incident before state-
ment is made by our Hon'ble Mem-
ber from Sateek Constituency. Inquiry order has been instantly for-
warded. In case of action, I apologise for not taking immediate action.
Admitting the situation there in, I would say appropriate action should
be taken, if there is some kind of unfair menas or unfair advantage
such as bribery or any other kind thereof.

To add, if there is misuse of public money among minis-
ters, we have to take appropriate action against such Ministers . Thank
You.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, regarding purchase
of Gypsy, I have one supplementary
question, that is, whether there is actual
inquiry being launched by the government or not.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, as we have
CHIEF MINSITER only heard the cases thereof in the
light of our Hon'ble Members' state-
ment. We have not noticed such incident earlier. Therefore no action
and enquiry has been carried on properly.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, question hour is over. I may read
out Panel of Chairmen -

- 1) Pu Lalkhama
- 2) Pu H.K. Chakma
- 3) Pu Lalrinchhana
- 4) Pu H. Thangkima

The Panel of Chairmen are appointed for a term of one year. We may also read out our programme drafted by BAC as follows -

- Dated 11/3/97 - Governor Address
- Dated 12/3/97 - Govt. business/Governor address discussion.
- Dated 13/3/97 - Introduction of bill and government bill.
- Dated 14/3/97 - Private member business, Resolution & Motion.
- Dated 15/3/97 & - Holiday, Saturday and Sunday respectively.
16/3/97
- Dated 17/3/97 - Government business.
- Dated 18/3/97 - Govt. business - budget supplementary demand, presentation of vote on Account. 1997-1998 presentation of Annual budget 1997-1998 with allied papers.
- Dated 19/3/97 - Government business.
- Dated 20/3/97 - Private Member's business, private resolution and motion.
- Dated 21/3/97 - Discussion on passing of supplementary demand, for grant for 1996-1997, discussion and voting of Vote on Accounts, Introduction, Consideration and passing of the Mizoram Appropriation no. 1 Bill, 1997, Introduction, consideration and passing of the Mizoram Appropriation No. 2 Bill, 1997 and General Discussion. Discussion on all matters relating to the private business, govt. business and so on. This is the way it has been drafted by BAC, if we agree with this, say 'Yes' or disagree say 'no'.

As no one disagreed, I declare that the draft is accepted as it is. Now we will go into our next business, let us call upon Pu Biakzuala.

PU LAL BIAKZUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time to speak.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Before we go on, let the time-limit be 10 mins.

PU LAL BIAKZUALA : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I hope we remember our Hon'ble Governor's speech yesterday. From the Speech, we may note that there is great improvement and achievement in Mizoram. We can not therefore regret for the steps taken by the government for further improvement and development of Mizoram.

The Mizoram Government has tried hard to achieve its objectives and principles, and also to compete other neighbouring states. In spite of all these, we may not hide the fact that there is party-wise criticism, but whatever the case may be, we must keep in mind that we should work together for our people and the state. Again I am very pleased to hear that Mr. Sainghaka had been appointed as a member of High Level Committee, this is undoubtedly the work of our Hon'ble Governor.

Not only that, I want to express gladly that our police department has improved its strategy and tactics to handle insurgents, decoits, and other domestic affairs, particularly I am very proud to mention seized of arms and ammunitions of Insurgents such as CNN, CNF, CNA, by our Police Forces.

Again, I am very glad to express steps taken by the Government to construct Tuirial hydel Project and Lengpui Airfield is highly appreciated. I am also very proud of Forest Deptt. achievement on Tea and Teak plantation which is satisfactory.

Regarding un-employment problem in rural areas the government provides employment to the unemployed and underemployed persons in rural areas by implementing various rural development programmes under centrally sponsored schemes such as NLUP, NWF, IRDP, JRY, LAYZDF, PMRY and SHAS-U. Again, I want to express gladly and proudly that step taken by the government, in respect of opening truckable and jeepable road at rural areas, so also adequate supply of essential commodities (i.e. Rice) etc. to the people. Not only that, I would express a special thanks to the government by implementing LPG bottling plant at Mualkhang.

To conclude, I am very grateful to the govt. by providing free text book for poor students, rationing primary school, opening de-addiction cum rehabilitation centre at Sethawn, opening Health Sub-Centre and giving medical aid in rural areas.

All these things is possible by the afford of the govt. and our Hon'ble Governor is indirectly responsible for allround development, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The mover spent almost 25 minutes, we allot 10 minutes for each member, warning bell will be sounded at 8 minutes, let us call Pu F. Malsawma.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Instead of giving special thanks to the State Government give thanks to Central Government I mean, United front. To say the truth, I see no reason to praise the Governor's Speech.

The governor's speech excluded all important matters which is to be included. Para 31 says 18 persons of Mizo have been sponsored

to train Airforce Non-Technical and 2 journalists have been sent to Nagaland, such things need not to be repeated.

There is wrong information at para 17 where no wheat and other consumer goods is supplied, but with an eye - witness we know certainly that there is large quantity of above stated items. Therefore such wrong information should not be pointed out in this House.

Mr. Speake Sir, I think, the speech must be relevant to the facts about state domestic affairs, Plan development or achievement and the like, not of a mere past experience. I may say the speech is just like a jar that contains nothing in it.

DR. J.V. HLUNA : Mr. Speake Sir, if we look back on the incident of Feb. 10.'97, when the Mizoram police and a group of Insurgents opened fire, the Police group commander fled without having fire. I do not know what action has been taken afterward.

Has not the Government noticed the incident of Vanthuampui Village where CBF and CNF occupied the Village claimed Police out post, what action has been taken? Is there any intention to take appropriate action against foreigners (Buddhist monk) who have already lived in Chamdur Village? Has the government reviewed the matter relating to economic package of Mizoram where only project seemed to have been estimated and reported.

During Prime Ministers visit, the Prime Minister asked our authorities/our Ministers matters relating to improvement for Mizoarm. But our Government keeps silence they do not raise any question regarding State improvement, development priority and the like. That is one of the most grave mistakes that the Government had committed.

Again I am sorry to hear that there are 31 non-Mizos who are appointed in police department without going through Employment Registration and bribery is involved.

Lastly, problem relating to Airfield, Trade & Commerce, Ginger Marketing, MIFCO, Border Trade, poverty, CBSE, Art and Culture, Library act, Excise recruitment rules, recruitment and posting of different staffs under Health & Medical has not been mentioned in the speech.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I want to express gladly statement made by the Hon'ble Governor that, "The people of the State who have reposed their confidence in you are looking forward to this Assembly for meaningful and fruitful deliberations that will give consideration to their needs and aspirations.

In the light of this statement, we may presume that the people of Mizoram are watching us with great expectation. As the House Leader is always busy, he is not present right now. I am afraid our voice would have no meaning without him.

Our Hon'ble Governor makes an elaborate statement, but I am afraid the statement would turn into a thin air without having fruitful result.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Para 17 is false representation which reads, due to timely planning and co-ordinated action with agencies like Food Corporation of India and IOC, there has not been any scarcity of these items in the State during the past one year". We the people of Mizoram face a serious food problem, if we look around we will see large number of people lined up every day to take Maida, Atta, K.Oil, if we go further, large number of persons are in queue in front of Gas Agency. Therefore this kind of false statement should be amended.

Not only that, the Speech reveals no scarcity of Milk, eggs, medicine/drugs, diesel, electricity and so on and so forth. On the other hand, people are busy with themselves because of scarcity of the aforesaid commodities & items.

I therefore request Mr. Speaker Sir, to amend para 17 according to our rule 19, Thank you.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am grateful for sparing me time to speak. Our Hon'ble Governor's address mainly concerned with one side of improvement taken by the Government, there are many important points which have to be mentioned but missed.

The address excluded an important matter relating to HPC and deceased persons of I.R. Battalion that is to be mentioned. It is obvious that there is mutual agreement between HRC and the Mizoram Government. But some persons lost their life after agreement has been signed. The Government compensated ex-gratia payment of Rs. 50,000/- only to the deceased person. In this regard the Government must pay more.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to express and request our Government to make special recruitment Cell/body for daring Mizo Youth, who desired to join army.

I am surprise that the Governor's address excluded Regional College Institution, Horticulture College, Electoral reform, expulsion of foreigners and so on and so forth.

As Lengpui Airfield has been mentioned to add to this, I want to point out that there is false estimate, firstly, it has been estimated for 737 Boeing, latter on it is estimated for Airbus 320. In this regard, no reliable estimate is seen.

To conclude, the address must relate to elimination of corruption, mal-administration and so on, instead of stating certain in-significant points of development, Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we will have recess, meeting will be resumed at 1:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : Now we will continue to discuss Governor's address, let us call upon Pu H. Zathuama.

PU H. ZATHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, even though we have to discuss Governor's address we have but nothing to do except to shower our gratitude to the Speaker.

Our Hon'ble Governor's address reveals that we have notable achievement. According to the address our Police are efficient to handle domestic affairs within and outside the state. I am very proud to say that they are active in seizing Lethal Weapons, arms and ammunition etc. of insurgents and rebels groups.

We must have to note that 55 staff quarters, and barracks and Ten bedded hospital has been provided for Police Department. It is worth to mention that 77% of Police has been recruited.

On paragraph 2 of PWD, 140 KM road, 87 culverts and retaining wall, 878 running Water, 9 Government building etc. which are constructed is worth mentioning. Not only construction of bridges but also construction of Saikuti Hall, Lunglei Civil Hospital. Auditorium and Planning Department Office building has needed special mention.

Regarding Electric Department and Public Health Department, adequate Supply of Power, and Water is received.

Mr Speaker Sir, we know that the Government provide for the people development programmes such as NLUP, V.C.I. Scheme, IRDP and so on and so forth, we can not ignore the importance of these schemes.

Not only these, the Government introduced complicated and advanced technology in the Railway Agency, which is now computerised. Like wise, there is numerous achievements and developments. I am glad that there are many developments highlighted in the Address and I admit that I appreciate the Address.

PU LALKHAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, if we look at para 3 which reads "My Government accords high priority to the maintenance of peace and harmony among the people and the security of the State". The word 'Security' is ambiguous and the statement itself should not be used to mean Mizoram. Because, we are not sure whether we have Security while Foreigners such as Burmese, Bengali and Chakmas have entered into our land from Burma, Bangladesh and Tripura respectively. If that is the case why should we use the words Peace and Security, I may say this will give a wrong notion.

Regarding para 4 of the Speech, no improvement regarding transport and communication, especially road way is seen. If we look at Aizawl to Silchar road - Sakawrhmui - Tuai, Zanlawn, Kawnpui and the like, no maintenance and no priority is given.

We are familiar with Lengpui Airfield and that the Government has also taken step to improve further as we see.

Regarding para 11 and 16, we certainly have problems relating to supply of Milk, meat and other dairy products, it is obvious that we face real problems regarding essential commodities such as Rice, Gas, K. Oil, Atta and so on.

The Governor's Speech does not reveal that there is intention to introduce agro-based Industry, Cottage or Small Scale Industry or any other type there of.

SPEAKER : Regarding half pay ration for the poor, has there been any decision to introduce? I think this matter is serious and it should be made clear. A concerned Minister may give assurance, regarding this.

PU B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have already read the Governor's Speech with great expectation to see matter relating to foreigners. Neither the word nor its related matter is mentioned while we are busy with ourselves, to evict foreigners from our State and also from our Electoral Roll. As stated by our Hon'ble member Pu Remsiana, recruiting office should be opened for Mizo Youth who intended to join the Indian Army. Beside these, one thing which is needed special mention are Excise Constable recruitment, Power Supply, purchase of Ginger, Plantation of Pine, petrol and K. Oil, Maida and Atta. In this regard, no progress or achievement and development is seen from the Governor's address. It is a verbal Statement that 'no scarcity has been seen. There is no abundant supply of above mentioned commodities adequate to meet the needs of the State, I therefore, see no reason to give thanks to the Speech of Hon'ble Governor.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, no developmental steps to be taken has been mentioned in the Governor's address. Any other Scheme other

than 'Shifting' cultivation has always been a failure, not because of people participation, but for the negligence of the Government. We all know that the Government is trying to introduce NLUP, SDS and the like, to substitute Jhum/Shifting cultivation, but it has been a failure because the Government has no intention to stabilise financial system - through banking. Transportation is also inadequate to achieve high profit through export and import. The producers, the cultivators, farmers, etc. have no where to sell their products. The Government itself is restraining from extending hands towards such situation.

Our banking facilities i.e. lending system is also inadequate to meet the needs of our farmers. The people try hard to achieve their dreams, but the Government do not provide capital, implements and any other necessities.

PU H. THANGKIMA

Mr Speaker Sir, no other than the English is good, in the speech/address of the Governor, no hint of encouragement is seen. It has been stated that free lunch/ration should be provided to Primary School. But this is the Central Scheme, the State Government has no responsibility. We may give a special thanks to the Central Government for providing half-price ration to the poor at remote areas. But up till now, our State Government is silent about this.

In order to identify or determine poverty line, the Government has to be careful about it. There should be no discrimination between privilagees or under privilage.

The Government has not yet taken step to improve our Border Trade.

Therefore, our Government has not availed the opportunities of new Central Schemes and policies for the benefit of our people and our State itself. Now we are not at a stage when things are viewed in general.

We want, and the people want action, and practical results. The Government just have to undertake fruitful scheme, that is to be implemented in practical not in words.

If we look back the incident at Chawnpui, our Armed Police lost their life because they can not handle weapons properly. They are not expert at what they ought to be. The Government is responsible for such mis-management and mis-conduct. They are to be trained to handle such weapons. I, therefore, request the Government to examine themselves from past experience. I, therefore, have no reason to praise the Governor's speech.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir,
I am very sorry to hear
that our House Leader will
not attend this meeting, while we are discussing some important subjects.

To begin with, it is Home Department. The Government have to look into Police Department IR, MAP, MRP, their appointment, post creation, recruitment and so on.

Secondly, the Government must take steps to improve further ACB, and their duty is to be worked out without discrimination.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Anti - Foreigners squad has been established and formed in a straight forward manner, but no successful operation has been conducted while we are discriminated and assimilated by foreigners in administration, economically and politically. They can not do the needful which they have to do, what is the use of such squad if no work has been done ?

It has been said that Lengpui Airfield has to be completed within a short period. But we have no seperate state Hospital, what is the use of having Airport while the people are suffering from numerous illness without proper medical care? Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, State Hospital is

much more important than that of Lengpui Airfield.

To conclude Mr Speaker Sir, our outgoing Revenue Minister had given Revenue building and Revenue land to individual, I think this is a serious case. The Government has to take immediate action against this. Thank you.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Mr Speaker Sir, first
MINISTER and foremost I want to
give a special thanks to
our Hon'ble Governor Mr P.R. Kyndiah for being a friend of Mizos
and also for having friendly relationship with Mizo people.

It is not doubtful to say that this Ministry is the most striking Ministry, the most advanced and most developed Ministry regarding infrastructure, and political affairs.

Regarding Lengpui Airfield and Bairabi Hydrel Project every one of the past Ministry has taken action to implement the scheme but only this Ministry is the fore runner. In fact this Ministry has been trying to take up many important schemes other than Hydrel Project and Airfield.

Taking into account of State Hospital, our Hon'ble member may please note that Prime Minister promised to sanction Rs. 40 crores for State Hospital. This is due to the step taken by this Ministry.

If we consider Liquor Total Prohibition Act, the Government implemented the said act considering the voice of our different social organisations, interest and pressure groups and Churches, no other Government/Ministry than this Ministry have never been implemented such policy.

Regarding electoral roll the Government consulted opposition party,

YMA, MZP, etc. In spite of all the criticism, we can not ignore great achievement made by the Ministry. Keeping in mind all achievement and development, our Central Government declared confidently that, "Regarding Financial management, Mizoram is the most efficient in India."

S P E A K E R

: We may call upon our Finance Minister Pu J. Lalsangzuala who is authorised by our House Leader to make Statement.

P U J . L A L S A N G Z U A L A
M I N I S T E R

: Mr Speaker Sir, our Government is trying to mobilise our resource and infrastructure as far as possible. I will try to highlight Statement made by our Hon'ble Members in brief.

Our Government confirms that service in the army and its recruitment is an important factor for our economic development, and is necessary to solve un-employment problem in our State. Assam regiment recruitment Centre has been located in Shillong, while Army recruitment team has been sent to Mizoram occasionally.

The Government highlights the activities of CNF and is intending to solve Insurgency problems. Again our Hon'ble Members may have to note that we have already made three demand to the P.M. such as State Hospital, Central University and shifting Assam rifles from Aizawl town.

Regarding Tuirial Project, the Government handed over the Project to NEEPCO. Regarding Border area, our recommendation has been implemented and Rs. 20 crores and 10 crores has been sanctioned for Border road and Development Programme respectively.

Regarding Health and Family Welfare Staffs and pay, the

Government may have to look the matters relating thereof after introduction of 5th Pay Commission recommendation. Not only, that matters relating to introduction of Mizo language at High School level has been accepted by CBSE.

Regarding foreigners and HPC the Government is looking for solution thereof.

PU B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, wide variation of V/C roll of 1996 - 1997 should be considered.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker, appropriate action should be taken against foreigners. Regarding misuse of public money, the Government is very serious and is intending to take action against Officers who involved in it.

Regarding Traffic Jam, Ration, hire and purchase, the Government is intending to take remedial action. Not only that, the Government Offices are to be shifted outside Aizawl town.

Regarding half - pay ration for the poor, the Government is intending to provide such benefit.

SPEAKER : Subsidy has been taken, what will be the amount that is to be provided.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA: In order to provide and fix rate and quantity which is to be received, Identification of property line has to be made.

PU LALKHAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Government must look into the matter relating to allotment of Wheat and Atta.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we are trying to substitute Rice for Atta.
MINISTER

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding flour Mills and subsidy, the distributive system should be worked out correctly.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I hope we may draw a good conclusion from different opinion.
MINISTER
The Government is intending to widen the scope of Trade and Commerce Department including marketing, Border Trade Regulated Market etc. Regarding Special Development Scheme of Aizawl and Lunglei Town, the Scheme should be provided to 13,000 families by means of instalment system.

Regarding Rural Development, the Government paid special attention to promote rural areas by providing 60% from Plan Fund.

Again, regarding Sericulture, we have to look into the matter relating therein. Not only that, the Government has taken step to improve Aizawl-Imphal-Agartala road. Again, as we have no new establishment and expansion MRP promotion system remains stagnant. In order to establish new battallion of IR and MAP large amount of fund is needed. The Government has no intention to create new battallion. Thank you.

SPEAKER

Now we have to go into our next business - Motion of Thanks which is to be moved by Pu Lal Biakzuala and Pu Zathuama

PU LALSAWTA

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to amend the Statement page 12 of para 17 that "Due to timely planning and co-ordinated acts with agency like Food Corporaton of India and Indian Oil Corporation, there had not been any scarcity of these items in the State during the past one year."

PU P.C. BAWITLUANGA

Mr. Speaker Sir, There is no need to amend the Statement. No scarcity is seen in respect of oil, Rice and other essential Commodities.

PU LALSAWTA

Mr. Speaker Sir, we certainly felt scarcity in Gas, Oil and other essential Commodities. Therefore, this has to be amended.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, our Hon'ble Members may have to note that Central Government fixed quota of Rice, LPG and K. oil for our State.

PU LALSAWTA

Mr. Speaker Sir, our quota for different consumer goods is inadequate to meet the needs of our people, that is why we face scarcity.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker, Sir, we do not have to discuss the meaning of the word 'scarcity'. I may say there is scarcity in K.Oil.

SPEAKER : Has our Hon'ble Member submitted amendment in writing ?

PU LALSAWTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, our rules do not say it should be submitted in writing.

SPEAKER : As time is limit, we have no time for amendment.

PU C.L. RUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, as I have no amendment Motion, it can not be considered.

SPEAKER : As amendment has not been submitted, we have to accept the Settlement as it is.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr Speaker Sir, our rule 19 does not say it has to be submitted in writing.

SPEAKER : Now let us call upon Pu Lalbiakzuala to beg leave of the House to pass the Motion.

PU LALBIAKZUALA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission I beg leave of the House to pass the Motion of Hon'ble Governor's Speech.

SPEAKER : The Minister requests this House to pass the Motion that 'The Members of Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to this Assembly on 11 th March, 1997'.

The Motion is a Motion of Thanks, Is there any Member who do not agree ?

No one disagree, I therefore declare hereby that The Motion is passed.

Now the Meeting is adjourned, Meeting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.