

SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 9TH MARCH, 1994.

PRESENT

Pu Vaivenga, Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, 14 Ministers and 24 Members were present.

OBITUARY

1. The Speaker, to make references on the demise of Shri Z.D.Sangliana, Ex-MLA and Shri Chimanbhai Hivabhai Patel Chief Minister of Gujarat State.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. The Speaker to report to the House the time table as settled by the Business Advisory Committee.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

3. The Speaker, to announce names in the Panel of Chairmen.

MOTION

4. Pu J.Lalsangzuala to move Motions for election to Financial Committees in the following form -

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- (1) "That the Members of this House do proceed to elect seven members in the manner as required by sub-rule(1) of rule 202 read with rule 250 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of the Public Accounts Committee, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months".

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- (II) "That the Members of the House do proceed to elect seven members in the manner required by sub-rule(1) of rule 202 read with rule 252 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as Members of the Committee on Estimates Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months".
- (III) "That the Members of the House do proceed to elect seven Members in the manner required by sub-rule(†) of rule 202 read with rule 253 (A) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as Members of the Committee on Public Undertaking, in Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months*.

DISCUSSION ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

5. Discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address.

(to be concluded)

S P E A K E R : "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light".

Luke 8:16.

We will now make references on the demise of Pu Z.D.Sangliana, Ex-MLA and Shri Chimanbhai Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat State. Pu Z.D.Sangliana, Ex-MLA of Mizoram died on the 21st Jan., 1994 at Aizawl Civil Hospital. He was 50 years of age. He was born on the 3rd of Jan., 1944. In 1971, he joined the Congress Party and elected as an MLA at Tawipui Constituency. He was buried at Lunglei Cemetary.

Shri Chimanbhai Patel, the Chief Minister of Gujarat had died in 1994 due to heart failure. When he died he was 65. He was born in 3.6.1929 at Gujarat. After he passed M.A. Economics he married Smt. Urmila Bahen, the present member of the Rajya Sabha. They had 2 sons and 1 daughter. In 1949, he was elected as the Secretary of the Gujarat Students Congress. In 1950, he was again elected as the first President of the University of Baroda. During the year 1953-'54 he worked as an Economic lecturer and was the Secretary of Gujarat Pradesh Yavak during 1954-'60. In 1967, he was the Secretary of Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee.

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He also worked as the Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Welfare. He became the member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly for eight times, and the Minister of Sports, Transport and Cultural Activity from 1967-'71 and became the Minister of Industry, Mine and Power in 1972-'73. He was the Chief Minister of Gujarat in 1973. He was the leader of the Opposition Party from 1985-'90 and became the Chief Minister of Gujarat from 1990 till the day he died. He left his wife, two sons and daughter.

PU LAL THANHAWLA :
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Speaker, today, I am so sorry for the demise of Pu Z.D.Sangliana. Pu Sangliana had a good nature with

a very good sense of humour. He had worked very hard while he was an MLA. Being a good man, he even made friend with all the members of the ruling as well as the Opposition Party. It has been a great loss for this House.

He became very unfortunate in the latter part of his life. Soon after the death of his wife he had suffered certain health problems. He was treated in the Civil Hospital of Aizawl. As I have said before, the demise of Pu Z.D.Sangliana is a great loss for this House.

Pu Chimanbhai Patel was also a very great man. He was even admired by the great men of this country. When he died he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat. His death has not only a great loss for the Congress Party but also for the whole country.

PU H.LALRUATA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to say a few words in honour of Pu Z.D. Sangliana. Pu Sangliana was known for being bold, simple,

generous and as a talented man. He will also be remembered as a great orator. After being elected as a member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly, from the Congress ticket, he joined the MNF Party. He also acted as an Advisor to the MNF Sub-Headquarters at Lunglei till he passed away on the 24th January, 1994. In his death Mizoram has lost a patriot and an outstanding leader.

PU H.ZATHUAMA :

Pu Speaker, from the speeches given by the Hon'ble Members I am sure that Pu Z.D.Sangliana has deserved admiration

and respect. Though I do not know him personally, it is quite clear that we have a lot to learn from him. In his death, this House as well as the people of Mizoram have lost a promising personality.

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I would also like to say a few words in honour of Pu Chimanbhai Patel. In his death, not only the State of Gujarat, but also the whole country have lost a great patriot. In conclusion, I would like to convey my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

S P E A K E R : The House will now observe 2 minutes silence to pay homage to the departed leaders. Shall we all stand.
(2 minutes silence was observed)

The calender for this sessions requires the approve of the House. The copy of the time table may be distributed.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, I beg leave of MINISTER this August House to approve the time table settled by the Business Advisory Committee.

S P E A K E R : Do you agree ? (Members say 'Agree').
For the Panel of Chairman for this Session, Pu Hrangthanga Colney, Pu R.L.Valla and Pu H.Zathuama are being appointed.

I shall now call upon Pu J.Lal-sangzuala to move his motion.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your MINISTER permission, I beg to move the following motion for dec-tion to financial committee.

Firstly, that the members of this House do proceed to elect seven members in the manner as required by Sub-rule 1 of 102-250 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to observe as Members of the Public Accounts Committee, for a period of 30 months. Secondly, that the members of this House do proceed to elect seven members in the manner required by sub-rules 1 of rule 202-250 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to observe as members of the Public Accounts Committee, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months.

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Secondly, that the members of this House do proceed to elect seven members in the manner required by sub-rule(1) of rule 202 read with rule 252 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of the Committee on Estimates for a period of 30 months.

Thirdly, that the members of this House do proceed to elect seven members in the manners required by sub-rule (1) of rule 202 read with rule 253(A) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of the Committee on Public Undertaking, in Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 months. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : Can you give your approval ?
we shall now have discussion
on our Governor's Address.
Each member will be given
10 minutes each to give his speech. Let us first call
upon Pu Hrangthanga Colney.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY: Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss the speech given by the Hon'ble Governor.
As we have heard the speech made by the Hon'ble Governor highlighted the achievement of the Government during this Ministry. In the meantime, it is important for us to look back the achievement of the Government in the previous years and the problems faced by the Government.

During the insurgency the government confronted various difficulties in the case of development. Knowing this the Hon'ble Chief Minister had taken efforts in order to sign peace accord between the MNF and the Indian Government. As a result of the efforts taken by the Chief Minister and other political leaders Mizoram have been upgraded to the present status. Therefore, it is necessary for each member to live in reality.

During the F.C.Ministry, the government had taken up the policy of garden colony and the MNF Ministry had taken up the policy of Jhum Control. And now, the Congress has taken up the Land Use Policy.

Generally, these policies have followed the same pattern. As Land Use Policy has covered a larger area the people who have benefited from the policy is more in number.

I would like to mention power development on which the members have much concern for its improvement. The government has been making all the possible steps to receive sufficient power. When the P.C. Ministry first came into power they could set up only Serlui Mini Hydel Project within five years. But the Congress Ministry has taken up many steps within this term alone. Since, Mizoram is U.T. the people had faced difficulties in Water Supply. However, due to the efforts taken by the government even the people living in remote areas could get ample supply of water.

In relation to the speech regarding development of education, I must say the government makes many achievements. As stated by the Hon'ble Government some schools have even distributed text books free of cost. The government is also taking steps for the establishment of a State University.

I also appreciate the efforts taken by the government for the promotion of sports among the youths. The government have rendered efforts in order to promote sports. It is also a pleasing matter that our youths have earned international fame in the field of sport.

Another pleasing matter is the system in which the government has carried out for the development of our industry. I am very pleased to mention that tea plant is to be opened in the near future. Due to the efforts taken by the government handloom and handicrafts have made many improvements. The handloom and handicrafts products of Mizoram have even earned fame in the International Trade Fair.

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Hon'ble Governor for his short and magnificent speech.

FU ZAKHU HLYCHHO :

Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for allotting me time to make my statement. However, before discussing the speech, I would like to say one thing. The Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business says that whenever Session is to be conducted, the members should be informed 15 days in advance. However, I was informed of this session only on the 4th of March. It would be appreciated if the Session call letter be sent out 15 days in advance.

Coming to the speech given by the Hon'ble Governor. It is very pleasing to note the steps taken by the government towards power and electricity. However, the Governor has not mentioned about Tuipang Project which I believe the government has been working on it. According to the report of the survey undertaken by the government this project could be able to generate 5(five) Megawatts of power. The government has a chance to generate power from Tuipang river. If this Hydel Project is accomplished, it is expected that Chhimtuipui District could be fed. However, this important project has not been mentioned in the Governor's speech. It seems that the government has neglected Chhimtuipui District.

Coming to NLUP, the government has taken up project of New Land Use Policy. In the case of my Constituency, the policy seems to be unsuccessful as the policy followed by the government and the District Council is in contrast.

Lastly, on the 6th paragraph of the Hon'ble Governor's speech we read about Water Supply Scheme at Saiha town" which should be corrected as Greater Saiha Water Scheme.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The address of the Governor is quite brief and on the whole, there is hardly anything to praise or be proud of. Besides, our movers too could not give specific points which deserve praise.

I regret to point out that the Address fails to reflect the administrative achievements of the government. There is hardly any achievements made by the government in the administration. Actually, the administration of the government has gone from bad to worse.

We have made several statements on how agriculture would be given top priority. But, so far, this is done only in theories. The agriculture department did little on nothing for the improvement of Jhum cultivation, nor did it helps in increasing the quantities of rice harvested. In fact, rice supply from the central has been increasing every year, which shows that our agriculture has been a failure.

Coming to Rural Development, the range of development is quite limited. The way we implement the Land Use Policy is not good enough. In my opinion, land use policy will be successful if the government give advice and instruction to the farmers. Looking at the present procedure, huge amount of money is squandered on Land Use Policy. So, there is nothing to be delighted about in this particular field.

Regarding Soil and Water Conservation, the government has taken up the policy of Terrace and huge amount of money has already been spent for this policy. However, no achievement could be seen from this.

Emphasizing on power, the budget amount spent for it has been increasing each year. However, there is no positive result to be seen on power development. Therefore, I find no reason to be pleased about on this field.

Health Department played an important role in the public life. I have a deep concern about the shortage of medicine supply in the Civil Hospital. It is most regretable for the patients to find that there is no medicine supply in the Civil Hospital. Though the doctors there is nothing much they could do because of the shortage of equipments and medicine in the Hospital. Therefore, there is nothing to be proved of in our achievements. Thank you.

Dr. H.V.HLUNA : Pu Speaker, our Hon'ble Governor's speech deserves praise and admiration.

On the second paragraph, we find that the government has proposed to raise one battalion of Indian Reserved Police force in order to check the infiltration on Burma and Bangladesh border. I am so delighted to heard this. It would also be appreciated if the government could implement this as soon as possible.

Coming to no. 5 of the speech we see that PWD is mentioned. The achievement made by this department during the last year has been very great particularly in the field of construction of roads.

It is also a very pleasing matter to find that the government has given due importance to the upgradation of administration of justice and quick disposal of court cases. The organisation of Lok Adalat has hasten the process of justice.

Finally, another pleasing matter in the Address is the proposal for the establishment of Maternity Hospital at Luangmual. Therefore, I once again express my gratitude in regard to the Governor's speech which highlighted the performance of one of the most reliable ministries of Mizoram. Thank you.

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PU H.LALRUATA

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Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time on the discussion of our Hon'ble Governor's speech.

Firstly, the Governor had mentioned on the second paragraph that the border situation between Assam and Mizoram has been tactfully handled. However, he has not mentioned which side has handled the situation tactfully.

The member who stood before me has mentioned the proposal for the raise of Indian Reserve Police in order to check border infiltration. However, the matter requires careful consideration. Unless the system may be unsuccessful.

According to the statement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. It seems that the government intends to issue identity cards to the citizen of Mizoram. In this case, I have the opinion, that if identity card is issued now, there is a possibility that some foreigners may be given identity card by mistake. Therefore, this matter required reconsideration.

It is a pleasing matter that the government used to distribute G.C.I. sheets. However, the system of selecting the beneficiaries has not been fair. It appears that the authorities have taken up this with party feeling.

I have a deep concern for Veterinary College. During the last visit of the late Prime Minister Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, he assured us that a Veterinary College would be set up at Lunglei District. However, the government has now proposed to establish that College within Aizawl District. I think this matter needs clarification.

Finally, it is unfortunate to see that the Hon'ble Governor has not mentioned the achievements made by the High Power Committee of Lunglei. As stated earlier the Committee have been busy for the development of Lunglei town. However, the Hon'ble Governor has not mentioned the efforts made by the Committee which the committee deserves praise.

PU LALKHAMA

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Pu Speaker, as we know, the government has proposal to raise a new battalion of Indian Reserve Police. In

this case, the government should have deploy Mizo Police Battalion instead of Indian Reserve Police Force. If this is so many young Mizos could find employment in the Police force. The matter needs clarification.

I feel so disappointed to see that the Address does not contain the efforts made by the government in order to check foreigners and illegal trading of non-Mizos. It seems that the government does not make any achievements in this regard.

I appreciate the efforts made by the government in the enforcement of Law and Order within the last five years. However, the government seems to be rather lenient towards people who practised illegal selling of drugs. So, I would like to urge the government to make more efforts in this regard.

On the 13th paragraph of the Address the maintenance of Aizawl town has been mentioned. However, it is necessary to lay more emphasize for the maintenance of Aizawl town.

In the Address, the Hon'ble Governor has proudly mentioned Serlui 'B' Hydrel Project. In my opinion, the government has merely squandered large amount of the State budget for the project. At the same time, only 3 MW. of power generation is expected from this project. Therefore, I request the government to stop wasting huge amount of money for this useless project. Instead some other big project should be started at Tuirial and Bairabi.

In the speech, the Governor had mentioned at many schools have been provincialised. However, it is necessary to consider whether provincialisation is the best for our educational standard.

Finally, the Hon'ble Governor has not mentioned the peace accord signed by the government. This Ministry has been responsible for the signing of memo of understanding by Burma and India. However, this has not been mentioned in the Address. Therefore, there is great disappointment on the speech given by the Hon'ble Governor.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA :

Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time to discuss the Address given by the Hon'ble Governor.

The Hon'ble Governor had given this statement in the first paragraph that, "It is my sincere hope that the deliberations of this august House will lay down the foundations of all round growth and development of the state in the years to come". Therefore, it is our responsibility to do this in practical.

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Most of the speeches made by the members complement the speech of our Governor. As for me I would like to point out which has not been mentioned by the Governor. The Hon'ble Governor has not mentioned the performances of Civil Supply and Excise Departments. Also, the subject of Social Reform has not been mentioned. It is very regretful that our Governor has omitted these points.

The progress made by the Government in the field of agriculture is tremendous. I think agriculture has been related to Civil Supplies. According to the ration card issued by Civil Supply Department on the 31st of January, the rate of population in Mizoram was 1045003. In Aizawl District alone, the rate of population according to the ration card issued is 7,85,383 while it is only 4,78,465 according to the census report. In the whole of Mizoram, the population is excess by 3,55,247. This case has been raised by the Hon'ble Chief Minister very often. Hence, the Government should render careful consideration in this matter.

On the fourth page of the Address we have seen that Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme has been commissioned. As I have stated very often in this House, the construction of Lunglei Water Supply Scheme cannot be completed due to wrong selection of the contractor. The contractor has failed in the construction of Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme. Hence, I suggest that Subhas Project may be black listed by the Mizoram Government.

There is no mention of University in the Address. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had stated last year that he expected to have a State University soon. He further stated that the case may be passed in the Monsoon Session of the Parliament. According to the report given by some members who negotiated the Central Government we are going to be successful in this case.

In conclusion, I would like to mention that I have supported the points raised by the members in regard to Lunglei High Power Committee. In my opinion, the people of Lunglei have no more trust in the Committee. Thank you.

PU C. VULLUAIA
MINISTER

: Thank you, Pu Speaker, as we have heard, the speech made by the Hon'ble Governor highlighted the achievement of the Government during this ministry. Though the speech is brief he has reflected all the important points and he even left us to discuss plans and policy and how to implement them. Therefore, let us not be disappointed in the Address.

In the Address, the Governor had stated that border issue between Mizoram and Assam has been tactfully handled. This statement has been confirmed by the fact that not even a single drop of blood was shed on account of this issue.

Coming to the establishment of Indian Reserve Police, I suggestion may be made that only Mizos should be selected for the new battalion as they are suppose to guard Mizoram border.

Though the department of Rural Development earned a lot of criticisms. I may say that this department has made great achievements. In spite of several criticisms there are still many people who have benefited from this department.

One of the members have mentioned that the government is being backslided and is going from bad to worse. However, the government is not backslided and is rather making progress each year.

Lastly, I am please to state that the government has given due importance to the upgradation of administration of justice and quick disposal of Court cases. In order to hasten the process off justice, Lok Adalats have been organised in different places. Therefore, the Address of the Hon'ble Governor is satisfactory.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalsawta.

PU LALSAWTA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As this is the only chance which the member could have stood on behalf of the people, I would like to request the Government to pay heed to what we have said in this august House.

In the second paragraph of the Address, the Governor had stated that the recent tension on our border with Assam at Vairengte was tactfully handled resulting in restoration of normalcy. In this case, only the tension has been tactfully handled. In my opinion, the state of Assam has tactfully handled the border issues and this state does not even know how to handle the case. Hence, there is nothing to be pleased about in this regard.

On the 6th paragraph, we find the words, "On the coming year, the Water Supply Schemes for Serchhip and Kolasib towns will be taken up". Here, there are some points which need clarification. Last year, PHE Department had taken an amount of Rs. 600 lakhs as a loan from Life Insurance Corporation. This amount had been loaned for the construction of the mentioned Water Supply Schemes. However, the construction works had not been started till now. And now, we have heard from the words of the Hon'ble Governor that the two Water Supply Schemes will be taken up in the coming year. Therefore, it becomes very difficult whether to be pleased or not in this statement.

Mention of Lok Adalat has been made on the 13th paragraph. Why does the Governor mention only the performance of Lok Adalat. He should have mentioned the performance of higher courts also. The reason seems to be that higher courts make little or no remarkable performance at all.

Finally, I regret to point out that Vigilance Department is not mentioned in the speech. The Hon'ble Governor has reflected on the departments which he considers as important. However, I am very disappointed to find that the Governor has not mentioned the performance and programmes of this Department.

PU T. HRANGHLUTA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me time to discuss the speech given by the Hon'ble Governor.

The Hon'ble Governor has mentioned on the third paragraph that the government continues to give high priority to increase production and productivity in agriculture and allied sectors. He further stated that the objective of the government is to achieve self-sufficiency in food grains. I too have a deep concern for this matter. It appears that the most suitable place for agriculture is Chamdun plains with the fund received from the NEC a project had been started to some extent. However, the government seems to neglect the project. If only the government could pay more attention on Chamdun plain, Mizoram could soon be self-sufficient in foodgrains.

Coming to the 9th paragraph of the Address, we find the wordings - "The government is committed to achieving health for all by 2000 A.D." However, if we study the condition of Medical in Mizoram, I am afraid that health for all would not be possible by the year 2000 A.D. . The Hon'ble Governor has mentioned that the government proposed to set up 4 Primary Health Centres, Maternity Hospital at Luangmual and 2 more

Community Health Centres. In stead of Health Centres. It is high time to set up Cancer Hospitals which the people needed.

S P E A K E R : We still have 8 minutes. I shall now call upon Pu F.Malsawma.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, it is a pleasing matter that the Hon'ble Chief Minister has alloted his hand for a part of Lengpui Airfield. Coming to no.2 of the Address. Mention has been made that several rounds of peace talks were held with the HPC in which the two parties had signed an agreement in order to fight communal force. At the memorandum of the peace accord we have seen that the government will promote and preserve Hmar Culture. Does this means that the government is neglecting the agreement to fight communal force.

I feel so disappointed to find that the Address does not contain the preformance of Police Department. Polige Department has been one of the most important Department. Hence, the department deserves special mention.

Emphasizing on Agriculture, It seems that the Government does not give priorities to Agriculture. The Hon'ble does not even mention the areas of flat land proposed to be developed during the current year.

Regarding NLUP, it has come to my knowledge that there is irregularity in the system of disbursing the NLUP assistance. The people of Serchhip have informed me of their grievance in this regard.

I appreciate the government for the distribution of GCI sheets. However, it would be more appreciated that if the government could select recipients who has deserved it.

It seems that the government is rather backslided in the field of Veterinary considering the various products according to the speech given by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on Independence Day.

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Coming to Sericulture Department, it is important to select the beneficiaries of Grant-in-aid in a proper system.

Finally, I would like to urge the government to study the performances of Pay Committee, District Re-organisation and Co-operation more carefully, so that their achievements could be mentioned in the next speech. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The time now is 1:00 P.M. we shall have a recess till 2:00 P.M. we still have two more hours. The leader and the opposition leader will be allotted 20 minutes each.

PU H. ZATHUMA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Governor have mentioned the highlights of the performances of various department. I will now point out certain points which I think is important. The Hon'ble Governor has not mention the performance and programme to be taken by the department of Food and Civil Supplies Department. I am disappointed as this department is the main source of one food supply.

It is a pleasing matter that the department of Soil and Water Conservation have developed 3,450 hectares of land during 1993-94 and an additional 3,640 hectares will be developed next year. The people of my Constituency are looking forward to the development of their lands and hence, I request the government to cover the lands within my Constituency.

Another pleasing matter in the Address is the performance of the Veterinary Department. At the same time, it would be appreciated if my constituency could be given priority as it is one of the most suitable constituencies in Mizoram. It is also important to establish Veterinary Hospital in the area as the people are interested in animal farming.

On the fourth paragraph the achievements of Power and Electricity Department is mentioned. However, it is regretful that most of the villages within my constituency have not been electrified. In the Address of our Governor, Leiva Hydel Project has not mentioned. If this project is taken up the project could have feed many of the villages within my constituency.

However, the Governor has not mention this project. Hence, I request the Minister in-charge to note this and include this project in the programmes to be taken up.

Coming to the Department of Road and Communication, we have seen from the Address that the Government accords high priority to the improvement of road communication network and thus makes achievement in this field. However, I would like to inform the Government that most of the villages within my constituency have not been reached by vehicles. Therefore, many of the achievements through this department have not reach my constituency.

Emphasizing on Education, there is shortage of teachers in my constituency. Beside this problem the school buildings weds reconstruction as they are damaged by cyclones. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the government could give priority to this.

PU B.LALTHLEGLIANA : Pu Speaker, our Governor has mentioned only the highlights in his speech and thus unsatisfactory.

On the 3rd paragraph we find the wordings - The MAMCO is active in providing Marketting assistance to agricultural producers. Does this means that the agricultural producers could not find market in the government ?

It is a pleasing matter that a new Directorate, Fisheries have been set up. Here, suggestion may be made that if would be more profitable if fish farming could be done by netting system.

Coming to Power Department we have seen from the Address that the government has taken various steps for the progress of Power in our State. However, as suggested by some members in stead of taking up many projects we should concentrate on Bairabi Hydrel Project. I would like to emphasize that attention should be given on Bairabi.

Regarding the supply of free text books to the poor students, it will be most appreciated if free text books could be supplied to more students.

I would also like to point out about the shortage of teachers within the villages of my constituency. Particularly in the village of Sumsuih, only one teacher has been teaching Primary School for the last ten years. Here, I request the Hon'ble Minister to note this and appoint another teacher for the Primary School at Sumsuih.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, thank you for allotting me time to discuss the speech given by the Hon'ble Governor. I would like to give my gratitude to the members for their constructive suggestions and words of advice.

Regarding the point raised by the Hon'ble Member of Lawngtlai Constituency, I will personally check the matter. He had also suggested that the government should develop more flat land. In this case, the government have taken steps by spending Rs. 100 lakhs each year. However, the responsible lies not only to the government, but the people are also equally responsible for its success.

Though the quantity of rice harvested is tremendously increased, the supply of rice from the FCI is also increasing each year. The reason for this seems to be that a large number of people have been brought in by ourselves to do our works. And hence, the rice intake of Mizoram can not be decreased.

Regarding the procurement of pepper, the rate has been fixed by Rs. 25/- per Kg.. At present, fourteen centres have been set up for the procurement of ginger. In this way, the problems faced by pepper cultivators could be solved by the government through MAMCO.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to mention that the border dispute between Assam and Mizoram is a serious matter. Therefore, it is important for the government not to neglect this issue.

The Hon'ble Governor had mentioned that there is sanction for the raise of Indian Reserve Police Batallion. It would be very pleasing if this sanction is for Mizoram Police as Central Forces are very difficult to control by the State government. We also have to consider if the B.S.F. has really check border infiltration. According to the present condition foreigners are freely moved through the border. Therefore, I opine that it is useless to raise Indian Reserve Police Batallion.

The Mizoram Agriculture Marketing Corporation has been set up in which large sum of money has been spent for its administrative expenses, pay and allowances

However, this corporation has no staff but only a Managing Director and a Manager. In fact, the corporation is not functioning. In stead of sanctioning large amount of fund for this corporation, it would be more profitable if the fund is directly given to the farmers.

In the Address, we have seen that 100-Bio-gas plants were installed by the government. The Bio-gas plant at Chhingchhip has been left incomplete without any given reason. In this case, I would like to request the Minister to note this and complete the plant as soon as possible, thank you.

PU L.P.THANGZIKA : Pu Speaker, I am very glad to be able to speak in the discussion of the Hon'ble Governor's Address. As some of the members have stated, I must admit the excellency of the speech. However, we should remember that Mizoram needs excellent work as well.

I would first of all like to point out matters concerning Lunglei District. On the 9th paragraph of the Address, we have seen that the Civil Hospital at Lunglei is being expanded to a 200 bedded capacity. I would like to extend my thanks regarding this matter.

Regarding Saikuti Hall, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has already laid the foundation stone. However, I regret to say that the construction work has not yet been started. In this regard, I would, once again, like to remind the government to hasten the progress on Saikuti Hall.

Though the government attach great important to the development of power and electricity, many villages within Lunglei District have been cut off from electric. I have mentioned this as I would like to inform the government un-ceasing power failure in Lunglei.

Regarding Lunglei Water Supply Scheme, Tlawng river is the main source. However, the river has dried up during the summer. Therefore, the people of Lunglei faced difficulty in water supply.

According to the Governor's Address, efforts have been intensified so as to increase the length of roads and to expand the network of surface communications. However, the road connecting Hnahthial and Thingsai has not been mentioned in the Address. The construction of the said road has been started in 1989, but the construction work has been neglected till now. Thingsai Village cannot even be reached by Jeep. Therefore, I would like to urge the government to make efforts in this matter.

PU K.ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Governor has highlighted the achievements of the Government during this Ministry. In the meantime he failed to reflect one important point in his Address. Due to the efforts taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and our leaders Mizoram has two members in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha respectively. While it is very difficult to get to a ministership, one of our two members have been appointed as a cabinet Minister. This is a great achievement made by the Ministry.

The Hon'ble Governor has not reflected on the three District Council of Lai, Mara and Chakma. The people of the three District Councils feel satisfied with the Government as more power has been given to the District Councils.

Coming to para 7.2. we see that free text book would be supplied to poor students from different areas. In this regard I would like to express my gratitude to the Government as the number of poor students are very high within my constituency.

Another pleasing matter in the Address is that supply of water to Saiha town is to be speeded up. However, the targeted date of its commission has not been mentioned in the speech. Hence, I request the Government to start the project as early as possible.

It is also pleasing to hear that Kolodyne Project Phase-I (60 Mw) has been completed.

Coming to the Health Department, there was only one Doctor specialist at Saiha last year. But, this Doctor has been transferred to another place, and the Hospital has no specialist at the moment. As we know Saiha in the Headquarter of Chhimtuipui District and it is necessary to post Specialist in the Hospital. I would like to request the Minister to note this.

At Tuipang Village the Govt. has set up one Public Health Centre in which there is one Doctor and two Nurses. Whenever, the Doctor is away the two Nurses used to be very busy in dealing with the patients as all the people of the area around Tuipang are depending on this Centre. Therefore, It would be appreciated. If a Hospital would be established in the area.

Within Mara District, the Village of Phura has harvested the highest quantity of Rice. However, the approach road needs reconstruction and it was only Jeepable. Therefore, I request the Govt. to make proposal for the construction of Jeepable road into Truckable so that the people of that area could easily transport their products.

S P E A K E R : Before, calling the Leader of the House, one Member may be called.

PU F. LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to participate in the discussion of the speech given by our Governor.

Emphasizing on PWD, the Address contains the achievement made by the Department due in the Address, we have seen that construction of 97 culverts were completed during 1993-94. In this case, I find nothing to be delighted about as completion of the construction of only 97- Culverts is very little.

The case of Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme, has been mentioned for many times. It appears that there is defect in the system of the survey conducted. For this reason the project can not be completed. Does the Government aware of this defect ?

On the 8th Paragraph we have seen that the foundations for two tea factories at Ngopa and Biate have been laid. In Lunglei District, there are two suitable places for the cultivation of Tea. Those all Darzo and Vanlaiphai Villages.. The two Villages have produced large quantity of Tea for the post few years and hence suitable for the foundation of Tea Factories.

Emphasizing on Transport, while inter-State Bus Services have been resumed and night Services have been introduced between Aizawl and Saiha and Aizawl and Lunglei, there are no night Bus Services within Lunglei District. As there are no night Bus plying between Lunglei and S.Vanlaiphai the people faced many hardships. Therefore, I request the Govt. to take steps for the improvement and development of Bus Services within Lunglei District.

Finally, It is necessary for the Members of this House, to work together and stand for the people as we are the representatives of the people of this State. We are not being elected to highlight the faults of our fellow Members, but discuss the speech of our Governor. Therefore, let us all remember that we are representatives of the people of this country.

Thank You.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Though I have supported certain points raised by the Member, there are somehow, certain omitted. It is regretting to see that the Members have not mentioned the joyour celebration of the Gospel Centenary. At the same time, the tragic landslides at some places of Aizawl town have not been mentioned. I also feel disappointed that the programmes for the upgradation of administration has not been mentioned in the Address.

Regarding procurement of Agriculture products, the corporation should better have a Public distribution centre where the selling and purchasing of the Agricultural products could be done. In this way, most of our problems could be solved.

Regarding raising of Indian Reserve Batallion, it seems that this now batallion is not to be raised or strengthened in order to check border infiltration. The first call has been made by the Central Govt. and their place of duty has also been decided by the same. However, Mizoram State is short of Police Batallion. And in order to solve unemployment problem the State Govt. has accepted the offer made by the Central Govt. In this case suggestion may be made that instead of naming Indian Reserve Police force, the new Batallion should be named as Mizoram Armed Police.

Regarding the issue of illegal residents and illegal traders. It is necessary to safeguard ourselves according to our election manifesto.

On the 4th paragraph of our Governor Address we have seen that out of the 721 - Villages, 617 Villages have already been electrified during 1993-94 which means that 104 Villages are still not electrified. In this regard, I find nothing to be delighted about as electrifying 617 Villages out of 721 is not much of an achievement. The Govt. has spent tremendous amount of money for the Commission of Hydel Projects. However, no positive result could be seen.

Though the Government spent large sum of State's Budget for the Supply of safe drinking water to the public, yet, the Government fails in supplying safe drinking water even in Aizawl town. According to the Address only 166 Villages out of 721 Villages and habitations get regular water supply. It is a shame that only this much have got water supply considering the amount already spent for the supply of drinking water.

Another point I would like to raise is in regard to the construction of governmental buildings. The Address stated that only 16 - Governmental Buildings are in progress, and another 11 - Governmental Buildings are said to be completed in the new year.

Regarding the Construction of Governmental Buildings the Govt. does not make great achievement.

Through the Govt. in committed to achieving "Health for all by 2000 AD" the Govt. is far from achieving this target as the Civil Hospital is always short of Medical Supplies. In Mizoram, Cancer has been spreading rapidly but the state has no Cancer detection Centre or treatment for Cancer patients. It is highly important for the Health Minister to pay need to Cancer detection and Cancer treatment. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : I shall now call upon the Opposition Leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, First, I would like to mention the problems faced by the Technical Engineer. As we have seen, several unemployed Technical Engineers have been on strike against the Govt. I feel that the first thing the Govt. should consider is to solve their problems and listen to their grievances.

Another point I would like to raise is in regard to Champhai College. 80% of the Female Students at Champhai College have taken honours in Education. One Education Lecturer has recently been transferred from Champhai College to Serchhip College. As this is the case, 80% of the Female Students in the said College cannot attend the class due to shortage of Lecturer in Education subject. In this regard, I would like to request the Hon'ble House Leader to note this and take necessary action so that the problem of the Students of Education Deptt. could be solved.

One person from Champhai Village was given Land Settlement Certificate within the Campus of Champhai Collage. This person has even constructed a building at the site. In protest against this the students of Champhai had even held a procession. But, all these protest went in Vain through the authorities were informed of this incident. This incident signifies that the Government does not ensure social economic justice to all.

The Hon'ble Governor has stated that the tension on our border between Assam and Vairengte has been tactfully handled. However, I must say that the border tension has not been tactfully handled by the Mizoram Govt. We are only humbled by the Assam Govt. Hence, there is nothing to be delighted about in this situation.

Our Governor has also mentioned that Indian Reserve Police Battalion has to be raised to check border infiltration across Indo-Myanmar and Indo-Bangladesh Border. In this case, I would like to know why the Govt. make proposal for raising of one Police Battalion to check border infiltration. As we know, Border Security Force has been posted in the border for so many years to check border infiltration. But, BSF failed to check infiltration and instead they seemed to encourage foreigners to enter into Mizoram. Therefore, it will be fertile to raise another Battalion of Central Reserve Police force for this matter.

Emphasizing on Power, we have seen in the Address the wordings - " My Government in keen that Bairabi Hydrel Project should be taken up as early as possible by a Central agency like NHPC" - If the Govt. is so keen to take up this project, they should have started the project within the last five years of their term. Therefore, the wordings are not very convincing.

Regarding the celebration of Chapchar Kut, we the Members of this House were neither given Invitation Card nor are we informed of. We should have been given an information for the Celebration.

I am so disappointed that the Address does not contain the financial condition of this state. As we know, the financial risis faced by our state during the time of U.T. affects us till today. So, his address appears to be incomplete and unsatisfactory.

In his Address, the Hon'ble Governor does not reflects on the social, economic and administration of this state. He should have mentioned the guidelines for the upliftment of our social and economic conditions. Therefore, reviewing our Governor 's Address in general, there is great disappointment.

Thank You.

S P E A K E R : I shall now invite the House Leader to wind up the meeting.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, The points raised by the Members are as a whole very interesting. I would like to express my gratitude to the Members for their constructive suggestions and advice.

As we know, the Address is merely highlights of the achievements of the Govt. and therefore cannot be detail. However, from the various points raised by the Members. I have noted some points for future examination.

Regarding the celebration of Chapchar Kut, the organising committee does not make any special invitation to anyone. The people were informed through newspapers and radio broadcast. As the Committee has the notion that the festival is for all the people, information and the programme itself were not given to any person in particular.

In the case of social reform, the YMA has taken up this programme this year. The Govt. even conduct a joint meeting with the Leaders of YMA and discussed the year leag programme in regard to social reform. However, I could not give detail report on this. Anyway, the Govt. has taken certain steps in order to make social reforms.

Regarding the incident at Champhai College, I would like to express my concern for that incident. According to the latest information I have recieved, another post of Lecturer for Education for Champhai College has been under process. I would also like to assure you that new post would be created as early as possible.

Regarding Tuipang River Project that Pu Zakhu Hychho had mentioned, there is proposal for the construction of a truck road up to the spot. Fund has also, been obtained from the non-conventioned of Energy At present tender has already been floated for the construction of a building at the site. Pu Zathuama has also mentioned the case of Tuiva Project. This Project is to be undertaken by the N.E.C. and as soon as fund is received from the NEC work will be started.

Speaking in regard to Power, the Project cannot be completed within a short period of time. The investigation and survey has to take about five to Tea years. During that period of investigation, we still need power energy. And so, we have to develop small mini Hydrel Project at the same time. As Diesel Generated Engine becomes more and more expensive the Central generated engine. If only these Hydrel Projects like Bairabi and Tuirial has been started now, It will surely take ten to 20 years for its completion. In order to meet our present requirements, the Govt. have been purchasing power from the state of Meghalaya. On this way the people of this state are at the mercy of our neighbouring states in regard to Power.

Regarding border issues, I think it is better to apply the old saying - 'The less said the better'. However, there are some points which has to be mentioned. The border dispute has been worsened by the murder of a tank lorry Driver in the highway between

Aizawl and Silchar. As a result of this murder, the border issue and highway murder have been mixed up by some persons. And the truck operators had even banned transportation of commodities to Mizoram. The Hon'ble Prime Minister had even made a request not to shed blood because of this incident. The Home Minister had also organised a meeting with the Chief Minister Assam and myself. The main purpose of the meeting was to request us to avoid bloodshed. In the same meeting I had even stated that border issue and highway murder is not a related matter and I pointed out that instead of making my people starve the Police would escort the vehicles that carry the commodities to Mizoram. However, the Central Government is against this idea and the Home Minister had given an assurance that if necessary Central para military forces would be sent to the border. He also requested us to withdraw our Police forces from the border I agreed to do that if the Cachar also agreed to it but I made certain condition that the construction workers at Vairengte who are arrested by Cachar Government should be related unconditionally.

Regarding the compensation, completely refused to give compensation to the family of the tank lorry driver who was murdered. As this is the case, about 90 - Trucks which carry commodities was being blocked by the Truck owners of Silchar. And the Cachar Government still demanded compensation for the murder of the tank lorry driver. Regarding the compensation, Mr. Santosh Mohan Deven, Central Minister talked to me on the phone and suggested that he would raise fund and from that fund the Liaison Officer of Mizoram to Silchar would hand over the compensation. I agreed to his suggestion as the compensation was not supposed to be given by the Government of Mizoram. According to the information I have received from the Liaison Officer, the compensation money was handed over to the family of the deceased by the Additional S.P. of Silchar. And the Trucks which were blocked were later released.

Some Members have pointed out the case of the Indian Reserve Police force mistake has been made in the Address that the Indian Reserve Battalion is to be raised to check border infiltration. They are to be stationed in various parts of the North East. As long as this new battalion is stationed in Mizoram Police would take supervision. Therefore, there is nothing to be misunderstood in this matter. Regarding the issue of identity cards, I feel so delighted to see that the members have great concern over it. It is necessary to be very careful about infiltrators. However, I would like to assure you that the persons who handles this issue are very expert and trust worthy and therefore there is nothing to worry about.

Regarding the much debated subject of RAP and ILP, many people are often confused about these two. It is better to lift RAP in order to encourage Tourism. At the same time ILP can not be easily revoked unless specifically repealed by an Act of Parliament and

it shall have to be in force. It is true that several rounds of peace talks were held with the HPC, which are likely to bear fruits in the form of a final settlement to the problem. This has come about as a result of the initiative of the Government.

Though our Governor has not reflected on drugs addiction, I may say that the Government has taken initiative by running Addiction Centre within the capital. The Government has also welcomed the reformatory measures contributed by various Church denominations and Social Organisations.

It seems that some members are being confused by the Government's object of achieving 'Health for all by 2000 As'. This is not merely the Policy of state Government, but, the policy of world Health Organisation. According to this programme the Idea is not to have better medical equipments and facilities but to prevent the masses from getting preventable diseases.

In the case of the unemployed engineers, it is not possible for the state Government to provide employment to all as it is necessary to consider the state financial position. However, the Government does not neglect the case of these engineers.

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to our Governor as well as the members of the House for their excellent speeches which are very constructive. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Various members have made their comments on the Address. I shall now read out the motion - that the members of Mizoram Legislative Assembly assemble in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to this Assembly on 8th March, 1994, which is moved by Pu Hranthanga Colney. Any members who agree to pass the motion may say "Agree" (The members say 'Agree'). The House has unanimously agreed to pass the motion.

Tomorrow is government's holiday. Meeting shall be resumed on the 11th of March, 1994 at 10:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned till
11.3.1994 at 10:30 AM.

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