

2ND SESSION OF THE THIRD ASSEMBLY, 1994.
SEVENTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 18TH MARCH, 1994.

PRESENT

PU VAIVENGA, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister,
14 Ministers and 21 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBER'S BUSINESS

2. Resolutions.

S P E A K E R : "So faith, hope, love abide,
these three; but the greatest
of these is love".

I Cor. 13:13.

Now, we shall take up questions Pu Lalrinchhana will ask
question no. 26.

PU LALRINCHHANA : PU Speaker, will the Hon'ble
Minister i/c Environment &
Forest Department be pleased
to state -

- (a) Whether it is correct that there is a private plot at
the Gomeri Garden made by the Forest Department at
Tuirial ?
- (b) Whether it is correct that there is a private industry
in Teak plantation area by the Forest Department at
Tuirial ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Zosiama Pachuau, Minister
i/c will answer.

- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the answers are -
MINISTER a) Yes.
b) Yes.
- PU F.MALSAWMA : What is the step taken by the
Government on the matter which
appeared in the newspaper ?
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, which things are
MINISTER appeared in the newspaper ?
- PU F.MALSAWMA : One of the DFO had stolen Teak
and sold it from Tuirial. I do
not mention the name as the Mi-
nister himself will know better.
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the question for the
MINISTER Hon'ble Members is whether any
action was taken to those who
stole Teak. If anyone is found
to be indulging he will be punished as Forest Regulation Act.
- PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, supplementary ques-
tion - Which one is established f
first Forest Department or private
plot as well as Forest Department
or private industry ?
- PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, it is almost the
same. Ordinarily, it is not
possible to establish private
plot and private industry in
the Forest Department areas. How it has been taken place ?
I want more clarification.
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, it is amazing that
MINISTER someone is having garden in a
Forest land. Three police
families had established gardens
in a place where the Forest Department has Gomeri Plantation
in 1982.

Industry as mentioned is Zobawm Industry owned by Pu Lalhmachhuana of Kulikawn and the location is stated to be owned by Pi Lalrinpuui of Kulikawn and the pass is issued in 1972. The pass is made a periodical pass in 1975. It is found that the place where Industry is established is not located where the said pass is located. And though the pass was issued first, the place where the industry is located is not within the pass. Moreover, the District Council in 1956 had declared. This area as theirs and anyone who wishes to have pass had to take no objection certificate from Revenue Department. The said pass is made without having no objection certificate.

- PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, if it is so, whether the government take initiative to settle this dispute ? If so, is there any proposal ?
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the Government has taken some initiatives and this will continue.
MINISTER
- PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, in which way the Government is taking initiative ?
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the government is taking and they will continue.
MINISTER
- PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, it is at six and seven. How will the government take action against an illegal plot ? Will they cancell the plot later on not merely taking initiative ? Observations of rules and regulation is good. As the government is trying to carry out strict compliance to Forest conservation Act we can obtain Forest clearance in respect of Bairabi Hydel Project also.
- PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, this should be discussed by the three Department like Revenue, Forest and Industry. The Forest Department alone cannot settle this problem. The Government has taken initiative to settle with these departments.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Question no. 27, Pu Zoramthanga will ask.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Food & Civil Supplies Department be pleased to state -
Can the place of cooling gas distribution at Champhai be shifted to the middle part of the town ?

S P E A K E R : Pu C.L.Ruala, i/c Minister will answer.

PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, technically it is not possible. But effort is taken by the MIZOFED. As a rule, it is necessary to have explosive licence, and as a rule, it is not allowed to have the gas distributor within 100 mts. from dwelling houses at that time, there was no suitable place for gas distribution when the MIZOFED started at Champhai. So, they started at the outside town area. At present, the Chief LPG Manager, IOC is visiting Aizawl. I hope they can make home delivery as is done in Aizawl. If not so, it is not possible as a rule.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Even if we want to make distribution centre outside 100 mts. from the dwelling place, there are so many suitable place.
will the government set up in these place as is done elsewhere ? As already mentioned, we have to pay Rs. 150/- per cylinder at present situation. Whether the Minister i/c can assure us by stating the arrangement will be made within two/three months to solve our problem ?

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, regarding supply of gas cylinder, will the Hon'ble Minister give us rate per cylinder :
a) deliver at distributor shop.
b) deliver by motor at the consumer doorstep.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - we do not have gas agent at Saiha, Chhimtuipui District Headquarter, what is the criteria for the agent, whether it is possible to have gas agent at that place ?

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, whether the government has fixed rate for a gas cylinder ? Whether the agent should use the same rate within Aizawl Town area ? It seems that the rate has been varying at the agents now a days.

S P E A K E R : Let the Minister i/c answer.

PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding the distribution at Champhai, it may not be our duty. If it is necessary, we can help them. As I mentioned earlier, the LPG Chief Manager, IOC is visiting Aizawl and we shall discuss with him. Hence, we cannot promise Pu Zoramthanga on his request. Any how we will see whether arrangement can be made for motor delivery as is done in Aizawl. As said, the arrangement in Aizawl is made between the IOC and the Agent. Regarding variation in price of gas I am not aware of that, if any member can tell me where it is ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, MIZOFED sold at Rs. 103/- and at Zarkawt it is Rs. 105/- some said that there is also Rs. 106/-. And I found it is Rs. 103/- and Rs. 105/-.

PU H.LALRUATA : Pu Speaker, what I would like to know is the government's rate. What is the government's rate of selling gas to the agent ? It seems that they should deliver at doorstep and what is the price when they deliver at doorstep ? Without mentioning either Zarkawt or MIZOFED or Thakthing, I would like to know the government's rate.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, even though the Agent exploit us, it is monopolised Business. It cannot be done by Mizoram. Regarding the time distribution the government should control. Our Hon'ble Minister also said that the distribution has been made on the agreement between IOC and Agent for delivery in residences. I do not believe that there is full agreement, if there is the government should be involved, the authority should be involved. Whether the distribution is at Champhai, Serchhip, Kolasib or any other place, if they could not make a house delivery they should make convenient distribution centre for the consumers. Marketing Officer often used to come, will it be possible to make agreement? Zarkawt, MIZOFED, Biakkungi Gas, Vanbuangi Gas agency are all in the residential area. So, is there any possibility to make an arrangement by the government for us?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, we are not involved on what the Hon'ble Member has stated. If it is not on their agreement, it is not possible to set up the centre within 100 mts. of the dwelling house. According to explosive licence as applied by them, we cannot fix the place. I do not know how far we can involve in fixing place of distribution.

I come to know that there is differences regarding the price of gas only now. A government's rate is a company rate. Recently, the price had been increased. Pu Speaker, I would inform the present rate later on.

Regarding the question of Hon'ble MLA of Saiha, the government is taking initiative. The problem is the Explosive Licence, it has to be settled at Calcutta. It is not possible for us to take up explosive licence. It should be done by the dealer or an agent. Regarding the place of distribution, the authority is now allowed to distribute at Saiha, but at present, they do not have explosive licence.

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, by applying the Mizoram Liquified Petroleum Gas Regulation and control of distribution whether the Mizoram government control these agencies?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, almost same as above. In order to inform the practical problem to the concerned Minister, I would like to express my experience. As we have seen, for example,

when thousand cylinder arrived at gas agent, if the agent notified the number of cylinder to be distributed, there will be no difficulty. But for example, if they made a notice like the distribution is upto 10th Feb., problem arises as to who are due on 1st January and they need to wait the whole day and sometime they could not even deliver as the stock exhausted. I also faced this problem once. As such, I have informed the concerned Minister many times. This agreement can be done on behalf of the public. By notifying number of cylinder to be issued, the consumers need not wait uselessly. As the Hon'ble Member Pu Sawta has mentioned, can the government make an arrangement ?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, every Ministry has
MINISTER taken initiative, but cannot
solve this problem even today,
it is a kind of business.

Anyhow, I would look into this, the retail rate is Rs. 102.20 and MIZOFED sale at Rs. 103/-, we do not know other agents. No one can make door delivery. Effort was made with the Hon'ble Member of Aizawl East II when he was commissioner, but we cannot solve this problem.

S P E A K E R : Dr. R.Lalthangliana.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my starred question
no. 28 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Edu-
cation be pleased to state -
How many craft teachers are
there in Mizoram ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, there is no craft
CHIEF MINISTER teacher as the name has been
changed as work education tea-
cher since 1992.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : PU Speaker, though the name has
been changed, the persons are
the same. As the Minister said,
I would like to know the number
of existing work education teacher, along with this what is
their work. At present how many post are lying vacant ?
If there are vacant posts, when will they be filled up ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, we have 66 work-
CHIEF MINISTER education teacher in High
Schools and 232 in Middle
Schools. We cannot have
much teacher in 87 Middle Schools and in 62 High Schools.
It is because we have to create post. As the government
is advocating creation of post only on technically impor-
tant post and also because of financial constrain we could
not fill up those posts.

S P E A K E R : Question no. 29 - Pu B.Lalthleng-
liana.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my question no. 29-
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c
LAD be pleased to state -
Is there any proposal to shift
the place of disposal of rubbish by LAD from Hualngo-hmun ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, the answer for the
MINISTER question of Hon'ble Member is
'Yes'.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if it is so, where
and when it will be shifted ?

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, proposal has been
MINISTER made to shift from Hualngohmun
to Muthi. For this Rs. 23,25,000
has already been incurred and it will be shifted as soon as
the work is finished.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is not possible
to burnt up the pile of rubbish
at this place during rainy sea-
son. It causes many housefly.
It has been burnt at summer time which produces stinking
smell. This has been complaint by the Villagers living
nearby . This proposal for shifting the place have been
made since 1988-'89. He said that it will be done as early
as possible but we cannot tolerate such saying the group
YMA Conference is also presently hold and they plan to
pressurise the Govt. by moving a resolution. I would like
to request to make a promise at appropriate time not only
saying that it would be done as early as possible.

S P E A K E R : Let the Minister concern take initiative. Let it be enough question no. 30 - Pu F.Lalrem-siama.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Department of Personnel and Administration Reforms be pleased to state -
(a) Whether the Govt. of Mizoram have decided to entrust Mizoram Public Service Commission to conduct DPC for Gazetted Officers promotion also ?
(b) Whether the Govt. of Mizoram have decided to entrust Mizoram Public Service Commission for recruitment of Group 'C' employees with pay scale of Rs. 1640/- to Rs. 2900/- (Assistant, High School Teacher, Police Sub-Inspector, etc.).

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the question for Hon'ble Member regarding whether the Govt. of Mizoram have decided to entrust Mizoram Public Service Commission to conduct DPC for Gazetted Officers promotion and the answer is 'Yes'. The second question regarding whether the Govt. of Mizoram have decided to entrust Mizoram Public Service Commission for recruitment of employees with pay scale of Rs. 2900/- and the answer is 'Yes'.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - The Public Service Commission has worthy persons among the Mizos as its Chairman and Members. They do not have much work but for the government this DPC is important as they deal with the promotion of Gazetted Officers. This causes problem by delaying promotion among the government servants. Will the Public Service Commission make promotion at earliest possible and whether the government has a time frame ? And supplementary question for no. (b), Group 'C' pay of scale i.e. Rs. 1640/- to Rs.2900/- per month covers Assistant in Secretariat, High School Teachers, Police Sub-Inspector and these are important post filled by Direct Recruitment who is getting promotion earlier. They are the government workers who dealt with important works. If the government has re-consider recruitment and services of these staff can MPSC take over their case as early as possible ? This will create confidence among the educated unemployee and give them confidence in their works as Government servants ?

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I appreciated what the Hon'ble Member has stated. We had meeting with Public Service Commission Chairman, Members, Chief Secretary and DP&AR Secretary in my Office Chamber on 8th of this month. We had discussed what Hon'ble member has mentioned and its related subjects. In the Department Promotion Committee for Gazetted Officers, Chief Secretary is its Chairman. It is not easy to conduct the sitting of DPC in the midst of heavy work. As the Hon'ble Member has said the government came to know that the promotion is always delay. On account of this, we request Public Service Commission to make proposal for the amendment of our regulation. This regulation is not made by the Administrative Department from the Council of Ministers is needed to amend it and it may take some more days. It may be effective from the month of April. If it cannot be made effective because of session, I hope that we can make it effective within the month of April. Again, the proposal for handing over the Direct Recruitment of Government servant carrying a scale of Rs. 1640/- to Rs. 2900/- under Mizoram Public Service Commission Limitation Regulation will be done as earlier possible. This will be done within April.

S P E A K E R : Question no. 31 - Pu B.Lalthlengliana.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my starred question no. 31 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c be pleased to state -
(a) Whether the person of different trade received the money in full under Aibawk Jhum Control.
(b) Whether the NLUP has been given to any person who is not living at Kolasib under Thingdawl Block Development ?

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Aibawk Jhum Control programme has been started from 1987-88. While the proposal project cost Rs. 650 lakhs for 2060 families. We do not received Rs. 75/- lakhs from the Central Government. So, answer for question (a) is that some people do not receive in full, such as in WRC (Wet Rice cultivation) 10 families, in Horticulture trade 55 families, in Sericulture 8 families, those who choose Terrace with additional, altogether 131 families, in coffee trade 158 families. These families do not receive in full.

Regarding question no(b) - the answer is that the government is not aware that financial assistance under NLUP is given to any person who is not living at Kolasib.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, as per written information given to S.D.O(c) by the Assistant Block Development Officer, the following persons: Lalrinthanga S/o Rochhingpuia, Tumpui NLUP beneficiary no. 593 and Vanlalsiama S/o Nath could not be found at Kolasib though they were selected beneficiaries.

Again, D.Thapa S/o J.P.Thapa, Rengtekawn, no. 46 - Setel Nut and Rualthanga, Selhnuni, Chhuanawma and Romawii all for piggery were given NLUP though their where about could not be known.

I want to know whether they have received the first instalment as they are in the beneficiary list. What will the government do in this case? Again, whether Saihapui and Bukvannei are covered under NLUP? If so, why they are allow Jhuming Cultivation against the NLUP Scheme?

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Whether the NLUP has been given to the recipient under Lungsan R.D.Block area? The villagers of Vanhne has a complaint that they are not given although the money has been drawn. What action will the Govt. take in this case?

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer for second supplementary question asked by the Hon'ble Member of Sateek is that Bukvannei and Sihpui are under the NLUP. Under the NLUP, it is not permissible to cultivate open land for shifting cultivation. But, this is not in the hands of Rural Development and we also faced a problem. So, this will be discussed in consultation with LAD.

As the question raised by the Hon'ble Member from Sateek, we have many names more than he stated in the list but who could not get NLUP benefits. I have the record, if the Hon'ble Member want to see them, let them come and see the record.

As it is not possible for one B.D.O. to take after all the matters relating to NLUP. So, while selecting trade, the concerned B.D.O. has consulted the village council. With the help of our staff we found out that some persons do not received assistance and we deducted them from the list.

Ordinarily, we faced a problem at Kawnpui when the Village Council did not co-operate us. In lieu of such matter, we try our best.

Regarding the question raised by Hon'ble Member of Lunglei North, the Government has already released the whole amount to the B.D.O.. The B.D.O. has to give to the beneficiaries according to their performance. If they are to be given the villagers of Vanhne be given as early as possible.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Pu Speaker, it seems that the Government is intending to handover the Jhum Control Project under Tuipang Block to District Council and the council Staff is also doing verification. Whether it can be handed over to District Council when it is Centrally Sponsored Scheme? Secondly, regarding Jap money under Tuipang Block, only the first instalment was released so far, what is the problem faced by the government in releasing another instalment?

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, regarding the statement made by the Hon'ble Minister regarding non-co-operation by the V.C.. I would like to state that we have to have confidence in the V.C. if we are going to continue NLUP. As for example, in Kolasib, there are parallel list between V/C and the Party Unit and the V/C is not interested in doing like this. Whether the government will give importance to V/C or to the Party in regard to selection of NLUP beneficiaries?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, I am going to give detailed answer later on regarding supplementary question raised regarding election of leadership among the traders asked by the Hon'ble Member of Sateek, the answer is - the trader should elect their leader among themselves and V/C should not be involved. Kolasib V/C created many problems. This programme cannot success where the V/C do not co-operate the government. It is important that all the political party should encourage their respective V/Cs.

S P E A K E R : Question no. 32 is asked by three members Dr. R.Lalthangliana, Pu H.Lalrueta and Pu F.Lalzuala, who will ask?

PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, my starred question no. 32 - Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Public Works Department be pleased to state -

Is there any proposal to create another PWD Division at Lunglei ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, answer for starred question no. 32 is 'Yes'. Approval of DP&AR has already been obtained. Two divisions namely Road Division and Building Division will be made by bifurcating the existing Division.

S P E A K E R : Is it enough ?

PU F.LALZUALA : Pu Speaker, the proposal has been made since last 5 years. Whether the proposal can be made into reality from the next year ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : I cannot assure the Hon'ble Member how long it will take.

S P E A K E R : Question no. 33 - Pu F.Malsawma.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, I ask my starred question.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, the question is - Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms be pleased to state -

(a) How many pensioner who do not yet received financial benefits upto February, 1994 ?

The answer is 455 pensioners.

(b) Why ?

The answer is that there can be many reasons like negligence on the part of pensioners as well as the dealing staffs who may not have entered what is there to enter in the service books of the pensioners.

(c) What the government will do ?

The answer is to examine more carefully service books than previous years by observing the pension rule and settle all the pension case at the earliest possible.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, I thank the Hon'ble Minister for taking an interest. As in the army, the pension list be made earlier and the concerned department be given instruction to process pension matters at earliest possible. Whether the Hon'ble Minister can assure us to take action like this to solve the problems faced by the pensioners.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, in the Central Government there is an instruction that the pension benefits is to be given to the pensioner at the time of his pension. By the negligence of the government employees the Mizoram Government can not do like this. The present C.C.A. is working very hard to reduce the pension case pending, I wish he will success.

As stated by the Hon'ble Member the Government is trying to give pension benefit to the pensioner at the time of his pension and the head of Departments who fail to do this. Whether the Government will also take some action against head of Departments who fail to ample with this instructive whether the Minister can assure us that the Government will reduce the number of pending cases of pension ?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, as it is not possible to settle pension cases at Lunglei District and Chhimituipui District, the pensioners faced many problems. They have to come Aizawl to many times. It has been suggested many times in the house, but it is not successful. Can the government take some measure to settle this problem ?

And as we often to say, whether the government will take action on this ?

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the question by the Hon'ble Member of Lunglei North is not the responsibility of DP&AR. It is in the hands of Finance Department and let us hope that the Finance Minister will be answer at discussion hour.

The question asked by Hon'ble Member both from Aizawl East II and Aizawl North II, regarding the benefit for 455 pensioners. In order to give pension benefits to the pensioners at time the government is taking initiative through DP&AR (Pension cell). Let us hope that the government will minimise this kind of problems in future.

S P E A K E R : Question no. 34 is clear enough.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, can we take a special note for these new pensioners as we stand on dateline, starting line ?

S P E A K E R : Not only this, the suggestion given by Hon'ble Member Pu F. Malsawma is acceptable and that the Departments also have to prepare cases earlier for the pensioners. Now, question no. 34 - Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, my starred question no. 34 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c be pleased to state -
When will the irrigation from Tuithim Project at Champhai be effective for the people ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the answer for the question given by Hon'ble MINISTER
Member of Champhai is - the government is having a plan to make effective for the people during 1994-1995 financial year.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question - Though Rs. 159/- lakhs has been spent for the project of Tuithim river, it could not function properly today. The Champhai town is facing acute

water problem as the PHE is not giving water to the people. It will be appreciated if something is done to solve this problem.

PU F. MALSANMA : Pu Speaker, will the government do something to solve the water problem of Aizawl ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, answer for the question raised by Hon'ble Member.
MINISTER
As the Hon'ble Member has mentioned the original scheme for Champhai Water Supply Augmentation Scheme is Rs. 159,24,600/- it has all spent. This water channel is from Tuithiang near Vapar which is 37 Kms. from Champhai. The G.I. pipe is 125 milimetre diameter in size. This pipe which was laid on the face of a precipice or cliff resulting in more leakage in rainy season. This pump is working at its gravitation upto Champhai Bethol Veng and again it had to pump upward from Darthlalang tlang at its highest. In this respect, we faced some problems like defective machine, claiming compensation on approach road. So, the work cannot be successful. The revised estimate has been made but I could not mention the actual estimate at present. If the estimate is approved the government will sanction and it can be utilised during this financial year. Again, the department concerned is taking all out efforts to solve the water problem at Aizawl.

PU F. MALSANMA : Pu Speaker, the pump is out of order. I hope that the Minister concerned is aware of this.
Can the government take necessary step to solve this problem in the absence of electric supply ?

PU L.P. THANGZIKA : Pu Speaker, a short question.
(SPEAKER : Time is running out)
There is disagreement between Tarpho and Khawhri under this Water Scheme. Sometimes, the inhabitant of Tarpho Village destroys the pipe line which passes through Khawhri. The reservoir had been laying below Khawhri. But, it cannot be used by the villagers of Tarpho. This is a big problem for them, they used to submit application for shifting of this pipe line. What will the government do in this respect ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Question no. 35 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c
be pleased to state -
(a) Is there any proposal to give
Water Supply to Edenthar ?
(b) If so, when ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : (a) Edenthar Water Supply is
MINISTER included under Greater Aizawl
Water Supply Scheme Phase II.
(b) It will be given when the
Scheme is taken up.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Question no. 36 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c
be pleased to state -
(a) How many vehicles are there
in Sericulture ?
(b) Designation of Officer who
keep vehicle and no. ?

Y PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Answer for question no. 36 -
MINISTER (a) Sericulture Department has
13 vehicles.
(b)

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Vehicle No.</u>
Jt. Director (Seri)	- MZ-01/5516 (Gypsy)
Dy. Director (Seri)	- MZ-01/5515 (Gypsy)
Pool Vehicle	- MZ-01/2990 (Gypsy)
Asst. Director (Seri)	- ZRG - 2162 (Gypsy)
Under Secretary (Seri)	- ZRG - 1961 (Jeep)
D.S.O. (attached to Directorate)	- ZRG - 2661 (Jeep)
D.S.O. (Aizawl 'W')	- ZRG - 1639 (Jeep)
D.S.O. (Aizawl 'E')	- MZ-01/2111 (Jeep)
D.S.O. (Lunglei)	- ZRG - 1688 (Jeep)
D.S.O. (Saiha)	- ZRG - 1960 (Jeep)
Cashier (for Bank duty) Departmental	- ZRG - 1812 (Bike)
Departmental	- MZ-01/2314 (Swaraj Truck)
Departmental	- ZRG - 2174 (Tata Truck)

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Question no. 37 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c
be pleased to state -
(a) Approval rates for carrying PDS
items Rice, Wheat, Wheat Products
and Sugar.

- (1) From Guwahati to Vairengte
 (2) From Silchar to Aizawl
 (3) From Silchar to Lunglei
 (4) From Aizawl to Champhai
 (5) From Aizawl to Marpara.
- (b) Wholesale and retail prices of Maida, Atta and Wheat, Bran as fixed by the Government of Mizoram for Union Flour Mills and Sunrise Flour Mill at their respective Godowns at Aizawl and at Fair Price Shops.

PU C.L.RUALA
 MINISTER

- : Answer for question no. 37 -
 (a) (1) Rs. 69/- per qtls. (for rice, wheat & Sugar)
 (2) Rs.45/- per qtls. (for Rice, Wheat, Wheat Product and Sugar)
 (3) Rs.82/- per qtls. (for Rice and Sugar)
 (4) Rs. 37/- per qtls. (for Rice and Sugar)
 (5) Rs.78/- per qtls. (for Rice & Sugar)

- (b) Wholesale and retail prices for Maida, Atta and Wheat Bran as fixed by the Government of Mizoram for Union Flour Mills and Sunrise Flour Mills at their respective Godowns at Aizawl and at Fair Price Shops are shown in the statement attached herewith.

WHEAT PRODUCTS

1. Milled by M/S Union Flour Mills, Silchar/Aizawl :

I	<u>Wholesale price per bag of 90 Kgs.</u>	<u>Aizawl</u>	<u>Lunglei</u>	<u>Saiha</u>
(a)	Maida	- 495.00	528.00	554.00
(b)	Atta (Raw)	- 394.00	427.00	453.00
(c)	Atta(Wholesale)	- 436.00	469.00	495.00
(d)	Bran(40Kgs. per bag)	- 161.00	176.00	187.00
II	<u>Retail price per bag of 90 Kgs.</u>			
(a)	Maida	- 526.00	560.00	588.00
(b)	Atta(Raw)	- 419.00	454.00	481.00
(c)	Atta(Wholesale)	- 459.00	498.00	526.00
(d)	Bran(40 Kgs. per bag)	- 172.00	187.00	199.00
III	<u>Retail price per bag</u>			
(a)	Maida	- 5.80	6.20	6.50
(b)	Atta(Raw)	- 4.60	5.05	5.35
(c)	Atta(Wholesale)	- 5.10	5.55	5.85

2. Milled by M/S Sunrise Roller Flour Mills, Aizawl :

<u>I Wholesale price per bag of 90 Kgs.</u>		<u>Aizawl</u>	<u>Lunglei</u>	<u>Saiha</u>
(a) Maida	-	465.00	499.00	518.00
(b) Atta (Raw)	-	364.00	398.00	417.00
(c) Atta (Wholesale)	-	406.00	440.00	450.00
(d) Bran (40 Kgs. per bag)	-	148.00	168.00	171.00
<u>II Retail price per bag of 90 Kgs.</u>				
(a) Maida	-	493.00	530.00	550.00
(b) Atta (Raw)	-	387.00	413.00	443.00
(c) Atta (Wholesale)	-	430.00	468.00	488.00
(d) Bran (40 Kgs. per bag)	-	157.00	174.00	183.00
<u>III Retail price per bag</u>				
(a) Maida	-	5.50	5.90	6.10
(b) Atta (Raw)	-	4.30	4.60	4.95
(c) Atta (Wholesale)	-	4.80	5.20	5.40

THE FOLLOWING SOCIETIES ARE USED TO SUPPLY WHEAT PRODUCTS :

1. Bakers Association of Mizoram, Aizawl.
2. Chow making society, Bethlehem.
3. Seling Bakery.
4. Saitual Bakery.
5. MIZOFED, Aizawl.
6. Chow Industrial Society, Maubawk.
7. Zoram Bakers Association, Aizawl.
8. Mill Producer Co-Operative Society, Serchhip.
9. Pig Producer Society, Electric Veng, Aizawl.
10. Multi-Commodity Co-operative Society, Thingdawl Melriat.
11. Durtlang Primary Multi-Commodity Co-operative Society, Durtlang.
12. Chawlhmun Multi-Commodity Co-operative Society.
13. Ex-service Society, Chanmari, Aizawl.
14. PIGFED.
15. Livestock Co-operative Society, Lawngtlai.
16. Ex-MLA Multi-Commodity Co-operative Society, Khatla.
17. Chaltlang Pig Producer Society, Chaltlang, Aizawl.
18. Pig Producer Society, Venghlu.
19. Pig Producer Society, Chhinga Veng.
20. Pig Producer Co-operative Society, Ramhlun Vengthar.
21. Livestock Society, Chawlhmun, Aizawl.
22. Darlawn Diary.
23. Thingsulthliah Diary
24. Multi-Commodity Co-operative Society, S.Hlimen.
25. Durtlang 'N' Multi-Commodity Society.
26. Lungdai Pig Producer Society.
27. Multi-Commodity Co-operative Society, Durtlang Leitang.
28. Milk Producer Society, Ramhlun, Aizawl.

29. Champhai Bakery.
30. Pig Producer Society, Ramhlun, Aizawl.
31. Popular Food Industry, Zarkawt, Aizawl.
32. Milk Union, Khatla.
33. Cattle's Breeders Co-operative Society, Lunglei.
34. Bazar Veng Wheat Product Dealers Co-op. Society, Lunglei.
35. Mizoram Co-op Milk Union Society, Upper Khatla.
36. NLUP Vety Trade Agency, Kolasib.
37. Serchhip Society.
38. Piggery Co-op Society, Champhai.
39. Serchhip Ex-Service Co-operative Society.
40. Kulikawn Pig Producer Society.
41. Pig Producer Society, Mamit.
42. Durtlang Diary.
43. Abdulla Dealer, Wheat Products, New Saiha.
44. Dilip Mitra Dealer, Wheat Products, Lawngtlai.

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Minister may take note on what the Hon'ble Member has mentioned. I could like to make some suggestion regarding questions and answers. All the questions and supplementary questions help the government, but I beg all the member to avoid by asking unnecessary question. The Government should prepare to answer all questions and supplementary questions. When we ask question, we must try to ask directly. We must take seriously this questions hour because it helps the Government as well as the people. Now, we are going to take Dr. J.V.Hluna's private resolution. The resolution is, "In view of the urgent need of reliable and sufficient power supply for all around development of Mizoram the Central Government be moved to expedite the Dhaleswari Hydel Project, which had been investigated and feasibility report of the project had been submitted to the Central Electricity Authority, as the Central Sector - Project". Now, may I call upon Dr. J.V.Hluna to move his resolution.

Dr. J.V.HLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to move my resolution. As we know, we need not to say in detail the importance of Power in Mizoram. Out of our requirement of 56 mw we have only 36 mw. And, out of 36 Mw. we imported 17Mw. from neighbouring State. 16.50 Mw. is made from Diesel and 3 mw. is our product from Mini-Hydel Project. In 1 mw. there are one crore unit, we spent Rs. 1.50p per unit for importing from other State.

We paid Rs. 3.50/- per unit in diesel power which is costly. Bairabi Hydel Project has been investigated. The feasibility report has been sent to Central Electricity Authority. I would like to express in detail the reason why I suggest that the project be taken up by the Central Sector under Central Government.

The NEEPCO Chairman Mr. Sakh and Chief Engineer Pu Aktar Singh with some officials of the Mizoram Government had deep survey on some important rivers in Mizoram on 5th - 11th November, 1979. And, Central Water Commission, Chief Engineer Pu Das and his staffs also had verification during April-May 1980. The report of these two expert teams were the same.

According to their report, for major project the Tlawng river at Bairabi will be able to produce 160 mw. . The Tuivai river at Daido will be able to produce 240Mw. Electric Power. And also the Chhimituipui (Koladyne) river at Sakbh also will be able to produce 600 Mw. Electric Power.

Under Medium Project, the river Tuirial near Saipum will be able to produce 60 Mw. , The Mat river also will be able to produce 60Mw. at Darzo. These were the report made by the two teams. Under Micro-Hydel Project survey on 30 small rivers were also done.

Pu Speaker, among these projects, they regarded that Tlawng river near Bairabi is the best and the Central Government had sanctioned to investigate in 1981. The NHPC team has been selected to investigate it. On 7th January 1982, the Union Minister for Power and Energy PU A.B.A. Ganikhan Choudhury laid the foundation stone at Bairabi. It was witnessed by 11 news reporters from Delhi and some officials from Mizoram Government.

Pu Speaker, the investigation has been done by 20 experts and many labourers under the guidance of Army Engineer Pu Subhash Verma. All these expert persons are expert in different fields.

They did field investigation around 4 years under tight security and they finished in March 1984. They returned to their headquarter Henkun Towers, Nehru place at Delhi to compile their report. After finishing their compilation, they submitted their report to the Central Electricity Authority on December 1984. They made it in six volumes. We have 1-4 volumes and Vol. 5&6 could not be found. Vol. I-IV contains how to make construction and capacity of electric power. Vol. V relates irrigation and pisciculture and Vol. VI deals with Inland Water Transport and Navigation.

Pu Speaker, as per 1988 April price value it cost at Rs. 256.77 crores. Rs. 154.77 crores for civil work and Rs. 62 crores for electrical work. Pu Chandrasakhar Singh was promoted to Cabinet Minister for Power and Energy. He visited Bairabi with NHPC Chairman Pu B.S. Keehar on 12th April, 1983. He encouraged the investigation team to submit their report of compilation without any delay. He also said that if they are sincere in their work there will no problem regarding the clearance and impletation of fund. All these assurance was made on behalf of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Pu Speaker, one of the most important things at the moment is to have good transportation to carry 10 metric ton. For this railway transportation, the Union Railway Minister Pu Kedar Pandey had laid foundation stone at Bairabi for rail head on 12th December, 1981. The railway station has been made at Bairabi which 48 Kms. away from Lala Bazar directly. Fortunately, this house leader Pu Lal Thanhawla inaugurated railway head on 16th March, 1991. And goods booking was also inaugurated on 10th July, 1982. The schedule time for daily arrival is 11:15 and departure time is 11:40 at Bairabi. The broad guage has been made upto Lumding. Pu Speaker, during this Hydel Project investigation, the inland waterways survey was also done by Inter-Continental Maritime consultancy with their Chairman Admiral Nanda, Chief of Naval Staff (rtd.) and Vice-Admiral Bindra.

During these two years i.e. 1982-83, they surveyed Bairabi to Sairang for steamer, and also speed boat from Sairang to Lunglei Zobawk. Admiral Nanda also mentioned that even if power is not produced, inland water way will be worthy for making this project. In this way, the profit will be seen during 8 years.

Pu Speaker, helipad was also made at Bairabi to land helipad was also made at Bairabi to land helipad MI-17, A proposal is also made to construct FCI Godown where 50,000 quintal of rice can be stocked. Pu Speaker, I would like to suggest to the Mizoram Government to construct Oil storage tank at Bairabi, to arrange Mizoram Express Train from Lunding to Bairabi.

Pu Speaker, fortunately, Central Electricity Authority approved a report made by MHPC and in its 73 meeting held on 10.10.1988 issued Techno-Economic Clearance which is 60% from total costs for this project. Regarding 40% environment clearance, the Ministry of Environment and Forest gave an instruction to the Mizoram Government in October, 1988 to make action plan claim which includes compensating afforestation, rehabilitation of displace people. Catchmen area treatment, but, unfortunately, the Mizoram became President's Rule and the President's Rule government did not pay heed to this instruction. Because of this, it was rejected by the authority on 3rd January, 1989. ever since we have been facing problem even today.

Pu Speaker, there is no other river which will be beneficial for Mizoram than Bairabi. If we take up this Bairabi Project, it will be the source of development of our economy. This project will bring beginning of development for us. As the nation is marching towards development, it needs power supply. Without this, development cannot be there in industry and in any other trade and business. So I request this house to move to Central Government to take up Bairabi Hydrel Project without neglecting the on-going scheme of the Mizoram Government.

Let me conclude by saying, "Once this Bairabi Hydrel Project is completed, the Chief system of Transport mainly, Railway link with Inland Waterways will be operable and abundant supply of electric energy will be available and the combined stabilising impact on the social economic of Mizoram will be felt in every home. Consequently, the entire socio-economic conditions of Mizoram will assume a completely new dimension for self-sufficiency".

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, the resolution was moved. How long we will take for discussion? Is ten minutes enough?

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA : Let us fixed 5 minutes for each member and proceed the next business.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : We will have 5 minutes each.
Pu Zoramthanga will start
discussion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, this
Bairabi Hydel Project is an
important issue for us. It
will be the source of socio-
economic as the mover had mentioned. This project will
give out not only power, but also effects in others like
Water Transport, Fisheries, recreation facilities, agricul-
ture etc.. Pu Speaker, this Bairabi Hydel Project is the
outcome of the different ministries. As the mover said,
the investigation report had six volumes. In this report
we have seen other project like Mini Hydel Project, Micro
Hydel Project, small etc. costing more than rupees crore
each. All these projects needs a large amount but they
can produce only less power which may not be enough for us.
As for example, we spent Rs. 146/- lakhs for Tuipui Tlabung
Project, but one candle stick is more valuable for us. So,
what I would like to say is that let us concentrate on Bai-
rabi Hydel Project to make it successful.

Pu Speaker, it seems that if we
utilised the project cost of Serlui 'B' Project for making
power through diesel generator it will last 15-20 yrs. and
during this period we have to take up this Bairabi Hydel
Project and we can complete it during these years. So, what
I would like to say is that instead of making many Mini-Hydel
Projects by spending lakhs of rupees. Let us club all the
money meant for different Mini Hydel Project for Bairabi
Hydel Project and try to complete it within 10-15 years
and in the meantime let us make power by installing diesel
generator in the villages as well as in towns.

PU R.L.VALLA : Let us continue discussion.
CHAIRMAN

PU F.LAWMKIMA : I would like to mention the
name of this project. This
project is also called "Dheleshwary
Hydel Project" the name given
by the non-Mizo. I cannot appreciate this name. If we called
"Bairabi Hydel Project". I can accept the name of the river
Tlawng is given by the Mizos, the Non-Mizo called it "Dheles-
hwary". I suggest that if we want to continue this, bracket
should be given for Dheleshwari. As we had heard, this pro-
ject had been started since 1983. It should have been fi-
nished had the work been started at the time of investigation.

As the Opposition Leader Pu Zoramthanga has already mentioned, we have to press the Central Government.

As we know, Power Supply is imported from Silchar and Jeribam. If these two lines are down, then we face power problem. So, we have to produce our own electric power, without power we can not run industry, etc. In order to solve this problem, I beg this house to pass this motion on Bairabi Hydel Project.

FU C.CHAWNGKUNGA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity. The mover of the resolution give us detail information.

We all have to be interested in this project irresputive of Party affiliation. We may know many things to do, but to do all that we know may not be possible. Instead of taking up many minor works, let us concentrate on this particular issue. All the developed countries can boast of attaining developments through their own products. In Switzerland, their lands are not suitable for cultivation, etc. but, they realised that they can produce watches which they export to the whole world. Similarly the people of Thailand, knew that they can compete other countries by producing all decoratives articles. Even Japan made all the luxurious vehicles like Toyota, Suzuki, etc. So, they did not require a help from other countries. Even in India, some stokes like Himachal Pradesh, Andra Pradesh, Sikkim, etc. can produce surplus to be exported outside their state.

In Mizoram we take up many projects for further development, but we are not successful. For the economic development, we need only power. I beg this house to pass this resolution.

Thank you.

PU R.L.VALLA
CHAIRMAN

: Is there any one to say ? Shall we pass now ? May I call upon the mover to beg this House to pass his resolution.

Dr.J.V.HLUNA

: Mr Speaker, I now beg leave of the House to pass my Resolution.

"In view of the urgent need of reliable and sufficient power supply for all around development of Mizoram the Central Government be moved to expedite the Dheleswari Hydel Project, which had been investigated and feasibility report of the project had been susmitted to the Central Electricity Authority, as the Central Sector Project".

S P E A K E R : Now, the mover beg leave of the House to pass his resolution. We will read not again the resolution, those who are informs of this resolution may say 'Yes' and those who are against it may say 'No'. The Resolution is -

" In view of the urgent need of reliable and sufficient Power Supply for all around development of Mizoram the Central Government be moved to expedite the Dheleswari Hydel Project popularly known as Bairabi Hydel Project, which had been investigated and feasibility report of the project had been submitted to the Central Electricity Authority, as the Central Sector - Project ".

Dr.J.V.HLUNA : Mr Speaker, it is suggested that to change Dheleswari and Bairabi by putting Dheleswari inside bracket.

S P E A K E R : It needs amendment, and this will take time.

PU F.LAWMKIMA : Mr Speaker, it has been written as Dheleswari Hydel Project in the Official record. Is there any complication by changing its name? I suggest that 'Hydel Project' be written inside the bracket.

S P E A K E R : Can we accept this resolution without amendment. If we agree as I said those who are in favour of the resolution please say 'Yes'. (Member say 'Yes'), any against? All right, we all agree to pass this resolution. We will take second resolution - Pu Lalsawta. As the mover is absent, we will not take his resolution. Resolution No.4 Pu Lalrinchhana his resolution is " The regulation of Mizoram Village Council, prize money, power and responsibility to be amend" . May I now invite to Pu Lalrinchhana to move his resolution.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr Speaker, thank you, for giving me an opportunity to move my resolution. I want to request Hon'ble Members to take this resolution seriously.

The regulation on Village Council was adopted from 6th Schedule at the time when we were in Autonomous District Council. But this resolution is meant for the Village Council in Aizawl and Lunglei District as the Autonomous District Council has to do their own. The Village Council is elected by the people for their respective areas to exercise power. At present, the regulation of Village Council needs to be amended.

Firstly, we have to think the prize money of Village Council. As the value of money decreases the prize money on salary we paid - Rs 40/- to the Village Council Member is worthless. At the beginning, the prize money is very little, considering the present increase in prices, their salary needs to be amended.

Secondly, the Village Council has many works for the development of their respective areas. But they do not have enough fund. The Government Officials, MLA, Ministers used to visit the Villages, and they always depend on the works of Village Council. The Village Council have to pay all the expenditure for this. So, the Village Council faced many problem due to non-availability of fund. I want to suggest that separate budget head be made for Village Councils for the welfare of the people.

Regarding the authority and power, there is a distinction between Town areas and Village areas. It seems that, in Villages, Village Council is having more power than Village Council in town areas. We have to re-think and amend the power of Village Council.

Again, I would like to mention the function of Village Council. The function of the Village Council also need to amend. We have Village Council Act but we do not have rule. without rule - how would the Village Council function ?

The Village Council Court has power to punish the offender upto Rs 50/- fine, but not beyond this. This power is nothing nowadays. In order to have the function, the Village Councils must have magisterial power. As we know the Village Council is the corner stone for development. If we want to trust Village Council we should not neglect their power and functions.

All the development of the Villages also depend on the support of Village Council in their own respective areas. The Departments were involved in many works under the jurisdiction of Village Council so that it is difficult for the Village Council to understand what to do. In this respect, we have to classify the responsibility of Village Council.

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As we know, the MLAs and Ministers had good facilities but Village Council do not have this facilities, they are elected by the people for their representatives, we need not to say all the detail problems faced by Village Council, regarding rules and regulation, facilities, prize money, powers and functions, etc.. Today, I beg this House to pass this resolution for the benefit of the Village Council.

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: The resolution moved by the Hon'ble Member from Ratu is very important. I also would like to add many things. I beg this House to extend the time for discussion.

S P E A K E R

: It is a private resolution and the time was fixed for 5 minutes.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER

: Mr. Speaker, let us extend for at least 10 minutes.

S P E A K E R

: If you agreed, let us extend for 10 minutes. (Members-agreed).

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, this resolution moved by the Hon'ble Member from Ratu is acceptable. Before I add my point I would like to express about Local Administration Department. As we know, LAD is the inheritor of Mizo District Council. At present time, the LAD cannot function properly without V/C. But, we made them work with much difficulty, and who will be responsible, we can blame no one.

Many times there is confusion regarding the functions of LAD. Sometimes there is confusion between LAD and Revenue regarding the place of Market, Sanitation etc. . Regarding street light, they have difficulty with Power Department and for safety reserve and supply reserve it is with Forest Department. So, in this new Government, we have to make clear distinction and consider not only V/C but also LAD.

As they are the inheritor, today we cannot ignore the LAD and Village Council. The mover of this resolution has mentioned clearly the importance of V/C. I also would like to add more.

As we know, without having any TA/DA, the member of the V/C used to come to Aizawl for the welfare of their respective Villages. As Ministers, MLA, Officers, etc. expected the best of their services when we visited their villages. They always faced problems. By supporting this resolution let us think deeply the importance of the V/C.

Pu Speaker, without including District Council we have many Village Councils. The salary/prime money for VCP is Rs. 85/- which is less than daily wage salary of non-Mizo labourer for a day. By giving royalty from Forest Department, they can raise their own funds.

Due importance should be given to allotment of some powers to Village Councils. For example, the V/C may be good agent to look after natural resources. If they are entrusted to collect reserve royalty for their benefit, we would have good and active V/C.

And I also want to add few things regarding their functions, the V/C has many functions. It may be difficult to entrust the LAD to look after the V/C. If all the Department who depend on V/C, agreed to give TA/DA from their Department's fund, it will help the V/C to work smoothly.

Pu Speaker, it may be difficult to pass this resolution as it is. As we know, the V/C is the actual worker of the State. It may not be good by taking up V/C by one Department. What I would like to suggest is that let us appoint commission or committee. This commission/committee will study carefully the rules and regulation, salary, powers and functions of V/C and the committee will submit their reports to the government. This will help the V/C.

As the concerned Department could not formulate any regulation I would like to suggest to pass the resolution by making some amendment by voice amendment which can be done as per our rules of procedure. Amendment may be like this - "A commission may be appointed to examine and to suggest to the government in regard to Village Council rule, remuneration and their power. And the commission may submit their report at the appointed time".

S P E A K E R : Rule 129 of our Rules of Procedure relates, "After Resolutions has been moved any member may, subject to all the Rules relating to Resolutions, move an amendment to such resolution, a copy of which shall be given to the member moving the resolution". And Rule 130 also States, "If a copy of such amendment has not been sent to the Secretary on clear day before the day fixed for the discussion of the resolution, any member may object to the moving of the amendment, and such objection shall prevail unless the Speaker, in his discretion, allows the amendment to be moved".

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, which we had budget session in 1984, the present Finance Minister is MINISTER P.W.D. Minister and the present House Leader moved a resolution. In that session, it had been agreed that the House may modified on amend the resolution.

S P E A K E R : As the Hon'ble Minister has mentioned, it can be incorporated in the resolution. In the present resolution we can add to form a committee to take up responsibility. Is it the same ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to add few words. In 1985, the MINISTER renumeration of VCP has increased from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 85/-.

As the time past, the Village Council faced more problem than before. There is no clear rules and regulation for constituting V/C. As I already mentioned we need separate committee for this purpose. We had discussion many times to set up Municipal Board Bill but we do not have even today. So, we faced many problems.

Further, there is a meat shop in the step between Treasury and State Bank, they used to make loud noise and distrusted people. This will be the responsibility of LAD to maintain the area clean. Not only V/C, under the term of reference, we have to give power to LAD. In order to make mutual understanding between LAD and Forest, Power etc.. Let us set up a separate committee.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is too early to make amendment in the resolution. Let us take some more time for discussion and after this we can see what to do.

S P E A K E R : Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, this resolution is MINISTER very important we had discussed many times with participants both from ruling and opposition party. As we are attaining development, we have to look at widely the importance of the function of V/C, it is not good by taking one department. Pu Speaker, I support the suggestion made by the Hon'ble Rural Development Minister.

I do not see any contradiction between this suggestion and the resolution. Although I am a ruling party member what I would like to say is that in order to avoid the argument among us. It is better to set up separate committee to look after V/C.

As there is no clear, Rules and Regulation, the public do not understand about V/C. For example, especially in Aizawl when the street light is not working we blame the V/C. If we give responsibility to other organisation rather than V/C, the creditability of VCP and members also decreases. As we are going to attain development, the demand are also more and more and even some Officers complaints that they are worthless. So, we have to re-think the rules and regulation of the V/C. We have to take this as an urgent needs. So, I suggest to pass to set up separate committee. As the Hon'ble Minister has already mentioned, it is not clear how far we have to entrust V/C regarding the implementation of NLUP. The V/C is important for social reform but they do not have any power to take action.

It seems that we really found worthy persons for V/C candidates especially in Aizawl because we always blame V/C on slightest pretext. There may be many work to settle this. Even in matters relating to forest, V/C do not have power to control their forest. At present time, any one who is interested can control the land and take it as their own. As there is no provision regarding the power to control their forest, V/C could do nothing. Pu Speaker, this resolution is so important.

Pu Speaker, as we proceeds towards new V/C election, it is our Manifesto to install good Village Council. Let us accept what the Hon'ble Rural Development Minister has suggested.

So, Pu Speaker, by supporting the resolution I would like to suggest that let us proceed one step ahead.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us take recess and meeting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will continue discussion, let us call upon Pu Lalhming-thenga to speak.

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PU LALHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to discuss the resolution presented by the Hon'ble Member of Ratu.

As the mover had moved his resolution and from our discussion we all knew that this is an important subject. And I also would like to add a few words.

First of all, the V/C is one important body in democratic Government. And we depend on them. Our developmental works and programmes also depend upon them. As we all are under the V/C administration, even today we do not have Municipal Board. Other States in India praised our Village Council set up. This local self government is better than the Panchayati-raj in other State. So, to give more responsibility and power to the V/C is the duty of this House.

As we had heard that every Ministry experienced the importance of V/C and it had been discussed many times in the House. This is the talk of this House during the discussion of budget speech and Governor addresses. The Rural Development Oriented has the highest percent in the discussion. In this resolution, three important points are involved.

Firstly, it deals with the rules of Village Council. What we have seen is that the rules and regulation of V/C from the time of District Council need amendment. In this respect, the concerned department will know better what are the problems faced by the V/C today and how to solve their problems.

Secondly, it mentioned the remuneration of the V/C members. As we know, we have three Autonomous District Council area with many Village Councils. There are 630 Villages Council in Aizawl and Lunglei District. In every Villages there are President, Members, Secretary, etc. when we discuss the remuneration of V/C we could not exclude the Autonomous District Council. It means that this resolution is having financial involvement.

Thirdly, it concerne the rules and regulation and power. By giving responsibility and financial power and the security, law and order is very important. The Law Department should also be involved.

Fourthly, by this resolution may department are involved and we cannot blame only one department. If we pass this resolution as it is we will again face the same problem. For example, VCP received Rs. 85/- per month, if we want to increase their remuneration it may be difficult from our budget. According to the price value, we have to increase 100% or 200%. How would they mobilise their resources? Like Mini-Government,

the Planning Department is important to have the V/Cs function smoothly. Because of all these points, the resolution of the Hon'ble Member of Ratu may not be perfect. Pu Speaker, I want to pass a resolution which will be beneficial for all the V/C in Mizoram.

Especially, the V/Cs who are far away from the town area faced more problems than V/C in town area. Sometimes the Minister and other official visited the Villages. But they do not have good facilities for them. Last night, four Houses were burnt near Tuirial Airfield, but the entire V/C do not have contingent fund to support them. Pu Speaker, I request this House to pass this resolution in an amended form.

Thank you.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, I am very happy that we have very important resolution covering the rules and regulation, the enumeration, power and responsibility of V/C as amended. On 11.3.1988 (Friday) I moved a resolution like this. But, in that session the then Minister in-charge had mentioned that it was the on-going work by the government and the Council of Minister also made Cabinet Memorandum. The resolution was put in the hands of the concerned department. On their request I withdrew my resolution at that time.

But, even five years term has ended, we do not see any result of our discussion. And the resolution is again moved in this House. Pu Speaker, as far as my knowledge is concerned, the only time we discuss about V/Cs is at a time when there is going to be V/C Election. The present V/C term is ending in April. I am not satisfied with this resolution as in the present form. As the Hon'ble Member from Phuldungsei and our Finance Minister had mentioned, I hope that there may be more effective way in this regard.

Pu Speaker, rightly speaking, we discussed many times regarding V/C. As we know, the V/C is our source for information in our Constituency. What I would like to say is that we have to amend the rules and regulations of V/C. The Government issued an order to all the villages to form association comprising of members from different organization such as Churches of voluntary organisation in order to present drug abuses in our country. This is because of the shortage of Police. But in some Villages, when V/C started this task to abolish liquor abuses etc. some people lost their life.

Even the Village Council Members, Pastors or Priests were effected when we carried out the government's order. On account of this, I accept to amend the power of V/C in the rule. Although the V/C can make a fine upto thousand times, rightly speaking the fine is only Rs. 50/-. So, the rules should be amended. The public complaint and put the blame on the V/C when the street light is not working or when there is scarcity of water or shortage of power etc. but actually all these are beyond their responsibility. The V/C do not have power to punish those who made Jhum cultivation in the reserved areas. It seems that the administration is like in a lawless country. Pu Speaker, we increased the salary of MLA and why will we not also increase the remuneration of V/C at grassroot level? As we have said, in order to amend their rules and regulation, power and remuneration, we have to set up separate committee.

There are competition among the V/C in Town areas. For example, the government has sanctioned assistance under IRDP to five persons in one village. As larger towh have three or more V/C for the benefit of the villagers. We have to spent lots of amount to these V/Cs. Pu Speaker, I think we have to apply the Municipal Bill in the town area.

The government is aware of the need for social reform in colloboration with Y.M.A. . They formed State Level Co-ordination Committee with worthy and respected persons. Branches in district, sub-division, block level and village level are informed. In this committee, the V/C takes responsibility because they were choosen by the people for their representatives. In order to strengthen the V/C and to make the Council more effective. Pu Speaker, it is necessary to amend all these.

Pu Speaker, by knowing their present condition, the Mizoram Village Council Welfare Committee was formed during Nov.-Dec., 1987 at Aizawl club. They made resolutions for their benefits and effective working conditions when they had meeting on 9th January, 1988 at Khatla Hall and 23rd January, 1988 at Aizawl Club. The copy of their resolution had been distributed to all MLAs, Political Parties and all members of V/C.

Pu Speaker, by supporting this resolution I would like to suggest to form a committee. The committee will do the work effectively and give a report during a fixed period of time. This will help the government and I support this resolution.

Thank you.

PU T. HRANGHLUTA : Pu Speaker, as this resolution is very important, I would like to say few words. I took a copy of compilation of rules since we became Union Territory till today from the Law Department last night. I did not see the detail regulation of V/C rules. In 1974, the main Act of V/C has been constituted. But, in every act or regulation there is a statement of conclusion saying "The government may made rule for carrying of the provisions of this regulations". The Mizoram Government do not make the rules. As the resolution is intending to make the rules, power, functions of the V/C. For example, in 1974, the Lai District Council has V/C act, and V/C rules in 1978. After the District Council passed these rules the Mizoram Government had approved it. These rules constituted the power, functions, magisterial power, Village Council Court.

The executive committee of the council asked the government to amend this rule. It is because, in the provision it is said that the Executive Committee can dissolve the V/C on any causes. The Executive Committee can dissolve the elected V/C at anytime. And in the rule, there is no provision to remove the President. So, they approached the government for the amendment. The V/C is the guardian of the people with keeping all these in mind I support this resolution.

PU LAL BIAKZUALA : Pu Speaker, today we discussed the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Member from Ratu regarding the rules, remuneration, power and responsibility of V/C. We all agree and we want to go further. Pu Speaker, can we pass this resolution in the amended form like this - "This House is in the opinion that the rules, remuneration, powers and functions of the V/C need ratification and the committee be formed immediately to pursue this". So, I beg this House to pass like this.

We gave this amended form to the mover as per provision of the rule, Besides this, we have discussed about the two elected bodies like Ministry (M.L.A.) and Village Council in Mizoram. There is a wide gap between them. As we know, we are all depending on the V/C and I beg this House to pass this resolution in an amended form.

S P E A K E R : Those who have spoken are all in favour of this resolution. In the resolution, there is some amendment, that is, the setting up of committee. I have a copy with me and we have to take the opinion of the mover. We will also discuss

whether we accept this amended form. May I call Pu Lalrinchhana.

PU C.L.RUALA : As it is an important issue, MINISTER Pu Speaker, please extend the discussion. If we form the Committee, they may want to take in important points in the light of our discussion.

S P E A K E R : All right, we will discuss more. Pu Lalrinchhana.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Pu Speaker, the amended form does not oppose to my resolution. It may be understood that the government takes initiative if the House pass as in the amended form. Even if we pass without amending it, it is still the duty of the government to take up necessary works. What I want to emphasize is its reality. I do not have any objection to its amended form if we can pass it.

S P E A K E R : That is the mover's opinion and it is in an amended form : We will continue our discussion knowing the necessity to set up the committee to pursue the matter relating to this resolution.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : If we set up committee, the committee should know the spirit MINISTER before they draft rules and regulations before the India. Constitution was draft, there was a spirit. The India Constitution States that instead of Provincial Council, the Legislative Assembly has to be set up. There was election for the member of Advisory Council in March, 1948 to set up the V/C, Pu Khawtinkhuma and Pu Rawnga were elected as opted members. When India became independent in 1947, there was a suggestion regarding the administration of Mizoram and they suggested to follow the suggestion made by Grurson and Hudson in 1903 like Red Indians in America. When there was partition of Bengal in 1928, the Simon Commission was formed and to this commission Pu Telala and Pu Saikunga submitted memorandum. The then Superintendent Pu Perry suggested that in Mizoram the administration should follow the ideas of Grurson and Hudson. As recommended by them,

we were excluded from Assam Province and Burma Province and Bengal Province thus we became excluded area in 1936. When we became excluded area, the power and authority of chieftain was vested to the VCP.

The other India States do not have the V/C system. Our State is the only State which not include in Panchayatiraj or Nazer Paliza Bill. As we are not included in these two, we have the right to amend the rules and regulations. The V/C is the lowest elected members of Council. As the V/C take up the spirit of the Chieftain administration, they lack the spirit of love of the country. The spirit of the administration of the chief was lost today. When we became Union Territory, the spirit of the District Council Service was vested to LAD, or IAS Officer, or IPS, which disturbed the function of LAD. The background of this spirit should be known before sitting up the committee. Thank you.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY : Mr Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to give a speech. In continuation of speech by the Hon'ble Minister, since India got Independent in 1947 we have many administration works to be done as a Democratic Government. If we compare the administration and function of the Government between the time of Independent and Present day, there are many differences. And the facilities of the members of Parliament are also widely different. It is because the members needed good facilities for their administration, they need more facilities as the administrations of our country. The people of India also accepted this and they are worthy men whom the people trusted, and vote to power to take up administration of the country. In Mizoram, we have Mizoram Assembly and the situation is different from U.T. and the present day. The salaries and facilities of MLA are also quite different. Rightly speaking, the rules and regulation of the V/C is made long time ago. This rules and regulation of the V/C are not relevant today. So, we need to frame the rules and regulation. In every Villages, we have V/C and they faced many problems which could not be solved by the present rules. Again for example, while the Government Servants or elected members have D.A., V/C members do not have D.A. The importance of V/C decrease in the minds of the people when such facilities are not given to them as in the case of other elected members. Their status in the Village is very low. The elected V/C member are very poor, when the teacher got Rs.2000/- to Rs 3000/- the remuneration of the V/C is less than the salary of non-Mizo Mistiri or labourer. So, it is difficult for VCP to have control over those who have higher pay.

This shows the prevailing conditions of V/C clearly. It may be difficult to frame the rules under LAD. We can revise the salary of members of the Parliament and of the Assembly similarly, we should make higher nuneration for V/C who work for the benefit of the people.

Co-Operative Society, Primary Society, etc. can give TA/DA for their members. Mr Speaker, in this democratic State, it is necessary to make better conditions for V/C.

With great expectation we can make better conditions for the V/C by the Hon'ble Members of this house, I hope we can pass this resolution as amended form. Thank you.

PU F.LALZUALA : Mr Speaker, as the Hon'ble Minister has said the background is very important to frame the rules of the V/C. The V/C should have more responsability, power and function to administer their respective areas. To reform our social customs and to set up the rules of V/C we have to consult the church Leader, and church elders. Rules and Regulations whould be made on the basis of our culture. Because the unwritten customary laws sometimes influence the voluntary Organisation. When the V/C could carry out rules but they do not have right in the Indian Constitution. It is good to frame the rules on the basis of our unwritten customary laws.

As we have said, we know the condition of V/C since the administration of chiefs, we should frame. Rules and Regulations also keeping in mind the Christian point of view. This Session is different from the other as we all are happy in this house and Mr Speaker, I give my thanks to the House and on your leadership. Thank you.

PU H.ZATHUAMA : Mr Speaker, the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Member of Ratu is acceptable and it seems good. We had listen to the importance and usefulness of the V/C. If all the V/Cs are dissolved, we may know the importance of V/C than before. As we knows, V/C is an elected body and like a small Government. All the Department used it for their agency. So, if there is no V/C the administration of the Government will suffer.

From the time of the administration of the Chiefs in Mizoram, the Village under a good ruler were happy and have peace, likewise even today, where the administration of V/C is good. There is hardly any difficulties in the society.

Where there is no co-operation from the V/C, there would be no success in the steps taken by the government for social reforms. When the Department issued order to do away with social evils or take measures for social reforms they need the help of V/C, and they would not be successful without their co-operation. Pu Speaker, when we said the importance of V/C, I would like to mention that Mizoram is administered by District Council at that time of Assam Government and the present set up of V/C is also done under the Sixth Schedule.

The condition of V/C is different from time to time. It means that the condition of V/C under District Council and present day is quite different. When the V/C is dissolved, the rules and regulation of V/C cannot last long, so we have to think the status of V/C today. When we pass this resolution as it is and if we do not set up committee to take responsibility, I am afraid that what we propose fade away.

I've served as VCP for many years in the Village Council, I think it will be good if the government discuss about V/C this time. I hope this discussion may not be an end and as the mover had pointed out, in order to bring reality, we should set up the responsible group. If not, as others members had said, it may be fade away, I appreciated this resolution. As the mover agreed, I support this resolution in an amended form.

The V/C is the only body set up to safeguard our tradition and culture. It is our duty to make the councils stronger in order to work effectively. And in order to make all these come into reality, this resolution is important and I support this resolution as in an amended form. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

PU R.L.VALLA : Pu Speaker, I am very happy we can have an opportunity to discuss an important resolution. The mover had a wide view when he presented his resolution. Those who spoke in favour of the importance of this resolution also have wide view. In 1990, there was a seminar at Calcutta regarding the importance and responsibility of Panchayatiraj in North East India under the leadership of the then India Prime Minister Shri. Rajiv Gandhi. Fortunately, I was one who attended

from Mizoram. During discussion, I found that there were many differences regarding our system. We had discussion on various problem in the North East. We also discussed the problem of every individual members of the V/C, problem faced in the Village level. And after this, we used to have discussion with the Secretaries of LAD. These discussions were very important, but it is difficult to make rules and regulations.

As we know, the condition of V/C is not the same in the villages and town areas, we have to amend the work and duty of the V/C Secretary, and the power of VCP. As in the present situation the V/Cs are always blame and they are hardly praise for their works. As we are aware of the importance of the V/C, we should amend the rules. And I support the suggestion by the Hon'ble Rural Development Minister.

We had discussed from our experiences as we had been VCP for sometimes. As the concerned MLAs, we faced many problems. It is difficult for them to raise fund for their work. On account of this, it is important to amend the functions, power and rules of the V/C. By remembering their importance from grassroot level we have to amend the remuneration, power and responsibility as the mover had already mentioned. I support this resolution as in an amended form. Thank you.

PU H. THANGKIMA
MINISTER

: Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak on an important resolution moved by the Hon'ble member of Ratu. As we discuss more, it shows the importance of V/Cs more and more. Whether we pass or not this resolution, it shows the position of V/C and their importance. Today, as the leaders of Mizoram, we discuss the importance of V/C and we will do something for them.

As they have mentioned before, we've often mentioned about an important event when chieftainship was abolished when Mizoram came under democratic rule. As we know, the administration of chiefs was transferred to V/C at once. It changed the administration in the society and no one can use this power properly. As such, the present administration is worse than when Mizoram was under chieftainship. This effects in the administration of our State. Today, we all have to amend this. Since, long years back, we wanted to amend functions of the Village Councils. We gave responsibility to the LAD, but we do not see the result as yet. Now, if we want to amend, we should think how we will amend. I also support what the mover wanted in this regard. He also accepted his resolution as in the amended form. As such, I would like to discuss more.

The condition of V/C is different in every villages. Here, we discuss to raise their remuneration, and we wanted to give more and responsibility to them. If we want to give more power to V/C than the power vested to the chiefs, we should think carefully. As the Hon'ble members of Tawipui has mentioned, the committee should comprise of all the party, Church and voluntary organisation. We have to think what will be the best way as the mover has pointed out. I appeal this house to accept this resolution in its amended form.

I do not know whether now is the appropriate time to mention the procedure to be used for the constitution of the committee. It is good to take in the spirit of amendment. As we are in the capital, we have no party feeling among us.

But, at the village level, the party feeling may be extreme. When we have V/C election, we cannot choose who will be the worthy people. Here, what I would like to suggest is that let us make candid-ates from the government so that we may elect the right persons. But, the government should have wide outlook in this matter, so that this may bring reformation of the administration in Mizoram. When we set up a committee, we should be careful in selecting the members. As the mover accepted the amended form, I support this resolution in it amended form.

Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA

: Pu Speaker, this afternoon we have a good discussion. Our time may be upto 4:00 P.M. and I also would like to say few words. When we discuss about the V/C, I do not know how will the government set up the committee. Whether the member of this house will take the responsibility or we will blame each other. I do not know whether the committee should be consisted of government official. Anyhow, it is remarkable to have discussion on an important subject. This will be recorded in this house. Now, some ex-VCPs become Ministers. This shows that the V/C is institution of the training place for the administration. The training ground is important in schools so is in the V/c. So, we have to maintain the dignity and importance of V/Cs. It is an useful institution for training ground in public administration.

As the V/C is an important agency of the government, every action is carried out by the V/C authority. Our duty is to form a V/C which would set a good examples for others to follow. We all faced different problems, all these problems have to be tackled by the V.C. They are important in social administration, security etc. by knowing all this, their present status cannot suit them, and it is necessary to make an amendment. Again, I would like to say that how we will help them to raise their fund.

We know that it is difficult to give more remuneration for the V/C from the government revenue. So, we have to make provision in order to make themselves supporting.

In our present day, we have a bad practice which is to dissolve the V/C when they offend the Ministry. If we found that what they do are against Govt.'s order, we should make rules to punish the offender not merely by dissolving the whole institution.

Again, I would like to mention the formation of the Committee whether it will be on the party basis or on non-political basis or to appoint more co-opted members. It is because that the church has suggested to make non-party basis. It is important that the committee form V/C with utmost care. Like the time of chieftain, the V/C should administrate their respective areas. Law and Order should be maintained in their areas. We have to give them higher autonomy for them. As it has been said in the amended form, it is important that the committee should plan carefully. I accepted this amended form and in order to make a success we should stand firmly on this issue.

Thank you.

PU F.LAWMKIMA

: Thank you, Pu Speaker for giving me an opportunity to speak.

I think the committee will have an idea from today's discussion.

The rules of V/C is now 40 years old since it was made. As in the case of nature of the world, the rules may be out dated. May be that these rules were appropriate at that time when they were framed but now they are no longer applicable as the social life also has changed. Our economic condition is also much different. The spirit of honesty now decreased among the people. It clearly shows that it is necessary to amend the rules and regulation of V/C. They cannot exercise their power as in the existing rules. And the government also have taken-over their power in some cases. Now, the V/C can do nothing regarding administration, Jhum Control, etc. in their respective areas. As for example, in Kulikawn, recently two persons made Jhum cultivation in the reserved forest. But the V/C can do nothing, because they do not have the power to control. The department concerned also can do nothing. This shows that our administration is also meaningless. Let us give another example from Suangpuilawn Constituency. If they have, worthless V/C, there is no rules to drop the VCP and if they have weak V/C Secretary, these can neither drop him nor could other be appointed in his place. This Rules should be framed by the committee which we try to set up. Village V/C members used to come to Aizawl to collect sanctions for the construction of the community hall but when they returned they hire vehicle by using the government's sanction. But, they wasted the cement many times. So, they could not build the Hall. The

other member in the V/C wanted to drop the VCP. But there is no rule. Such here is the case as under present condition we come together to frame the rules and regulation.

Besides this, we should also make the rule and regulation to dissolve the V/C. At present time, by using the signature of the LAD Minister, the V/C can be dissolved at anytime, I think this is not good. The committee should take note of this point, I support the other member by adding such point. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Pu Lalsawta.

P U L A L S A W T A : Pu Speaker, today we discuss about the V/C and it seems that we all agree to passing of this resolution. Without having statutory power and authority the V/C faced many problems. This is why the rules need amendment.

As the Hon'ble Minister Pu Liansuama had already mentioned, in order to increase their remuneration, the committee should arrange collaboration of other departments. The V/C cannot exercise their power to allot lands this is their present situation.

The V/C are also an important body for transaction of Govt's business. When I served as B.D.O., the relief works were carried out by the V/C which greatly reduced corruptions. The committee, when constituted should know an useful role play by the Village Councils.

It is important that financial transaction under Forest Department, Soil Department and P.W.D. etc. be witnessed by the V/C in their respective areas and their counter signed be taken. This will help in reducing mal-practices.

What I would like to suggest is that the V/C should have V/C office consisting of permanent secretary by paying salary. As we know, we cannot raise their remuneration. I think it is important to appoint secretary in the office.

As the Hon'ble member had already mentioned, we all agree that this resolution is important. The success of this resolution is in the hands of the members of this house.

PU ZDRAMTHANGA

: Thank you, Pu Speaker. As the opposition member and as the mover of this resolution we have a good time for discussion.

We all know that the rules, remuneration, power and responsibility of the V/C need to amend. And the resolution was moved by the Hon'ble member of Ratu with the amended form.

Sometimes, we made many proposals but which gets materialised. This is because we often neglect the works of V/C. As we know, Aizawl is a city and State capital. The city of Aizawl is concerned by many Village Councils. So, the rules may not always be the same. All the towns are administered by the V/C even Aizawl the State Capital, this shows the necessity to amend. That is why, I requested that the government should set up committee as early as possible.

And the revision of their remunerations is so much important. Their power is also important. What I would like to express is its security. If we do not safeguard the powers of the Village Councils who will take up the administration of Villages and various localities in towns. It is necessary to have a nominated seat till now. And, we had also easily dissolved the V/C. The rules of dissolution also need to be amended. We are on the two sides as elector and dissolver. So, Pu Speaker, what I would like to point out is that if we set up committee, and the committee should consists of member from the V/Cs besides the MLA, Political Parties, etc.. This committee should carry out this resolution effectively. Pu Speaker, I also support the resolution in its amended form. But, I would like to ask the government as to when will we see its reality? We are afraid that this resolution will not come into reality as in the case of other resolutions. We can make the committee to be effective within this year and I suggest to make it effective with the Municipality Bill. Thank you.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA

: Pu Speaker, as the resolution is important, I would like to say few words. I also accepted what the Hon'ble Rural Development

Minister has mentioned to take up the matter with the LAD. And the Hon'ble Art & Culture Minister has started from its spirit. It will be pleasing if we can elect the right persons who can take responsibility for the development of the society and make an arrangement for their rules, regulation and remuneration. But, party politics involved too much in the appointment of school teachers and in the V/C. Recently, we have a seminar organised by Social Front regarding the authority of the V/C and party unit. One V/C member has said that the power of unit party is more important than V/C. This shows that in order to make honourable and respectable V/C, they should have a good status. The government should recognise importance of this resolution.

S P E A K E R : Although our time is up, we will continue our discussion. After Pu Remsiama we will call the mover and the Minister concerned.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, as the Hon'ble member of Kawnpui has mentioned regarding the Panchayatiraj Bill, our Chief Minister had a talk with the Prime Minister regarding the functions of Panchayatiraj and its application to Mizoram. We do not have a good V/C record, as the record is important. V/C Secretary should be official regular government employee. I also discussed about this with our Hon'ble Chief Minister. As we have power in the government level, the V/C can not exercise their power. Regarding formation of a new village, the V/C should have control over social security, law and order, criminal activities etc. and for this they should be provided with proper rules and regulations. If so, there will be peace and harmony among the villagers. This also should be kept in mind when the committee is set up.

As we attain development, we have number of officials in a village. We have to make rules and regulation for election of V/C whether they are under sub-division, block area or district. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon the concerned Minister.

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am
MINISTER happy that this important resolution is being moved by the Hon'ble member of Ratu.

The rules and Procedure of V/C has been constituted in 1953, and it is called Lushai Hills District Village Council Act of 1953. We had amended three times in 1970, 1972 and 1991. But in all these amendments, the amendment is made partly.

In Aizawl District, we have 354 village councils and 116 in Lunglei District. Without including the Chhimituipui District Autonomous District Council, the total number of V/C is 470 and the total member is 3482. From 1st August, 1981, we gave remuneration to the V/Cs. As the Integrated Finance, Ministry of Home has approved, the remuneration to the VCP is Rs. 85/-, Vice-President Rs. 51/- and Rs. 25/- to a herald (Tlangau). We have to pay Rs. 4,79,000/- as remuneration to 470 VCP in Aizawl and Lunglei District, Rs. 2,87,640/- for Vice-President, Rs. 8,07,408/- for 1602 V/C members, and

Rs. 3,83,520/- for 470 V/C Secretary and Rs. 1,41,000/- for heralders. So, the total expenditure by the government for the remuneration of V/C is Rs. 20,98,568/-.

As most of the members had mentioned, the necessity to amend the remuneration of V/C is felt, by comparing with other government servants.

Again, it is important to re-think their power. We can classify their power into two one is power as a ruler and the other is the power as the government agency. I would like to say the importance of this. When in the Lushai Hills District Housesite Act, 1953 States their power to give land for housesite they cannot exercise this power. As, the mover of the resolution had mentioned, although they have the power to give land but this power cannot be exercised by the V/C in Town Areas. This shows the necessity to amend their power.

As the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister has mentioned regarding the safety reserve, as a rule the fine is upto Rs. 50/-, it is difficult to control by them. This punishment is very mild. Besides this, they have to get involved in the making of ration cards Rural Development, Local Administration and Census etc.. It shows that all the Department are depending on Village Council. So, this resolution is very important. As we said, the V/C is the lowest administrator and Legislative Assembly is the highest administrator, and there is a vast gap between this two legislatures. As the other Hon'ble members had mentioned, the house realised the necessity to amend the rules and regulations, the remuneration and responsibility, and to take initiative. The government should appoint committee. If we pass this resolution we will do our best as the Hon'ble opposition leader has mentioned.

Again, in the committee, those who know the status of the V/C also should be the member. Without passing, we may forget what the Hon'ble members had suggested. If we pass this resolution in it amended form, we will do our best. And I also invite all the members of this house to co-operate with the committee. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R

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Now, we will call upon the mover of the resolution. He will beg the house to pass his resolution as its amended form.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As we are going to take it in its amended form, it is not only my resolution and it may be appropriate by saying 'our resolution'. We all are interested in this resolution. And every one who spoke mentioned its importance. And I hope we pass this. I would like to stress three more points. As we said, the town and sub-town would have separate council and court, and V/C will continue in villages. Again, it is better to abolish the nominated should be selected from the majority not from the active politician. Again, MLA and MDC has rules for dissolution and disqualification, likewise rule for dissolution and disqualification of the V/C also should be made. Pu Speaker, my resolution - "This house is the opinion that the rules, remunerations, powers and function of the V/C need modification and the committee be formed immediately to pursue this". I beg this house to pass this resolution.

S P E A K E R : Now, the mover had read out the resolution in its amended form. Those who are infavour of this resolution may say 'Yes' and those who are against it may say 'No' (Members - Yes). Anyone who want to say against it? If not, we pass this resolution.

4:20 P.M. : The meeting was adjourned till 21.3.1994 at 10:30 A.M.

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