

4TH SITTING OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRD MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY : ON FRIDAY, THE 11TH NOVEMBER, 1994.

PRESENT

PU VAIVENGA, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, sixteen Ministers and twenty one Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- *2. Resolutions.

S P E A K E R : Seeing the crowds, he went up, on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying;

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 5 : 1 - 9.

Let me call Dr.R.Lalthangliana to ask question No.50. We shall take up questions now.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, Starred question No.50 is - will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge PHD Department be pleased to state -

- a) Exporter date for commissioning of Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme.
- b) Total expenditure incurred till date. Here total expenditure till September, 1994 is Rs.19,85,18,000/-

S P E A K E R : Pu F.Lawmkima will answer it.

PU F.LAWMKIMA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, answer for Starred Question No. 50 is - Lunglei Water Supply Scheme is expected to be commissioned during 1994-'95 financial year.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question. We have asked many times the date to be commissioned Lunglei Water Supply Scheme. In the agreement it was signed to be commissioned on 10th October, 1992, while that is the case I would like to know why it can not be commissioned even after two years.

Regarding the Revised Estimate we are glad that even the Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned in the House it will be reduced. So its been reduced from Rs.1,427 lakh to Rs.1,254 lakhs and I would like to ask how can this be easily approved ?

Just recently there was a trial run test in which 4 Diesel engines were tested. According to this test a single pump was hardly successful and while it is expected to pump 45 lakh litres per hour by the double engine, it can pump only 43 lakhs litres per hour and the cost of these 4 diesel engines is 160 lakhs rupees. I would like to know the intention of the Govt. for these engines which can not function as they are supposed to be.

Besides these, I also would like to know how you are going to pay the interest which amount more than 60 lakhs rupees and how much had been paid by the Govt. ?

This contractor had been black listed by Calcutta Municipality. Development Corporation. Like wise, is this Govt. dare to black list this contractor who is a defaulter ? In my opinion, I want to black list him. At the same time, I would like to ask the Govt. Since this Contractor can not finish his work, can the Department take up this work ?

PJ F.LALREMSLAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, Lunglei Greater Water Supply Schemes Pump is designed to be 170 metres and the pump head is designed to be 840 metres. It was passed by Pune Mechanical Engineer not to send for use as the pump head and its design is not correct if it is not corrected. While that is the condition of this pump head and wrong design why did they send and why did we accept ? Because of its bad condition, it can not be tested properly as pointed out by the Hon'ble Member form Lunglei constituency. Is it correct that the contractor fled away taking advantage of the rist which took place recently.

S P E A K E R : Just ask what you want to ask so that we can take up more questions. As you used to beat the bush we can not take up more questions. So, please try to be precise.

PJ LALKHAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, as all machines have excise number, can the Govt. check the pumping machines used both for Aizawl and Lunglei Water Pump the manufacturing dates ?

P. F. LAMKIMA : Mr Speaker Sir, it may not be possible to answer all the question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Lunglei N II. So, let me
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try to answer the important points. This Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme is supposed to be completed within 36 months. However, the contractor could not start the work on time as there was no proper transport system. We had extended its duration twice and now its been extended for the third time from 31.3.'94 - 31.3.'95. According to this extension the contractor is informed to give a penalty of 1% per day for the incomplete work. At present 5% of the work has not been completed. While I was at Calcutta, I discussed about this work with Pu Subash Sethi and he mentioned that the engine operator and other mechanics had fled along with him because of the said riot, I asked him when will they continue their work and he told me that they will come after Kali Puja and urged me to give security also, so, I assured him to give security. It is the intention of the Govt. not to extent any more so if this contractor can not finish within this period Govt. wants to take necessary action against him.

The Hon'ble Member from Aizawl
'E' II mentioned about the condition of machines but both the Govt. and Department do not know about this.

PU P. LAIREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, is it correct that it can be accepted if it can pump at least 420000 litres per hour and is it the fact that they fled away as it can not pump these volume ?

DR R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, it can be calculated that at the cost of this Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme we can supply sufficient water to Lunglei area for 10 years at the rate of Rs 2/- per tin. So, I would like to ask is this Scheme very uneconomic ? I also would like to request the Hon'ble Minister in-charge to explain why did the Govt. exorbitantly increase the revise estimate for this project/scheme ? Regarding the tour programme of the Hon'ble Minister, it is clear that he went to Calcutta to persuade Pu Subash and I feel it is too disgraceful for the Govt. I can not understand this at all. I also would like to ask the intention of the Govt. regarding Kolasib Greater Water Supply Project for which a case was filed by Pu Subash as his bidding was rejected by the Department ? And lastly, when are you going to last electric motor.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, In our last Budget Session, the Hon'ble Minister said it will be commissioned in the month of May but its not been commissioned till today. I would like to ask can the Govt. say the exact date ?

PU F. LAWMKIMA : Mr Speaker Sir, there are two engines but not four. A trial run test was done on 28th Sept., in the presence of Chief Engineer, S.B. and other Engineers and myself for these 2 engines at Pihaltheng and after we went to Ramotlang to see its discharge volume and the discharge volume was as design and as expected so we take it as acceptable. So, before the engine operators and other mechanics fled to Calcutta water had been pumped and we supplied water to Lunglei people for this pump for some days.

Regarding electric engine to pump water, it had been already fitted but we can not have trial run as we can not get power supply from Khawivah. That is the condition of Lunglei Greater Water Supply Schemes.

S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon Pu F. Lalremsiama to ask question No.51.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, Starred question No.51 is -
Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge PHE Department be pleased to state -

- 1) What is the No. of Zonal Tanks and Supply (Distribution) Tanks constructed by PHE Department in Aizawl capital.
- 2) Is there any proposal to construct more supply tanks in Aizawl East II Constituency area during 1994-'95 ?
- 3) If yes, how many and where ?
- 4) If the reply is no why not ?
- 5) Are we not entitled to get clean and safe drinking water even as the residents of this capital city of Aizawl ?

S P E A K E R : Pu F.Lawmkima the concern Minister will answer.

P U F . L A W M K I M A : Mr Speaker Sir, answer for
M I N I S T E R Starred Question No.51 is -

1) There are 17 zonal tanks and
the total No. of supply tanks constructed by PHE Department
is 521.

2) Yes.

3) As supply tanks are not constructed in constituency I can not say the number and the location.

4) Does not arise.

5) Water Supplied to Aizawl is pumped from Tlawng and prior to that water supplied to wherever is being purified by chemical.

D r J . V . H L U N A : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question. There was a proposal to construct Zonal Tank at Pi Laihuni's site at Luang-mual which is very convenient for this area. But no further steps had been taken even after 2/3 years of the proposal. Can the Minister tell me the fact about this ?

P U L A L K H A M A : Mr Speaker Sir, Maubawk area needs Zonal Tank. So is it possible to construct Zonal Water Tank for Maubawk ?

P U L A L S A W I A : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question. We all know that cholera had been spread in many parts of Mizoram just recently due to the unclean and unsafe water supplied by PHE Department while the Minister said water supplied by PHE is purified. How can he say this ?

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question. The Hon'ble Minister in reply to my question No.(2) said supply tanks are not constructed in Constituency wise. I asked that question because while more public points were constructed at Bethlehem and Republic area, no proper step was taken to construct in Aizawl 'E' II Constituency area. I would like to ask how can the Hon'ble Minister not know about this? Regarding my question No.(5) I do not mean those who get water supply from Tlawng only, I mean we all must get this water supply. I would like to ask is this their opinion too?

S P E A K E R : Let the Minister answer it.

PU F. LAWKIMA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker, Sir, in regard to the last question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl 'E' II Constituency though it is the intention of the Govt. to give clean and safe water to each and everyone there are some who are not cover by this Scheme and they will be given in Aizawl Phase II.

Regarding the question asked by the Hon'ble Member Pu V.V.Hluna from Aizawl W II Constituency, there is no such proposal to construct Zonal Tank at Pi Lai-hnuni's area at Luangmual.

In regard to the question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl West I Constituency we are intending to construct Zonal Tank at Maubawk.

Thirdly, water being supplied by PWS Department is safe for drinking and those who do not get this water supply were affected by cholera or any other diseases. As that is the case 40 water points were constructed immediately for those who can not get such water.

In regard to the question asked by the Hon'ble Member Pu Remsiama, there is an intension to construct more supply tanks in Aizawl East II constituency area but I can not say the location.

S P E A K E R : Now I shall call upon Pu F.Lalremsiama to ask Starred Question No.52.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, Starred Question No. 52 is -
Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Home Department be pleased to state -

a) The strength of outside police forces placed at the disposal of the Government of Mizoram immediately before 27.9.'94.

b) Whether any additional police force have been deployed after 27.9.'94. If so, why, when, how and where they are deployed.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker, Sir, answer for Starred question No. 52 is -
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a) Before 27.9.'94 there were 5 CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) companies.

b) Yes, 5 companies have been deployed after 27.9.'94. They were deployed as there were Law and Order problem in Aizawl and other parts of the country and also as a precautionary measure. One Company was deployed at Lunglei and 2 platoons at Vairengte and other 3 companies and 1 platoon at Aizawl.

Dr. J.V.HLUNA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question. How many persons had been recruited for I R Police Battallion and is it the fact that some were dismissed after their recruitment? If so, why and is there any reason to recruit them?

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Supplementary question Mr Speaker Sir, from where did those 5 CRPF companies had come and how did they come? We had learnt that they came by air, are they entitle to come by air.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, as the questions
MINISTER about I R Police Battalion are
not relevant with the main ques-
tion. I will not answer them.
Those 5 companies of CRPF entered Mizoram by road.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the exp-en-
diture for which they came by
air be borne by the Govt. of
Mizoram.

PU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, the mode of
MINISTER transport from Delhi to Silchar
for 2 companies was arranged
by Home Ministry.

S P E A K E R : Now Pu B. Lalthlengliana will
ask question No. 53.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, Starred Question
No. 53 is - Will the Hon'ble Minis-
ter in-charge Rural Development
Department be pleased to state -

a) Is there any more fund to be
received by those who chose various trade and Jhum Control.

b) If yes, why ?

S P E A K E R : Let me call Pu Liansuama
to answer.

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, answer for
Starred Question No. 53 is -

a) Yes.

b) This Scheme is solely Central
Sponsor Scheme and there is 40 lakhs rupees for final payment
and we, with our Chief Minister and M.P. urged the Central Govt.
to release it, they can not release. That is why we can not
distribute to the people.

PU B.LALTHLANGLIANA

: Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary
question. It seems there is
40 lakhs rupees more to be
released. When can this be given

to the people ?

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, we have tried
our best but it is difficult
so I can not say when we can
give.

S P E A K E R

: Now I shall call upon Dr.R.Lal-
thangliana to ask Starred Question
No.54.

DR.R.LALTHANGLIANA

: Mr Speaker Sir, Starred Question
No.54 is - Will the Hon'ble
Minister in-charge Public Works
Department be pleased to state -

The exact date to start the construction work for Saikuti Hall.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, answer for Starred
Question No.54 asked by the Hon'ble
Member from Lunglei North is -

It will be started within 1994-95
financial year.

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Dr .R.LALTHANGLIANA : Supplementary Question. Mr Speaker Sir, Foundation Stone for this Hall had been laid some years back. It may be a problem as there is no Building Division under PWD at Lunglei to construct such permanent building. I have asked about this even in the last Session and the PWD Minister said it will be opened soon. I would like to know why PWD Building Division can not be opened at Lunglei ? And I would also like to ask the estimate amount for this Hall ?

PJ NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, clearance to open Lunglei Building Division is at MINISTER DR & AR and we hope to get it soon.

Dr .R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, what is the amount of fund allocation of 1994-95 for Saikuti Hall ?

PJ NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, fund provision for MINISTER this Hall is Rs 15 lakhs.

Dr .R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, one more supplementary question. What is the total estimate for the whole project ?

PJ NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr Speaker Sir, the total estimate MINISTER is Rs 5.50 crore.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu B.Lalthlengliana will ask Starred Question No.55.

PJ B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, Starred Question No.55 is - Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state - Who financed the expenditure incurred for our Sport Minister to witness World Cup ?

S P E A K E R : Pu P.C.Zoramangliana will answer it.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, answer for Starred Question No.55 is -
MINISTER

The expenditure incurred for me to witness world Cup was partly borne by me and I was also helped by my good friends.

PU B.LALPHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question. I asked this question because when he returned from U.S.A. he said not like this in this interview.

In June 1994 Sports Department issued circulation as follows -

- be terminated;
- 1) Free issue of Sports good may.
 - 2) Sports goods may be issued only to those association, voluntary organisations which are affilliated to their respective state level association on 25% subsidy only. However, the application for issue of Sports goods should be supported by a certificate recommendation from the President/Secretary of the concern State Level Association with seal;
 - 3) All special cases and for the people in rural areas and interior places in general Sports goods may be issued free of cost at the recommendation of the concern Minister and Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mizoram.

As usual, such materials taken by us were prepaid. However, there is no pre-payment for the Ministers on tour, while the Members have to make 25% payment, and for this purpose, I have spent Rs 10,000/- Unfortunately, the people of my Constituency are unable to repay the 25% subsidy, and ultimately, we, the Members have to suffer. If I am not mistaken, the Hon'ble Minister himself had taken such materials without making any pre-payment. Hence I demand clarification. Besides, the amount of money withdrawn from the State Band by the Hon'ble Minister on behalf of Sports Department is 10 lakhs. For what purposes was the money withdrawn?

PU R.TLANGHMINETHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, why do our Hon'ble Ministers have to undertake an official trip at their own expenses? Is the government incapable of financing the necessary expenditures? It is learnt that such expenses are met by certain individuals instead of the govt. Can their identities be given to the House?

PU LALSAWTA : Mr Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Perhaps, our Hon'ble Ministers trip to America is considered unnecessary and a waste of money by the government. Anyway the total amount incurred for his trip is Rs.9,97,000/-. I would like to know the amount awarded by his close associates, their names and Address.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLANA : Mr Speaker Sir, being the privilege of the Member, I will not reveal the identities of my close friends.

Regarding the distribution of Sports goods, the subsidy is not 25%, but 75%. And as a result, Rs 84000/- had been added to the government's Revenue through the said distribution.

Next, I am afraid I cannot answer the question concerning the withdrawal of money. Anyway, I will furnish a written statement later. Lastly, I would like to remind the House that Ministers did not take any materials without making pre-payments. If necessary, I will provide the exact number of football and other Sport's materials distributed so far.

S P E A K E R : Question No.56, Pu F.Malsawma.

PU LALKHAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, only one question; Was our Hon'ble Minister on government's duty. Does he availed the Economy Class or Business Class? Whether he utilised the funds of the Sport's Council?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, can the travel expenses of our Hon'ble Minister financed by certain person be shown to us, because the public demands declaration of the assets of the MLA and the M.P. ?

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, it is learnt that the afforesaid 10 lakhs was handed over to Pu Rothangpuia. Why was the cash given to him ?

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA :
MINISTER Mr Speaker Sir, as demanded by the Hon'ble Members, I will make a brief statement of my greatly debated trip to witness the World Cup Football, which was undertaken with the help of certain authorities and with a view to promoting sports in our state. Since it was not an official trip, no embassy was troubled by me, except that at London, we were accommodated at Salvation Army Guest House, and we travelled in a Executive class.

At London, I met the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl 'W' I, who was on holiday with his family, and together we discussed about matter concerning sports. Later, I informed the Press that in order to promote sports in our state, it is necessary to send not only the Ministers but our Officers as well to foreign countries. Accordingly, our Director was sent to witness the Hiroshima Asian Games.

(Pu Lalkhama : You were at Hawaii on the final day.)

I did not go there to watch just the final. There are 52 Games in a World Cup Football and I watched any games of my choice.

Lastly, coming to the question of our Hon'ble Member Pu B.Lalthlengliana, Pu Rothangpuia had constructed many of our department's building. So, the cash was given to him in order to clear our debts.

S P E A K E R : Question No.56, PU F.Malsawma.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I ask my Starred Question No.56 -
Is there any intention of installing a Zonal Water Tank at Edenthar ?

PU F. LAWKIMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, presently there is no such intention.

S P E A K E R : Question No.57.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I raise my Starred Question No.57.
Is the Hon'ble Chief Minister aware of the Order, issued by the PHE Minister for administration of his department ?

PU F. LAWKIMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the said 'Standing Order' was formed on the basis of Mizoram Business Transaction Rule 1987, Section 20, which empowers the Ministers to constitute order for management of his department.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble Minister has not yet answered whether the Hon'ble Chief Minister is aware of the order or not. This order seems to create certain troubles in the Department, because its literal interpretation will mean that there will be no water supply even for the VIP. Hence the awareness of the Hon'ble House Leader is necessary.

PU F. LAWKIMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, as far this Order is concerned, there is nothing to be afraid of as our Hon'ble Member had anticipated. As a matter of fact, permission need not be obtained as long as there is no controversy in forming such standing order. Even in this case, there is no uncertainty or problem as standing order I is already superseded by standing order II.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, my first question was whether the Hon'ble Chief Minister is aware of the order or not. Secondly, whether the copies of such order could be provided to the Members.

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Minister had pointed out that the acknowledgement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is not necessary. So, let us assume that the Hon'ble Chief Minister is unaware of this order.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, our Hon'ble House Leader is here with us. So we are questioning him.

S P E A K E R : Distribution of the copies will be left in the hands of the Hon'ble Minister. Now, question No.58 - Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to point out the fact that more than 20 questions were submitted. By the MJD, but only few admitted this is extremely wrong and the same thing should not be repeated in future.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. Regarding the statement of our Hon'ble Member Pu Lalhmingthanga, no party is discriminated in this matter. In fact, all the submitted questions were forwarded to the Deptts., where the questions that were answered first by the Departments were raised in the House.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, each Member should have equal privileges in this august House. For instance, certain important questions submitted by us were not admitted. Henceforth, there should not be any distinction among us. So, Mr Speaker Sir, can you give us an assurance that henceforth, this matter will be taken up carefully?

PU LALSAWTA

: Mr Speaker Sir, during the current Assembly Session, I have submitted 30 questions but none were admitted. Although, I was informed that one of my questions was not admitted, surprisingly the same question was admitted yesterday. It is necessary for the Assembly Secretariat to be more careful and cautious.

PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY :
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether the Hon'ble Member from Aizawl 'N' I considered himself the MJD

MLA or an Independent MLA ?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, as stated earlier, all our questions were extremely important concerning the welfare and development of our state, so they should not be left for the last minute. So, as far as admission of questions is concerned, we request you to exercise your authority.

S P E A K E R

: We shall look into the matter more carefully. Anyway, what you have to remember is that though certain questions were admitted, we cannot proceed beyond 4 to 5 questions. In spite of that, we always furnish the answers in a written statement.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, last night when I listened the Radio commentary the word used in the commentary is very unpleasant not only to our Hon'ble Member Pu F.Lalremsiama, but to other Members as well. So, the use of such words should be discontinued in future.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, regarding the Radio commentary, I have informed the concerned Officers and their reaction is still awaited. Anyway, as stated by certain Members, the safeguarding of the dignity of this House rests in the hands of its Members.

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall proceed to other Business.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, there is
MINISTER hardly any questions from the Ruling Party. However, there is no determination of party. Since there are too many supplementary questions, time is limited for all the Starred Questions.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, it appears that some departments are not efficient enough to furnish the answers promptly. Besides, even in the Budget Session, we were informed that written answers for the questions not admitted would be provided to us, But this has not yet materialised till date. Therefore, improvement is required by the Departments as well.

S P E A K E R : We shall go on to our second Business, i.e. Private Members' Resolution.

(PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, our Hon'ble
MINISTER Members had requested to make Statement on matter concerning the Mass Casual Leave taken by the Doctors. Could you kindly grant me permission to do so ?)
Hon'ble Minister, Alright, we shall invite the

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, as requested by
MINISTER the Hon'ble Members Pu Lalsawma and Pu Lalhmingthanga, I will give clarification concerning the Mass Casual Leave taken by the Doctors.

The Union Territory of Mizoram had followed the central pay scale, recommended by the Fourth Pay Commission. When we attained statehood, we continued to follow the same Pay Scale. Due to certain grievances in the Pay Scale, the Pay anomaly Committee was set up, which revised certain Pay Scales. As the grievances did not die down, the Pay Review Committee was formed by the Mizoram Govt., and a number of Pay Scales were revised by this Committee. In spite of that many employees were not satisfied with their Pay Scale.

Consequently, the Mizoram Pay Commission was created to review the Pay Scale of all the sections. Nevertheless, on 18th April, 1994, the Cabinet admitted its non-acceptance of the recommendation of the said Commission, and realising the necessity, the cabinet decided to set up a sub-Committee to review and verify the posts and Pay Scales needed for verification. Accordingly, on 26th April, 1994, a Sub-Committee was set up with the Finance Minister as the Chairman, the Minister i/c DP & AR and the Finance Commissioner as the Members along with the Secretary DP & AR as the Secretary.

A notification was issued that those having grievances over their posts as pay should submit a statement to the Secretary before the 16th May, 1994. Even the Mizoram Doctors' Association too submitted their statement on 13th May, 1994. Apart from them 39 other Associations submitted the same, and their cases are under consideration now.

At its meeting on 3rd June, 1994, the Sub-Committee decided to settle the matter immediately and simultaneously. On 27th Sept., 1994 representatives of the Mizoram Government Doctors' Association (MGDA) met me at my Office, where a copy of their Memorandum, submitted earlier to the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Deptt, was given to me. In their Memorandum, it was stated that if their demands are not fulfilled, they can no longer work with a Missionary Zeal, provided that they deserved special consideration as their nature of work is completely different from others. According to their statement, their main grievances is that while all other government employees are following the fourth pay commission and enjoying increment of their pay scales, they are totally ignored. At this, we informed and assured them that justice would be done to all the government's officials. On learning the intention of the Doctors, on 21st October, 1994. I summoned the President of the MGDA at my Office where I requested him to be patient and understand our situation. Later on 27th October, 1994. Once again I informed the MGDA's President and General Secretary not to organise any forms of strike. As scheduled, on 9th Nov., 1994, I invited the Office bearers of MGDA and earnestly requested them not to avail the Mass Casual Leave as the lives of the entire people depend upon them and assured them that their grievances would be duly considered at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee. However, I reminded them that the government cannot assure whether their demands could be fulfilled or not. Today, I am deeply hurt that in spite of my repeated request, the Doctors have taken a Mass Casual Leave, while they are expected to keep the people's needs above anything else. I therefore, request the MGDA to call off their leave and assume their vital responsibilities for the love of the people. At the same time, I remind, them that their grievances are under consideration.

S P E A K E R : Today, we have 5 Private Resolutions and the duration of the Discussion's as well as passing of the same are entirely in the hands of the Members. So, let us fix the time limits.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Let fix for 10 minutes.

PU P.C.ZORAMSAINGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like
MINISTER to suggest that 15 minutes
should be allotted to each
Member and 25 minutes to
the Mover.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, today we have
5 important Resolutions, so to
save time, 15 minutes should
be allotted to the Movers.

S P E A K E R : The Mover and the concerned
Minister will be given 15 minutes,
While each Member is allotted
10 minutes. Firstly, we shall
call upon Pu Zoram-thanga to move his Resolution, which will
be followed by the discussion of the same.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you for
alloting me time to move my
Resolution concerning 'The
Reconstruction and Amendments
of the Agreement, signed between the Representatives of the
Assam Government; and the Mizoram Government; which had greatly
hampared the dignity and prestige of the Mizo' This Agreement
was signed to pursue the decision of the C.S. of Assam and
Mizoram made on 16.10.94 at the Kumbigram Airport. This
Agreement was signed for solving the communal troubles. Sur-
prisingly, instead of disclosing its terms and conditions
to the our people, the Agreement was kept a secret.

What I want to stress is the
assurance made by the two Chief Ministers at Kumbigram on
17th Oct., 1994. In pursuance of their meeting the Chief Secre-
taries of Mizoram and Assam were ordered to meet and discuss
the issues of re-opening the national highway and other subjects.
The Chief Minister of Mizoram said that their meeting at Kumbigra-
ram Airport took only three minutes, but the outcome of their
talks in very substantial. We can therefore, surmise that the
talks lasted for more than just 3 minutes.

The return of premises by the land lords to non-Mizo tenants is also stated to be enforced by the government Officer if any difficulty arises.

This is a very serious matter. It also says that the government of Mizoram will make a formal declaration of communal disturbances under S R C C Act. This S R C C Act is not heard of in Mizoram so far. While the Home Minister stated that it is not a communal disturbance but the work of mis-creants, the Chief Minister declared it as a communal disturbance. The Policy matter is very big and either of the Ministers ought to resign.

S P E A K E R : Pu Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I am deeply
MINISTER : grateful that the Chief Secretary of Mizoram and Chief Secretary of Assam have come to

an agreement in pursuit of the talks, held by the two Chief Ministers at Kumbigram. I am sure we all recall the emergent meeting called by the Chief Minister on the morning of 28.9.'94. We were all very grieved by the incident on 27.9.1994 at Silchar. Now that the talks have been held, we try to blame each other. Truly speaking, the situation would not be better solved even if we had sent the apostle Paul as an emissary. It is only our biased views that make us unsatisfied.

There are many unfinished works such as building construction of the Assembly House that needs the skill of non-Mizo labourers and carpenters. They have to be allowed to come and continue their works. We should be brave enough to allow them to return to our land. We should be the pacemakers and not the prejudiced ones.

PU LAISAWTA : Pu Speaker Sir, I would like to add a few words to the discussion of the motion. The agreement between the Chief Secretaries of Mizoram and Assam is a very disgraceful agreement. We are hanging our heads in shame. It is very appropriate that such an agreement was the outcome of their 3 minute talk.

The declaration of communal disturbance under SRCC Act is tantamount to null and void. There is no existing SRCC Act why do we sign documents that we do not really understand? Talking about Trade Licence is also meaningless as the government of Mizoram does not have the Act by which to issue Trade Licence.

We are at present existing with a guilty conscience and an inferiority complex.

The government should also admit its failure to maintain Law and Order. Had the government taken steps that night not a single life would have been lost. Let us not make any excuses.

PU C.VULLUAIA
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, our concern is for the people of Mizoram and the smooth flow of life in every sphere. In order to have food and other essential commodities our relation with Assam our nearest neighbour has to be good. When there is any disturbance of this kind, they do not suffer commercially. We are the ones who are cut off and stranded. We therefore, do not afford to be isolated if we want our people to have food and other essential commodities. We have to negotiate in all possible ways. Personally, I find it great that our Chief Secretary could accomplish the negotiation. Our anger and outbursts are understandable but it is better to keep quiet while we are angry. Let us pass this as it is.

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA

Mr Speaker Sir, I support the Resolution of Pu Zoramthanga.

There has never been such a heavy responsibility in Mizoram as this

time. The Chief Secretaries have only followed the billing of the Chief Minister. He is solely responsible for this issue. The incident on 27th Sept., was proclaimed by Assam Government as a communal disturbance. We should accept this as a riot of some miscreants. That is how we should declare it. The Assam Govt. has succeeded in driving us to their goal. They have managed to convince us that it is a communal disturbance. The documents of this proclamation have been signed by the Secretary and they are valid. Therefore, the implication of the declaration is very heavy. The atmosphere in Silchar is still very tense while we are declaring this in the House. It seems that there is no balance Agreement. Our suffering is so great. I therefore, supported the Resolution for re-arrangement of Agreement.

Thank you.

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PU LALRINCHHANA

: Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir,
Regarding our discussion, the
basic cause of disturbance and
agreement made was due to non-availability of good enough
safeguarding Rules and Regulations.

Inner Line Permit is regulated and carried on in Mizoram. The illegal immigrants who had no permit are sent them out. In this case, the illegal intruders oppose the Government and killed the enforcement personnel. In this regard, the Government do not take steps, good enough from the very beginning. Here, in this case, our Chief Secretary was sent to sign agreement and also to apology to the Assam Government. In this connection, we condemned ourselves, but it not the fault of Mizo People. It is the fault of illegal intruders coming from Cachar side. They killed our police personnel. But we have to apology to them. That's why the agreement made by our Chief Secretary is to be revised and peace settlement is to be made again. We regard ourselves to be wrong, our people would not agree with this agreement. It seems that Law and Order would not be carried on even in the future. I therefore, want to say and request the Speaker to re-made this settlement between Mizo and Assam by our Leaders.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Our time is up and we shall take a recess, and resume at 2:00 PM. Pu C. Chawngkunga shall be first to speak about it since he raises his hand two or three times.

(After Noon 2:00 P.M. Speaker at the Chair)

2:00 P.M.

S P E A K E R

: Pu Chawngkunga.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, while we are discussing our Resolution, I have to request you to decide it by raising hands since the Resolution is a kind of Indirect No-confidence Motion for it is to revoke the action against the Government. In any kind of Agreement one side has to loss against the other or vice versa. It's a difficult one. We cannot threat it in accordance with our desires only. If advice is not given in time, the agreement may never be altered on our own side only. As such, all of us have to look back ourselves. Instead of this, let us, try our best for implementation of the agreement. Our Leaders are praise worthy as they can settle such disturbances

by agreement of choose to resolve that we accepted the agreement made by our leaders. I therefore, ask you Mr Speaker Sir, to decide by raising hand since it's a kind of indirect not confidence:

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

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I am so sorry to say that we had given no attention to our discussion on this Resolution. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, the most responsible person is absent from the House. Besides this, while we are discussing for the good of our people, some Hon'ble Members use to talk in one sided basis i.e. on behalf of the Chief Minister only. This thing is not good we must say anything in our own way if we were an Hon'ble Member of this august House.

I also regarded this agreement as a written document of surrender. Because our Hon'ble Chief Minister surrenders himself as well as the Mizos to Assam Chief Minister. Facts of the case is the offenders knived Mr.Jalsangzuala in 13 points and killed him. But no provision of compensation is in the Agreement. While we have to rehabilitate the losses in accordance with the report of Gupta Commission.

And three minutes discussion by standing between our Hon'ble Chief Minister and Assam Chief Minister at Kumbigram Airport at Silchar is too bad to settle such important matter and 54th National High Way may be spend. We cannot run though the way without security.

And then regarding the losses too, we suffered much more than Assam. Not only death but also sentence to imprisonment and curfew. The life of man is unmeasurable, while property/goods may be assessed and measurable. I therefore, earnestly request you even the Ruling Bench to think deeply what our Resolution is and its importance and also request our Hon'ble House Leader to take his seat while discussing this Resolution.

Thank you.

FU. C.L.RUALA
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, I want to say that our Resolution is not good to pass by this august House. Even our opposition members do not know its goodness to pass it since the Resolution is stand by the Chief Secretary of Assam. We do not required to stand by the Chief Secretary of Assam. Because the Chief Minister of Assam rebuked his Chief Secretary again again on ground of this Agreement. I therefore, request them to stand by the Chief Secretary of Mizoram not the Chief Secretary of Assam means of this Resolution.

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S P E A K E R

: Please speak on the Resolution and not incidents.

PU F. LALRENSIAMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, these incidents are very important as this Resolution has been brought up due to these incidents. We must increase our police force as we need them for different crisis and keep the National Highway No.54 peaceful at all times. If compensation can be given for goods, then it must be pre-conditional for life as it is much more valuable and important than goods. So, if Jamaluddin, a non-Mizo can be given Rs 1 lakhs then why is it difficult to give Lalsangzuala, our Mizo brother, the same amount?

In the agreement point, it has been said that those having Trade Licence would be able to return to Mizoram. This point must be looked at again carefully by us as it needs discussion. In the provision it has also been said that governmental and non-governmental authorities will meet once a month. This provision is a good one but our side have gone down so many times so we must look into it again.

Regarding the first party insurance over the loss of a vehicle by a person must be looked again carefully by an insurance company as I don't think that this point is right.

My main point is to say that I am deeply hurt as compensation cannot be given at once to a bereaved family while we spend lots of money for foreign travels.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Pu Thangkima.

PU H. THANGKIMA

: Mr Speaker Sir, we cannot amend the agreement we have made with Assam as our Ruling Party will be giving the compensation made by the Gupta Commission in anyway. Our people will still be having problems with them even after we have assured them on the principle as they always want more than what they can get and this is what awaits us.

I am surprised at the disadvantages we had on this agreement while the Assam people had been full of advantages and this had been signed in the presence of our Hon'ble Home Minister. This has deeply hurt our thoughts and our hearts.

We have tried our best in giving suggestions for improving our roadways but the ruling party has always thrown aside our advice. Respect has not been given to us but instead we have been treated like paupers. Even after all these incidents, I would still like to advise the ruling party that Mizoram State Bus Station at Silchar must be shifted to Vairengte, so that it would be easier and safer for the Mizo people. The ruling party is free to accept this advice or throw it aside as usual. Thank you.

SPEAKER

: We have only about an hour left but there are lots of other resolutions to discuss so we shall resume our sitting on Sunday.

Now we can call either the Minister in-charge or the mover of the Resolution to speak on it.

PU S.T. RUALYAPA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker Sir, I have looked forward for some proper advice or suggestions from the Opposition Members but all they have done is to speak against our Hon'ble Chief Minister. We have discussed this Resolution for three(3) days with Members supporting or rejecting it, so we should carry on discussing it and hope that the other Members will think of it in the same way.

Regarding the agreement, I would like to say that the Mizo people are behind it with full support. This agreement is full of advantages for us and I would like the Opposition Party to look and read the minute again carefully with open eyes.

I think that the Chief Secretary of Mizoram is one great person as he has absolutely refused on the compensation plan already accepted by the Home Ministry. We have not surrendered ourselves by accepting the demands made by Assam and the Trading Law/Trading Act has also been abolished from 1987.

Every top decisions must be made by top officials so blames cannot be put on Officers under them. I would like the Opposition not to speak on behalf of Assam's Chief Secretary but speak on behalf of our own Chief Secretary. So, I don't think that the Resolution must be accepted. Thank you.

PU LALKHANA

: Mr Speaker Sir, the Mizo people and its M.Z.P are not happy with this compensation plan and B.B.C has also put us to shame so the

Government must accept its failure. This principle on compensation has put us on credit after it was signed by the Chief Secretary.

communal disturbances has occurred in large numbers but upto now nothing of this sort has taken place. It seems like the Assam Govt. has dictated us on it and we have agreed upon it without any consideration. We want communal harmony but it cannot be settled this way as the people have given us responsibility to uplift our state.

Let us not support the ruling party's decision as the result will not be good. So, I ask my fellow members to support this Resolution as it will be better for our State.

S P E A K E R : Let us call Pu Zathuama.

PU H. ZATHUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, we have explained clearly on the agreement but the Opposition Members have not tried to understand it. We have discussed this subject in every way possible but they don't want to believe us. It is hard to reach an understanding between us but we are happy as we have won some of their hearts.

This agreement made on 20th Oct. 1994, cannot be changed in anyway, so what is the use of passing the Resolution as it has no use at all. Beautiful words, phrases and topics are said again and again so I think that this agreement is a beautiful one as it has been used as a chorus in this Session. Why don't the mover of this Resolution withdraw it as it has no use.

Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, this Resolution under discussion will soon be in the record books so we must be careful on it. The House Leader was approached by us for discussion but nothing could be done as he was not present.

Joint verification with our M.V.I. on vehicles have been insisted but nothing has been in our favour so we will not stand a chance this time also.

If you think that the people will be happy with these agreements. Why don't you use it in your election campaign next month. As there is nothing to be happy about in our State except the grievances cell of the D.C. Office why don't we tell the truth instead of hiding behind someone's back ?

If we look into the points of agreement, there is not a single point of advantage for the Mizo people. All the points of agreement are in favour of the Cachar people. It appears that it is made just to please the Govt. of Cachar. Therefore, there is nothing to be happy about in the peace agreement. As stated by the Hon'ble Minister Pu Saikapthianga, the points of agreement are not in fact satisfactory, and thus this fact should also be accepted by the other members. There is no reason for our distraction. If these points of agreement are not accepted by our side. Therefore, Mr Speaker, let us have the spirit to reject these points which makes us degraded and low as we have nothing to lose. Let us stop making speech in favour of surrendering ourselves but stand firm so as to make our nation dignify.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.C.Zoramsangliana.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA :
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me time to speak looking at the Resolution. It seems that we are only making this matter

complicated I am very sorry to note that there is a member among us who likes to submit a resolution like this. In my opinion, the Chief Minister of Mizoram a great achievement in the case of this talk. Our Chief Minister has preserved the dignity of the Mizo people by his method of handling this issue with the Assam Chief Minister. As we have already known, the two Deputy Commissioners of Silchar and Aizawl had made out some points to be discussed and considered by the Chief Secretaries of Assam and Mizoram. However, as the two Chief Secretaries failed to make a final decision these points were handed over to the Gupta Commission.

This does not make us degraded. We should be rather proud of the way our Chief Minister has handled this situation. Therefore, let us stop criticizing and blaming the others, but work together for the success of this talk. We made endless accusations to our Chief Minister. At the same time, our Chief Minister is chosen to get the Nehru Excellent Award which clearly shows that all the points of accusations against him were not based on facts.

Lastly, I would like to mention once again that the action taken by the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary of Mizoram is praiseworthy and we should be proud of them. Therefore, I would like to request the mover of this Resolution to withdraw. Thank You.

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We shall now take vote on the motion in its original version. Those who are in favour of the motion may raise your hands now. And those who are not in favour of the motion may raise your hands now. 12 members have raised their hands in favour of the motion and 26 members have raised their hands against the motion. Therefore, the motion that 'the points of the peace accord made by the representatives of the government of Assam and Mizoram on the 20th of October, 194 which is so degrading for the Mizo people should be amended and altered' is not accepted by the majority.

Alright, there are no other business to discuss, we shall wind up our session. It is a matter of satisfaction that our session went smoothly and all the members have raised various constructive ideas.

Since, this is our last session for this year. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

4:16 P.M.

The House was adjourned Sine die.

H.L. CHUNGA
Secretary.

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