

2ND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH MARCH, 1995.

P R E S E N T

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

Q U E S T I O N S

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

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

2. The Speaker to announce names in the Panel of Chairmen.

P R E S E N T A T I O N O F R E P O R T

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

L E G I S L A T I V E B U S I N E S S

4. Pu J. Lalsangzuala, to beg leave of the House to introduce The Mizoram Essential Services Maintenance (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

Also

to introduce the Bill.

D I S C U S S I O N O N G O V E R N O R ' S A D D R E S S

5. Discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address. (to be concluded)

S P E A K E R : A man's steps are ordered by the Lord; how then can man understand his way ?

Proverbs 20:24

We shall take up the questions
Pu J.V.Hluna to ask question No.1

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Mr Speaker, sir, will the Hon'ble Minister, i/c General Administration Department be pleased to state - (1) The names of the land owners within the proposed site for Lengpui Airport, and the amount of compensations to be sanctioned.

S P E A K E R : The Minister i/c Pu Liansuama may reply.

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the number of Land Settlement Certificates in Lengpui Airport are 62. The areas of these plots are not known as the Government has asked the owners if they can sacrifice their land without compensations for the construction of the Airport. The Hon'ble Chief Minister who also owns a plot there has consented to relinquish his land free of cost. We have made a house to house visit to the land owners asking for their consent to sacrifice their land and the response is very rewarding. However, these lands have been cultivated with all kinds of crops and trees and the Government assured them that the fruits of their labour would not be in vain. The following are the names of the land owners :-

Pu Biakliana, Sikulpuikawn	Pu Pakunga, Chawnpui
Pu H.Thanzama, Lengpui	Pi Lalneihkimi, Lengpui
Pu Lalthangvunga, Lengpui	Pu Rongenga, Lengpui
Pu Biakenga, Lengpui	Pu Aikima, Chanmeri
Pu Lalhmuaka, Lengpui	Pu Lalzaplina, Lengpui
Pu R.Saphmuaka, Lengpui	Pu Rothenga, Lengpui
Pu Lalthanzama, Lengpui	Pu H.C.Hmengaihzuala, Tuikhual- tlang.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Pu Speaker, sir, my question is very long as I want the list of names and their claims. Please furnish it in writing.

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, yes we will be able to furnish a written answer. The amount to be given in compensations is altogether Rs. 18,66,532/- only.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Pu Speaker, I expect to get a written document of the claims.

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will be able to furnish that.

S P E A K E R : The written answer may be furnished to all the Members.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, does that mean there can be no supplementaries ?

S P E A K E R : Supplementary questions may be asked, say about three questions.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, there was talk of constructing an Airfield at Lengpui back in the years 1981 - '82 '83 - '84 when I was Minister i/c Revenue Department. At that time there was prohibition to allot house-sites, gardens and fishing ponds in the area. How is it that these Land Settlement Certificates been issued ?

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, after the investigations, the site for the Airfield was shifted to the area where private land holdings existed.

PU F.LALREMSIANA : Pu Speaker, from what we just heard in the House we thought that the land owners were going to relinquish their land free of cost. At the same time, the payment of more than rupees 186 lakhs for compensation is very high and surprising. What is the meaning of this ?

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Pu Speaker, another supplementary question please. The present site had been chosen back in the year 1963 - '64 when the Air Marshall Engineer and Brigadier of Army Engineer came to survey the area. It was then initiated to the District Council that the land should not be given for house sites and gardens to individuals. Please furnish the names of the land holders and the year of issue.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, allotment of land had been freezed since 1992 - '93. How is it that the crops and plantations since that time has amounted to Rs. 1,86,06,532/- during just two years time ?

PU LIANSUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, all the different investigations done by different parties and the Report thereof can be had from the office, for those who are interested in the same.

The area for the Airport has to be very wide including the safety reserves. After all the necessary investigations and estimate of the crops and plantations, the amount estimated to be paid is the lowest possible.

S P E A K E R : Question No.2, Pu F.Malsawma.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister, i/c Home Department be pleased to state -

Has the Government offered any type of compensations or ex-gratia to the bereaved family of Lalsangzuala, who died in the hand of non-Mizos on September 26th, 1994 ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is 'No'.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. In answer to the question raised in the last Session, the Minister said that the Government was finding means of giving

ex-gratia or compensation to the bereaved family. What has become of that ?

FU J. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, we are waiting for
MINISTER the Report of the One-Man Commission.

FU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, what is the reason
for the delay of the Commission Report ?

FU J. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, initially, the Report
MINISTER was to be submitted within three months. Another two months was extended but still the Report was not finished. We expect it to be submitted by July 31st, 1995.

FU LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, payment of ex-gratia
to Lalsangzuala does not have any connection with the One-Man Commission. Does it mean that there is no intention to pay the same ?

FU J. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, all the incident that
MINISTER occurred on the night of 26.9.1994 are the purview of the One-Man Commission.

S P E A K E R : Question No.3, Pu Thangkima.

FU H. THANGKIMA : Pu Speaker, what is the reason
for offering facilities of Deputy Speaker to one Member of the Legislative Assembly during the period of the vacancy of the post ?

FU J. LALSANGZUALA : Pu Speaker, there was no such
MINISTER facility offered to any Member during the vacancy of the post of Dy. Speaker.

- FU H.THANGKIMA : Fu Speaker, I am certain that the answer is not true. One Member was certainly offered such facilities as enjoyed by the Deputy Speaker since May, 1994. The Secretariat is also confused as to how the auditors are going to handle the expenses. The said Member is sitting here amidst us, therefore, the negative answer tantamounts to contempt of the House. Against what Rules have they acted ?
- FU LALHMINGTHANGA : Fu Speaker, a supplementary question. Having offered all the facilities of Dy.Speaker to Fu Hranghluta, why did you not propose his name for the post of Dy.Speaker ?
- FU LAL THANNAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Fu Speaker, no one was offered such facilities. However, you always oblige to the wishes of the Members in times when they are in need of vehicles. Such offers are entirely up to us, and we do not need the members of the Opposition to tell us what we should or should not do.
- FU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Fu Speaker, what is the meaning of occupying Bungalows when one is no longer a Minister ?
- FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, why does the Ex-Speaker still occupy Government bungalow ?
- FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, does it mean that we will all be given whatever we ask for ?
- FU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, I am not sure whether I am to answer on you.
- FU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Fu Speaker, it appears that the Leader of the House has directed the Speaker, what is the meaning of this ?

S P E A K E R : The vehicles of the Assembly Secretariat has often been used not only by Members, but also people in need of distress.

FU E. MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, did Mr. Hranghluta and Mr. J.V. Hluna ask for permission to use the vehicles or did you offer it yourself ? Or did the Minister i/c Parliamentary Affairs offer them ?

FU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Speaker, the utilisation of vehicles in the Assembly Secretariat is very disorganised. Did Pu T. Hranghluta and J.V. Hluna apply in writing for the use of the vehicles ?

A poor Government like ours should not be so liberal in the use of motor vehicles the way we are doing now. Would you give it to each and every one who asks for it ?

FU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, your picture of giving vehicles to needy members does not look so nice. If we can get for the asking, we will all want to avail free coupons and vehicles from the Government.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we have asked this many times, but no one has taken full responsibility. I think you owe the members to tell the truth after all the questions we have asked.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 4, Fu F. Malsawma.

FU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, this is not at all satisfactory. Why don't you own up and apologise for your mistake. You owe this much to the people of Mizoram.

S P E A K E R : The Minister in-charge has answered to your question. That is quite enough.

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, a supplementary question please. If you have such power over the vehicles, please tell us how long can members keep the vehicles when we use them ?

FU LALRINCHHANA : Fu Speaker, are these vehicles belonging to the Assembly or the Secretariat ?

FU J.LALSANGZUALA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, the Leader of the House has already given a clear cut answer to that.

FU F.MALSIAMA : Fu Speaker, if these vehicles do not belong to anyone, why don't we auction them ?

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, now you cannot criticise the mis-use of vehicles by the Govt. Officials.

S P E A K E R : Fu Lalsawta may ask question No.4.

FU H.THANGKIMA : Fu Speaker, it was wrong of you to hand over the vehicles to the members in the first place. It tantamounts to the mis-use of the facilities of the Deputy Speaker for lobbying purpose.

FU LAL THANAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Fu Speaker, the hon'ble members should know that one Gypsy vehicle is not the facility of the Deputy Speaker. The Government and the Speaker have the power to issue such vehicle to any member they please to do so. There is no question of precedence in this matter. Every Government will decide for themselves.

FU LALSAWTA : Fu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister, i/c Revenue Department

be pleased to state -

Is there any intention on the part of the Government to control the Market rates of Pork, Fish and Beef in accordance to the existing Rules of Mizoram Market Regulation Act, 1954 or Mizoram Market Rules, 1956 ?

FU F.C.BAWITLUANGA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, there is no such intention at present.

FU LALSANTA : Fu Speaker, supplementary, is the Hon'ble Minister aware of the fact that meat sellers raise the price of meat any time they like ?

FU F.C.BAWITLUANGA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, yes, we know about the rates of meat, but the public are always ready to buy them. It does not appear to affect the public the way essential commodities do.

FU LALSANTA : Fu Speaker, another supplementary question - Are you really unaware that the public are facing this problem ?

FU ZCRAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, it is indeed necessary to regulate the market price of the meat, as it is the daily need of the public. It is a regret that the Government is not aware of this problem.

FU F.C.BAWITLUANGA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, the reason for price hike is often due to lack of production and self sufficiency. We expect to have this problem solved when we are more self sufficient in our meat products. The case is not exactly similar to that of price likes in essential commodities.

SPEAKER : The question was about control of the rates.

- FU F.C.BAWITLUANGA
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, the answer to that is negative at present.
- FU LALKHAMA : Fu Speaker, is there any intention to open proper meat stalls in various areas of Aizawl town? At present meat is being sold at every street corner which looks very ugly.
- FU F.LALREMSIAMA : The Legislators here are to make laws. It is a law making body. Why are we so un-concerned about our surroundings and the problems faced by the public ?
- FU F.C.BAWITLUANGA
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, our main problem arises out of disobedience. There are Market Rules and Regulations and it is the responsibility of the Revenue Department to implement these Rules. The public are also disobedient to a great extent.
- SPEAKER : Fu Hranghluta may ask question No.5.
- FU T.HRANGHLUTA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Education be pleased to state:-
(a) Is the Government aware of the fact that several Middle Schools under the Sub-Divisional Education Office at Lawngtlai have not yet drawn their salary for December, 1990 ?
(b) If not, what steps does it intend to take ?
- FU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, the answer to
(a) is Yes.
(b) The Government intends to pay their due salary.
- FU T.HRANGHLUTA : Fu Speaker, a supplementary question. All the other

sanctions such as School grant and furniture grants have all not been drawn along with the salary? Will these grants also be paid as well?

FU LALSAWTA : Fu Speaker, another supplementary question. It is now over three years since 1990. Who was in charge of the said cash? How did he manage to draw those bills? Or is it not yet drawn till now? Had he drawn the money, is the Government intending to punish the defaulter?

FU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU MINISTER : Fu Speaker, all the other Bills are intended to be paid as well. After enquiries made and from the Report of the enquiries no evidence has been found to pinpoint any Officer or Staff for punishment. The Government has therefore decided to pay all the loss.

FU ZORAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, what is the amount of the loss? Is it going to just fade away?

FU LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Fu Speaker, we will conduct another investigation.

FU ZOSIAMA FACHUAU MINISTER : Fu Speaker, the amount lost is Rs. 2,94,781/- only.

SPEAKER : Fu Zoramthanga may ask question No. 6.

FU ZORAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Home Department be pleased to state :-
Is there intention to provide a Frisco Van for the Sub-Jail in Champhai?

FU J.LALSANGZUALA : Fu Speaker, yes there is
MINISTER intention to provide such
Van but not during the year
1994-95.

FU ZCRAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, will it be provi-
ded during 1995-96 ?

FU J.LALSANGZUALA : Fu Speaker, yes we will try to
MINISTER do so.

SPEAKER : Question No. 7.

FU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Fu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble
Minister i/c Home Department
be pleased to state :-

(a) How far are we familiar with the norms of the Central
Government regarding the enforcement of Inner Line Regula-
tion in Mizoram ?

(b) How far has the Government of Mizoram implemented the
Resolution passed regarding Inner Line Regulation ?

FU J.LALSANGZUALA : Fu Speaker, we are not familiar
MINISTER with the norms of the Central
Government regarding enforcement
of Inner Line Regulations.

(3) The Resolution passed by this House on 26.8.94 was
forwarded to the Central Government in September, 1994. No
re-action has been received till date.

Again, in the meeting of the North
Eastern Region we all agreed to continue the Inner Line
Permit.

FU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Fu Speaker, what steps does
the Government of Mizoram intend to
take at the silence of the
Central Government ?

FU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Fu Speaker, I had suggested that we go and urge the Central Government as a group, but our timings do not permit a group visit. However, as the rumour is dying down and as the North Eastern Region are unanimously making a stand against the lift, we are somewhat at peace. We are quite confident that it will not be lifted without our consent.

SPEAKER : Question No.8.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Fu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Rural Development Department be pleased to state:- whether or not the land within Aizawl West II will be chosen for New Land Use Policy during 1995 - '96 ?

FU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, we have already chosen the beneficiaries for Land Use for the year 1995 - '96. However, Aizawl West II is not yet among them, but towards the end of 1995 we will chalk out the beneficiaries for the next season.

FU F.MALSAWMA : Fu Speaker, a supplementary question. Would you be able to include those farmers who are outside the towns if you include Aizawl West II for the beneficiaries of the next season ?

FU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, I have not said that Aizawl West II will be included. I only said that we will consider the new beneficiaries at the end of the year. As it is a policy based on land, our priorities will be in the rural areas where there is land.

S P E A K E R : We will go to Starred question No.9.

FU F.M.LSAWMA

: Fu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration Department be pleased to state :-

(a) Is there any intention to have separate Rest House/I.B., for separate Departments ?

(b) In view of the need to curb expenditure, what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure better and proper administration of the Rest Houses ?

FU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Fu Speaker, there is no intention to have separate Rest House for different Departments.

(b) Yes, the Government has already taken steps to curb expenditures regarding the use of Rest Houses and Inspection Bungalows.

The Government of Mizoram has now set Rules and Norms for Departments who wish to construct Rest Houses/Inspection Bungalows. In some places, there are more than one such Rest House/I.B., and in some areas there are none. In order to have Rest Houses, convenient in different places, the General Administration Department has to give consent for any constructions made by the Departments. Prior investigation will be made and only after it is confirmed that there are no other Rest Houses in that area, the General Administration Department will give permission for the construction. We have the list of all the Rest Houses and the accommodation notes are all fixed.

FU F.M.LSAWMA

: Fu Speaker, a supplementary question. It appears that the rates are not equal in some of the Rest Houses, such as Forest Department.

They have lower rates for themselves, which is not a very good thing. It leads to favouritism among the Officers. The Circuit House at Lunglei also charge higher rates to Members of the Legislative Assembly. Does it mean that the Members are not considered to be on duty ?

FU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Fu Speaker, we would like to know which Forest I.B., charges less for their Department Employees. We will also look into

the matter of the Lunglei Circuit House.

S P E A K E R : Question No.10, F.Malsawma.

FU F.MLSAWMA : Fu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue Department be pleased to state :-

(a) Has the Land Rental charge for Zemabawk and Bawngkawn Brigade been paid by the Armed Forces ?

(b) If not, do they intend to pay it ?

S P E A K E R : Minister Fu F.C.Bawitluanga.

FU F.C.BAWITLUANGA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, the answer to the question (a) Some of the amount has been paid. (b) They intend to pay all their dues.

FU F.MLSAWMA : Fu Speaker, how far have you gone on the payment ? Are there any problems regarding the payment ?

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Fu Speaker, the Emergency cropping Centre is no longer occupied, did they render full payment for the term of their occupation ? Are there false names in the list of payment ?

FU LALRINCHHANA : Fu Speaker, there are similar cases of land lease in the rural areas. Are all these included in the answer given by the Minister.

FU F.C.BAWITLUANGA : Fu Speaker, I shall give an answer,
MINISTER in general as it is a long story.
The rent for the period of 1966
to 1986 is to be paid by the Home
Department of India. The period from 1986 to this day is to be
paid by the Ministry of Defence. The rent dues are to be received
and it is our intention to receive the full amount due.

All the records of land lease
both in Aizawl and the rural areas are properly maintained.
There are no bogus names as asked by the hon'ble member. We
have intimated the Central Government to clear the charges by
the end of March. The amount to be received for the Rental
charge is Rs. 14.95 crores.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Fu Speaker, it is heard that
there are other claims beyond this.
Is it to be considered ?

FU F.C.BAWITLUANGA : Fu Speaker, it appears that the
MINISTER longer the Armed Forces stay, the
longer we are going to have this
problem. The lease was to be upto
1986. However, the remaining period since 1986 is being moved
again at the Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India. The Govern-
ment does not intend to close the door on genuine demands from
the land owners.

S P E A K E R : Question No. 11 may be asked by
Dr J.V.Hluna.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Fu Speaker, will the Hon'ble
Minister i/c Health and Family
Welfare be pleased to state :-

(a) The name of the Senior most
Officer in the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

(b) The second senior most officer.

FU C. CHAWNGKUNGA
MINISTER

Fu Speaker, the Department of Health and Family Welfare have two separate lists of seniority which are Specialists and General Practitioners. Among the General Practitioners list Dr Lalengi Khiangte is the senior most, and the second is Dr Thansima.

Among the Specialists, Dr R. Flengkunga is the senior most and Dr Lalsangluia Sailo is the second.

Dr J.V. HLUNA

Fu Speaker, a supplementary question. Can the Specialists go to the Directorate ?

FU F. MALSAMA

Fu Speaker, in the last Budget Session, it was said that full fledged Director would be soon posted, but it has not been done to this day. The Specialists and the General Practitioners are not barred to inter mix nor is there any rule stating that they can do so.

FU LIANSUMA
MINISTER

Fu Speaker, with your permission I would like to interfere in that matter as it pertains to the Rules. The Officers who are to write the ACR of the present Joint Director of Health Services are Fu Vanhela IAS and Fu Fahnuna IAS, who are out of station now. We are trying to send officials to approach them for this purpose, hence the reason for the delay. When the ACR arrives we will speed it up to the Public Service Commission and it will not take long.

S P E A K E R

: Question hour is over.

FU F. LALREMSIAM

Fu Speaker, is there some way of improving the process of waiting ACRs other than the present system ?

FU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, we have improved to a great extent and hope to make more improvements in the future.

S P E A K E R : Our question hour has been very satisfactory today.

FU ZCRAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, the number of questions for a day are usually about 15 or so. Out of these only four or five are answered in the House and the rest are sent to us in the evening or the next day. However, we do not have the answers of the day in writing which makes it difficult for further reference. It would be greatly appreciated if the oral answers are also sent to us.

S P E A K E R : That is a good proposal and we will start it right away.

FU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, it may not be possible to furnish all the answers to the supplementary questions.

S P E A K E R : It will be difficult to furnish the supplementaries.

FU SAIKATHIANGA
MINISTER : Fu Speaker, would it be appropriate to send the answers before the Ministers answer them in the House ?

S P E A K E R : We have discussed this in the Committee and it has been agreed that it would be good to furnish the answers except the supplementary answers.

FU LALRINCHHANA : Fu Speaker, questions are very uneven as many of the questions are always left out. If we could issue a Balloting of the questions and their timings, it would save a lot of murmurings on the part of the members, and would be more fair.

S P E A K E R : Balloting every-day would be rather difficult. We receive the answers of your questions from the concerned Departments and it is on first come first serve basis. We have to announce names of the Panel of Chairmen for the next year. The names for the Panel of Chairmen are :

Fu Lal Biakzuala Dr J.V.Hluna
Fu John Rotluangliana & Fu R.Tlenghmingthanga

Fu Zoramsangliana has applied for leave of absence due to ill health. The Departments under his charge will be answered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during his absence.

Fu F.Lawmkima will also be unable to attend the Sessions as he has to leave station for some time.

Now, Fu Lalsangzuala may present a Report of the B.A.C.

FU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker, sir, I beg to report to the House the Report of the Business Advisory Committee which is as follows :-

The 5th Session of the Third Mizoram State Legislative Assembly, having been summoned by the Governor of Mizoram in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India to meet on Tuesday, March 14th, 1995 the Business Advisory Committee set on 6th March, 1995 in order to chalk out and recommend the time that should be allotted to the stage or stages of the discussion of various Business of the Sittings.

(2) The Committee recommended that the Session be held up-to 3rd April, 1995 covering a period of 21 days with actual sittings for 14 days.

(3) The Calendar of Sittings as recommended by the Committee is as follows :-

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| (1) 14-3-'95
(Tuesday) | (i) Governor's Address
(ii) Motion of Thanks if any |
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- (iii) Obituary references
- (iv) Election of Deputy Speaker.

- (2) 15-3-'95
(Wednesday)
 - (i) Questions
 - (ii) Introduction of Bills if any
 - (iii) Discussion on Governor's Address
(to be concluded)

- (3) 16-3-'95
(Thursday) Presentation of Budget for 1995-1996
and Supplementary Budget for 1994-
1995.

- (4) 17-3-'95
(Friday)
- (5) 18-3-'95
(Saturday)
- (6) 19-3-'95
(Sunday)

] being holidays

So there shall be no Sittings.

- (7) 20-3-'95
(Monday)
 - (i) Questions
 - (ii) Discussion and Voting on Supple-
mentary Demand for 1994-1995.
 - (iii) Introduction, Consideration and
Passing of Appropriation Bill,
1995.
 - (iv) General Discussion on Budget
1995-1996.

- (8) 21-3-'95
(Tuesday)
 - (i) Questions
 - (ii) General Discussion of the Budget
 - (iii) Any other Govt. Business.

- (9) 22-3-'95
(Wednesday)
 - (i) Questions
 - (ii) Discussion and Voting on Budget
for 1995-1996.

- (10) 23-3-'95
(Thursday)
 - (i) Questions
 - (ii) Discussion and Voting on Budget
for 1995-1996
 - (iii) Any other Govt. Business.

- (11) 24-3-'95
(Friday)
 - (i) Questions
 - (ii) Private Members' Business.

- (12) 25-3-'95
(Saturday)

Being Holidays

- (13) 26-3-'95
(Sunday)

There shall be no Sittings.

- (14) 27-3-'95
(Monday)
 - (i) Questions
 - (ii) Discussion and Voting on Budget
for 1995-1996.

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| (15) | 28-3-'95
(Tuesday) | (i) Questions
(ii) Discussion and Voting on Budget for 1995-1996. |
| (16) | 29-3-'95
(Wednesday) | (i) Questions
(ii) Discussion and Voting on Budget for 1995-1996
(iii) Introduction, Consideration and Passing of Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 1995. |
| (17) | 30-3-'95
(Thursday) | (i) Questions
(ii) Consideration and Passing of Bills
(iii) Any other Govt. Business |
| (18) | 31-3-'95
(Friday) | (i) Questions
(ii) Private Members Business |
| (19) | 1-4-'95
(Saturday) | Being Holidays
There shall be no sittings. |
| (20) | 2-4-'95
(Sunday) | |
| (21) | 3-4-'95
(Monday) | (i) Questions
(ii) Any other Govt. Business. |

(4) The above Calendar was already issued to all members vide, Bulletin Part II Serial No.62 dt. 6th March, 1995 which I hope all Members received the same.

(5) The Committee further recommended that like previous Sessions there should not be question hour on the day the Finance Minister presents to the House the Annual Financial Statement (Budget) of Mizoram for 1995-1996.

(6) I hope the House do agree with the recommendations and adopt the same.

Thank you, Sir.

S P E A K E R

: Do we accept it or do we have anything to say on the Calendar? Our next business is Introduction of Bill by Fu Lalsangzuala.

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FU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker, sir, I beg leave of
MINISTER the House to introduce the Miz-
ram Essential Services Mainte-
nance (Amendment) Bill, 1995.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Bill has already been circu-
lated and with the permission of
the House he may introduce the
Bill.

FU J. LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker, sir, I hereby intro-
MINISTER duce the Mizram Essential Ser-
vices Maintenances (Amendment)
Bill, 1995.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : This Bill will be kept for con-
sideration on another day. We
will now take up the Motion of
Fu Lal Biakzuala for discussion today. How many minutes shall
one Member be allowed ? Say 10 minutes ?

FU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, sir, the mover may
have a longer time while the
members have 10 minutes each.

S P E A K E R : Fu Biakzuala, mover may please
start.

FU LAL BIAKZUALA : Fu Speaker, it is a privilege
to be able to discuss a Motion
of Thanks on the Governor's
Address.

In his speech, the Governor has
deemed to call the Government as a Peaceful Government. This
is a tribute to us indeed, after years of insurgency and dis-
turbance in Mizoram, we have finally achieved peace and tran-
quility.

The Address says that better infrastructure for economic development is being made. This is a great step towards development in a state where there are no Revenue resources.

It also emphasises the need for Unity for achieving all round development. I am also deeply grateful that the Indian Reserve Police has been constituted to guard the International Borders of Mizoram. The people of Mizoram are grateful to the Government of India for setting up such a Battalion.

There are also a number of new roads under the Public Works Department that are 'Black topped'. Speaking of Lengpui Airport, we almost cry for joy at the thought of having such a full fledged airport. It feels good to be a member of this August House when such good projects are being discussed. We are also thankful that we have a re-fueling station at Tuiriál Airport.

It is also good to hear that this Government is taking steps to have better power generation.

The Department of Public Health is also progressing towards development. Drinking water has been supplied to 36 Villages since the year 1994. This is a big achievement, and the proposed project is to cover another 40 Villages by 1995-'96.

In the Department of Rural Development over 42514 families have been chosen for permanent cultivation under the New Land Use Policy. Thousands of families have also been provided with GCI sheets for roofing, and more will be given in the new year.

There are many other Departments that cannot be mentioned due to shortage of time. I therefore, move to pass this Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Tu B.Lalthlengliana.

TU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Tu Speaker, the Address of the Governor is quite general in its aspect.

What is upper-most in my mind is the issue of foreign infiltration on the Western side of Mizoram. Is the Government aware of the rising number of infiltrations since the last Elections ?

Many new roads have been constructed under the EAS schemes and this is a great benefit to the rural areas.

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Regarding the New Land Use Policy, the reason for so many failures is due to the fact that the money sanctioned is too far apart for real work to be done. On going works are stopped due to late payment of the funds. Besides, the meagre amount they receive is not enough as the poorest of the poor may often utilise their money for other needs.

S P E A K E R : Next to John Rctluangliana.

TO JOHN RCTLUANGLIANA : Thank you Mr Speaker for giving me time to speak on the Governor's Address. The whole Address is worth giving thanks for.

Firstly, I want to give thanks for the Peace Accord made between Mizoram and the Hmar Peoples Convention. Mizoram is now the most peaceful State in India. The raising of 3rd Battalion MAI is a big step towards in Mizoram. The Indian Reserve Police which is now in force has also solved a lot of employment problem in Mizoram.

The achievements of the Public Works Department is also extremely laudable, so is the Lengpui Airfield project. The EAS roads have also now been bulldozed and widened. Black topping upto Zawlnuam has been done.

The Department of Transport has covered the whole of the State inspite of the loss they have suffered.

The New Land Use Policy is also bringing prosperity to the poorest section of the rural people.

The Government of Mizoram has upgraded Zawlnuam College and Bnghmun High School to Deficit state and we are deeply grateful.

Mizo Youth are also emerging as hopeful athletes in the National scene. This is a big step towards development.

The Department of Public Health Engineering has also covered most of the rural areas. Water supply is being enjoyed in the Village of Zawlnuam also. We have un-ending thanks to offer as we discuss the Governor's Address today. That is all I have to say for now.

TO LALRINCHHANA : To Speaker, thank you for giving me time to speak on the Governor's Address.

The budget allotment for Mizoram is not in itself too meagre if utilised as it should be. However, the main budget is always diverted and about 20 % of the budget is diverted in this way. This does not reach the people and as a result we lose the achievements which otherwise would have been made.

Administration of Law and Order and Justice is needed for recruitment of Police Services. Fitness of mind and body is absolutely necessary for the guardians of law and order. Every year the number of deaths due to drug abuse has risen along with other petty crimes. The peace record between the H.F.C. and the Government of Mizoram had conditions which were to be fulfilled by both the parties. The H.F.C. has come overground unconditionally, but the Government of Mizoram has not yet fulfilled its part. That is to establish a Development Council for Sinlung area. This has not materialised to this day. The demarcation of the area for Sinlung is also not clear. This has cast a shadow over the Hmar People ever since they came overground.

Regarding Power and Electricity the Department has electrified vast areas of rural Mizoram. In spite of this, the real electricity is still missing. The people have no light to enjoy.

The Department of Education also needs to be kept under control. There are too many teachers in Aizawl District and many areas of the rural are with no teachers. There should be equal distribution of school teachers for better overall administration. That is all.

Thank you.

IU F.MALSANMA

Iu Speaker, there is always another side of the story. The Address of the Governor has

shown only one side of it.

The H.F.C. who came overground have not received their due share of treatment from the Government of Mizoram. This has made them very desperate. In fact, there is evidence of discontentment among them and are contemplating fresh insurgency. The Government of Mizoram is aware of the fact that they are considering to send fresh trainees to the Naga Underground Forces. This is a very serious matter. It has to be dealt with immediately.

Regarding selection of School Teachers, we selected candidates on the basis of their merit and performance. Panel lists were made on merit basis during our tenure of Ministry. This is not practiced now as we can see how selections are made now.

It is better late than never to give thanks for the construction of Lengpui Airfield. However,

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Let us hope that we will not lag behind Central expectations on the project.

On Para 14, we find the Department of Agriculture. It appears that the staff of the Department are not very pleased with the postings of the staff. Their morals are somewhat down.

The implementation of the New Land Use Policy is also not going as it should. Some of the Banks are also refusing to co-operate in this scheme. This will lead to greater problems if something is not done soon.

FU LALSAWTA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me this time to discuss the Governor's Address. First of all, the date of the settlement between the Government of Mizoram and the Hmar Peoples Conference (HPC) was written as 27th August, 1994. According to my knowledge, it was 27th July, 1994 and not August.

In these times when our young people are dying everyday from drug abuse, we are holding our breath in anticipation of things to come. We need an urgent Agenda to fight these social evils, not just reports of 'Proxymon Seizures' and De-addiction Centres. We have to save our young generations before they are all lost.

Thirdly, I am sorry that this August House is not acting as a Legislating Body regarding Law and Order in the State. We are still lacking in Laws and Regulations that are to govern us. I do not find this aspect in the Address of the Governor to my great regret. This is because there is nothing to write about.

Lastly, I feel that it is time to study the Hydel Projects that have been set up at great expenditures. If they are worth the expenditures let us carry on, and if these projects are just a waste of time and money, let us have the sensibility and courage to cancel them. It will be for our own good.

Thank you.

DY. S P E A K E R : It is now time for recess, we will continue our Sitting again at 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : Six Members have spoken in the morning, we shall continue our discussion. Fu Tlangmingthanga may be the first to speak.

FU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Fu Speaker, It is often better that others speak about us for they know us better. Likewise, even though the Address is full of achievements, there is emptiness in the Address itself.

Much has been said about the agreement between the Government of Mizoram and the H.I.C. It appears that the Government of Mizoram is satisfied in the signing of the Agreement per se. Implementation is not to be seen. As the hon'ble member has pointed out, the date of the signing of the Peace Agreement should also be corrected.

The impounding of entire increase in dearness allowance of Government Employees is mentioned in the Address which is a bold step indeed. The Government Employees have not received their due allowances inspite of our following the Central pay pattern. What is the reason for this non-release of the increase in dearness allowance and interim relief ? Government servants have been taken for granted and ignored.

Regarding Law and Order, we do not have much problems only due to the fact that the public are good.

The Security Forces have not apprehended any foreign infiltrations till this days. What are they stationed for ? The Santi Bahini are also moving freely with arms within our State. Is the Government aware of this fact ?

The Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary which is now known as 'Tiger Reserve' is also not preserved. Chakma settlers have cultivated the forest reserves every year and burnt down the forests. Why is the Department of Forests doing nothing about it ? Let our Government come to its senses and see to these problems immediately.

S P E A K E R : Fu Lalhmingthanga.

FU LALHMINGTHANGA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me time to speak. It is obvious that we have very outstanding problems in our State which can only be tackled by the Government. These do not figure in the Governor's Speech.

Firstly, the economic position of our State is very poor. Our State accounts are closed in deficit every year.

According to the 1993-'94 Budget base, the loan burden per capita in Mizoram is Rs. 4,580/- The Government needs to take austere measures to mobilise our resources to meet these deficit.

Secondly, the power supply position in our State is very low. Development cannot be made without adequate power supply. All the wet rice cultivation potentials in our land need enough power supply for flow irrigation. Our power policy needs a drastic change. There is great hydro potential in the North Eastern area and the Central Government also has a very open mind about this.

Regarding the New Land Use Policy, the number of families, who are beneficiaries according to the Governor's Address are 42514. Our present system needs to be improved for better results. I do not say that it is a total failure, however, I do suggest that improvements be made. That is about all I have to say.

FU F.LALREMSIAMA : Fu Speaker, firstly I wish to speak about the agreement with the Hmar Peoples Conference (HPC). When the insurgents came overground I asked about the arms and ammunitions they surrendered, and the reply of the Government was that it was alright. Now, we hear that there are new stirrings among them.

Meanwhile, the Chakmas are trying all kinds of methods to gain their own Union Territory. At the same time, the smaller clans like Bru, Paite and Hmar are all angling for separate Autonomous Districts. I implore the Government of Mizoram not to be persuaded by these small diversions. The Governor did not mention much of this in his Address.

The next thing I wish to say is about our economic measures. Government Vehicles are being constantly mis-used by the Ministers for their private business. Their wives and family members use these Government vehicles for their travels and shoppings. This is very shameful indeed.

Another thing I am very concerned about is the recruitment of Police Officers. The former Home Minister, Fu Liensuama was very much involved in the recruit-

ment of Police Officers during his tenure. Qualifications and Physical fitness were thrown to the wind. If you go to the Training Centre at Lungverh, you will see for yourself the new recruits who are physically lacking in fitness.

The I.R. Battalion deployed in Mizoram are not particularly meant for Border security. The Government of India may make priority calls of duty anywhere, therefore, they should not be expected to stay permanently.

FU LALKHAMA : Fu Speaker, the most prominent achievement in the Governor's Address is the peace agreement with the H.F.C. (Hmar Peoples Conference). However, the evidence is nowhere to be seen.

I would also like to the D.A. increments which cannot be released to Government Employees. In spite of following the pay pattern of the Central Government, it is shameful to say that the increment will be impounded in the G.I.F.

One thing that is very prominent in my mind is the National Highway 54. This Highway is too narrow for two trucks passing each other. This road is our life-line and it has to be in good condition. It has to be given top priority.

S P E A K E R : Dr J.V.Hluna.

Dr J.V.HLUNA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me this time. Speaking of H.F.C. (Hmar Peoples Conference) their attitude is not so much as to alienate themselves, but rather they feel that they are being neglected and are calling for attention. They should not have been branded as underground in the first place. It is therefore not very prestigious to say that an agreement has been made.

The economic measures practised by the Government is also very strange. Land purchase is done even before the sittings of Land Selection and Purchase Board. The Rules and Norms of the Purchase Board are not followed.

The way we are dispensing Government quarters is also very un-favourable in view of the shortage of staff quarters. Office hours are also not strictly observed. This is also part of loose economic measures.

Regarding the site for Lengpui Airport, a memorandum was submitted by Fu Bawichhuaka, the then Secretary, Mizo District Council during the visit of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in 1954.

Experts were sent to survey the land in 1963-64 and the present place at Lengpui was ear-marked for the Airport. The area was not to be allotted for other purposes it has been allotted to several individuals. Which Department is responsible for this allotment of Lengpui Airfield site ? Now, the claims are very high and it is our responsibility to find out which Department is responsible for the allotment.

Another thing that I would like to say is about the Maichem Project. It was scheduled to be opened on 30th November and all the festivities were being prepared. Even the uniforms for the Choir who were to sing at the inauguration had been bought.

The project was tested on 22nd November and it exploded ! On making enquiries in the Department, it was found that cheap materials were being supplied for the machineries.

The hon'ble member Fu John Aotluengliana mentioned and lauded the achievements of the EAS. Yes, it is true that this is a project worth mentioning. However, I am more concerned with the officials who are handling this work. Are the Block Development Officers and staff executing their work properly ? The cost of their work and the real bill of payment is a vast difference.

Much has been said about Education in Mizoram. Why is the system so deteriorating ? Is it because of too many political appointments ? What about the wives of Ministers ? Are they employed in their own homes ? There is no point in provincialising too many schools if there are too few students.

Coming to Art and Culture Department, when are we going to have the much awaited Publication Board ? When are we going to have the Library Act ? and when will it start to function ?

Lastly, it was reflected in the Budget last year that Maternity Hospital would be constructed for Luengmual and its surrounding areas. However, this does not appear in the Budget this year, neither has the construction been started.

Drugs has entered our State from the neighbouring States and this is destroying our young people. Unless we seal our borders we will not be able to save our children from total destruction. That is all.

Thank you.

FU H. THANGKIMA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me this time. Sometime back, I visited Vairengte, Bairabi, Lokichera and Lusheicherra where I found something that touched me greatly, and that was how the non-Mizo population has increased in these border villages. The people of these border villages are living in perpetual apprehension for fear of assimilation. Is the Government of Mizoram aware of this fact? If so, what measures are intended to be taken?

Foreigners are in our midst even in the Council of Ministers and these are the ones who are involved in trying to carve a Union Territory for themselves out of Mizoram. The Secretary of Chakma District Council is never to be seen in Chawngte. He is always in Shillong having Committees with the Chakmas of Tripura and Arunachal giving pressure to the Central Government for a separate territory.

FU NIRUTAM CHAKMA MINISTER : Fu Speaker, if he has evidence or documentary proof let him produce it.

S P E A K E R : Please be seated, let him continue.

FU H. THANGKIMA : Fu Speaker, please do not try to save yourself. I do know that a Memorandum has been submitted demanding a Union Territory, I have seen the copy and I know all the names of the advisors. We also know who are involved in the electoral rolls of Silsuri and Marpara.

One thing I wish to mention is about Government construction works. The Godown at Zote Village was constructed by a person from North Vanlaiphai. The Godown was supposed to be 70 ft by 22 ft but the contractor cut off 22 ft. Thus the capacity of the Godown was cut down to a great extent. Whenever there are construction works I have always implored the authorities concerned to give the work orders to the people of that locality. If we could follow this norm, the results will be much better.

Another thing is that the recipients of the New Land Use Policy of various trades are not getting the full amount of payments due to them. In the Village of Ramlaitui, people who has chosen sugarcane for their trade

are getting only Rs. 500/- when they are supposed to be getting Rs. 3,000/-. The Block Development Officer is responsible for this and I feel that it is necessary to set up an Enquiry Commission to look into these matters. Such is the case in other areas like Lunglei North, Lunglei South, Vanva, Buarpui and Tawipui.

FU B.LALTHLEGLIANA : Fu Speaker, a glimpse of the Governor's Address is quite satisfactory to some extent. However, there are some points that do not tally with that of last year's speech.

The EAS project has provided good roads for the rural people but the execution of works is not properly carried out by the Rural Department. Sanctions are not utilised to the full extent.

The performance of the Excise Department has been mentioned in the Governor's Speech. In spite of their efforts, the problems of drug abuse is getting worse in Mizoram. It affects every family and it is not enough to tackle this problem by mere volunteers on the lone Department of Social Welfare. It is time for the Government to act and make a firm stand in fighting drug abuse.

Next, I would like to speak on Water Supply.

S P E A K E R : Your time is up.

FU F.LALBIAKA : Fu Speaker, thank you for giving me this time.
MINISTER

Firstly, I am happy to say that an agreement has been reached between the H.I.C., and the Government of Mizoram. Many threats and rumours of murdering the Chief Minister, Ministers and MLAs were heard. All these have been crushed and there is a peaceful atmosphere through out the land. The Central Government has also not been able to fulfill all the terms and conditions of the Accord between the M.N.F., and the Government. That is also the case with the agreement with the H.I.C. It is an on-going process and the Government of Mizoram is yet to fulfill many of the terms and conditions thereof.

The Government of Mizoram is trying its level best to have National Highway and State Highways

within the State. Development of different kinds both individual and Government projects can be seen. Many new Office buildings have been constructed in Aizawl and many such others are being under construction.

The Assembly House is also now a land-mark in the Capital. We hope to occupy it by the Autumn Session this year.

S P E A K E R : Our time ends at 4:00 P.M. So, we will call Fu Zoramthanga after that Fu Saikapthianga and lastly the Leader of the House.

FU ZORAMTHANGA : Fu Speaker, thank you. On page 2 of the Address, para 4, the Governor said that he is happy to note that general law and order remained peaceful throughout the year, excepting for an unfortunate incident on the night of September, 1994.

The truth can be found throughout last year. There was the Vairengte incident between the Police Forces of Mizoram and Assam. Our main economic life line was greatly threatened where both sides feared to ply on the National Highway. Next, Lalsangzuala's murder brought about another round of violence and so was the death of a Police personnel at Vairengte. All these incidents brought about great insecurity throughout the year. It is therefore difficult on our part to accept this statement of peace.

The Address also states that stringent economic measures are being taken. This is also a matter of opinion. What about the renovation and purchase of Hotel Moonlight ?

What about the losses of the Transport Department during the year 1991-'92 ? It was Rs. 56,000,00/- in 1991-'92, Rs. 78,000,00/- in 1992-'93 and Rs. 85,000,00/- during 1993-'94. This is our position while individual bus owners are running on profit.

Next, our main problem is Power and Electricity. Unless and until we are self sufficient in power generation, we will not progress in Development Works. How far has this Government progressed in the Mini/Micro Hydel Projects ? We have 12 such projects estimated at Rs. 8873.75 lakhs. However, the estimate of power to be generated is very little in comparison to the high cost of the Projects. Wouldn't it be better to buy more Generators which will be much less expensive ? It may save us a lot of unnes-

sary expenditures. Therefore, I do not think that the Address of the Governor is acceptable per se.

Thank you.

FU SAIKATHIANGA : Fu Speaker, I shall be very
MINISTER brief. There has been many
allegations of entering foreign-
ners in the Electoral Roll in the Western Belt. We always
chose to keep quiet. These allegations are not based on facts.

However, there are certain prob-
lems regarding revision of Electoral Rolls in Zawlnuam Consti-
tuency. The increased number has been accepted by our M.N.F.
brothers. When I inquired about the increased number over
telephone, I was told that it had been handed over to the Press,
and only the Draft Roll was with them. I looked into the Draft
Roll and I do not think there was any inclination on the part
of the enumerators to enter foreigners illegally in the Elec-
toral Roll.

I want the people of Mizoram
to know the truth. There have never been less than 300 fami-
lies in Tuipuibari as it is a large grouping centre. As I have
not visited the place for over a year, they may have multiplied
to 600 families or so, I do not know.

However, the enumerators are all
Mizos, and the M.N.F., have deeply hurt the sentiments of the
people. This is a very serious matter. They go down from Ai-
zawl and give ultimatums to them without any verifications
taken. Many of these so called foreigners are born and bred
in Mizoram. Let us be truthful in future.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us call the Leader of the
House now.

FU LAL THANHAWLA : Fu Speaker, I am happy to be
CHIEF MINISTER able to participate in the
discussion of the Governor's
Address.

Firstly, the Peace Accord bet-
ween the H.F.C., and the Government of Mizoram is not a farce.
As it is, Mizoram is too small for us to try to disintegrate
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it. The area for Sinlung Hills Development Council has also not been demarcated till now. An enquiry has been set up for the demarcation which will verify the areas claimed by the H.I.C., and make the necessary recommendations. We have taken their words for the surrender of their arms and ammunitions and the number of the volunteers. Their integrity and sincerity has been doubted to some extent. As for our part, we want peace and tranquillity. If they want to cheat on us, they can do so.

Generally speaking, there is law and order in our State. Yes, there may be small incidents but nothing to mar the essence of peace in the land.

Regarding our deficit status, there is no one to blame. We have limited resources and our wants are unlimited. Inquiry to make ends meet is our problems. Development works has to go on, and the gap widens in our deficit.

This is the situation no matter who holds the office. It is the duty of each one of us to practice stringent economic measures to make our budget less deficit. The 9th Finance Commission has erased Rs. 111 crores of our debt.

S P E A K E R : It is now 4:00 P.M., but let us continue.

FU LAL THANHAWLA : Fu Speaker, I shall try to be
CHIEF MINISTER brief. We are all aware that our main problem is Drug abuse. Next comes AIDS. In spite of our joint efforts it is very difficult to battle the two evils. We are trying to strengthen the Excise Department. We are the victims of our neighbouring State of Manipur and Burma. The Government is doing its best with the help of voluntary organisations and we must also bear in mind that the incoming of drugs has been from numerous sources. Even the vegetable vendors from Silchar are bringing in Proxycen drugs to Mizoram beneath their loads of vegetables.

Regarding the Greater Water Supply, Lunglei, there has been a lot of speculation. In India any Project as big as this is not usually completed within the scheduled time. In estimate of Tlawng river, the boulders were not estimated in the cost. This took a lot of additional time and during that time price inflation shot up. Recently I asked the Chief Engineer to verify the Project on the spot and see if the Project can be commissioned during this Financial year. The report so far was good, but due to shortage of Power

supply, work has been delayed.

Regarding Education, it is true that we have lacked behind a great deal. We have set up Committees and Commissions to study the cause of the decline of the system. Compulsory retirement will be given to School Teachers who do not obey the rules.

I regret the lack of medicine supplies for the use of the poorer people. It appears that medical supplies are tampered before it reaches the patients who are needy. Only the powerful and influential ones seem to be receiving it. We therefore, suggested a temporary stop in medicine procurement, instead the emphasis would be made on equipment purchase.

Thanks to the efforts of the Union Minister for Health, Dr Silvera, we are to have the Cobalt Therapy machine for cancer treatment. The machine is to be imported from Canada and will take at least eight months for transportation.

Due to shortage of time I will not go into the other details.

Members have participated very enthusiastically today. Their constructive interests in the Governor's Address is very encouraging. However, all the achievements of the Government cannot be written in the Address, only a fraction of it is reflected. I thank all the members for their co-operation.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Fifteen members have participated in the discussion of the Governor's Address. Members may indicate their vote of thanks on the Governor's Address by saying 'Yes' or 'No'. (All members say 'Yes') Our Motion of Thanks thus reads :-

"That the members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 14th March, 1995".

Now, the Motion of Thanks has been unanimously passed by this House.

MEETING ADJOURNED TILL
10:30 A.M. ON 16.3.1995.

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