

THIRTEENTH SITTING ON 31ST MARCH, 1995.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shri Vaivenga, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Fourteen Ministers and Deputy Speaker and Sixteen Members were present.

LIST OF BUSINESS

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS BUSINESS

- *2. Resolution

S P E A K E R : Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path.

Psalm - 119 : 105

Shri Lalsawta to ask Starred

Question No. 262.

FU LALSAWTA : Hon'ble Speaker, Sir, Starred Question No.262.

1) Does the Govt. know that some LPG Dealer of Aizawl are selling their Gas Cylinders in black ?

2) What rule allows the Govt. to make a VIP Quota from the LPG Dealer ?

3) Can the Govt. make a new way so that the Consumer will not make a line when they are taking their Gas Cylinders ?

4) Does the Govt. know that Kerosine Oil has been sold at a very high rate in the black market even though it is distributed only by a Retailer under the Govt. ?

PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, Sir, the answers
to the Starred Question No.262.

1) The Govt. does not know that
Gas has been sold in black by
some LPG Dealers.

2) According to the Consumer Advisory Committee No.5(viii)
on 29.3.1988. 10% of the Gas Cylinder is put on reserve stock
by the Govt.

3) The answer to question No.3 is yes.

4) The Govt. has no report of Kerosine Oil being sold in the
black market even though it is sold only by Retailers under
the Govt.

I would like to remind the House
that we have not been able to practise it. The Govt. has
no knowledge of Kerosine Oil being sold at high prices in the
black market by Dealers after it has been sold by Retailers
under the Govt.

PU LALSAWTA

: Mr Speaker, Sir, a supplementary
question, at present, in the
days of economic liberalisation
there are lots of controlled
items even though they are much needed by the people. Prices
can be made at the lower rates, for Gas and Kerosine Oil if
the Govt. can give the subsidy to the carrier charges and have
control over it. By using these rules can the Govt. have
control over the Gas Dealers.

A second supplementary question,
as these commodities are hard for the people, the Govt. have
given subsidy for it as provided under the Essential Commodi-
ties Act, 1955; LPG (Regulation of supply and distribution)
Order, 1987; Mizoram Trade Article (Causing and Control) Order
1987 made by Mizoram; Indian Explosive Act, 1884. The Gas
Cylinder Rules, 1981. If this controlled items are not enough
then, does the Minister know that he can put the bill in the
House or make a new law using the Essential Commodities Act
over these controlled item.

PU ZORAMTHANGA

: Mr Speaker, Sir, I have repeated
this 121 times. Regarding the
answer to question No.3 given
by the Hon'ble Minister, it is
hard not to make a line when Gas Cylinders are being issued
but a new system can be obtained if the Govt. make some new
rules. For example, if 300 Cylinders arrives at one delivery

for the Dealer at Chandmary, then counting from the last receiver of the Gas Cylinder we can see how many consumers will receive a new Cylinder. If this, is possible till 1st March then the consumers can be informed about it and Gas will be received without making a line. In some cases some consumers whose date is December are not able to receive the Gas Cylinder. It becomes a matter of first come, first serve and the number of new Gas Cylinder available are not in proper number with the number of consumers to receive the Gas Cylinders. Arrangement should be made so that all the consumers in the existing will get the new Cylinder without any problem.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker, Sir, Does the second question regarding the VIP Quota from LPG Dealers cover with all the Dealers ? Once there was an incident where the LPG Dealers of Chandmary did not honour this Special Permit. So, does it cover all the Dealers and does the Govt. know that some Dealers do not honour this permit ?

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker, there is a hardship of Gas at Lunglei as we cannot get a Cylinder even after six to seven months of reporting. Does the Govt. have any knowledge about this and if so what measurement is going to be taken ? Due to the increase of population at Lunglei, can the Govt. increase the agent as one is not enough ?

Due to the insufficient Govt. Quota of Kerosine Oil is there any way of increasing this Quota from next year ?

PU F.LALREMSLAMA : Mr Speaker, is it possible to read out the VIP list of 1988 on the House or can we get it in writings as I have heard that I have been exempted from this list.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr Speaker, would it be possible to double a cylinder of a gas connection from the beginning as a single one is not enough ?

PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, Cylinder could be doubled in the beginning as it was done for an MLA with order from your Office a few days back.

The VIP list of 1988 put up by Pu Remsiama was not a VIP list. According to the order of 29th March, 1988, 10% must be put in the reserve quota and that was given to the VIP in need. If that reserve quota is not given out by the end of the month, then it is put back in the normal quota. No new VIP list has been made and that some procedures have to be followed.

According to the questionnaire, help is very much needed in monitoring and that has been provided by us to the utmost, but if this cannot be done properly even after our help, then we can tell the dealers that their rights of dealership will be cancelled. We'll help in monitoring upto our utmost capacity and the matter raised by Pu Sawta will be looked into.

As said by the Hon'ble Member of Champhai Constituency, we can see the matter in the newspapers that things can be done upto certain limit, but if it becomes over crowded with people, then it becomes a problem for the dealers. But, Hon'ble Speaker, things suggested by you will be tried and followed.

S P E A K E R

: I think Pu Lalthangliana's question regarding opening MIZOFED Deptt. at Lunglei is important.

PU C.L.RUALA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, MIZOFED will also be opened at Saiha but due to certain circumstances it cannot be opened now. I cannot say if it will be opened at Lunglei. Due to the good work of the workers I have instructed the DCSO to look into the matter so that the workers will do a much better work.

PU H.ZATHUAMA

: Mr Chairman, we have no authority to double the Gas Cylinders in the beginning. The new connection is given out in single connection according to the allotment made by the Company from the Booking Slip Number. Then the double connection is given out according to the seniority of the connection. The immediate double Gas

connection for a new connection is given to MLA as they are in the priority list made in the allotment.

Company have their norms regarding opening a Gas Agent as there cannot be a new agency without 5000 consumers in it. As Lunglei has less than the required consumer it is hard to open a new agent. Lunglei High Power Committee has come up with a new idea to open a new agent through MIZOFED and Supply Deptt. but without using the Town's name. This case has been in consideration with the Supply Deptt. in contact with authority to the management.

PU LAL SAWTA : Mr Speaker, There are certain controlled items after the Govt. has spent hard cash, giving out subsidy to put items at the correct prices with 10% as VIP Quota. Even though Dealers may be private, the Govt. has complete authority of making them display the price, stock list, requisition and make new permit systems. It is also better to surrender the VIP Quota to the people and let the Dealers distribute using certain rules.

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr Speaker, the 10th reserved
MINISTER question was made during the MNF Ministry and this has been followed. If it is not enough then certain changes will be made in consideration with the freedom of the people.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr Speaker, Rs 5000/- from
CHIEF MINISTER the subscriber to the agency, said by MIZOFED Chairman must be kept in consideration. Certain necessities for Forest Production have been kept in account but without success. The Deputy General Manager along with 10 CEO and sub-ordinates have come looking at sites for Bottling Plant at Chhimluang and Bualpui without success due to water problem it will be looked at by the Surveyors.

Gas Cylinders cannot be given at every Houses due to road problems for vehicles and I am in full support of the statement made by the Opposition Leader regarding the delivery of Gas Cylinders. Certain measures can be made if these rules are not followed by the Dealers, and using the Essential Commodities Act the Agency can be terminated by the Company. So, using these steps we should be able to control it.

S P E A K E R : Pu F.Malsawma to ask Starred Question No.263

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker, Sir, I ask Starred Question No.263(a) Is there any intention of opening a Medical College in Mizoram.

(b) What steps have been taken to open a Medical College and does it have the approval of the Central Govt. ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr Speaker, (a) No final decision has taken place to open a Medical College at Mizoram.

MINISTER (b) No approval has been taken from the Central Govt. to open a Medical College at Mizoram but a joint discussion has been held. The Director, Health Services has to send a draft proposal along with the Financial Analysis/implication.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker, a supplementary question (a) Would it not be better if the Govt. reaches an approval for a decision to open a Medical College in Mizoram before sending the proposal ? (b) When will the Para-Medical Institute be started here in Mizoram ? (c) Are MBBS, D.Pharm or M.Pharm recommended for lecturer in the Pharmacy Department under Para-Medical Institute ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Mr Speaker, a decision has been reached to start the Para-Medical Institute even without a full-in-staff and structure as it is good for our State. The DCM & HO Office at Kulikawn can be shifted at Zemabawk along with the Staff and later fund will be received from NEC.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No.264 to be asked by Pu T.Hranghluta.

PU T. HRANGHLUTA : Mr Speaker, I ask Starred Question No.264 will BRTF be given the power to construct the Saiha-Sangau-Hnahthial PWD Road, and if so, when will this take place ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker, the construction of the Saiha-Sangau-Hnahthial PWD Road will be given in the hands of the BRTF and the Central Govt. has given their approval for the principle. The proposal has been only for the road between Hnahthial-Sangau and the rest till Saiha will be pushed for the Central Govt. approval as soon as possible.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalhmingthanga will now again ask Starred Question No.205.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, how much is the Total Loan Amount by Mizoram Govt. including the Internal Debts, Loans from Central Govt. and Public Account - ? What are the Total Interest Amount and Principle Repayment given back ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker, the Total Loan Amount has been Rs.28961.91 lakhs. In 1993-'94 the principle has been Rs.829.59 lakhs and the interest being Rs.2250.96 lakhs, while in 1994-'95 the principle has been Rs.1220 lakhs and its interest being Rs.3044 lakhs.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, a supplementary question. As our total loan amount is Rs.28961 lakhs while the principal repayment and interest repayment is Rs.42 crores per year. What projects are these loan used for and are there any profits in the servicing, if not, then when can enumerative production be expected in these projects ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, for development,
Mizoram gets 90% as grant and
the remaining 10% as loan.

10 Indian States are in the
category to receive this while the rest get 30% as grant
and 70% as loan. In the last loan on 31st March, 1994 we
received loans as follows from the Indian Government :-

Name of Loan	Amount in lakhs.
1. State Plan Loan	- Rs. 5797.69
2. Non-Plan Loan	- Rs. 3548.33
3. NEC Plan	- Rs. 4663.04
4. Centrally Sponsored Scheme Loan	- Rs. 493.74
TOTAL :	<u>Rs. 10302.80</u>

From other Corporation we received loans such as :-

Name of Corporation	Amount in lakhs
1. National Development Corporation	- Rs. 230.26
2. Rural Electrification Corporation	- Rs. 4151.87
3. General Insurance Corporation	- Rs. 33.33
4. Power Finance Corporation	- Rs. 1647.57
5. Life Insurance Corporation for Water Supply	- Rs. 167.00
6. Housing Loan	- Rs. 59.20
7. HUDCO Loan	- Rs. 471.37
8. Market Loan	- Rs. 500.00
TOTAL :	<u>Rs. 7260.00</u>

So, the total Loan received
from the Indian Govt. and Negotiated Loan has been Rs. 17,563.40
lakhs. The Loan received during the U.T. Loan period has been
written off and now the balance Rs. 4,062 lakhs will be written
off soon by the Indian Govt.

The Asset built-up asked by
an Hon'ble Member of the House can be received from the
Deptt. concerned.

PU LALSAWTA

: Mr Speaker, Starred Question
No. 206 to be answered by the
Finance Minister. (a) Did the
Member of Parliament from

Mizoram Parliamentary Constituency receive Rs. 1 crore for
Lai and Mara Autonomous District from the Central Govt. for
the present or following year ?

- (b) If so, then how much will Mara District receive ?
(c) How much for Lai District ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, the Mizoram Govt. did not receive any money regarding the first question so there is no reply for the

second and the third.

PU LALSAWTA

: Mr Speaker, a supplementary question. During the March election we got information that the Hon'ble Member of

Parliament Pu Hiphei had given Rs. 1 crore to the Mara and Lai District. Does the Finance Deptt. or the Govt. of Mizoram know about it or does it have no intention of knowing about this incident ?

PU J. LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, the Finance Deptt. has no knowledge about this incident and nothing has entered into our account.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, the money does not enter the Govt. Account of the Finance Deptt. but the Rs. 1 crore given to each Member

of Parliament is used for the development of the Constituency by the Member of Parliament with help from the Rural Deptt. and they have the absolute authority over it.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA

: Mr Speaker, could you tell us how the money received by Pu Silvera, Lok Sabha M.P and Minister is being used ?

Would the MLA benefit for their Constituency after talks with Opposition and Parliamentary Association ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, is it possible to know the amount sanctioned so that the MLA of the Constituency would help in monitoring the development fund and could the Finance Minister outline the crore of rupees not recovered even after the Statement Showing Outstanding Liabilities of Supply Sale Proceed by A.O and B.D.O and recovery thereof as on 20.3.95.

PU LAL TRANHAWLA : Mr Speaker, as I have stated previously, the Hon'ble MP's will be using their grant in their respective constituency after having talks and agreement with the C.M. Dr Silvara's grant will be shared 60/40 between Aizawl and Lunglei Constituency respectively while Mr Hiphei's grant will be given to Chhimtuipui Constituency. The distribution of grants made by our M.P's cannot be compared to M.P from other states as they have to give only to a District while our's stand for a whole State. Due to the large involvement of money, matter arises on how the money is used by the V/C, so the Govt. has to look deep into this problem. MLA can also have influence on this subject as it is also apart of their share. Mizoram is in no comparism with other States as they have their own source of income while we get, nearly 100% grant from the Central Govt.

The Finance Commission is not in agreement with our need for a different year mark but an agreement is searched for in the Rural Development. Due to the need of proceed recovery, this will be done in any way possible thereafter the law shall take its own house.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker, in addition to the answer made by the House Leader I would like to state that the Govt. has opened a large number of new supply outlet after 1959, but problems in the supply sale proceed arise due to the insurgency. Some have been prosecuted while others have been written off due to different circumstances and monitoring have been done in all levels.

S P E A K E R : Pu F.Malsawma to ask Starred Question No. 267.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker, Question (a) Does the Govt. think of running a School Bus in Aizawl Town ? (b) If not, why ? (c) Does the Govt. know that School children are having problem regarding the Town Bus ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Zakhu Hlychho i/c Minister of Transport has gone to Delhi so is anyone authorised to answer it ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker, no one is authorised but we are ready to answer as it is important. The Govt. is thinking of running a School Bus as it is a very important factor and the children are very much in need of it.

After replying the first question there is no need to answer the second one.

Yes, the Govt. knows the problem, students face with the Town Bus but as there are not enough Bus in the Deptt., immediate action cannot be taken.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker, it is irresponsible for the Minister i/c not to authorise someone but a very wise decision for the House Leader to answer the question. Looking at the incidents at the Bus Stand and Turning Point it is a sure possibility that accidents will occur in one way or the other. So, the House Leader must call a meeting as soon as possible regarding this subject.

The Town Bus Owner's look not into the needs of the people but their own wealth so for once the Govt. must prepare itself for a showdown.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, as it is not possible to make direct arrangement for School Bus, isn't it possible to take old bus of good running condition from the State Transport and make an alternative arrangement ? Could the Govt. think in this way ?

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, the answer to this question by the House Leader is much more preferred than the Minister in-charge. Regarding my statement that some full load trucks have not been paid for their fare and some paid only for half their way. Is it good for such irresponsible nature of work ?

As there are not enough Town Bus, M.V.I and empostman from District DTO could be enforced to check that students are allowed to climb on to a Bus without any problem.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr Speaker, it is not irresponsibility of the Minister that authority for the answer was not given but because the portfolio automatically returned to the Chief Minister.

Govt. Vehicles have been used for Non-Governmental purposes by Officials so enquiry have been put up and findings have also been in report.

Contribution of answers from other Hon'ble Members regarding the Student Bus affair has been very helpful. So, the Govt. will look deep into this matter and think for a solution.

S P E A K E R : The Question Hour has ended. We will give 15 minutes to Pu F.Lalremsiama for his Private Resolution as our third one and then 15 minutes will be opened on the House.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker, thank you for telling me open and move the Private Members Resolution on the House. The Resolution is to say that "India being a Secular State, Schedule Caste who have changed their religions must have their same rights and this must be forwarded to the Central Govt." The Preamble Fundamental Rights Chapter and Directive Principle of the Indian Constitution are simply the best so motions can be made known even right from our seats. The Fundamental Rights of Article 25 clearly states the Rights to Freedom of Religion. It shows how free a person is to practise and preach the religion of his choice.

The Reservation percentage for the Schedule Caste and Tribe must be kept and in fact increased - The Directive Principles of State Policy must be carried on without the slightest heritance. NLP for R.D has also shown great improvement and advancement for the State.

Benefits in every way must be given to all people of every religion, Caste or Creed as this has been an important factor in the Constitution. So we must pass this Resolution with absolute majority and let the Act of Christianity flourish in the minds of other people.

Thank you.

Dr J.V.HLUNA

Mr Speaker, Scheduled Tribe should also be included and not only the Scheduled Caste as moved by our Hon'ble Members

So, I completely support this resolution.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA
MINISTER

Mr Deputy Speaker, this resolution is not completely correct as there are some who use the caste system as it states in the Indian Constitution Article 332, "Reservation of seats for Scheduled Caste, member of Scheduled Caste converted to Buddhism will cease to be a member of the Scheduled Caste" and in Article 341, "Conversion to Christianity takes convict out of the category of Schedule Caste in terms of the Constitution" So, it is technically incorrect.

PU ZORAMTHANGA

Mr Deputy Speaker, this resolution is not to speak against anyone of the House but to have a voice in amending the Constitution of India. Article 341 and 342 of the Indian Constitution talks about the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes of this Republic.

The Rights to Freedom of Religion is a problem with the Scheduled Caste and not Scheduled Tribe. So, problems arise if a person of a Scheduled Caste, having got a job due to seat reservation quota changes their religion, then they are convicted and have to resign from their duty. People are then forced to join back the religion which they don't want to join. Different Christian Organisation have gone to Indian and World Leaders but nothing have

been till now. So, Mizoram as a Christian State should fight for the amendment of this Constitution.

In the Preamble it says 'We the people of India, having solemnly resolved to Constitute India into, SOVEREIGN, SOCIALIST, SECULAR, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to Secure to all its citizens Justice', so being a citizen of India, Secularism must be practised and given to Christians as it has been given to the Sikhs, Hindu and Buddhist. It seems like the voice of Christians cannot reach the ears of the Delhi Sovereign Govt. I call this a paradoxical Constitutional Preamble and not citizen justice.

We as a Christian State must champion it pass this Resolution with a clear majority.

Thank you.

PU C. HAWNGKUNGA
MINISTER

: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me this chance to speak out my views. As we are discussing about the Right to

Freedom of Religion we should know that Religion and Faith are two different topics and religion has a criteria of its own. These two different topics have been a subject of discussion in India which has led to fights in communities. Faith is a belief while religion has five important criteria of its own. In this topic we ourselves will not be able to have the final word but we will need learned men to discuss with.

India, being a Secular State must practise Secularism but there are some factions who have not stood by this idea and this was the reason why Gandhiji was shot by Nathuram. To be a champion for Secularism we must fight this battle till the end and make it known on the minds of all the people. So, I support this motion.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Mr Deputy Speaker, after hearing different speeches from members of the House. I have come to know that this Resolution is a

great one without any point against it. If we pass this Resolution then I am sure that we will receive blessings from God in all our work.

We must not fight over this Resolution but work out as a team for its success. As Christians it is our duty to preach out the Gospels of love and let hatred die in the hearts of others.

This Resolution is not only great but a spiritual one full of kindness and love shown by Christianity. We must pass this Resolution so that Christian will increase and there shall be a Freedom for all to accept any Religion of their choice, so let us pass this Resolution with absolute majority and champion it till the end. Then this House can be a Missionary by itself so I stand by and support this Resolution.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Deputy Speaker, an there are 11 Resolutions we must pass this as soon as possible so that we can discuss the rest. Looking at the resolution. I think that it will be right to pass it as there are lots of Christian M.P.s who would support it. I support this resolution and in order to support more resolutions I think we must pass it as soon as we can.

Thank you.

Pu F.MALSAWMA : Mr Deputy Speaker, I think we are all in support of this Resolution and there are certain things I would like to add to it. E.J.P of Madhya Pradesh has also given the Schedule Caste, absolute Freedom of Religion and some has gone to say that Christianity is the latest way of getting achievement in this modern world.

The percentage of Christians have also increased recently and this has been because of the Schedule Caste so we must take it up. Article 341 has given its full freedom so it is best that as Christians we must support this resolution and I am sure that the people will be behind us.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We can start the next Resolution but more discussion will be needed. Let us call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, Mr Mikestone, Secretary of every Home Crusade has told me that Scheduled Caste people of other States have wanted to be converted into Christianity but cannot as the preference and facilities which they get will be stopped and they may get physical torture too. Missionaries working in these fields have received difficulties of various sorts for preaching the message of Christianity in this Secular India.

Caste system in Secular India also has its good and bad sides too. India's History would have been different completely and arguments have risen in this subject from all corners. It's time to pass this resolution and pressure the Central Govt. after hearing these discriminating points of this subject.

S P E A K E R : It is 1'0 clock and now time for a break.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, Sir, it will not be long so please let me carry on with my speech. The Fundamental Rights of a person has also been hurt in this respect. So, I stand here supporting this resolution and hope that it will be passed unanimously by the House.

Thank you.

PU S.T.RUALYAPA : Mr Speaker, this resolution has been a very great one but it cannot be passed at once. Christianity is a very different religion as it has to preach about the evils of other religion and how we cannot enter heaven without Christianity.

If we pass this resolution then we will be spreading out the gospels of love and we can start it right here. We can also put pressure on the Central Govt. and let this resolution have be raised by the Opposition Party, we cannot put it down as it is a very good resolution. So, I support this resolution.

2 : 00 P.M

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there anyone else to speak on this Resolution ?

PU P.C.BAWITLUANGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, this Resolution is a good one to discuss for Christianity is our religion and we shall always uphold it. Are SC/ST given these privileges due to their religion or due to their backwardness ? This factor must be taken in account when we deal with this subject, so ST/SC must not lose their privileges when they are converted to Christianity but instead they must be treated in the same way as before.

should also look out for the, quality of privileges they can get and not the quantity for we are the ones who shall inherit the Kingdom of God. We must also be able to sacrifice ourselves to be in God's favour.

We must put pressure on the Central Govt. and fight this battle, so that Christianity shall be a religion free to accept. So, I support this Resolution.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr Deputy Speaker, we have discussed lots of Resolutions but nothing so glorious have been brought up till now in this House. I find this Resolution important as it has touched our Constitution on discrimination of Christianity as a religion.

We are all Indian citizens and should be treated in the same way, but converts to Christianity lose their privileges while other converts don't. If all converts lose their privileges then there is nothing we can do about it but as this is not the case then we must fight this battle and win other minds to join Christianity.

The Govt. and the Opposition Party must join forces and put pressure on the Central Govt. and be successful in this Resolution as to pass the Resolution here is not enough.

Thank you.

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Dr J.V.HLUNA

: Mr Speaker, none of my advice have got support from anyone so I would like to speak out on it again. Our House Leader is one of the most renowned Christian Chief Minister so he should be the one to lead and talk to the Central Leaders on this subject as it is hard for other leaders to do. We must help our Christian brothers for their right to freedom of religion in any way we can.

The privileges of a person on conversion to Christianity must not be stopped and this must be put up to the Central Govt., so I support this Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Let us call upon the House Leader and he may have something to add on to our discussion.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr Deputy Speaker, I found this Resolution very pleasing as soon as I saw it. We have been one of the last to hear about Christianity but now it has grown so much that we are the strongest in faith God has given us responsibility of spreading out his Gospels so we are the one to lead the way.

Memorandums have been given to the Prime Minister but nothing has been carried out so far as these levels are not strong enough to change our Constitution. Blessings have been bestowed upon us by God and we have tried our best by giving it back on offerings, donations, etc. but this is not enough. We have to look out for our Christian brothers' freedom as we can lead the way for such a fight till the end.

Due to Christian Persecution and discrimination, relief materials and Rehabilitation money has been provided in some states and some also have State Leaders and Ministers due to these same reasons. Some freedom have been given to our Christian brothers but total right to freedom of religion has not been achieved.

House members of different political Parties must form a delegation and meet the Prime Minister, but first we must pass this Resolution as nothing can be done before it. We must work hard as a team and join our forces as our goal is the same. Privileges given to SC/ST must not be taken away after they convert to Christianity but everything must be carried on in the same manner for right to freedom of Religion must be given to every Indian Citizens.

I also welcome all advice and suggestions I have received from Hon'ble Members of this House. So, Mr Deputy Speaker, we as the Ruling Party asks the other members of the House to pass this Resolution unanimously.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Suggestions have been given to amend this Resolution and if the House agrees on it unanimously then the mover of the Resolution shall be called forward to speak out on his opinion whether it should be amended or remain the same.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Mr Deputy Speaker, it has been a wonderful moment to be the Mover of a Resolution after gaining such support from Hon'ble Members of this House. This Resolution should be amended if it gains unanimous support from the House.

First, it should be based on the Indian Constitution.

Secondly, privileges for SC/ST must not be abolished if they convert themselves to other religions.

Enforcement of Implementation for Removal of untouchability is hard to enforce totally as some groups do not agree on it. So, we can know that Social Legislation is hard to be enforced here in India.

The Constitution must give its Citizen the Right to Freedom of Religion and I am happy as Hon'ble Members of the House has supported my Resolution and we would be able to pass it in the House. The Resolution says, " In this Indian Secular State, Schedule Caste should have the Right to Freedom of Religion and their privileges should not be taken away when they convert to other Religion. The Central Govt. must be informed and to thrust on this subject."

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Those Members who agree to pass this Resolution moved by Pu Remsiama must say 'yes' and those who don't will say 'no'. As there is no one who do not agree to pass this Resolution. I would like to announce that this Resolution has been passed unanimously by the House.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Deputy Speaker,
Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall call upon Pu Zoramthanga to move the 4th Resolution and we shall continue as usual.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, my Private Resolution No.4 - "Mizoram must make a better place to look after and turn back Alcoholics and Drug Addicts to a normal person, as soon as possible".

During our Session we can remove the burden of our people's shoulders when we discuss and make results come out straight away. This makes us a direct champion and it is the people who wants us to have more Session period. We all are a Political Party who wants to form a Govt. and during our campaign we have promised the people many things which we would do if we could form the Govt.

In my election campaign I had emphasised on making a better place to help and change the life of a drug Addict and an Alcoholic. It is important as our loved one's having these problems are not born again and we know where they are heading to when they pass away. Due to the religion of Christianity we feel pity for these loved ones and wish that they would change their ways then their spiritual life would have a happy and pleasant life.

In the past we had been under strict observation and guidance from our elders on drinking but now, after we had gained its freedom we have turned to excessive drinking. Different organisations, Ministry, etc. are now facing problems on this subject. Drugs have been a problems recently and it has a very strong effect and so it is growing very fast. So, salvation is what we are looking for and must get as soon as we can.

If Salvation is not brought about for these people then there is no way to save them. Private Institutions have been built but due to the rapid growth of Drug Addicts and Alcoholics it is not enough. So, the Govt. must build a place to control it and then we will get lots of grants from the Central Govt. as it has been giving these in the past.

Constitution Board should be formed with the Govt. as its head and no single person must be allowed to look after it as corruptions and administrative laps can occur due to human beings incorrect nature. Religion, Medical and Societies interested in it should be the ones to look after it.

So, Mr Deputy Speaker, I hope that we would have a good discussion and pass this resolution unanimously as it is very important for us.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call Pu J.Lalsangzuala.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Deputy Speaker, youngsters
MINISTER from this generation are unfortunate to be born in this transitional period as they have Drug and Alcohol problems. There are lots of De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre in Aizawl District and being its member. I can see that there are some percent who have gained total recovery while the rest could not recover.

We have tried to make a correctional Institute with tripping, physical and moral development as its subject. The Central Govt. have been asked for help but there has been no reply till now. We have also collected reports from different people but the project report we have tried to copy has not been allowed. In our programme religious development must also be looked for as it has a very good background.

We must not stand in the way of Rural Development in any form but this may take a longer period. Doctors and Medical facilities have been a self-contained unit in our project report as there is no use of development without good health. So, our Govt. must take immediate steps on this subject.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER

: Mr Deputy Speaker, we are discussing at a very slow speed and it is nearly 4'0 clock. We must discuss only on this point and I think the mover of the Resolution will also agree.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Our break is at 4'0 clock and if 10 members agree then we can discuss for 10 minutes as I think we all are clear on this Resolution. Let us call Pu Tlanghmingthanga as he had been signalling me for a long time.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA

: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am happy on the House Leader and the Ruling Party as Resolutions can be passed without having any problems on the mover of the Resolutions. This House is really working as a team.

My logic on this resolution is to make a better De-Addiction and Rehabilitation Centre. So, if this is something which we have already got then I think we must pass the Resolution without any problem.

The present facilities and staff provided by the Govt. is not enough and so private institutions have come about. So, the Govt. must have a better Co-ordination with these Private Institution and must provide better facilities. The Central Govt. have also provided in grants and other facilities to these private institutions. We must not stop at counselling as vocational training is a very important factor and it can help them make a better life.

A person can be changed after they have deeper goals in life. So, we can know that we need a better place. With guidance from the Govt. and grants from the Central Govt. we can change these simple places and make them a better home.

Thank you.

PU LAL BIAKZUALA

: Mr Deputy Speaker, our youngsters have been unlucky so we must make a better place to look after and give them a proper adult life. Our Govt. has tried its best but have not been able to reach the end. I am sure that the Govt. will not stop there but will try much harder. In the past the De-Addiction Centre was looked after by the Social Welfare Deptt. of the Health Deptt. but now problems have risen as there is no one to look after it.

Governmental Officers can be given the task of looking after the Centre with love and care as this is the main thing which these people need. Playground and other items must also be provided to improve their mental and physical well being. We must think of a way to make this place interesting so that these people will not run away.

So, the Govt. must think of a plan to make a better Centre with good people to look after it. This place must be looked after with love and care and we must unite for such things.

Thank you.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA
MINISTER

: Mr Speaker, we must be careful in our race as there are others who wants to destroy us completely and put us out of this world. Looking back at the incidents which have occurred in the past we can be sure that it is true.

Drugs have also entered our areas from different sides but now we must try our best to stop its growth totally. Infact we must throw it out of our vicinity so that our race will be pure and free from this trade. We have no time to sit idle and watch it grow. So, we must follow this Resolution and fight this battle till the end.

Thank you.

PU LALRINCHANA

: Mr Deputy Speaker, Drugs and Alcohol has been the front runners of Mizoram's misfortune with the world and our Govt. has been sincere of its work to remove this problem from our land. We have also work hard in a joint venture with different organisations but we have not won this battle uptil now.

We cannot just stop the illegal entry of Drugs and Alcohol onto our lands straight away. So we must save them from the clutches of these evils. We cannot watch it grow and become slaves to it as the hard work of cleaning this evil is in our hands. The Govt. must work together with these non-Governmental Organisations and provide the necessary grants. These grants can be made by taking a portion of each Department's Budget rather than spending it uselessly.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is my wish that we should pass this Resolution unanimously and the House Members must work together to fight the battle.

Thank you.

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA : Mr Deputy Speaker, I support this Resolution. In this business there are two things which work at the same level. They are Prevention and Cure.

We have problems regarding the conditions of Drug Addicts and Alcoholics in our land. They could be provided money facilities and a place by the Government itself as it is the problem faced by Voluntary, Moral and Spiritual Missions Staff could be made to look after them with love and care as this is what they need.

Staff could also be taken on their live mission and not earning opportunities for it could be an easy way of earning money. They could be paid on a monthly term rather than the finance condition of the centre.

Treatment of Alcoholics and Drug Addicts could be made into three (3) states :-
(a) Notify the physical standard and purify the blood.
(b) Psychological Therapy.
(c) Social and Domestic Rehabilitation.

Even though this method may be complicated, it is very important and necessary. So, I hope that this Resolution may be passed by the Hon'ble Members of the House.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have 10 more minutes for our break and we can discuss the things we object most. Pu Saikapthianga can speak for 5 minutes.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER

: Mr Deputy Speaker, evil spirits have been fighting our people and has taken control over our younger generations. It is surely making us to to the hot waters of hell. We must not fight this battle due to our religion of Christianity but because of the love of our people as forgiveness in our religion has given our race too much freedom. We must fight, not as a Deptt. or a Govt. but call out to the people to help us, as we cannot win over it by ourselves.

People having Drug Licences must be cautioned and punished if they do the illegal trade. We must not be afraid to take immediate actions on these things. Drug surly changes a character and life of a person as one reliable person will become an untrustworthy person after taking a lose of it. Departmental and private agencies cannot be trusted completely as the involvement of large amounts of money can make us unreliable.

We must start this fight on drugs and alcohol, and make a centre without any hesitation. Prevention and cure must be the two main subjects in the Centre as they are two things which will always work together. We must also call out to the people for they will be willing to help us in any way.

Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA

: We must understand even if the time limit of 4 '0 clock has been reached as it is a very important subject for discussion. We must even extend the time limit and I am sure that the House Leader will be able to understand it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: The time limit is been 4 0'clock and I hope that the Minister of Excise will understand it as I think that everything is clear in our minds. The House Leader will be called and we shall vote the Resolution on the House.

PU LAL THANAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

: Mr Deputy Speaker, the concern of the members are very much appreciated and I don't think there will be any new matter as the heart is the main problem. I have prepared myself with statistical figures so that each person could see the magnitude of it, but I don't think that would be needed as it is a demonic spirit which is helping this force.

There are certain problem that each Govt. must face, we have tried to censu-re each person but that is not possible and this can be a problem directly or indirectly and the whole matter must be looked up at once. But we may have been unlucky as we may have lost our children or grand-children and this is a very hard case to look upon. In 1989 we made a de-addiction centre in the District Jail with persons of religious spirits as the head, but we could not reach the final limit. We have tried different solutions for improvement as said by the Finance Minister. We have 12/13 projects in the 25 projects capacity under the Social Welfare Deptt. There is a Remand Home with 40 inmates capacity. But, we have been lucky as only 22/30 inmates have been admitted. We have a good Juvenile Court with the Social Welfare Director as its Principal Magistrate and two other magistrates with experience helping him. Different chivalrous groups and churches are also looking after 13 De-addiction Centres with help from the State Govt. The State has a De-addiction Centre with 35 persons as its full capacity which is always full. Parents have applied for this centre but all cannot be entertained. Now as said by the Opposition Leader, Shri Zoramthanga, help must be provided to the addicts so that they may recover from addiction. Eventhough it needs a fast procedure, everything cannot be done at once as there are certain steps for prevention.

There are certain problems in the Staff Selection as said by the Finance Minister eventhough there are chivalrous and honourable men who could be willing to give their land. But, as this is in the Bualpui Area, discussions have been held with Deptt. head. Land Development is a great problem due to improper water supply, medical facilities and electricity. So, we have looked near Aizawl area but no large plots of land have been available so has been in the Zokhawsang Area. The area has to be spacious and wide enough as it has to cater workshop, studies etc. Sports must also be put on mind as it is needed for the physical health. Now, as the mind and ideas of the house and the people is known, we can go ahead with the site selection as fast as possible.

The main prevention problem with drugs now is Praxyvon rather than Heroin which had been much tougher case. As there is no law which can support a ban on Proxyvon, and it being on free sale in our neighbouring states; the addicts can easily purchase it from anywhere outside our state. People also can send it from places such as

Kanhmun, Vairengte, Bairabi etc. hiding it in between vegetables and other goods. Sometimes, all goods are not properly checked, so a new method must be sought out. As said by the Agriculture Minister, the pharmaceutical drugs sellers must be clearly advised against selling of this drug. Eventhough it is an important drug for sick people, only the Hospital must be given complete authority over it. The Govt. must look into the matter, otherwise it is a very difficult case. At present, punishment from the Excise and Police Deptt. cannot be very hard. Magistrates must be told of the crime and punishments rather than the fines. According to N.P. Acts, Proxyvon is not included in it and there is no hard law for it, but it is a social measures. We must look for a new law to prohibit this drug.

support this Resolution.

I would like to say that we

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: There will be others who would like to speak on this Resolution as it is an important one. We shall vote on the House and those in favour may say 'I agree' and those not in favour may say 'I do not agree'. I shall read out the Resolution "Mizoram must make a better place to look after and turn back Alcoholics and Drug Addicts to a normal person, as soon as possible".

Now we may vote the Resolution
Is there no one against this Resolution ?

PU C. VULLJAJIA
MINISTER

: Mr Deputy Speaker, De-addiction Centre, correctional centre Protection Home and Remand Home will be born from this Resolution. So, I would like to suggest that we call it "CHHANJHUAHNA RUN".

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: The decision will be thought over and made by the Committee. The administration for today is over. As tomorrow and the day after, being Saturday and Sunday respectively, they are both holidays so we shall meet again on Monday i.e. 3.4.'95 and start our meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M.