

SECOND SITTING OF THE 8TH SESSION

PRESENT

Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 14 Ministers and 22 Members were present.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : "The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad ! Clouds and thick darkness are round about him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne!"

Psalms 97-1-2

As it is written in the list of Business, we have obituaries to refer on two of our late Members who have passed away. Pu Joe Ngurdawla and Pu Vanlalhruaia. Both of the Hon'ble Members were Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. It is our privilege to make obituary references to both the departed Members. We pray for the families of both and as their Bio-data is enclosed, I shall read it out.

Bio-data of Pu Joe Ngurdawla (L)

Pu Joe Ngurdawla, former M.L.A left us for his heavenly abode on 23rd January, 1996 at 11:05 AM, after a long suffering from Cancer. He was 56 years old.

Pu Joe Ngurdawla, son of Pu Sangliana was born at Saitual in 1940. He married Saidingliani and had three sons and two daughters. He was a graduate of Pachuunga Memorial Government College.

He entered politics in 1971 and was the General Secretary, Mizo Union Youth Wing. He was elected to the Mizoram Legislative Assembly from Sairang Constituency in 1972. He was again elected on P.C ticket from Khawbung Constituency in 1979.

He was the first Chairman of the Mizoram Co-operative Union and also held the post of Vice President, Mizoram Hindi Prachar Samiti. He was also Chairman of the Sub-Legislation, Mizoram Legislative Assembly in 1979.

During 1979-1980, he was Secretary (Organisation) Peoples' Conference Party Headquarters. In 1993, he joined the Congress Party and held the post of General Secretary, ADCC(I) till the time of his death.

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Pu Joe Ngurdawla was a very friendly person with a varied interest in life. He was a singer and composer and a good orator. One of his songs 'Valzakzuma,' was a hit throughout Mizoram during the sixties.

Pu Joe Ngurdawla died peacefully on 23rd January, 1996. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Bio-data of Pu Vanlalhruaia (L)

Pu Vanlalhruaia, former M.L.A of Mizoram died at Civil Hospital, Aizawl on January 3rd, 1996 at 11:20 AM. He was 61 years old.

Pu Vanlalhruaia was the son of Pu Vankhuma of Mission Veng. He was born on 8th September, 1935 at Aizawl. He married Khawtinkhumi in 1957 and they have two sons and one daughter.

He entered politics in 1960. He held the post of Treasurer, Mizo National Famine Front in 1960-'61, joined Congress Party in 1961 and was a candidate for Mizo District Council in 1961 from Ngopa, which he lost.

He was a Member of the Central Working Committee of Mizo Union during 1968-1970 and was elected as member, Mizo District Council, from Ngopa in 1970.

In the General Elections in 1972, he was elected from his own Constituency as Member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

When the Mizo Union and Congress I merged in 1974, he became Secretary, Mizoram Pradesh Congress Committee.

In 1977, he left Congress to join the Janata Dal party where he was an Executive member. He again contested for MLA on J.D ticket in 1978 but lost the elections. He again re-joined Congress I in 1980 and was President of the Mission Veng Unit for three terms. He was again inducted as member of ADCC. He was again elected Vice President of Mission Veng Unit in 1994 and Member, Village Council for two terms.

Pu Vanlalhruaia left this world on 3rd January, 1996.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER

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Pu Dy.Speaker, the two late members of this House were very good and prominent persons. We miss them very much.

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The Hon'ble Dy.Speaker has just made their obituary references and we are very well informed about them. Pu Joe Ngurdawla was an outstanding Mizo man, friendly, humourist and a singer and composer in his own right. It was a joy to be in his company. He had a varied interest for the good of Mizoram, and was a leading factor in the propagation of Hindi in Mizoram. His contribution towards politics was selfless and full of integrity. In later life he was very involved in church and religious activities.

He suffered for a long period and was very brave and tolerant during his illness.

When I visited him at Bombay during his illness, I could see that he was strong and very much trusting in God. He had peace which came from his trust in God. He was therefore exemplary to the end. We pray for his wife and children.

He was originally from Saitual, but after he settled in Aizawl he became one of the most prominent citizens of the city. He was also interested and involved in journalism. It is with regret that we have lost such a man.

Pu Vanlalhruaia was one of the most prominent citizens of Aizawl. He hailed from a well established family in Mission Veng. He was ready to help people in times of need and sorrow, having time for others, he spent a great deal of his life helping others. His contribution in politics and Mizo society will be remembered. We mourn with his family and our prayers are with them.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINOTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the two former members Pu Joe Ngurdawla and Pu Vanlalhruaia held a very important place in Mizoram politics.

As the Hon'ble Chief Minister has mentioned, Pu Joe Ngurdawla experienced re-birth in God in the latter part of his life. He served God faithfully in his church and also led his family in serving God. We mourn with his wife and children and also his sisters who depended very much on him.

Pu Vanlalhruaia was an eminent leader in Mizoram politics. We have a lot to learn from his political career. He was among the first members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly in a time when none of us had the experience and knowledge. He made a lot of contributions which we treasure upto this day. He was

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diligent in his work and offered selfless service to those in need. It is indeed unfortunate that such a person is gone from us today. We sympathise with his family and offer them our deepest condolence. Thank you.

PU ZORAMTHAIGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, it is a sad thing to speak today at the loss of two of our former members, Pu Joe Ngurdawla and Pu Vanlalhruaia. Both of them were in prime and their death is very untimely.

Pu Joe Ngurdawla was in his mid-life and his career was still at its height. Pu Vanlalhruaia was undoubtedly a good legislator and politician who contributed much towards the making of Mizoram. His illness was a sudden one and he did not suffer for long. Our thoughts go to their families and loved ones who have survived them. Mizoram has lost two prominent men who will not be easily forgotten. Thank you.

PU H.ZATHUAMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, today we have lost two good leaders, who had been contributing so much since the time of District Council and throughout the dark days of the disturbances in Mizoram.

Pu Vanlalhruaia was the pioneer member of my constituency. He was the one who paved the way for developmental works in Ngopa Constituency, and we are reaping the harvest of his works. He was a good natured and even tempered person and the people of his constituency never saw him lose his temper or get angry. He was very devoted to his constituency which he put first and foremost in his priorities.

Pu Joe Ngurdawla was, as mentioned by those who spoke before me not only a politician but a gifted person in other aspects of life. He was a good composer and widely involved in literature. Mizoram has lost a very special person in him.

Today, Pu Vanlalhruaia and Pu Joe Ngurdawla continue to live in the hearts of the Mizo people although they are no longer here with us.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our time for obituary reference is now over. We shall take up the starred questions. Pu Lalsawta to ask.

PU LALSANTA : Pu Dy.Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Planning Department be pleased to state -

- (a) The total amount of share for Mizoram in the North Eastern Council for 1994-95 and 1995-96
- (b) The total budget of NEC for the year 1994-95.
- (c) The total budget of NEC for the year 1995-96.
- (d) The share percentage of Mizoram in the NEC budget of 1994-95.
- (e) The share percentage of Mizoram in the NEC budget of 1995-96.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu J.Lalsangzuala, Minister i/c Planning may reply.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the answers
MINISTER are as follows :-

- (a) Rs 13.23 crores in 1994-95 and Rs 10.93 crores in 1995-96.
- (b) The total budget in 1994-95 was Rs.357.00 crores.
- (c) The total budget in 1995-96 was Rs.418 crores.
- (d) The share of Mizoram in NEC budget for 1994-95 percentage is 3.7%.
- (e) The share of Mizoram in NEC budget for 1995-96 is 2.5% Thank you.

PU LALSANTA : Pu Dy.Speaker, a supplementary question please. It is quite evident that shares in the NEC are very disproportionate equal dividend proportion would be about 14% for each state. What is the reason for such a low share in percentage for Mizoram?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we are 8.26%
MINISTER in area and 2.18% in population in the North East. However the reason why shares cannot be in actual percentage is because the NEC Act provides "Common Interest" shares. Mizoram being situated at the tail end of the NEC area does not have 'Common interests' to share with other states. The NEC would have made provisions of 60% for Airport Development, but in our case the Planning Commission provided to us Rs 10 crores for construction of Airport and we have received another Rs 10 crores this year. Apart from this, the Tenth Finance Commission made a recommendation of Rs 57 crores for us which has been accepted by the Government

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of India. Therefore our share cannot be based on area and population.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, as the seven states of the North East are the most backward in the national level, we need a common infrastructure to remove this backwardness. A common infrastructure should be created. The reason why our share is so low could be due to the fact that we have made no such infrastructure, or have not implemented such infrastructure of common interest.

PU LALKHAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the Border Road Task Force had been operating way back before the NEC came into existence. I would like to know if the shares for Mizoram include the BRTF provisions? Secondly, is the Vety Central University at Imphal under the NEC? If yes, why are they the ones to bar us financially in the setting up of Mizoram Vety College?

PU LALSAWTA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the reply given by the Minister was not very acceptable. Whatever the reasons may be, is there no way of raising the percentage of our shares at least up to about 10%

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, just one question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the Minister reply first.

PU F. LALREMSIAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister stated that the NEC shares were made on the basis of 'Common Interest' and not area or population basis. What infrastructure of common interest have our neighbouring states chalked out. What about such infrastructures in Mizoram?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : PU J. Lalsangzuala.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the main aim
MINISTER is to remove Regional Des-
parity which is the policy
of the Government of India
as well. There are several Regional Institutes in the
North East under NEC funding. Such institutes are also
proposed for Mizoram among which one is the Para Medical
Training Institute which is under construction at present.

Regarding Vety College in Mizoram,
it is under the University and not directly under NEC.
We have be appreciated regarding its implementation
which you must have read in news papers.

As for proposals, each state makes
its own proposals which is discussed in the NEC meetings.

The BRTF operate in two ways in
Mizoram. One is direct funding from the Central Govt.
and another under NEC funding. e.g. the Serkhan-Bagha
road.

Common interest is mainly of com-
munications and institutions.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, which Depart-
ment has a seperate sale,
division or organisation to
execute NEC programme ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the Department
MINISTER of Planning handles the Mone-
tary and Co-ordination of
NEC works. A provision of
Rs 35 lakhs is made for Para-Medical Training Institute,
Rs 15 lakhs for Integrated Fishery Development, Rs 3 lakhs
for Man Power Development, Rs 15 lakhs for Sports,
Rs 1000 lakhs for Road and Bridges and Rs 25 lakhs for
Rural Electrification and Micro. Altogether Rs 10 crores,
93 lakhs.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, what is the
reason for not speeding
up the Erection ?

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the Cabinet
MINISTER has agreed to set up for
Road & Bridges and it is
being implemented.

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PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the present percentage of share 3.7% is too meagre and therefore needs to be re-considered.

PU J.LALSAINGZUALA : It is upto you.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 2, Pu Lalhmingthanga to ask.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Veterinary Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is the Government aware of the fact that milk suppliers of Durtlang and Sihphir are facing problems regarding sale of milk ?

(b) If yes, then what measures are proposed to be taken in order to solve this problem ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.Lalbiaka, Minister may reply.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Dy.Speaker, the answer is as follows:-
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(a) Yes, the Government is aware of the fact that milk suppliers of Durtlang and Sihphir are facing problems regarding their sale of milk.

(b) A Dairy Plan to market 1000 litres of milk daily at Thuampui, Zemabawk. We hope to be able to process about 3500 litres here. The milk producers will have to wait for our project to materialise.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we should not forget that Durtlang and Sihphir are two model villages in Mizoram regarding Dairy farming and vegetable production. Some families produce more than 150 litres a day. Their daily milk product is very substantial. I would like to know when this Dairy Plant at Zemabawk is to be installed. Another thing is the place of installation proposed at Zemabawk is too isolated and out of the way for daily convenience

in delivery for the producers. Can we not select a nearer or more central place for the plant? Can the Government provide some sort of compensations for the loss they are suffering? What steps have been taken in this regard?

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Pu Dy.Speaker, how much milk is distributed daily? How much is bought daily? What is the price of milk per litre?

PU LALKHAMA : Pu Dy.Speaker, as we consume the dairy products of Durtlang and Sihphir, I think it is relevant to ask about the road condition between Aizawl and Sihphir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us ask to the point. It may be a little difficult for the Minister i/c A.H. & Vety Department to answer the road condition between Sihphir and Aizawl.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I could not hear Pu Lalkhama's question properly, I think he asked about the condition of the road between Leitan and Bawngkawn. Whatever it may be, roads are not in our portfolio and therefore I cannot give a specific answer.

The Department is able to process about 3500 litres of milk from the total product of about 10,000 litres daily, the rest 6500 litres or so are disposed by the owners in the open market. We hope to be able to solve all this problem when we implement our project at Zemabawk. Apart from that there is not much we can do at present.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I would like to know if there is a way of granting subsidies to the milk producers.

PU P.LALBIAKA : Pu Dy.Speaker, we are preparing a better and larger project but we have the location problem. It is inconvenient to have the location at Durtlang or Sihphir. As for the subsidy grants, yes we will think about it.

The answer to pu John Rotluangliana's question is - The Co-operative Department procures milk at the rate of Rs 8.80p per litre and sells at the rate of Rs. 10/- per litre.

PU K.T.ROKHAW : Pu Dy.Speaker, the living quarters for V.F.As in the Vety Department in my constituency are all run down and not fit for occupying. Is there intention to rebuild or renovate these quarters ?

SPEAKER : The questions are rather far fetched. Our question hour is almost finished and we still have three questions to be asked.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Trade and Commerce be pleased to state -

Is the Government aware of any non-mizo trading in the name of Mizos ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Government is not aware of any non-Mizo person trading in the name of Mizos.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Mizoram Chamber of Commerce had submitted the list of names of such persons in 1993. About 248 names of such illegal traders were intimated to the Government. Now that there is a separate Department of Trade and Commerce, it is surprising that the Department is not aware of the illegal traders.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble
MINISTER Member mentioned the 248 names
of illegal traders that was
submitted in 1993. There is
a big problem faced in this matter. I do believe that
a good number of such illegal traders exist. The Mizoram
Trading Regulation Ordinance 1995, is being processed and
is at present in the hands of Law & Judicial Department.

As far as I can know we have not
given trade licence to non-Mizos, or allow them to use
licence in the name of Mizos. We therefore need to have
the Trade Regulation Ordinance in order to act on these
matters.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Trading
Regulation states that anyone
can trade in Mizoram. Is
there any Regulation that
can bar non-Mizos from trading in Mizoram? It appears
that these non-Mizos use the Trade Licence of Mizos and
thereby avoid Income Tax.

Would the Hon'ble Minister accept
the list of such illegal traders if it is submitted to him
during this very Session?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, is it not
possible to detect these
illegal traders? These
people draw large amounts of
cash from the State Bank in order to avoid Income Tax,
thus creating shortages in cash frequently in the State
Bank. In fact this is almost a monthly feature. Is the
Hon'ble Minister un-aware of these facts?

In the absence of the Trading Regu-
lation, is it not possible to impose restrictions under
the provisions of Inner Line Permit system?

Dr.J.V.HLUNA : Mr Speaker Sir, the weekly
paper 'Senhri' in its issue
of 18th April and 24th April 1995, alleged that one
Yogoraja Jain recieved a supply order of Electrical goods
worth Rs 550 lakhs, in the name of Greenland Engineering,
Paramount, Zoram Engineering, Allied Industry and Hmingi
Enterprise. Is the Hon'ble Minister aware of this fact?

Secondly, the same paper Sehri,
dated 12th March, i.e. Yesterday again stated that Yogo-
raja Jain received another supply order worth Rs 615 lakhs

in the names of Mizoram Engineering, Allied Industry, Greenland Engineering and Hmingi Enterprise. Does the Hon'ble Minister know about this too ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, that is a rather difficult question to answer. The Government cannot just accept whatever is written in the news papers unless a specific report is recieved. When the receipt of the work done is in the name of the person who owns the Firm, it is not easy to punish. Regarding the withdrawal of large sums of cash from the State Bank by certain people, I am sorry to say that I am not aware of such. This may be due to the fact that I am not concerned about it.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, we tend to have the habit of saying that we are not aware of these facts.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, how would a Minister in-charge Trade and Commerce have control over the Bank ?

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, can you please give assurance that you will be able to enquire into the matter ? It is not a difficult task, only a matter of wanting or not wanting to do so.

SPEAKER : I think the Minister i/c said that he would look into the matter and that.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, yes that is so, there is not much I can do as the Minister in-charge Trade and Commerce except give suggestion.

SPEAKER : Question No.4, Pu F.Lalremsiama.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Planning Department be pleased to state :-

- (a) The percentage of the total outlay of Plan priorities as in Department wise under the Government of Mizoram
(b) Is there any intention to change any of the priorities or earmarked sectors ?

SPEAKER : Pu J.Lalsangzuala, Planning Minister may reply please.

PU J.LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker Sir, in Agriculture and Horticulture WRC alone the percentage is 3.97%. In the national level, 16.23% is earmarked for the Allied sectors of Agriculture.

Next is Power & Electricity where 12.54% and 14.06% for Roads and Bridges. 6.47% for Water supplies and 3.86% for Village and Small Industries.

SPEAKER : Any supplementaries ? Our question hour is now over.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I had submitted a Motion for Adjournment in which I stated that the Chief Minister of Mizoram had recieved large pay offs from non-Mizo suppliers of Government of Mizoram. Has my Motion of Adjournment been admitted ?

SPEAKER : I received the Adjournment Motion submitted by Pu Zoramthanga yesterday. If we read the Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, it reads :- "Notice of Adjournment Motion shall be given before the commencement of the sitting on the day on which the motion is proposed to be made to each of the following". It may be submitted to the Speaker or the Minister concerned. It may also be submitted to the Secretary. The Rule also states - 'the Motion shall not deal with any matter which is under sub-judication by a court of law, having jurisdiction in any part of India'.

As such the matter being sub-judice to the Court, it is not admissible to the House.

Let us therefore go according to our list of Business.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, your interpretation of Rule 63 is somewhat different. It is our practice to submit in advance. There should be time for the Speaker to make judgement.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, who is in-charge of the file dealings ?

SPEAKER : An Adjournment Motion is a Motion of such importance that all its aspects have to be examined carefully before admission by the Speaker. Adjournment Motions are necessarily admitted in cases of natural calamities. The Railway disaster last year was also given top priority in parliament where all other Business including question hour was adjourned, and the motion discussed.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, how do you propose to interpret this Rule during your tenure as Speaker?

PU LIANSUAMA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, looking back at our practice of Adjournment Motions, it is always submitted on the morning of the days Session before the start of our sittings. This is in accordance with the Rule here. The motion should pertain to an incident of recent occurrence. Your decision and interpretation of the Rule is most important, Mr Speaker. It is our practice to submit the motion of Adjournment early on the day of the Session on which we would like to discuss it.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinchhana.

PU LALRINCHHANA : Mr Speaker Sir, last year the Adjournment Motion submitted by the Hon'ble Member, Pu Lahmingthanga was discussed four days after his submission. If that is so, then the interpretation is not the same.

SPEAKER : Pu Lahmingthanga gave me great pressure on that matter. It was after 2 PM or so that I conceded to discuss the Motion.

PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, a similar
MINISTER Motion was put to notice when the mover Pu Zoramthanga was the Finance Minister, that was also taken up on the day of submission, as was practiced in all the other times.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Mr Speaker Sir, the interpre-
MINISTER tation of Rs 63 has been brought to light and the Hon'ble Member also accepts the Rule. However, he may be a little mixed up with Rule 60 which says "A day in advance" Therefore, your ruling is correct and if it is sub-judice to the Court, it is only correct that the Motion be not discussed.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr Speaker Sir, if the matter is sub-judice to the Court as you say, then let the copies of the cases filed be produced in the House.

PU H.ZATHUAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, I do not see the need to inform the House as to who filed a case against whom.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, the House must be informed regarding the case.

- PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, the motion is being rejected not on the ground that it is sub-judice, rather it is rejected in accordance to Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure.
- PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Speaker Sir, it would be appreciated if the court case is clarified here in the House. Let us not forget that we had a special Session to discuss Inner Line Regulation in 1994 inspite of its being sub-judice.
- PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, we should be clear about the motion and the case of the Chief Minister ? Is it one and the same ?
- SPEAKER : What I know is that it was in the Court item No. 1 to 3 which was heard yesterday.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, we should not depend on mere hearsay, let the House produce the facts and figures. I am therefore not satisfied.
- Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, you should be clear about the reason as to why the motion has been rejected. Whether it is as the Rule permits or otherwise ?
- PU P.C.ZORAMSANGLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, your decision is very dignified and acceptable. There is nothing more to add, therefore let us get on with the proceedings.
MINISTER
- PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I would like to know the actual ground for the rejection.

- SPEAKER : I have only mentioned the Court.
- PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, that is why we demand a clarification. Actually, I do not believe that the matter is sub-judice to the Court. Which Court is it sub-judice to? Who filed the case? I do not accept the ground for the rejection unless there is proof.
- PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, please tell us the reason for the rejection and let us put an end to it.
- SPEAKER : The reason for the rejection is as I said before, Rule No. 63 which reads :- 'Before the commencement of the sitting on the date on which the Motion is proposed to be made'.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, if that is your reason for objection, then I accept it and will not push my motion further.
- SPEAKER : We shall have a short break and then resume our discussion.

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- DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall continue our discussion. Pu John Rotluangliana may speak first.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, firstly, I am proud that the Governor has mentioned the feat of the Mizoram Mountaineering Team on scaling Mount Abigami on September, 1995.

The Department of Art and Culture have also made tremendous performances throughout India. They performed the 'Cheraw' dance at the South Asian Federation Games, 1995 at Madras.

The Government of Mizoram has opened up new faces of development in every department. Para Medical Nursing Training Institute have been opened at Aizawl, and HIV testing facilities at Serchhip, Champhai and Kolasib. The Local Administration Department has also constructed footpath along the Zemabawk - Bawngkawn road, and also along Vaivakawn to Zotlang road. This has prevented a lot of accidents on these roads.

Government of Mizoram has also made substantial provisions on Housing Loans, and Government servants have also been offered HUDCO loans for housing. This is indeed very commendable.

This Government has also done tremendous relief works through the Department of Relief & Rehabilitation. The Department of Information has also arranged Bharat Darshan tours for 40 persons and North East Tour for 15 accredited journalists. The Governor has covered in his speech many other facets of developmental works under various Departments which I cannot mention due to lack of time. I therefore urge this August House to pass this motion of thanks unanimously. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us take about 8 minutes each and finish by 10 at the most.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, on studying the Governor's speech today, I find very little cause to give thanks for. After having attained Statehood for 10 years, the said developments are not a big issue in comparison to other states. I do not know why 1995 has been proclaimed as a year of Motor accidents. This is nothing to rejoice about. Accidents are happening all the time. The Government has to take severe precautionary steps in the Department of Transport, in order to avoid more accidents in the future.

On page 5, para II we find the

New Land Use Policy introduction as an alternative to the primitive method of shifting cultivation. However although it may sound beautiful, the said eleven blocks of New Land Use Policy are hardly 10% successful. Therefore instead of praising the NLUP, the whole scheme needs to be re-examined.

Shifting cultivation cannot yet be totally erased due to the failure of the new policy of land use. The Government has to re-consider many of the policies it has introduced and view the pros and cons of the projects. The motion of thanks for the Governor's speech has to be a thankful motion from every angle and every sphere. I therefore cannot support the motion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : pu Lalsawta.

PU LALSAWTA : Mr Dy. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me this time to speak on the motion of thanks on the Governor's speech.

First, it would be wrong to praise the unworthy and at the sametime not praise the praiseworthy.

I am rather disappointed that there is no mention of the Fire Brigade and their achievements. The issue of foreign nationals infiltration to Mizoram has been mentioned on the 2nd para of the first page. This has threatened the peace of Mizoram to a great extent. What steps have been taken by the state Government to deport these foreign nationals? This year has been proclaimed as the 'Year of Education' and the Government has made infrastructures for the progress of education, in collaboration with voluntary organisations. However if we look at MacDonald Hill, the site of one of the oldest educational institutions, the area is filled with private houses.

Anyone who has power has managed to possess a plot for himself. This is very shameful especially in a year proclaimed as 'Year of Education'.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : pu J.V.Hluna.

PU J.V.HLUNA

: Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, I am surprised that the Governor has not mentioned in his speech the large number of Muster Roll Labourers and their provisions.

In para 3, the Police Department are mentioned and lauded. As we all know, the Police are there to help the public. However, nowadays, we hear of police atrocities which were unheard of in the past. We are aware of such atrocities now and again which has marred the name of the Police Department. The Government should probe into these incidents and take necessary actions where needed.

In paragraph 4, we find Lengpui Airport, of which we are very grateful. It is understood that Lengpui Airport is accepted only for Visual Flight Rule, which in other words mean Fair weather Airport. This is going to be a problem in the future as pilots will depend on the weather.

Regarding the mention of University, it is somewhat vague as there is no mention of whether it will be State or Central.

The Chief Minister in his speech on 4th March at Vanapa Hall, stated that he was afraid to have a University which would be a hot bed of politics like Pachhunga University College. I was hurt by these words. Is P.U.College a political hot bed in comparison to other Colleges? Their achievement is good, results are good and is meant to be a pacesetting College and a premier College.

I am of the opinion that a Central University would be better.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Pu Lalkhama.

PU LALKHAMA

: Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, this is the 25th Address of the Governor of Mizoram. Being a minority state, we have been given great priority in terms of development. This I say in comparison to other minority pockets around our Borders like Burma, Bangladesh and China.

Law and order has also been maintained to a great extent and I am grateful for it, however there is still much to improve. We need to fend ourselves from the foreign infiltrators from all sides of our borders.

Foreign infiltrators are not safe in the hands of the BSF. This is very clear. We need to strengthen all the border towns with better reinforcements, as it is these infiltrators are very free to come and go as they please.

Although the Law and Order situation is stable, why do we have to go through SIB investigations in order to obtain a passport ?

Regarding New Land Use Policy, more beneficiaries should be selected from villages like Thingsai and Arro and also from the western sides of Mizoram.

There was talk of establishing A.H. & Vety College, but so far we have not received the necessary funds. Is this due to obstruction from the Vice Chancellor, Imphal.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : pu Zoramthang.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, I shall be brief. It is a pity that there is not much to rejoice about in the speech of the Governor.

One thing, I wish to say first is the scarcity of water despite the great water supply scheme mentioned in the speech. Therefore it is hard to applaud wholeheartedly.

Next, I would like to say a few words on Total Prohibition. This has become somewhat problematic as it is always the poor people who bear the brunt of it all. It has to be observed from the top in order to make it a success. Rules have to be framed to support the Bill which we have passed. However, such follow up actions are very slow.

Regarding Border Trade, it was agreed to open up trade between us and our neighbouring countries where in we may sell our local products of agriculture and other locally produced commodities. This spirit is not carried out in the way we are dealing with our Border Trade. We will therefore be unable to utilise the trade to our full advantage.

Thank you.

PU F.LALREMSIAMA : Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, I rise to say that I do not have much to give thanks for in this Address of the Governor.

The first reason is because there have been omissions of many important things in this speech. The Hmar people's Convention has not been mentioned. In the previous Addresses, the Governor always mentioned the dialogues and agreements made with the H.P.C. This time no such thing is to be seen.

Secondly, the issue of foreign infiltrators has been very carefully mentioned. It is always vaguely mentioned with great restrictions on the part of the Government.

In answer to the question of Hon'ble Member, Pu J.V.Hluna, the Government replied that so far 8 Chakma foreigners had been detected on December report. The Governor's address should tell us about the ongoing operations regarding the detection and deportation of foreigners till date. It is therefore hard to rejoice.

PU H.THANGKIMA : Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, I think the Address of the Governor may be compared to the beautiful wrappings of presents containing nothing much in reality.

One thing that is missing conspicuously is the marketing of ginger product. It is very despairing for the ginger growers. The public have done all they could but the government has failed them in unabling to market their products.

Regarding Transport Department, the achievements are quite good. However, why is it not possible to have Buses plying between Sialsuk and Thenzawl ? The road is much better than Aizawl to Sialsuk. There is no Bus service between Thenzawl and Lunglei also inspite of the good condition of the roads.

Another thing I wish to mention is Medical and Health services. The Civil Hospital in Aizawl is very well staffed but it lacks in medicine supplies. Everything has to be bought from outside. We have to think of the poor people in the rural areas where there is no medicine to purchase from the shops.

In Aizawl we get everything in the market but that is not so in the villages. Therefore all the talk about medical services is meaningless.

That is all, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have 10 minutes more, in order to end by 4 o'clock. Pu F.Malsawma may speak and after that the Leader of the House will wind up.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, I am glad that the peaceful state of Mizoram has been mentioned in the Address. However we should know that in some areas there are reports of Santi Bahini camps. How is it possible to have these camps and not do anything about it? Has the Central Government given orders to protect these people? Why are they so at home in our soil? and why are they not chased out?

Regarding H.P.C. movements, we do not know what awaits us. Law and Order has to be maintained strictly all the time.

Last year in his speech, the Governor mentioned that the Greater Aizawl Water Supply Phase II is an Externally Aided Project (EAP). However, not one paise has been received so far and we are suffering tremendously. Water supply is short in Aizawl city and sooner or later something has to be done.

NLUP has also failed miserably as the shifting cultivation has not been able to be replaced by the scheme.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now call the Leader of the House.

PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Dy.Speaker Sir, it is not possible to include all the achievements of the Government in the Governor's Address. We have heard commendable achievements and ongoing works for which I am very thankful. It is obvious that the Hon'ble Members are not of the same opinion. Members of the Opposition are also not of the same mind. Some have reason to be thankful for while others do not.

I am happy today for being able to have our Assembly Session here in this new and beautiful Assembly House. This is due to the hard works of our Speaker and Dy.Speaker and I would like to thank them both.

The Government is planning to fortify the Police Department in respect of Housing, executive and organisation. They have shown great enthusiasm and everything is being done to implement these efforts. It is a regret to have some isolated incidences of police misbehaviour. The Home Ministry is aware of these and with the co-operation of the public we hope to improve.

Regarding Lengpui Airfield, much has been said about its pros and cons. It is evident that we have blossomed from the efforts of our predecessors, and we are grateful for it.

The Central Government is also aware of the infiltration problem in our state, and is intending to do something about it. It is obvious that we have to depend on the BSF to protect us, as we do not have forces of our own. They may not be good enough but we have no other choice or means.

The H.P.C. issue is also being monitored. In my last private meeting with the members, I told them that they had been unfaithful twice. When they surrendered they did not surrender their sophisticated weapons, but instead all they surrendered wire iron pipes and hand made weapons. The HPC also misappropriated the funds we gave for rehabilitation, not giving the full amount due to each person. We also set up a Commission to investigate the area claimed as Hmar inhabited areas, but these also were not as they claimed to be.

It is apparent that there are Law and Order problems in our borders along Manipur in spite of their denials.

Regarding Border Trade, yes it is not exactly what we want. However, these are bi-lateral agreements and it is good to a great extent that Burma has agreed to have such trade with us. Construction of Highway up to Tamu and Kalimayau is being under consideration of the Central Government.

The New Land Use Policy as has already been said is a very sound and welcome policy. However, right from the beginning, there was a misunderstanding from the beneficiaries regarding its implementation. As a result we have faced a lot of problems. The public need to be educated on this matter.

The Regional Para Medical Institute is also a centrally sponsored project through the NEC. We have now appointed one Officer on special duty to and the Heads of Departments to speed up the project. We are doing our best from all levels to have this Institute as successful as we would like it to be.

The Greater Kolasib Water Supply Scheme is also to be started soon. The scheme is being projected and the Government is putting all efforts to implement it.

The Indian Oil Company is intending to set up a bottling plant of LPG near Bualpui which the Government of Mizoram is trying to implement.

The Hon'ble Members have shown great keenness and interest in the development works of Mizoram. The issue of Foreigners is a big one and very sensitive. We have to take precautions as to how we deal with such sensitive issues.

These are the main things I have to say Mr Dy.Speaker. The general reaction to the Governor's speech is good and I am very thankful to the Members for the same. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As per our Rules No.17 of Chapter 5, the Governor's speech was moved for a Motion of Thanks by a Member and seconded by another. Let us now take a voice vote and pass the Motion. (All Members agree to pass by saying Yes) Now that all the Members have agreed to pass the Motion, the Motion is declared passed by the House.

We shall now adjourn the House till 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM