

Pu Vaivenga, Speaker in the Chair, Chief Minister, six (6) Ministers and twenty-five (25) Members.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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(a) to beg leave to introduce "The Mizoram Weights & Measures Bill, 1976",  
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Pu Lalsangzuala, Minister i/c Law & Judicial Deptt. to move -  
(a) that "The Mizoram General Clauses Bill, 1976" be taken into consideration,  
(b) that the Bill be passed.

SPEAKER : ( Reads passages from the Bible )  
Now Question No.21.

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Purchase of Vehicles without taxes.

PU F.HRANGVELA :

\*21 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Supply & Transport Deptt. be pleased to state -

- (a) whether it is possible for permanent resident of Mizoram to purchase T.M.B.Vehicles without paying taxes?
- (b) If not, is there any proposal to appoint a dealer in Mizoram ?
- (c) If not, is there any such proposal for exemption and the action taken on the proposal ?

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr.Speaker, (a) No; (b) the Mizoram Govt. has applied for appointment of Dealer of Vehicles, from the Central Govt. and appoint-

ment of sub-Dealer has been principally approved. But things cannot be finalised yet and discussion will be held with the Company representatives who will come in the first part of October. (c) as we have no Vehicle Dealer in Mizoram we have to pay the taxes of the States wherefrom we purchased the Vehicles:

- PU F. HRANGVELA : Mr. Speaker, have our Govt. recommended any to be T.M.B. Dealer? If recommended, when?
- PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker, our Govt. has recommended some in 1974 to be Dealers of Vehicles, not only TATA T.M.B. Vehicles.  
MINISTER
- PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker, is the recommended Dealer permanent resident of Mizoram or Contractor from outside Mizoram?
- PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker, the recommended Dealer is a rich Mizo businessman, permanent resident of Mizoram.  
MINISTER
- PU F. HRANGVELA : Mr. Speaker, though T.M.B. Dealer was recommended in 1974, due to negligence, progress could not be made till today. Is the Govt. aware of this fact?
- PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker, the Govt. has no power to appoint Vehicles Dealer. The Company appoints Dealers for particular regions and the Govt. can only recommend certain businessmen for Dealers. The Company can appoint non-recommended to be Dealers. As we are in critical condition the Central Govt. was approached to appoint Vehicles Dealer to exempt us taxes and low cost of vehicles. The Central Govt. further approached the TATA Company at Bombay, but full Dealership was not permitted. The Dealership depends on the sale of vehicles. Mizoram shall have sub-Dealer and the TATA Distributor covering Mizoram would like to open Branch Office here so that vehicles may be purchased free of taxes. But as requests came not to give Trade License, the License is not issued. Hence the delay.

SPEAKER : Question No. 22.

SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Soil Conservation Division at Chhimituipui District.

PU SAPLIANA :

\*22 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Soil Conservation Deptt. be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that there is proposal for opening of Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui District?
- (b) If so, what is the present position?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker, (a)yes,there is proposal to  
MINISTER open Soil Conservation Division in Chhim-  
tuipui District; (b)work is progressing  
and we expect to complete the project soon.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker,when did the Govt.initiate  
opening of Soil Conservation Division in  
Chhimtuipui District? Why for so long period the District has  
been left without having Soil Conservation Division,whether  
due to little work-load? Many Departments combine Lunglei and  
Chhimtuipui Districts in their field of works reducing acti-  
vities of works. Has the Govt.posted Range Officers in the  
Ranges of Soil Conservation Deptt? What are the activities of  
Soil Conservation Deptt.in Chhimtuipui District?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker,the Range Officers are posted  
MINISTER in the Ranges of Chhimtuipui District. I  
cannot tell the initiation of this Divi-  
sion,but activities of Soil Conservation could not be made in  
the District due to disturbance.Activities of Soil Conserva-  
tion had been renewed after we became U.T.,but no proper scheme  
is made yet whether to attach it to the Agriculture Deptt.The  
matter is under consideration.Proper organisation of the Deptt.  
is being considered.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker,why the Soil Conservation Deptt.  
could not be activated,whether due to  
absence of sanction or poor administration set-up of the Deptt?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker,the state of our being disturbed  
MINISTER area is the one reason.Other reasons are  
there too for the non-feasibility of the  
Soil Conservation Deptt.

SPEAKER : Question No.23.

Introduction of Hill/Dry Terracing in Mizoram.

PU SAPLIANA :

\*23 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Soil Conservation Deptt.  
be pleased to state -

- (a) whether it is a fact that Hill/Dry Terracing has been introduced in Mizoram?
- (b) If so,since when?
- (c) What are the actual areas taken up so far under the Soil Scheme(in hectares and District-wise)?
- (d) What is the District-wise expenditure incurred so far over its introduction?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker, (a)Hill/Dry Terracing has been  
MINISTER introduced; (b)it has been started during  
the 3rd Five Year Plan; (c)District-wise  
hectares - in Aizawl Dist. 990 hectares during 1972 - 76 and  
490 hectares in Lunglei Dist.; (d)District-wise expenditure

incurred - for Aizawl Dist. Rs.15,13,583.59p and Lunglei Dist. Rs.5,39,891.60p.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker,while so much was spent for Aizawl & Lunglei Districts it was Nil for Chhimituipui Dist.,which proves there was no activity of Soil Conservation Deptt.in the Dist. Why there had been no sanction for Hill/Dry Terracing in Chhimituipui Dist?

PU K.SANGZHHUM : Mr.Speaker,what is the difficulty met by the Soil Conservation Deptt.in functioning while other Departments could function properly?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker,Soil Conservation Division covers Lunglei & Chhimituipui Districts,that means there is no separate Division for Chhimituipui Dist. I have not been asked of the expenditure figure of Chhimituipui Dist. There is activity of Soil Conservation Deptt.in the Dist. Lunglei Dist.covers Chhimituipui Dist. regarding Soil Conservation Deptt.but there is activity of the Deptt.in the Dist.and Range Officer is posted at Lawngtlai who did terracing works.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker,I asked the District-wise expenditure of the Deptt.for Hill/Dry Terracing,not the Division-wise expenditure,and if there had been activities we should have seen.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker,Chhimituipui Dist.has no Soil Conservation Deptt.of its own,like Aizawl Dist.and Lunglei Dist. Hence I gave the figure of the 2 Districts.

SPEAKER : Question No.24.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Non-payment of money during 1974 - 75.

PU R.DOTINAIA :

\*24 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Community Development Deptt be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that the following sanctioned Grants were not received by the beneficiaries i.e.Bukpui Village up till now - (i)Rs.2,000/- for R.C.C.works (Water Supply) of Bukpui Camp Centre in 1974 - 75;
- (ii)Rs.4,000/- for construction of suspension bridge over Serlui in 1974 - 75;
- (iii)Rs.2,000/- for construction of Inter-Village Path between Bukpui and Kawnpui and Bukpui-Thingdawl in 1974 - 75;
- (iv)Rs.2,500/- for construction of suspension bridge over Builum in 1974 - 75.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker, (a) (i) no money was sanctioned for Bukpui Village from the Community Development Deptt.; (ii), (iii) & (iv) money was sanctioned from the Deptt., combining (ii) & (iv) Rs.4,000/- was sanctioned for construction of suspension bridge over Serlui during 1974 - 75. Rs.2,500/- and Rs.4,500/- respectively was sanctioned for construction of suspension bridge over Chempui and Serlui. Rs.4,000/- was sanctioned for construction of suspension bridge near Buhchangphai Village, Regarding (iii) Community Development Deptt. did not sanction Rs.2,000/- for construction of Inter-Village Path between Bukpui and Kawnpui.

PU R.DOTINAIA : Mr.Speaker, if the sanction had not been issued from the Community Development Deptt. whether sanction had been released on the said various Items for Bukpui Village? Whether it is true the B.D.O. had drawn all the sanctioned Grants for the Village?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker, the B.D.O. had drawn all the sanction Grants for the Village, but construction works of the bridges had not been started. Investigation is being conducted. The B.D.O. is being suspended for certain matters. The matter is referred to the Chief Vigilance Committee.

PU R.DOTINAIA : Mr.Speaker, the sanctioned Grants was for 1974 - 75 but now we have come to 1976 and if the sanction had been fully drawn by the B.D.O., whether it is permissible to keep it that for so long? Or had it been diverted for other purposes?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker, it is wrong to keep sanctioned Grants for so long period. And as the money drawn by the B.D.O. had not been utilised for the intended purposes, investigation is being conducted.

SPEAKER : Question No. 25.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Compulsory Retirement.

PU R.DOTINAIA :

\*25 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Education Deptt. be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that some employees of Education Deptt. are compulsorily retired by a recent Order of the Govt?
- (b) If so, under what rules and regulations? (Furnish list of the concerned persons with their designations).

PU H.THANSANGA : Mr.Speaker, some employees of the Education Deptt. are compulsorily retired, according to Rules 72.

The following is the list of concerned persons - (1) Pu F.B.Murray, Asstt. Inspector of Schools, (2) Pu Laltawnga, Headmaster of Govt. M.E. School, (3) Pu Bilhranga, Headmaster of Govt. M.E. School, (4) Pu Vanlalsiama, Asstt. Headmaster

of Govt. M.E. School, (5) Pu Hauzika, Asstt. Teacher of Govt. M.E. School, (6) Pu Chalmingliana, Asstt. Teacher of Govt. M.E. School, (7) Pu Pakuaia, Asstt. Teacher of Govt. M.E. School, (8) Pu C. That-  
chungu, Carpenter of Govt. M.E. School, (9) Pu Chilo, L.P. Teacher & (10) Pu Thanzuala, Laboratory-bearer.

PU R. DOTINAIA : Mr. Speaker, have they been given prior warning? Have they been given chance to explain themselves? It is heard the list is longer than what the Minister said, and the case of certain Inspectors of Schools is not mentioned here. I want to know whether the Govt. intend to forewarn them?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, there are two (2) kinds in the rule I have read out; the first kind is compulsory retirement with 3 months' prior notice and the second is compulsory retirement without that prior notice. Anyway, they should be paid 3 months' salaries, and whether they are given prior information/warning or not does not matter/reduce their salaries. Instead of giving them prior information/warning it is preferred to give them the 3 months' salaries. The Deptt. is not aware of others outside the list. Pu Thanthuama, Inspector of Schools is not compulsorily retired, he is going on leave now.

SPEAKER : Question No. 26.

Allotment of Vehicles in Education Deptt.

PU R. DOTINAIA :

\*26 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Education Deptt. be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that Jeep was allotted to Principal, P.M. College whereas Dy. Inspector of Schools are not provided with the vehicles?
- (b) If so, why?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, (a) Jeep has not been provided to the Principal, P.M. College; it was provided rather to the P.M. College as it is of two (2) shifts, Day and Evening and the road is far for walking and also for the smooth functioning of the College. There are occasions when drawal of money from the Bank became necessary and the vehicle is used mostly for such purposes. The Dy. Inspectors of Schools are not provided with vehicles, but the Inspector of Schools keep one (1) vehicle as pool for use of the Dy. Inspectors of Schools when the Inspector is out of station. Even when the Inspector is in Office, one (1) vehicle has been reserved as pool for use of the Dy. Inspectors, within the station. (b) the Dy. Inspectors of Schools are not provided with vehicles for want of sanction.

PU R. DOTINAIA : Mr. Speaker, whether the writing of 'Principal, P.M. College' on the bumper of the vehicle is warranted? If the vehicle has been meant for Pool,

is it not wrong to write these letters? Schools are not inspected enough times. Dy. Inspectors of Schools are important in this work. They are Touring Officers and their not being provided with vehicles till today is sign of their being neglected. Will they be provided soon? Will the Govt. arrange vehicles as Pools for their use whenever the need arise?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, even if it had been written  
MINISTER 'Principal' it does not mean the vehicle is meant solely for him. I have not noticed it in particular. As the vehicle is for the College the writing of 'Principal' may be wrong. The Deptt. shall see to it.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, besides Education Deptt. when some Departmental Officers keep vehicles, does it mean the vehicles are solely for the Officers? Are the vehicles solely for the Inspector of Schools? Is it so wrong if the Principal of the P.M. College write 'Principal' on the bumper?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, the vehicle is not solely for  
MINISTER the Principal of the College. If the writing is so unacceptable, he will still use the vehicle as needed. In reply to Pu Lalruata's question, the vehicles kept by the Departmental Officers are not solely for them. Provision of vehicles to Dy. Inspectors of Schools is given importance. The proposal to include it in the Budget for 1973 - 74 did not go through. If we want to improve and speed up inspection, provision of vehicles to Dy. Inspectors of Schools is a must and we hope Education Deptt. will be greatly improved by it.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker, the Minister said the Dy. Inspectors of Schools are provided with vehicles when they go on tour. If so, are such vehicles available at Saiha, Lunglei and Aizawl when needed? Could they be provided whenever they go to such places?

PU H. THANSANGA : Mr. Speaker, as there is no Inspector of  
MINISTER Schools posted at Saiha, Pool vehicle will not be there. Only Dy. Inspector of Schools is posted there and he had not been provided with vehicle yet. The Inspector of Schools at Lunglei has been provided with the vehicle which was shared with the Dy. Inspector of Schools when needed.

SPEAKER : Question No. 27.

HOME DEPARTMENT

Colour of Uniforms of Police Forces.

PU SAPLIANA :

\*27 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Home Deptt. be pleased to state -

(a) Whether there is any proposal for changing the colour of Uniforms of Police Forces on Traffic Duties?

(b) If so, what action has been taken?

(c) If not, why?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, (a) yes, there is proposal to  
CHIEF MINISTER change the colour of Police Uniforms;  
(b) the matter is under consideration and  
a Committee has been formed. Choice of colour is not finalised  
yet; (c) does not arise.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker, will it be implemented during  
1976?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, I dare not give assurance to that,  
CHIEF MINISTER but we shall try our best to implement it  
during this year.

SPEAKER : Question No. 28.

Establishment of R.Tr.C.W. Station.

PU R. DOTINAILA :

\*28 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Home Deptt. be pleased to  
state -

If the Govt. of Mizoram is aware that the B.S.F. established  
R.Tr.C.W. Station within the compound of M.P.R.O.?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, the Govt. is aware of such esta-  
CHIEF MINISTER blishment within the M.P.R.O. compound.

PU R. DOTINAILA : Mr. Speaker, establishment of this Station  
greatly disturbed the messages sent out  
and received by the M.P.R.O. Is the Govt. aware of this dis-  
turbance? If aware, what does it propose to do then? Cannot the  
B.S.F. establish such Station at other place, far from the  
M.P.R.O. Station?

PU CH. CHHUNGA : Mr. Speaker, we have not received report of  
CHIEF MINISTER the disturbance of M.P.R.O. messages by the  
B.S.F. wireless Station. We don't mind to  
their being close-by. Our machines are a bit defective and we  
could get information from their Station earlier even in bad  
weather. We inform each other of new happenings, and they are  
quite helpful.

SPEAKER : Question No. 29.

FOREST AND SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Number of Officers of the Deptt. permitted to travel by Govt.  
vehicles.

PU C. LALRUATA :

\*29 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Forest & Soil Conservation  
Deptt. be pleased to state -

(a) what is the number of Officers of the Deptt. permitted  
to travel by Govt. vehicles upto Shillong during the  
last 4 months?



(b) The purposes of their tour?

PU ZALAWMA : Mr.Speaker, (a)during the month of July, 2  
DY.MINISTER Divisional Officers of the Deptt. were per-  
mitted to travel by Govt.vehicles upto  
Shillong; (b)they were called to explain the Supplementary  
account of 1976 as the previous submitted accounts of February  
& March were not acceptable to the A.G's Office.They were  
permitted to take the Govt.vehicles to go there as time was  
short.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker, may I know the exact date of  
the month of July? May I know the number  
of the vehicle(s)? Suppose the Officer(s) superior to the Di-  
visional Officers, D.F.O etc. should travel, who will give them  
the permission?

PU ZALAWMA : Mr.Speaker, I cannot tell the exact date of  
DY.MINISTER the month of July, it was the first part of  
the month. If Officers superior to D.F.O.,  
Director etc. should take the Deptt. vehicle(s) outside Mizoram  
they may apply to the Chief Secretary according to the exist-  
ing rule.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker, whether they are given prior  
permission before the tour? Or they take  
the vehicle(s) first and as it has become irregular to do so,  
they applied again and given the permission? I heard that  
they don't get prior permission and even their immediate  
Officers criticised them. In what manner they have been permit-  
ted later?

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker, I demand that the House be in-  
formed, during the Session, of the period  
the vehicle was detained at Shillong? On the 29th July around  
12 : 10 P.M. I saw a certain Director at 20 K.M. from Theiriat,  
who have just returned from Shillong. From the Minister's reply,  
it seems Officers besides D.F.O., D.O. etc. did not apply for the  
permission? Could the Minister produce the letter by which  
the D.F.O., D.O. were permitted to take the vehicle(s) in their  
tour?

PU ZALAWMA : Mr.Speaker, they applied for permission to  
DY.MINISTER take the vehicle(s) on 19 July, 1976 and the  
Chief Secretary allowed it on the same day,  
as forwarded by the Head of the Deptt. i.e. the Director. As the  
purpose of their tour was accounts reconciliation, I cannot tell  
the period of their stay there. Anyway they took the vehicle(s)  
after obtaining formal prior permission.

SPEAKER : Question No.30.

HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Under Family Planning.

PU NGURDAWLA :

\*30 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Health & Family Planning  
Deptt. be pleased to state -

How many staff are now employed under Family Planning  
Deptt. in Mizoram ?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA : Mr.Speaker,there are 46 staff under Family  
DY.MINISTER Planning Control.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr.Speaker,whether the Mizoram Govt.really  
gives importance to the Programme or let  
it function nominally?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA : Mr.Speaker,now it really gives importance  
DY.MINISTER to it.Regarding the staff,all medical ser-  
vices personnel are required to be involved  
in the problem.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr.Speaker,the Family Planning Programme  
was considered supplementary to 20 Points  
Economic Programme in India.Debate,symposium etc.on the sub-  
ject was prohibited.Did the Deptt.instruct the debators on the  
subject in the recent debate?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA : Mr.Speaker,such prohibition on the subject  
DY.MINISTER is there and in the recent debate held on  
the 16th,the Deptt.Head instructed the De-  
bators on such subject.

SPEAKER : Question No.31.

Means and devices of Family Planning available to public

PU NGURDAWLA :

\*31 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Health & Family Planning  
Deptt.be pleased to state -

- (a) What are the means by which families are to be planned  
at the desirable level?
- (b) Where and how the Family Planning devices are availa-  
ble for the people in general and for the rural people  
in particular?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA : Mr.Speaker,(a)the means in use presently  
DY.MINISTER are 5 things - (i)tubectomy and vasectomy,  
(ii)I.U.C.D.,(iii)Oral Pill,(iv)Conventio-  
nal contraceptives like Condom,Diaphragm,Form Tablets,Jellic  
(v)Natural method i.e.safe period. (b)Vasectomy and Tubectom-  
y are mostly operated in Aizawl Civil Hospital,Synod Hospital,  
Durtlang,Lunglei Hospital,Serkawn Mission Hospital.We have Mo-  
bile Utilisation Unit which operated in Champhai,Kolasib etc.  
when needed.This I.U.C.D.i.e.Loop insertion is operated in the  
above mentioned Hospitals and also in the Rural Family Planning  
Centres in Kolasib,Thingsulthliah,Hnahthial,Scrchhip,Champhai,  
Tlabung,Lawngtlai etc. N.C.W.Centres are opened in Aizawl and  
Saiha.Besides the Aizawl Civil Hospital,we have Urban Family  
Planning Unit and also in Lunglei Hospital.The Mobile Unit is  
also operative in Aizawl.The Oral Pill is available from Mobile  
Sterilisation Unit of Aizawl,Urban Family Planning Centre,Lang-  
lei,M.C.W.Centre,Aizawl and Urban Family Planning Unit of Aizawl.  
The Conventional contraceptives are available in Medical sub-  
Centres and Group Centres.

SPEAKER : Question No.32.

Practice of illegal abortions by some persons.

PU NGURDAWLA :

\*32 : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Health & Family Planning Deptt. be pleased to state -

Is it known to the Govt. that illegal abortions have been practiced by some un-authorized persons?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA : Mr. Speaker, the Govt. has not been officially  
DY. MINISTER informed of that.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker, is abortion legal or illegal  
here? Does the Govt. authorise any person  
to do so?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA : Mr. Speaker, abortion is illegal in our State.  
DY. MINISTER It is legalised in many States of India  
and it seems we should consider how to legalise too. The Govt. of India informed us to impose the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 in our State, but in consideration of our mentality, Christian society, we have to be careful in it and we have studied carefully. Nagaland and Meghalaya had enforced this Act and met difficulties as the Doctors who do the abortion works hesitated. It is not easy things among the Christians. The Govt. has not authorised any person to do this work.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker, if it had been legalised in the  
Centre, could a State object to it on religious ground?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA : Mr. Speaker, I have not personally examined  
DY. MINISTER this matter. On the advice of the Central Govt. the State Govt. is obliged to follow.  
But we have to train men to do the abortion work and we have not sent them yet.

Some States followed the Programme though the Central Govt. did not make it compulsory. If trouble could arise the State Govt. is entrusted with the work. It seems we should follow it soon as the pregnancy could harm the health of women.

PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker, if it is not legalised it means  
that it is illegal. Do the Govt. have power  
to penalise such illegal practise?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA : Mr. Speaker, I have not heard of such rule.  
DY. MINISTER I may inform the Hon'ble Member later.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr. Speaker, absence of such authorised person is wrong as inexperienced persons did  
it on certain women which was detrimental to their health. With this in mind, will the Govt. authorise some persons to do the abortion? May the Minister inform us whether we may object to it

PU P.B. NIKHUMA : Mr. Speaker, though there may be rule, without  
DY. MINISTER its enforcement machinery we cannot do it yet. Even though legalised, if we don't have the personnel to do it, we cannot do it yet.

We are thinking of sending our Doctors to the Gauhati Medical College to undergo training on this line. Otherwise, without qualified personnel for the purpose we cannot strictly adhere to the standing order.

SPEAKER : Question Hour is over. Now Presentation of Report. Chairman, Committee on Subordinate Legislation to present its report.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA : Mr. Speaker, before I lay the 3rd Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation I am obliged to say few words on the observations made by the Committee.

It seems the Committee on Subordinate Legislation is not widely known among the Govt. Departments, Besides the Financial Committees of the Assembly viz. Public Accounts Committee and Estimates Committee, the Subordinate Legislation Committee is very important Committee of the Assembly. Its main function is to see whether the rules, regulations, orders of the Govt. Departments are in conformity with the Constitution of India. The Committee, on behalf of the whole House will examine the applicability of the rules, regulations, orders of the Govt. Departments. In order that the Committee may function fully beneficial for the Govt., the various Departments' co-operation will be essential. Such co-operation seems lagging now. The rules, regulations should be immediately published in the Gazette and 70 copies should be sent to the Assembly Secretariat within 15 days from the date of publication. The rules, regulations, orders etc. should have clear marginal headings and such points are not observed by the Govt. Departments, There may be many rules, regulations, orders that might not have been published in the Gazette. In this Report some of the portions of the 1st and 2nd Reports are re-incorporated and the Govt. Departments should be aware of such portions.

With your permission sir, now I beg to lay the 3rd Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

SPEAKER : The rules, regulations, orders etc. mentioned by the Chairman should be observed by the various Govt. Departments.  
Now the Minister i/c of the Bill to Introduce the Bill.

#### INTRODUCTION OF GOVT. BILL

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I beg leave to introduce "The Mizoram Weights & Measures Bill, 1976". Thank you.  
MINISTER

SPEAKER : The Minister has begged leave to introduce "The Mizoram Weights & Measures Bill, 1976" with the Administrator's recommendation. Any objection to it?  
( MEMBERS : Silent ) If not objected, let him introduce the Bill.

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I beg to introduce "The Mizoram Weights & Measures Bill, 1976". Thank you.  
MINISTER

**SPEAKER :** The Bill has been introduced. According to the rules, Members should have 4 clear days to study the Bill minutely. But in this emergent case 4 clear days could not be made available. Copy of the Bill was given to you yesterday. To give the Members 4 clear days we shall have to consider it on Monday, but I desire that it be considered tomorrow. Any objection to my proposal? If not objected, then we shall consider "The Mizoram Weights & Measures Bill, 1976" tomorrow.

Our next item is Consideration and Passing of Govt. Bill, "The Mizoram General Clauses Bill, 1976" introduced yesterday.

Let the Minister concerned move the Bill for consideration.

**PU LALSANGZUALA : MINISTER** Mr. Speaker, with your permission, "The Mizoram General Clauses Bill, 1976" be taken into consideration. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Any objection to consideration of the Bill? If not, we shall consider the Bill now. Let the concerned Minister start the discussion, then Members will follow.

**PU LALSANGZUALA : MINISTER** Mr. Speaker, the reason for moving the 'Mizoram General Clauses Bill, 1976' for consideration is that definitions are given to some words of any Act but definitions cannot be given to all the complex words of any Act. The General Clauses Act of 1897 had been introduced for the whole of India. The intention of this Bill is to collect all the words of any Act that had not been given definitions previously. In short, this General Clauses Act will act as Dictionary of Acts, giving meanings and definitions to those complex words incorporated in the previous Acts. It is possible that people may interpret and give different meanings/definitions to those words that had not been previously defined. As Mizoram has Ministry of its own now this General Clauses Act is introduced for the good of us.

Thank you.

**PU K.L.ROCHAMA :** Mr. Speaker, this General Clauses Act of 1897 is difficult to understand. General definition Section III to General Clauses is very complex. We have many minor Acts which, if all given definitions to each will be lengthier than the main Acts, and if to enforce will be difficult to understand for their complexities. This General Clauses seem to fully incorporate such undefined words and we will be greatly benefitted by it. Many of the Acts/Bills introduced since U.T. Ministry, which had not been given definitions and meanings, are difficult to enforce for such vagueness. The early passing of the Bill will be useful both for the Govt. and the people. Hence I support the early passing of it.

**SPEAKER :** Has the concerned Minister anything to say?

**PU LALSANGZUALA : MINISTER** Mr. Speaker, I request that the House pass this 'Mizoram General Clauses Bill, 1976'.

**SPEAKER :** We shall take it up now and there is no amendment to it. Then, Members in favour of passing say "Aye". (MEMBERS : Aye) Any objection? (Silence) The Bill is then passed.

We shall adjourn now and meet again tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. to consider 'The Mizoram Weights & Measures Bill, 1976'.

Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_