

SPEAKER: " A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold
in pictures of silver.

As the cold of snow in the time of harvest,
so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he
refresheth the soul of his masters.

By long forbearing is a prince persuaded,
and a soft tongue breaketh the bone".

(Proverb 25:11,13&15)

We have a new thing in the new public address
system from this Session. If you want to make a speech, you
will press a button of the control on your tables. Your speech
will now be recorded in the tape-recorder. You will be able to
hear every word you spoke in your speech with the help of this
machine.

Now, let us take up the questions starting
with those asked by Pu Saitlawma. Let him read it out.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker, Question No.1 (a) : Will the
Hon'ble Minister in-charge of Co-Operation
Department be pleased to state: The total
number of application for registration of Co-operative Societies
since January, 1971 received by the Assistant Registrar upto
this date.

SPEAKER: Let the Minister concerned give reply to †
the question.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Speaker, (a): 161 Nos.
DY.MINISTER.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker, Question NO.1 (b): What is the
number of Co-operative Societies registered
so far during the period stated above?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Speaker, (b): 40.Nos.
DY.MINISTER.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker, Question NO.1 (c): What are the
names and addresses (Local) of those Societies?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Speaker, List of Co-operative Societies
DY.MINISTER. is laid on the Table of the House.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker, Question NO.1 (d): Which Co-operative Society is the last one registered by the Government and on what date?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Speaker, (d): Buarpui Service Co-operative Society Ltd., on 29.1.1973.
DY.MINISTER.

PU LAISANGZUALA:Mr.Speaker, Supplementary question - Are Co-operative Societies in Mizoram functioning only in name or with a view to achieving real success?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Speaker, We desire that Co-operative Societies function successfully in Mizoram. Some of the old Societies are to be liquidated.
DY.MINISTER.

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker, Supplementary question - Co-Operative Societies are very important and they are to be constituted into a bigger Department. Nevertheless, an Officer who is a Director of three different Departments is working as Registrar of Co-Operative Societies. Will the Societies function successfully in this way? Does it not mean that they are neglected by the Government?

PU R.THANGLIAN: Mr.Speaker, this is not due to negligence of the Government. Rather, it is due to lack of suitable officer for the post. The Govt is trying to find a suitable Mizo officer^{from} outside to hold this post. That is the reason for delay in filling up the vacant post. One Secretary has to perform the duties of two or three officers for the time being.
MINISTER.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker, the number of Co-operative Societies registered is stated to be 40, then what is the total number of Societies now?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Speaker, I cannot say now. Some of them are to be liquidated but have not yet been liquidated.
DY.MINISTER. I can tell the Member of this later.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr.Speaker, Supplementary Question - Did the Govt. of Mizoram give grants to all the Co-Operative Societies registered during 1972-73?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Speaker, I cannot say whether the Govt. BY MINISTER. will give grants to all of them. However, 21 of them will be given working capital and 16 others a subsidy grant each.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker, last year, there was a proposal to give a grant of Rs 1,000/- to Service Co-Operative Society at Saiha? But it is learnt that the Government have not yet released the said fund. Is this really so?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Speaker, I cannot say the particular case BY MINISTER. of Co-Operative Society at Saiha. However, some funds have not yet been released as the different Co-Operative Societies could not function properly due to the disturbances and also due to the shifting of Assam Co-Operative Bank at Silchar on which depend all the Societies in Mizoram. Apex

PU K.L. ROCHAMA: Mr. Speaker, on what basis is the registration of these Co-operative Societies made? Co-Operative Societies at Lunglei were recommended for registration. But they still remain unregistered?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Speaker, I think that is true. Generally BY MINISTER. 3/4 applications for registration have been received from one village. But it has been proposed to register only one Co-operative Society in each Village. Location and Communication of the Area will be taken into account for registration.

SPEAKER: Supplementary questions raised on question NO. 1 are enough. Let us take up question NO. 2.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker, Question NO 2: Whether there is any Government proposal for creating another post of Assistant Registrar for both Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts

PU L.E. HENKEMA Mr. Speaker, Yes, Necessary provision for BY MINISTER. creation of two posts of Assistant Registrars one at Lunglei and another at Chhimituipui District, has since been made in the Budget estimate for 1973-74.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, Point of order - Officials from the Department concerned must be present in the Official Lobby. But nobody is present today. This is very bad.

PU SAITLAHMA: Mr. Speaker, Supplementary question - Here is a true copy of the letter sent by Assistant Registrar, Co-Operative Society, Mizawl to his counterpart at Lunglei - it is stated " The Development Commissioner, Mizoram is also against mushroom growth of Co-Operative Societies, He had advised not to register too many Societies but only a successful few". Is the Development Commissioner a policy maker? Why is he against the mushroom growth of Co-Operative Societies? Is this the policy of the Government?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, Supplementary Question: It appears that only successful Co. Operative Societies are to be given registration. How can we know whether they are going to be successful or not before they start functioning?

PU R. THANGLIANA MINISTER. Mr. Speaker, that is true to some extent. Most people applied for registration with a view to getting grant-in-aid from the Government. As such what the Hon'ble Member has said just now is true. However, it may not be good to let down those people who would apply for registration.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, Supplementary question: I cannot agree with the statement that Co-Operative Societies depend too much on the Government. They were given grant-in-aid after they had been functioning for a long period. Will it not be good to liquidate them if they are found ineffective even after they were given grant-in-aid?

PU R. THANGLIANA MINISTER. Mr. Speaker, that is true. Many people applied for registration only because they expect to get grant-in-aid. It might not, however, be good to let them down when they applied for registration. Those who applied for registration in the past expected to get grants from the Government immediately.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker, State Co-Operative Unions are found in other States. For instance, we see State sponsored Co-Operative Societies in Assam. These Unions collect different instructions from other States. Is there any proposal to constitute such Union in Mizoram?

P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr. Speaker, a Mizo Wholesale Co-operative Society
BY. MINISTER. has already been constituted in the State level
and it has also started functioning. This Society
will supply materials to the different Societies in Mizoram.

SPEAKER: The question hour is over now. The next item is
Obituary Reference on the demise of Rajaji. I
will call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Ch. Chhunga to give
us a speech on his life-sketch.

PU CH. CHHUNGA Mr. Speaker, here is the life-sketch of Rajaji
CHIEF MINISTER. Shri Rajagopalachari, one of the great sons of
India, the first and the last among the Indians
who became Governor-General of India, recipient of the Bharat
Ratna, the highest National Award (1954) and one of the eminent
freedom fighters of India died on 25th December, 1972 at General
Hospital in Madras at the age of 95.

Following is a brief sketch of his life:-

He was born in 1878 and practised law from 1900. Then he gave up his profession and entered politics to fight for independence of India. He edited Mahatma Gandhi's "Young India" during the latter's imprisonment. He was elected General Secretary, India National Congress in 1921 and imprisoned 5 times during 1921-1924. He served as a member of the Working Committee of during 1922-24. He was Prime Minister of Madras during 1937-39. He left the Congress Party in April, 1942 on account of difference of opinion. However, he assisted Mahatma Gandhi in the Gandhi-Jinnah talks in September, 1944. In compliance with the invitation of M.K. Gandhi, he returned to the Congress Party in 1945 and became a member of Governor-General's Council. He was a member of Interim Government during 1946-47. After his retirement from the office of Governor of West Bengal, he was appointed to the rank of Governor-General of India 1947, and served as Central Minister for Home Affairs in 1950. As one of the three members of Indian Delegation from the Gandhi Peace Foundation, he visited many countries to canvass support for the prohibition of nuclear tests. He founded the Swatantra Party in 1959.

He was also a top-ranking literary genius. He translated into English and Tamil the Mahabharatta, the Ramayana, the Upanishads and many other well-known books. After his dead body was wrapped in the National Flag and laid in Rajaji Hall to enable the people to pay their last homage to the great leader, Rajaji was cremated in the morning of 27th December, 1972. It is indeed a profound loss for the whole of India.

His Address : Naoroji Road, Madras-31.

SPEAKER: Is there any other Member who wants to make a short speech on this? (Members kept silent) As we have heard just now, India lost a great man in Rajaji. We have no control over his soul. But it is our duty to follow his foot-steps and copy the examples he set before us; we must also try to continue the works he had already started. This Assembly will observe one-minute silence as a mark of our heartfelt sympathy and homage to the deceased Leader while making exaltation for his invaluable works (Members rose up from their seats and observed one-minute silence) That will be enough. Please take your seats now.

Let me make an announcement. In accordance with Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, Pu Lalkunga, Pu Sapliana, Pu Ngurdawla and Pu Vanlalhruala are appointed to serve as Panel of Chairmen during this Session.

I want to announce also that we cannot follow our programme because the Business Advisory Committee have to make some alterations in the programme already chalked out. The Budget is supposed to be presented on 2nd March, 1973. But the Government have some difficulty in presenting it on this date as some new schemes are proposed to be included in the Budget. We have received a letter this morning conveying the information to us that the Budget will be ready for presentation on 24th March, 1973. The Chief Minister also apprised me earlier of this position on 14th March, 1973. In view of their difficulty, we cannot but understand their position.

Pu Saprawnga will not also move the adoption of the Business Advisory Committee now. The Committee will sit again at 12:35 in the afternoon after this meeting is over.

Now, we will take up item NO.5. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, Rules Committee with 9 Members had been constituted last year. The Speaker was the ex-officio Chairman of the Committee. The Committee sat eight times to prepare a draft on the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business for this Assembly. I think all the Members have a copy of the Rules. Now, let Pu K.L.Rochama, a member of the Rules Committee place the Recommendations of the Committee on Table of the House.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the report of the Rules Committee on Table of the House.

SPEAKER: The members will study the Rules. If they find any point for discussion, we will have discussion after seven days from this day. Now, we will have discussion

on the Lt. Governor's Address. There is no motion for amendment. Let Pu Hbangaia, Member move the motion of thanks on the Lt. Governor's Address.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this third Session are deeply grateful to the Lieutenant Governor, for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to this House to-day, the 15th March, 1973.

SPEAKER: Now, the motion of thanks on the Lt. Governor's Address has been moved. Let Pu Vanlalhruaia, the seconder speak on it.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Speaker, I second the motion of thanks moved by Pu Hrangaia.

SPEAKER: The motion has been moved and is seconded by Pu Vanlalhruaia. We will have a debate this motion. We will call first Pu Hrangaia, the mover to speak on it.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker, there are many good tidings in the Lt. Governor's Address. He told us many schemes which are already implemented but not the plan schemes for the future. From his address I know that we have many works to do in the programme he prepared for the administration of this land.

SPEAKER: Is there any other member who wants to speak on this?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, there is no good tidings in the Lt. Governor's Address. He mentioned about division of the State into 23 Police Stations. We passed a demand for recruitment of Police last year; but no appointment was made, though selection had already been made.

Looking at para 3 of his address, we can see that the Govt. did not pay attention to the special need for development of this region. According to information received by me, grants were not released in time.

Para 4. Rs 18 crores were not spent fully last year and this shows defect in the administrative machinery. I think we will have less provisions in the next Budget! I prepare many plan schemes for my constituency which has a population of 3.33% of the total population of Mizoram. Considering the whole plan schemes for the country, what I prepared constitutes only .43%. But no sanction was given to these (Plan) schemes. While appreciating redemarcation of Mizoram in 20 new C.D. Block,

jurisdiction of Reiek C.D.Block.

State Transport has not been a success in North Eastern India - eg., Assam and Nagaland. The State of Assam incurred a loss of Rs 1.07 crores in a year in State Transport while the State of W.Bengal loses lakhs of rupees in Mini-Bus service. If any person want to run State Transport as private enterprise, let them do so. We have purchased vehicles for State Transport but they have become unfit for use in no time. We have Taxi Service but there is no regularity in service. I have therefore no confidence in a State Transport.

The statement in para 5 seems to be very impressive; but it is just like "Tell me the old, Old Story" We have to do everything in the Secretariat level. Partiality is also present in the implementation of EGs scheme.

Para 6: It is quite surprising to see that PWD has not yet constructed one mile of an all weather road! while there is proposal for creation of 3 additional divisions, we are discussing Budget for creation of 2 Divisions. We discussed Water Supply Scheme last year. If the scheme is not implemented, things will not be better for us. It appears that people in my constituency cannot get water supply regularly only because it is a constituency of a Congress Member.

I am a bit ashamed of myself as I did not know that a new electrical division is created in P.W.D. We are now depending on Bangla Dash and Moghalaya for supply of electricity. So we must have our own Electricity Board.

In Para 8, we see programme for connecting air-fed centres with roads. In the eastern side of the country, there are no air-fed centres. As such good system of communication by road has become a pressing necessity.

Para 9: reveals the failure of the Government in maintaining law and order. In a country where insurrection took place, such incident should normally be expected. To sum up, this address simply exposes the failures of the Government
d this is an attempt made by the Lt.Governor himself to cover it up.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker, this address deserves no motion of thanks. I see that only the most important plan schemes are to be implemented while it is necessary to implement all developmental schemes. This should not be continued in future. Many a time I pointed out scarcity of water for drinking purposes and informed the Chief Minister that a file of the Public Health Engineer has not yet reached the table of the P.H.E.Secretary. In spite of all these, things remain the same.

Next, it is very surprising that we ran short of sugar even in Aizawl town, not to speak of the villages. This may be due to lack of sufficient number of staff in Supply Offices at Silchar and Aizawl respectively.

I therefore appeal to the Government to look into this. With regard to Head Load Scheme, I want to point out that the rate is very low in my Constituency. People would not be able to do this work. At present, there is no stock of rice at Kangmun and Phuldungsei. I approached the Supply Director and made some suggestions for speeding up the implementation of schemes. But many of my suggestions have not been given due consideration. It is my desire that air dropping of rice should be done again to all air fed Centres before we can have good system of communication.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker, I want to say a few words here regarding agricultural department. Great stress had been laid on the importance of agricultural development in the first Session. Mizoram is an agricultural country and we have to give priority to agricultural development. In the past a huge amount of money had been spent for land reclamation and irrigation. In spite of the big figures we had in regard to lands reclaimed, we could not produce more foodstuffs. I am therefore afraid that money sanctioned for agricultural development will be spent for nothing again.

Besides, in order to improve agriculture in Mizoram we have to adopt Scientific methods and mechanisc labour. Without these two items, mere bigger provisions will have no meaning at all!

Next, I want to mention that I agree with what Pu Lalsangzuala has said about bomb explosion at the Aizawl Power House. The M.N.F. Hostiles had earlier announced in the local newspapers that flags would be displayed on their Independence Day. Such incidence occurred in the past also. I wonder why only one Sentry was put to guard the Power House on that night. The Sentry sustained bullet injury and the Hostiles also snatched away his Rifle. However, fortunately, the main generator did not explode. If it did, many lives would be lost. Where does the failure lie? The C.I.D. or the Police? Investigation should be made on this because it is very risky for the people.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to change the motion of thanks on the Lt. Governor's Address to " a motion of Disappointment". We know the need of Mizoram in the field of development. The nascent State of Mizoram is under-developed and badly needs good system of communication.

Out of the total provisions in the Budget, only Rs 6 crores is to benefit the people. This is too insignificant compared to Rs 5 crores which is sanctioned for construction of a temporary capital of Assam State.

The spirit of the address is also vague - is this due to negligence of the Lt. Governor about developmental schemes for Mizoram or is it due to inefficiency of the Government officials. The fact that we have only small provisions in the Budget indicate the failure of administrative machinery in Mizoram.

Where will 23 new Police Stations be located? Had those who were already selected last year join service? There is a proposal for re-organisation of Police set up, since nothing can be done without seeking first "the Kingdom and his righteousness" 71 new appointments of Administrative Officers had already been made. Here I want to say a few words on their recruitment. Why did they call in interview only? Certainly favouritism prevailed in the method of recruitment. I think no discipline will be maintained among them for they would easily get protections from the Ministers. Let us consider how other States are doing to bring about development. It is also sad to note that many non-Mizos have been appointed as Head of Departments. Let us fight together forgetting the Party feelings!

Only Rs 5 crores is provided for Plan Schemes. As already pointed out by Pu Rawnga this is just enough for an Agriculture Department. We have many plan schemes. We have not yet built our own Secretariat and Aizawl town requires super plan. While consulting Planning Commission, we must not depend on plan schemes already prepared by the Committee.

The provisions in this Budget are too little. Had Pu Hrangaiia known the real meaning of "Vote of thanks", he would not have moved this motion. amongst the different kinds of communication, great stress should be laid on road communication.

If Rs 3.70 crores only is to be distributed among 6 Divisions of the Public Works Department, the share of each Department will be very little. While works on buildings were executed expeditiously last year, only small provision is made for these schemes in the current Budget. It seems that we are merely wandering in the desert of Paran!

Appointment of Primary School Teachers had already been discussed in the last Budget Session. What is the meaning of "recruitment of another 200 L.P. Teacher is in progress?" (Pu Ch. Saprawnga: He meant what had been done last year) That is why I could not understand!

Para 8: We need food to eat. The order requiring poor people who have no food to repay the agricultural loans they had taken from the Govt. should be withdrawn immediately. While introducing head-load system by the Government, I want to mention that the supervising authority must be persons of the same Blood. Those money which flowed into the pocket of M/S M.K.Guha and Chhota Lal Seth would be enough to make ten men of Aizawl "born again".

One Officer at Silchar who was working under the Govt. of Mizoram was instructed to buy a house for use of Mizoram House at Silchar. Knowing that this would be for the Govt. he fixed the price of the house as he pleased.

We should maintain law and order in the Country. I am very disappointed to see the failure of the Government with regard to security measures. I have many disappointments in the Lt. Governor's address.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr Speaker, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor delivered his address to the House yesterday. In his address he mentioned plan schemes executed by the Govt. last year and its future programmes. I am opposed to the "motion of thanks" moved by Pu Hrangia, a member from the Ruling Party. To me it is a "motion of face saving device". Let me take point by point.

When recruitment for the posts of 71 Administrative Officers was made no written examination was held. According to information received by me, a list of successful candidates could be seen in the office of a particular political party before appointments were made. This clearly shows that there were political appointments and that should not be done in future. To me "my Government have spared no effort in discharging their special responsibilities to the autonomous areas of Pawi, Lakhur and Chakma District" means that we spared no effort in arresting development works for the three Districts since funds for developmental schemes were not released by the Government.

The Govt. of Mizoram purchased one Bus for Rs 70,000/- while the real price is about Rs 60,000/- why is this? I appeal to the authorities in Govt to look into this. Next, retailers deposited money which was worth of the price of 10 Qtls of rice. But after they received their chalan, they changed 10 Qtls to 20 Qtls thus deriving illegal gain of 10 Qtls of rice. What is the reason? The Assam Public Accounts Committee when they came to Mizoram, found out that about Rs 6 Crores were spent in Mizoram without any accounts available. For this corruption, people suffered a lot. Those who did wrong should be brought to book and a vigilant watch should be made on those who are looting after Government go-down. I know that one case is registered in this connection. The Ministry should not protect

~~request the Minister i/c Supply to~~
enquire into this Case so as to find out the persons who practised Corruption.

It appears that the Govt. is unable to make a stride in Medical Department. Nurses for Grouping Centres had been appointed but the Government could not send them out to their places. While there is proposal to send Nurses from Aizawl to Villages, it is learnt that Nurses, working at Kolasib are transferred to Aizawl.

While Nurses in Civil Hospital change their attitude towards patients and there is improvement in supply of diet for patients, medicines are out of stock. However, one can find some medicines to buy even within the Compound of the Hospital. I request the Minister i/c Health Department to have an on-the-spot inspection; he must also have the courage to punish those who deserve punishment. It is an eye-sore to see parcels of medicines piled up in the verandah of the Hospital. If the Department fails to send them to villages, let contract works be made for carrying them to their destination. Nurses should also be sent to their posts.

A large amount of money has been spent on seed distribution. But the work has not yet been a success. Wild banana seeds have after been supplied in place of good banana seeds.

As already pointed out by a Member from Aizawl South Constituency, the P.H.E. Department should try very hard to supply drinking water. At present, 2 or 3 persons in a family have to be fully engaged to drawing of water for drinking purposes. I also wonder very much to see that appointments of L.P. Teachers could not be finalised yet. One candidate was suspected as using false means because she belonged to the Congress Party She was called to sit for fresh examination. But as her efficiency rightly deserved it, she was finally appointed. Fully aware that she was a mother of little children, she was posted to Khawzawl. Can the Minister i/c Education show us their mark sheets to see if appointment was made on the basis of their marks? I challenge the Minister in this matter. I also request the Minister i/c to make arrangement for recognition of Schools in Grouping Centres.

There is also no equitable distribution of agricultural loans. Those who cannot repay are required to repay them very shortly while the term of loans for rich people had been extended.

I am also much surprised to see that one who is a non-Mizo working as Stenographer Grade I is appointed to work in Transport Office at Silchar, while there is one Mizo who had been serving as Assistant Transport Officer. I desire that another person should be posted to this post.

To conclude my speech, the Lt. Governor's address, though containing two pages, mentions only these plan schemes already implemented already while silent about the future programmes. In Agriculture schemes we have big figures, but what is more important is the "reality".

PU K. SANGCHHUM:

Mr. Speaker Sir, We are given time for discussion on the Lt. Governor's address. Let me

point out only those points which I consider important.

There is a slight difference between the address he delivered in May last year and the one we are discussing now. Last year he mentioned that he was ready to work earnestly for Mizoram. But this year he mentioned only some few development schemes. We will equally understand his address had he mentioned those plan schemes already implemented by the Government.

I have learnt that the Central Government issued orders that recruitment of Mizoram Police should be discontinued. This has greatly discouraged our youngmen.

Appointments of Administrative Officers are being done. Here I want to point out that the authority have sent out only a few, and many of them could not be sent difficulties to the people.

In regard to Community Development Blocks, I want to say that we need reality. We cannot be satisfied with mere entry in the paper.

Air-fed centres in north and south and East and West of Mizoram are not connected by a good system of Communication. For instance there is no air-fed centre at Tongkolung and people have to carry food stuff on head-load system. The Govt. did not stock rice around the Kolodyne. There is no security guard there and not even one kg of Govt. rice is stocked around the stations. Is the Govt.

trying to let the people die of hunger? The Government sources said that rice would be stocked during the month of March. But nothing of the sort has been done up to this day. The people have nothing but to prepare themselves to die of hunger. The address of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor also does not cover matter of interests to the greater parts of Mizoram.

Water Supply: While there is plenty of water supplied to the people in other States, we cannot get here such supply even in the towns. In Villages, it seems as if the Public Health Engineering Department existed "for the time being". It would be good if the Department speed up their works. Mr. Speaker, I cannot but mention Chhiantuipui District where it is stated "free and fair election" was held. The contending parties were two Congress parties, one led by Tu Lalchunga Chinzah and the other led by Tu Manghauba. A group of hostiles who called themselves 'K' Battalion warned the people that if they would not vote for the party led by Tu Dalchunga Chinzah, their village would be burnt and there would be sufferings to the people. "free and fair election" was held in Chhiantuipui District.

"the people themselves. So it cannot be said free and fair"

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PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Pu J.Tharhguama did not understand "vote of thanks.". Pu Hrangaia simply said that "we are deeply grateful to the Lt. Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to this House".

PU NGURLAWL: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Lt. Governor's address on the whole makes me very grateful. However, it appears that he has less interest in this address compared to the one he delivered on the "Republic Day". According to the well known English saying "Rome was not built in a day". The figures in this address are quite big but the address lacks continuity of thought.

I am truly grateful that the Hon'ble Chief Minister, in consultation with the Central Government, has succeeded in procuring Rs1 Crores more to our Budget Estimate. No doubt, this vague address of the Lt. Governor has put members of the Opposition Party in dissatisfaction. Next, I want to mention that it is a must for us to create a separate Electricity Board for Mizoram because it is publicised recently in the Newspaper that the Assam State Electricity Board has a proposal to stop supplying power to this Country. So, we have to construct a dam and prepare a big hydel project. From this project, electric power could be available for many Industries.

We criticise one another only because we are not united and not working together for the common good. For instance, when I went to Kawpuichhip it was reported that I made allotment of lands for house sites. This report reached the ears of the Lt. Governor who issued order that any allotments of lands, if any, should be cancelled

forthwith. So when we criticise others, we must have documentary proof.

We had already enough discussion on appointment of Administrative Officers. I also recommended one candidate without having a party feeling. But this candidate was not appointed. That was also the case with the Ministers. So there was no partiality in their appointment.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhruaia has risen first to speak. Let him speak now. After him, I will call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister to close the discussion on this motion of thanks. (Pu Hrangaiia; I, the mover would like to say a few words again) Today, we have an important thing to do. The wife of the late Pu Pachhunga died today and as such Pu Lalhmingthanga would not attend the Session. We have to go to his house and console him. Is it not good to do that (Member: Yes it is).

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA : Mr.Speaker, the Business Advisory Committee proposed to sit for a Committee today. So, it will be enough if the Hon'ble Chief Minister speaks on this motion for conclusion.

SPEAKER : Let Pu Vanlalhruaia speak first. I want him not to repeat what other members have already pointed out.