

4TH SITTING ON 23.3.1973 AT 10 A.M.

P R E S E N T

Pu Mthansanga M.A., B.T., Speaker in the Chair. One
Chief Minister and Four Ministers and Twenty six Members.

B U S I N E S S

- 1: Questions (entered in a separate list to be asked and answers given)
- 2: Any Government Business.

(Discussion will follow)

SPEAKER: "A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; and the recompence of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise" (Proverbs 12: 14-15).
We shall take up Pu Saitlawma's question No. 3, let him ask.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I request Hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration to reply - Question No. 3: Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei is authorised to allot land for private buildings etc.

SPEAKER: Let the Hon'ble Minister reply.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei is not authorised to do so.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: The Water source of Assam Rifles was given for Private Building and not for a Private School.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, as to the question of house-site, there is no report that it was given to any person.

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PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, are there anyone authorised to make allotment in Lunglei ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER Mr. Speaker Sir, the need of authorising an officer to make allotment was reported, but it is still under consideration.

PU L. P. THANGZIKA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: It was reported that the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei has given the site of the old District Council Office for Tea Government ~~been~~ informed of this? *Stall*

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no such information.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, our Hon'ble Ministers are aware of the fact that things are done without the knowledge of the Government under the circumstance, what actions are the Government proposing, to take ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei has been ordered to enquire into the allotment of houses, farms and other sites which were ordered to be stayed. The Deputy Commissioner himself is the Chairman, at the same time being a Member of the Committee. His responsibility is to enquire into those things. Nothing is known of the power given to him for allotment of sites.

SPEAKER: Pu Saitlawma's Question No. 4.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 4; Whether the Deputy Commissioner is authorised to appropriate Employment Generation Scheme Fund for construction of pucca buildings for which work, skilled labour is badly needed.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, Funds under the Employment Generation Scheme are mostly utilised for construction of roads and paths, but in some cases, they could also be utilised for other purposes, including buildings.

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it was found ^{that} in Ngopa under Employment Generation Scheme, people belonging to Congress Party could earn Rs. 5/- while Mizo Union Party people got Rs. 8/-. Is Government supposed to make such distinction?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, this allegation was examined, but there has been no such cases known to the Government.

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PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question; In order to make new Road under E.G.S, rate was fixed at Rs.5000/- per mile. In Public Work Department, lakhs are spent for the same distance, which confirms the need for raising the rate. Is the Govt. proposing to revise this rate ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA-
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no such consideration as yet.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, many Jeep roads have been constructed under E.G.S. Fund. Will the P.W.D. be able to maintain Ngopa road ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, nothing can be said now yet; However,
it will be considered.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question; whether E.G. Schemes are made at Aizawl or by each of the Deputy Commissioners of the three Districts ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, these Schemes are not made only from Aizawl, some are for Lunglei District, and the Deputy Commissioner of Lunglei also makes allotments.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question; Our Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the fund can be utilised for construction of buildings. My question was regarding construction of Pucca buildings ? Two Pucca Buildings were constructed at Lunglei with G.C.I. Sheet roofing, tiled Walls and Cemented floors. I don't find the construction of these Pucca buildings to be solving the problem of the poor in employment. "Spring Dale" was constructed costing more than Rs.20000/-; also the construction of A.D.C's Bangalow (Quarter) was at the same cost. Whether these have been approved by Govt. or the Deputy Commissioner Lunglei found this as convenient and took advantage of it ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, they have taken advantage at their convenience.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, who executes the works of E.G. Scheme? Government or A.O. ? What is Government's policy ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, Village Councils prepare them. The works are executed through A.Os and Village Councils.

SPEAKER: No more supplementary questions. Proceed to Pu Saitlawma's question No. 5.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Whether the Deputy Commissioner or his subordinate officers are entitled to utilise the services of Civil Transport Porters for their private or domestic works ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, No. However, a few porters are attached to the Deputy Commissioner and the subordinate officers to enable them to go on tour at short notice.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: The Deputy Commissioner, Lunglei and the subordinate officers utilised the services of 4 or 5 Civil Transport porters in their official residences. Has Government allotted to them these Civil Transport Porters? If they are not attached to them, will Government stop this practices?

PU CH. CHHUNGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, The matter has never been known to the Govt, and this will be examined?

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Government must examine. Hon'ble member Pu Saitlawma's Question. If found to be true, will not that amount to a corruption ?

PU ZALAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, May I know how many servants the Deputy Commissioner or other officers keep for their domestic affairs?

PU CH. CHHUNGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, The matter cannot be called corruption before examination. The number of porters for Chief Secretary and others is not yet fixed.

PU Ngurdawla : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: Has Government heard of the grievances of Civil Transport Runners for depriving them of a holiday on Sunday?

PU CH. CHHUNGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, There has been no report of depriving them of holiday on Sunday. However, there are occasions when the need to work on Sunday may come.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: Is the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Civil Transport Porters in the office of the Deputy Commissioner?

PU L.P.THANGZIKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary
Question: In the office of the
Deputy Commissioners Lunglei, 8
Transports were employed as Peons along with 4 Peons.
Tea for the office staff is prepared by contribution
for which preparation 4 porters are also employed.
Does the government know of this?

PU CH.CHENGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, There is no such
information as yet.

Hon'ble Chief Minister said the utilisation of Civil Transport Porters by some Officers is not allowed. But, if Civil Transport Porters are still employed by Officers, Will action be taken if such cases are reported ?

SH. CHHUNGA

DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, it will be decided on the merit of the case.

SPEAKER:

Now Question No. 6

U LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I request Hon'ble Minister i/c Local Administration Department to reply - Is it a fact that the Government of Mizoram have authorised Village Councils to make allotment for permanent cultivation ?

U P. B. NIKHUMA

DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Village Councils are not authorised to make allotment.

U LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: The Village Council President of Chhiantlang belongs to a Mizo Union. He allotted lands for cultivation to Mizo Union Party Members free of charge, while Congress Members are charged to pay Rs. 120/-. Was Government known this case ?

U ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary Question: In Ruantlang and Zote under Champhai constituency, there was distribution of land for permanent cultivation, and distinction was made of the Villagers on political Party grounds. It was reported that the Mizo Union Village Council, knowing the land is fertile, grabbed vast areas whereas they usually require smaller areas in the past. If this report is true, our Government must surely be a "Partiality Government". Has Government formulated a policy on this matter?

U P. B. NIKHUMA

DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon'ble Member U Zalawma's question must be Champhai-Ruantlang Case. The Village Council of Ruantlang intended to experiment the Japanese Method of cultivation. Many Villagers of the locality were recommended to take up the experiment, and they were issued with temporary passes by the Village Council. But those persons were not allowed to have Jhum cultivation in other places.

U VANLALHRUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: In one Village under my constituency, Congress Party rule prevails and they will not give pass for cultivation to Mizo Unionists. Is this Government's Policy ?

U LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a fact that Congress people were charged Rs. 120/- each for land, and I have kept the receipt bearing the Seal of Village Council President of

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Gumantlang. Others were the Village Councils of Mhenzawa and Maw-lailung. We know that the Government issue passes for land on receipt of recommendations from the Village Councils concerned. But in these two villages, a large number of applications are received direct and passes issued by the Government without the knowledge of these Congress Village Councils concerned. Why is it that the usual procedure cannot be followed when matter relates to V/Cs run by the Congress members ?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA
DEPUTY MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I believe that applications were not granted because Congress Village Council recommended applications for Garden, W.R.C. etc., and there is no binding rule to grant pass to all those whom the Village Councils recommended. Government can also send inspectors even without Village Council's recommendation, and allotment can be made if the inspectors found the area suitable. Government has not received report on Hon'ble Member Pu Vanlalhraia's question. Village Council is not competent to grant permanent pass.

PU ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: In our Land Revenue Act, Village Council has no authority to allot land. Will it not be better if our Ministry enforce the Act? For example, the Village Council of Ruantlang recommended the application. (Speaker - it sounds like Resolution) Is it not high time to stop this unfair means committed by Village Councils ?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA
DEPUTY MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, as Hon'ble Member Pu Zalawma said, Lushai Hills District House Sites Act, 1953, Section 3(1) authorised Village Council to make allotment only in Villages; these are passes only for Non-Agricultural purpose and construction of Houses in Villages. This does not include sites for Shops and Stalls. The Act is still in force till today.

As I said, we did not grant all cases recommended by Village Councils, such as in the Ruantlang Case. In many places, Village Council's recommendations were not accepted. For example, the Village Council of Sialhawk granted pass by themselves, and notification to cancel those were given. Their intentions were to make wet-rice cultivation. We are ^{condemning} the usual practice that used to be followed. We do not give passes to all those whom the Village Councils recommend unless the Government feels that they really deserve permits.

PU ZOLIANA

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: Revenue Department, with the recommendation from Village Council, give passes for House and Cultivation. I appreciate the proposals from Opposition Members. Some Villagers under my Constituency met difficulties for having Congress Village Council. Hence, will it not be advisable to create some Authority, M.L.A. or any person, who will recommend only the deserving cases?

PU J.THANGHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question:
According to our standing Rule, the
villagers when applying for land for
paddy cultivation obtain recommendations from Village
Councils and submit applications here at Aizawl. Will
Government entertain the applications? and if they not
come through Village Councils? *Which*

PU P.B.NIKHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, As the case may demand.
DY MINISTER : Garden passes are made through
Village Councils, while the cases
of W.R.C. are defferent. There is no obstruction when
Government finds the case important.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lalsangzuala's Question,
No.7.

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) Is it a fact
that Darlawng Villagers of Tlungvel
P.P.V. living in a 'Darlawng ram'
have been ordered to return to Tlungvel P.P.V. by
the Government of Mizoram ?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) That is a fact.
DY.MINISTER:

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr.Speaker Sir, If so, whether the
action of the Government is not
contradictory to the provisions of
article 19 (1) (c) of the constitution?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, (b) No, not con-
DY.MINISTER : tradictory.

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PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: According to the constitution of India, article 19

(1) (e), a citizen of India has the right to move anywhere (as provided in the Fundamental rights). Within Indian territory, Mr. Cariappa ordered enforcement of this provision under the Defence of India Rules. If Grouping Order was made under the Defence of India Rules, and the operation of the Defence of India Rules ceased in 1969, Does it not therefore mean that Grouping Order is automatically cancelled?

PU HRANGAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: As Hon'ble member referred to article 19 (e), similar incident happened in Khumtung Kawn recently. They returned to Baktawng at their own desire. Is not that another contravention of law?

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Does it not mean that Government is incapable to maintain Law and Order ?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr. Speaker, in 1953, this explains
DEPUTY MINISTER. zuala reads Article 19(5), the provision of 19(1)(e), and that will
be shortest answer.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Para-5 is right, but
Grouping Order was made under the Defence
of India Rules (D.I.R) And, if Defence
of India Rules is ineffective, how has Grouping Order
remain effective?

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Deputy Commissioner has
changed the name of P.P.V. since April,
1971. At present Internal Security Act
is in force.

SPEAKER: If you want to ask question, you may
ask, Members are not to give answers.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, if the Darlawng Villa-
gers move from one place to another,
they must have applied the said
Article. May I live in Deputy Commissioner's compound
applying the same article?

PU J.THANGHUMMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, You may do so.

PU VANLALHRUMMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, is he a Minister?

PU J.THANGHUMMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, we have all become
Ministers.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Mizo District Council
DY. MINISTER passed Village Council and Lushai Hills
District Council Act, 1953 in accordance
with Para II of Sixth Schedule of Indian Constitution.
The people of Darlawng were given eviction order under
Section 26 of the said Act. I request Hon'ble Member Pu
Lalsangzuala to see Section 26 of Lushai Hills District
and Village Council Act, 1953. There, it is clear that
eviction order was issued to unauthorised occupants of
"Khawper" or "Thlawhbawk" (sub-village or temporary
village).

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the word unauthorised is
not correct, the Ministry of Local Admi-
nistration itself is the authority which
issued the permission. is it a fact that Darlawng Villagers
suffered oppression under the Security Forces?

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DY. MINISTER. harassment of Darlawng Villages.
However, if Government orders is considered necessary to be known to Security Forces, Whether Police or Army, copies were given to them also. There has been no order from Government directing them to drive the villagers out.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question:
It has been learnt that a certain officer subordinate to Deputy Commissioner ordered temporary sub-villagers of Rulpuihlim to return to Rulpuihlim again. Such similar orders are not issued for the areas. The said area is fertile and suitable for Wet Rice cultivation and for permanent settlement. Has Hon'ble Ministers know of this?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Speaker, we have no information.
DY. MINISTER.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker, the problem between Darlawng and Tlungvel arose because the land was given on the plea that it used to be under Darlawng area. Is it right to drive them out now?

PU P.B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Speaker, the villagers of Darlawng
DY. MINISTER. are given permit for a temporary village to carry on Jhuming, and their permits were "Purely for Jhuming purposes". They are to live in the Jhum areas and must vacate after harvest. As such it is not proper to allow them to remain in the same area as they were given permit only for Jhuming purposes.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Speaker, has the Government any intention to extent their permit?

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker, this is in the constituency of Hon'ble Member Pu Hrangaiia and he will know about it thoroughly. Why are these villagers partially treated like this?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker, Government has no intention to extent their permission. These
CHIEF MINISTER. Villagers are now living without proper permission. Regarding the villagers of Chhiahtlang, they are now under the Tlungvel Village Council. As Hon'ble Deputy Minister has said, they were given the permission for Jhuming convenience, and it is known from experience that settlement just on the villages' boundaries could cause problems. The decision was made to facilitate improvement

in local administration. The main reason for the present case is due to the location.

SPEAKER: Pu Lalsangzuala's Question No.8.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, I request Hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue Department to reply -

(a) Whether it is a fact that a certain letter written by a M.L.A. regarding Trade Licence to the Chief Minister has been misrepresented in a local daily paper.

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA: **MINISTER.** Mr. Speaker, this Department has not received a letter from the M.L.A., regarding Trade Licence addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. As such, the Department is not aware of any mis-representation of such a letter in a local Daily Paper. (b) In view of the above, the question does not arise. (c) In view of above, the question does not arise.

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PU K.T.KHUMA: **MINISTER.** Mr. Speaker, we do not know that the said letter went outside Revenue Department, and we do not find its coming out either from office or from the Ministers. We shall try to find out.

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SPEAKER: Now Question NO.9

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER :

Mr. Speaker Sir, If such entries without Trade Licences were given during the period of the District Council, we are not aware of them and we shall find this out.

(Speaker: Can you also answer (b)?)
With regard to recommendations, there were no recommendations; the Cabinet considered the matter from their applications. The general practice is that cabinet's approval is taken when Non-Tribals apply for Trade Licences. Hence, their applications were considered on their merits. However, for the renewals of those licences which were issued by the District Council, these renewals are done by the staff at the Secretariat when they consider them deserving.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, Question NO 9: (a) Whether it is a fact that a number of firms from outside Mizoram, including M/S Peasons Automobiles of Calcutta have been issued with Trade Licence.

(b) If so, on whose recommendation such Licences have been issued?

(b) How much worth of orders have been placed on M/S Peasons Automobiles of Calcutta by various Departments of the Mizoram Government since 21st. January, 1972?

PU KILAWINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker, (a) Only three Trade Licences
MINISTER. have been issued from the day a popular Government came into existence till today and the parties are - (i) Walford Transport Ltd, 11 Park Street, Calcutta - 16 C/O Buangthanga & Bros, Aizawl. (ii) Sonjay, Galipan, Bhutan. (iii) Panjo Galipan Bhutan.

(b) There is no such thing.

(c) No orders were yet placed with the M/S Peasons Automobiles, Calcutta by the Departments.

SPEAKER: In Question (a) the word "forms" must be 'firms'.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, There are some people in Sairang, who do not even have the Inner Line Permits. I have reported these to the Revenue Department while holding the office of Village Council President. Has the Government taken any action?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: _____

PU LALHLIRA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question:

(1) There is one at Champhai who stays there on the strength of a Trade Licence issued to him by the Deputy Commissioner in Tripura. Has the Government done anything about this?

(2) What is the opinion of Government of so-called military contractors, but who are non-tribals?

PU J. THANGHUMM: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question: There is a flourishing and much patronised shop inside the A.I. Compound, run by a non-tribal. Do they have a Trade Licence? If not, will the Government evict them? If not, may I know the reason?

MINISTER. non-tribals running business within the A.R. Compound have no Trade Licence. The authority of the Assam Rifles authorised them to sell their Canteen goods. If they have no Trade Licence, we are considering the steps to be taken. We are not aware if a Deputy Commissioner has given a licence to the one at Champai. Since Hon'ble Member stated to have given a report, we shall find it out and action will be taken against the person concerned. The District Council has given him a Trade Licence in 1971, and this was renewed upto 3rd March, 73.

Finance of the Revenue Department is not aware of having placed orders from M/S Peesons Automobiles, Calcutta (Speaker: You have not answered Pu Lalhlira's question on Military Contractors) This Department is not aware of this, anyhow, I shall see to it.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker, the Agents of Company knowing that Government is strict about Trade Licences come on short visits, bringing lots of goods with them. Is this known to the Government? They do not even pay the taxes. What action is proposed to be taken?.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question: If Trade Licence was issued to M/S Peesons Automobiles Company in 1971., is it possible to know which authorities, the Congress or the UMPP that gave the licence?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker, this firm was given a Trade Licence by the District Council, and because of the disturbance, the licence was not renewed for a long time, and the District Council again allowed renewal of the licence, since they also agree to pay all arrear fees. It was the Mizo Congress and the Mizo Union combined (UMPP) which allowed and which renewed the licence.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker, Has Government issued Trade Licence to people from outside Mizoram who do not have any entry pass? What action is to be taken against those who come without passes from Cachar during the disturbance? Hon'ble Member Pu Hrangaia's question on Trade Licence was issued by Mizo Union, our Hon'ble Chief Minister is a man of patience, but UMPP took the responsibility.

PU F. HUNGVELA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question:
 The supply work of Mizoram is monopolised by the rich non-tribal business men. Has the Government noticed that these plain traders carried on trade besides carrying supply goods? Besides supply work, they are engaged in many other works which enable them to quote low rates for their Govt. contracts and they accordingly were given the contracts. Has the Government an intention to examine this thing?

PU KHAWINKHUM: Mr. Speaker, the Revenue Department had considered specially the infiltration of non-tribals into Mizoram. We found the entry of non-tribals to Mizoram having only movement permit in proper. The Deputy Commissioner and his Agents, or Subordinates, and our Officers in Silchar were given instructions that Movement Permits alone for the non-tribals is not sufficient and they must also have Inner Line Permits. The Deputy Commissioner are not competent to issue these and if necessary the applicants must wait till they obtain these. Beside, they should not bring goods along with them. We shall stop non-tribal traders who sell goods more or less as hawkers.

SPEAKER: Question hour is over. One hour is exceeded by 5 (five) minutes but this does not matter since we have no other business for today. In the absence of any Government business, the meeting is adjourned till 10 O'clock tomorrow when the budget will be presented. We shall now adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

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