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LIST OF BUSINESS.

FOR MONDAY, THE 26TH MARCH, 1973.

(Time from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. And 2 P.M. to 4:40 P.M.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

- 1) QUESTIONS; (entered in a separate list to be asked and Oral Answers given).
- 2) Pu R.Dotinaia, M.L.A. to call the attention of the Minister i/c Supply under rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly (for notice please see Memo NO-132/73/5 of 23.3.1973 circulated separately)
- 3) (a) Pu Khawtinkhuma, Minister i/c Finance to beg leave to introduce the Contingency Fund of the Union Territory of Mizoram (Determination of Amount) Bill, 1973.
(b) If leave is granted, to introduce the Bill.
- 4) Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for 1972-73.
- 5) (a) Pu Khawtinkhuma, Minister i/c Finance to beg leave to introduce the Appropriation (NO.1) Bill, 1973.
(b) If leave is granted, to introduce the Bill.
(c) Pu Khawtinkhuma, Minister i/c Finance to move that the Appropriation (NO.1) Bill, 1973 be passed.
- 6) General Discussion on Budget for 1973-74.

(SPEAKER:

Before taking up question, let me say about instruction for members regarding questions. Supplementary questions are of great importance. Again, question hours are like outlet for members to speak their grievances as public interests. So, it is very important to use that valuable time correctly. As I have said in the former sessions, supplementary question are to be relevant. For example, say, a reply was made to a question like, "Does the Govt? knew that four passengers were killed in motor accident at Gaizel?".

not satisfied with the reply, supplementary question arises as, have many died in the spot and in the hospital, or what type of vehicle it was, or was the Driver drunk? These are all public interests and relevant to the subject. But, it is unnecessary to ask how many of them were male or female. Besides these, if a supplementary question arises like how many persons were killed in an accident at Sairang road. Though it was also motor accident, it is not relevant at all, because, the main question asked was the one at Ngaisal not at Sairang road. If we go like this, question will come up referring to places as far as Lawngtlai or Champhai and will meet no end. Therefore we must know the best use of this valuable time.

The Minister i/c may not give answer on condition that the reply is not yet completed or the question is not relevant to it. But, in this valuable time, Minister also try to answer the questions, if they refuse to answer there will be no way to force them. But if a particular Minister very often fails to give answers, I am sure the House will have some idea about him. So, Ministers will try to give replies to questions which can be answered and which are of public interests.

Then we will take up Question No.18, of Pu Lalsangzuala, As we have not much questions, I will request him to read out his question instead of quoting the number only so that it will also be casier to follow for the others.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 18

(a) Will the Minister i/c Supply please answer whether it is a fact that the average cost of airdropping in Mizoram is Rs 700/- per quintal?

(b) If so, how has this figure been arrived at?

PU R. THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the question asked by our Hon'ble Member Pu Lalsangzuala is wheather it is a fact that the average cost of air dropping is Rs 700/- per quintal. If so, how has this figure been arrived at? Average cost is not known correctly as information about costs of supply dropping equipments, like parachutes, Jerry-can etc. The information is being sought from the Minister of Defence, Govt. of India. Therefore, it cannot be said wheather it is Rs 700/- or not.

PU LALSANGZULLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: according to the "Mizo Arsi" dt. 19/3/73, Our Hon'ble Supply Minister, said that cost of air dropping is Rs 700/- per quintal. I sought this information because I felt that the reports given by "Mizo Arsi" are not reliable. The same Hon'ble Minister had informed this House that Rs 650/- is the expenditure. Thus there is a saving of Rs 50/-. Hire charge of a Dakota Plane is about Rs 360/- per hour and average flight of 3 hours would cost Rs 4,080/- one load is about 30 quintals, and 17 gunny bags are required for repacking one quintal. Carriage from Silchar to Kumbigram involves about Rs 2.50 per quintal, also Rs 2.50 for storage. 5% loss is allowable, and when all these are calculated dropping charge of one quintal works out to Rs 260/-. If the dropping cost is said to be Rs 700/- a quintal, then who pockets the balance of nearly Rs 500/-?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, although the member says DEV. MINISTER. that he does not trust Mizo Arsi, but I think he asked the question because of his trust. I don't even know to have stated that Rs 700/- per quintal is the expenditure, but I have learnt from Pu Ray (D.C) that this is the approximate cost. I have not known anyone saying that the cost is Rs 650/- a quintal.

The true position is that it was calculated out last year that the cost is about Rs 6/50 per Kg, but this calculation was not accepted as there were some mistakes. This may have been the one referred just now. However we may say the figure is round about that one. Again, what the member pointed out will not be correct, the file is being searched now, and correct figure will soon be known. The cost is different from one to another. In AN-12, it can be as much as Rs 10,00, and expense for one hour in helicopter is more. But there is no need of using it for dropping suppliers. The rates is again different for the type of plane which we call "Twain-dody" Planes. Dakota is the cheapest, but more is spent for supply dropping equipments. Generally, Dakota loads about 25 Quintals, deducting the weight of all supply dropping equipment, this works out to 20 quintals of rice. Therefore what the member point out in general cannot be true for all practical purposes.

As I have not got the file yet, I also could not say the exact figure (File has arrived) cost of air dropping varies according to the typed of Plane. In AN-12, it is Rs 1346/50 per Quintals, in MI-4, Rs 1115/- per Quintal.

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PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: Pu Lalsangzuala said that the Minister regarded "Mizo Arsi" as in-correct; but asked the question now. Supplies are now carried by headloads, but it appears this will become a failure because in some areas even a quintal has not been delivered. So, then what may be the policy of the Government?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, a small quantity is reserved for exceptional cases, and it is considered that all these will be carried. But airdropping costs also varies according to the type of aircrafts. And the cost of the airdropping equipments, paid by book debits, have to be known from the Accountant General and the Defence Minister without getting the information from them, the actual cost of airdropping cannot be said yet.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, according to the announcement made by the Minister that air-dropping in Mizoram is stopped with effect from 16/12/72 and will not be done anymore. Considering the problems, will it not be possible to resort to air-dropping again?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me first answer the former question. When supplies are carried like Kerosine oil, M. Oil etc., are also carried. But when airdropping is done, only the airdropped items reached the villages, and there is no side benefits at all.

But if supplies are carried on head loads, there could be earnings by vehicle - owners and the villagers. Moreover it is also the desire of the Central Govt. that we should try to earn something under this operation.

When airdropping is done, the extra amount involved is borne by the Govt, and not by the public. One quintal can reach Aizawl at the cost of Rs 131/= and on the average about Rs 146/4 is required for one quintal when we consider the whole State. But if we resort to headload transport, the expenditure will go up, through it is not known what may be the approximate rate.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question: If it is Rs 6/= per Kg for air-dropping, the rate will be same everywhere. And it will be quite beneficial for jeep owners to take loads by vehicles. But comparing with air dropping costs, what would be the breakup price? Is the rates same for Tuipang and Aizawl? If not, who bears the transport costs?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the common people never pay, because the Govt. subsidised, and this is the continuation of the former practices. The rate by which we bought rice at Silchar FCI do-down is about Rs 111/- per quintal, and the exact freight charge to Aizawl is Rs 10:29/- per quintal. So the price comes to about Rs 132/-. But including storage charge and P.C. loss, it comes to about Rs 146/- per quintal for everywhere in Mizoram, regardless of sough, interim posts. So, pool price is fixed at Rs 20/- basing on calculation made in the past. The cost of airdropping comes around Rs 146/- now, we have proposed to take and by headload, and if so, in order to meet the increase, the rate of rice needs to be increased also. It has not yet possible to work out yet what may be the necessary increase.

PU VANLALHRUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: the Hon'ble Minister said that salt, M. Oil, Sugar were also airdropped, will this be continued under headload system?

R. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Salt and Sugar are DEV. MINISTER. being carried now. Salt is not included in the State Trading Account and is supplied to far off places only. Though M. Oil was dropped by air but now M. Oil and K. Oil are not included for carriage by headloads. We are to transport even rice as we desire, so we cannot include these items yet. After completing the supply of rice, perhaps these other commodities may be included.

PU HIPHEI : Mr. Speaker, Does the Govt. posting DY. SPEAKER. substitutes for these Govt. servants who have gone back from Supply duties to their parent departments?

The prescribed load of 25 Kgs appear to be too heavy, is there any intention to change this?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, previously the usual
DEV. MINISTER. weight for porter is 25 Seers, and 25
Kgs in headload. The proposal to
reduce to 22 Kgs cannot be passed because of some difficul-
ties and I cannot say it should be enforced soon.

Regarding the point about the staff,
the matter is very complicated since staff are required
for every Centre. In some places staff of A.Os are used,
and sometimes those under the General Administration as
well.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr Speaker Sir, from the discussion .
I gather that airdropping cost is
higher, but although the Minister
State that the rates had not been finally fixed, I cannot
understand how the price of rice need be increased if
resort is made to transport the rice by the system invol-
ving lower rates. Can this be explained?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr Speaker Sir, this is often mis-
DEV. MINISTER. understood by most people. These
accomodaties are very cheap ,
because of subsidy of the Govt, and now large amount has
to be spent for its carriages. So, there is difficulty
to continue subsidising by the Govt. and the Govt also
advices us to be suffaring in this regard. We also think
it may be better for our people in the long run.

PU G.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Minister
i/c be please to answer, Wheather
Govt. propose to depute Mizo students
in Paper technology in any recognised institution outside
the Territory.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, at the movement,
DEV. MINISTER. feasibility report for establishment
of a Paper Mill in Mizoram is under
preparation, for which suitable candidates will be deputed
to get training in Paper technology.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: I regard it should be done even if we have no Paper Mill yet. Should it not be necessary for our Government., to prepare itself now, since the Industry is one we must not do without for all time.

PU R.THANGLIANA:
DEV. MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, since paper Mill is a must for a country, it is under examination because it needs a lot of things. Even if we propose to establish it in Bairabi it cannot be started right-off. As such, it is not so urgent to train people now.

PU R.ZOLIANI: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: According to the Minister's speech, there is a proposal for the establishment of Paper Mill/Paper Industry. So, is not necessary to depute our youths to undergo training now?

R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER(Dev) Mr. Speaker Sir, I wonder if the Finance Minister had committed that it must be established. If the establishment is a decided matter, we must surely train them. But it would be unwise to train people before decision is made whether the industry is to be started or not.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Finance Minister had stated that there is a proposal to establish one in Bairabi. So it does not mean a decision to start an industry?

PU R.THANGLIANA:
DEV. MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, yes, there is a proposal, but its actual establishment is under consideration.

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SPEAKER:

~~Mr. Speaker Sir,~~ It seems that he has answered clearly. Though there is still time for question hours today.

We will take up item No.2 According to rule No.54 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, with reference to this Secretariat letter NO.M.S-132/73/5 of 23.3.1973, we have received calling attention notice, which is in time and is included in the list of business accordingly. It is a notice made by one Member concerning Minister, and has public importance. We have not had such notice before. The Member concerned will speak first and the Minister concerned will make the Statement. Debate cannot be held now, nor is it necessary to take vote. But if any member desire to have a debate, he shall submit a notice to this Secretariat and we will fix up the time for it.

But if the member giving notice wants to ask supplementary questions or clarifications, he may do so, which the Minister concerned will reply them.

The Minister concerned can answer till Government policy and opinions besides the fact. The caller can also make suggestion, but it cannot be a request for obtaining Government assurance. Members whose names are not included in the list of business could not speak.

Now, I shall call upon Pu Dotinaia, the mover of this calling attention, to speak.

PU DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very please for your acceptance to my calling attention. So, let me read it our for honourable members.

"Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister i/c Supply Department under rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business the Assembly to a matter of urgent public importance and of recent assurance, namely to the news item published in the "TAWRH BAWM", a local daily newspaper, relating to non issue of rice and sugar to the Govt. Fair Price Shop Dealers in Aizawl, and request the Minister to make a statement in the House in this regard.

Some days back, supply of rice and sugar is very difficult and we can get sugar at Rs 5/- and rice at Rs 2/- per Kg. It is published in the newspaper like this (reading, out the outside from 'Tawrh Bawm' dt 13.3.1973). So, I moved for the Govt. to take action to prevent repetition of such difficulties caused to the public only for the faults of one or two persons.

SPEAKER: The Minister i/c would please make the statement.

PU R.THANGLIAN: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is rightly published in the newspaper which as pointed out by the Hon'ble Member. But there is a little mistake in the caption. If it is 'The Ngau (grey monkey) suffers for the faults of a monkey' only the grey monkey may suffer. But perhaps the ordinary "monkey" had also suffered in this case.

It is the practice that the Department checks the accounts of the Retailers every year, which may be at any convenient time. As many as six cases of malpractices, relating to Treasury Challans were detected at the beginning of this month. We then realize the need to check their accounts and two Sub-Inspectors took 5 days to check the accounts of the 34 retailers at Aizawl. And as many as 12 cases of similar malpractices of the retailers were detected.

During these 5 days the Department was a bit more liberal in issuing Special Permits for rice and Sugar because ordinary issue to the retailers was stopped. This was to prevent the public finding great hardship. But, it appeared that the price of rice in open market rose up anyhow.

It is now proposed that instead of 34 Retailers, we may have lower Retailers, so that the Retailers may have sufficient quantity to deal with.

It is really regrettable that the public had suffered during this period. Supply administration is very complicated since it is something like trading, and most of us cannot do without supply commodities. But I can only say that it is not only the "grey monkeys" who suffered, even the "ordinary monkeys" suffered, and perhaps, may have suffered more. That is why the newspaper version was not entirely correct. Both kinds of the monkeys had suffered.

PU DOTINIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is necessary for a retailer to submit the money for delivery of rice through treasury chalan. So, for example, they used to add '0' in the challan and appears 200 instead of 20 quintals before actual delivery of rice from Government Godowns. It seems quite better to increase fair price shops with better supervision, instead of decreasing their numbers. The quota of rice in ration Card is very low and especially for M.L.A., it is very difficult to meet their requirements since they entertain a number of guests. Will it be possible to get at least one quintal in a time.

PU R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, the supply department has not known yet, what the member pointed out about adding of '0' to 20 quintals. These people who his done irregularity in changing treasury challans will be punish,if they are found. There is no fixation to the quantity of rice to be issued through special permits, and it will not be advisable to issue 1 quintal to everyone. So, it is necessary to be struct in issue of rice on special permits.

SPEAKER: Before taking up next item, we have already seen the draft rules made by Rules Committee. This is not included in the list of business. The Speaker can announce its adoption if there is no amendment notice within a period of seven days after it was presented to the House vide Rules NO.260, sub-rule(1). And he can direct its circulation and having it published in the Gazette.

Since more than seven days have passed since it was presented before the House, and having had time and not submitting any proposal for amendment by the Members, I announce that the Rules have been adopted by the House. It will take effect on publication in the Gezette. So, we can use the Rules made by ourselves from the next session. We will now take up item NO.3, Government concerned money bill and I shall call upon Finance Minister to each permission for its introduction.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Constingency of Fund of the U.T. of Mizoram(Determination of Amount) Bill 1973 to the House.

SPEAKER: We have got recommendation of the administrator of this money bill, and I will read it out(Read out)
Does anyone object?(Members keep silent) So, permission is given to introduce and I shall call upon the Minister to introduce it.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I beg to introduce The Constingency Fund of the U.T. of Mizoram(Determination of Amount) Bill 1973, before the House.

SPEAKER: Now, he has introduced the bill. Does anybody object to the bill (Members kept silent) So, it means that the bill is passed. We will fix up the time for its consideration. Now, we will take up item NO.4, Discussion and Voting on Supplementary demand for 1972-73.

As we have declared before, if in some service, the budget estimate is not sufficient, demand can be made from other services, and it should not be confused with excess demand or excess expenditure. This need to be passed soon by the Government and is still under process.

The word "Budget" is derived from a French word meaning "a small leather bag" in which they used to keep confidential documents. But in parliamentary term, it means a record of revenue receipt and revenue expenditure. It is an estimate of expenditure for the past year and for the current year. Besides these, there is supplementary demand. Original demand policy need not be mentioned while discussing this supplementary demand, of its quantity and matter relating to it. Demand No 1 & 2 need not be deliberated, and let us take up No 3. The Minister i/c is requested to move the same.

PU R. THANGLIAM: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary demand
MINISTER. No. 3. On the recommendation of Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 6590/- be granted to the Minister i/c to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st. March, 1973, for the administration of the head "11 Taxes on Vehicle".

SPEAKER: The Minister i/c moved for additional grant of Rs 6590/- besides the existing estimate of Rs 30,480/-. So those who support would say aye (Members say 'Aye') Has anyone objection (No one objected it), Then we have passed it.

We will take up next item and Chief Minister is requested to move.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram, I beg to move that additional amount of Rs 750,000/- be granted to the Minister i/c to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st. March, 1973, for the administration of the head " 19-GA-B2 General Administration.

SPEAKER: It is written as grant original voted nil and detailed head is seen. This is for new service and the total amount is Rs 7,50,000/-. So, those who agree will say 'aye' (Members say 'aye') as there is no objection, it is passed accordingly.

PU ZALAWMA, Mr. Speaker Sir, I am not clear about explanatory note, it appears that an additional amount is moved from last year so how can it be written as a new one?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, It is for the repair and maintenance of a house. It appears as new only because it was never mentioned in the budget before.

SPEAKER: So, those who agree may say 'aye' (Members say 'aye') as there is no objection, it is passed and we will take upon Demand NO. 12.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, motion demand NO. 12. On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of the Union Territory of Mizoram, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 1,09,000/- be granted to the Minister i/c to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the administration of the head " 23-Police".

PU ZALAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want clarification on this point why do we need to take services of the C.R.P. Battalion as we are an Union Territory?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we all know, our Government is newly formed. We have no sufficient number of Police yet. So, the Central Government sent the C.R.Ps. We feel that we shall have more control over them if we bear their expenditures.

SPEAKER:

The Demand NO. 12 has been moved and it is a new service and can be met from the savings. Is there

anybody to speak?

PU R. THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of the Union Territory of Mizoram, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 9,40,490/- be granted to the Minister i/c to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st. March/73 for the administration of the head "26 Miscellaneous Department".

SPEAKER:

There is correction here, instead of Rs 9,40,490/- it should be Rs 8,60,200/-. You have to correct

your own copy.

PU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have already pass Rs 20,00,000/- last year for air dropping. But air dropping service is stopped and we have to pay Rs 8,60,200/- more because of the transportation by vehicle. So, does it mean transportation by vehicles involve more expenditure than air dropping? If so, why don't we continue air dropping? and why is the rate of rice increasing?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, It is rather an
MINISTER. additional expenditure for trans-
portation by Vehicles, and not
because of the switch-over from air-dropping to trans-
portation by vehicles.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I don't object this
at all, but is it a fact that the
honourable Minister said that we
have not much use for transport wing but only because
of the stop page of air-dropping?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, we make use of it,
MINISTER. but because of the stoppage of air
dropping we can use public vehicles.
This, however, is placed under the head "26 Misc.Deptt".

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, what is the reason
that the budget provision for carriage
of rice is so high last year, and so
low this year?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I had defined the
MINISTER. former budget, and it was during
Mr.Ray's term and explanation was
also given. At that time, we were in a bad position,
but we try to decrease the expenditure. After that,
the rate comes down to Rs 1.25 per Kg and the tendereds
became fewer. We bearly failed in some places, however,
the rate is now about 50 paise per one Km.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, last year we
passed Rs 50,000,00/- which was
adquate to meet the expenditure.
Will it be better to streamline the subsidies, by
fixing the rates by the Govt? Some persons having not
even one Jeep submit tenders, causing much troubles
later. We have given quite a large amount to this
department, which is rather in poor condition. And are
there still gear baxes that fly?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, if that suggestion is practical it will be quite good, but without calling tenders, I am afraid to hear complaints " You have given to your favourites" even from the honourable member who asked this question. Again, there can also be merit objection easily, so, it is inevitable to give to the lowest tenderers.

SPEAKER: Those who like to pass supplementary demand No.13, may say aye (Members said 'aye') So, it has been passed and we will take up Demand NO.14.

PU VALVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of the Union Territory of Mizoram, I beg Sir, to move that an additional amount Rs 18,49,280/- be granted to the Minister i/c to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the administrator of the head " 28 Education".

SPEAKER: Demand NO.14 is being moved by the Minister i/c. Is there anyone to speak on it?

PU J. THANGHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, just one question. Are we starting the discussion now? (Speaker - just go to your point) How long can you give me? (Speaker - not more than 10 minutes). I have a lot to say on it. I find difficult to pass this supplementary demand regarding education. In Mizoram, Education Department has a lot of corrupt practices, and these have increased after Mizoram becomes Union Territory. I want honourable Minister to make note of these.

Pu Lallianzuala was reinstated on Jan 20, '72 to his post as Instructor in the Basic Trainings after suspension for a long period. But after he was reinstated, the post was still occupied by one who officiated during his suspension. That means post has two incumbents. They worked together from January till now, drawing equal pay. Who will now pay the extra expenditure for one person? Why does the Government make this payment?

Some days back, Development Commissioner made an advertisement for the posts of Lecturers in different subjects for P.M.G College. It was notified on 8.7.72 and closing date was 10.8.72. Stating 2nd class M.A. as minimum qualification. So, it can be applied only by those who passed M.A. prior to 10/8/72. But, contrary to it, those persons who passed M.A. on 27.10.72 are appointed. So, I want to know how it can be.

Again, recently, the Govt. made a Common List, working out seniority of Govt. Servants. But I want to know why the same Principle on the Common List was not used in the case of High School teachers.

Usually promotion in Govt. High Schools are according to seniority. For instance, in 1956, Pu Lalhmuaka was transferred to Lunglei as Head master due to his seniority. But now, those who have 20/30/ years' experience are left out and newly appointed people were promoted. I don't have any personal grudge, but rather glad at their promotion. Yet Mamawii Girls High School is a newly formed institution but is among those 7 Schools now provincialised. So, one who is in a newly formed School having only about one year service has gone up, while some teachers of Lunglei High School, having more than 20 years service, are remaining down below. Some members are said to have given to confirm some persons as Headmasters during election campaign. This kind of politics in education sphere is a very bad practice. It will be a great sorrow, if all the Primary School teachers have inclination towards Mizo Union Party.

Again, Mr. Lalthanzauva was proved to have a forged B.Sc. Certificate, from D.M. College Imphal. This was verified from Asst. Controller of Examination of Gauhati University, and the matter was informed to Director of Education, Mizoram. But uptill now, he is working as Headmaster, not only that, he was appointed as A.O. So, I want to know

why the Government does not take an action on this till now.

In Changzawl also, one person is appointed as L.P. Teacher even though he was not appearing in the selection examination. Whereas, the exam was to be held at Saitual he stayed in Aizawl during the exam. So, how could he be appointed?

Again, one Head Teacher of Changzawl Grouping Centre draw Rs 5000/- allotted for School grant, but spent all for his commercial purpose. Why is not the Government take against him

Soon after Mizoram become Union Territory, some of our Mizo Union leaders throw a dinner party with Mizo Students at Lodi Hostel, Delhi, promising them, the regular drawal of their stipends/Scholarships at the beginning of every month. But they have not received anything yet, and I want to know the reason for this delay.

As Khawhai is a big Village having large population, it needs more Schools. So, during one terms in D/E the third school was opened at Pawi Veng. But Mizo Union being reactionary, they had closed the same when they controlled the Council. While there are 4/5 Schools in some other places, why was this very school closed?

But after the closing of the School, furniture grant of Rs 300/- and teaching grant of Rs 140/- were allotted to the School. Education Minister may please answer whether the School was reopened or not.

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, 1) for that advertisement, a special board was made, if there is any irregularity as pointed out by him the matter be looked into. 2) Those 7 provincialised schools are struggling for a long time and were not in receipt of grant-in-aid. Their Heads are now posted as Asst. Headmasters. 3) The case of Pu Lalthanzauva has not yet come to my notice. That sort of practice should be wiped out in every Department. 4) It has been learnt that there are cases of impersonation not only in Changzawl. I shall look into the matter, and if any-thing is detected, action will be taken against them. 5) The Villagers of Bualpui like to shift there, and we can understand them preferring to go back to Bualpui to remaining at Changzawl.

6) Someone just opened a School simply at Khawhai (J.Thanghuama - Mr.Speaker Sir, the District Council could do that, as they needed four Schools. This is not a place for joking). The School broke up by, itself. (Pu J.Thanghuama: That was because you don't want to ^{get} teacher). 7) The Mizos students at Delhi should get stipend regularly. They may not have been paid late as their applications reached late. So, I request you to pass this demand. (J.Thanghuama : Mr.Speaker Sir, let him please answer the other two points). 8) We were afraid of the sort of thing occurring at Changzawl. If the matter is found correct after enquiry, action will be taken. Fearing this sort of thing, We have also formed a Committee. 9) The case of Pu Lallianzuala is very difficult to explain, we proposed to revert him to Assam Govt. As for the double drawal of pays. I have no knowledge.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, point of information - Pu Lallianzuala has actually joined his post, but has never received his arrears till now.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, we do not know the
MINISTER. details here. But as far as I know : we have sent a proposal for his reversion to Assam since we do not seem to know how to deal with him.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I wonder if we are to
CHIEF MINISTER. bear the arfears of pay of Pu Lallianzuala because we are not responsible for the services prior to the Union Territory Government.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, as all the liabilities and assets of Assam Government are taken over by Mizoram Government. Why should not this liability ~~ours~~ ours?

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, the reason is due to
CHIEF MINISTER: long suspension affecting his last pay.
We cannot do anything about his service under the Assam Government, nor are we responsible for that period. Our responsibility is united to the Union Territory period only.

SPEAKER: We have spent quite a long time and had spoken a lot. So, those who agree to this demand may say aye (Members said 'aye'). It is passed. We will take up Demand NO.15.now.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr.Speaker, On the recommendation of the
MINISTER. Lt.Governor (Administrator) of the Union Territory of Mizoram, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 16,19,010 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the administration of the head "29- Medical".

SPEAKER: Demand NO.15 has been moved and do anyone of you like to say anything?.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I had asked the possibility of promoting Junior Nurses to Senior Nurse after completing 15 years of service, and the answer was in the negative. There are many who have had more than 20 years service. It seems there is wrong practice. (Speaker - policy matter is to be dealt in the afternoon) Then, Thank you.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. **Speaker Sir**, I don't find it necessary to pass such a huge amount, as we have already passed Rs 22,70,000/- for grouping Centres, since these are presumed to be provided for medical and dispensary buildings. If this is for something else, how could such a big sum be spent before 31.3.1973?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. **Speaker Sir**, I find that members **MINISTER.** are understanding to this demand. We are only like "zero" before, having no approved suppliers for medicines. But now, we have some approved suppliers and medicines are being despatched by vehicles and by voluntary carriage on headloads by villagers. The present demand is for some improvements made to the dispensary buildings.

SPEAKER: So, those who support Demand NO.15 may say 'aye' (Members said 'Aye') It is passed now. We will take up **Supplementary Demand NO.15.**

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. **Speaker Sir**, On the recommendation **MINISTER.** of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of the Union Territory of Mizoram, I beg, **Sir**, that an additional amount of Rs 14,04,690/- be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973, for the administration of the head "30-Public Health".

SPEAKER: **Supplementary demand NO.15**, amounting Rs 14,04,690/- has **LCW** been moved. Is there anybody to speak on it.

PU J. THINGHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, while we were under Assam Government, we can get sufficient water supply. But now, while somebody gets sufficient water even for their flower garden, some of us get very little supply. So, if we are to pass this, will it be possible to supply water by Vehicles again? I want them to continue water supply till rainy season.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me add a few words. PWD can supply water even in an interim parts like Hmaia Veng, but PHE never could supply to this extent but claim to be doing so. They further claimed to fetch water from Sairang while they fetch them from Pu Chauva's Dam under Vengthar where all the water of Vengthar flows in. So, unless we ensure that they actually fetch them from Sairang it will mean under profits to some people. I want the authorities to look into this matter.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, this is an additional MINISTER. to the estimate for Mizawl, Lunglei, Kolasib and rural areas. Last year we can manage to supply water because we supplied only to Govt. Servants. To compare with the year and still complain now, must be due to self-centred interest, because they have laid many more now pipes, and they are still working very hard. Our demand is now to benefit the general public, which may be understood.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, what Pu Lalkunga mentioned about the supply of diety water CHIEF MINISTER. is very important. Who fetch that water or has it been approved by Decotrs? Is there an order from the Minister? It is very dangerous to drink water. Can these be clarified? .

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, Doctor Certificate alone is not enough. They fetch the water from it even only a few days back. I had also informed the Chief Minister and he promised to look into it after returning from Delhi but till now it is not stopped.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it can easily be understood that it is not so bad as it is reported. May I not be understood, but fear of dysentery cannot be really wiped out. We want to see to the matters where our members are very much concerned. It is suggested that the vehicle numbers are noted down to enable pursuance.

SPEAKER: Members must use their judgement and have proof of the matters to be facts when these are to be brought before the House. This demand is, however different in its head. Those who agree may say 'aye' (Members said 'aye'. Now, it is passed. Let supplement demand No. 16 be moved.

PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, "On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 16 for Rs. 501,040 to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Head "33 - Animal Husbandry"

SPEAKER: Supplementary Demand No. 16 has been moved. Does anyone like to speak on it.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, point of information, has the posts been created?

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**PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER:**

Mr. Speaker Sir, as you know, this is not merely for creation of posts, but the original budget estimate Rs12,43,740/- cannot meet the whole requirements. The requirements are shown in the detailed heads, as such most of the newly created posts are still vacant.

SPEAKER:

Those who agree to pass supplementary Demand NO. 15 may say 'aye' (Members said 'aye') There is no objection, so it is passed.

**PU R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.**

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 4,31,000/- be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the administration of the head " 37 Community Development".

SPEAKER:

Demand NO. 17 has been moved, Is there anyone to speak on it? Those who agree to pass the demand may say 'aye' (Members said 'aye') Is there anyone objecting it (Members keep silents) So, it means the demand is passed. We will continue to Demand NO. 18.

**PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.**

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 3,48,000/- be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the administration of the head " 35 Industries".

SPEAKER:

Supplementary Demand NO. 18, is moved, Is there anyone who like to speak on it? If not, those who agree to be passed may say aye (Members said 'aye') as there is no objection it is passed.

I'd like to seek members' opinion because we have not much time, whether we all agree to resume the Sitting at 1:30 Pm (they all agreed) As there is no objection, we will have recess now and resume again at 1:30 Pm

Recess till 1:30PM.

SPEAKER: Now, we will take up Supplementary Demand NO.17

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt.Governor(Administrator) of Mizoram I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 2,40,000/- be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the administration of the head "34 Co-operation".

PU LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, what are the aims and objects of this Special Crash Programme? What works will be taken up?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, the utility of Special Employment Scheme varies from one state to another, For instance EGS is used for unemployed graduates in some state while we used it for construction of playgrounds and others.

SPEAKER: Then those who agree to pass, Rs 240,000/- for Demand NO.17 may say 'aye' (Members said 'aye')
Then it is passed. Proceed to NO.19, at page 15.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt.Governor(Administrator) of Mizoram I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 4,82,250/- be granted to the Minister-in-charge which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st. March, 1973 for the administration of the head "39 Miscellaneous S.D. Orgn.

SPEAKER: Demand NO.19, Rs 4,32,250/- for the head "39 Misc. S.D. Orgn." has been moved and is there anyone who like to speak on it? If not, those who approve may say 'aye' (Member said aye) So, we have passed it as there is no objection.

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PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 43,33,310/- be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the administration of the head "50 Public Works (including Roads) &".

SPEAKER: Supplementary Demand NO.21 has been moved and is there anyone who like to speak on it. Those who agree to pass Rs 43,33,310/- may say 'aye' (Members said 'aye') being a charged account, we may pass it. Let us take up Demand NO.22.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 10,50,000/- be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the administration of the head "57 Road Transport".

SPEAKER: Is there anyone who like to speak on this Demand NO.22 for Rs 10,50,000/-.

PU LLSANGZUNLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Minister-in-charge be please inform us what type of vehicles are proposed to be purchased with this additional demand?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, This is made for
MINISTER. 12 medium-sized buses. We already
have 3 Mini Buses, and 5 more are
also under orders.

SPEAKER: Those who like to pass it may say
'aye' (Members said aye) It is
passed. We will take up Demand
NO. 23.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation
CHIEF MINISTER. of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of
Mizoram I beg, Sir, to move that an
additional amount of Rs 31,35,000/- be granted to the
Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which
will come in the course of payment during the year
ending 31st March, 1973, for the administration of the
head "64 Famine Relief".

SPEAKER: Rs 31,35,000/- for supplementary
Demand No. 23 with its head 64
Famine Relief has been move. Is
there anyone who like to speak on it?

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, how far does this
natural calamity covers?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it will cover
CHIEF MINISTER. damages by cyclones, droughts and
fires as a whole.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I find natural
calamity is of great importance.
Will it covers, the damages caused
by hail storms and storms?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it will be covered.
CHIEF MINISTER. natural calamities are the damages
caused by unusual occurrences.

PU DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, does natural cala-
mity covers damages caused by
hailstorms to vegetable crops at
Sihphir, and damages to sugar canes and crushers caused

by fires in my constituency?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is difficult
CHIEF MINISTER. to say how far old occurrences should
be included. But the nature and
extent of the Calamity will tel.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will it be good to
cover the destruction at Tuipuibari
caused by Cyclone?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, That cannot be inclu-
CHIEF MINISTER. ded as it was an old occurrence.

PU C. LALLUJATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will be able to explain
at least the major reasons why this
additional amount need be moved?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is meant to meet
CHIEF MINISTER. the expenses incurred connected with
burnt houses, burnt villages, and
agricultural loans etc.

PU J. THANGHUMLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It may not be right
to say this is for agriculture because,
about Rs 30 lakhs from Rehabilitation
loan and Rs 30 lakhs from house Building loans for the
Bazar people had been diverted already for agricultural
loans.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Agricultural loan
MINISTER. is included under "Famine Relief"
where there is 81 lakhs. It is
necessary to demand this additional grant because we
have exceeded the original grant. The proposed amount
for natural Calamity is quite a small portion, and the
expenditures are already committed.

PU HL. NGALIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I find this demand is
not necessary as it is stated that those
salaries occurring last year cannot
be relieved.

PU R. THANGLIAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, The meaning is that
MINISTER. we have exceed by this, what we have
used in the past years. For instance
we have already exceeded by helping Thingsulthliah when
it was burnt some days back. That was proposed by Deputy
Commissioner and if we exceed by that, it is really
necessary to pass this Demand.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Honorable Development
Minister may be losing the point will
it include all the additional amounts
involved to meet the excess expenditures last year
caused by the famine and the pressures put by the MLAs?

PU R. THANGLIAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes, it cover all.
MINISTER. Last year we exceeded by 13 lakhs
even in Aizawl area and some A.O.
spent more than the amount allotted to them. Taking
altogether this will cover them.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker, According to Hon'ble
Minister, it covers all the expen-
ditures spent "in anticipation".
So, will it ~~could~~ all those spent by the MLAs too?

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker, will it covers all the
expense due distribution of rice?

PU R. THANGLIAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It will be covered,
MINISTER. but they must be repaid where they
were loans.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is very important.
like natural calamity and of diffe-
rent item. Famine flood, are all
same category under natural calamity. Hard much the
Government used for natural calamity. If it can not be
heard exact amount, in which place it is spent. We
Famine relief, gratuitous relief and agricultural loan
and if it is done as like grant-in-aid, it seems and
those can non refundable. The reason is that,
"distressed" is omitted from agricultural loan. There-
fore I feel it will be better to include agricultural
distressed loan in the head of famine relief. The
question which I raised is actually how much we spent

exactly for natural calamity like flood, wind, epidemic and famine. How much it can be spare within the sanctioned.

LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think Hon'ble Minister failed to answer correctly that all are grants under this head. It will not be right to use them for adjustment of loans.

PU NGUIDAWLA: Mr. Speaker, If it covers distribution of rice by some MLAs during their tours, So, let us exclude those and take proper action on those otherwise our future will be too black.

What is the sense in cash distribution shown under Explanatory Note? What is this?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Rs 18,32,000/- is
CHIEF MINISTER. allotted for natural calamity and is not so a large amount. Being meant for calamity, the cost of rice distributed by some MLAs will never be adjusted. As we are elected to works, it is necessary to work quickly sometime. But now, the Government will be very strict and action will be taken on some officers and MLAs as we have discovered already, the allotted amount cannot meet the expense, so, it is necessary to move an additional amount of Rs 31,35,000/-

PU DOTIHALIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, During election campaign Pu Hrangdawla (Cong. Candidate) distributed rice on his assurance to meet the expense from his pocket if there is no Govt. sanction A.O. of Lungdar also shown such thing as Pu Hrangdawla's liability. Will that sort of thing be adjusted here?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, that particular case
CHIEF MINISTER. will be noted down.

PU DOTIHALIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think it will be found in D.C.'s Office as A.O. Lungdar has sent it.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, Since the period falls within 1.4.72 and 2.5.72, will it not be covered?

PU R.ZOLIAMA: Mr. Speaker, I want the exact meaning of this Supplementary Demand. We have to view more carefully if this demand is to be passed especially if it concerns Agricultural Loan. We must be cautious when we hungry people, because scope for corruption then opens. I would request others to be very careful.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker, It is very dangerous to have corruption. But in this case, it is not because the exact quantity of Rice distributed by some M.L.A.s is known. The very case of Pu Hrangdawla is to be re-examined.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker, I have move to say. It is quite good to distribute Rice by . . . M.L.A.s to etc people. But what Pu Dotinaia has printed out is very bad. Pu Chhunbeura also sent a large quantity of Rice and refused to give them to Mizo Minorists and it appears that was within the period and included here. So, I find it very hard to pass it. Now, Deputy Commissioner called for explanation for exceeding the Agricultural Loan, and I want the Chief Minister to give instruction to the Deputy Commissioner in this matter.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker, Yes, I'll pursue it.

SPEAKER: As you have printed out the procedure for future, it will be good to pass it. Those who agree may say **aye** to the Supplementary Demand No.23, under the head "64, Famine Relief" for Rs.31,35,000.00 (Members said **aye**) No objection?, It means we have passed it.
We will take up Demand No.24.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs.3,680/- be granted to the

Minister-in-charge to defray cert in charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the Administration of the head "68-Printing & Stationery".

SPEAKER: The amount is low, it seems you don't have anything to say?

PU J. THANGHJIAW: Mr. Speaker, it is for printing purchase. But I beg to move the discontinuance of "Tunlai Chanchin" which is of no use. It is like a waste paper for everybody and just thrown in the streets.

PU ZALAW R.: Mr. Speaker, it is for filling up vacant posts. Has new appointments been made?

**PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER.** Mr. Speaker, Let us put aside the printing of "Tunlai Chanchin" to be considered afterwards. Last year a provision was made for filling up vacant posts. But due to avoidable circumstances it has become necessary to reconsider. It could be understood that only Rs. 3,680.00 will not involve many posts. So, I hope you all appreciate that there may be instances when additional grants are required in this way in future.

SPEAKER: Those who agree with Supplementary Demand No. 24, amounting to Rs. 3,680/- under the Head "64 Printing & Stationery" may say aye, (Members said aye). It is now passed.

We will take up Demand No. 16.

**PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER**

Mr. Speaker, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 16,95,780.00 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1973 for the Administration of the head "70-Forest".

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SPEAKER: Demand No 16 has been moved and is there anybody to speak on it. (Members keep silent) So, those who like to pass it may say aye (Members said aye) Is there anybody objecting? (Members kept silent) So it has been passed and we will take up Demand No.25. Let the Chief Minister please moved the Demand.

PU CH. CHIUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, 'On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administration) of Mizoram, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs.2,37,000/- be granted to the Minister i/c to defray certain charges which will come in the cost of payment during the year ending 31st. March 1973 for the Administration of the head '71-Miscellaneous'.

SPEAKER: Demand No 25 has been moved, is there anyone who like to speak on it.

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want the Minister to release this additional allotment within first week of April.

SPEAKER: Those who like, pass Supplementary Demand No 25 under the head "71 Miscellaneous" may say aye (Members said aye). Since there is no objection, it has been passed. We will take up Demand No.30.

PU CH. CHIUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administration) of Mizoram, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs.62,11,000/- be granted to the Minister i/c to defray certain charges which will come in the course payment during the year ending 31st. March 1973 for the Administration of the head "103 Capital Outlay on Public Works".

SPEAKER: Demand No.30 is moved. Is there anyone who like to speak on it.

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PU J. THANGHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let the Minister-in-charge be please to note that the bridge at Tuichang is not mentioned in the Budget. Being ready a life line I want this to be included in the Budget.

SPEAKER: Those who like to pass Demand No. 30 may say aye (Members said aye) It has been passed and We will take up Demand No. 35.

PU K. T. KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Lt. Governor (Administrator) of Mizoram I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 8,96,000/- be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st. March, 1973 for the administration of the head "Loans & Advances".

SPEAKER: Supplementary Demand No. 35, amounting Rs. 8,96,000/- under the head "Loans & Advances" is being moved. Is there anyone who want to have speech on it.

PU CHLAWNGKU GA: Mr. Speaker Sir, what is the difference between special employment programme in Demand No. 17 and this Demand ?

PU J. THANGHUMA: Mr Speaker Sir, Rs. 75 lakhs has been sanctioned for Bara Bazar and Khatla line, and from it about Rs. 30 lakhs has been allotted for Agriculture Loan, so about Rs. 40 lakhs has been disbursed. So it is quite heart breaking to Demand Rs. 8,96,000/- only in the Budget for this year. So, I want the Minister to move the Central Government for more, and if he fails We, the Congress will try it.

PU K. T. KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, what the honourable MINISTER Member has pointed out need not be explained if he quotes from the Budget for this year. But this is meant for Agriculture loan and Co-operative loans. It is newly formed as mention had not been made in last year's Budget

So, it is an additional amount to meet the excess expenditures for purchase of Rice-hullers, ect.,

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, point of information- According to my talk with Lt. Governor, he proposed to give as much as 102 rice-hullers for eastern areas, and it is hoped that the Finance Minister distributed them (Speaker-You will say later) I am just beating about the bush.

PU K.T. KHUMA : Mr Speaker Sir, It is a fact what MINISTER honourable Member has said. We want to have more of this kind of loan. But, the Central Government is concerned about the recovery because the recovery we made was poor. Due to this they could not give us more. They advised us to make supplementary Demand if the recovery improves.

SPEAKER: Those who want to pass supplementary Demand No 35, amounting Rs. 8,96,000/- under the head " Loans and Advances " may say aye (Members said aye). As there is no objection we have passed it. Now, we shall continue to the Appropriation Bill, 1973. Let the Finance Minister be please ask permission for introduction in the House.

PU K.T. KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave to MINISTER introduce Appropriation Bill No. 1 of 1973.

SPEAKER: Appropriation Bill NO.1 of 1973 is being asked for introductions, those who agree may say aye (Members said aye) Is there any objection (Members keep silent) So, let the Fin. Minister be please to introduce it in the House. (The Bill was introduced)

SPEAKER: Appropriation Bill NO.1 of 1973 has been introduced in the House. Is there anyone who object it. (Members kept silent) let him further move for its passing.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave to move
MINISTER. the appropriation Bill NO. 1 of 1973
be passed.

SPEAKER: Those who agree to pass Appropriation
Bill 1 of 1973, amounting Rs 2,55,16,780/-
may say aye (Members said aye) Is there
any objection. Then we have passed it.

Now, we shall take up budget for the new
year. All may like to speak, but due to shortage of
time we will fix up the time like this. 30 minutes for
Fin. Minister, 20 Minutes for Chief Minister, 15 minutes
for other Ministers 15 minutes for Opposition leader
and 10 minutes for all other members.

PU J. THANGHUMAM: Mr. Speaker Sir, Can the members
surrender their times to others.

PU R. THINGHUMAM: Mr. Speaker Sir, can it be surren-
MINISTER. dered for certain specific member?
Can we use those of member who
do not speak?.

SPEAKER: Yes, it can be done, if one allows
to give his time.

K. SANGCHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, Are you going to
give us only a short time each
like we had last year?.

SPEAKER: That is quite true. We were in a
hurry to have this Session, as we
want to give sufficient time for
speeches, but then we have only a short time again.

PU J. THANGHUMAM: Mr. Speaker Sir, Is there any means
to lengthen the time?. Are we to
follow the practice of offices.
We can even continue all through
the night.

SPEAKER: Therefore we will lengthen the time 15 minutes instead of 10 minutes to members, 20 minutes for Opposition leader, and also for Ministers and 25 minutes for the Chief Minister. (Lalrunta: Is it possible to give 20 minutes for Ruling Party Chief Whip). (Pu J.Thanghuama: It is not necessary for Ruling Party Chief Whip) We have to consider according to the composition.

PU HRANGALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, we have 15 minutes each, but while speaking, Pu Thanghuama may interrupt our speeches, if we are to answer those, we may not have much time. So, will you understand the matter?.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is not necessary to speak for all members from the treasury benches all Ministers can speak but it will not be correct for all the members to speak will it be good to follow first come first serve?.

SPEAKER: We will start now instead of just wasting the time. You must be careful in using the time as there is not much time. Now, we will start the general discussion. You are able to speak once only.

PU C.LALRUMTA: Mr. Speaker Sir, we have only one day, which is a Sunday, to study the budget. As I studied it the whole day yesterday, I find some Constituencies get much money. It appears there will not be much money as we expect because about 17 lakhs is meant for Aizawl Town and 11 lakhs for high officials.

Mention is not made to the terrace of 640 acre in my constituency. Therefore, I find the provision of the budget is not comprehensive. According to my knowledge, 1 crore has been added because of Chief Ministers I talk some Departmental Heads had taken their proposals, without obtaining the Cabinets approval, for which reason the plan schemes are not up to what we expect them to be

We must work in accordance with the rules afterwards first taking Cabinets' approval. The Finance Minister had pointed out about agricultural loans, but there are many who did not received fertilisers and seeds. Banana seedlings are distributed in subsidised rates but they are not fresh enough for replantation. So, it may be better to change the system of giving subsidy.

As I looked the achievements of soil Conservation, and EGS prepared by the Dev. Departmental 13 villages were given grants for construction of playgrounds. In Sateek constituency alone, 8 villages were given. I think it is better to spend the money sanctioned for EGS and CSRE area wise. Again, quite a lot of money is spent for land reclamation and it is necessary to give farmers now. Fruit preservation is also essential.

A centre is prepared to be opened at Vairengte where few people can use it and I want to know whenever this proposal made?

Public Health Department also proposed to give water supply to 8 grouping Centres. For water Supply purposes P.W.D. Department collected about pipes of about 5 Trucks loads which are just lying unused at Chhiah-tlang now. It is very bad to leave things incomplete as a lot of money had been spent. I want to let them have water supply soon for it is a big grouping centre. It is very necessary to first examine things carefully.

The staff in the Land Settlement Department are very busy while most people urge for their land settlements because loans etc., could not be received without it. Again, I want the Government to be more strict in collecting taxes. In 1971, one Congress V/C of Khawhai did not submit the revenue he collected; people did not pay revenue because action are taken for their refusal to pay.

PU K.L.ROCHAIIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think we must thank the Fin. Minister, the Secretary and his staff for their work in preparing this budget in so short a time. If we are not please an the figure, we must, however he pleased with their labour in preparing the book So, we are really in debt to them.

One year has gone since Mizoram became Union Territory and almost a year has gone since members took oath. Looking back at the past budget, it is necessary to have security in our land, we also had said a lot about the necessity of peace and security in a party level and in private. There is yet no peace

and security in the minds of the people. Few days back, in the heart of Aizawl, just after dark, the Power House was bombed. As it appears in the newspaper, the Govt. tried hard to find out the culprits and even asked the public on the matter. Again nowadays, the end of financial year is approaching, and Govt. officers and A.O's draw huge amount of money. In Lunglei we don't know what to do, because No A.O's wanted to keep Govt. money as there is no security. So, it resulted in non payment to employees while they press for payments. It is not safe even inside the offices during broad day-light, because some gangs snatch some money away. That is the condition existing today. They snatch Rs 50,000/- from the hands of Hnahthial A.O. a few days ago. Do we provide them security. Due to the disturbances, we are facing several hardships.

We hope that in this new Govt. with the help of the Administrator, the Ministers and the M.L.As we may find peace and security. But, as we look at the newspapers and the condition, there is no security in the country. I find that this will be a real disgrace for those who take responsibility.

Last year we had discussed much about the security forces in Mizoram. The reason is that some of them raped our innocent girls, and few of them were caught. Especially we hear that last year during October, Rothuama of Hauruang was killed by 19th Punjab Regt. We don't know what the authorities have done although Enquiry Commission was formed. During that time one girl was raped at Hauruang by the same force. The culprits were caught by General Court of Enquiry and by General Court Martial, they were punished to 3 to 4 years' imprisonment. After all these had happened, a few days back Bi Kapbuangi of Pukpui was raped by a sepoy from 19th Punjab Regt. again, and he tortured her and her daughter at night. We have informed by telegraphed letters and verbal reports to the Central Govt., the Lt. Governor and the Chief Minister. We said these kind of sepoy are not fit for security forces, let them go out from our country. But, upto now, they have not gone out. Our country will never get freedom, peace and security if we have security forces who torture and kill us without reason. It is necessary for the hon'ble members to look into the matter and fight against it.

Secondly, our country is very unlucky. The rice before harvest were destroyed by cyclones for two consecutive years. Last year also, due to drought we had harvest. We are to face famine. The Fin. Minister said "There will be difficulty in the future", we must prepare ourselves for it. rice should be stocked in the

interior parts by head-loads and vehicles before the rain comes. The works are very good but it appears we may not take action. Recently they put Deputy Director of Supply at Lunglei without giving him any Vehicle. They promised him to get 20 vehicles because these will be necessary to transporting rice from Lunglei to Demajiri and from Demajiri to Barapansuri by boats will this be done within this dry season? He further demanded 30 vehicles but he was given only 20 vehicles, within 2/3 days, they sent all the rice, and had to stop because there was no more rice. Though he sent telegrams everyday there was no reply. As time and tide wait for no man, we will face famine.

Those who carry rice by head-loads will soon be busy in sowing and the rainy season will come, some interior areas in Chhintuipui District, Mara District and Chakma District will surely face difficulty. This is the general pasture throughout Mizoram. So, it is necessary for the staff of this Directorate to start working hard and to cooperate with their officers otherwise we will give very poor show. We will never finish the target during winter.

Thirdly, I like to speak about agricultural loans, test relief etc., vehicle we distributed when people faces hardships. Those were not recovered. The hon'ble Fin. Minister was almost saying that, it is because Aizawl District has not repaid the loans. But in Lunglei District portions under test relief will be recovered during April. In some areas agricultural loans and test relief were recovered fully. It is our duty to convince our people that these are to be recovered. People could repay ordinary expectation. Lunglei District received very little in EGS. Though it is against the rule, people could even pay from Block Schemes in kind as in cash. So, it clear that people are willing to pay. But in Aizawl District, the Headquarter many did not want to pay, result in many sufferings.

Those who got housing loans from Lunglei District faced difficulties due to two reasons, Firstly, due to the decrease we don't received enough amount, Besides, they did not explain the rule to us. A short time after, some hon'ble Members went to Lunglei and saved the people of their constituencies from their hardships and helped in their applications were brought, the amount was already distributed other and only few persons would be eligible to get the loans. I would like to request the Hon'ble Fin. Minister to allot at least to some applicants some loans, even if the amounts may not be as much as they apply.

In regard to BGS Schemes, the Lunglei District has 20,000 more population than Chhintaipui District but Lunglei is given only 3 lakhs or so against more than Rs 10 lakhs to Chhintaipui District. We do not want to deprive their fortune. But when the Lunglei people obediently repays the loans, may also deserve consideration. So, I feel that the people of this kind would be treated merely by the House also.

Nextly, when I asked the condition of appointment and postings, our Ministers often seem to know nothing, Posting seem to be done at the Secretariat level arbitrarily. For example, in respect to the reversion of some A.Os into their parent Department, orders come from the Chief Secretary direct, but without arrangement of substitutes properly. The Cabinet may be more alert on these matters.

Lastly, the work could not be progressive as you centralised the administration here in Aizawl. For example, if we are to deal about the construction of a well at Tawngkolong in Chhintaipui District and Rahsi Veng of Lunglei, there will never some progress in the work if everything is decided at the Development office at Aizawl. If the BDOs and other officers can spend only Rs 10/- Pn from Contingent fund, they will never be able to send all the money in their hands during their lifetime. Therefore it is necessary to delegate more financial powers to our officers,

As I also knew secretly, some officers draw money very often against rules because there is no hard and fast rule. I don't realise how the Audit will re-act. But, though they dare do this in Aizawl, that is not possible in the interior unless the executive officers are given some appropriate financial powers, they would not be able to do any works, and the works will suffer. The Ministry should make proper arrangement for this.

PU HRANGAIA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I think we are all waiting for tomorrow to speak.

We all heard about the speech of the budget introduce, Fin. Minister. According to that Rs 80 lakhs was surrendered from Police Department, this I feel very regretful, as we need Police badly and we further make demand for their birings. But, on the other hand I am pleased for the amount is more than all the amounts sanctioned last year, including all the surrendered amount. I don't

simply try to criticize the budget but I want the authorities to go on making improvements. In the book, there is a small item where large amount is spent. That is CA & CIs. These need not be separate. During the British period, they are used for interpreters but now, there is no more need. Their duties require no two Categories. D.G. uses the C.Is for paddy report and the Ministers use C.As. But their reports are never the same. These two should be amalgamated.

Though there is a huge amount of money sanctioned in U.T., the money going to the people is very little. The reason is that the sanction goes to the departments, like P.W.D. etc., and the public have no share. In view of the development side the District Council period was rather more desirable. The Assam Govt. gave us separate funds for the construction of village wells, and roads, and the money was shared by public. There is no more of that sort. One year has gone, but there had not been any development grants, say, in my constituency. The public earned something from the B.R.T.F. Therefore, the Union Territory is where there are lots of employees and lots of money for buildings, but there is nothing for the public? It is said that 20 development blocks are created. But where are they, when there are no B.D.O's?

These need to be more lookafter, making rules and regulations. We submitted road scheme for Chhingchhip to Tawi mountain. It has been approved but it can not be said who will do the work. Previously who will construct roads within their own village areas. This the public should the money. But U.T. does not consider this aspect, so there will be difficulty and repair for some time.

We have passed Budget, but are we still going on in the same manner the District Council was run. We have not made any laws and rules yet. We have made the rules for the Assembly what about the other rules. If we are to continue using the District Council laws, why then do we acclaim the U.T. government?

We talk of villagers returning to their old villages. But we must work out the many rules which will be necessary for demarcating their boundaries, where they are to settle etc.

~~Money~~ sanctioned is not really much, The system of building Schools remains the same. The figure of the grant may seem impressive but the need for public contribution is not lessened.

I would further like to mention about PWD and Medical Departments. These are put separately because of technical nature ever since the British rule. I want the Govt. would take note of their lack of progress. Regarding tender we used to say high or low. But I knew clearly that they give their favourites regarddless of high or low, saying "Do you like to take the work at the rate a little but higher than the lowest.

It is also very difficult to control medical department. The system of promotion is not correct, they simply violate it. Newspaper also mentioned everything and this need to be examined.

Today, onething I would like to say is that Sudaram be sent back. Let Sundaram go home! He spoiled PWD. If we can not transfered even Sundaram then let me resign. I don't want to have such an useless man. Such Departments where they function irrepdent cannot adjust themselves to the Union Territory. They regard themselves as the final authorities.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, my fellow colleagues need to consider that there is no benefit if we climb up in our political status without the rise in economic status. I am not trying to say about the budget provisions today but I want to see these:

(1) Scheduled tribes need more protection In submitting tenders for contracts, plans people could offer lower rates I want to let it known to the authorities. In P.W.D. tender, the earnest money for scheduled tribe is lowered by 50%, which is applied only for the earnest money Tribals should be given if his rates be higher within 7½% This was proscribed about 17 years ago, and the need to protect them is greater now. We should make lows for this. If we cannot do that, we shall not survive very long. (2) Stopping of air dropping is very good as the expenditure on transportation is now earned by the Mizos. (3) Let the Govt. run only State Transport as others did. Assam also has state transport cooperation. As in Pu Ray's time, maintaining many vehicles will not do good. Let us be careful, it will not be good to have many vehicles because we will never manage them successfully. It will be better to uplift the Merchants Association.

(4) Looking at the budget, there is not much collected within our state, and the Govt. of India is giving us blank cheque and it is quite pleasing.

(5) Regarding Revenue, I would like to speak about trade licences. When selling properties, we can have sale Deeds I don't know the reason why there is ~~no~~ Asstt. Commissioner of Taxes for tax collection and I think the time has not come yet for this. According to Hon'ble Members it is very necessary to collect taxes very carefully, and I think Revenue Department is also too slow; I request not to invest Govt. money in excess as we have already 250 Jeeps. Then, we shall have more of rice and essential commodities.

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, We have a general discussion regarding budget. The book of Supplementary Demand, and the Revised Estimate for 1972-73, and the Budget Estimate for 1973-74 are quite thick, and there will not be time to discuss them in detail. I would like to point out what I find more important in the budget. The speech of the Hon'ble Fin. Minister had summarised the budget's main features. Therefore, I would like to refer to some of the speech.

Firstly, I was very touched by what he said "Instrument and channel of realisation of economics and social objectives". This morning, our Speaker has explained the meaning of "budget"

Our budget will provide source of income for our people, and its other aim is to improve the conditions of the people.

Not only in the economical aspect, even in the Social aspect, the budget has very far reaching effects. Our Ministry and the offices deserve praise for what they have done. If we imagine ourselves in their places, we shall appreciate the works they have done. We must see if the purpose of the budget is fulfilled, or whether the money are misspent. We must see that our people get the most benefit, otherwise corruption will become rampant in our State.

Few times back, one hon'ble Member pointed out what I feel important in Political field. In preparing the budget and the speech of Fin. Minister on page -1 we know that the Central Govt. is willing to help us. There have been wrong teachings

in this regard. It is quite wrong to preach that the amounts will be lower if people do not support a certain party. Truly speaking, I find quite pleasing that a regional party is the ruling party. According to the speech of Fin. Minister, the Central Govt. still hand us their understanding, sympathy, cooperation. I know from personal knowledge the labour and time required to prepare a budget, and it is really a matter for gratefulness that the authorities and office people could make this budget ready in so short a period. So, it is necessary to be careful in teaching our people about the use of loans and grants. What I want to mention is, let hon'ble Members understand me, that we should be more concerned about our tribe "Mizos" than our political affiliations. I want to mention this besides my vote of thanks.

And I also want to mention about Supply Deptt. According to the Fin. Minister speech, rice are said to be in Stock in some places along the main Roads I am afraid that may not be quite correct, because reports of some officers to their superiors are sometimes not quite correct. We must also know that people can earn something from the transportation. Head load carriage are said to be given on contract. Is it not advisable to find some other system whereby the villagers can earn the money directly.

There is inclination to blame our leaders, but though we say that we have money for this and that, many of these things require approval of the Central Government. When such approval is not forthcoming, the money lie unspent and we try to put the blame on our leaders. Instead, the blame should rather be put on those who are at Delhi.

I am also glad that the Police and the Home Guards have been reorganised.

Other than the Supply, Agriculture, Transport and Education Departments there are other Miscellaneous Department which should not escape our attention.

Also, regarding subsidies, the Veterinary Department gives more than 50% Subsidy when supplying pigglings, whereas the Agriculture Department can give only 50% Subsidies. Why should the proportion of subsidies differ within one State?

It is stated that 2090 acres had been reclaimed under Crash Scheme and Rural Employment Scheme. Many more people are keen to reclaim land, and since this will open up lands for W.R.C., I want the Govt. to introduce some more such Scheme.

In making development schemes, many of them are meant for grouped centres. But my constituency and Chhintuipui District are not grouped. There are many villages as large as some grouped centres, and I request that these areas could not be ignored.

There are people who do cultivation or who have fishery etc., and who run orphanage, without seeking or expecting Govt's assistance I would like the Government to spread out its assistances to help these also, because they also are not without difficulties.

LAL KUNQA, Mr. Speaker, one reason for the slow progress is the non-Mizos take their lunch at noon, going home to have lunch during office hours. If they want to work in Mizoram, let them take food like the Mizos.

The Directors have no respect for our Ministers, they rather give directions to our Ministers. This must be corrected immediately.

Doctors also do not seem to know they are to serve the people. Doctors of the Churches are better behaved than those Govt. Doctors. The Government must find out ways to correct them.

We have A.C.S. Officers whose works deserve praise, But there are people who are not in any Service Cadre, who supersede these A.C.S. Officers as Under-Secretaries etc., We must not neglect our ACS Officers.

When I submitted a resolution on Family Maintenance Allowance during the last budget Session, the Chief Minister gave the assurance that the matter will be pursued. But nothing has been done yet. The money provided here will not be sufficient even if they share at the rate of Re 1/- each.

The Central Govt. instructed that M.N.F. returnees would be given preference. But no preference is given. The candidate who stood first in the examination for Secretariat Service was not given appointment on the ground that there is an adverse report from the Police. These MNF returnees from Hahinis but they are not allotted any works, and where works are given to them under E.E. (East) PWD., instructions were given that they should not be favoured.

Road between Phaileng and Parva had been surveyed but no money is provided for its construction.

When rice were airdropped one Kg could be purchased with Rs 1.50. Now, that airdropping is stopped, why should the price go up?

SPEAKER: Are you waiting for tomorrow? you may not have sufficient time if you all wait.

PU LALRINLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say a few words and I'll not use all my time as I'll give it to Pu J. Thanghuama. I would like to mention about the Aizawl sanitation. Though our streets are improving but we used to come across sweepers in the streets. In my constituency at Bethlehem Veng, there is a place where all the ~~rotten~~ night soil of Aizawl town are thrown. This is very bad. I have also suggested to remove these by vehicles and thrown away at some remote places. But till now, the problem is the same and it is necessary to change this soon.

Our streets are so small where as there are large number of vehicles. But fortunately we have not much accidents except in front of B. C. Dey's shop. I want this to be attended by the PWD Deptt. As Pu K. C. Rochana said, there is little security for the public. There are bombing of Power house, and robbery at the point of guns arms. It is necessary to stop this kind of rowdiness as soon as possible.

I don't really recommend our Transport Wing after Union Territory. I think it is where the corruption is most rampant. There are a lot of what they say "Flying gear boxes". They did not agree to load more than 30 quintals of Government goods. Including all the salaries of Driver, handyman and maintenance the Govt. spent much. So, if all this expenditures are used for development, I think our country will be more benefited. Therefore, it is high time to solve this problem.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very please for the proposed expenditure in our new budget. Due to disturbances, there is a lot of corruption, so it is necessary to write to see how our budget is implemented in order to stop corruption.

Our first duty is to finalise the appointment of Police S. Is, ASIs and the Constables. Due to the delay many people could not do Jhuming and because we have made commitments to our the people. Therefore, it is not right to delay this.

One reason for the weakness of the Government is the slowness of the Directorates. Even though we may have many employees, if they are slow, there can never be progress. Therefore it is necessary to shuffle the Staffs.

There is a lot to say about our method of cultivation, which needs quick improvement. We need agricultural experts to see this. But, Indians will fail to teach us. So, it is really necessary to have experts from Japan or other places.

If there is no solution, we must try to work hard, since terracing also has no future. Therefore we must find out experts to solve this problem for us.

SPEAKER: The usual time is ended now, but as considered by B.A.C., do you want to extend the time by an hour,?. Is there anyone who like to speak? (R.Zoliana: Lets keep it for tomorrow) Alright, the meeting is adjourned till 10 Am. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

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