SPEAKER: Question NO. 44 will be taken which is Pu Dotinaia's Question.

PU DOTINAIA Mr, Speaker Sir, (a) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister was not provided with escort twice between Aizawl and Silchar? (b) If so, why?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) Yes, (b) Due to the negligence of Dirver in one case, and that of confidential Assistant to the Superintendent of Police, in the other.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplymentary Question: Who is the Dirver? Will the Govt. take action for his negligence on important matter?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, On the first time, it was because of the Police who has not enough vehicle, and they could not provide the Motor. I do not know from where they arranged a Motor, and it was due to the Driver who was late and warning also was given to him(driver).

PU CHAWNGKUNGA Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: What was the time of this case

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, My latter Question about the case of L.D.A. also.

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PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER: Mr.Speaker Sir, I did not remember the exact date of the journey; and L.D.A. also was already suspended.

PU SANGCHHUM: Mr.Speaker Sir, It seems that the Ministers can be delayed in the future too due to the inadequacy of the vehicle under the Department. Is there any proposal to improve the matter for the future?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I hope it will be improved.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Is it true that the other Ministers also went without escort?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I did not receive any information about that.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: How could it be twice?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, The second time was that confidential Assistant did not know the importance of the escort because he was newly appointed.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Is it true that the Minister's P.A. did not inform the Police about the Minister's journey?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, It is not necessary for the Ministers' P.A. to give an information. The tour Programme of the Minister should always reach the Superintendent of Police and action must be taken by him as necessary.

SPEAKER: Now, Question NO.45.

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PU LALSANGZUALA: Will the Minister i/c supply be pleased to state: (a) Whether it is a fact that supplies meant for the P.P.V.Centres on the Aizawl-Silchar route are first brought from Silchar to Aizawl and then re-despatched to the centres concerned? (b) If the above question is correct, are Govt. aware that in this procedure and extra financial expenditure was to be borne by the Ex-cheques?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) No. (b) Does not arise.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, According to the information that reached me, after reaching Aizawl it was always sent back to Kawnpui. Before the disturbance also, it was given at Silchar without reaching Aizawl. I wish to know the truth about this if it can be made known.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, Contractors were appointed to run directly from Silchar to Aizawl. The Northern side from Durtlang, before reaching Aizawl, were to be supplied from Silchar. But in some occassion supplies to be sent to Western Villages from Aizawl due to an unavoidable circumstances. But, this does not mean that supplies will be continued from Aizawl, there is not even a proposal.

SPEAKER: Question NO.46.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) Whether it is a fact that the Govt, of Mizoram proposes to take over Wholesale trade in essential commodities?. (b) If so, when and for what commodities?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) Yes.(b) Wheat with effect from 1.4.1973.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, The public are facing much difficulties for the essential commodities are in the hands of a private Businessmen. Do the Govt. receive an information that the rate is going higher and higher?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, what are the essential commodities?. Rice, Wheat, etc., are those we are having here, and it is 50 tons per month. The Govt. fears to control rice, but it agreed to control wheat.

SPEAKER: Now, Question NO. 47 of Pu C.Lalruata's question.

PU C.LALRUATA: Will the Minister i/c Appointment Deptt be pleased to state: (a) Whether it is a fact that the Sectt. Administration Department of the Govt. has sent list of names of some persons from the Common List for appointment as U.D.A. and L.D.A. to some of the Heads of Department to the vacant posts?. (b) Whether it is also a fact that some of the Head of the Departments have not appointed them because there no vacant posts in the Departments in the said Cadres?. (c) If so, why the SAD has sent the lists to the Heads of Deptts. without ascertaining the vacant posts in those two Cadres?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) Yes. (b) There is one case in which two persons have been allocated against one vacancy due to wrong information furnished by the office concerned. (c) Does not arise.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: I think it to be a relevant. My point is that examination was held for appointment in the District Level, but the sucessful candidates were refused by the Departments. One person from Chhingchhip also was sent to the Superintendent of Police, but the Superintendent was said to have refused him. Is this true?

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, such things also had happened, but now it was settled,

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Chief Minister announced that the promotion was made as the Common List. But, is it a fact that the post of Superintendent was given to the NO.51 ignoring those from 1 - 50?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, we did not get an information about the absence of the Common List. In case of the Seniority, the Junior one also can be up-graded if the senior one refused the post he was offered.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Does this mean that those from Sl. No. 1 - 50 are not accepted for the post of Superintendent?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: - CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not know excactly about that, but the Junior one can be promoted if the senior one refused.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: The appointment was centralised on the 15.2.1973. Rather than that under, will there be the other fixation of the office hour?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: - CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, It is said only to be for 15 minutes, and not the fixation of an hour.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, During that period, those who were in the Common List are not included. For example: They have alloted a post of Head Assistant at Lunglei without any office there, but they could not employ who is appointed on the 15th of Feb. What action will be taken for those ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, Nothing can be done at present for we did not yet receive a report.

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PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER — Mr.Speaker Sir, I have some personal information about what our hon'ble Member Pu Saitlawma asked. The fact is that they refused the appointments at first and for this they met difficulties.

SPEKER: — Now, question No.48.

Will the Minister i/c Planning be pleased to state :

PU K.LALROCHAMA: — (a) It is a fact that the Government of Mizoram has submitted a number of schemes under N.E.C. Development Programme ? (b) If so, what are the schemes ? (c) If no, why not ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. — Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) Yes. (b) Does not arise (c) Does not arise.

PU LALSANGZUALA: — Mr.Speaker Sir, The Government of Union Territory is now about one year old, does it not make any development programme ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. — Mr.Speaker Sir, This does not mean that the programme is not yet made. It is rather not yet submitted.

PU C.LALRUATA: — Mr.Speaker Sir, For how long is submission possible ? Are they preparing now ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. — Mr.Speaker Sir, It is now being prepared, and rather not finalised.

PU LALSANGZUALA: — Mr.Speaker Sir, How many years will it take for submission ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. — Mr.Speaker Sir, It will not take years.

PU SANGCHHUM: Mr.Speaker Sir, Is there an allocation differently for the State and Union Territory in this scheme of they will be allocated by the schemes they made ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, There is not an allocation, but the North Eastern Council is only a recommending body.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Is it effect that Rs.50/- crores has been sanctioned for those under the N.E.C. ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINESTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, Yes.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, How much is it for Mizoram ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, There is no allocation for the State wise.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Are we going to have a Mizo Officer in the N.E.C. ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, We are expecting but it cannot be named now.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Can we be too late ?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, the Planning year is now only beginning and there's no fear of being too late.

SPEAKER: Question NO.49.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, whether it is a fact that one Civil Surgeon detailed six/seven nurses to attend an out patient who was his brother some time in Nov/Dec.,1972?.

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, No.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Is it a fact that after the office hour, they used to drink liquor in the office of Civil Surgeon?

SPEAKER: That is not relevant.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker I demand our Minister to investigate about the Civil Surgeon who is said to have detailed Nurses to look after his brother.

SPEAKER: Question NO.50.
Will the Minister of Health & F.P deptt be pleased to

PU C.LALRUATA: State (a). Whether the Govt. is aware that some medical staff especially Doctors sell medicines at their residences or Quarters?. (b) If so, whether they are permitted to do so?.

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) No. (b) Does not arise.

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, The Minister says that he did not know this. Is it not merely because they did not receive a report?.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Are our Doctors allowed to practise outside?.

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, the rules for non-practicing allowance is being prepared.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, total prohibition will be unjust. Is there no other way?.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, My question (b) can be replied. Are the doctors/Nurses allowed to sell medicines at their residences?.

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, They are not permitted.

PU LALHLIRA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Is the Medical Officer at Champhai right in prescribing the medicines of his own possession?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, As we have said, non-practising allowance is not issued, if there is no medicine at Hospital, it should be bought from outside. There is a suggestion that we will give non-practising allowance to the doctors and they will not then have practise outside. But if they are called by the public, they (doctors) are expected to go voluntarily.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Health Minister said about the prohibition. If it is so, can they be punished?.

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, If there is a report, punishment will be considered. Villagers also were infarmed to know the position clearly and report.

SPEAKER: Question NO.51

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Will the Minister of Soil Conservation be pleased to state: (a) What is the amount proposed for construction of irrigation channel(Division channel) for Lunglei District during 1972-73 fiscal year? (b) Whether the money has been spent? (c) If so, where are the locations of the channel?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) Rs 25,200/-
(b) This money has been spent.
(c) (1)South Vanlaiphai, (2) Zobawk.
(3) Phairuang.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, do such locations like S.Vanlaiphai, Zobawm, and Phairuang belong to private or Department or the Government?. How much they are going to distribute for each location.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I cannot reply that.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Supplymentary question: who is the authority to divert the money of the budget?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, when the Heads of the Departments suggested to spend the money here and if their schemes are approved, the money can be spent.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, It seemed that the Heads of Departments do not actually have the authority to divert. Do their schemes require previous approval.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, Previous approval is required.

SPEAKER: Now, the question NO.52 - (a)(b)&(c).

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Question NO.52 - (a) How many Ranges have been created within Lunglei District? (b) Where are these Ranges located? (c) Whether these Ranges are now functioning?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) Three Ranges.
(b)(1) Barapansuri.
(2) Lunglei.
(3) Thenhlum.
(c)One Range is functioning and the remaining two Ranges will be functioning soon.

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PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question Ranges were created at the Chhimtuipui District. Are they all functioning?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, within Chhimtuipui District, only one Range at Borapansuri has been created and it will be functioning soon.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Is there any proposal to take action against the Range Officer at Lunglei for his misconduct?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Is Thenhlum, the location of a Range the name of a village or a land?.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: DY.MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, It is the name of a Village.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Are there any people in this Village?.

PU B.P.NIKHUMA: DY.MINISTER Mr. Speaker Sir, Yes.

SPEAKER: Now, Pu Lalsangzuala's Question NO.53.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Will the Minister i/c Development be pleased to state - (a) Whether it is a fact that the Mizoram Govt. proposes to undertake extensive land reclamation programmes for wet and Dry Terrace cultivation?.
(b) If so, how many acres are expected to be reclaimed during the financial year 1973-74. (c) What amount of grant can be provided for the Cultivator?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) Yes (b) Under Agriculture Department:(1)Reclamation and Terracing 200 acres.

Under Community Department
(1) Reclamation and Terracing 192 acres.

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Under Soil Conservation Deptt.

(1) Terracing - 1000 acres.
(2) Reclamation of Valley botton land - 975 acres.

(c) Under Agriculture Deptt. In reclamation works 80% of reclamation cost is to be borne by Govt. and 20% by farmers in the farm of labour or cost.

Under Community Deptt. In accordance with the grade of land there will be 80% subsidy per acre for terracing for the expenditure upto Rs 300-700/-

For reclamation there will be 80% subsidy per acre for the grade of the land of 0-5 % for the expenditure upto 400/-

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, in the information we received from the Soil and Agriculture Department, it is said that food-stuffs for 9 lakh people had been prepared. Since we menbered only around 3 lakh, where are the supply prepared for 9 lakh people?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, Is it possible to eat the acres?.

PU DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: for the W.R.C. reclamation, much works had been done under the leadership of an Agriculture Extension Officer at Mat area. When they asked for grant, an Agriculture Officer sent overseer to examine it. But the Overseer saying that he did not see their works, refused to recommend their request, then they could not get the grant. This Extension Officer is a B.Sc., and he is a competent Officer. Is the Overseer superior to the Extension Officer to nullify the works of Extension Officer?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not know the superiority of Overseer. I think the one who went to examine rather was an Agriculture Engineer, and not Overseer.

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PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, we have listened to what our Hon'ble Minister said. It seemed that besides the Agri.Department, Community Development and Soil Conservation Deptt. wet rice cultivation and reclamation would be taken in crash scheme. I said about all these last year, too. Duplication is too much and various Department 't even have a record of those who received grants, etc.,Therefore, do the Govt. have any proposal to give responsibilities to a single Department?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, It was true in the past, but it is divided at present. Then, in case of C.S,R,E, it is believed that to avoid duplication, it will be done through the Block. We may go on like this.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, It is understood that in Kolasib, too, they could not get grant because the Agri. Engineer does not allow why Chhiahtlang/Chhingchhip were excluded from the works done by the Agriculture in the area of Mat Valley ?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, All the people cannot be included within a year, and those in Mat Valley area also will surely get money. We received a request from Kolasob, too.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Considering the large amount of money incurred by it, the Agriculture Department has not shown much progress and the corruption also seemed to be great there. Has the Govt. made a plan for the facilitation of their works.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir,They are there to do the works meaningfully. Areas are also divided properly.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, the villagers are also not right as a whole.

SPEAKER: Now, We will go to question NO.54, and if the Questioner is not present, we will take the question of Pu Dotinaia Question NO.55.

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Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be please to state -

PU R.DOTINAIA: (a) Whether it is a fact that some persons wearing Olive Green Uniform had entered in the office of CID, Aizawl, on the night of 10.3.1973(Saturday)?.
(b) If so, how many of them entered in it?
(c) What are the things taken or looted from this office?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir,
(a) On the night of 10.3.1973, two persons-one wearing a fatique cap (like that of an Assam Rifles Jawans) and the other in a darkish dress appeared in the premises of the office of the S.P.,S.B.&CID.
(b) Two.
(c) Nothing, As soon as they appeared and found the Sentries alert, they ran away.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Speaker Sir, As in the issue of "Mizo AW" dated 12.3.1973(he reads out) "On the night of Saturday, 10.3.1973, two persons wearing green uniform entered, in the office of CID, nothing was known about what they take. While the duty was about to open fire, the two persons hold him up". Is this a fact?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, If it is a fact, the answer will be same.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: did not they enter inside the office?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER: Mr.Speaker Sir, We did not known about their entry.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Were they either the "Bahadurs" or the MNF?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER: Mr.Speaker, they were suspected to be the MNF personnel.

PU SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker, why did they not capture them?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr Speaker sir, why did they not capture them?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, they fled before they were arrested.

PU R.DOTINALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, In the newpaper, it was printed that they entered in the office, which is now denied here. This means that the newspaper was wrong. Will action be taken upon it?.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, they might get a wrong rumour and I don't have any intention to take action.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, did not they "Tham" or challenge those suspected persons ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA CHIEF MINISTER: Mr.Speaker Sir, they fled before they were challeged.

SPEAKER: Now, the Question No.56.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Will the Minister ye Health & F P be pleased to state:- (a)Whether it is a fact that the Govt.of Mizoram proposes to establish a 100 bedded Hospital in the southern part of Aizawl town ? (b) If so, when is the scheme expected to be implemented ?

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER Mr.Speaker, Sir, (a) Not at present, (b) Does not arise.

PU LAL SANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker, Sir, the present Aizawl Hospita-l is at the Residential place. Will it be better to propose as a Base Hospital when the Hospital be established at the southern part of Aizawl?

SPEAKER: Question No.57.

PU SAPLIANA: Will the Minister ye Appointment be please to state :- (a)Whether the Govt.is aware that a number of appointments of officers and staff were made under the Pawi District Council during the interim period-?

(b) If so whether Govt. has approved those appointments ?
(c) If so, what action has been taken so far ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA : CHIEF MINISTER — Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) No.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) Does not arise.

PU SAPLIANA: — Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary question, the Hon'ble Minister said that he did not know such thing officially. Why was letter NO.LJD-13/72/7 of 22.9.72 issued to the Executing Members of the District Council not to make more appointment without knowing that there were some appointments already made. Now, the rules of P.L. Regional Council is being used for the interim provision in the District Council. In that rule, there is no provision for appointment of a Legislative Secretary. At present, the Legislative Secretary has already been appointed in the Pawi District Council. After the Administrator made a Staff allotment at the time of transitional period there are now 105 appointments. How could the Govt. issue letters without having the knowledge of appointments already made?.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: DY.MINISTER. — Mr.Speaker Sir, In this regard there was a set- pattern for their position after the District Council was dissolved. Therefore, they were given order two times so that they should not do freely.

PU LALSANGZUALA: — Mr.Speaker Sir, under the Sixth Schedule the D/Cs were the autonomous bodies and they can make appointments, too. Why did the Govt. of Mizoram have the intention to interfere?.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: DY.MINISTER. — Mr.Speaker Sir, That was before the Government is a popular Government.

SPEAKER: — There may be mistakes in asking questions. That should be appreciated.

PU ZALAWMA: — Mr.Speaker Sir, to say the popular Govt. by the Ministers will be wrong and unjust. Members should use it.

SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker Sir, there can be some mistakes in the questions and you are expected to understand that. Now, we will move to Demand NO. 24. I would like to announce one thing. During the lunch break, we will take a snap, single or in a group as desired by the Publicity Department. Now, Demand NO. 24.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, Demand NO. 24. On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and will your permission Sir, I move the Demand NO. 24 for Rs 2,29,600/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Printing and Stationery in the General Administration Department.

SPEAKER: Demand NO. 24 has been moved. Are there any who like to speak on it?.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Govt. owned paper, "Tunlai Chanchin" is rather an expensive one for the public do not even have much interest. Besides a Government Gazette, we are having various local newspapers. This newspaper "Tunlai Chanchin" must be stopped immediately.

PU K.L. ROCHAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, what our Hon'ble Member said just now might be true. We are having "Kaladan" at Saiha, "Khawvel" at Lunglei and "Tunlai Chanchin" at Aizawl published by the Govt. Such papers should be continued for the poorer section cannot buy the other local daily papers. I would also like to remind our administration to see the matter about the Govt. Gazette because it is quite irregular since it contains many important informations.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, some of our members requested to stop "Tunlai Chanchin" I also agreed to do like that if it is going to be carried on as it is at present. But finding out the way for its improvement will be quite satisfactory for it can help the villagers who could not afford the local newspapers. And also can it be distributed to every V/C.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, will it be possible to improve "Tunlai Chanchin" as our Chief Whip suggested? This paper is very important since it contains various important things regarding the administration. The villagers are having much interest in it, but it can not be distributed immediately. Then, the Field Publicity Officer also is publishing " Puangtu" and is it under the authority of the Deputy Commissioner? This paper also is so an expensive one. If "Tunlai Chanchin" cannot be improved and its circulation be better, it must be stopped.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, "Tunlai Chanchin" used to play an important role upon the villagers for it is freely distributed. Rather than stopping it, it will surely be quite useful even in its present condition.

PU LALSANGZUAL A: Mr. Speaker Sir, This paper "Tunlai Chanchin" must be maintained by the Publicity Department and printing should be done surely by this Department. As Pu Ch. Saprawnga said it can be used for the upliftment of our land. It seemed that for this establishment those who did not possess diploma in printing technology and also unexperienced were appointed. Let our leaders see into the matter once again. Let them also explain the sudden rise of postage price.

SPEAKER: Let the Chief Minister speak now.

PU CH.CHHUNGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, In the past year the establishment of Printing and Stationery was so weak, for it was done by the borrowed printers. We do not even have office for the accomodation of the press. But we should distribute wider and more properly those papers which we are having. The government is not seeking benefit out of it but it is meant for the benefit of the people and for this we are in need of large quantity of stamps. More machines or printers are also required. We will surely try to fulfil what the members desired for the improvement and betterment.

SPEAKER: Those who agreed Rs. 2,29,000/- for the Demand No. 24 may say 'aye' (Members said 'aye'). Then we passed it. We shall go to the Demand No. 25.

PU CH.CHHUNGA,
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, Demand No. 25, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 25 for Rs. 1,19,79,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Miscellaneuos in the General Administration Department.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, For our time is so limitted, let take point by point.

Firstly, it appears that Rs. 45, 000/- is for the state guest. I want to know who are treated as 'State Guest' by our government. This differred from State to State. When we, the Estimate Committee, went to Nagaland, the Government was treating us a 'State Guest', but when we reached Manipur, it was not so.

Secondly, there is Rs. 25,000/- for Ho pitality charges and I like to know what this means.

Thirdly, there is an ex-gratia grant to those who lost the members of family during disturbances. Last year, there was an allotment of Rs. 1,00,000/- for this purpose, but there is not a provision in this year. This is quite an important one and the government was said to be willing to give. Therefore, the public have a great hope. It surprises me to see that we did not make a provision this year. Last time, the Chief Minister said that there will be no time to give out. Hence, it seemed that Rs. 1,00,000/- will be surrendered. There are so many who are fit to receive this grant and many are even welknown to us to deserve it. I am quite sorry for the provision is not made and I request that the way may be found out for this case.

Fourthly, it is quite pleasing to see the habilitation grant for loss of property during disturbance. There was rehabilitation grant for Dawrpui and Khatla bazar last year. The amount now appears to be two lakhs, but the people of rural areas cannot draw it because of non-availability of security deposit. So, I think we may not envy if we allot the whole of Rs. 2,00,000/- to the people of villages (Speaker: Is not one lakh ?) Mr. Speaker Sir, I cannot see clearly whether it is two lakhs or one lakh because the typing is not so clear. However, may it be allotted for rural areas as they cannot be granted by loan. And I would like this to be increased in the next year. Also, I spoke last year about the relief and rehabilitation during the budget session. As I have already said in the budget session, I want it to be increased much. We have only one Relief and Rehabilitation Officer with only two or three staff only causing great difficulty.

So, Relief and Rehabilitation Grand deal with a great amount of money though it seems to be operated by Deputy Commissioner from Finance Department. Therefore, it quite necessary to enlarge the department. Thus it appears that we have to deal with it at least for ten years. And I would like to know whether T.A. include T.A. arrear or not, which is mentioned below Grant-in-aid contribution. For example: One C.A. has about 7 arrear T.A. bills, some of them need pre-audit. Likewise there are a lot of arrear dun to the pending of one officer or due to some other reasons which need pre-audit. So, I want this provision for T.A. include T.A. arrear. I would like to say that much, thank you.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir,Firstly, calling attention notice which I submitted some days back is put here due to the nonavailability of time. On the night of March 14, 73, security force from Brigade trespass into the house of Pu Vanlalngaia with fixed bayonet and so also to Pu Ngurchhina and Pu Hrangtha-nga the same night. The next day I phoned the Brigade and answered me that they would release Pu Vanlalngaia in the evening. As I phoned the next day again I found that contrary to their talk, they still kept Pu Ngurchhina and Pu Hrangtha-nga. Anyway, let such baseless arrest be stopped and I regard the activities of the Security forces as incorrect. I also declared them to be insecurity force but not security force.

It will be good to give ex-gratia grant and reward to the surrendered MNF of which many were not paid.

It seems, nowadays, that Transport(Porter) were not used on motorable places. I cannot consider it to be true to appoint transport in name, only to be used by some body as water carriers or sweepers.

If it goes on like that, Transport must be abolished.

We shall try our best to stop the bad conduct of the security forces. And I want the Minister i/c also to try his best for it. And it will be right for the Ministry to resign if it fails to clear up all those troubles.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I am amazed at this demand NO.25. Mention is made of Paniwala and Khansama. I feel much amazed as provision is not made while we have Rs 1 lakh for ex-gratia grant which is not sanctioned. What is the meaning on arrear on subsidy while air freight is stopped?.

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We passed quite a large amount last year, but there appears to be loopholo somewhere. So, I would like to suggested that the Govt. would make subsidised rate. Let the Govt. of U.T. has a control and let such ordinary arrest be stopped. It is pitiful that there was no letter of defence for those who are arrested at Phaisen. Therefore, it means that they are still at Silchar Jail. (Pu J.Thanghuama: Mr.Speaker Sir, they have also arrest many more) Again, it is not nice to see that V/C at Saitual in still functioning after 5 members have resigned out of 7 Members.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I shall just go to the point on Demand NO.25 There is grant in aid contribution in this Demand NO.25. As I have said same days back, I do not understand how there is a difference between the Lt. Governor's speech and the budget. I consider that the Lt.Governor told a lie because according to him 37 lakhs was given to three district councils and 3 lakhs for plan. But in the budget only 17 lakhs and 1·19 lakhs are provided for the D/Cs and the Plan respectively. So, I dont understand the meaning. If we are to hear false lecturer from the Lt.Governor in the house, it will be very dangerous.

Again, the expenditure of the Govt. during election last year, is mentioned here. According to the speech of Lt.Governor on para 3, 3 D/C could have free and fair election. I really appreciate that the voting percentage was good. But I am very surprised if the Lt.Governor admits the election as free and fair only because the election petition is not filed. I feel he should simply say that the election was held. Let me point out a short letter to show that the election was not free and fair bitterly. At the time of election true parties heavily fought each other at Pawi District they were the Party led by Lalchungnga and that of Manghnuna. I would like to read out this letter in the house, which all the candidates from Pu Manghuna's Party received. It reads like this:-

"Pu Tumsanga,

The letter which I sent you on 26.11.72 and 9.12.72 are not by the orders of our leader but by my own accord and opinion. Kindly pardon me for such a false action. The reason for sending you those letter is the false report of L.Chinzah saying that you are all Mizo Union and one of your lads reported us to the security forces."

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The sender of this letter is Lalthansanga, Commanding Officer, 'K' Bn., Mizoram Army As there was a lot of such letter, there was no free and fair election at all. So, I would like to say in the House, how the Lt.Governor could say there was free and fair election and the Govt. sanctioned Rs 50, 000/- for it, inspite of the fact that this letter was shown to him with its English translation after the election.

I have raised a question just now regarding administration of D/C. I felt that hon'ble member Pu Lalsangzuala have forgotten the up-keep of D/Cs due to its absence now. Therefore, I would like to remind the authority also.(Speaker: Is it relevant to demand NO.25) Mr.Speaker Sir, Yes, it is relevant to as it is a matter of grant in aid to D/Cs. Though D/C is an autonomous body, while we were under Assam the Govtl of Assam gave us advices in every aspects. Assam has done averything for us regarding appointment and development. What is the attitude of the Mizoram Union Territory towards the D/Cs?. Some D/Cs made many appointment on their own will. But there is provision in the Constitution of D/Cs for the appointment of one Secretary Executive and but not for Secretary Legislative.

[illegible] Yet, Legislative Secretary is appointed in some D/Cs D/C's could make some appointments, but according to the budget we could not critisise them even though they make an endless appointment, I would like the Govt. to note this. I don't think it will be good to fix lump sum amount for the 3 D/C's. Therefore, let the Govt, make the budget for these D/Cs in detail. They made their own budget making provision for officers, transport, development etc., but those were not mentioned clearly in this budget. It could not be ascertained whether or not they are approved by the Govt. Therefore, let the Govt. examine more carefully and discuss more thoughoughly, and the approved amount be shown yearly in the budget. Only a lumpsum is shown here which is not good. Mr.Speaker Sir, I would like to point out one thing which was also pointed out by opposition member. Govt. officers and M.L.As are entitlled upto 6 Govt. porters. But when demanded before travelling the reply we received used to be "no porter" while some porters are ~~xxxxx~~engaged by some head clarks as water carriers or cooks. If that is the case, it will be better to withdraw all the porters.

Just one more point regarding relief and rehabilitation. The Security Forces burnt down many villages causing great hardships to many rural

areas during disturbances.But those villager were not paid any grant yet.So,I would like to request the Govt. to look into the matter,thank you.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir,As Demand No.25 is Misc.let me speak about Misc.The action of Cachar regarding Cachar-Mizoram bourder is not good(He reads out the pages from "Mizo Aw",of 30th.March,1873 issued) (Pu C.Lalruata; these are outside the Demand)Why not,What is the use of passing of the Demand while our man are deprived of their cultivated land ? Therefore,it is necessary first to safeguard our right.We made used of outside companies like Transport Co-operation of India or Assam-Bengal carriers.But it appears most of their agency here are run by non-tribals.This is necessary to re-examine. And let the provision of Rs.100000/- for family maintenance allowance be given soon,which we hope for a long time.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, there are many different kinds here.I want Rs.40000/- which is alloted for Republic Day etc.. be spent carefully.It is very important that many people come for this purpose but they cannot make room for the public in the A.R. parade ground. It seems that disintegration prevailed on this day.So,I want not to hold the function at A.R. parade ground again,if we can not allot room for the public.

PU CH.CHHUNGA : CHIEF MINISTER Mr.Speaker Sir,We have heard many good advise and a lot of criticism. We can consider the matter pointed out by the Member.I have one point to answer.It is very bad Pu Vanlalngena and some friends were arrested by the Security Force a few days back.They were doing what they should not do, and even if they are to do they should have done together with Civil authorities and let them have interrogation,if they like, for a short time so that there can be more understanding between Military and Civil. As you have said we are not under martial Law.The Security Forces come here to help administration and to give Security to the people.

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Many of us, desired to kick out those forces and to live with less Military body. But this desire may not hold good for the majority. It is not right to think that way. If their behaviour is not good, consideration may be had to correct them. The majority of our people feel insecure without military guard. So, we must have better understanding and look for the interest of the majority.

We felt sorry for the arrest of forest personel and I heard that they were already released as we have sent an enquiry. This morning also, some persons from Burun have come, who were the victims of burnt church, Village and rice. According to them, the Cachar Police just arrest any husband and wife whom they happened to meet. The boundary line is not clear though some consider it to be clear. We shall try to have those lands firmly. Cachar being within Assam State can send their Police force on their sweet will; we can not do so. It requires the Lt.Governor to act also, and he, too, could not do so according to his own will without consulting Central Govt.as well. I have also made a suggestion to Central Govt.on this matter.They told us to discuss with the Chief Minister of Assam. I had a talk with him at the time of the inauguration of N.E.C. held at Shillong.We decided to remain the same until and unless new situation arises. Someday back, I asked the Chief Secretary whether they had a talk on it.He answered me he had written to him twice but not reply was not received.It is necessary for the Central Govt.to interfere on this matter.One Member said,"Give me a gun and I will go there to defence the people",but this may not be right.We must fight by non-voilence.Our Officers have also a long preparation for it. So, without making an agitation, let us make suggestions to the Govt.of India requesting them to stop such kind of action. We have to apprise the Central of the actual fact and it is a pity that they put us in such position to do so.

We must consider those new item, which the Members pointed out.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, will he please explain my question regarding the difference between the Budget and the Lt.Governor's speech ?

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA : MINISTER Mr.Speaker Sir, the reason why the detailed scheme of the District Council's Budget can not be shown in the Mizoram Budget was that their demands were placed before the Home Ministry in Delhi and not paid by us. The amount of expenditure for differnt District Councils were, however, made here, and the expenditure was acknowledged. The different of figure in the speech of the Lt.Governor might have been that he included what is to be received later.

SPEAKER: Demand No 25 have been moved by the Minister. So, those who agree to pass it may say 'aye' (Members say 'aye'). Any objection? (Members keeep silent). So, it has been passed. Let the Minister i/c moves Demand No.29 as we shall discuss as far as possible.

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER Mr.Speaker Sir, Demand No.29. On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission sir, I moved the Demand No.29 for Rs.92,00,000/-to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on power and Electric in P.W.D.

SPEAKER: The Demand No.29 has been moved, is there anyone who would like to have speech ?

PU LALHLIRA: Mr.Speaker Sir, We often use to talk about the important of Power and Electricity. Our Chief Whip said that 66 KV line is not enough at all. Necessity arose from last year to have a seperate Board from Power and Electricity, but there is a lot of difficulties if enquired on the matter. So, I would like to say about it.

The Govt. has aimed to give electricity for Saiha and Demagiri. Though arrangement has been made for Champhai, but there is no development at all till today. It seemed that these are all because it is under the Board and not under the Govt. Therefore, I believed it will be good for our land to place it under one Department without any Board as is done in Nagaland.

Specially, Champhai is the place from which the Glimpse of our Govt. can be had from Burma. As we look Burma, in a small village of Tansi, quite near to border, we can see a lot of electric lights while Champhai is very dark. It will be very good to launch it soon as the communication is being good now. And I also request the Minister i/c to consider the matter soon.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr.Speaker Sir, The cases of Lunglei, Saiha etc., in this matter are very far but the trouble for our Chief Minister and Secretary is the failing of the power. Mention has been often made of Bangla Desh on electricity but it is not known how long it should take to have agreement with Bangla Desh. Our trouble in respect of the electricity is that we are under the mercy of the Assam Government.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, During the past year, the Chief Commissioner of Arunachal Pradesh could opened three Micro-Hydel Power Stations, 750 K.W each in the other two. i.e. 1350 K.W. in one year. Besides these, survey for 7 projects of such kind has been completed which were also expected to function soon. In his reply to my question during last session whether there has been a proposal to know the exact position of the electricity in Mizoram and its potentiality the Minister i/c said that there was no such proposal. According to the circular sent to E.E., P.W.D. S.D.Os etc., the Chief Minister said that there might be some rivers where dams may be made for the purpose of minor irrigation and electric power, and the P.W.D. officers were ordered to have quick survey and to submit soon. So, I want the Minister to please state whether the officers have really submitted survey and proposal.

As the member who spoke before me said, I don't think such 66 K.V Line and the proposal of 10 Megawatt made by the Minister for Irrigation and Power Mr.K.L.Roa with Bangladesh would not last long. If Arunachal Pradesh could have open Micro-Hydel Power, why shall we not be able to do what they could do?.

Secondly, as the electricity board is a commercial branch, they don't went to arrange satisfactorily where they got no much profit. We have seen in the newspaper recently, that Assam is likely to stop one electric power to Mizoram because of low profit. Nagaland opened it on experimental basis in the beginning

aiming to lose within the first 5 year's time and to cover within the 10 years time and still to gain from the 20th year. As we have known from some personell, our fellow Mizo Overseers could manage to operate 2/3 generator in many places at Nagaland. So, also, let us try to get more generators for our group centre before we have such power projects. So, I regard these to show our development nowadays. As the Chief Whip pointed out the other day 66 K.V.Line would be da gerous if not taken as power post system, as it needs, ½ mile for its posting. The wire being so heavy, the post will not be able to hold the weight. So, it will be unsuitable for our country, therefore, it will only create public grievances.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, mention was made about Arunachal Pradesh. Let me explain the condition. In 1950 they had Electrical Division and could have only 3 since the year before last year. But we could have one before one year has gone and this is only our beginnings. So, let us hope for its swift development.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, let me have a speech before the Minister closes the discussion. It is very much essential to leave the Assam Electricity Board early. I feel, however, that to have a separate board is not necessary. I want the Govt. to manage it. So, we can have more development in even rural areas. It is necessary to have street light in several areas so that certain robberies may be avoided. I felt much concerned about the Power House which is unsatisfactory. Recently it has been bombed by some persons. If it were burnt down, it will mean death to many people. But even today no arrest has been made. So, it is very sorrowful that such incident occured despite the CID report received before-hand to that effect. 13 Sentries were detailed on that night but none of them had courage to come out when one was shot by the Culprits.

SPEAKER: We shall now stop the meeting and will start again at 1½ P.m. Let us not forget to have group photoraph.

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SPEAKER: We have not yet finished demand NO.29, two more can speak, if any.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, There is a lot of sanction under this head, so I would like to know whether the sanction is spent for the purpose for which it is sanctioned. Can the progress be known of it?.

It is clear enough that we need hydro-electric power but it will take time. So, will it be good to spend the sanction for more generating sets for the electrification of rural areas.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I have a question to raise. About Rs 4 lakhs was sanctioned for rural electrification last year. What is the reason that the connection of light is not given till today to many houses where the internal wiring have been completed long ago?.

SPEAKER: Now, the Minister i/c may speak.

PU VAIVENGA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I am very glad to hear from the Members the necessity of having our own power station and also many good suggestions. And it is quiet so, that we all wanted to have our own not depending on our neighbouring countries. So, we are trying many ways for it. The Central Government also adviced us to start our own division, without depending on the Assam Board, and we have done so, appointing B.Es., and SDOs.

There is also a proposal to for the installation of electric light using diesel engines in many rural areas. Last year also, we had made scheme in several places but the Central Govt. could not approve it because we have no Board of our own. The Central Government also consider it to be undesirable for us to be under the Assam Board. I, therefore, would like you to know that we are now starting the very beginning. This proposal 66 KV line is adviced by the Assam Board and we will further examine if ther is a way to replace it by Tower line.

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We could not be able to do now such survey or inquiries to have our own power. As I have said we are now starting the first step only. We are also trying to give light to some streets of Aizawl. To the question of the Hon'ble Member Pu Lalruata, as I have said some days back, we are still busy with the post. We have not yet made new installation in rural areas besides those in Aizawl, Serchhip, Kolasib, Hnahthial and Lunglei. And also, in the case of building, we are only continue those buildings but not make much addition. As we have now our own division, we will try our best and hope for the best.

Therefore, I request the Honourable members to approve this Demand.

SPEAKER: Now Demand, Demand No. 29 of Rs. 92,00,000/- for Power and Electricity has been moved. Those who like to pass may say 'Aye' (Members say 'Aye'), and if no objection, it is passed.

Now, we shall take up Demand No. 30, let the Minister i/c move it.

PU CH.CHHUNGA CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand No. 30 for Rs. 2,05,07,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on public works in the Public Works Department.

SPEAKER: Is there any one to have a speech on Demand No. 30, for P.W.D. of Rs. 2,05,07,000/-.

LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, If I am not mistaken, this "103 Capital Outlay" is for repayment. I don't think it to be wise for us to enter into such a great debt. Terefore, it will be good to reduce "103 Capital Outlay" to the least minimum possible.

KHAWTINKHUMA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I have said this at the time of the Budget presentation. We intend to refer this matter to the Central Government.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't intend to say much on this regard, but I would like to answere the

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Hon'ble Opposition Member who said " a good kind of Union Territory". There are many kinds of Union Territory like those having no elected member, those having elected members but having no legislatures and again those having legislature with MLAs and Council of Ministers. So, I would like to remind him that the Union Territory we have is of the best kind.

PU HRANGVELA: Mr.Speaker Sir, though we have discussed quite a lot, I would like to say some as I have a new opeinion. It will be good to have an eye upon P.E the head of PWD who has done many wrong things.

(1) Principal Engineer has bought 2 old looking jeeps but charged the cost as new ones.

(2) Tenders are called for supply of timbers which are not available in Mizoram. This means that he made pre-arrangement with some persons.

(3) He distributed 102 rice huller which appear to be of bad quality. Therefore, let our own people go to bring them as otherwise, I am afraid, we may spend a large amount for the useless machine.

It is quite pleasing to see that there is lot of money under the P.W.D. It will be good to start the work not only from Aizawl but also from an interior places.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr.Speaker Sir, We have discussed Demand NO.30 for a long time. As Pu Laisenghaula has pointed, "103 Capital Outlay" is a loan, I would like to pass it. Again, as Pu Hrangvela has said P.E. bought jeeps for Rs 40000/- each and I want him to come early. Cannot we pass it without discussing any further.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr,Speaker Sir, Point of information: Last year in the budget session, the Opposition leader pointed out the case of Thingsulthliah A.E. and action was taken immediately by the Govt. In this occassion, mention was repeatedly made of the name of one Officer, I would like to know what the authority would do about this.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr,Speaker Sir, I would like to say about the expenditure of such a huge amount of money.

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It is not desirable to give contract to those having no trade license. I don't think we shall ever be given a contract in Assam or Bengal even things we submit a tender. It is very bad that Principal Engineer called the tender for seasoned timbers which is very rare here.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, the budget Rs 20,50,700/- is large and more than that of last year. New scheme can be created within non-plan also. 5 lakhs, out of 1 crore given by Planning Commission is for PWD. We shall look into the matter carefully about the purchase of jeep by the Principal Engineer. It might be that you want us to take action right now. But action will be taken as necessary later on. As we have discussed much, I think there should be no much more to discuss, So, I request you all, to pass this demand. (Pu Zalawma: What is the meaning for the building of Chief Commissioner's Residence? Is it to be built? This is of last year.

SPEAKER: Those who like to pass this Demand NO.30 of Rs 20,50,700/- for PWD may say Aye(Members say Aye) any objection? (members keep silence). So, it is passed. We will take up Demand NO.33.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand NO.33 for Rs 20,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Commuted value of Pension in the Finance Department.

SPEAKER: Demand NO.33 for Commuted value of Pension is moved. Is there anyone to speak?.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, will it not be enough if 2 members from each group speak.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, In other State, Military pensioners are given Medical Board facilities in order to Commute their pension. So, can we do so in Mizoram?

SPEAKER: It seems that there is no much to discuss. Those who like to pass demand NO.33 for Rs 20,000/- say 'Aye' (Members say 'Aye'). Any objection? (Members keep silence). So, it is passed.

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We shall take up demand NO.34, let the M Minister i/c move it.

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, Demand NO.34. On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram, and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand NO.34 for ; 5,96,40,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 on Govt. Trading in the Supply and Transport Department.

SPEAKER: Demand NO.34 is moved. Is there anyone to speak on this subject?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I said my opinion on State trading last year. It needs to keep up in a special way. as it is quiet like that of Co-operation Trading Society The State Trading will take up rice and sugar; and it is stated that wheat may also be included soon. The swift fluctuation of rice is suffered by the poor people. For example: a consignment of lifebouy soap has come but some local traders bought it at wholesale prices, and sold them at higher prices in a nearby shop. And artificial scarcity of essential commodities arose due to some hoarders. So, as the poor people are the sufferer, it is essential to have a State Trading in a bigger scope. I had also discussion with the Chief Minister on this subject. It seemed to be more beneficial if we include mustard oil, Ghee, Steel,Cement etc., It is quiet diffecult for rural areas to go on shopping at Aizawl. If the Govt. runs State trading, it will be very beneficial for the people. I want the Ministry to give much importance to this.

F.HRANGVELA: Mr.Speaker Sir, is there not any progress in a proposal of our Govt.that half of the cost of supply commodities be borne by the Central Government.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr.Speaker Sir,though there is true to some extent but it is necessary to consider its source.It will be very difficult if the State Trading includes Petrol and other commodities.The rate in Mizoram is less than that of Assam,because Excise duty is exempted in Union Territory. The most important is,let the Govt.subsidise it,if not, market can not be controlled. The main problem of the Congress Party is failure to control Market.

Let the Govt.subsidise essential commodities first and then building material.

PU VANLALHRUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir,a question only-it is said that Rs.500/-was deposited by 70 Store keepers but nobody knows where this money is laying now .Thus the Minister know this ? It is necessary to find out .Will the Minister this explain ?

PU.J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir,

(1) What is the yearly quota of Car for Mizoram?

(2) It is said that the Chief Secy. tried to get about 60 Jeeps when he went to Delhi. Are these for Mizoram?.

(3) How many C.I.Sheets and Cement do we have and what is the rate?.

(4) I believed it will be good to farm supply Advisory Board. Do the Govt. propose to form it?

PU R.THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, Let me try to explain one by one. The speeches of the Hon'ble Members Pu Lalsangzuala and Pu Lalhmingthanga were true to some extent. The Govt. is now taking up dealing in rice and sugar but as you all know, it is quite a hard task because public and the staff hardly know these were for them. We used to talk much about corruption but it will be more so if we deal in mustard oil and others of higher prices. (Pu Lalsangzuala: Was not Supply Department selling M.Oil before). It is still continued now, but in an air fed centre, as the bazar for public is far it is inevitable to deal in M.Oil As Pu Lalsangzuala had siad, we have already asked the.

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Central, the possibility of taking state trading by Co-operatives. If this done the Govt. will have a share and the workers will be our Staff.

The Govt. really control led the price of Maida but our consumption is not so high. We must enquire if the prices became higher. The undertakings of C.I.Sheets by State Trading will not be difficult, but even now it is controlled by the Govt. There is no reason for the price being lower if the Govt. undertakes. We gave rice contract to the lowest tenderer.

The case of subsidy asked by Pu Hrangvela is referred to the Central Govt. but the Central Govt. are not agreeable, so the present situation is what we can do now. Again, the case of deposit by Store Keeper has been pointed out by Pu J.Thanghuana. This is under consideration, and it is ordered to find out the deposit decument which was said to be lost.

P.W.D. alone use M.S.Rod before, but due to the demand is raising now, it is under consideration. As I asked Director i/c few minutes back, I came to know that we have not yet received anyword from the Central Govt. on this matter. We had allotment of 992 ton. of C.I.Sheet for PWD and we demanded 700 ton for public but no reply yet.

In the case of cement, we have quarterly allotment of 500 M.Ton and we hope to get soon.

We also got allotment of 62 Jeeps from DGS & D for Govt. and we have sent one officer to Bombay for it. The rate will be DGS & D rate. The price is DGS & D rate,that is Govt.rate;Supply Advisory Board or Consultative Body, I am not sure what it is called and some of our members are its members. In case of Car quota,we have been entitled six Ambassador Cars,four Fiat Cars,we made supplementary demand sometime past, now besides seven Ambassador Cars, seven Fiat Cars,two Lambretta,and two Vispa Scooters are aided to our quarterly quata. Now I shall try to reply the question of Pu Laltsangzuala regarding Budget sanction;there is a provisions in 75 Misc. meant for the subsidy of air dropping; the cost of transport while we w under Assam Govt. is left still unpaid since both are the cost of Air dropping,it should be in equal instalment,and will be paid whenever demanded. I would like to say one more but important thing as there are many rumours on the matter regarding contract.

All the rules framed by the District Council,unless and until amended or modified is to continu e to be in force.

We have circulated orders to the Head of Departments but the Council Rules is not comprehensive enough,let me read it out,"No person other than a tribal resident in the District shall carry on whole sale or retail business in any commodities in the District except under andin accordance with term of the license issued in that behalf by the District Council under the provision of Regulation.The Rule or Provision to meant that without trade license,business business of a ny kind,buying and selling can not be done within Mizoram;this does not concern contract or forwarding etc. .We have seven and half percent tribal concession.At present,our local contractors are not expert in business, the price of commodities rises too high.(Pu Zalawma; Mr. Speaker sir,is there any provision to give the lowest and the highest rate of the contract ?)We do like that it will be the same position as the P.E. whom you have much criticised.It is quite probably and faersome that we shall be trapped in our own set-trap(Pu Lalsangzuala: Mr.Speaker sir, may we not offer the lowest rate ? If so,what is the use of sealed tender ?). (Pu Lalhmingthanga: Mr.Speaker sir, the District Council Rules should be amended).Tha t would be quite good,it is still examined.I,therefore pray you to kindly pass this Demand.

SPEAKER: Those who agree to pass Demand No.34 for Rs.596,40,000/-say aye(Members say aye).Those who object,if a-ny ? (Members are silent).Then it is passed.We shall proceed on to the Demand No.35.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER Mr.Speaker Sir, Demand No.35-On the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram,and with your permission sir,I move the Demand No.35 for Rs.1,43,99,000/- to meet the expenses during the year 1973-74 onLoan and Advances by the Union Territory Government in the Finance Department.

SPEAKER: Demand No.35 is moved,anybody who want to speak in this regard ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr.Speaker Sir,I a ppreciate the scheme of the Demand NO.35.This is the present topics of people conservation.

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Loan, as the name signifies, should be repaid with the interest. It should be paid at three intervals, the first (1) for the making of floor, the second one for walling and the third one for completion; our Govt is going to disburse such loan at present. Has the Govt. made arrangement for realisation of the loan and has Govt. arranged a ny authority to see whether the receiving people utilise it for the rightful purpose? Govt. should make such arrangement. People submitted costly documents to office at the time of applying for loan, I want that such documents must be properly kept in custody so that there will be no loss of such documents were after 2/3 years. If repayment is not make satisfactorily there will arise difficulty in giving loans in future. It would be quite a pleasure to have a particular office to deal with the loan.

PU NGURDAWLA : Mr, Speaker, Sir, the present loan is to be repaid without fail. for the repayment of the loan what matters is character not the finalcial position of the people who take the loan. Hence it is quite necessary to carefully see to it. It is necessary that we should see and follow socialistic pattern of society of India's policy. I am afraid that we shall make Mizoram as capitalistic State. We need to check the coming capitalistic spirit.

PU J. THANGHULMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, our budget is much displeasing. I suppose the loan menat for low-income group should rather be much more, th e low-income group and the middle-income group are interchanging. Whether they will repay properly I cannot say, but we simply mean to give every body.

PU SAITLAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the present disbursement of Housing loan seems for only for urban housing scheme, comprising only Aizawl and Lunglei towns. The next coming budget is quite hopeful to include loan for rural housing scheme. It appears that those sho still owed outstanding amount of government's money too get it. I believe it will not be fair and proper to disburse money in this way. Its recovery should be fast. Regarding agricultural loan, it is said that repayment from Aizawl District was not as expected and that this pains the feeling of people of other areas. If the people who are living in the capital, the seat of the authorities would not repay properly, it will create much hesitation in the mind of the people outside capital.

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PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I feel we should have a firm Policy on Loan; Rice loan at the time of Mautam famine were not recovered, and other loans also had gone unrecovered. If we take many loans and are not able to repay We shall be in trouble if we had to forfiet our deposit to the Government.

I feel we must be more careful about the loan and make a proper principle for the information of the people as otherwise.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I shall talk briefly about the difficulties in loan, and the way to pentrate these difficulties. The period for the repayment of Housing loan is quite long, but the villagers had to have settlement(Permanent) to get the loan, therefore, we need to give settlement to those who live in important and big villages. Previously, none of us wanted settlement but at present, since it becomes useful settlement. Hence it must be done. The people of Aizawl generally do not want to repay Adriculture Loan, we, the authorities concerned are responsible The people are expecting the old type, as practiced previously. Some leaders of our land, like some M.L.As too, said it not to be repaid, and I cannot accept this kind of teaching. They used to say to the people"Do not sorry much we, the politicians are going to run a race to struck off". We must repay what we borrowed. We must never have the mind not to repay it.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, the amount for Agriculture Loan is quite sufficient, is it ordinary Agriculture loan or Agriculture Distress loan? Whether the loan for reconstruction of Houses burnt during distrubances, and properties lost during disturbances is to be given to villagers?.

It seems that only people of around Aizawl know of the present Housing Loan and Industrial Loan and Many people did not know where to submit the form, I feel better consideration is necessary.

Besides, I would ask whether it would be possible to make a Board District wise for the distribution of the loan in the next time.

SPEAKER: Let the Minister-in-charge move the Demand.

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir,it is quite a pleasure to hear the good advices of the Members regarding Loan. Loan must be repaid, it should never be neglected. Government is arranging the office to collect the Loan repayment. In the past, there might have been loan left unpaid; and left still in debt, but now it must not be so. The difference of amount provided for Loan & Middle income group is due to the requirement of mortage for the loan. The Middle-income-group can afford the required mortgage, while the low Group finds difficulty to do so, hence their loan two is small, so also the provision. It shall come higher when the Villagers will be in a position to get the loan. When settlement will be made possible in Villages, the low income-Group shall be in a position to draw the Loan; the ways and means for this is under consideration and process for the said purpose. (Pu J.Thanghuama: Mr.Speaker Sir, just because they are Low income Group, much more is needed). In that case, though the member be different, Middle income group consists of businessmen. Govt. also funds necessary for Govt. Servants. We have stated that this is especially for Urban,hence it is purely for Town people. In Rehabilitation Loan, there are some who have not yet repaid the loan they had drawn in the past, such people shall be paid the remaining amount left after deduction of their balanced loan from this Rehabilitation Loan. Loan should not be meaninglessly drawn and spent, and we should not feel eager to draw it. Those who are supposed to repay fair and properly should be given, who are supposed to utilise for the correct purposes. Favouritism to certain people cannot be shown. Besides, it is disbursed by the Board concerned, therefore, I earnestly request the House to pass the Demand. (Pu Sapliana: Mr.Speaker, what is the system of the disbursement of the Agriculture Loan?) If we cannot recover this; the remaining recovered retruned amount must be cut from the next Budget. The said one is Loan for reconstruction of Houses;

Since that was cut in such manner, only small amount is left. Rehabilitation Loan is made just because Merchant Association demanded from Govt. hence it is given especially to Merchants. It shall be considered according to the need of demand, and circumstances for the villagers, our Chief Minister too had contacted Central Govt. hence it shall be gradually considered.

SPEAKER: Demand NO.35 for Loans & Advances, Rs 1,43,99,000/- is moved, and these who agree to pass say 'aye'(Members say'Aye'). Any member who objected?. (Members silent) Then it is passed. We finished voting on Demand, we shall proceed on to next Item NO.3: let the Finance Minister move it.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Appropriation (NO.2) Bill, 1973.

SPEAKER: Finance Minister has begged leave to introduce, any member who objects? (Members silent). Then, now let him introduce this Bill.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr,Speaker Sir, I introduced the Appropriation (NO.2) Bill 1973.

SPEAKER: This Bill is introduced in this House, let the Finance Minister move the motion for consideration and passing of the Bill.

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Appropriation Bill (NO.2) be passed.

SPEAKER: This Appropriation (NO.2) Bill, 1973 is introduced, and the Finance Minister has begged it to be passed. It is the conclusion of what we have said.

Let those Members who agree to pass the Appropriation (NO.2) Bill, 1973 say 'Aye' (Members say 'Aye') Any Member who objects?. (Members silent) Then it is passed. We shall proceed on to next Item NO.4: Contingency Fund of Union Territory of Mizoram Bill, we also have the Administrator's recommendation here, as it is Money Bill. The Finance Minister has introduced it some days back, now let him move the already introduced (one) Bill to be taken into consideration.

THE CONTINGENCY FUND OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF MIZORAM (DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT) BILL, 1973.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Contingency Fund of the Union Terrijory of Mizoram (Determination of Amount) Bill, 1973 be taken to consideration.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister has moved the Contingency Fund of the Union Territory of Mizoram (Determination of Amount) Bill, 1973 to be taken into consideration in the House. Now, let him move this Bill to be passed.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Contingency Fund of the Union Territory of Mizoram(Determination of Amount) Bill, 1973 be passed.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister has begged it to be passed. Let any member who agree to pass this Contingency Fund Bill say 'Aye' (Members say 'Aye') Then it is passed. Now, let him beg leave to introduce the Appropriation Bill NO.3, we also have the recommendation here, let him answer it.

INTRODUCTION OF THE APPROPRIATION (NO.3)BILL, 1973.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce the Appropriation (NO.3) Bill, 1973.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister has begged leave to introduce the Appropriation(NO.3) Bill, 1973, any Members who disagree? If not, let the Finance Minister introduce it.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to introduce the Appropriation (NO.3)Bill,1973.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister have moved the Bill to be considered, now let him move to be passed.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Appropriation (NO.3) Bill,1973 be passed.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister has moved this Bill to be passed, any members who agree to pass this Bill say 'Aye'. (Members say 'Aye') Then it is passed. Now, we shall take up item NO.6; the Bill is introduced already, we just have to pass, we have the Recommendation here. Let the Finance Minister beg leave to introduce.

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INTRODUCTION OF INDIAN STAMP(MIZORAM AMENDMENT) BILL,1973.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir,I beg to introduce Indian Stamp(MA) Bill,1973.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister has begged leave to introduce the Indian Stamp(MA) Bill,1973, if none of us disagree, let him introduce it.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir,I beg to introduce Indian Stamp(MA) Bill,1973

SPEAKER: The Indian Stamp(MA)Bill,1973 is introduced, now let him move be taken into consideration and passed.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir,I beg to move that the Indian Stamp(MA) Bill, 1973 to be considered and passed.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister has moved Indian Stamp(MA) Bill,1973 to be considered and passed, those of you who agree to pass say 'Aye' (Members say 'Aye') Then it is passed.

Now, let the Finance Minister beg leave to introduce the Taxation Law (Mizoram Amendment) and Validation of Surcharge Bill,1973, in the House.

INTRODUCTION - TAXATION LAW (MIZORAM AMDT) AND VALIDATION OF SURCHARGE BILL 1973.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I beg leave to introduce The Taxation Laws (Mizoram Amendment) and Validation of Surcharge Bill,1973.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister has begged leave to introduce. Any Member who disagree?(Members remain silent). If not, let him introduce.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I beg to introduce The Taxation Laws(Mizoram Amendment) and Validation of Surcharge Bill, 1973.

SPEAKER: The Finance Minister has introduced The Taxation Laws(Mizoram Amendment) and Validation of Surcharge Bill, 1973 in the House. Let him move it to be considered and passed.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Taxation Laws (Mizoram Amendment) and Validation of Surcharge Bill,1973 be considered and passed.

SPEAKER: The Taxation Laws(Mizoram Amendment) and Validation of Surdharge Bill,1973 is moved. Any Member who want to make statement in this regard?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA Mr.Speaker Sir,today we have discussion on Legislation. What I want to say in this matter is the shortage of time for it. It would be good if time is available from the beginning of the Session. I wish this kind of limitation should not be repeated. It is not a difficult matter, and there is nothing much to object. From the 'objects and reasons' of this Bill I conclude that it is meant for the ablition of refugee Stamp. I am afraid that we may pass this Bill without the knowledge of the meaning, because of the limitation of time for study. This Ordinance seem to be already Amended in January 6,1972, should this be applied or enforced as was amended in our land? I would like to know where the collected costs of Refugee Stamps, between December 1971 and March 1973 has gone? to the Assam Govt. or Ours? I am not very clear in this regard; What I want most to say is of the too shortages of the time, I feel we should have sufficient time for such kind of thing.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, we are going to pass it without knowing the meaning of it; we no longer accept and apply what Assam Govt. has done, I would like to have full, claar and detail knowledge about it, after reading out.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, as decided by the government refugee Stamp was made for realisation of surcharge, to relieve the Refugees. This Bill meant for the abolition of the surcharge. Since the Act made by the Assam Govt. is still in force, we propose we make the Amendment by ourselves.

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One Bill is for the stoppage of the Refugee Stamp and the other is for the stoppage of the surcharge realised by the Assam Government.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, it is quite clear, It means the cost of Cinema ticket is going down(No.2 Amusement Tax), and the cost of Petrol also is going down by 15 paise per litre Though I do not know how much worth of Refugee Stamp is added in Cinema ticket, it is clear that this is a proof that the Cinema ticket will be cheaper.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, the Finance Minister's explanation and objects of the Bill seems to contradict each other; does it not simply mean we are going to regularise, after becoming Union Territory, what Assam have done?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER: Mr.Speaker Sir, that is inclusive, it is regularisation of what had been applied, and also of the stoppage of it.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, in 2(a) it is found " All things or actions done by....." In case of corruption etc., as we have our own PAC, is it not that Rule is going to bind us?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, It is simply a regularisation of the past practice.

SPEAKER: Alright, it is quite clear in the last part of the line, on Statement of Objects and reasons, "It is therefore considered expedient to the State the levy and collection of such taxes from 3.12.71 till 31.3.73 1st part. 2nd part. Now that the need for the relief of _____ over which is also proposed to continue levy after the 31.3.73" I think it is quite clear there.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, though our Chief Whip has asked, I earnestly request the Finance Minister to clarify this - whether the ordinance of Assam is effective from January or from 1.4.74.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, It is made to be effective with effect from April, 1973.

SPEAKER: We have discussed the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill. These who agree to pass say 'Aye' (Members say - 'Aye') Any Members who object? (Members are silent) Then it is passed. We shall proceed on to next Item, Pu Saitlawma gave notice or Motion of Privilage. Now, let him move this.

PRIVILLAGE MOTION AGAINST THE EDITOR, HMAR ARSI.

Pu SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Motion of Privilege:- " I beg to give notice under Rule 159 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly that I wish to make a complaint of a breach of Privilege in the House, against the Editor, Printer and Publisher with regard to the publication of a news item in the"HMAR ARSI" a local Mizo Newspaper dated March, 27th 1973 at the first and fourth paragraph in the beginning of first page costing reflection on the Chair for donducting the Assembly and thereby lowering the prestige and dignity of the Chair by remarking"Aizawl, March 27: Niminah Mizoram Budget Session chu Pu H.Thansanga, Speaker Minute 5-a a tlai avangin zing dar 10:05 ah tan a ni".

Again, in the paragraph fourth, the same paper remarked"Tlai lam dar 2:43-ah Budget sawihona Memberte'n an nei tan thei chauh. Speaker-in, dan a hriat chiangkuan loh vang nge,? minute 8 hnuah hun pek zat tur bi a tuk ta".

By publishing these words, the newspaper casted reflection on the Chair and lowered the dignity of the House. Therefore, this constitutes clearly a breach of Privilege and insult to the House. Hence the Privilege Motion.

I am also enclosing herewith the relevant paper containing the impugned piblicati n in original. I pray to the Committee of the Privileges for examination of the complaint and report to the Assembly at an early date".

SPEAKER: Pu Saitlawma has moved the motion, now let him make statement in this regard.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I have nothing much to say r garding the Motion. When the Speaker Conducts a business in the House, if his action is to defame the prestige of House and the Chair itself, if ther could be documentary proof, such conditions are in the Conduct of Business Rules 158,159. The publication of HMAR ARSI newspaper, dated 27th March,1973 seems to insult and defame the Speaker's dignity and prestige. Hence I move this Motion. Speaker always comes in when and as soon as the Bell rings, I also believe no single Member from amongst us knows that he was late.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I feel sorry that we have the Privilege Motion here; it is a small matter of subject, but on the other hand it is quite a big problem.

The dignity of this House is important, hence, we,the Members must control our tempers. If there is insult in this House, it covers the whole Mizoram. I expect highly of our Speaker; I have not heard Members and other people who said that the Speaker was late by 5 minutes. Our Assembly is a new and young, I feel our Speaker keeps the right and punctuality of the time. When I look back to the period of our defunct District Council, I feel and find today as the Blessed Day. Anyhow, I take this Motion as an unfortunate one, it shall be refered to our Privilege Committee, I suggest and propose to refer to the Privilege Committee.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I would like to make short statement in this regard, this matter the Motion, is quite a sorrowful thing. We, the Opposition Members also have no point to blame our Speaker, like in alloting time. I want the Privilege Committee to take this matter into consideration. The statements of Chief Whip might be taken as having implication on us(Pu Ch.Saprawnga: Mr.Speaker, there is no such thing from my speech to be taken as such) I still keep my diary, I may be able to trace out all about it. I have never been late even once, we just got in late because we could not make the Quorum(Pu Hrangaia: Mr.Speaker,I know that he was once late at the time of election of the Speaker) I was not late on that day also, I had to consult some friends, at the same time you Members did not get inside. There seems to appear intended misunderstanding, I don't find its reflection the the Speaker. Anyhow, we need to consider, if necessary, we better have to punish the responsible person.

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PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, the matter clearly reflects the Speaker, as it said' 'because the Speaker was late and because the Speaker is ignorant of Rule' These words clearly insult the Speaker. There are many things to say relating to this matter, the Speaker can make decision by himself, but just out of his grace he consults other Members. I feel painful to find this kind of publication in newspapers, the matter must of necessity be refered to the Privilege Committee, and I strongly support it.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr.Speaker Sir, I really feel sorry that such motion has to be moved. As found in our Rules, if our Leader is treated and blamed in this way, we too cannot and would not like it. The impression and intention have to be clearly differentialted in case the time, it is difficult to know which watch is refered. Besides, what does the question "whether the Speaker does not know the Rules", challenge?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr Speaker Sir, the coming of this Motion is quite sorrowful, I believe I myself in the one who have nothing to complain regarding the Speaker in his conduct of the business. I shall read out the contents of the publication of Hmar Arsi, dated 27.3.73:'Aizawl March 27:'Miminah Mizoram Budget Session chu, Pu H.Thansanga, Speaker Minute 5-a a tlai avangin zing dar 10:05 ah tan a ni'(Mizoram Budget Session, yesterday, due to the Speaker, Pu H.Thansanga was late by 5 minutes, was started at 10:05 A.M'. I wonder whether this is an apology.(PU C.Lalruata: Mr.Speaker, he is still defending himself:) PU Chawngkunga: Mr.Speaker it is like trying to explain after committing cruel murder)

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I feel he is still struggling to defend himself.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, the happining of thing which can effect and trouble our House is not favourable. Each and every Watch can vary in keeping time. I feel we are doing very well though young as we are.

I believe it cannot be done beyond this. I really feel sorry that this kind of thing arise, it seems we defame our own Government. The Speaker keeps strict time also pubctuallity, it is ther fore, undesirable that he is criticised as not keeping correct time, rather unhealthy. The Editor of Hmar Arsi is active, they published strange new things and happenings; we need to congratulate and praise them for their activities in their part of work. Hmar Arsi have done good job in publication, the present happening too is just like a pen-slip, it is believable that they too would not unnecessarily do it knowing that they are at fault. Anyhow, I wish the Privilage Committee would take up this matter.

SPEAKER: Do the Leader of the House want to make statement?.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I feel we need not make more statements. It is believeable that the Editor too may know many things, hence, I feel quite proper that the Privillege Committee should consider whether it amounts to be Privallege or not.

Previously, this kind of thing appeared plentifully, I feel it is a trifle thing to be referred to the Previlege Committee. I dont' find the publication of his being late by 5 minutes fit to be taken seriously.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: CHIEF MINISTER. Mr.Speaker Sir, as members have said, this thing is sorrowful, unfortunate, it is difficult to remain silent, it is clear that this one criticises and pushes our Govt. it is the statement of critidism as not keeping time, ignorant of Rules and further statement as rublish thing. The suggestion and proposal that the matter should be considered by Privilege Committee is quite reasonable. If we this slightly they shall become held and more clearing, hence we need to stop them from the beggining. If they had criticised his action and Conduct of business outside the House, it is alright. But, it is undesirable that they criticise his conduct of the House.

SPEAKER: Let our discussion be enough. As Members and Leader of the House said, the happening of this thing is regrettable, however, we are junior learning from the beggining, we are going to learn things gradually. I believe the people, even the Members and the Pressmen would not deny this. However, when we look to the Rules, things that had happened seemed to be quite important. While the Speaker is doing and functioning important matter in the Hou-se, if Pressmen, even the Members do anything having reflection as person on the Chair or reflection on the Chair, it is inevitable to become Privilege concern. Hence it is so in every State (Pu J.Thanghuama: Suppose the person on the Chair drinks liquor?) I shall reply that because it is a question: if the Chairman drinks Zu, he insults the House, hence No Confidence Motion shall arise. If we are going to criticise the Chair, Members cannot make it as ordinary Motion.

I shall explain the prodedure how the Members should do, and it shall be clear from it. If the Speaker had not done his part properly, that cannot be done by ordinary Motion, but by No Confidence Motion, hence, if the Speaker is functioning in the Chair, nobody no Member can do anything to relect the Chair, that is Parliamentary Convention. Hence, whatever the matter, we cannot make conclusion on the matter here, there are some points which I accept as true to some extent of the statements of the mover of the Motion and other Members. Therefore, I shall refer this matter to the Privilege Committee, they shall submit their report on the 30th June. Alright, let that be enough.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ORGANISATION OF OPPOSITION GROUP:

Here is one important thing to announce, that is, we receive letter from Opposition Members; this Opposition Members arrange themselves like this: Leader - Pu J.Thanghuama; Chief Whip - Pu Zalawma; Whip -Pu Harikristo Chakma; Secretary - Pu Lalsangzuala; Jt.Secretary- Pu Lalkunga & Pu S.P. Dewan. They requested me to announce this as above, we too accepted and approved it; however, they requested me to recognise them as Opposition Party. I have thoroughly studied their letter, and also throughly studied the contents of our Rules to find connection, also of the procedure of Lok Sabha; in this point there is no clear cut mention in our Rules; however, thereis Lok Sabha Speaker's decision which seems to be copied and followed in every State. That Rules is as follows: There are some points to be considered by the Speaker for the recognition of Parliamentary Party or Group, which are first of all the collective or Grouped Members should have a separate ideology or programme of

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their own at the time of Election. If they are elected, they should still hold that idealogy. Secondly, they should have proper organisation inside and outside of this House. Also they should make House Quorum. They should have and hold such position, but since our present Opposition Members are only six(6) in number, they cannot be recognised as'Opposition Party! In such case, the alternative is; If they cannot make House Quorum, it is possible to recognise them as Opposition Group; such is the present appication in Lok Sabha and other State Legislatures, hence they shall be Opposition Group. Another thing they prayed for is to give them some facilities; in this case whether they be Opposition Party or Opposition Group, we are trying to give them whatever facility as may be possible in our States. We propose to make extension of this building at the (Southen) part, to locate our Ruling Party Whip and the Parliamentary Group for the purpose of Parliamentary works. We shall install Telephone system to their rooms; necessary Stationery needs, essential commodities, Pen etc., will be provided to them during House Sitting. Such is our intention and proposal, I believe we better announce this in the House.

SPEAKER'S ADDRESS

Our Session is nearly over, and I would like to review the conduct and also of the Speeches made there. It is a pleasure to note that the statements of speeches of the Members were of high standard. Though we are only at the starting point, I feel our speeches are all to the point than we did in the last session, I also find we have achieved improvement. Such thing makes me happy. It may however, be necessary to repeat something which have been stated in the last Session; when our emotions rise while speaking, it is easy to say some thing which are practically impossible, that is where we make Unparliamentary Expressing: for example: when you make statements relating to grievances in the Session mention of particular names was occasionally made, like,instead of saying our Principal Engineer(PE) you called him by his real name. Though we have mentioned but you too would not spare your speeches when your emotions rise, we should not mention the names of our Officers who cannot come here and make speeches as we do. The reason is, this House is not a Party Meeting, it is not that a particular Party is not having meeting, hence we need to maintain the Houses' dignity.

If we had criticised and mentioned one's particular name, we would sound like Party meeting, such will lower the dignity of the House. Hence the Members and the Speaker should maintain the dignity and the Privilege of the Members, he should safequard.

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the dignity ofthe Chair and of the disgrace of the House, and also the other Members' dignity. If we want to criticise and blame(the Department of) the Govt. we should blame and criticise the Department not the Officers. Our Ministers are present here in the discussion, they are just to simply note on what ground you want action to be taken, I believe it would be better and also improvement in our conduct if we had raised our standard of speech.

Another thing is the strong expression like, it is pure lie etc. against the statement of other Members is not a polite manner and calling other Members speaking only lies is not a polite manner; as I have said we are here not as party meeting, instead of calling other Members' speech as lies we should rather say 'I think it is rather this or that way' etc. , we actually do not express our idea frankly but we can give few instances of our idea by saying not of our real idea; there is a Parliamenta-ry way of expression, we are to learn that very express. One Member's expression, 'Just like a chorea' is a quite a serious and meaningful expression in Mizo tongue and non of us we would want to be called so, the expression like, 'nonsence, foolish', etc. are not good terms to be used in the House; when our emotion rise in our statement we some time use such expression, as it is quite probable to do so, and there is natural slip of tongue. Expression like 'I think he is half awake' etc. or 'are you half awake' ? if we are not in a sleeping condition, the better way of expression other than this is 'might rather be so', etc. and is a bit more polite expression. Suppose it had been exclaim 'It is quite strange and wonderful that he dont know such thing though he is an officer of Govt. and holding such and such position, for example, if one particular Member had express his idea and opinion of another particular Member, his looking-down-upon the other Member and sarcastical expression of the other Member is disgraceful for the dignity of the House. When we mention a particular office, we mention a particular person's name, that men of bad character and behaviour etc.; to mention and call a person as 'bad men' is not polite expression. As we are learning I don't consider such things as absurb. But I hope that we may express it this way, I also feel we are bound and must learn to use it. Ther is a provision in the Rules that the Speaker may expunge what he finds unfit to be recorded in the proceeding, such as unpolite expression, I believe we shall not record such unpolite and unmannerful expressions,

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but it is not graceful and at the sametime important. Our offices of different Department prepared Budget within a short time, there may be mistake in a papers prepared by our Assembly Secretariat and given to you all, in such mistakewwe may question 'Is it not a sign of disrespect to the House' as it is quite probable to happen so while our emotions rise in our speech. It is not that our Officer show dis--respect to the House, they take every care to avoid mistake, but we all know how they laboured hard for this purpose, yet mistake inevitable, so to say, our Officers and staffs feel quite sorry for the mistakes. When we say and point out the committed mistakes it is quite shameful for them, I also believe that surely try to avoid the same mistake for the next time. It may be possible that there is certain time during which we raise contempt of House too much, and when Ministers make statements regarding petty cases and other cases, the question 'Is it not a disrespect to the House ? and 'Is it not misle ding ?' but, I have not heard our Ministers expressed and give expression of such kind however, if we take the question, whether our Ministers receiving information would reply the question and take action, as misleading it might be possible to take it so, But that is the way they found it , it is still good, since we want to express grievances, to tell the truth after understanding their position and condition; we better and must remember to be careful in our speeches as the House is not a Political Platform. I don't want critism and blame in Party, it should not be that way; in this House, we should discuss the means and procedure we planned for the development and progress of Mizoram Government. There is a more polite manner of speech instead of repeating Mizo, Vai etc. with a mind of distinction between the two; in fact every State has a Policy to give preference and favouritism to the Local people in appointment to Offices and Contract etc.

It would not be good to take the expression, of other people, the other way, we too should avoid such thing. In the competition on composition of words and song between Aidihangpa (A famous Mizo Composer) and Diriallova (the other famous Mizo Composer) there are words which are quite deep in meaning; there are certain words, which seats fine and most excessively. The word 'excessive' is quite Sarcastical for Diriallova, it is like a big club for him.

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Similarly, if we make expression of some words like 'Ziap-ap', 'phur phur' etc. in our statements in the House, it is not politic and unmannerful, rather Unparliamentary. Alright, there are another things. besides the mentioned ones which are not to be said, We, the Members all have the Rules Book, we shall use or enforce our own Rule, we study carefully; I hope we shall do letters in the next time. We have Opposition Group here, sitting in different Seats Line, the Opposition should have chance and other facilities in the House; the Government should not block the way of trouble the proceeding, rather it should have free way to make and open the door or way for itself. The House and the Members should know the tactic to blend or mix the Opposite sides, I believe we shall not go astray we, the Members understand and do things properly and smoothly; in that point, if we, the member utilised and enjoy our freedom remembering God, I believe God shall lend and quide our tribe to prosperity.

Alright, I just want to say such things, in general we have Budget Session in a limit time, I am sorry that Members have no sufficient time to make Statement in detail, but our Government is still a new born one and it is difficult to do and clear things automatically; it is inevitable that we should have Budget Session within a short period. I am happy that we could some how manage to finish our work smoothly, inspite of such difficulties,

Alright, now we shall adjourned the sitting "The House is adjourned sine die"

Adjourned Sine Die 4:45 P.M.

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