

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSMEBLY HALL FROM 25.9.73 TO 10.10.73

4TH SITTING OF 4TH SESSION ON 28.9.'73
AT 11:00, A.M.

P R E S E N T

Pu H.Thansanga, M.A.B.T., Speaker in the Chair, Chief
Minister and four Ministers and twenty seven Members.

SPEAKER: And will come near to you to
judenent and I will be a swift
witness against the sorcerers, and against the adul-
terers, and against false swearers, and against those
that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and
the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from
his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Question No. 37. Pu Rochama.

Passes for Non-Tribal Traders.

*37: PU KIROCHAMA will the Hon'ble Minister in-
charge of the Revenue Department
be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that a
number of non-tribal traders have been running business
without procuring the pre-requisite Inner Line Pass/
Non-Tribal Trade License ?

(b) If so, how many such cases
have been detected during 1972-73 ?

(c) What action has been taken on
such defaulters ?

PUKHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, of late, Government
is aware of the existence of a few
non-tribals doing business without non-tribal Trade
License and information is being collected. As such,
No. 'c' does not arise.

PULALHLIRA Mr.Speaker Sir, supplementary
question - whether non-tribal Trade
License be demanded on those non Mizos doing business,
inside army compounds in Aizawl, Champhai and other
places ?

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, may I request him to repeat the question.

PULALHLIRA

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have put this question last year. There are some who claim to be Army Contractor but carry on trade taking advantage of the position, in places like Run, Champhui etc. Should Non-Tribal Trade Licence be demanded from them ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I know that Assam Rifles, Security Force etc., Supply Contractors have no Trade Licence. The matter of taking action is under consideration.

PU SANGKHUMA

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question - Whether action had been taken on the report submitted on 6.6.73 that an employer of Amal Kanti Chaudhury runs*under the trade licence granted to Ajip Chowdhury Chakma of Marpara ? And whether it is necessary to have trade license for Hair Cutting Saloon ? If so, whether the Revenue Department is to give the license ? How can Deputy Commissioner give it to Molchandra who is hiring s staff of pu sumpkhuma & Sons now ?

** business at Lion Street, Aizawl*

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I cannot give answer straightaway. It will be verified in the office and the Hon'ble Member may also see it if he likes.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, when do the Government propose to take action on these non-Mizos doing business without procuring trade license in many places like Rampuichhip, Sairang and Lengpui ? Which had already be reported to the Government and discussed in the House last year.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, those case at Sairang had been considered once and order had been issued to evict those without license. Again Inner Line Pass is dealt by Deputy Commissioner so we have no much knowledge about it. Therefore it is proposed to make better way of looking into this matter.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA

Mr. Speaker Sir, whether action had been taken by a mere paper ? Who are the persons to be evicted ?

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I cannot say their names now, it can be seen in office.

PU K.SANGCHHUM

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question - I would like to know how many non-Mizo Cobblers have license and secondly, what is the difficulty which the Government had regarding all these.

PULALHMINGTHANGA

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question - Many Government Department give contract to many tenderer having no trade license, and in return they used to continue business. So, I would like to know whether the Government is continuing such practice.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Revenue Department had difficulty because they are not given information regarding contractor and again issue of Inner Line Pass is dealt by Deputy Commissioner. As a whole, I think that only a few people are given license after we became Union Territory.

PU K.SANGCHHUM

Mr. Speaker Sir, let him answer my question.

PU ZALAWMA

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would be pleased if he could let me know how many Trade License had been issued to non-tribal after the commencement of Union Territory.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I cannot say the exact number now. The Hon'ble Member may see it in the office for it.

PU CLALRUATA

Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question - The Hon'ble Minister in his reply to Pu Sangkhuma's question said that it can be seen in the office and the member may see it. As it is difficult to go to office will it not be possible to let the House know during the Session. Again is it necessary to have non-tribal trade License for contract and stationery supply ?

PU CHCHHUNGA
CHIEF. MINISTER:

Mr. Speaker Sir, since a long time pass, we faced great difficulty regarding this. The main reason is that Assam Government

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did not regard contract as trade. We are now trying to shuffle all this. After which I hope we won't face much difficulty anymore.

PU KLROCHAMA Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question - whether the Government is aware of the fact that one person obtain two/three Trade License in the names of his relatives. Again, whether it is a fact that the Government had detected those cases in which someone borrowed trade license from other claiming to be the manager or so. If so, whether the Government propose to take action apart from mere cancellation of their trade license or Inner Line Pass.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, as I have said before, we have Executive Order in which only those who are approved by the Cabinet are to be given. Now, we are trying to work harder. The number will be prepared for information of the House on Monday.

PU VANLALHRUAIA Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. How many times did the Revenue Department checked non-tribal trade licensee and how many defaulters are detected so far? and whether action had been taken against those defaulters? Again, will it be possible to run business in different places by one license?

PU LALRINLIANA Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. Whether the Govt. propose to take action, against persons business without trade licence within the A. R. Compound?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't know how many times they have been checked but I assure that they check very often. I hope that they could not check satisfactorily as Revenue Department is so busy to do so.

And in the case at M. R. Rifles compound, I heard that, objection had been given to the Commandant, if they have no Trade license.

PU KLROCHAMA Mr. Speaker, Sir, Will the honourable Minister be pleased to answer my question concerning defaulters?

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PULALKUNGA Mr. Speaker Sir, Since when the Government is aware of the non-tribal doing business without procuring Trade License.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, Those who have no Trade License have been evicted the penalty will be according to the rules.

PUKSANGCHHUM Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very bad that the Departments are not prepared much for questions.

PU VANLALHRUAIA Mr. Speaker Sir, As the hon'ble Minister pointed out the shortage of staff, is there any proposal to appoint more ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, so far as the fund could meet, we proposed to do so.

SPEAKER: Question No. 38 Pu Rochama.

Opening of Shops by Non-Tribal without procuring Non-Tribal Trade Licence.

*38: PU KLROCHAMA Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Revenue Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that Soowa Singh and his friends opened a Shop at Zobawk Grouping Centre during March, 1973 and procured Inner Line Pass only on 23.7.1973 and have never procured Non-Tribal Trade Licence ?

(b) If so, what action is taken on this matter ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, Information is being collected from A.S.O., Lunglei which is still awaited and therefore (b) does not arise.

PU KLROCHAMA Mr. Speaker Sir, Whether the Govt. is aware of the fact that A?D.M Aizawl issued pass on the 13th July, 1973 to Soowa Singh, Swalal, Balbir Singh, Devi Singh, Swal Singh, Bandrit Prasad and Govind Singh who came to Zobawk on March and started business. Are the Government aware of the fact that they had opened shop for a long time without procuring trade License nor Inner Line Pass ?

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PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, whether the Govt. proposed to take action against A.S.O. Lunglei who is responsible for this answer ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, as we are aware of this recently, he might not have time and for which I don't think it necessary to take action on him.

PU C.LALRUMTA: Mr. Speaker Sir, how did they call information ? By ordinary letter or otherwise ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I cannot say how they sent it. I only knew that the report is not received yet.

PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want it to be answered during the Session by sending some messenger urgently.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question - will it be possible to use Police for checking and is it necessary to get Cabinet approval for the change of name in Trade License.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, point of information - I feel so depressed that such an important question cannot be answered during the Session and I further request the Ministers to inform Department heads to be here in the Session, so as to let them hear what we have said in the House.

PU VANLALIRULLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, most of the question could not be answered and this is due to the inefficiency of the Officers. Did the Ministers inform the officers about this shame ?

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I suppose it is due to the weakness of the Minister in-charge.

SPEAKER: Let members should not address Officer directly, you can address and ask the Government.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, let the Minister be pleased to state why it cannot be answered as question is submitted 15 days before ?

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SPEAKER: Question No. 39.

Inner Line Pass and Non-Tribal Trade License for
M/S Saha.

*39:PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Will the Hon'ble Minister in-
charge of the Revenue Department
be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that M/S
Saha, Imphal, Nongthymai, Shillong and M/S L.M.Engi-
neering, Para Jazar, Shillong were selected to supply
Spare parts etc. to FWD, Lunglei Division during April-
May, 1973 ?

(b) If so, whether they procured
Inner Line Pass and Non-Tribal Trade License ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, as it concerned
P.W.D., information is being collec-
ted and 'b' does not arise.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, what is the reason
why it often said the reply is not
received yet ?

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, whether the Revenue
Department proposed to continue as
it was ? And whether the new Union Territory Govern-
ment proposed to define contract as trade ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, it is being under
consideration.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, whether the Govern-
ment is aware of the fact that
corruption prevailed much in tendering many quotations
in various departments ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, I don't think that
this sort of corruption had been
known by the Ministry.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, will the Minister
resign or penalise the staff as he
could not answer the question ?

PU CH.CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, the Minister could
not give specific answer as the sub-
ject were not under his subject. The matter is under

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consideration and the GBI is now investigating this and they are going to register two cases.

PU THANGZIKA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to ask whether the following suppliers rates are correct ?

Suppliers' rate for Self-Starter Assembly Rs. 2100/- while local rate is Rs. 750/-.
Charging Dynamo Assembly - Rs. 1450/- while local market rate is Rs. 450/-. Clutch Disc - Rs 1985/- while local rate is Rs. 175/-. And Voltage Regulator - Rs. 555/- while Rs. 165/- at local market. Brake Lining Complete Rs. 575/- while the local Market rate is Rs. 220/-, 6 Volts heavy duty Battery at Rs. 756/- while Rs. 400/- at Market rate. And Cross Cut Saw (4½ ft) at Rs. 125/- while we can get even at Lunglei at Rs. 15/-.

If so, what materials are these parts made of ?

PU CH. CHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, I will look carefully into this as this question is put up in the wrong Department.

PU J. THANGHUALM: Mr. Speaker Sir, I want him also to enquire that furniture costing Rs. 1,000/- at Calcutta is supplied here at Rs. 4,000/-

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is a pity that the question has gone to the wrong Department and for this reason the Ministers could not reply properly.

SPEAKER: Question No. 40.

Payment of Interim Relief to the Government employees in Mizoram.

*40: PU LALSANGZUALA: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Finance Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, have accorded sanction for payment of Interim relief and further instalment of interim relief at Central rates to the Govt. employees in Mizoram with effect from 21st January, '72?

(b) If so, why have not these allowances been paid to the Govt. employees in Mizoram ?

** additional Interim Relief*

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA

MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, order is there already. But for those who had already drawn the Interim Relief in the Assam rate is not admissible. The employees of the Mizoram Government had drawn in the Assam pay scale and the Interim Relief at that rate. So, although there is an order it cannot be drawn as it is not admissible at both the Central and Assam rate.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question - Is the Assam Interim Relief more than that of Central Government ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA

MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, though Central Interim Relief is more, it can not be drawn as we followed Assam Pay scale. Now, the Government could not decide which pay scale is to be followed as none of the new pay scale, Central or Assam, has not yet been received for comparison.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am not satisfied by the reply of the Hon'ble Finance Minister. Let me, please read out Central Government letter which reads - "It has now been decided that the Mizoram Government employees are entitled to the Interim Relief and further instalment of I.R. sanctioned by the Ministry of Finance vide Memo No. _____ dated 30th September, '70, 24th December, 1970, and 22nd September, 1972 with effect from the date Mizoram became a Union Territory subject to the condition that any Interim Relief already given to the employees of Assam Pattern will be withdrawn with effect from 21st January, 1972". Therefore, does it not mean that they are entitled the Central rate if they are willing to get ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA

MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, as they followed Assam Pay Scale, it is impossible to get interim relief both from Assam and Central Government.

SPEAKER: Question No. 41.

Loss of rice from Government Godown at Sateok.

*41: PU C. LALRUATA: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Supply Department be pleased to state -

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(a) Whether the Government received any report of loss of Rice from Government Godown at Sateek sometime in January., 1973 ?

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

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, No, there was no report and therefore 'B' does not arise.

PU LALSINGZUALA: Mr.Speaker Sir, whether the Government is aware of the fact that 250 bags of rice had been rotten which were put in May last year at Sateek ?

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, It may perhaps be more than 250 bags. It can not be accepted as waste without a doctor's certificate to that effect. Therefore, it cannot but remain there.

PU R.ZOLIANA:
certify ?

Mr.Speaker Sir, which Doctor is accepted by the Government to

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, The Government approved physician doctor, not like PHD etc., and such cases are found not only in Sateek. The difficulty is only the non-availability of Doctors to examine the rice.

PU C.LALRUATA:
their experience or qualification ?

Mr.Speaker Sir, whether the Government had preference according to

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr.Speaker Sir, the Medical practitioners such as LMP, LLP are recognised as Doctors. In special cases, pharmacists can give certificate also if they are directed by the Doctors so to do.

PU R.ZOLIANA:
Rifles' Doctor ?

Mr.Speaker Sir, whether the Directorate, Supply could accept Assam

PU HRANGEELA:

Mr.Speaker Sir, what is the reason for the damage of such Rice at Sateek ?

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PU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, About 400 Quintals had been damaged at Mamit last year. And it is proposed to put more this year. So, will the damaged Rice be increased ?

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon'ble Minister answered my question that there was no report for the loss of Rice. If so, why did Sub-Inspector of Supply had been sent to check Godown ?

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, as there was report, Sub-Inspector of Supply had been sent but there was no loss of Rice.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, whether the Government is aware of the fact that the got 110 Quintals ?

PU R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, there was no such report. And there may be several reasons for the damages like heavy rain, badness of Godown and even by the weakness of the staff like A.O. The reason is under investigation. In case of Mamit, the main problem is the weak communication.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, whether the Government use to send Doctors to check Rice in various Centres ?

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Can we get replies to all questions which have not been answered, within the Session.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, will you please take No. 43 only which is relevant to that No. 39 ?

PU R.THANGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, request had been made to the Health Director. But due to bad communication, it is difficult to send Doctors in an interior parts. It was quite true to some extent what the Opposition leader had said. But I want the Members to have good understanding due to bad communication

SPEAKER: Now, we will take up resolution, Let Pu Sangzuala, one of the Panel of Chairmen take the Chair.

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PRIVATE RESOLUTION

Pu Lalsangzual, in the Chair, as Speaker requested.

PU LALSANGZUALA

CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall resume discussion on the Resolution submitted by Pu Saitlawma, on the changing of 'Demagiri into Tlabung', which we had discussed yesterday. Pu Lalhlira, Pu Saplana, Pu Sanjchum, Pu Sangkhuma and Pu Hari Kristo Chakma had made statements regarding this Bill, and Pu Saitlawma the mover raised an objection that Pu Hari Kristo Chakma was reading his statement and that is against rule 259(2). Mr. Hari Kristo Chakma did you read your statement ?

PU HARI KRISTO CHAKMA: Mr. Chairman Sir, I have done this on the point of reference.

PU LALSANGZUALA

CHAIRMAN: I, myself was absent at that time. Pu Saitlawma, are you satisfied ? It is permissible to bring in any letter for the point of reference.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Chairman Sir, Yes, I am satisfied.

PU LALSANGZUALA

CHAIRMAN: Alright, have you anything more to say in this regard ?

PU CH. SANAWNGA: Mr. Chairman Sir, this resolution is the changing of Demagiri into Tlabung, I am not very clear about this. We have called Tlabung as Tlabung since long past time, I do not know why we should change the name of Tlabung from Demagiri? as we had often called 'Tlabung'. Have we not called it Tlabung since our forefathers? Has there been any Government Notification that 'Tlabung is Demagiri'? If not, I think that it would be improper and make confusion among the people if we change this name. I do not find the need to change this particular name, as we had known as Tlabung, since our forefather's time. I can understand if any Assembly or Government Order has been issued concerning the naming of Tlabung as Demagiri, and if that needs to be changed, I have not known the need of changing the previous one, and so should we not simply call it Tlabung? Why should we propose the changing? I do not know if the mover of this resolution have known something beyond this. We should gladly change if there is good reason behind for the changing. I like to know his ground for the changing.

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PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Chairman Sir, I have no knowledge whether they have named and put in Survey of India Map or as official name, I have, however, seen it put as 'Demagiri' for Official name and matters though I do not remember in which particular Map of India.

I feel it necessary to change this particular name, we should change this name if Government of Mizoram finds necessary. I also appreciate the statement of Hon'ble Member Pu Hari Kristo Chakma, and we, the Members should not fail to do as required; I however, feel important that Pu Hari Kristo Chakma too should approve and think in broader sense as other Members thought if we are to make it concern the whole of Mizoram. I am ignorant to know the historical background and other religious name etc., of this matter.

But Mizoram is the land where the Mizos live. Whatsoever the name may be Demagiri or other, I do not mean it as unbeautiful, but I feel it democratic to call as the majority understands. This resolution is not only for the whole of Mizoram as the name 'Tlabung' is more familiar to the majority. It has been called "Demagiri" and now we are only changing as "Tlabung". It is simply to let it have one official name, which have two names before. I, however regard the name "Tlabung" no more glorious, and I request you to think with a steady mind. * that constituency but

There is some peculiarity in our original culture as tribals. When I see the cultural dance step of Southern part of Old Mizo District, I conclude that these cultural dance steps clearly shows its tribal origin. So, I feel it proper to put the name as Tlabung.

I feel that this has importance and concerns the whole Mizoram, and I request Hon'ble Member Pu Hari Kristo Chakma to pardon me, I think it would be surely difficult to pronounce Demagiri clearly for those toothless elders and for the common people; I think it is simply the name of good-old-days and for the youths. Since the majority of Mizo people have called it Tlabung, and as the Hon'ble Member have introduced this resolution in the House we should have it passed taking the ideas and opinion of majority of Mizo people without leaving aside area or region, as we clearly know the demands and wording are not critical. I would like to pass as he requested this House, so that we may avoid to have "Double-name of Tlabung", and I request you Hon'ble Members to support and accept this resolution.

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PU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Chairman Sir, I think that Hon'ble Member Pu Saitlawma knew this subject matter and brought here to this House. As Pu Ngurdawla has said, there are many names of places which the majority of Mizo people do not know their meanings; for instance, there are many unfamiliar names here in Aizawl too, like Sivaji Tillah, Babu Tillah etc., If we ask who gave these unfamiliar names to all for places in Mizoram, they have been named before we become Union Territory while we were under the Government of Assam. Besides, there are many unfamiliar names of places, villages etc., in the Southern and Western Mizoram; I do hope that other Hon'ble Members shall follow the example set by Pu Saitlawma in having interest and taking notice of similar matters. I feel that it is our duty and responsibility to change names of places, unfamiliar to Mizo tongue and people, to understood Mizo tongue. We know that many streets in Indian cities which were named after the names of great men of British Government were often changed into the names of great men and politicians of India. Let Pu Saitlawma's resolution be passed. I expect that other Hon'ble Members will bring resolutions for changing the names of some places whose meanings are not understood and unknown to us, which were named after the name of foreigners. This is an important thing we have to do and Pu Saitlawma had shown an example and took the lead in bringing in such resolution. I want to express this few words.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Chairman Sir, I want to say a few words. I think what our Hon'ble Member Pu Ch. Saprawnga had said is worthy of consideration. Demagiri is called 'Tlabung' by Mizos. It has been called 'Tlabung' for a long time. I have no clear understanding regarding the necessity of changing it as it is not a very important place and it is not District Headquarter. The Hon'ble Members who spoke before me thinks that the word 'Demagiri' was taken out of foreign language. According to my knowledge, though I have no certainly, it was named 'Dobori' formerly. Englishmen called it 'Demagiri'. The latter had disappeared and it has now been called 'Demagiri'. The word 'Demagiri' has no meaning at all. Let it be as it is now. We can call it 'Demagiri' or 'Tlabung'. It was decided that the Government is to take step in this resolution as it is a small matter. It needs no consideration in this House and it is not to be done by this House. I think it is not necessary to have a voice on it as the Government is to take step on it and arrangement for changing it is to be prepared by our Ministry who takes up administration. I think it will be a good thing if our Ministry look up its history to know it clearly. And so, to me, it is not worthy of consideration as I find no reason to change it.

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There is 'Kolasib' in the north which is called in Mizo 'Rengte'. But we have no intention to change its name and no one trace the origin of its name. The word 'Demagiri' was not taken out from the language of Chakma, Bengalis or Assamese. We call it 'Demagiri' as Englishmen had called it. And it has also been call 'Tlabung' by Mizos. Is it necessary to change it while we can call it as we like ? I think that if it is changed there will be many to change. If we are going to change the names of villages or streets, the names of 'Shivaji Tillah', 'Babu Tillah', and others also are to be changed. And so, there will be many for consideration in this House. Chakma District is not administrative Centre, it is now Borapansuri; I am therefore, still confused on the demand of changing; I think that we should go on freely calling either Tlabung or Demagiri as we have done in the past.

PU HRANGAIA:

Mr. Chairman, I want to say a few words on this Resolution. My points are

more or less, not different from those of Pu Ch. Saprawnga and the other Member who spoke before me. I cannot trace the time when the name "Demagiri" became popular amongst the people. However, I know very well that even in 'Zirtirh Bu' which was published in 1921, the name of this place was written "Tlabung" and not "Demagiri". From what time was this place called by the name of Demagiri in official and postal letters ? Since the original name, "Tlabung" was found in 'Zirtirh Bu' which was prepared in collaboration with Pu Saphluia (Rev. D. J. Jones), this place should retain its name "Tlabung" as already suggested by the Hon'ble Member Pu Ngurdawla. This name is found to be appropriate for this place for when we go from Lunglei towards the west, the land suddenly slopes down from this place. There is also a sudden rapid in this area which contributed to the appropriateness of the name of the place. Therefore, it is not necessary to change name of the place from Demagiri into Tlabung; we should rather call it by the name "Tlabung" as it was done in the beginning. In this connection, I want to point out that we need not find out the year when the place had its second name. If we do it, we will see that there are so many villages such as Goboicherra, Lokicherra in the west and these new names were simply given by the people who came and inhabited the places only recently. Some people called the place by the name of Demagiri which is known amongst as Tlabung. So I request the Government to register the name of this place as Tlabung and use this name in Village Council Seals and in all other official letters. This is my suggestion.

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PU CH. CHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Chairman Sir, let me give explanations only to some of the points raised by the Hon'ble Members. It is presumed that Tlabung/Demagiri came into existence in 1871 with the name of "Demagiri". It was also known by the people by the name of "Tlabung". These two names were used by the people side by side. "Tlabung" was given by the people to make a description of the topography of this place. The existence of the Village could also be traced down to the annexation of the Mizo Hills by the British. The name "Demagiri" is used in most of official correspondences. This name is also found in Maps of this land. However, we find that in many Maps of this land, the two names "Demagiri" and "Tlabung" are mixed up; so also in Official record. The reason is not for to seek. As many of the high officials in this land are non-Mizos, they naturally used the name "Demagiri" which they found in Maps of this land, making the name very prominent amongst the people ever since a District Council was formed in Mizoram. To-day I am not sure whether we are competent to change the names of places in Maps. If we want to make a change in the names of places, we have to fight for it. If the Assembly need adopt the Resolution for purpose of changing the name of Demagiri into Tlabung, it would be meaningless if the place is given a new name by the Government only. I want to be sure of this.

PU LAISAIGZUALA

CHAIRMAN:

The object of the Resolution is clear. It states, "The Government of Mizoram do take steps to change the name of DEMAGIRI into TLABUNG". That means this Assembly will make a request to the Government to change the name of place.

PU CH. CHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Chairman, will that be considered an opinion of the House ?

PU LAISAIGZUALA

CHAIRMAN:

That is the opinion of the House and further action will be taken by the Government. The Resolution request "The Government to take steps"

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PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Chairman, if the name of Demagiri needs be changed into Tlabung, I have no objection; rather I support the resolution. But I want to ask this question: Cannot the name be changed into Tlabung without making legislation in the Assembly ? It is a bit shameful for us to adopt a Resolution for changing of the name of a particular place. If we do, we may have to change other names of places the meaning of which we do not understand. So, is the name "Demagiri" recorded officially ? If there is no such official record, it makes no difference by calling the place by the name of Tlabung or Demagiri. It is all the same. If we pass the Resolution in the Assembly, it will mean as if the name Demagiri which is the only name of the place is changed into Tlabung. This makes our point in the Resolution weak in some respects. The Government by making Notification or Executive Order may change the name of Demagiri and Survey of India may also be informed of this new name. I do not know whether such step taken by the Government can be challenged. If it can be challenged, then we will have to make legislation for changing of the name of this place in the Assembly. Let me give an illustration. My name is Ch.Saprawnga but someone calls me by the name "Liana". Is not it enough for me to tell him that I am not Liana but Ch.Saprawnga ? It is the same case with Tlabung. Is it necessary to change the name, Demagiri into Tlabung which was the original name ? I therefore request the Hon'ble Member to withdraw his resolution and the Government to take necessary action in this regard. I am simply saying this as I think that there may be a more simple way of changing the name of this place.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Chairman Sir, from the administration of the defunct Mizo District Council, it may be possible to find out by what name was this place called - Tlabung or Demagiri. If such official record is available, it will be worth seeing to-day.

PU LALSANGZUALA
CHAIRMAN: We shall call upon our Hon'ble Minister to give clarification.

PU CHAWNGHONGA: Mr.Chairman Sir, I am a bit opposing this Resolution, for I find not necessary to change the names of various places

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and villages etc., Some Hon'ble Members mentioned 'Kolasibi', 'Hortoki' etc which are meaningful in Mizo, though they all have their respective meanings, 'Reraw thing' or 'Reraw thei' and so on, there may be many names which are meaningless for Mizo people like 'Demagi' in the western part of Mizoram. There is none who said that it is not Tlabung; even when we say 'Demagiri' we generally mean 'Tlabung' for it is the same place having double - name. Therefore, this name 'Demagiri' need not be changed to 'Tlabung' for we simply call it by different name; hence, I suppose, a bit this Resolution; let it remain as it is, so that our Hon'ble Ministers may see what they can do, as some Hon'ble Members proposed, to examine this matter. I request the mover of this Resolution to withdraw.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Chairman Sir, we shall be easily clear regarding 'Tlabung' and 'Demagiri' subject; how did Government Official letters are addressed? 'A.O. Tlabung' or 'A.O. Demagiri'? 'Tlabung P.S.' or 'Demagiri P.S.'? That will be the easiest way to have clarification. However, regarding changing of names, municipal corporation are responsible for changing names of places, streets etc., in other States. If we are now to give new name and call it Tlabung, instead of the existing name 'Demagiri', the authority is the 'local body', that is, District Council, it is also quite debateable whether it should be changed so haphazardly or quickly.

PU LALSANGZUALA

CHAIRMAN: When we were about to change 'Aijal' into 'Aizawl' in the erstwhile Mizo D/C, Mr. Saprawnga was the one opponent from the Ruling Party, who could not digest such change, yet he seemed quite ready to accept the proposal of changing. Taking his illustration, it can be seen that his name being Saprawnga but if he writes his name 'Liana' there is no meaning behind it. Anyhow, I don't say the changing or not of Demagiri into Tlabung.

PU NGURDZALA: Mr. Chairman Sir, I have never seen 'Tlabung' in Official Correspondences, even in Maps, rather I have always seen 'Demagiri' for this reason, I find it necessary to have it changed Officially, I find necessary to pass this Resolution, because we shall never do away with other similar problems. To say there are many similar unfair matters, when shall we favour change of other names if we oppose changing of one? Hence, we should first pass this Resolution, we shall continue changing names if found necessary, I think this should be the general procedure. I request Hon'ble Members to accept and pass this Resolution.

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PU LALSANGZUALA:

CHAIRMAN: We have 6 Private Resolutions, but we have only 2 hours for discussion. We have said much regarding this as we had already discussed yesterday.

PU C.LALRUATA:

Mr.Chairman Sir, I feel necessary to pass this Resolution without much comments over it. It is a fact, as Hon'ble Member has said, that it has been written 'Demagiri' almost all the time, it being within Mizoram, I have never heard 'Demagiri' since my childhood, I have heard it 'Tlabung'. Though I do not know whether it is the first or not, I believe it has been the first. Therefore, I wish this introduced Resolution to be passed.

PU LALSANGZUALA

CHAIRMAN: Alright, we have said much and now we shall hear Government's opinion.

PU SAITLAWMA:

Mr.Chairman Sir, Please let me have time to speak more.

BU LALSANGZUALA

CHAIRMAN: Alright, the mover, Pu Saitlawma is not yet satisfied.

PU SAITLAWMA:

Mr.Speaker Sir, It is amazing that we could tolerate such unintelligible names as Shivaji Tillah etc. Other communities are very careful, in giving names appropriate to their culture. We have to be very careful in considering about this. What is the spirit behind the changing of NEFA into Arunachal Pradesh ? Time may come when they will like to change Mizoram into Mizoram Pradesh. From this commercial feeling can be seen clearly. The names of streets in Delhi are changed into Hindi name as "Bugh", "Nehru Bugh" etc., We can follow suit as far as possible.

According to some members "demagiri" neither has no meaning in any language. So, I feel quite amazed to have such meaningless name. I also think that some members being more of intelligence are only playing jokes to oppose this resolution. Demagiri is an official name as in postal registration, *land* also in Section 3 of the Mizo District Council, & Revenue Act, 1956, it is put as Demagiri. It is officially Demagiri and recorded as such and also in survey of India Map. Since, as some members have said this "Demagiri" carries no meaning with it in any language it is high time to make it meaningful by calling it "Tlabung".

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This needs not much comment and if this House passes it the Government will pursue for its fulfilment. Therefore, there will not be any difficulty for the future generation in accepting the name. Thank You.

PU S.P.DEWAN: Mr.Chairman Sir,, I am here to oppose the private Resolution moved by Shri Saitlawma, MLA on 27.9.73 in the fourth session of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly which reads as follows: "This Assembly is of the opinion that the Govt. of Mizoram do take steps to change the name of Demagiri into Tlabung in the Lunglei District. I am giving hereafter a true and histhric account of the name Demagiri. On the 22nd day of July in the year 1876 A.D. Lt.Livingstone entered into the Lushai Hills through the Hill Chittagoni District with a view to annex the Lushai Hills into the British territory. He has brought a big number of Chakma guides and porters to carry his arms and equipments. Many Bungala and other Indian Sepoys also came with him. The camp was the present Demagiri. After setting the camp there he asked his Chakma guides, "What is the name of this place ? They answered, "Debagiri" and explained that it meant the hill of the gods (Deba='god';giri'=hill). The place had a big 'falls' created by the river falling from the height of the rocky hills down below. Virgin forests with tall trees were in abundance. Big rocks washed by the fast flowing stream offered a clean and lovely surrounding perhaps giving birth to the belief that gods loved there. The Chakmas always grew up with the Indian culture and civilisation and believed in the tradition of the Indian saints meditating in lovely caves up in the hills. About 97 per cent of the words in the Chakma language are derived from Bengali or Sanskrit. Mr.Livingstone turned the words "Debagiri" in-to "Demagiri". Many Indian words have similarly been transformed in pronunciation by the Englishmen. Examples are in abundances 'Kalikata' was changed by the Englishmen into 'Calcutta' when an Englishmen pronounce 'West Bengal' we hear it as West Bengal. Similarly perhaps 'Debagiri' was changed into 'Demagiri'. It is a matter of deep regret that this historic name is now being proposed to be changed into 'Tlabung'

The United Khasi and Jaintia Hills have been turned as 'Meghalaya'. This word 'Meghalaya' is of Bengali Sanskrit origin. This means the 'abode of the cloud'. This word does not belong to the native tongues of the residents of Meghalaya. But they have accepted the name of the State. Another example is there. The former North Eastern Frontier Agency (NEFA). The native population of this region are the Miri the Mismi, the Abor and a number of other small hill tribes. They do not understand

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the word "Arunachal". It does not belong to any other their local dialects. But they have not rejected the word 'India has many places associated with Muslim or European culture. Example: Kutub Minar, Dewan-i-khas, Ahmeddabad, Agra, Fetepur, Murshidabad, Wellington Street, Dalhouse Street etc. Now India is more or less a Hindu majority territory. But the Government of India do not what to destroy these places it change their names. Because India is a secular State. One must have far sight in order to bring political welfare to the star.

Mizoram too has many places with the names of Bengali Sanskrit origin. For Example there are Debagiri; Burra Bazar, Babu-Tilla and Sivaji Tilla in Aizawl, Bhairabi river, Champasuri, Burra Harina, Kala Pani, Kanak-Bayan, Bindusuri etc. So I am strongly opposing the resolution of Mr.Saitlawma MLA, for changing the name Demagiri into Tlabung. Instead I propose that name Demagiri be changed into 'Debagiri'.

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PU LALSANGZUALA:

CHAIRMAN: Are you all clear about the coming out of 'Demagiri'? I shall explain briefly, in 1876, when the Britishers came out, one particular Lieutenant of the name, 'Livingstone' came out from 'Demagiri' side, who employed the Chakmas as his porters and orderly personnel. There he settled, the Chakmas called the place 'Demagiri', 'Debo' means and points to 'some kind of spirit', 'Giri' means 'Mountain'. Hence, they have named it from 'Spiritual' view point. But, as the Britishers cannot pronounce it as it is to be pronounced, Debogiri as called by Chakmas was changed into Demagiri. I request our Government and our Hon'ble Members to accept it as it is now, as it was named by our forefathers.

PU SAPLIWA:

Mr. Chairman Sir, I give importance to Pu Saitlawma's resolution. The Hon'ble Member Pu S.P. Dewan's expression also can be regarded as a fact from History. He said that an English man called Livingstone had arrived this place with the guidance of Chakma porters. So far as I know, Chakma community was not settled in that place. There is no reason to name that place due to the entrance of Livingstone in that place.

Formerly, Tlabung was within the area of Lungno Chief though I do not remember the year. There were three Chiefs, Lungno Chief, Sirte Chief and Tiante Chief near this place. Tlabung was under the Chieftains of Lungno Chief but the Chief was not at Tlabung. He had residence near Tlabung about three miles from it. And so, 'Demagiri', as said by our Hon'ble Member Pu S.P. Dewan, is not acceptable as its original name. As I know Sanskrit was not used as mother tongue by Chakmas. He had said that it is Sanskrit word. And so, it is not acceptable as its original name, it seems that it was named after the names of an inhabitants who settled at Chitangang and Rangamati. According to my knowledge it was named 'Tlabung' by the Chief of that area. And so, I cannot accept what Pu S.P. Dewan had said as its original name and 'Tlabung' is its original name according to my knowledge. If it is recorded as Demagiri officially I think this resolution is pressingly necessary to be passed. Thank You.

PU LALSANGZUALA

CHAIRMAN:

Let us hear now the opinion of the Government.

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PU CH. CHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Chairman Sir, some of the Members took part in this discussion with the great seriousness and I appreciate their enthusiasm in an attempt to change the name of "Demagiri" into "Tlabung". As already mentioned by the Hon'ble Members it is very difficult to say which of the two names "Demagiri" and "Tlabung" - is older. No record of its name could also be found to-day. The place was called by the name of "Tlabung" even as far back as 1871 because of its unfavourable topography and location. If any Village existed at that time, Mizo would naturally call it by the name of "Tlabung". Next, one of the Hon'ble Members said that the name "Debo" had important religious significance and that this name should be retained. But the Hon'ble Member has just given an explanation to this claim. However, it must be admitted that "Demagiri" is derived from Sankrit word. As such this name is not found in the language of the people living in this place. We know that the word "Giri" simply names "Tlang" (Hill). I think there is no difficulty in changing the name of this place. If we adopt the resolution in this house, it will be easier for the Government to give an effect to this Resolution. In this connection, I want to point out that names of places which were given by invaders and early settlers have often been changed from time to time in different places. For instance, the name of Madras has now been changed into "Tamil Nadu" and the names of many streets in Cities like Calcutta and New Delhi are also given Indian names. Moreover, the statues of Englishmen which stood in the streets of these Cities were pulled down and in their places stand statues of eminent Indian leaders. From this it is clear that changing of names of places is often done in this country. So, we have no objection from our side to the passing of this Resolution. Rather we support the Resolution.

PU LALSANGZUALA

CHAIRMAN: There are different opinions regarding resolution. Some Members are of opinion that it is now necessary to change it, as it is Tlabung and it is also Demagiri. Our Chakma brothers are of opinion that as it has been called Spiritually, it is a good thing not to change it. They were asking us to give heed to it and were of opinion that it should remain as it is now.

And some are of opinion that it is to be changed as it is not Mizo language.

Will the Mover withdraw it ?

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PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Chairman Sir, I cannot withdraw it.

PU LALSINGZUALA

CHAIRMAN: If so, let us take vote on it as there are different opinions. Let me read out the Resolution, (He reads it out - "This Assembly is of opinion that the Government of Mizoram do take steps to change the name of Demagiri into Tlabung in the Lunglei District").

Now, those Members who want to pass the Resolution should say 'Aye'. Now, those who are not should say 'No'.

Now Pu Saitlawma's Resolution, "This Assembly is of the opinion that the Government of Mizoram do take steps to change the name of Demagiri into Tlabung in the Lunglei District" has now been passed.

(Members clap their hands).

Now, we will have a recess till 2 P.M. At 2 P.M. we will continue our discussion on Private Resolution.

RECESS TILL 2 P.M.

SPEAKER: We have passed Resolution No. 1 and now, we will take up No. 2. Let Pu Hrangaiia move his Resolution No. 2

PRIVATE RESOLUTION OF PU HRANGAIIA.

PU HRANGAIIA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I am glad that you have permitted me to move my Resolution. The resolution is, "-

"In view of the fact that the existing population figure notified by the Government in all the village Grouping Centres in Mizoram are far below the actual number of population now residing in all the village Grouping Centres, this Assembly recommends that the Government of Mizoram do take steps early to enumerate afresh all the centres for the purpose of extending the various facilities, such as supply of food-stuff, water supply and affording other facilities"

I will speak a few words though I had a lots to say.

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The Administration of the country depends much on its population concerning, supply of food-stuff, EGS etc., But, in Mizoram, there are many villages following the figures of population made during the time of first grouping. So, there are many differences between the figures and the actual population. It is therefore greatly important for the Government to check this. For instance, my constituency at Tlungvel, the recorded population is 2010, while the actual population is more than 3000. So, the supply for 2010 people could not meet the need of 3000 people at all. Agriculture Distress Loan is more at Thingsulthliah than at Tlungvel because of higher population. Likewise, the administration of the Government depends on the population. So, I move this resolution as I believe that all Members could realise the necessity of having an up-to-date records.

PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think that this resolution is only a request to the Government to take steps. This House being a supreme body, why do we often request the Government to take steps? And what is the need of passing such Resolution if the Government failed to take action?

SPEAKER: Let me try to explain. Resolution can be "declaration of opinion" or "in the form of recommendation". Therefore it can be according to the mover. So, I want this resolution to change its form. Again, if we read the words more carefully, we find that the recorded figure is more than the population in various grouping centres but the mover said in the contrary. Therefore, I don't find the need to increase supply and other facilities. So, I feel more important to consider those who occupied temporary village, who faced difficulties in Grouping Centres. Therefore, I don't regard this Resolution to be passed.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, as Pu Lalkunga had pointed out, I could not accept the wording of this resolution, though its object is quite good. We know that the actual population differs from the Census figure record in our Country. But, the resolution mentioned only grouping centres. I, therefore could not accept the resolution as there is no G.C. in my constituency. For instance, Directorate of Supply allotted about 65 Quintals. The meaning is that the population figure is not clear after disturbances. So, I want all the population in temporary villages and other villages be counted more clearly. So, I do appreciate the objects of this Resolution. Thank You.

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PU LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I also do appreciate the objects of this resolution like those who spoke before me. But, the wording cannot be accepted as it is because, firstly, it runs thus "to enumerate all the centres". So, it only means enumeration of the Centres not the people. Therefore, I don't regard it as acceptable. Again, there will be difficulty if we are to count correctly. As we all know the latest population record of India population. As all the supply of food-stuff, hardware, and other are made according to the Census records, it will only be meaningless to count the actual population here. Thirdly, if we want to count the actual population, it can be done without the passing of the House. And I feel that the House will lose its prestige by passing this which the Executive alone can do. So, I don't regard this Resolution to be passed.

PU DOTINALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I also appreciate the objects of this Resolution. As the mover pointed out, the population figure in various Departments, varies from each other, which I also admitted. Now, the main figure which the Government adopted seemed to be that of 1967. So, I want this to be re-counted. It will be good for the Government to have the latest population record uniformly to be used by the various Departments. As we also had new Government it is necessary to have new population figure not only for supply but also for grant-in-aid, etc., So, I find it necessary for the Ministry to look into the matter without passing this Resolution in the House.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It seems to me that the necessity to move this Resolution clearly shows the weakness of administration. They do not give much importance to the statistical Department and employment. This kind of subject is only to be dealt with by the Deputy Commissioner in District level. In the midst of disturbances Deputy Commissioner could manage to issue ration cards etc., by the statistical report of A.Os. But now, the country will suffer much while we run our administration without proper statistical base, though we have now more staff. It appears that we lose our prestige in administration. For instance in case of Primary Teacher it is necessary to reach secretariat and regarding LAD, more cases of V/C need to reach the Ministry. And if we look the Supply Department during the Mautam one ADJ Officer and one ADS could manage smoothly. But now, the Supply Deptt. is very weak. I am afraid that this kind of Resolution concerning administration will be amused by other states. So, I request Hon'ble Member to withdraw his Resolution.

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PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, after careful scrutiny of this Resolution, I have the opinion that our Ministry is only sitting idly. As the Members who spoke before me have said, it is a Central programme, which we cannot do by ourselves here. As Honourable Member, Pu Zoliana had said there are many villages like in P.L. Region which are not grouped. However, we have statistical Department and other branches in Deputy Commissioner for this concern. So, it is not necessary to discuss the function of Government Department here. If this had been put up to the Minister i/c and the Mover had been despair I find this to be considered, if not, I don't regard this to be passed in the House. It is, however a Central programme and it will only mean unnecessary expenditure if we are to make by our local fund. Therefore, I believed to be good, if the Ministry look into this matter.

SPEAKER: Now, let us hear the opinion of the Government.

PU CH. CHHUNGA.

CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very bad that there is a record less than the actual population in our Grouping Centres. We cannot organise Census, what we can do is only to examine. Even though we manage to do correctly, it will not matter much about supply allotment as it concern the whole country. Due to this there is difficulty. And, the correct population cannot be point out because Census is done at 10 years interval. It is understood that the population in our Country is not correct now as it is based on the Census report of 1971. But, in various grouping Centres, we based on the record of 1961 Census. However, I believed that this could be considered by the Government to some extent, not only in Group Centres. We will try to do it as soon as possible, as it does not seem so difficult. Therefore, I do request, Hon'ble Pu Hrangaiia to withdraw his Resolution. * Member

SPEAKER: Now, let the Mover say his opinion.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, before I say my opinion, I would like to reply those who opposed this Resolution. Though they regard my resolution as foolish yet, they gather vast information from it. The Chief Minister has also said the basic Census record which I wanted to use up-to-date. Some Members also regard as disgrace to discuss administrative concern in the House, but all the questions which we discussed yesterday were all administration concern.

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My Resolution is a wise one, which means for the whole country. But as the Chief Minister said that they would try their best I withdraw it.

SPEAKER: Does the House accept withdrawal ?
So, now we will take up Resolution No. 3, let Pu Sapliana move.

SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move my resolution with amendments in the House.

SPEAKER: There will be a slight difference as he submitted amendment to the Secretariat. So let him move with its amendment.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you, my Resolution is this :-

"This Assembly is of the opinion that the Government of Mizoram do take steps early to move the Government of India for installation of a MICRO - WAVE Tele-Communication system connecting the Capital of Mizoram with other parts of the Country"

We know that the Government of Mizoram did take steps for installation of Micro-Wave Tele Communication for Aizawl since some years back. But, if we look into the Department we find that it is not satisfactory. Therefore I went to the Government of Mizoram to move the Government of India. In connection to this, I would like to say the importance of Micro-Wave Tele Communication. One proverb says, "Time is Money". In development for the country, this played an important part. We spent huge amount of money to contact the Central Government. If we had such Micro-Wave Tele Communication, it can be done easily. Besides, these it will be greatly beneficial within our country. So, I really want the Government of Mizoram to move the Government of India for the installation of Micro-Wave Tele Communication in Aizawl. Even though we have telephone, it is unsatisfactory in case of emergency. I want this August House to pass this Resolution. And if so, it will also solve unemployment problem to some extent. So, I do request the House to pass this Resolution. Thank You.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I took much interest on this Resolution moved by Hon'ble Member Pu Sapliana. As we all know, our country lack proper communication now. If I am not

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mistaken, the proposal for this Micro-Wave Tele Communication had been moved during the time of Deputy Commissioner. But even today it is not successful. For instance, in case of emergency it is very essential. As the mover had said, it is necessary not only in Aizawl but also in various District Headquarter and Sub-Headquarters alike. If we look other states we find that the people and the Government enjoyed much facilities for this Micro - Wave Tele Communication. So, if we have Micro - Wave Tele Communication it will be very useful not only to other States but also in the interior parts. The reason for the criticism of our Ministry was due to bad communication. So, if we don't have another solution, I think it is necessary to pass this Resolution. Thank You.

PU J.THANGHUMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, this Resolution is quite good. Has the Ministry ever contact the Central Government regarding this ? The Indian Airlines which was supposed to function in October last year does nothing till today. The function of Telephone is out of order very often. We had passed the change of 'Aijal' into 'Aizawl' but, still 'Aijal' is used in postal communication. So, the more important is to execute than mere passing in the House. Will the Ministry really pressure if we pass this ? There are many cases which are not considered till today. We all know the benefit of Micro-Wave Tele Communication. And has our Ministry even contact the Central Government regarding telephone ? The most important is not to sit idle but to serve the lot of common man. Let them earn any salary but let them work. We want good telephone, good electricity, airfield and teleprinter. The Telephone inquiry is needed to tell the numbers sometimes. I want Ministers to know their respective portfolio. So, it is not necessary to pass this as it can be done by the Ministry itself. If not, hand it over to one opposition Member, we can do it.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, I would also like to support this resolution moved by Pu Sapliana. Before that I thought the opposition leader who spoke before me was in his dreams. While we are discussing Micro-Wave Tele Communication he uttered about airfield. And I think he will be quite fit for the telephone inquiry if he used to tell them Members. Again, it will be beneficial for our Ministry if the problem of such can be dealt by the opposition. I would like to say the necessity to pass this. For instance, the staff at Mizoram House in Delhi used to face difficulties in trunk call as the name of Aizawl

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seemed to be of foreign. Few days back, the Communication Minister also promised help. The proposal for post and Telegraph in the N.E. Region are also slow working. Therefore it is necessary to pass such things in this Legislature. It will be useful not only for our Country but also for the whole country or India. So, I do feel that this Resolution is to be passed. Post

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think that Pu Sapliana and Pu Zoliana are not so familiar with the function of this Micro-Wave Tele Communication. Again, Pu Sapliana pointed out this system is still under consideration. The main reason as to why it is not commissioned was that the antenna meant for Mizoram is diverted to Bangla Desh and the alternative for it has not been installed. So, this resolution is needless and I do request the Mover to withdraw it.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, this resolution is essential to be passed in this august House for its success. It is very important to have speedy communication. As we are in a disturbed border area, it is very important for good relation with the Central and other States. I am please that it is under process. We are not supposed to know its function thoroughly as it is scientific techniques. Its usefulness is not only for social intercourse but for various development. Timely, speaking the weakness of our Plan in the 5th 5 years Plan was due to bad communication. It is very clear on the memorandum submitted by N.E.C. to the Central Government that bad communication could hampered development. So, I don't find it necessary to discuss any further. I do request all the Members to pass this Resolution.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: I am also pleased to have this Resolution. Moreover, it adds my pleasure that Pu Sapliana give a chance of criticism to the opposition leader. One thing came into my mind that the opposition leader had not done when he went to Delhi. It was a long time since they instal Micro-Wave system near High School. But the reason why it was slow was that they diverted towards Bangla Desh. However, it will need a long time to divert it again. So, the importance of this Resolution is so clear. What we can do is only to pass. It is a disgrace that it is difficult to trunk call even with Silchar. So, this is an urgent matter which we must pass. I also demand the Minister to pursue this as the opposition leader demands. So, I do support this Resolution moved by Pu Sapliana to be passed.

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PU LALKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I consider that we at fault to think that we should have it at once by passing this resolution. I don't find it necessary to pass because our Government has never done anything on the resolution we passed in the former session. And I don't think it will be diverted again from Bangla Desh if we pass and the process would not be continued if we don't pass. Our Ministry did not want to transfer S.D.O. (Telegraph) from Silchar to Aizawl. Though this resolution seemed to be good, I request the Hon'ble Mover to withdraw it.

PU K. SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am afraid that bad intention may arise in this Resolution. I also wondered why we often talk about the resignation of our Ministers. It is not a disgrace to discuss even small matters if it is the interest of the people and the Country. So also this resolution. As we all know the present condition of our Telephone is so bad. 65% of our people have not known its meaning till today. Due to this development is very difficult. This morning, it appeared the necessity of having speedy communication. Let me give an example for the usefulness of telephone. If we are to go from Member Hostel to Ramhlun we need much time and money. But by means of telephone, these can easily be saved. As Hon'ble Members pointed out, it is necessary to go to Delhi very often which need high expenses. But by means of Micro-Wave Tele Communication, this can be solved. I am not so clear on these words: connecting with other parts of the country as to how for this would include. I would be pleased if the mover define. However, I find this Resolution to be passed.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the most difficulty in installing Micro-Wave Tele Communication in Mizoram is the site selection. They selected a site near the residence of our Development Minister. But they could not allot proper pass. When the Congress formed the Government for a short time, we paid attention to it. So, they allotted a part of area. But, when the work is about to start, Deputy Commissioner encroached *encroached* also some part which delayed all the proposals. So, who is responsible for it. It is necessary to destiny these officers' Quarters for the allocation of its power House. The most difficulty is its site selection. But, it will be better to amend this Resolution. It aims only in Aizawl, which I wanted to expand in every district Headquarters.

SPEAKER: Alright, now let us hear the opinion of the Government.

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PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, let me try to explain as it concern development.
MINISTER: This Micro-Wave Tele Communication is very important in an interior country like ours. This very high frequency, 10 wattsis taken up from July last year. And from Aizawl, it is proposed to connect by single line to Lunglei etc. But as the Chief Whip had pointed out, the proposed antennae was diverted towards Bangla Desh. But we have not known how they continued. (Speaker: Is it antennae, what is its function ?)

It is an aerial antennae. But, as Pu Zalawma had said, the site selection is not the most problem. They had already built one building. As I have said, if aerial antennae is fixed, there will be no more difficulty. Therefore, there is no objection from the Government to pass this Resolution as amended.

SPEAKER: Now we shall hear the opinion of the Mover in answer the question and a request to withdraw his Resolution.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Speaker Sir, First of all, let me try to explain the Question of Pu Sangchhum. My Resolution means that Micro - Wave Tele Communication system is to be installed at Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram and further connecting with other district Headquarters within our country. I also wondered how some member could get an idea upon the mover as not knowing the function of Micro-Wave tele Communication. I cannot withdraw my Resolution as I know its importance and necessity for our Country.

SPEAKER: Alright, there are different opinion, so we shall vote on it. The Resolution is "This Assembly is of the opinion that the Government of Mizoram should take steps early to move the Government of India for installation of Micro-Wave Tele Communication system connecting the Capital of Mizoram with other parts of the country"

These who wants to pass this Resolution say 'aye' (members said 'Aye') Any-one who object it ? (Members keep Silence). So it is passed.

SPEAKER: Now, we shall take up Resolution No. 4. Before that I request you all to concentrate on the subject of the Resolution for we have no much time.

PU J.THANGHUAMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, if there is no much time, it will be difficult to express much.

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SPEAKER: I request you to say the subject briefly and to the point. Let Pu Dotinaia move his Resolution.

PURDOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very glad because you allow me to move my Resolution today. The Resolution is -

"This Assembly recommends that the Government of Mizoram do take steps to open a Sub-Division for Agriculture Department at Serchhip"

In order to know the importance of this Resolution it is necessary to think thoroughly. We have passed a very useful resolution for our country. But that will not solve the need of 10% of the people. As more than 80% of the people of our country are cultivators, my resolution will solve the problem of the people. Therefore, the agricultural products played an important part in the country. So, there must be sub-division at Serchhip. In our country what we need most is communication which was looked after by P.W.D. In P.W.D. there are five such divisions. But in agriculture Department there is D.A.O. in the District headquarter and S.O. in sub-division who works only in the general administration. In such field work it is important to have field staff. So it is necessary to improve our agriculture in order to become self sufficient. But I don't think it to be best that all the departments of agriculture are located at Aizawl. But in order to launch work, it is necessary to send agricultural personal in rural areas. So, I want to open sub-division at Serchhip where there are large reclaim lands. Not only in Serchhip but also in Chhimtuipui district so as to improve our products. The supply of fertilizer and protective medium should also be done to those villagers. So it will soon solve the need of the country. If we look Assam, agriculture colleges are not located only in Shillong but in some other places like Khanapara etc. In order to follow this pattern the new post of S.D.O. may be posted at Serchhip, is an ideal place for agriculture.

So I want this to be successful as Serchhip

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, this Resolution moved by Hon'ble Member Pu Dotinaia is very good in its subject. As he had said Serchhip is centrally located and suitable for sub-division in agriculture. And it is true that agricultural department should not be concentrated at Aizawl. As agriculture is most important mean for the people it will be good to open new

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sub-division in various parts of the country. But even though this resolution may be turned down due to some difficulties. I want the Government to decentralise its power.

PU LALSANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I regard this resolution concern administration. The allocation of many P.W.D. sub-division had been done without passing in this House. So I don't find it necessary to pass this resolution as it can be done by the Government itself. Therefore, I do request Hon'ble Member to withdraw his resolution.

PU NGURDAPLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I think this resolution is quite good. But I would like to add Lengpui or many other places. But the main idea is to improve our food products. As the Lt. Governor said, it is ~~ironical~~ that a country with much mountain with abundant rainfall is a country of famine. The fact that we often faced famine in such country deserves consideration indeed. In other states, they paid much attention to demonstration, in our country to move the Government when the report of agricultural experts had been submitted. And the Government must take risk holding to improve our agricultural situation. Our Deputy Minister may even be entrusted with the administration of the agricultural Department separately, if not, we will continue to depend on other states. We will often face famine as our communication is very poor. In Punjab a very few persons know what is culture but everyone knows what is agriculture which is very great to me. But now, as they are surplus in agriculture, they are beginning to know what is culture. In order to know culture also, it is necessary to have economic stability first. Therefore, I do support the Resolution of Pu Dotinaia for I find it really necessary to give pure privacy to Agriculture by the Government.

SPEAKER: Now, it has passed 4 O'clock but to as Rules 133 permits we will finish this Resolution. But we must know to say specifically if not; we may be late.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, though it seem very good to open agriculture sub-Division at Serchhip but as Pu Ngurdawla had said, scheme and plan are good in itself. It is a dangerous thing to pass and not to fulfill as ten Development Blocks which had been passed long ago, remain unfulfilled.

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Again, we could not even appoint the staff for soil testing laboratory even today. And, I wondered whether our Ministry could run, if we open agriculture Sub-Division. Therefore, I want the Ministry to make search and plan first. Looking the condition of our Agricultural Department, I think it is not yet time to open such Sub-Division. I feel much impressed that what was passed in the House had often been delayed. Though this resolution moved by Hon'ble Member Pu Dotinain is very good, I am despire on it now-a-days. And whether Serchhip is important regarding the Soil of the land. So, it is necessary to consider on this point.

SPEAKER: Now, let us hear the opinion of the Government.

PU R. THANGLIANA

MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, it seemed that Member are enthusiastic about it. As some Members pointed out, the idea of this resolution is very good, itself. It mainly aimed at opening office where there is work to be done. But, there is main rule in the working of the Government. If there is suitable land to cultivate at Serchhip, so also at many other places. In our Plan Budget there is a proposal for 4 additional S.D.A.O. The main method of the Government is D.A.O. in the district level and S.D.A.O. in the Sub-Division. As we all know this S.D.A.O. are from Plan Budget and ministerial staff are from non-plan. As India faced economic crisis there is fear that these 4 additional S.D.A.O. may not be maintained. Besides, one difficulty measures. So, I want the members to know that there is difficulty on it. Truly speaking, some of these establishment at Aizawl are implemented from 4th Plan and besides Secretariat, Directorate and New Office, there is no other establishment from 5th Plan at Aizawl. It is, therefore important to know that the Government would not like to concentrate power at Aizawl. And I would also like to remind the Member that the Government wanted fair distribution as long as possible. Especially, the Government would not make commitment for Serchhip for it is not large enough to some extent. Therefore, I do request the Mover to withdraw his Resolution.

SPEAKER: Alright, we have had enough speeches on it. In the opinion of some Members difficulty lies in the site that is Serchhip. Now, let us hear the opinion of the Mover.

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PU DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, we have said about its importance and there is agricultural potentiality at Serchhip, and that there might be difficulty to open Sub-Division. I would like to know whether the Government proposed to have experiment in agriculture at Serchhip. If not, also I don't object it to withdraw but whether any means of agriculture is proposed to do.

PU R. THINGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is the aim of the Government to work for the self sufficiency of the country from the fund of agriculture soil conservation and Development Block in our Plain and Hills areas alike. The Government proposed to make selected areas for this. As the member pointed out, we all know that there is agricultural potentiality at Serchhip and therefore I would not dare to say that the Government would maintain Serchhip by any means.

PU DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, If so, I withdraw my resolution.

SPEAKER: Does the House agree? So, it is withdraw.

The next two days being Saturday and Sunday we shall have recess and we shall meet again on Monday, 1st October, 1973 at 11 P.M.

Adjourned at _____ P.M.

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