

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE 3RD SITTING OF THE
MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT ASSEMBLY HALL FROM
19.3.1974 TO 24.3.1974.

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3rd. Sitting on the 21st March, 1974 at 11 A.M.

P R E S E N T :

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

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1. Questions.
2. Statement by Minister-in-charge on Micro-wave Tele-Communication.
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4. Presentation of Budget for 1974-75.
5. Introduction of the Mizoram (Revenue Assessment) (Amendment) Bill, 1974.

SPEAKER: "Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding
put forth her voice? Counsel is mine,
and sound wisdom; I am understanding; I
have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the
earth".

Now, we shall take Question No. 3, Fu
Saplina's Question. (Fu Saplina absent). Well if he did
not authorise anyone, we shall then take question No. 4, Fu
Dotinaia's question.

Proposal to establish separate Directorate for Animal Hus-
bandry and Veterinary Departments.

* 4: PU R. DOTINAIA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of
the Veterinary Department be
pleased to state -

(a) Whether there is a proposal to establish a separate
Directorate for Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Depart-
ment from the coming Financial Year?

(b) If not why?

PU R. THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers to the
question No 4, (a) The matter is under
consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA

Mr. Speaker Sir, It is known that the Veterinary Department used to give out fowls and pigs in subsidised rate.

And is it true that some of them who are not interested in Poultry are also given? (Speaker: For which question you mean this?). For Veterinary Department. (Speaker: As it is not relevant with question No. 4, it must be taken along with question No. 3 in the later.

SPEAKER:

In Supplementary question, first preference would be given to the person who asks a question, and if he has supplementary question, that also will be taken first, without waiting for other, so as to avoid a confusing explanation which happened sometimes due to the unreadiness of the Ministers to explain the particular question asked. But, if the questioner does not have any Supplementary question, it is then possible to call someone else. So, that is the way we should go.

PU R. DOTINAIA

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: Just now our honourable Minister said that the questions we asked about water are under consideration. But, I would be glad to know how far they have gone in that line.

PU R. THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, I could not definitely tell when it will be carried out successfully because of the ban of creating new posts by the Central Government. Anyhow, it is my hope and belief that it will be possible when a chance comes for the creation of new post.

PU R. DOTINAIA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: What is the main difficulty for creation of Directorate?.

PU R. THANGLIANA :
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, yes the main difficulty lies in the creation of a post. At present, the highest Officer we have in Veterinary is only Deputy Director, so, to create a separate Directorate under him is not very proper. At least a status of Joint Director rank is necessary to take charge of these things. But, I hope it will be possible to create when a clearance is given to us from Central Government.

SPEAKER:

Now, Question No. 5: Pu Bhanghuama's Question.

Allowment of land now occupied by 1st Assam Rifles to Private Parties.

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* 5: PU J. THANGKUAMA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Revenue Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the area now being occupied by 1st A.R. have already been allotted to some individuals?.

(b) If yes, the individuals to whom allotment have been made?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMAL
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, answers No. 5,
(a) No, it is not a fact.
(b) Does not arise.

PU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question:
From what I gathered those areas below A.R. ground are already distributed, and it seems that there are some who already settled their sites. Not only that it is also learnt that some of them borrowed loan for their construction, but, Assam Rifles raised an objection, is this true?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, A plan was already made for the allotment of those areas, but as the Commandant could do nothing without consulting I.G.A.R, it is then put off for other time. So, the area is not yet distributed.

Also, our honourable member, just now said that some persons are already allotted. Here, I think, only two or three persons were allotted, by mistake from the Office. If those persons settled their sites, that might be a different case. But, as far as I know, although a plan was there, nothing had been done for the distribution.

PU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Speaker sir, let me have one more Supplementary Question -

Is the saying true that those areas lying below the Family Line of Tuikual Assam Rifles Place had been already measured for somebody?. Could you please tell me if this is correct?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not know that the said areas had been measured, but a plan was made for the distribution of those areas surrounding Bungkawn which they also called Welfare's short cut. But, that also has not been yet allotted.

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Speaker, Supplementary Question:
Is it true that some persons go to the Commandant to obtain no objection Certificate to get a pass from Revenue Department? Are they given a pass for the site?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not know that there are some persons who obtained no objection certificate from Commandant and obtained a pass.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question: But, how can two persons be given pass without the knowledge of the Office?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, As I am not clear about the question, I will just give an answer according to my knowledge. The two persons who are given pass were perhaps Lalruata and Hrangthanga who were given an over-laying area below Mirawng Vong, as the place was not regarded as Assam Rifles Compound.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, had there been any discussion as to when the Assam Rifles would shift to their new place?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very difficult to say when they will leave. According to my knowledge, the Home Ministry also had already given a permission to shift to their new place of Luangmual, and the Revenue Department also had looked over the place, allotting 500 acres of which they required. Now, the approach road is also under construction. But, as more buildings and better communications are needed it will take time to shift in their new place.

PU VANLALIERUAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supposing the Assam Rifles leave their present place, do the Govt. intend to allot the areas to the individuals?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it will be very difficult to say now. But, I do not think the Government intend to allot to any individual, except some interior corners which has no use for the Government. So, all the convenient areas seemed to be reserved for the Government only.

PU SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, what our Minister said regarding the areas given to the two persons was not very clear. Is the area outside the compound of Assam Rifles or inside the compound?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, when they looked-over the allotted areas seemed to be situated within the Assam Rifles compound, and it has been claimed by them too. So, it seemed that the Assam Rifles can rightly raised an objection.

SPEAKER: Now, Question No.6, Pu Sapliana's question. Question No. 6, will be taken first as the questioner No. 3 has been left over. But, it will be possible after this question and also I would be glad if the members, particularly the ones who have a question come without delay. Now, question No.6

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Difference between Income Tax and Professional Tax.

* 6: PU SAPLIANA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Revenue Department be pleased to state .

What is the difference between the Income Tax and Professional Tax in Mizoram?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No.6, goes
MINISTER. this way. The question was what is the difference between Income Tax and Professional Tax here in Mizoram?. An Income Tax is a tax levied on every individual members of India, whose annual total income reached the amount which deserved to be taxed. But, the hill tribes are, exempted from this tax, eventho' their income reached that much amount. This tax come into force according to the Indian Income Tax Act of 1961. But, Professional Tax is levied by our own State Government to those persons who income reached Rs 3,500/- and above in their business line or professional line. This tax is continued according to the Mizoram District Council Profession, Trade Taxation and Regulation of 1963. So, that was the difference between Professional and Income Tax.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, could we know now, how much of Professional tax had been levied in Mizoram per year?. And what is the average?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am sorry for not being able to say now, for, I do not definitely know whether it has been included in the Budget. So, I have to see the record first in the Office.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr Speaker Sir, how is the Professional tax collected?. Does very office submit to their controlling Officer or the CAs collected them?.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Professional Tax is collected by the Revenue Department. But, I can't say whether the collector was CA or Officer.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question: Ad gar as the Govt. servant is concerned Professional Tax might have been justly collected. But, from our businessmen and shopkeepers, there might have been a little confusion, that is, if we do not know their correct annual income. So, did the government definitely know their proper annual know their proper annual income?.

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PU KHAWTINKHUNA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it seems that what had been submitted by them in an Income statement is taken for granted. But, if there are some who wrongly stated their income, that would be another thing.

PU CH. CHITUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Right from the previous years, the government is facing certain difficulties in regard to the taxation of the Professional Tax. When the sales tax was imposed, there had been much disappointments on the part of the Shopkeepers, saying that an account Book could not be kept and maintained as they were just an ordinary commoners having no knowledge of an account. So, after requesting the Assam Government the sales tax was then deposed. As such was the condition of our shopkeepers that, it will be difficult for them to maintain a proper account book, and upto now there has not been any intention of imposing it too. What had been said by our Members regarding the income of our Shopkeepers and businessmen also would be true. But, as I have said, even if we ask them to have an account Book with their detail income, they won't be able to do so. But, there is another way, for those who could not or cannot maintain an account. That is, an Officer who goes there to look-after those account could just fix the rate of taxes if they do not properly maintain their account books. So, that was what we are now. I know, it is difficult to fix the proper rate of taxes due to the above reasons. And even to have a look on those accounts, many shops and stores do not have or keep an account books.

SPEAKER:

As Pu Sapliana was late, we shall now take his question, Question No. 3.

Supply of fowls to the public at subsidised rates.

* 3:10 SAPLIANA:

Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Veterinary Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that the govt. supplied fowls to the public at subsidised rates for breeding purposes through different agencies?

(b) If so, from which farms are these fowls procured?

PU R. THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Question No. 3.
(a) Yes. (b) From Government of Assam Departmental Farms at Birubari and Khanapara.

PU LAISANGZUALA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. Just recently, 200 chickens were taken from Agartala for Mizoram. But, there seemed to be no one to receive it, in Silchar Airport so one Mizo Officer, sacrificing himself with his vehicle then brought them here and many of them died on the way.

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Is that true? What kind of action is to be taken to the Official who is responsible for this thing?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker sir, what had been said just now was I think not known by the Government. But, yes, 2400 chickens, not 200 is expected from Tripura which has not yet arrived, and some persons are already sent to fetch them. But, about air officer bringing 200 chickens was not known by us.

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Speaker sir, Supplementary question: What I mentioned just now was a fact. Therefore, if that kind of thing has not reached the ear of our Minister, could you please look into it?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker sir, yes, we can inspect, for it is not even a difficult thing to do and we must also do so.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker sir, is it a fact that the Vety. Deptt. used to send their men to villages to verify if the applicants for fowls and chickens are really deserving? But when the fowls and pigs actually arrived they are given to the persons other than those recommended by their men whom they sent to verify the applicants?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker sir, although we do not know such things happened it may be true to some extent. But, sometimes, it is said that the inspectors and examiners too gave undeserving ones. However, the deserving ones are generally given.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker sir, Supplementary question: we know that fowls and pigs are taken from Calcutta and from different places. But, many of them could not be healthy or grow as they are not used to the Mizoram climate. So, what I wanted to ask is, could our Government purchase those things from the local people, whose fowls and pigs are accustomed to our climate instead of purchasing from far away land?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker sir, we have put a reason to purchase fowls and pigs particularly from Calcutta for we want them to be proprietors of our fowls and pigs here in our land. Not only that, at present, there is not much of that things to be had here in local. If there are any, we of course prefer to buy from here.

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker sir, how many fowls had now been purchased by our Government? and how could we please know how many families are given?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker sir, I think all our honourable Members know in the previous year, 25 lakhs had been cut down from our Agriculture Budget, because of which the Department failed to supply fowls and Pigs to the public. But, this year, as I have said before, 2400 are expected from Tripura, which has not arrived, and 1000 more are purchased from Assam, which are now at Thingdawl Farm to be called for while, to be distributed again after sometimes. But, it has not yet been distributed this year.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question:
Is there any proposal being made to
prescribe what we called China fowls
or Chicken which we regard as a good quality and does the
government appoint contractors to supply these things?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, yes, a good quality
MINISTER. of fowls would be tended here too,
but it also greatly depends on the
Keepers. What the Department recommended is those kind of
fowls which have a colour of white, naroon or black. Re-
garding the appointment of contractor, no contractor is
appointed. Instead the Department used to purchased from
Government farm in Government rate, and then supplies to
the public.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question:
Just now, our honourable minister said
that no contractor is appointed to
supply these things. But, in some places, fowls are distri-
buted through a contractor. For example - last year, one
contractor was appointed in Lawngtlai to supply Chickens.
But the contractor seemed to supply the local ones which are
not prescribed by the Government. As it is, could the Minis-
try do something about it?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not know such
MINISTER. thing happened, but as I have said
before, no chickens had been distri-
buted last year. So, the incident might have perhaps be
before last year. However, as it is not very difficult, we
must look over. But, it would be not easy to find out whether
the contractor really supplied the local chickens, and per-
haps the one who was to purchase the prescribed chickens
appointed another contractor. If, that was the case, it will
be different, but to take from the Government Farm, there
had never been an appointment of Contractor.

PU R. DOTINAI: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question:
from what I have seen, most of the
chickens supplied are white leg horn
and Rhode Island Red. This kind of chickens could more easily
catch and once they catch many of them used to die at one s
stroke. To prevent the widespread of their disease the
government spent certain amount of money, but there seems
to be no step taken to prevent them. So, is there any
proposal being made to use R.D. Vaccine for the precaution
of these chickens?. And if not, does the govt. intend
to do so?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, what had been said
MINISTER. just now was true, for, most of us
believed that those kind of chickens
could more easily catch the disease than our own type. But,
one of the problem that now facing the Department is that,
most of us cannot afford what we called a real Farm for
Poultry.

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An fact, what we have now is also meant only for self sufficiency. Hence, it is quite difficult to prevent the disease. Not only that, the medicine supplied for the precaution is also could be used only for 24 hrs, and if it is misplace, it easily gets spoiled. Of course Dispensaries are established in different places for this purpose but to have every necessary things we are, at present too small a Department, Anyway, we hope to be in a better position after sometimes.

SPEAKER: Now, we shall go to the next item which is "Statement by Minister on Micro Wave-Telecommunication". This was none other than what had been passed in a previous Budget Session, which needs to get along with, in our discussion. So, we shall call upon the Minister.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:- Mr. Speaker Sir, well, we know that about **CHIEF MINISTER.** Micro-Wave-Telecommunication was discussed and considered in our previous Session. And after we had an Autumn Session, the Central Government had been consulted four times in regard to this and after the 4th consultation, the answers we got from them were somewhat like this. Regarding Telephone, about 200 line - 300 lines could be possible, and in regard to the Teleprinter - it will be possible to have after VHF (very high frequency) line is established in Aizawl - Silchar and Silchar - Shillong roads. And Teleraph line along with Telephone line for betw Aizawl and Lunglei also would be investiggted by them. Also, we are told that the Post Madter General would also survey other necessary things for the line. So, that was all what we have done with the authority of Indian Government.

SPEAKER: Well, I think we all are glad to hear speech as it was a way of getting along with our Resolution. Our next item is presentation of Supplementary Grant for 1973-74. We shall do this topic first and after that there is another presentation of Budget for the new year.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1974-75 AND SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 1973-74.

PU KHAI TIEN KHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Grant **MINISTER.** for 1973-74 and Budget Estimate for 1974-75 had been made in one book, so if it is convenient I will present both, at the same time (**SPEAKER:** Alright, it will be convenient). Mr. Speaker Sir, I arise to present before the House the annual (Read out the Budget Speech).

SPEAKER: Well, we have now listened to the Budget speech, which does not look too bad on the whole

Now, we'll receive the Book, but discussion will be had on 25, Monday, so we could have enough time to study it.

We shall now straight away take our next item, Mizoram Revenue Assessment Amendment Bill of 1974 for which Administrator's Recommendation is also already taken. Now, the Revenue Minister, please ask a leave of the House.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I humbly beg to submit the Mizoram Revenue Assessment Amendment Bill of 1974 leave before the House.

SPEAKER: Any opposition? If there's none, it can be introduced now.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, with the permission of the House, I hereby submitted the Mizoram Revenue Assessment Amendment Bill of 1974.

SPEAKER: Well, our Amendment Bill has now been introduced to the House, so we shall study it, as it does not seem to be too critical to tackle with. But, to be able to have an enough time for the members in their speeches we will go on according to the rule. So, we shall not discuss now.

I think we have furnished our business for today, so we shall disperse now to continue again tomorrow at 11 O'Clock.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

(B.T.SANGA)
Under Secretary,
Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

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