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8th Sitting on 3rd October, 1974 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,
6 Ministers and twenty five Members.

B U S I N E S S.

1. Questions.
2. Half-an-hour discussion arising out of answers to Starred Question No. 43 (to be raised by Pu Ialkunga).
3. Introduction of New Government Bills.
4. Consideration clause by clause of the Lushai Hills District (Revenue Assessment) (Amendment) Regulation Bill, 1974- further discussion on the Amendment moved on 1st October, 1974 by Pu K.L.Rochama.
5. Any other Government Business.

SPEAKER : " Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see god. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God".

We shall be taking up Question No.92 of Shri Saitlawma.

ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTION:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Current schedule of rate not enforce in P.W.D. Lunglei Division.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the P.W.D. be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the current schedule of rates (i.e. for 1970-71) for Lunglei Division is not fully in force or not practically operated in the Department concerned.

(b) If so, why ?

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) the Schedule of rates for 1970-71 of Lunglei Division is still in force and in Operation.

In case of items not included in the Schedule of rates, the ratio are worked out on the basis of Current Market rates of materials and wages of labours.

(b) Does not arise.

PU SAITLAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, If so was the position, did the skilled and unskilled labours follow the Schedule of rates made from

time to time ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Labour rate fixed by P.W.D. was meant to be followed.

PU SAITLAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, If it was to be followed, why not comply with ? I am sure that in Lunglei Division the rate for unskilled labour as fixed is Rs 6/- but paid them Rs 5/- only.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, that the new rate was made recently as such it might not be in force to them.

PU SAITLAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, in the Schedule of rate, that Rs 6/- was again recommended by the P.W.D. Concentrative Committee only in recent time, but is not followed for a long period of time. I simply would like to know why it was not followed.

PU C.LALRUATA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, will it be possible to follow the Schedule of rate not in exact manner ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I think it was given Rs 5/- not Rs 6/- to those of the permanent labour according to the rate of this Headquarters.

PU SAITLAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, that it impossible at all. There are different rates for those of Lunglei Division, Aizawl, East and Building Division according to price level. In Lunglei Division, the rate is Rs 6/- for unskilled labours but why the Government is giving Rs 5/- only. I want the clarification for this.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I can not clarify at present but there should be a clear reason in the Office concerned.

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, As we know presently, the Schedule of rate is Rs 6/- in Lunglei Division but some workers are employed at Rs 5/- instead of Rs 6.00 Did the Govt. received any complanation about this ?

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PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I can not say whether they have any complain about this.

PU SATTILAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I know they have complained and was supported by me. Will the Minister be pleased to give me a sufficient classification about the false usage of rate instead of giving Rs 6/- to those of the poor workers ?

(Speaker : Alright, he stated that it can be seen in the office.)

Mr. Speaker Sir, will not he say that he may be able to clarify within today or tomorrow instead of depending on the office concerned for whatever we want to know in the House ?

PU K.L.ROCHAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, our Hon'ble Minister stated that there are many items not included in the Schedule of rate for 1970-71 in Lunglei Division and he reaffirmed that it was based on the present price level. I want to know that on what level it was based and why the 1970-71 schedule of rate was still in use in Lunglei and Saiha Divisions.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the market rate asked by our member, is to be regarded as based on the locality of Lunglei and for that of Aizawl rate, since it was made years ago, I could not give the exact year in which the Schedule of rate was made. I shall try to give what our Hon'ble member wanted to know, but I'm not sure of it.

PU K.SANGCHHUM:

Mr. Speaker Sir, what are the items which are not included in Schedule of rate but were newly fixed ? And when was the Schedule of rate fixed or made anew and what are the rate ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the new rate made was considered necessary by the P.W.D. but not included in the Schedule of rate.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, this matter has pointed out several times by our hon'ble member in the last and previous Sessions. Moreover, the ministers have promised to look over this matter but with no result up till now. Will necessary action be taken for this time ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would rather asked more for I am not clear about the reply to my question. It is clear that the Schedule of rate of 1970-71 is still in use in different Divisions of Aizawl though the Minister is not clear of it. Besides, there is a great difference between the Schedule of rate and local rate which is also to adjust from time to time according to P.W.D. rules. In that adversity I would like to know the reason why the 1970-71

rate is still in force in Lunglei and Saiha. I think it is necessary to Revise the rate even Aizawl also. I will be pleased to know why the year and the rate are differently maintained in Mizoram ?

PU K.T.KHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, We may say that the present Schedule of rate was prepared in the years back and the present price have become increased in some items. Therefore inspite of a great change, some Contractors are still willing to work even lower than the Schedule of rate. However, this revision is still proceed by the P.W.D.

SPEAKER :

The Minister concerned should be well formed to the supplementary Questions.

When they say that the paper can be had from the office and that can be produced today in that case we must aspect as said by the Minister. In case, any false information is produce and eventually it can not be regarded as "the contempt of the House". But the Minister's deed is also a contempt of the House if intentionally expressed. For instant, in the case of Proforma in the House of Common, the House was misled, and if it was not the case it can not be said as privilege.

PU C.LALRUATA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, the case of Proforma was a confidential and was laid on the Speaker's table and said it was found to be absent. Why was that ?

PU J.THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the other day, Rs 3 lakhs something, sanctioned for childrens nutrition was still unexplained to us. In that connection 'the explanation will be given on Monday' was the Notice of all of us. But it is not explain still now where and in which Centre it has been distributed. It is said that some people were given 1 Quintal each. But we want the correct answer and this should not be neglected. Please advise us.

SPEAKER:

As I said presently, there will be truthfulness if once told by the Minister to present statements or papers.

Considering to the Statement pointed out by Pu Lalruata, it is request for it can not be given to the Member who came to see here.

Let proceed to question no go.

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the hon'ble Minister i/c P.W.D. be pleased to state -

(a) Whether the power Engine Marboat an Kolodyne river in Lawngtlai - Saiha Road is servicing nowadays.

(b) If not, why not ?

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PU K.T.KHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer is no to questions No. 93(a).

(b) The Marboat was swept away from the Ferrysite due to flood in the river on 3.8.74. The Marboat was found stusk up on a rock three miles downstreams of the Ferry-site. One of the boats was severely damaged and the Engine was also partly damaged. The Ferry service by the Marboat has, therefore, been suspended.

PU SAPLIANA:
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Mr. Speaker Sir, a little more explanation to my Sub-Question, I am surprise that why the Government

can not arrange at least one Marboat at Ferrysite. During last year one Marboat at the cost of more than ten thousand was put into service and it was hopelessly damaged by the flood by Ferrysite for several times. It is amazing that the Government especially P.W.D. could not instal even one boat to get into a fruitfull and for the interest of the people. Please let me have an explanation on the several time damaged caused by flood. This water way is a leading connection to other District Headquarters and this should be welly managed to benefit the general people. As such this is a great hamper to the Government to have lost of valuable boat. Is it a total failure to prevent the boat from damaged?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Is it true that the Marboat was unserviceable from the very beginning ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Government as well as the P.W.D. has taken up to be important to instal a Marboat at

Ferrysite and was caused to damaged for several times since the flood exerts powers beyond human means. I think the Marboat is serviceable for it was useful for conveyance like Jeep etc.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, in supplementing our Minister's pronouncement, I think it relevant to our subject

stated above, it was said that one Marboat has been allotted at the Ferrysite of Scrkawr where no vehicle could reach by road. This shows the saying " putting a Cart before the horse" impracticable and useless to have a boat where no role could be played as schemed. Moreover, this is a westage of huge amount of money for nothing. We the Government take actions against those of the planners ?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is difficult to understand the damage caused on the boat by flood at Saiha Ferrysite for

it was wrecked twice. May be it was uncontrolable for the Sailors to safeguard the Marboat in the first instant, except for the second time. We should be well informed so that everyone of us know the exact difficulty in getting the boat safe from flood if at least we are given whether if precautionary measures were been taken by them or any utmost efforts were rendered for the safety of the Marboat.

It is very disappointing on our part to lost it for not only once but for twice it was totally damaged. How and why was the circumstances leading to lost of the Marboat. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to inform us all Members, since it is the interest of all ?

PU VANLALHRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Minister had stated that the Marboat was serviceable and the workers on it are very lenient and sincere. Furthermore, the member pointed out that the Marboat was put to service even before the time when no vehicle could reach the place. It is contradictory to my point of view. Anyhow, have the road been opened for vehicle ? And or, the Marboat was straddled by man ?

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, according to information received by me, the Marboat was totally useless and was paid more than ten thousand rupees for its cost. Thinking its uselessness, the P.W.D. let loose the Marboat and was swept along the river by flood. So that nobody could recognise detect their fault in future.

PU K.T. KHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Marboat was swept along by flood on August 3rd and regained it at about 3 miles distance. One of the boats was found and the other was totally damaged which was they said is likely to be repairable. Anyway, this matter has been taken up by the Government seriously and entrusted. Enquiry body to find out the exact position consulting even the head of Department concerned and the enquiry is still going on so that the Government may be able to take disciplinary action against to wrong doers. In answering to the question set by our hon'ble Member installed at Serkawr Ferrysite, it is still useful for cross over the river for by pedestrians though no Jeepable road connect the place.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, one more point that the Minister said that the engine was in good condition and was able to carry vehicles through the river. But here I wan to clear about the duration in which the Marboat was plying for that purpose. To the contrary, I could see that the engine was not functioning at the time when we along with our Education Minister, were on tour and helped ourself standing across the river. Where was the engine purchased, was it an old one or a new one, who purchased it ? These I want to understand.

PU K.T. KHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am afraid I could not clarify at here in the House to the points where was it started functioning, when it was purchased and resumed to work. This I think can be had from our office copy.

PU C2LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is clear that the information received by the Minister is correct, for he disclosed the fact the engine was unserviceable when our Member and Education Minister strode over the ferry. How can he still hold of the false that the engine was servicing if unless the information proved to be a false one should we not take action

against the Officer who gave the information since it has misled the House ?

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't it is necessary to have an enquiry on this because the boat was let loose and swept along the river by flood at their own will and is confirmed by the Minister. The point is, as I wish, that how to take further action and what action is to be taken on this.

SPEAKER: That meant it was washed away intentionally and willfully has not it.

Yes, we all know that it is necessary to take precautionary measure before the coming of monsoon for there always great flood on the river. It was intentionally done as no measure was taken. What action should be taken up ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is learnt that another new ferry was constructed below the old one and was again became of no use. In this connection, huge amount of money was spent for nothing. I am also admit that the engine which the Minister claimed to be a functional one, was totally hopeless and unserviceable for we along the Education Minister, came across it and had eyed witness on the spot and then I swimed across the river.

PU K.T.KHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It is doybtful that unfunctioning engine will be bought at such a cost. But, mechanical engine is unpredictable and as such we can not take their tour as for an evidence. In that connection, the Marboat-Cartakers will be responsible as such enquiry has been taken on this matter.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the incidence was on 3 august as it was already said. But when the Government was informed ?- is my question, again or, this was reported only after this was put to ask in the House ? Had the concerned S.D.O. or E.E. reported to the Government prior to this question ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I can say that the reported date is in the office and can be had from it. I can not give it now.

SPEAKER : Let that be enough. We will proceed to see Sangchhuma's Question no. 94.

Cracking of Current Culvert near Lungremsei point at Khatla, Aizawl.

PU SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will-the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the P.W.D. be pleased to state -

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(a) Whether the Government of Mizoram is aware of the fact that one cemented culvert near Lungremsei point, Khatla, Aizawl has become very unsafe due to cracks inside the culvert ?

(b) If so, what steps have been taken by the Government to repair the culvert ?

(c) If not, why not ?

PU K.T.KHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) There is no Cemented Culvert near Lungremsei point near Khatla.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA :

near my land.

Mr. Speaker Sir, It is difficult to know all the happening for the Govt. and one Culvert was also collapsed

SPEAKER :

That will not relevant to the Question and it should be pointed out as the answer means.

PU K.SANGCHHUM:

Mr. Speaker Sir, It is a fact that there is cracking Cemented Culvert at Lungremsei near Khatla line. After this question was put forth, the Government sent an enquiry consists of one S.D.O. and one E.E. and they reported the culvert as stable and need not to reinforce it. Does the Government know of it ?

PU K.T.KHUMA :
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, It is not known to the Government about it.

PU K.SANGCHHUM :

Mr. Speaker Sir, they are in fact, far interest to understand it, if they have no inclination to enter at the very spot. I saw it by stepping down to that place where I found the crack was 1ft. wide which is invisible from its outer portion. This is dangerous to the people. According to S.D.O. and his companions, the space of 1ft wide is usually left behind in between the culvert and retaining wall. Is this the practice in P.W.D. ?

PU K.T.KHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, P.W.D. know very well as they are all technicians and specialised in this line. If once they said it will be getting firm that will be trustworthy. As a matter of fact, there is no cemented culvert here except a Stonery Culvert and they found no crack since it was thickly covered by mud. That is why I said there is no cemented culvert near Lungremsei. I know that one Stonery culvert constructed by P.W.D. while they were under the control of Deputy Commissioner. And it was after all,

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covered with mud as such no crack on it was found.

SPEAKER : Are these two Culverts-Stonery and Cemented same ?

PU K.SANGCHHUM : Mr.Speaker Sir, Yes, they are same.

PU F.HRANGVELA: Mr.Speaker Sir, It is surprising that the Government does not know if there any culvert at Lungremsei. In 1970, I along with engineers and town road ways planner, had a verification on the spot as there was no enough space for Bus Stand. I think the Government neglect this road since it can't be regarded as very important road.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, There was one bridge near Kanghmun. Which seemed to be unsafe and unstable. This was reported to the S.D.O. who take no action, he rather neglected it took place. In the same manner, I think that culvert is also of no important to the Government points of view. Do the Government intend to take no action till an accident occur?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, The point is that there is one culvert at Lungremsei and some of our Members found unstable by checking it at the spot. This they have reported to the Government and the Government in turn, sent an enquiry but found to be safe for the time being. Do you agree that it is not was danger for people since it was recommended by the engineers who are technically trustworthy ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Will it be satisfactory untill we have heard of another accident here after all we had one near Kanghmun?

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr.Speaker Sir, If a man look from above the roof to detect the defect inside a house, he will see no mark. In that same manner, one S.D.O. and his friends could not find the crack by looking just from the outer spot. He will never find it though he is an engineer for he did not look at it. He cannot verify just by trodding on it. Anyhow, will the Government take action for this improvement after this?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Speaker Sir, will it be available the S.D.O's report here for it is under discussion ?

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Are we not discontented with their report ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, According to their supplementary note in that report, the situation was not appalling but, if pleasers, they again may be sent forth.

SPEAKER : It was the report they received and if the members are unsatisfied they may also have spot unification since it is not far off from hue.

PU K. SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to request the Minister to see the real position at the spot after this discussion is finish. May he please so.

SPEAKER : Let's turn to question No. 95 got by Pu Sapliana.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Delaying in opening new Civil Sub-Division.

***95. PU SAPLIANA:** Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the General Administration Department be pleased to state-

(a) Whether it is a fact that a proposal of opening of a number of Civil Sub-Division in Mizoram has been kept pending for quite a long time.

(b) If so, what are the reasons for such delay ?

(c) When are they likely to be opened ?

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) & (b)- Yes. The proposal Sub-Divisions could not be opened for the following reasons :-

(i) All the necessary posts for the proposed sub-divisions can not be created/sanctioned due to 'Bar' imposed by the Government of India on creation of posts.

(ii) The boundaries of these proposed sub-divisions have not been notified.

(c) It is not possible to say when these proposed sub-divisions will be opened because of the difficulties given against Question (a) and (b) but, every effort is made to open the Sub-Division as soon as possible.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question- As given by our Hon'ble Minister, the posts were banned by the Central Government- but to me, it is only to 'Bar' from any power if the created posts were not filled-up within the duration of six months. Will the posts were 'learned' only because of failing to do that ?

PU K.T. KHUMA : MINISTER. Mr. Speaker Sir, The posts were banned for they were not fill-up within six months along with together those of iron-plan posts. Anyway, we asked the Government to lift and to permit us as proposed. Accordingly we were permitted together with all other posts except the sub-divisional posts which is being asked for.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Please a sub-questions, according to our Hon'ble Minister the boundary demarcation for the posts are not still finalised as a result it can not be created. Why it can not be finalised and what are the reasons ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, boundary demarcation is MINISTER. being done. Site location for their headquarters are to be selected soon. These works have been entrusted him to locate the site for building etc as soon as possible.

As soon as this report reach the Government, then we will finalised the sites required for each Headquarters, for instance, say Champhai, where the site will be located there.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, There are so many complicated and amzing things under this Mizoram Government. The Minister had now stated that the posts of Sub-Divisions could not be created such, as we have already discussed in the last Session, the posts was soon functioned after obtaining the Government approval for lifting their exerted powers. It is also very appalling that it can not be financed for whatever posts for which creation and sanction are urgently required. If we ask why lower posts are included in the Budget, the answer always is because they are under Category of Plan. In that way our Mizoram Government used to function. In case of opening of these Sub-Divisions we are all eager to express to the people that it will soon be opened. To our surprise, there still could not be opened till now. It is very disgracing for the Government of Mizoram as they can not select the site uptill now : Please let me know whether there is any report of selection in regards to site for headquarter at least one ? Do the Government finalise the boundary demarcation ?

PU VANLALHRUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Ministers had clarified that the post of Sub-Division could not be created and the boundary itself was also hard to divide within Mizoram. If I am not mistaken, there is one Sub-Division at Kolasib functioning within its jurisdiction while other are far beyond the readily. Have the boundary at Kolasib fixed ? Or the post under this is not barred ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Regarding the MINISTER. boundary, though it appears to be very easy, in readily, it is not so easy and it can not be made by easy means for there was, in some cases, many obatacles in separating the existing boundaries where in some parts, there are inclusion of Southern areas and Northern Circles. In this connection, there should be common agreement between the people so that administrative convenient could be achieved. For there always been agreements against the site as well Boundary Selection: Borne may be in the opinion of choosing it in either Champhai or Aizawl and so on. This must be carefully decided to avoid, so far as possible, most of the probable inconveniences. Then we will take the approval of the Central Government that in fact, made difficult to carry out most early.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think there are some difficulties in sub-dividing their areas. Thereby, there always been argument between classes of people. from the public point of view. Why not they submit or inform to the House so that we will be ready to keep them in separating ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no MINISTER. criticism, but for the convenience of the rural people, it is, I think, good to make them satisfy. Regarding the opening of Sub-Division at Kolasib. If I am not mistaken, there had been no creation at Kolasib. This might not be true.

SPEAKER : Yes, we will go on discussing our next Question No. 96 placed by Pu Sapliana.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Amount sanctioned under E.G.S. for construction of road from Lunglei to Lawngtlai.

*96. PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the G.A.D. be pleased to state-

(a) Whether it is a fact that Lawngtlai to Lunglei (via Rulkual) road has been constructed under E.G.S. during the year 1972-73.

(b) If so, what is the actual amount sanctioned for this scheme?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) Yes. MINISTER. (b) Rs. 67,500/-.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, The amount Rs.67,500/- was spent on E.G.Scheme, as said by the Hon'ble Minister. Did this actual amount was drawn by the workers ? If drawn, when it was cashed ? and how much amount was given to the people ? Is there any balance out of this ? If there is balance amount, why it is still remained unutilized ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, The amount Rs 67,500/- MINISTER. was the actual original sanction out of which Rs 27,000/- was spent for other purpose but the sanction of Rs 27,000/- was again added for the same purpose in the year 1973-74, the later sanction have been spent for the construction of road between Lawngtlai and Luapha village. Therefore, in 1972-73 the amount Rs 27,000/- was the total amount and the actual spent was only Rs 27,000/- which was charged to some other purpose. In 1973-74, 1974-75 Rs 27,000/- was sanctioned respectively in addition to the previous sanction.

PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, According to our Hon'ble Minister Rs 27,000/- sanction was diverted for other purpose, for what purpose or did they utilize this for the same construction? On the contrary, I would like to know, to whom and who worked

for this amount ? He said that Rs 27,000/- was again sanctioned for this same cause in 1973-74, was this amount actually given for public interest in full amount ? Have the Government heard any complain about the utilization of this amount from the public ?

PU K.T.KHUMA :
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, The whole sanction has not been utilized yet for the balance Rs 26,000/- is to be paid out, if necessary, after getting their completion report. Sanction is utilized as follows : In 1972-73 = Rs 40,500/-, in 1973-74 = it was Rs 1,000/- and thereby we got the total expenditure of Rs 41,500/- which is fully utilized.

PU SAPLIANA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, We are now in 1973-74 financial year, after all the completion report was submitted to the authority. Despite of the fact, they are not given this money. Is the Government get dumb of it ?

PU K.T.KHUMA :
MINISTER.

If the completion report was submitted as one of our members said, this Rs 26,000/- is to be paid to them by any means.

PU SAPLIANA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am sure that it was submitted by the public will they get the money at once ?

PU K.T.KHUMA :
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, If the completion report was submitted and the work was perfectly done, then, they will get their money at once.

SPEAKER:

It seems that our Session might be a bit longer for the message was received today and moreover, the time for Question is over and the Business Advisory Committee members are expected to have a few minutes discussion on the matter relating to the continuance of our present Session for I hope, they are successful with the Bill submitted to the Central Government.

But we will have a business hour on the questions not in consecutive order. Which can be put off the time being. Our next items will be discussed in the afternoon during this gap period the B.A.C. meeting will be held and the resolution passed by them will be summoned in the afternoon Session. Do you agree that the remaining questions be discussed though time for Question is over ?

PU SANGKHUMA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, May I be permitted to ask, one more question in connection with the appointment of L.P. Teachers. It was said in the other day, that it was based on the performance and in order of merit, but after verifying the matter, it is clear that some who got only 3, 8 and 10 marks were appointed for that posts pretending that it was based on merit. This false information given by them is, as I would refer, the way of misleading the House. So it is responsible for the time to move privilege motion in this House ?

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SPEAKER : That can not be taken up at once before having an explanation from the Minister. Misleading the House means 'any intentions of telling false report by concealing the fact and are these opinions relates to the false pronouncement' can be said as mislead of the House as in the case of Proforma discussed earlier for which the Minister left his post. Otherwise, there have been false informations in the past, at present and in future it might happen, but that is simply a contempt of the House.

PU SANGCHHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, what I pointed out was a different case because we said the file and the paper on which the Minister in charge had given his signature and gone through it. What should we do that he intended to mis-provided lead the House ?

SPEAKER : That is true if it was done intentionally and the case is also reasonable for which I told you earlier. Confidential matters as pointed out by Pu Sangkhuma, are not right to tackle with since the international affairs do not concern the matter for the Minister had stated that it is unfair to disclose it all and I think we should be contended with what we are told.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Regarding the answer to question No. 97, it was said that the paper was anyone the Speaker and was kept unstarred.

PU SANGKHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in that paper he stated that the appointment was in Order of merit without saying it is confidential matter. Was he trying to mislead the House intentionally ?

SPEAKER : We can not regarded as it was unconfidential though he was silence about it, and we have to regard it as the answer on that question. This does not means that it was not a confidential.

PU SANGKHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it does not means that it was confidential but found only from unstarred question. Asked that whether the appointment was in order of merit, the answer we have was 'Yes' but on that paper it is clear that the appointment was not in the order of merits. I think this an intention of misleading the House.

PU SATTLAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, In that same manner, in the case of swing machine, the Minister said that altogether 313 machines were distributed but, to our surprise, the number recorded was 308 only. Where are the other 5 located ? There are many cases similar to this in particular.

SPEAKER : Well, let's forget about that for it will required a thorough examination. As stated in the rules "statement of Minister" the Minister have required to be well formed with explanation and statement ptherwise, discontentment of members will be greater. Similarly, in case of Unstarred and Starred Question given by Members, it is learnt that even the Ministers are always false in answering this type of Question, therefore, they are oftenly insisted to explain provided that they were mistaken. In fact they have a chance to modify later on. If you are willing, the Ministers will produce and prepared it.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Regarding Pu Sangkhuma's Question, it was said that the paper can be had from the Speaker since it was a confidential matter and undeniably unwork to put on the table. But it was found missing when we were trying to look at it. This is a misconduct and false pronouncement before the House. Since it was a false statement in its content.

SPEAKER : This matter as I have pointed out that may given a chance for modification, is very important and the Minister must have at learnt a copy with him if once he had promised. It is highly appreciated that we are know of your pursuance of this subject taking utmost efforts.

PU LALKUNGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me point out a similar example- The Ministers themselves are can be misled by the officials intending to disguise the House. When I asked if the sitting of D.P.C. was held in connection with Question No. 57 on the promotion of one Superintendent to the post of Under Secretary, the answer was in affirmative. But I found that no promotion sitting was held in that connection. Therefore, some officials intentionally tried to mislead the House by giving false information to the Minister. So, what measure in this regard should be taken ?

SPEAKER : That can be ruled out by the Members after half-an-hour discussion under which you have a chance of cvoicing. If you still discontent with the statement given by the Minister, you are permitted to continue after you had it.

PU J.THANGHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, More of the kind has been increasing for example- road construction between Chalrang-Khawhai was done on E.G.S. "Does the bill drawn twice ?" asked by me and they replied me that it was not. But there I found it was drawn twice for the same. This kind of unfair means on fact and figure is found increasing for which we should not keep silent but that should always be detected as this would be a loss of prestige on the part of the Members as a whole. Therefore, if any false report was given to the Minister by the Department concerned and he should take leave of his duty and after all it has been discussed in the House. Truly the Minister will give up his responsibility. This is very shamefull.

SPEAKER : In case of such wrong doing, if the members are interested to make the legislative function effectively, you are required to produce a proof evidence to the House. Then the matter will be settled here according to rule laid down already in that connection.

Well, now Question no. 97 Pu C.Lalruata.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of Home Department be pleased to state-

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government is unable to supply adequate clothing (uniforms, Mosquito nets, etc) to the public personnels.
- (b) Is it a fact that the Police Constable of Mizoram do not pin up their number plate while in Uniform ?
- (c) If so, what is the reason ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) No, clothings as per **MINISTER.** scale were issued to Polive personnel during 1972-73. During 1973-74 a few articles could not be issued as approved firms failed to Supply the items due to abnormal rice in price.

(b) Yes, number plate could not be issued properly due to non-supply of the same by the firm.

(c) Action is being taken to issue number plates to all ranks.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, In supplementing to my Question, regarding supply of clothing to Police personnels, it was mentioned that all the items except a few articles, will be supplied for 1972-73 at the scale of rate. I would like to know whether the supply for the 1973-74 and 1974-75 was received by them and what were those items which could not be supplied for 1972-73 and the reason thereof. The Hon'ble Minister reported that it was due to unability of the firm. What's the name of the firm ? Moreover, in his answer to sub-question No.(c) the reason was same with that of the previous one. What was the mentioned firm ? Will he be able to give me whether it will be possible to supply and when ?

PU SAPLIANA : Mr.Speaker Sir, for immediate reply, I would put forth one supplementary Question, As our Minister pointed out, action has been taken up to supply number plate. But how was the action taken and when will Police personnels be dressed up with ? Please once move, why the Government is selecting those unfit contractors instead of other bigger firms who will surely be able to supply ?

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Tender for thses Uniforms **MINISTER.** was called in October, 1973 and the halder was placed in January, 1974. But there was a great rise in price like Police and the imposed sale Tax was also highered by the Central Government at the time of placing holder.

Hence, Quotation for the same was called for the second time since the first selection was totally fruitless as said. The second selection was done in July, 1974 after this period as we know, there is no enough time to supply the materials. Unsupplied items are like Teren cloth, Caps, Boots and that number plate. The supply could not be done easily because, selection of Tender is to be done in order, first selecting and making comparison between their Quoted rates, thus further resulted a complicated process. If this thing is done besides the rules, there could positively be a series of object from Account Audit.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Inspite of increase in prices most of the items except 3 items were supplied for the year 1972-73. It is apparent that prices were going up only after October, 1973 according to our Minister's report. Is it a fact that no Mosquito net is issued to the police personnels trainees at Lungverh. Where large crowd of Mosquito is found?

PU F.HRANGVELA : Mr.Speaker Sir, another supplementary question, in this connection are Mizo Contractor was selected to supply. Accordingly, he ordered a large number of belt from outside surplus. But with assigning reason, before hand is tender was cancelled by the Headquarters Supdt. of Polica is the Govt. aware of this fact ?

Firstly, Do the Government know whether the posts of L.D.A. in Fire Service Office, Wireless, C.I.D. under Superintendent of Police without advertising to the public? (Speaker : it is not relevant, it does not concerned about the L.D.A. but of uniform). Some vehicles under Inspector General of Police. (Speaker : ask only on the present subject not of vehicles)- was controlled by S.P. which lead to the immobility of Police personnel for duty to other places.

Have the Government received any information about this ? (Speaker :- It is better not to ask as it is not relevant to our subject).

Next- Will the Government try to find out the reason why those of the traffic duties do not change their dress- what office will be responsible for this ?

PU R.DOTINAIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, a supplementary question- Our present subject is uniform. Is it a fact that some percents of the amount have been packeted by the Department officials ? as a result there has been a great complexity arises ? Next, Please let me know whether the Government have any proposal for Uniform of Police Ban party ?

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr.Speaker Sir, As pointed out by Pu Hrangvela, the first selected contractor was dismissed and another person was selected against the first one by the Headquarters Superintendent of Police. What was his name and firm ?

PU K.T.KHUMA :
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Mosquito net was not allotted to the trainee under Lungverh Centre as said before. I am afraid that could not give any reason for this. (Pu C.Lalruata; Mr. Speaker Sir, It was said that Mosquito Net was not included in the list of unsupplied. Why Mosquito net is not issue to the Police personnel and what is the reason and who commit wrong things among the Police Officers ? Has the Government enquire about this matter ?) Mr. Speaker Sir, truly it was excluded in that list as I said already. But I can not give any proof here. This matter will be taken up with most strictly. It is hard to say that who was selected in the place of Mizo Contractor and why was done by the Headquarters Supdt. of Police if it is a fact that some officials committed such kind of wrong things which always resulted to misappropriation, the Government will take action against it. Regarding the Uniform for Police Band party. (Pu Vanlalhruaia : Mr. Speaker Sir, our Minister had said that some of the questions were not possible to answer back at once. Will the Minister be pleased to read out his answers during this Session here in the House ? And the name of the person selected and why was the first selection been cancelled ? Or did they call any quotation a fresh ? Please let us know all about these.)

That can be checked up if it was actually cancelled and gave to another Contractor, if investigated. Regarding the Uniforms for Police Band Party, it is likely to be taken up so far as it importance of this kind is concerned.

PU SAITLAWMA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, What is the meaning of hearing the answer "No" from the Minister on whenever asked by our Member ? If the answer is always "I don't know", "it may be" or "it is likely to be" and if we try to lead Mizoram Government in that way, the people and the Government are to suffer most.

SPEAKER :

Well, it is well-known that the Minister-in-charge is absent, hence, we must have a great understanding in this connection. But, he is authorised on behalf of the Department and required to be well-prepared. Since it is the public interest for which supplementary Questions have been asked and these should be answered to their level best, otherwise, this Assembly will become worthless for the people. That is the interest of the public if done in such a way and the Government should strive for that.

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, Please let me know only one point, that it was said that our Police Constables are not given their Mosquito net up till now. What action and measure in this regard are been taken so as to enable the Government to issue Mosquito Net to them ?

PU K.T.KHUMA :
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I was not inform about the Mosquito net and I think it does not reach the Government yet. As such I can not say whether it is issued or not.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, One thing, Is the Minister is saying as an individual or as the Government itself? How far would they say as the Government and they individual person in the House? (Speaker: Yes, they are speaking as the Govt. not an individual body).

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, One thing, its unsatisfactory to hear that the Government is blind about the non-receipts of Mosquito net by the Police personnel. It is not good enough to say "I don't really know of it" though the matter required to be re-checked later on. It is highly appreciated that they should rather plead the House for earlier notice. So that the required information would be received during the period instead of saying "Oh! I'm too ignorant about this". Then, we, the members will know how the matter should be carried on and how this problem will be tacked within accordance with the report of the Minister.

SPEAKER: Well, let's stop up to that, let the Minister answer to the question, "Is it a fact that the trainees at Lungverh are rejected with Malaria" by Pu Chawngkunga.

PU K.T. KHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, we don't yet receive any information that they are injected by Malaria.

SPEAKER: Well, you might not be satisfied with that much of answer, any how, as said earlier, you are requested to have better understanding for the Minister incharge is absent from the House. From the members it is apparently seen that you are vested with facts about your questions and on the other hand, the Minister may fail to know. After submitting your questions, the Minister concerned will, for precaution, demand explanations and statement from the Department. After obtaining reply from the Department, the Minister will, then, produce to the House with fact, of course, clarifying that such is the actual and real position on which you asked for on every matter which are asked by the members. Instead of saying "I am not sure we do not receive it, or that is false"- as it seems, you all are eager to know fact or figure from the Minister. I think that is the way we should act. Otherwise, the Minister are liable to false information and it is, naturally possible to give intentionally, a false information by the Department. In that case, he should be very particular and have, in short, a knowledge of curiosity and should study the pros and cons of the matter before hand.

PU LANGKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, More things have been crept-up to define to what extent is the Government means, Is the Minister or the Government Officials at large? Several times it has been discussed that some facts were reported to the Officers incharge and that always considered unnoticed by the Government. This is quite vague to me. To what extent is the Government means? (Speaker: In the House the Minister-in-charge are the Government as the officials were unqualified to put-up the matters themselves before the House.)

PU F.HRANGVELA : Mr.Speaker Sir, I want move accurate information about the clothing supplies.....previously, one merchant, viz.Shri Lalchana was approved, selected after accepting his quoted rate and samples. Accordingly, he ordered large number of belts from outside Mizoram. But, unknowingly, he was again rejected. To him, it was a big problem to dispose all of his belts.

(Speaker: In that correction the Minister may pleased be asked to clarify it, if you are not fully satisfied. It is right that you feel for the non-issued of Mosquito net to the Police personnels).

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, I am not sure of the assurance which I strongly insisted upon the Minister, in connection with undistributed items. If I am not mistaken that Mosquito net was as said, supplied but in fact, it was not given to the Police Constables who are under training at Lungverh where they faced a great difficulty on this. Till now, this Mosquito net is not given to them and not known where the nets been away. Insistingly I would request the Minister to find out where the wrong things been committed.

PU K.T.KHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, I would assure you that the missing Mosquito nets will be found out and give to the actual recipients but I fell that it would be difficult to produce here today the matter clearly.

SPEAKER : Our next Question No. 98 by Pu Sangkhuma.

PU SANGKHUMA : Mr.Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Education Department be pleased to state-

(a) Whether the Government of Mizoram intends to create a separate Primary & Middle English School Scholarship Board for Chhimtuipui District ?

(b) If so, when will it function as a separate Board ?

(c) If not, why not ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, (a) No. (b) Does not arise. (c) The Government of Mizoram considered not necessary to do so.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr.Speaker Sir, do this Aizawl District and Lunglei District have a separate Board of their own ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr.Speaker Sir, No, there is no Organised Board even for the whole of Mizoram but is under the Department.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, when was the Board affiliated to the department and why was taken up ? If I am not mistaken, I could say that previously there existed a board called Primary & Middle English Scholarship Examination Board from which much scholarships were drawn by the students when was the Board put to stop and under what number of officer that department has been managed ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, after having this self-governing state, the board was taken under the department in which one officer was specially entrusted with the task.
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PU SAPLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, our hon'ble Minister had said that there is no proposal for organising a separate district-wise board. If so, will it be possible to arrange a separate competition examination for their Scholarship in Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts respectively.

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, that competition was separately arranged and now, with the Co-operation of our Consultation Committee, the rate of Scholarship has been enhanced and the district-wise arrangement was recommended.
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SPEAKER : Let's proceed to our next Question No.99 by Pu Sangchhum.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Education Department be pleased to state -

Whether the Government propose to create Board of Publication for Mizoram.

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, 'No'.
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PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, one supplementary question - will be please to explain whether the Academic of letters, not of a Publication Board, was originated in Mizoram by the Government itself or by some improvise body ?

PU R.ZOLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Minister be pleased to state that how much percentage the Government claimed from the author when published by the Publication Board ? Has the Government made any rules on this ?

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PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Academy of letters was recognised by the Publication Board while we were in Assam and it continue to hold good till now. In regards to the claim of percentage, though it is not quite suitable to the change in time, it has to be reviewed and moreover, if we introduce a slight change in it, we hope it will still be profitable to the Academic. In between these circumstances, the matter has been reviewed and proposed to substitutes.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we have now heard of the recognition of this Academic of letters by the Publication Board and this was recognised by our Government also. Suppose, one writer wants to publish his works but he could not afford to do so. In that case, Will the Academic of letters select first and give out the relief money to the individual person ? How this process been done ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the individual person who wanted to publish his writings should first of all, submit his works to the Academy of Letters for selection of publication. If it is think qualified, the book will be published by the Academy of letter on receipt of the cost price from the Government. In twin, they will give the money to the person.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, one more question, how much money was spent on this after this new Government ? Who are the members of the Academy of Letter in Mizoram ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Upto this date, one person, namely Pu K.Zawla was helped for his Lushai Grammer. The following are the members :-

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| 1) Pu H.K.Bawichhuaka | - President. |
| 2) Pu Sangliana | - Vice President. |
| 3) Pu Poonte | - Secretary. |
| 4) Pu J. Malsawma | - Member |
| 5) Pu J.F.Laldailova | - " |
| 6) Pu Seletthanga | - Treasurer. |
| 7) Pu K.Zawla | - Member. |
| 8) Pu Daha | - " |
| 9) Pu Buchhawna | - " |
| 10) Pu Biakthansanga | - " |

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, How big is the book Lushai Grammer and how much was given to the writer, Pu Zawla ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the book is not to big, as big as the present 'Kristian Hlabu' and as our Rules of Procedure. The amount of money given to him was Rs 9,000/- only.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, how many times it was printed?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Copies 4000 was printed, out
MINISTER. of which 1500 copies should go to Pu Zawla
and 1500 copies to the Academy of letters and
the rest 1000 copies for the Government Institutions.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, does not it meant that the
Government is aiding the Academy of letters
not the individual person ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, so much copies were to be
MINISTER. sold by them in order to gain profit so that
they will be able to manage themselves.

PU SAILLAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, does not it meant that the
Government is aiding the Academy of letter
as it does to the Publication Board ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, that is why we advised them
MINISTER. to examine themselves not to appear as the
Publication Board. The main source of Finance
are that of sale proceeds and of donation from the public.
The Grant-in-aid given by the Government is shared equally.
Therefore, the expectation from the Government point of view, is
certain source of financing from their end if any board is to
be sprung up.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, If I am not mistaken, I have
read in the last issue of 'Thlirtu' that
Rs 40,000/- was financed for the re-edition
of 'Pu Buanga Dictionary' of course not to those of the Academy.
Do the Government is aware of the actual expenditure ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It was done from the Government
MINISTER. side not from the Academy of Letters.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr. Speaker Sir, one more supplementary
question- it appears that the Academy of
Letters resembled a kind of society. Was
it re-instationed before ? Secondly, how many books were
received by the Academy of Letters ? How many books were
remained unpublished considering one was qualified by them?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I could not figure out how
MINISTER. many copies were submitted but some are been
prepared for publication like 'Mizo thil tum
rik'- by Bu Vankhana, 'Mizo khua leh Tui'- by Pu Vanlamawma and
some are expected to come from Pu Lalchunga. In that manner,
they submitted and the work of checking and examining are done
by the Board. I could not bring out the situation for the
registration and everything were done during the time when we
were under Assam.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, one supplementary question: the government is financing without even knowing that whether they were actually registered or not. Is it the mark of favouritism discriminating?

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, one more question, we have one Academic of letters which is employed profitably by us. So, are they the nominee of the government?. If so, to what direction they are acting - as ex-officio or as past -time or as full time? How the government look after?.

**PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.** Mr. Speaker Sir, the government does not give any finance to it as it is established earlier. At a time large amount of money was handed over to the Academic of Letters and was paid to the writer whose works were examined and carefully checked.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, as we now know that Rs 4,0000/- was sanctioned to them. Have they finished printing with that amount of money?.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, in regard to the registration of Academy of Letters, I think it is relevant, for it would result move problem as we do not have no well laid foundation for the registration of organisation Voluntarily, or involuntary in Mizoram. Will the government make any rules for this or should we go on financing those organisation that are not registered or should this be stopped?. When this rule should be implemented?.

**PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.** Mr. Speaker Sir, the rule, as it deemed necessary, is to be finalized soon. If we do not get register our society like Y.M.A. etc. difficult problems will crop-up in very soon. Let me answer the question put by our respected Member printing is being done by the other department in Calcutta.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, one person who is residing in the College veng is said to claim that the right to publish the book is in his hand. In whose name was the book published?.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the minister said that grant is floated for publication though it is done somewhere else. From which department the grant is sanctioned? Is not it from the Education Department?.

PU SAPLIA NA: Mr. Speaker Sir, owing to the absence of separate Board of Publication in Mizoram, the mentioned body, as necessitated, is responsible for publication. Or, is it the duty of Education Department to have Control over all the publication ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, This matter has been taken up by the Research Department as the first entrusted person could not carry out by himself and printing was done in Calcutta.

PU C.LALRUATA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I think he missed to answered my question. To put in a simple manner- the Board of Mizo Academy of Letters which consists of prominent members-some are old enough possessing a clear cut knowledge of Letters, was established under Assam Government with a stable financial background, and was recognised by the Government. Have they propose do the addition or change in the composition of members ? And how was this Academy of Letters established ?

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in bringing the real structure and its formation, I would point out that it was felt that the pressure on bringing up of the Mizo literature as it is necessary, was growing day by day. At the start, some prominent and entrusted persons were assembled and passed that it was the must to form the Academy of Letters for bringing up the purpose of our literature and it was automatically, approved by the Government of Assam. As said earlier the members are prominent which are though younger members will be quite profitable, overestimated to introduce any alteration in them. Moreover, there is a tendency to the substitution of Academy of Letters into a full fledged Board as such it is felt that change in the composition of members will be introduced later on if necessary.

SPEAKER : Well, let's stop here and we'll continue at 2:00 P.M. this afternoon.

2:00 P.M. (Afternoon).

SPEAKER : Well, we will take up our item No.4. Before that we will be hearing a report from Business Advisory Committee.

As said earlier, it appears that it is good not to prorogue our Session for a message from our Chief Minister was received and I hope that some bills are coming up that could be continued after obtaining.

The proposal is like this- there will be no session from tomorrow till Thursday i.e. 10.10.74 during which the Session will be adjourned. In case of getting the expected bills before the fixed date, that will be divided up to each of the members for prior preparation so that it will be easier for you all. The sitting will be held on 10 & 11.10.1974 provided the bill can be passed within these days. If not, further programme will be notified later on for we are not sure of the exact numbers of bills which are likely to bring in by the Chief Minister

That is the verdict of the Business Advisory Committee. Let the Development Minister move this resolution to the House on behalf of the Minister, Parliamentary Affairs.

PU R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I do hereby put forth the revised programme as read out by the Speaker for approval.

SPEAKER :

Do you agree with this ? (All Members agreed.) Well, the next item, as it was partly discussed, should be crasped as narrow as possible. We will be discussing only that portion which is required to amend and here we had already one amendment moved start Pu Rochama: Let him start forthwith -

PU K.L.ROCHAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have already moved it on that day.

SPEAKER :

Have you move it ? You have anything more to say in that connection ?

PU K.L.ROCHAMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, another new amendment has been submitted after mine and I think, it is necessitated according to the Constitution, Part 89, that the later is to be settled first?

SPEAKER :

As it is said, though it is not an exact amendment to the first amendment, it will, somehow, affect the first one. Let the mover, the Minister i/c of Development move his amendment first before the House.

PU R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the amendment is on Clause 2, sub-section no 10 of section 3 of the Lushai Hills District Revenue Assessment (Amendment) Regulation Bill of 1974. Let me put in this way-

"That the following words fees as may be fixed by the Government from time to time appearing in the proposed amendment to sub-section 10 of section 3 to the regulation no. 4 of 1953 be dilated and substituted by the word **Rs. 5/-** as fees."

SPEAKER :

As it was just read out, the word or sectence has been much shortened and put in a very short form because the words are substituted by a fixed figure. It says that an payment to talk Rs 5/- as fee.

Well, anyone object this motion ?

PU SANGKHUMA :

Mr. Speaker Sir, I found it difficult to admit it and, therefore, let me say something on this.

We have several discussions on the amendment of revenue since some days back and had, of course, received one amendment which was admitted by the House. Meanwhile, another new proposal on the amendment different from that of the former, was again moved thus giving me some idea that I might be forced to have another amendment in that connection and I hope you'll be agreed with me. Anyhow, the same bill was moved in the last session which was ultimately withdrawn by the Minister-in-charge that is, in fact, very much discreditable on the part of the Minister for it always leads to the resignation of the mover at first. But, here, again we have the same bill which was totally rejected from our House for implementation. I do not think it is the frame of mind of the Minister in charge that the same bill should be submitted to the House for it was given a verdict against it. The second submission signifies that we unanimously intending to implement and pass it though it might cause to the resignation of the Minister-in-charge I do not think that it is necessary to introduce amendment for what had already rejected. Let us think nothing of the re-amendment to the amendment which is being under discussion. It proves to be improper to draw our intention to what we discarded already.

I, therefore, think it proper that the admitted bill be passed by this House instead of looking into the rejected bill and found it unnecessary to have amendments after amendment, it will rather result to duplicity of works. So, let's go ahead right think to the admitted bill and I think it is far more worthwhile in so far as my opinion is concerned.

PU R. DOTINATA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, I was not much involved in this amendment bill and talked of nothing about it before, but, today,

I feel it necessary to have a voice on it.

The standing rule or order, as under District Council, was Rs. 2/- per pass which is, though discussed yesterday, proposed to amend by the House. But, I could not in any way approved of the substitution at Rs. 5/- as it is meaningless. Therefore, I would rather admit the the previous rate of Rs 2/- per pass. Otherwise, it will bring the hardship of poor villagers who have little money to pay for a pass-fee or duplicate copy. I, therefore, could hardly imagine what would be the intention of our Government. In view of the aforesaid problem the Mizo Union Party Government under District Council was intentionally outlined this rules so that are gaps between the haves and have not will be bridged-up so far as possible. After attaining 'A virtuous Union Territory' and ever since the abolition of Mizo Union Ministry, there has been a proposal for this amendment in which our Congress Ministry set forth the rate of Rs 5/- to be implemented to the rule. This is ridiculously harmful to the people. On the other day, the Urban Areas Rent Control Bill was passed with an uncomprehensive manner that would be a great hardship to the lower income group like L.D.A., U.D.A. etc who are residing in a rented house in Aizawl town. The trends towards the increase of such amendment are gradually favoured in reserve order of the instruction spread out to the peasants even before we have U.T. that we would be financed by the Central Government relieving most of the villagers. On the contrary, the Congress Government is imposing higher rates on Pass-fee, Stall pass etc., while their slogan being 'Drive the poverty out'- still preserving and intending to make the poor people landless and possessing

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nothing; and what is the meaning of this practice? In the meantime, we are intended to merge in oneness, so as to bring about good result in our land to drive all the poverties out of Mizoram. But is the Gov't. tried to bring forth the so called "richers and richer and poorerers will be poorer" to this land by driving the poor people out of land? To a richer does it may have a very little effect on them but, think of the poor family holders who merely depend on the money earned from E.G.S. and Godawn purchased. For them, it would be too difficult to apply so many times for a house site, supposing their firsts application does not benefited them. In that case and to that circumstance, on the other side the rate of pass-fee, beyond their means is increased which will among them very much. As a result we, the poor people, have to reside to somewhere in the Corner of the town. This situation is likely to happen in Mizo Society. While no food to eat for their dinner, some people will enjoy more power and facilities provided that this amendment bill has been passed fortune got no root in us. Therefore, as our honorable member, Mr Lalkunga, had pointed out, I see no necessity of increasing the present rate of Rs 2/- and I rather, admit it, we, the Mizo Union Party, felt unnecessary to increase the rate, I can not justify that the proposal has any means of the poor people.

Once, a proposal for a full-fledged state was moved by our two members, Pu, C. Lalruata and Pu, Sangchhuma. But this was Pu, C. Lalruata:-

Mr. speaker Sir, I would rather ask the actual meaning used as Rupees five as for instead of the sentence "every issue of pass - which seemed to be synonym, or the word used Rs. 5/- is mean to be a Pass fee, But I have no objection if the meaning is same. And in connection with the statement of reasons and object it is said that "in viewing of the an increasing the cost of living and the cost of service" -- Therefore I think it undigedtable on my part. But, still would approve of it and I do not think it will be a measure to drive poor people from the country by increasing the rate from Rs. 3/- only. Our opposition leader I think, misunderstood the real term of the proposed amendment and if has no relation with the false propaganda that taxes will be reported. In, fact, it is not burdensome to pay Rs 5/- as for the fees of house passes, Garden, and fields. But, I would appreciate if explanation is given to the meaning that corn denote that the rate of Rs 5/- is impose in viewing the increase of cost of living which will ultimately result to increase of cost of living, and the dilated if passes.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. speaker sir, before answering by the Minister I would like to make clear on the present discuss in for some are of the opinion of the wrong side,

We have had enough discussed so far as our knowledges are concerned. In 1950 the pass fee was fixed at Rs 2/- by the D/C.. But as time goes, inflation has become inevitable and as such the value of Rs 2/- in 1953 was equal to Rs 5/- of the present day. In fact, this fee meant for House, stall shop pass which are to be proposed by a richer class of people. On the other hand, it does not mean to drive poor people out of possession also. Our ponderings may induce a bitter and cross intrpretation among us. We should know that this amendment is felt necessary owing to the devaluatiin of money value and if if so on increasing infection, this may be regived to re-amend in the tremes to come. Therefore, in viewing the present economic

position, I felt necessary owing to the devaluation of money value and if it as on increasing inflation, this may be revised to ~~re~~-amend in the terms to come. Therefore, in viewing the present economic position I felt it necessary to approve this amendment not as a result of merger I hope it success if so long as we can check the limitless tendency of increase in the rate. Thank you.

PU R. THANGLIAMA
MINISTER :

Mr. speaker sir, I found it to explain an some points as to how the language stands. Members may be right up to this. However, that can be accepted as a grammatical mistake as it was to mean as pass fee not that of 'pass fees' only. Although, the real term is a simple one, but endure a long discussion as such it was for the first time withdrawn by the minister in charge. But, here I do not see inappropriate reason for passing this bill as presented here from the Gov't's point of view. It seems that the bill may be fixed and legislated for the interest of Mizo's as done in 1953 by the then District council which stood more or less rigid up till now. In that bill was written that no change in governmental set-up would have no loop-hole scope to amend or change partly or wholly. We are still right as you have clarified, that the rate is so fixed as pass fee and changed Rs. 5/- for each pass whether it is stop, or House as the case may be. But there may a confusion amongst us, for that another Rs 5/- will be lived as a fine in case of issuing the second or duplicate copy to the holder of the pass, and it will not be a burdensome on the part of the holder to pay for his second copy of pass provided that he regain d it in viewing from the economic point of view, I have say that the increased rate is also reasonable since price fluctuation is inevitably growing these days. The some of money in 1968 was four times greater than this year as statistically valued by in the whole of India, That means that the same of Rs 2/- in 1968/- Rs8/- of our present days, and further more we can well estimated ourself that the value of Rs 2/- in 1953 will possiblt equal to Rs 10/-. Therefore, I think it reasonable to fixed at Rs 5/- Somehow it is also proper on the part of the poor people to pay Rs 5/- fortunately, they act alloted a plots of land. Mr. speaker sir can well imagined that there can be a disposed opinion in this regard for it might be proposed to charge higher price for those of better and beneficial shop sites; and lower rate for those of Villagers who want to establish fishery or shopping in thir area. Therefore, I would be more excesonable to have a flat rate so that from each pass Rupees five may ne demanded and for those of valuable and beneficial land it should be calculated on the basis of its value as practiced by the Gov't. Therefore, by increasing the rate from Rs2/- to Rs 5/- as found that rate during District Council, may also means to help the Gov't. So far as this rate is concerned.

In regards to the statement of reasons and object, there may different implication on the sentence "high and increasing of the cost of living and cost of service" as the rate has been made on the flat-rates. Time results

change of prices, as such both the cost of living and the cost of services are changed side by side thus resulting higher price in cash of paper as well as services. Therefore, I think it is reasonable enough if it remain unchanged.

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, in our present discussion I would like to add very few more things.

As said earlier by our members, there had been a revolution of standard of living as well as in the value of money. Previously we could bought a shirt with only .25 paise which could buy only 3 Kuhva at the present market from which the devaluation of money can be learned. Therefore, the substitution of Rs 5/- from Rs 2/- is quite reasonable. This does not means that it would make richer alass richer and the poor will be more poor, rather it meant to finance the Government indirectly to the public as the Government is of the people as a whole. But what I would like to know is that how far the cost of services means and to what extent it should mean? Surveyor, Overseer, etc. are employed by the Government and for their performance no cost can not be incurred to do so. Is it means that all the cost their services should be earned from this source? In regards to the charge of flat-rate, I would say it is proper and reasonable. Further, I admire flat-rate an all the passes either it is a shop or a Garden. Please let him explain the actual meaning of cost of services.

PU R.THANGLIANA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not think it can be misunderstood. There had been a great change in the cost of service if compare to the time of 1953 with the present days. The starting pay of our-II Officers was Rs 175/- which is now Rs 300/-, and those of L.D.A. has become Rs 125/- p.m. Rs 60/- and Rs 140/- at Directorate level. Therefore, the cost of service had greatly been increased than the time of framing i.e. in the year 1953.

SPEAKER :

Well, we have had enough of discussion on this point. Perhaps it might be settled and approved if we are given more detail statement about it. Let me add some more points on the verdicts of our Minister. In the previous, the sentence "rate of fees as circumstances may be demanded" which is now altered and put a figure instead which is easily confused. However, it has become a necessary part to point out in what reasons the correction should be based as a result "in terms of the cost of living and services has been added to it. Anyhow, let me put in this way- 'Every issue of pass original or duplicate, for Wet rice cultivation, Garden, House, Shop, Stall and other buildings assessable under this regulation shall be made only an payment of Rs 5/- as pass fee". Do you agree with me?

Well, as there are member who disapproved of the said down bill, we will be taking vote of agreement. Amendment Motion- that the following words fees as may be fixed by the Government from time to time appearing in the propose amendment to sub-section 10 of section 3 to be regulation No.4 of 1953 be dilated and substituted by the word rupees five as pass fee- any one who agree may raise his hand (all raised their hands). Now, you all agreed.

Well, we will consider Pu Rochama's amendment- "That in the prope in sub-section 10 of section 3 going to be substituted by clause 2 of the Bill, the word of

Mizoram be inserted in between the word 'Government' and 'from' appearing in the last time; had automatically been strike out by a majority vote. Let the Minister-in-charge move that bill for passage before the House.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker Sir, With your permission Sir, MINISTER. I beg to move that the Lushai Hills Districts Revenue Assessment, Amendment Regulation Bill, 1974 be passed as amendment.

SPEAKER : Well, the motion being 'Lushai Hills District Revenue Amendment Regulation Bill, 1974 as amendment be passed. Anyone to say an this may rise up and lay from now on.

PU SANGKHUMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me add some more on this. (Speaker- Say only the reason why you could not accept not of other subjects) Yes, I am intending to say that point only.

It seemed that it is necessary to lower the rate of Pass Fee in viewing of the cash living instead of increasing as proposed before. At the same time, it was said that due to rise in the cost of service, the rate of Pass fee has to be increased. But, it is quite vogue. It was, further, claimed that the rate has to be increased in viewing of the increased cost of living. In fact, wages, pays of the Government servants have automatically been increased by the Government. To this point, I should say that by increasing the rate charged for pass fees may mean to finance the Government. So as to enable the Government pay the cost of service rendered by the workers. This is uncomprehensible and unreasonable. Moreover, the Minister-in-charge indicated that the words 'every issue of pass' would not be applied to the villagers. Despite, I believed it is inclusively applied to them. And, in this texts, it extends to the whole of Mizoram, excluding Chhaintuipui District as a result it will also inclusively mean for the poor villagers of the other Districts. To say and claim as in exclusive mean, it is an incorrect one so far as my knowledge is concerned. The flat rate moved by the Minister so that the convenience of the villagers may be bringforth. If we are truly intended to relief them of hardship, it would be more convenience to introduce higher rate for Stall, House tec passed, and a flat rate for that of garden which is awned by the Villagers whereas, they do not need to pay any fee for House, Stall etc. I think it would be more beneficial for them if we are trying to carry out our favour for them.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Our respected Member is, I MINISTER. think, in the wrong position. The rate does not means tax or it can not be said as tax. On the other hand, this fee is to be paid by those persons who possessed like House, Garden, Fishery, or Wet Land Cultivation and for the cost these kind of passes, the rate Rs 5/- has affect on them. as fee only. Therefore, it does not include the villagers but those of pass-holders and intended persons only. I think there can an opinion that the rate be fixed variably on the basis of valuation. It is also, reasonable to charge the rate lower or higher according to land valuation, as well as on the area as deemed required. This may be practicable but so long as it means as pass fee, the flat-rate is much appreciated.

SPEAKER : Well, we have discussed enough of it. It is clear enough that it does not mean the tax, but as fee in its literal meaning. Once a pass-holder paid Rs 5/- as pass fee, he is not required to pay it for the second-time so long as the pass is with him. Perhaps, we might be having been involved with the wrong meaning. Someone might say that it is unserviceable to have fixed by the M.C. for you have mentioned earlier. I hope it would be passed unanimously.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, though it means as pass fee, it is always not possible to get the pass within a day, it rather, take two or three days to get it ready. This has made the villagers in a difficult situation in coming to take a pass from the office for which they have to incur much money as for Bus-fair, and fooding etc. Therefore, it is not proper, and reasonable to increase the rate just only because of high cost of living.

SPEAKER : The words 'Cost of living' seemed to be objectionable, but is an essential for basic principle. As I said it can be regarded as a compulsory measurement. We know that one Kg. of Gur cost has increased to Rs 3/- from special.

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I think it is reasonable as pointed out by the Opposition Member but, it requires to be modified the term.

I think it is correct to imply the meaning of cost of living as the problems of our day to day life in viewing the correctness of the language. In fact, devaluation of money is resulted from edible commodities and non-edible items. As exposed by our respected member, exception made for Chhimitui-pui District has a reference to the Sixth Schedule of Autonomous District which may please be explained.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Members are expected to know how to exercise this aforesaid power. Chhimitui-pui District is under a separate District Council having a power to make their own power in this regard. Therefore, I do not think it to explain.

SPEAKER : Well, anyone agreed to pass our Motion Bill "The Lushai Hills District Revenue Assessment (Amendment) Regulation Bill, 1974" may say 'agree' (all Members agreed). Now, the bill is passed.

We will discontinue our session till Thursday i.e. 10.10.1974 and will resume from 10:00 A.M., the same day. During this period, if any bill arrive the bill will be distributed to everyone of you whatever is received so that you can study the bill. to enable us to continue after finishing an introduction to the bill right away.

Well, we will take rest.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Secretary,
Mizoram Legislative Assembly.