

PROCEEDINGS OF 7TH & BUDGET SESSION OF MIZORAM
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL
FROM THE 1ST MARCH, 1975 TO 1ST APRIL, 75.

2nd sitting on Wednesday, the 12th March, 1975 at 11 A.M.

P R E S E N T

Pu Hiphei, Deputy Speaker, in the Chair. Chief Minister,
Six Ministers and twenty five Members.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER: " A soft answer turns away wrath,
but harsh words cause querrels.
A wise teacher makes learning
a joy; a rebellious teacher spoils foolishness. The Lord
is watching everywhere and keeps his eye on both the
evil and the good". (Proverb 15: 1-3.

Now Pu Dotinaia's question.

ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Progress of suspension bridge over Tuichang river.

PU R. DOTINAI-A:

*1. Will the hon'ble Minister in
of Public Works Department be
pleas-ed to state -

What is the progress made of
the construction of suspension bridge over Tuichang
river along Keitum-N. Vanlalphai P.W.D. Road ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. De-puty Speaker Sir, we have
new plan for this work. It is
meant to carry even heavy vehicles
like 3 Tonners. Negotiation with Steelworth of Gauhati is going
on to supply the materials and work will soon be started. As
the former plan was dropped, work could not be started earlier.

PU K. DOTINAI:

Mr. By. Speaker Sir, the Lt. Address of
the House on last year's Budget Session
held on March, 19, paragraph 10 reads:
"one good suspension bridge over Tuichang river on Keitum to
N. Vanlaliphai road will be completed during this dry season".
Such importance is given by the Lt. Governor and the Chief Minister
also promised the people of the region.

If I am not mistaken, a certain
Contractor was selected who spent so much money in making
negotiation with some firm in Calcutta. But after spending much
money, why was the plan changed ?

Is it right that the money sanctioned
for this purpose is diverted to some other plan ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. By. Speaker Sir, there was suggestion
to make it a temporary one, but flood
damaged it once hence plan to make it
more better was there and contacted Steelworth of Gauhati. The
firm informed us of their inability to supply the materials hence
the former plan read out by the Lt. Governor is abandoned. The
same selected Contractor may be given the work if negotiation
with Steelworth Company is finalised, nothing is certain now.
Many useful materials like timber and making approach road etc.
besides iron are for use of local Contractors, they may continue
the work. Information on negotiation with Calcutta firm is not
supplied to us.

PU VANLALPHAI:

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the Hon'ble
Chief Minister expressed the plan
and abandonment of the same. If so,
whether the sanctioned money remained lapse or diverted to
other purpose ? It is proposed to carry even heavy vehicles like
3 Tonners, but can vehicles reach the river at present ?

PU F. KHANGVELA: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, regarding the importance of the bridge, my information and our Ministers' information differed. It is proposed to make a permanent one enquiring if Non-Mizo Contractors will be able to do the work who informed their inability. Mizo Contractors were given the work who spent much money and energy on it, but stay order was issued to them. Did the Contractor declare to the people that only a temporary one is to be constructed? How will the Govt. process it as such rumour is there?

PU C. CHAWNGEUNGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the Lt. Governor stated that this bridge shall be completed during dry season, but nothing is done so far and the sanctioned money diverted; will the Government be able to build greater and better one than the present plan?

PU CH. CHEUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, at present 3 Tonners cannot reach the river. If we plan to reach the river at present stage, it will be much easier when widening of the road shall be taken up, and as the bridge shall be a permanent one. I have not heard that it shall be a temporary one, though honourable Member seems to know. We are trying our best and there shall be money for constructions of it.

Though the sanctioned money may be diverted for other important and emergent purpose, another sanction will be there for the bridge construction.

PU C. CHAWNGEUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, is it right that the sanction was diverted for maintaining about one and half mile landslide near the site?

PU SANGKHEMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the bridge is very important for the people of the region. It was proposed to be taken up even in the erstwhile District Council and materials essential were collected as if to make it a permanent one; but it is being delayed in this way. Is not there awareness that it should be a permanent one?

PU CH. CHEUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the delay is not only due to the geographical factor but due mainly to the inability of Steelworth Company of Gauhati to supply the iron material. Engineers are looking for better site. I have not heard that the sanction was diverted for clearing landslide but I don't think it should be all spent on it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 2, Pu Lotinaia.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Manner in which the post of Addl. Principal Engineer is to be filled up.

PU R. DOTINAIA:

*2: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the P.W. Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that the post of Addl. Principal Engineer, P.W.D. has been created?

(b) If so, in what manner does the Government propose to fill up the post?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the post is created but filling up the post is under consideration.

PU R. DOTINAIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, since the post of Addl. P.E. is a Senior responsible post, it is generally filled up by promotion. I want to know if the case of Seniormost B.E. for promotion is considered?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Senior-ones must be considered. In the Departmental Promotion, the exact vacant post is not advertised so that more junior-ones may have chance (in the) for promotion. The service of the Seniormost may not be satisfactory, hence the next Senior one may be promoted.

PU R. DOTINAIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, when was the post of the Addl. P.E. created and when is it to be filled up? It is probable that one year may pass without filling up?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I have said the manner in which it is to be filled up, but I cannot tell the time. The post was created long way back in 1973.

PU VANLALRUOIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, why is it lying vacant for such long time? Are not there favourable Senior-ones or the Ministry is chosey?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I need not declare (say) such thing in this House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question No. 3, Pu Dotinaia.

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Non-existence of Motor Vehicles Branch at Lunglei and Saiha.

PU R.DOTINAIA:

*3:

Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is no Vehicles Branch at Lunglei and Saiha respectively ?

(b) If so, why ?

PU LALSANGZUALA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I think Motor Vehicles Branch (MV) is meant, that is not in existence in the two Districts. Vehicles are still very few there, in Lunglei only 34 while in Saiha only 9; in whole Mizoram only 2133 vehicles are present. Considering the figure, the Government feels M.V. Branch is not warranted.

PU SAPLIANA :

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, how many Vehicles should be there to warrant M.V. Branch?

PU LALSANGZUALA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the Government shall create it when it feels essential as there is no prescribed figure or such thing. To start a separate establishment to care taxation of about only 43 Vehicles is felt unnecessary trouble and expense.

DEPUTY SPEAKER :

Question No. 4, Pu Dotinaia.

Reason for not conducting Traffic Census.

PU R.DOTINAIA:

*4:

Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government never conducted Traffic Census in Mizoram ?

(b) If so, why ?

PU LALSANGZUALA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, no Census is conducted so far. Previously, the P.W.D. conducted Traffic Census, but after the outbreak of disturbances nothing was done. It was proposed to be done in January till today, but unhealthy circumstance checked us from carrying out the scheme.

PU R.DOTINAIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, if that is so, will there be another proposal for it ?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. By. Speaker Sir, we all know that
MINISTER. each and every traffic gate is in
the hands of Security Forces. In
normal situation the P.W.D. should be responsible for con-
ducting such census. But present situation is not favourable for
such duty, it shall be done as soon as possible.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 5, Pu Dotinaia.

Present stock position of rice in Kolkang, Lungdar (E), Vaphai
and Khawlailung Godown.

PU R. DOTINAIA:

*5: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge
of the Supply & Transport Department
be pleased to state -

What is the stock position of rice
in the following Godowns as on 15th February, 1975 ?

1) Kolkang (2) Lungdar (E), (3) Vaphai (4) Khawlailung.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, 1) Kolkang- Nil
MINISTER (2) Lungdar (E)- about 1.40 qtls.,
(3) Vaphai - 416.53 qtls.; but as
the demand is not high the surplus is being transported to
Kawbung.

Due to non-receipt of accounts and
report of Khawlailung, I cannot furnish information.

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. By. Speaker Sir, Kolkang Village
did not harvest a corn last year
and on 15th February, 1975 the
Godown was reported empty. I want to know how many quintals
had been supplied at present.

On the 15th February, 1975 about 1:40
qtls. is reported to be in Lungdar (E) Godown which is all
consumed now. I want to know how many quintals shall be
supplied ?

The stocked rice at Vaphai Godown
is reported to be rotten unfit for health, but are doctors
sent to examine the rice? I am afraid they shall be trans-
ported to Kawbung without medical examination.

I am sure Khawlailung Godown is
empty. When will this be filled up ?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, report of Kolkang
MINISTER. Godown is received and storekeeper
has been posted there. The Godown is
being constructed by the villagers and rice supply is under
consideration.

The case of Vaphai is not received
from the A.C. If the rice is in such condition the villagers
shall not have to eat it.

Regarding stock of rice, reports from various places are received. We could not stock it earlier because the stock positions of various villages could not be ascertained; but now we have detail list and it is our fortune that some villages do not need Government supply. The Government is considering the manner in which it is to be sent and for most cases carrying Contractors are appointed already.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 6, Pu Sapliana.

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Details regarding Bus Service between Lunglei and Lawngtlai.

PU SAPLIANA:

* 6: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Mizoram State Transport Buses are plying between Lunglei and Lawngtlai regularly ?
- (b) If so, please state the following:
 - (i) Permanent location of Bus Station at Lawngtlai ?
 - (ii) Strength of Booking Staff posted at Lawngtlai ?
 - (iii) Location of Booking Office at Lawngtlai ?

PU LAIBINGZUALA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the buses are to ply 3 times within a week between Lunglei and Lawngtlai regularly, but unfortunately during January and February they could run only 10 days respectively. Curfew imposed effected traffic which resulted in scarcity of Petrol coming from Silchar till late last week. The Government sanctioned 7,000 litres of Petrol for the particular purpose and we hope it shall be reduced to some extent.

There is no Bus Station at Lawngtlai because it never halted there for the night and also because buses reach the place only 3 times within a week.

I hope you still remember the Lt. Governor's Speech in which he stated that the State Transport shall be converted into a Corporation. As such the Govt. feels the administration should be showed down so that unnecessary expenditure might be saved if the Corporation might not follow the opinion of the Government. Similarly, the Chief Executive Member of the Council could allot land for the purpose but delayed due to the same reason.

Since there is no Booking Office at Lawngtlai, no Booking Staff is posted there.

I need not explain 'c'.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister admitted lies weak points and further stated that the present situation is a little better. I would like to know if Petrol

and other oils are stocked there ? If so, could the buses start services now, after the situation is improved, to solve the main problem of the region ?

The Lt. Governor that it shall be taken over by a Corporation, But I want to know when ? The Bus Conductors stopped wherever they want while the people do not know where and when to purchase the tickets. Is not the Government aware of the illegal practices ? In other States like Meghalaya etc, buses ply to Doki, Cherrapunjee etc, without night halts but with complete Booking Offices and Stations. Does not our Government intend to take the examples ?

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. By. Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister stated that a Corporation shall take over the State Transport and in the Lt. Governor's Speech, 6 routes are said to be maintained, but I want to know where and which places they reach ? Does the Government gain or lose with the State Transport ?

PU LAIWINGZUALA: MINISTER. Mr. By. Speaker, the bus services are started only recently and I don't mean that rapid progress shall be achieved, but I expect improvement in the coming week.

Regarding taking over by the Corporation, this House suggested Consultative Committee which approved and framed this (matter) (regulation?), the Cabinet shall consider and examine for final decision. I cannot say how long it will take for finalisation.

Regarding Bus Station, the Government feels non-economical to post staff as the buses ply at alternative days. If parking buses at appointed site is felt convenient, it shall be considered.

Hon'ble Member Pu-Zoliana's question of the 6 routes are-Aizawl-Silchar, Aizawl-Lunglei, Aizawl-Changmai, Lunglei-Flabung (Demagiri), Lunglei-Lowngtlai, Aizawl-Sateek. The 7th route is newly started silchar-mamhaun but with only 2 days services within a week.

Regarding profit and loss, during 1973-74 excluding Capital expenditure depreciation, the State Transport lost Rs 81,369.27, during 1974-75, upto from December, 1974, Rs 166,581.56 was gained; but deducting the total Depreciation Capital Expenditure Rs 218,378.44 was lost. The loss is high due to high cost of vehicles, parts and oil etc. To recoupe the loss on the basis of no loss, no profit, the fare is raised by 10 paise per kilometre with effect from 1st January, for heavy and Mini Bus throughout Mizoram.

PU K. SANGCHAM: Mr. Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister stated posting staff and leaving Station is inconvenient economically and scarcity of Petrol effected greatly. Meanwhile, here in Aizawl Government Vehicles are used for carrying School Children every morning and evening and this practice is said to be illegal. Could not the Govt. divert this consumption for the benefit of Lunglei and Chhimituipi Districts ?

PU J. THANGUAMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Transport Minister stated that no loss, no profit basis is to be followed to recover the total loss, for repair and maintenances etc. But should the fare be raised to recover the lost if vehicle meet an accident. Some person make the vehicle unse-rviceable, but should the fare be raised to recover the expenditure for repair?

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, if the Government lose by State Transport, why not stop all the services in whole Mizoram? Why is it non-economical for the particular region? Are not these Bus Services for the convenience of the people? If it is non-economical to post staff and have Stations there, but to carry on administration, could not the staff of A.O. be deputed to look after booking etc. duties?

PU VANLALHRUALA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, all Transport Motors are said not to have rear-sheels, why? Where are they? The Transport Minister said lost is high resulting in raising the fare by 10p. per km.; will it be further raised if another heavy lost is met?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, diversion of Aizawl MINISTER. Vehicles to Lawngtlai etc. has no connection with the subject; the oil company cannot supply oil for the area regularly which I said earlier is solved to some extent. The main reason is imposition of Curfew in the area which effect traffic movement greatly. Though Oil is taken from Silchar curfew effect traffic movement which result in scarcity of Oils.

Hon'ble Member Pu Thanguama talked about depreciation. The case of Vehicle that met accident is different, otherwise vehicles employed for trade and commercial basis depreciation value has to be given consideration; otherwise the project shall go bankrupt. For whole Mizoram depreciation is at 25% and the high fare (rate) is not only here but throughout India as you might have read in newspapers; Calcutta, Meghalaya Transport etc. are raising the rates due to high cost of Vehicles, petrol, oils etc.

Hon'ble Member, Pu Sapliana's question of inconvenience to have a Branch at Lawngtlai is like this; the buses ply only on alternative days and besides halting there for only short hours that is not economical, but the services shall be gradually improved to reach Saiha as the Chief Executive Member of the Council requested.

Hon'ble Member, Pu Vanlalhrualia pointed out the case of incomplete tyre set. Due to scarcity of tyre from the Company all new vehicles that should have 6 tyres come out with only 4 tyres. This is also the same with Civil Vehicles not only our buses as the Company deducted the 2 tyres when sending out.

I am afraid he is mistaken in quoting the rate of increasing the fare, that is according to our present calculation; it is raised by only 2 paise exactly.

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, all types of vehicles, buses, Cars etc. are insured and in case of accident the Insurance Company should pay all the expenses. It is not included in the Depreciation though the fare is included in the normal depreciation.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, what is depreciation? The Vehicle may go on servicing, the gear box, tyres etc. have to be replaced, but no other State or Corporation raise the fare of passengers when such vehicles are out of order. Profit or loss shall be there depending on the management but to raise the passengers' fare to recover the lost (for) maintenance is not right.

Define that depreciation, it can also mean vehicle that met accident?

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, as vehicles are constantly running, if depreciation is not taken into consideration. Some parts costing much money may vanish, as such the income should be taken into consideration. This is done throughout whole India.

Fares are increased even in Railway, Aeroplanes, Steamers etc.

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, this is practised only here in Mizoram, I challenge them to tell me where in other states it is practised? In no other State fares are increased when a Vehicle is made unserviceable.

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am afraid Honorable Member Pu Thanghuama misunderstands the point I said profit and loss cannot be excluded from the depreciation, not the depreciation itself.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 7, Pu Sapliana.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Purchase of two helicopters by the Government.

PU SAPLIANA:

*7: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the General Administration Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that two Helicopters have been purchased by the Government of Mizoram?
- (b) If so, when?
- (c) If not, why not?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Helicopters are not purchased though proposal was sent to the Central Government who rejected on the ground that is not so emergent, but requisitioned it for us for a period of fifty (5) hours per month.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to know from which date that permission is effective. Suppose a helicopter is requisitioned, who and what Officers shall be entitled the lift as I supposed that is on Government account? How many times the lift has been enjoyed?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are allowed to have helicopter lift at the close of last year though I cannot say the exact date; I beg the honourable Member's pardon.

I cannot say the figure of expenditure.

The Lt. Governor and his wife, Ministers and Senior Officers, according to the urgency of the case, are entitled to helicopter lifts.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, suppose these two important Assembly Financial Committees, viz Public Accounts and Estimates Committee etc. have to visit interior like Saiha, will they be entitled the lift?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, as they are not included in the list, they are not entitled.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to know from what and to what rank the High Officials included?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, Secretaries, Ministers, Lt. Governor and his wife and Senior Officers; I don't know who the Senior Officers are, perhaps the Directors.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, who make the list for whom helicopter lift could be requisitioned, the Central Govt. or our Government? If by our Government, whether the Ministry or Lt. Governor?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Lt. Governor and Chief Secretary are who prepared the list.

FU IALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Suppose one M.L.A. seriously ill, will he be entitled? though he is not included in the list, could not the Government arrange it?

FU SAPLIANA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Lt. Governor stated in the last Session that due to bad communication with Group Centres 2 Helicopters shall be purchased but the Central Government objected till today and I am so unhappy that Lt. Governor declared such impossible thing in this august House.

If it had not been purchased, where is the sanctioned money?

The Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that some person enjoyed the lift, but who are they and whose? Whether on hire basis or in what manner? For what purpose, whether for Official tour?

We have heard that Chaormen of Estimates and Public Accounts Committee are excluded from the High Officials list that surprised me while our rule treated them as equal to a Deputy Minister? Why do the Government exclude them while some Officers are treated as more superior, should the Government pay no head to our rule?

Shall the Government declare impossible-looking promises in the august House?

FU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the honourable Chief Minister stated that the High Officials list included Lt. Governor, Ministers, High Officials etc. but should the Hon'ble Speaker and Deputy Speaker be excluded?

FU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Speaker and Deputy Speaker though V.I.Ps. are excluded from the list. But sometime ago, Pathak, A.O. Lungsen A.O, S.I.B. Staff were given helicopter lift when they met untimely death!

Suppose our Government servants posted in the interior meet similar accident, will they be given the same treatment in case of emergency, will the chapter be closed on them? Is it only for our Ministers on routine visits?

I would like to know the expenses incurred on it?

PU NGURDAWIA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, only recently our Government prepared Table of Precedent defining the ranks of important Government Officials. Should not the Govt. make availability of privilege according to that Order, as only Deputy Ministers are to enjoy the privileges; should not the M.L.As. and Chairmen of various Assembly Committees enjoy the same privileges ?

That is the procedure in other States. The Members of Assam Public Accounts Committee who came here were brought by helicopter. Should not the Government arrange this privileges at an early date?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, in case of
CHIEF MINISTER. emergency, prior to this requisition, helicopter list was done, like Marpara A.O. and the practice is still carried on.

To make it available for the Committee members, it shall depend on the urgency of the matter.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the visit of Assam P.A.C. did not appear so emergent, yet they visited Champhai, Lunglei etc. by helicopter and I think the Hon'ble Member Pu J. Thanghuama personally accompanied them. We may still debate the "emergency", I suggest that it should be made available as a precaution.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, the case of
CHIEF MINISTER. Committee shall be considered. The question of hon'ble Member Pu J. Thanghuama regarding the cost is Rs. 4,000/- per hour, so costly.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Basis on which Aizawl-Champhai Bus fare is determined.

PU LALHLIRA:

*8: Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

(a) What is the actual distance between Aizawl and Champhai ?

(b) On what basis the Bus fare of Rs. 21/- for Champhai-Aizawl is determined ?

PU LAISANGZUALA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, (a) 192.76 Km.
MINISTER. (b) The Bus fare from Aizawl to
Champhai vice-versa was erroneously
fixed at Rs. 21/- as per our records the distance was 208 Kms.
However, on re-checking from the B.R.T.F. it was notified
that the distance is 192.76 Km. The rate has been revised as
Rs. 19/-.

POWER & ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

Implementation of Rural Electrification schemes.

Pu C. LALRUATA:

*9:

Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge
of the Power & Electricity Department
be pleased to state -

(a) Whether the Government implemented the Rural Electrifica-
tion scheme as provided for in the Budget of 1974-75?

(b) If not, why not ?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Question No. 9

(a) As the N.E.E. Act has been amended
by Ordinance the period of A.S.E.B.
has been extended by two months, as things stand now, we are
to take over from A.S.E.B. from 21.3.1975. Government will
implement the scheme whatever is possible after take over.

(b) Does not arise.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Suspension of Director of Local Administration Department

PU J. THANGHUAMA:

*10:

Will the hon'ble Minister-in-charge
of the Local Administration Depart-
ment be pleased to state -

Whether it is a fact that Pu Khuanga,
Director, Local Administration Department has been suspended?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA:
DEPUTY MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Question No. 10
yes.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question hour is over. The following
Panel of Chairmen for the current
Session as provided in rule 10 of
the Rules of Procedure etc.:

1. PU SANGKHUMA (2) PU K. SANGCHHUI
2. PU HRANGAIA (4) PU K. L. ROCHAMA.

During the absence of the Speaker, the Business Advisory Committee met on 3.3.1975 and 11.3.1975 and revised the Calendar of the current Session to sit for a total period of 21 (twenty one) days.

Being such an able man, during 1962-64 he held the following important posts- (a) Chairman, National Projects Construction Corporation; (b) General Secretary, All India Bharat Sevak Samaj; (c) Member, Working Committee of Bihar INTUC; (d) Member, All India General Council of INTUC; (e) Editor, "Congress Forum". In 1964 he was elected Member of Rajya Sabha and during 1964-66 was Deputy Minister for Home Affairs and during 1966-67 was Dy. Finance Minister. In 1967 between March and November, he was Minister of State for Labour, Employment & Rehabilitation and during 1967-70 was Minister of Defence Production. From June 1970 to February, 1973 was Minister for Foreign Trade and from February 1973 till his untimely death on January 2, 1975 was Minister for Railways.

On January 2, 1975 arrived Samastipur village to inaugurate the 54 Km. long new railway line between Samastipur and Muzaffarpur where, while addressing the people, an assassin's bomb explosion seriously injured him and later on January 3, 1975 at dawn he died in the Danapur Railway Hospital. India is at great loss with the passing away of this great and able citizen.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, the brief life history of Shri Krishna Menon.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are at great loss with the passing away of this great eminent Indian. His outstanding work is that before he died he made a 'will' to the Prime Minister to give all his properties to the poor so that they may share his wealth. Before he died he was a staunch Opposition Member and I feel that he had true Democratic spirit in his mind, in giving away all his wealth to the poor. I really praise him in doing good work.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let us all stand in silence for one minute to show our respect to these great men who passed away.

Now, laying of papers- let the Chief Minister lay Order No. 33 of the Delimitation Commission in respect of the Delimitation of the Assembly Constituencies in Mizoram

LAYING OF PAPERS

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I hereby place the final of the Delimitation of the Assembly Constituencies of Mizoram on the Table of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Now, Pu Khawtinkhuma, Finance Minister shall lay "The Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for 1972-73, Finance and Appropriation Accounts 1972-73 of the Government of Mizoram".

PU KHAWTINKHUMA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I beg to lay the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for 1972-73, Finance and Appropriation Accounts 1972-73 of the Government of Mizoram on the Table of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Now, Pu P.B. Nikhuma, Dy. Minister shall lay 'Ordinance No. 1 of 1975 amending the Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) Act, 1953.'

PU P.B. NIKHUMA:
DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, with your kind permission, I beg to lay on the Table of the House the Ordinance No. 1 of 1975 amending the Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) Act, 1953.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADDRESS OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

I shall read out notice for Motion of Thanks submitted by Pu Lalrinliana on the Lt. Governor's Address before general discussion: "I beg to give notice of my intention to move the following motion of thanks to the Lt. Governor's Address :-

"We, the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session, beg to offer our humble thanks to the Lt. Governor for the most excellent speech which he has been pleased to deliver to the House on 11.3.1975".

We shall consider and discuss the motion, there is one correction to be made on page 7, "28 crores" should read "20 crores".

Let the mover of the motion have first chance.

PU LALRINLIANA :

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am glad for giving me permission to consider this motion. If we are to search points for criticism, there will be plenty of points. I shall point out the Central points.

First, I shall take P.W.D. In no.11 of the Speech, we find that great improvement shall be made on roads and I am glad to hear it. Water supply at better condition (position) is aimed at and this show that we are not satisfied with present condition. Considering scarcity of water Government have to try its best and I expect that aim shall soon be fulfilled. There is scope of improvements in Supply matter. It appears that we are to get 4015 bundles of G.C.I. Sheets that's a lot but I wonder why the cost is so high. Some stated that the cost is raised to recover the cost of the lost bundles and that is difficult to understand. The ones responsible for the lost should be checked out, whether the Contractor or anybody responsible should be found out. The Government should take action so that people may not suffer on the rebound. It appears that we shall get sufficient Cements and may hope to improve by it. It appears that we shall soon have Railway out-agency which we have long anxiously waited for, for those carrying on trade/business. They send goods by train but due to the great distance delivery at the right moment is impossible and hence they are generally given Damage Card. I feel, as we are to eliminate this problem, happiness in the near future.

We have heard how relief work had been done in Lunglei and Chhintuipui Districts where great famine was caused by rats. The whole of Mizoram is going to face the same calamity. There is no other scope than Generation Scheme to relief and develop the work as all the rats cannot be killed at one swing.

We should not criticise all things, there are some to praise and some to criticise. I am glad the Government is going to develop and improve our condition as circumstances tells.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Deputy Speaker, I have some points to thank and some to criticise on the Lt.Governor's Address. First of all, I am glad the Lt.Governor could address this august House. Last year, the Lt.Governor prepared himself to address the House while he met unfavourable accident but his address was read out anyway. But this time now Lt.Governor could address it and that is one point to say thanks.

In page 5, para 2, we find that action is being taken to punish those Government servants who misuse Government money and disobey orders and this promise makes me happy, but for some it is not good tidng. We have pointed out these bad practices in this august House because some Govt. servants are in the habit of misusing and making personal gain by it that is harmful for the Government and the people. I am glad to hear that action is being taken and shall be taken to punish those Government servants who practice such bad habit.

I suppose of all us are not happy with the lines on last page which reads "You should first of all have a feeling as real Indian citizen, later as a Mizo". The first page mentions the accidental death of our Police officials and our assemblage here. These two lines are very important,

but in order 'to feel as real Indian citizen do the Indian Government treat us Mizo people like one' that has to be carefully thought over. We have pointed out the actions of Security Forces outside the order but when we see that no action; to remedy our feeling, is taken to punish them we cannot feel as Indian Citizen as we lost our respect for it. We feel like one between anvil and hammer in their treatment of us, we are afraid of both the Security Forces and the Undergrounds, yet the Central Government do not trust even a single one of us. If the Security Forces do not treat the people as real Indian Citizen and our non-Mizo Officers do not treat their subordinate Mizo Officers as their equals. All under the domination of the Central Government, I am afraid the Government servants and the laymen will lose their feelings as Indian citizen.

I want to remind the Central Government to give clear instruction to those Security Forces to be careful in their treatment of us, and in exercising law and order here. If they suspect us all and do not treat us as Indian citizen, I firmly believe the present disturbances will never stop and they will not make us feel as faithful Indian subject.

It is right that we should first of all feel as Indian citizen and we should also firmly feel as Mizos, that cannot be put aside. If we are to feel as Indian, they should treat us as equals to other Indians; they should not treat us like Orphans, the Children of neighbours or like monkeys of dense forest so that I believe we, the Mizo people shall feel as real Indian citizen.

It appears that the Health & Family Planning Department gets liberal Allocation of Funds liberally from the Central and State Governments yet certain problems are still mentioned caused by absence of Specialists Doctors, Laboratory Technicians etc. I feel the Department completely failed in its portfolio. I had been in the Hospital during January, but not to mention good medicines, sanitary towels, plaster for dressing wounds and even spirit was not in stock there. I wonder how the main Hospital, in getting Liberal Allocation of Funds liberally from both the Central and State Governments, could not have such essential materials and where have all the Funds gone? We all know that sufficient Doctors are not available, but absence of even spirit or plaster surprised me. To improve our present condition more money to be carefully and meaningfully utilised is needed.

We have repeatedly pointed out shifting of I.T.I. from Srikona but it is said that "it is on the way to fulfillment" right in this august House, but even after three years the same is still being promised that clearly prove the weak point of our Government.

I have put House Building Advance matter into question but time may bar it. I know that Rs 9,00,000/- (9 lakhs) is being under process for about 100 persons. Some get Housing Loans beside Building Advance. Other States cannot get this kind of money from our U.T. Government, but some certain persons had know the truth and the rule? The statement clearly states that two Government

servants from one family cannot both get House Building Advance, but some exception is said to be made on certain persons. As final decision is not yet made, another careful consideration is needed to be done.

The Lt. Governor stated that weekly quota ration is sufficient enough since December and one person shall get 3 Kgs. per head; but during January and February we did not get as promised and I want to know the real reason ?

As Hon'ble Member Pu Sapliana stated, I wonder if there is impossible-looking promise made in advance in this august House while I opine that whether the Lt. Governor or a Member should tell the truth.

Lastly, Government is giving Old-age pension to many invalids of the villages, ages ranging between 80 to 90 do not know such assistances are given. I expect the same assistance shall be given to those for their benefit and to win their hearts to support the Government.

Thank you.

PU R. ZOLIANA:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have no particular point which please me, but those minor statements like 'being process', 'propose' etc. please the heart to some extent. My main point is "Mizo must be Indian first and Mizo next" considering our present situation. I don't know how we should feel as Indian first, we should feel as Mizos and later as Indian citizen. If we are to feel as Indian first we should be given treatment as rightful Indian subject. The Central Government have to consider our case as a special one.

In page 4, we find co-ordination in Development work that plays vital part in development. Due to absence of this item, we faced many difficulties. Suppose, Soil Conservation Department is giving money for Land Reclamation, consultation and Coordination with Agriculture or other relative Department is never done which resulted in duplicity of grants given. I expect good coordination of different Government Departments in executing works.

I don't know whether the Government is aware that Gram Sevaks are to be under Agriculture Department. They are Field Workers under Five Year Plan Scheme and they will be more useful under the Agriculture Department but the Government should be careful in case of their services. Some are favoured with pension, leaves etc. while some are deprived of, some are allowed to count their services and some are not. I want this practice to be stopped.

In page 3, we find that Health & Family Planning could not function effectively because specialist Doctors, Nurses, medical Staff etc. are not sufficient enough while such are badly needed in the interior. Could not the Government arrange to employ those Doctors, Nurses etc. outside Mizoram at reasonable wages so that their skill might be useful for us ?

In Education Department, the Hon'ble Minister stated that pupil-teacher ratio is 40-1 at present, but will this be acceptable? In Nagaland or Meghalaya States, pupil-teacher ratio is about 20-2 as a common basis. If so, this has to be re-considered carefully. Literacy figure of Mizoram, at present is about 62% but why is it so low while Mizoram is, if not the first, one of the highest in literacy?

Electric power determines having real industry, for without it real work cannot be done. In case of Cottage Industry, Water Supply and other works are influenced by this electric power. The Government declared to take over the present Power House from the Assam State Electricity Board with effect from January 21 while the Lt. Governor postponed to 20th of this month. Could not the Government take direct action on the matter instead of putting the horse behind the Coach (Cart)?

Regarding House Building Advance, about 100 applications are said to be under process, but under Central Rules is surety etc. essential? I thought that Government servant, by virtue of his post is entitled to draw House Building Advance. Suppose, a person holding temporary post wants to apply House Building Advance, he shall apply for permanent post so that all the details need not be followed. This case has to be carefully examined as false applications have arisen.

The services of Government servants are counted as serving under Mizoram Government, but some are counted in person. I think we do not follow Fundamental Rules, All India Rules, Subsidiary Rules etc. in making promotion; I suppose another different fresh Rule is being followed, I am lost the Government have to examine this case carefully as I feel such Rules are contradicted in many cases.

Promotion of Class II Officers to Class I, S.D.Os. to Under Secretaries etc. are created, but had this been done carefully and uniformly the Government servants' grievances will be solved. If we could post mortem all these practices, how many Government servants will be pleased and how many will grumble is quite a question. There is general rule and following it up is quite favourable. In Education Department there are still 314 posts to be filled up, and fulfillment is desirable.

Lastly, I suppose that our Police to go on training are to train them for efficiency and to improve themselves in their duties, but that is not so. They are "to take the help of the Border Roads Construction" or my interpretation of the English is not the intention. They should undergo efficiency training that is quite desirable for themselves and for us. But why for the Border Roads Construction or to build houses, whether Government or private, is my question, I don't understand.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

We shall rest till 2:00 P.M.

RECESS TILL 2:00 P.M.

Afternoon (2:00 P.M.).

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We shall resume discussion. Regarding taking of time, there is Parliamentary Convention whereby Parliament Members are given 15 minutes time while Ring Leaders get about 30 minutes. In our case 10 minutes for Members about 20 minutes for Opposition Leader, Chief Whip etc. so that we may learn to economise this precious time. Now, Pu Lotinaia shall have the floor.

PU R. LOTINAIA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am glad the Lt. Governor could address this august House and we, the Members are in good health to assemble here to listen and discuss the Address.

I have more points to criticise than to praise. The first point is "Mizoram is a part of mother-India, and its fate is inevitably linked with that of the Country as a whole. Like all other citizens every Mizo must feel Indian first and Mizo next", and it is a pity that they still do not understand us. I wonder if they treat us as non-Indian citizen. India is a Secular State, many different religions, caste, customs etc. and many different States and we are one of them. In the Chinese Aggression in 1962, we have distributed about Rs 2,000/- toward National Defence Fund, yet till this day our Lt. Governor and Central Ministers still treat us and write this passage. Being Indian citizen, we held election on Democratic principle and we could become Member of this august House and we are under the influence of the Indian Constitution. But when reading this passage, I wonder if they want us to be non-Indian citizen.

Due to disturbances here, there are many Security Forces. Some last night, C.R.P. personnel came to my house and held my guest under custody neglecting what I told them about myself and my guest. I think they know what M.L.A. is and his power. As such the condition, I seriously feel this passage; I am afraid they shall make us all turn against them if they treat us like non-Indian.

Another news was made only recently with the brutal killings of I.G.P., I.I.G., S.P. by the M.M.F. Undergrounds and we are all sorry that it happened. As a result, as found in this speech, the High Officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs concluded that the 1st Battalion of Mizoram Police are not efficient enough and should be replaced and transferred on the ground that they should further undergo advance training Course. Some 200 Assam Police, who undertook full course training in Dergaon Training Centre, had been taken over by Mizoram Police Department but it is a pity that those have to undergo another training just because our three important Police Officers had been murdered. I wonder if they want to punish us. Some have undergone to four months training in Agartala and called back for duties. But sending the whole Battalion for another training due to unfortunate death of 3 officers is difficult to understand.

Let the Inspector General of Police send those fresh inefficient recruits for another efficiency training, but sending the whole Battalion means to me despise the whole Mizo tribe. I am afraid public cooperation will be hurt, those who are ready to help and faithfully serve the Government may lose interest due to this despisement of us. I am afraid we will not be able to discuss this important address of the Lt. Governor.

On 19th March, 1974, the Lt. Governor addressed this august House, but my point is when important Government leaders address this House I want them to tell the truth. On page 3 of the Address, the Lt. Governor stated that Tuichang bridge shall be completed during dry season, but that promise proved to be false. I am not satisfied with the Chief Minister's explanation as this is the life-line for the people of the north-eastern region and suffered by it. It was intended to be made a foot-bridge selecting Contractor and negotiated with Steelworth Company, but due to some reason it was abandoned; it was intended to be made Jeepable only without heavy traffic. I feel despair to hear speech but without implementations.

On page 5, we find that actions are being taken against A.Os, Store-keepers etc. who misused and did immoral things on Government expenditure. We all know that many bundles of G.C.I. Sheets amounting to about Rs. 1,00,000/- had been lost, but do the Government constitute Inquiry Commission for the purpose? I suggest that responsible persons should be found out so that public shall not have to pay extra charges.

This Electric 66 K.V. Line, mentioned since last year, is not yet implemented and Government's intention to have 60 volt is not yet fulfilled. Suppose our Government is to fulfilled this scheme, how and in what manner the staff of Assam Electricity Board will be taken over or allocated; I heard that without any terms and conditions they are simply given option for allocation. Shall our Government give them terms and conditions for option as some are permanent residents of our land.

In page 2, paragraph 6, we find that our agriculture products like ginger, potatoes etc. are to be sold at Apex Marketing Society rates but this is still unsatisfactory as Silchar-Aizawl route is to be the main market area. Instead, interior should have facilities under the scheme so that benefit may be shared throughout the land.

It appears that deforestation is faster than preservation, like Tlawng Valley reserve being given for jhuming. As forest product is going to be our main economic source, we shall preserve it to the best possible. Paper Mill included in the plan of the Lt. Governor appears to be dropped this time?

The Lydel Project for generating power is not mentioned this time in spite of our need, has it been dropped lately? Another important thing is whenever there is slight trouble in Silchar we nearly starve without food supply.

To solve this problem, our Government should consider having Railway-head reach upto Vairengte for easy transaction of Supply. His exclusion from the scheme is one bad point.

In page 4, Planning Commission sanctioned about Rs. 45.59 crores under 5th Five Year Plan for Mizoram while Arunachal Pradesh, another young and fresher U.T. get about Rs. 63.30 crores under the same Scheme though we are more backward without good means of communications.

As Law and Order situation deteriorate in Mizoram, elections to Village Councils could not be conducted while many villages are not properly administered by authorities. To make lame excuses often would not be tolerated by the people and may result in their loss of interest for cooperation toward the Government. Remedial action could be quickly taken if elections had been conducted so that public cooperation might be won over.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am glad the Lt. Governor could address this House and we could assemble here inspite of unfavourable situations.

On page 1, paragraph 4, we find 'production of Oak-Tussar' that begs explanation of Ministers. I suppose that it will be a good thing but we should be clear about it to explain to the people.

On page 2, we find that Community Development is implemented through E.G.S. but the roads constructed need proper attention. The Government have to consider searching for market to sell our Agriculture products and for that purpose organisations like N.A.F.E.D., various Co-operative Societies are being established. The market is one thing, but to assist our farmers Agriculture Loan is essential as they have to run side by side with the Government to avoid difficulty from Land Revenue side. If there is no Land Tenure System Loan Rule demand Security that is another problem for our farmers.

But to make the Loan, the Tenure System has to be effective otherwise it obstructs the development of the interior as the rich people of the town may benefit who have much to deposit for security. Out of the total population, 80% are farmers and Government have to try its best to prevent famine. Could not relaxation be made for our farmers regarding this Loan? This Land Tenure System could be finalised shortly so that we may be clear about the terms and condition for applying Loan. We should aim to prevent famine.

I suppose that 62% in literacy should have been reached during the 5th Five Year Plan. If we had not aimed at construct product education we may all be able to read but with no fruit. If we could not aim at technical and productive education, we should aim at scientific education instead of high literacy rate that is not fruitful.

The Fundamental Principle of the Indian Constitution provides that Free and Compulsory Primary Education should be fulfilled by the State Government. At present there are many suburban villages where primary education is almost nil but the residents are driven by Economic crises and I feel the Government is not fulfilling its constitutional function. Where such semi-permanent villages are there, this free education should be fulfilled.

The Government terminated the services of 200 teachers of Chhataipai District who had long run services; the concerned District Education Department may employ them as a remedy if not, they are unfortunate. I was present while they sought the Education Minister's opinion and their situation is serious. I wondered if our Ministry did not give careful consideration, though it professed to have done careful consideration, such should not happen. Whether their services are confirmed or not does not matter, and the Chief Minister promised that they shall be employed as under deputation after the expiry of which they shall be re-employed as regular Government at the least. But verbal promise is breakable hence commitment to do should be done as the fate of the 200 teachers is too arbitrary(ious).

In Cooperative Society, the agriculturist should form an organisation body and be given important instruments like Bulldozers, Tractors etc. at subsidised rates as a mean of push up, otherwise, Government cannot bring out fruitful result from helping individual. I feel that State Cooperative Union should be organised and election of leaders amongst the various Societies should be conducted as there has been provision for in the Budget, about Rs.2/- lakhs. But before taking any step we are assembling here in another Budget Session and pass many lakhs and thousands but without knowing how they had been actually spent. As simple village farmers cannot contact Government, Union is essential who will be responsible for contacting the State Cooperative Union leaders, who will in turn notify to the Government of their problem. In this manner the benefit of Government's assistance shall be shared by all. But inspite of repeated appeals step has never been taken to implement the Scheme.

Regarding traffic Control and enactment of traffic rule, danger is still there even if we have wide roads. We have been there to Simla and saw their worth-copying practice in enacting traffic rule and strict control of traffic, not only that their roads are not more wider than ours. We should follow this example, not only to think of widening roads, strict control and enactment of traffic rule should be aimed at. I would like to remind our Ministry that some of our A.S.Is are trained in traffic line with diplomas yet they are posted as O.Cs somewhere without utilising their proper skill, that has to be minutely detected.

Regarding sending the whole Battalion of our Police for further training, I support the Opposition Members' opinion. Hazaribagh is a good training Centre as even the B.S.F. based its training Camp there; We heard in the Obituary Reference that Shri L.N. Mishra, Union Railway Officer was murdered near Jamshedpur where Police are very efficient and they had been blamed for it. There many supporters of Shri Jaya Prakash Narayan are very influential and will not we hurt the mentality of our Police if we send them there for training? If we want our Police to be efficient, Calcutta is said to be one of the good training Centres where every case is never left unapprehended due to Naxalite activities; if they are to go for further efficiency training could not this be chosen?

We all know that our Chief Secretary is an I.P.S. with all his past experiences, are we not too Police? If we don't think it that way, when will we start thinking? Home Ministry is within our hold, but to run Administration smoothly, should we not make restriction? We are poor in development and administration to remedy this condition, we should have some I.P.S. from Central Government who is a real expert in both the lines. The situation is sensitive, but it can be remedied by real development to our satisfaction which on the other hand is great achievement for the Central Government. Not considering what should happen tomorrow, we should foresee the fate of the coming younger generation.

PU SANGKHYA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have no point to thank in the Lt. Governor's speech as none of the promises had been implemented till this day.

In his last address, the Lt. Governor promised that new L.L.A. Hostel shall be constructed, with new Assembly Building, Forest & Soil Conservation Department shall be pushed up, Lt. Governor's Office shall be established here, 2 Helicopters shall

be purchased, Railway Out Agency shall be opened, Gram Sevaks & Demonstrators' Office shall be established at Thingdawl, 3 Saw Mills shall be started in the interior, Carpentry Workshops shall be started, pumping Water by Diesel set, the construction of Civil Hospital bed by 104 beds, construction of Teaching bridge, shifting of I.T.I. from Srikone, and many others. But none of these promises had been implemented till this day, hence Motion of Thanks is meaningless, had the mover moved "Motion of Sorrow" instead it would have been more acceptable; the mover also had nothing much to say. He pointed out great scarcity of water that is his one good point, the Ministers, Lt. Governor etc. in having sufficient supply of water they should neglect the condition of public, you should remember our thirst. Our Jesus Christ too wanted to exchange Eternal Life with a cup of water. Due to absence of electric power, pumping water is not possible hence Diesel set is said to be used but that promise also is not fulfilled. As such motion of thanks should not have been moved if such promises could not be fulfilled. There are Ministers to execute these many promises, but they are incapable to do so. Had former promises been fulfilled, we would have gladly supported your Motion of Thanks; but since none had been fulfilled you should not mind our criticisms. The mover stated that if we look for points to criticize, there will be plenty; we need not seek for it as the whole spectrum is full of false promises.

Our Ministers are contended with receiving Rs 1.11 crores from North Eastern Council but I suppose other neighbouring states like Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland etc. received much more and that hurts my feeling. Our Lt. Governor, Chief Minister are Members of the Council but they should strive harder to get more and utilize for development purposes and should not expect us to be thankful to have received Rs 1.11 crores. They should see how such other States get, but they give no importance to it. This North Eastern Corner is considered backward and Rs 100 crores has been sanctioned and utilisation for real development purposes has to be considered. Among the 5 States we get the least amount. None of the roads promised by the Lt. Governor had been constructed while other developed States have proper plans for roads, ropeways, railways, good Training Centres etc. while we could not utilise the full little amount received yet be contended with it. Are plans and schemes to the satisfaction of our people while other developed States still strive for bigger plans. Yet inspite of our geographically but condition with us natural resources explored, no step is taken yet to develop our poor land. We are still in our primitive state.

In order that Mizo must feel Indian first and Mizo next, Central Government should first feel us as Indian. Many points had been stated

regarding their treatment of us as non-Indian. Indian Government must treat Mizo as Indian first, then Mizo will follow next as Indian. In my view in the present situation, 'must feel Indian first and Mizo next' does not imply any meaning, the word "must" is too strong for any liking. If all the promises in the Speech and Budget had been implemented for our development and benefit of the people, we will soon "feel Indian".

Unfortunately, our three important Police Officers had been murdered and the whole Battalion of Mizoram Police is to be transferred, as a means of punishment. If they want to punish those responsible, those on duty on the date incident occurred should be awarded penalties. The transfer is given another name, "efficiency training". Yet they intend to punish the whole Battalion. On the day incident occurred, many were trying their best on duties. If such was the situation, why do they intend to punish only our Mizo brothers? Those who failed to perform their duties on that day should be rightly punished so that we might "feel Indian" but transfer of their duties to other State is too strong a force.

Rumour spread that Order has been issued to disorganise some suburban villages like Tongtawn Village. Even our Administrator had talk with our underground brothers and probably might have dined with them, even our Ministers' Cars had been reported involved; on hearing such situation, people don't know how to behave. There is no Government Policy on the matter. If the undergrounds demand food they dare not question, but why take it so seriously as to cause disorganisation of the Villages? Did they promise the M.M.F. that they shall supply food whenever they happen to pass through? They demand food whenever they pass through and further reported that they reach China to undertake training. Did they forewarn that they shall come back and again demand food? Why disorganisation Order as a retaliatory action after they did what they did? We are causing too much crisis for the people. I am sure the people will surely "feel Mizo first" if they want to punish our whole tribe in their execution and enforcement of Law and Order. Such crisis will hamper crops harvest and result in famine. "Indian First" is meaningless if our fate and welfare is not given importance first of all.

PU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Deputy S
Call that our 3 important Police Officers are murdered, but is it not that they are careless being in disturbed area and met their death that is made the cause of our hardship?

Election to Village Councils is not yet conducted inspite of the need to ()

proper administration. The people are not responsible for delay in the elections. This delay is harmful to administration if that is aimed at.

The L. Government's promise that Paper Mill will soon be started, but till this day no step has been taken towards implementation of this assurance. Our unfavourable geographical condition has been taken into consideration and reference made to the Central Government to establish our own Paper Mill. The Forest Department conducted Bamboo survey and safeguard all available reserve for the purpose but no step has been taken yet to implement the Scheme.

If we do not implement development works sanctioned by Central Government we have nothing to hope for in the Government and the people. Without Central Government's assistance we have no natural resources to develop ourselves from our products.

Number of Vehicles is increasing day by day and widening of roads is under consideration. Meanwhile, Assam Rifles occupy the Centre point and transfer of them has been considered, but has that proposal been abandoned lately?

On page 2, paragraph 3 we find that Government is considering market to sell our Agricultural products. Our Agriculturist and farmers have facilities to sell their products so that their source of economy/income may increase little by little.

It is further promised that during 1975-76, electric power, 66K.V. L. will be available from Silchar but I firmly doubt it. I support the Opposition Leader in accusing the Government of making false promises.

Our Mizo Contractors deposited much money to do the work, but is it not that the Government is doing nothing to fulfill the Scheme?

Water point at Khatla is still the same as it was before, and we could get water only at 2 days interval, that also not so easily. After passing for much money in the Budget, are assurances fulfilled? what is the reason that public still face difficulty?

When we get G.C.I. Sheets from the Department Stores, they are not bound as they should have been. What is the reason, should not the Govt. see to it?

Why is it said that "Mizo must feel Indian first and Mizo next" while we feel as rightful Indian subjects, I feel this statement makes us as intruders? I feel this announcement in this august House makes us unwanted subjects. Some fight for Independence from Indian Government where we do not join in and prefer to remain faithful Indian citizen. The Government should try to make the people unite and fight for the same cause. Are we being treated as unwanted and unfaithful Indian subject? The Government should try to do remedial work so that this feeling of unwantedness may be erased.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am glad we could have opportunity to discuss the Administrator's Address of this August House. It is a pity that we lost great and eminent citizens of India but on hearing that remedial action has been taken to console the grief-stricken families, I feel happy.

In the many paras of the Address, we find how and what in the past the Government had done, how administration shall be carried on and the many plans and schemes to be fulfilled. But, not chiefly to criticise, I would like to point out what I feel are not satisfactory.

In the Lt. Governor's Address, many important points are excluded and I wonder if the Lt. Governor is not clear about the affairs of Mizoram. There are three District Councils in Mizoram and the former Lt. Governor told us how their administrations shall be taken up, but such matter is not stated this time. I think the Government is aware that some of the three District Councils are functioning smoothly while some are not. When the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Supply Minister visited Chhintuipui District Council Area, some Council could not pay the salaries of its staff and ration supply has to be accepted as salaries. Is not the Administrator aware of such situation or he is ignorant of the position of each Council?

As Pu Sangkhun, Opposition Member stated, many of the plans and schemes declared proposed to be done in the Budget are still lying as before with us fulfillment or implementations. In the speech we also find that I.S.I. is being shifted from its former location, creation of 20 Blocks, but may be due to difficulty in administration, some Blocks are under A.O. incharge for the time being and they are not functioning as they should have.

In para 7, State Veterinary Dispensary and 7 Rural Animal Husbandry Centres are said to have been created but many of us do not know where they are vacated.

The Education Department started Basic Normal Training School at Lunglei but we do not know its actual position, it is started without proper maintenance. Instead of declaring now what is not yet fulfilled, the Govt. Servant should have taken schemes to uplift our condition. On page 10, para 10, adult literacy, among people between ages 15-45, is said to be reached by the Education Department during the last financial year but I want to know where such plan was implemented? Is the same carried out where literacy is poor and low? If even only proposals are declared as fulfilled schemes, I am afraid many of our people will be frustrated with the works of the Govt. and lose trust in it. Should not such thing be made open for us and the people to see to satisfy our curiosity and thirst?

We have heard that under the Central Scheme, Study Team is coming to study the geographical condition to see suitability of Hydel Project and provision is said to be made for the purpose. But seeing our poor supply of electric light I would like to know and how far Central assistance is implemented.

In reply to my question, State Transport is said to be in service in six routes. P.O.L. is not under the power of Mizoram Government, but the Minister said that difficulties are due to their non-economical nature, but being business/trade in nature and losing so much it is still servicing but people are not getting profit by it. The State Transport also new Taxis, but in Lunglei there are two unserviceable Taxis lying idle. I am afraid the Administrator does not get clear information on Bus services.

In para 21, as per advise of the Central Ministry our Mizoram Police are to undergo efficiency training. But, as found in first para and as confidentially heard from the Officials, this arose due to unfortunate death of 3 important Police Officers. Being a disturbed area, normally cannot be expected and strange things might happen. Security Forces are employed to enable maintenance of Law and Order and to run administration smoothly. I cannot blame our Police Department for what happened, it is not due to their lack of proper training. During 1962 Chinese Aggression and conquered vast area; we cannot blame that soldiers were not efficient. Who are to blame if law and order could not be properly maintained as to cause delay in Village Council elections? Are not the Security Forces employed to maintain Law and Order and to enable election to Village Council? Instead of sending our Police Force for efficiency training and rather employ their services in troubled Bihar, should not our Brigade Commander, Major General incharge be transferred. Are they not employed to safeguard Law and Order? As Pu Zoliana said, our Government and the whole tribe is regarded as all hostiles while we consider ourselves as rightful Indian Citizen. Such treatment and

unnecessary harassment harden the hearts of people and lose interest to be faithful Indian Citizen. If real trial comes, I am afraid we may deny our citizenship and our being Indian Citizen need not be stressed. I want to remind the Lt. Governor that if we are all treated as hostiles, without consideration of our feeling, we will all lost interest to be Indian Citizen.

Supply & Transport is said to be affected by 'Quit Non-Mizo' notice by M.N.F. Many posts are said to be vacant but not yet filled up due to economic hand while the Lt. Governor said that the technical nature of works made it unavailable for local residents. If he intends to make M.N.F. policy successful/prevail, how shall we make progress? how shall we feel rightful Indian Citizen? I want to remind our leaders and Central Ministry that this kind of treatment is not what we expected and deserved.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is a pity that our Police Officers met their brutal and untimely death. Esop's fable told us that one man saved the life of a snake by giving him warmth during winter, but the snake after recovering attacked its saviour. Who are responsible for keeping the murderers safe and let this horrible murder happen? Our lack of proper administration bring us sufferings, whom shall we blame? Should it not be our Ministry? What is the meaning in awarding penalty to our Mizoram Police for our own fault? Are we not responsible for keeping them safe and let this bloodshed happen? It is meaningless to punish us for the fault and miscalculation of our Government. Being a disturbed area, I.G.P. and his Subordinate Officers were detailed to keep Law and Order. (Deputy Speaker: Who are meant to be punished?)

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Mizoram Police who are to undergo further efficiency training, though not openly said they are being punished, it could be regarded as punishment. Being in a disturbed area they should have posted faithful sentries to protect them, but their failure resulted in their death and our Ministry is disgraced on the rebound. Instead of trusting our own Mizo Police, we trust C.R.Ps. but no Government could last long if it does not trust its own subjects. In Vietnam War, Punjabis are not employed to maintain Law and Order. What is the fate of S. Vietnam? If we are afraid to our own Mizos, we should employ Mizos to safeguard us. A time will come when we will be sorry to have employed non-Mizos to guard us. If they could kill our big Officers, the fate of Civilians is at stake.

Onpage 4, Power & Electricity Minister assured that 66 K.V. Line will reach Mizawl in the month of April, 1973, but it seems like waiting for the second coming of our Lord. It is rumoured that it shall never reach here and that is a pity.

On page 6, paragraph creation of 17, Sub-Divisions is mentioned, but it is still a project as it was in the first Budget Session. I suggest its real fulfilment.

As all honourable Members said, this statement "Mizo must feel Indian first and Mizo next" is an unnecessary statement as we all feel faithful Indian Citizens. To express one's right is another means of hardening the heart, hence it should not have been included in the Speech.

Thank you.

PU K.SANGCHHUM: Mr. Deputy Speaker, there are some good points in the Speech, and comparing what had been done prior to U.T. Govt. with works done after, much progress had been achieved. I demand the Central and our Government to uplift our standard to the level of other States.

I give importance to Law and Order situation as without its proper and effective function other elements are rendered ineffective. I want to read out paragraph 21, fifth line, because I have great doubt and disbelieve in it, it reads: "Recently we had the benefit of advice from Senior Officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs and other experts in these fields". The Police Department is meant by this, and recent incident proves this as I.G.P. and his colleagues were murdered and the whole Police Battalion is blamed for it. As the saying goes 'a fly is attracted by sores', Police are to be sent for efficiency training, but if this rumour is to be made a fact I want to cite some good examples. The death of our Police Officers is due to inefficiency of Police, but setting aside this factor, while there are many experts and veteran soldiers why and how could we lose our A.Os.? If death of A.Os. are to be put on soldiers, why they are not transferred to other States?

I accept that our Police are not efficient enough as many incidents proved. To investigate murder, efficient Police is needed, but appointment of the head and leaders has to be carefully considered. The present I.G.P. is a retired Brigadier who might be an expert in battlefield, but this is not battlefield. We are tackling murders. The Chief Secretary, who is to carry on Civil Administration is said to be an expert Police Officer, but why he not rather entrusted with investigating these murders and appointed as I.G.P.?

The I.G.P., a retired army Brigadier should have been entrusted with administration of the Army. In this manner we may achieve progress much better. If the enforcing authority of Law and Order had functioned properly and effectively, we would have improved much better.

Instead of seeing the people and the Security Forces as enemies, Cooperation and understanding between the two parties should have been aimed at so that great achievement could be effected.

Thank you.

PU VANIALHRUAIA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have nothing much to say on what we are discussing. The assurances given by the Lt. Governor in his last address were not fulfilled and I am afraid this one also will meet the same fate.

I demand Govt. to try improvement on supply matter. About 30 quintals of rice was supplied, as a Special case, to Sialsuk Village while supply to Hnahlan village is still nil today, meaning consideration is not given to the matter.

Identity Cards are issued to Govt. Servants excluding the public, but the Forces took advantage of the situation and demanded the Cards from the public. I suggest that cards should be used only to persons coming and going to offices.

When I visited some patients in the Civil Hospital, I was told that proper treatment could not be done due to lack of water. I ask the Govt. if water could be supplied to important places like Hospitals giving special consideration?

On paragraph 4, we find that we may get more sanction than last year, but considering current prices it amounts to nothing much. I am afraid assistance of N.E.C. is only verbal assurance.

Agriculture Department is to give out Rs 40 lakhs as Agriculture Loan, but care should be taken to give to the deserving real farmers.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am the one who witness the old and new Mizoram and its development. I want the Members to know that, progress may not be to your expectations, we are making progress.

I request one Member to withdraw what he said as the cause of Police Officers' death. Many incidents happened at Sairang, but not by order of the Village Council President. Similarly, disturbance, murders etc. are not caused by our will or order. I cannot accept such frank accusation of our leaders.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I call upon the Minister in-charge to reply.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, many Members
MINISTER. pointed out relevant points. I
suppose we will all support
the points of Pu Hrangai. In general we made much
progress than before but not to our own satisfaction;
some plans and schemes could not yet be implemented.
Proverb says, "Rome was not built in a day", that
means great and big things cannot be finished within
a short period.

Since last year, India is affected by
economic crisis and the whole world also is going to
tackle the same problem. Under such circumstances,
under influence of disturbance, with great thirst for
development in every field, we are establishing new
Ministry, with financial assistance of Central Govern-
ment for which we should be thankful. Pu Dotinaia
complained that while Arunachal Pradesh gets Rs 63 crores
under Plan Scheme, we get lesser under the same scheme.
It is on the basis of population that they get much
more than us and more backward in development, it is
not that they are shown Special shower of considera-
tions.

We cannot grumble about our share
from the N.E.C. Plan. As we are starting everything
from the bottom, utilisation of Funds for the right
purpose is one problem. The Funds could not be utilised
as E.G.S. for roads construction as survey of the plan
is the first thing to do, hence diversion for other
purposes.

Exclusion of Paper Mill, Hydel Power
Project etc. is pointed out, but all the works done
and proposed by the Government are not embodied in
the Lt. Governor's Speech. Investigation has to be done
for about 10 years are to be involved and great care
should be taken from the bottom.

Amalgamation of Gramsevaks with
Agriculture Department is done on the basis that they
are better trained than Agriculture Demonstrators.
The pay scale of Agriculture Demonstrator is Rs 125/-
while that of Gram Sevak's is Rs 125/-, hence seniority
for promotion is no cause, as their rank is similar.
Pay scale of Senior Gram Sevaks is Rs 140/- while Asst.
Agriculture Inspector gets Rs 150/-, hence some contro-
versy can arise. Since Senior Gram Sevaks are better
trained, they are given consideration and Rs 150/- is
fixed as their basic pay, and in determining services
one-third will be cut-off. If, after such determina-
tion, they are still more senior than Asst. Agriculture
Inspector, they shall be treated as senior with higher
pay scale. This is under process.

Regarding opening of Gram Sevak or
Farmer Training Centre at Thingdawl, the Govt. have
big farms both at Thingdawl and Thenzawl but scarcity
of water causes in convenience in both cases. When we

shall have Instructors for both farms, many facilities will not be available for them. After long search for suitable place, Enahthial was chosen as suitable and work is being started to be completed during current financial year, and this will be the model Training Centre.

Construction of railway under N.E.C. Scheme is recommended to be implemented and accepted by the Central Government who is to take up the matter. As sufficient sanction is not available at the moment, ground survey is to be done during 1975-76 and such information has been furnished to our Government.

Disorganisation of suburban village is of public interest. When they decided to settle there, they were forwarded to be ready to shift whenever circumstance demand and we assured to see and decide their condition in the meanwhile. Not their readiness, but difficulty in availability of supply, compel them to be in such situation.

All the Members seem not to understand the statement that they 'should feel Indian first and Mizo next'. It is true that some of us claim to be non-Indian. It is not that they want us to feel non-Indian citizens, but an outsider.

Lakhs of rupees were given as Agriculture Loans without security deposits and the amount given is little too. Yet, though the amount is very poor as the people seem declined to repay what was drawn. As such, Government can give loans to be recovered within a year. Where Bank Law, Agriculture refinancing etc. are available the loans are repayed without fail. But such facilities are not enjoyed here, and Government is thinking of some available means. From past experience, we conclude that we are not in a position to give loan without security deposits. If deposits are more valuable than what is drawn, it is clear that we shall repay what amount is drawn. It is expected that Government will find a means to make it appear as under Land Tenure system so that village farmers may enjoy such facility. But as many things are involved in such cases, we must know that it cannot be done as quick as desired.

Thank you.

FU IALSANGZUALA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, the question of Hon'ble Members Fu Lalrinliana, Fu Dotinaia and Fu Hrangvela are under consideration. Supply movement is affected by 'December-notice' as neither Mizoram Drivers dared to go to Silchar nor Silchar Drivers dared to come, as a result of which we could draw only half of the 2500 quintals

proposed to be stored. That also affected our quota within one week.

Pu Vanlalhrauaia pointed out the case of Hnahlan. It was reported that supply has reached the place and more quantity is intended to be stored. We expect to fulfill this task and supply the required quantity within short time.

Pu Sapliana stated that District Council employees are given Loan. But the fact is that as the District Council employees could not get their salaries, the Council authority demand rice supply on credit that was granted, but the employees were not given.

Pu Sapliana also stated services of State Transport. As explained earlier, the Govt. accepted the proposal to convert the State Transport into a corporation and Rules is being drafted.

The mentioned unserviceable Taxis are to be repaired, but delayed due to non-availability of parts. The Government cannot yet meet public demands, but it relieved us somehow.

I suppose you have read in the newspaper what Pu Dotinaia stated regarding Agriculture Products N.A.F.E.D. fixed our rate at minimum price (reserve) that should not be lowered, but market rate will determine raising the rates. The Mizoram Marketing Society has been established recently and made its first contact with N.A.F.E.D. Mizawl-Silchar route only will not be covered, but all routes approached by vehicles will be covered.

The Government made final decision so that heavy vehicles may reach important villages and we may expect that will be fulfilled soon.

FU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, shifting of I.T.I. is determined by sufficiency of power and water supply

as it is technical in nature. All available materials are collected so that classes may start early, but water supply and power is the main difficulty.

I believe what is within our reach and knowledge is more useful for our development. I hope all of us will try our best to make the speech of the Lt. Governor a success.

FU NGURDAWLA:

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Police Training Institute was not mentioned, but should it be started/opened?

PU K.T. KHUMA:
MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, one good point in the speech is that while Central Government faces crisis and cuts the expenditures of State Governments to 10% to reduce monetary circulation so as to reduce price, our funds and expenditures are not cut.

Some Members seem to misunderstand Oak-tussar. It is a kind of silk living on Oak Leaves. Manipur won 1st prize in whole India exhibition as its forest reserve is suitable for the purpose where such is developed the N.E.C. sanctioned funds to develop the same product with expectation that it may be fruitful.

In consideration of Law and Order situation and financial and economic measures, we are lucky to be in this position.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am glad honourable Members pointed out good points.

I request Pu Chawngkunga to withdraw what he said, in support of Pu Hrangai's request. We wanted to have talk with underground brothers with expectation that murder, threat, etc. may be put to an end. We had a talk with them hoping that peace and understanding may prevail. We all understand the situation and none of us supports their idea. They make their lives at state and roam about in the jungles, but none of us here wants them to do that. It is with hope that we may talk frankly and reach good understanding between us. It is not good to accuse the whole tribe as assisting them, but those of us who do not assist them, cannot digest that accusation. Some people have given donation in cash, that is understood, may be under threat and warning. I earnestly request Pu Chawngkunga to withdraw his accusation as it is not desirable for record.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have nothing to withdraw. They come and threatened/warned. us whenever they feel the pulse, we in turn suffer punishment on the rebound but we are not given protection and safeguard from the authority.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is not desirable to use such accusing words in the House; I do not feel responsible for keeping them safe here. If our own strive "peace at home" is considered as keeping them here, I say they do not accept our idea. We have tried so that understanding may be reached between the two of us so that the disturbance and tumult may be put to an end. I am sure that none of our underground brothers

will last long in their fight for independence. But if our aim to make them feel at home and treat them as before is considered as hiding them, I do not care much for their ideas.

FU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, many people are compelled by circumstances to supply them food and lifts in vehicles just as you do, but the Security Forces arrested and imprisoned them for what they did; we mean that you should dare safeguard these people from torture.

FU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, that case is CHIEF MINISTER. different. I do not mean that those who supplied food and gave lifts in vehicles are their supporters. Our strive for "peace at home" is acknowledged by many people. Our giving them lifts is different, but when other people give them lifts, they are somehow suspected.

I find our budget a satisfactory one. It is as Fu Hrangaiia stated; when we tell the plans it does not mean that implementation of all these will be possible, though that is our aim and desire. Due to many circumstances, some schemes not be started at all and that is very much regretted. I earnestly hope that with your sincere cooperation we shall make progress gradually.

Paper Mill is under process and consideration, hence excluded from the Speech. There are many plans involving much money and those cannot be fulfilled within a year.

The Assam State Electricity Board informed that 66 K.V. Line may be installed during 1973 financial year; but they too failed in their plan. We took over from the Board with effect from 21st January, 1975, but as some negotiation has to be finalised, the period is extended for another two months. Though it is good we have taken over, but due to lack of expert technicians I am afraid we may not be able to process it as desired. As such, retention of A.S.E.B. staff is under process.

The Lt. Governor's statement of "Mizo must feel Indian first and Mizi next" can be viewed from two different angles and meanings, but he meant unity of whole India as one. We too said that instead of considering our Constituencies, we should work for the good of us all. Anyway, we are Indian citizens. We may not be able to contribute much, but we should work for the welfare and development of India instead of considering ourselves as outsiders.

We had a great loss in the death of three important Police Officers. Mr. Arya, former I.G.P. taught our Police Force some good advice during his short service with us. We were expecting that he will do us good things.

PU R. DOTINAAA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I want to know on what terms and conditions our Government is going to employ the staff of A.S.E.B. I would also like to know the detailed decision of Govt. to send our Police to undergo efficiency training.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, many of us look
CHIEF MINISTER. this training as punishment, but it is by order of Home Ministry. The Police Battalion is considered as ill-trained and intended to be sent for further training, but considering the intention, an appeal has been made to cancel the order. Some 200 of our Police personnel undertook only 4 months training and the Assam Govt. left with us only 3 companies of Police. We decided to send the first batch to undertake 4 months training. With the desire to have trained personnel, we let them undertake short term training so that they may complete the course after another batch relieve them. It is expected that it may be for our own good. Some suggested that only 100 persons should be sent in this batch, but if the train centre has the capacity to train more people, it would be for our own good. We are anxious to utilise their services as soon as possible.

We are ready to employ the Staff of A.S.E.B. on their own terms and conditions as we have no technicians to handle big machines. Those who desire to work on Deputation terms, shall be employed as well as those who want to remain with us; some of the staff are Mizos and negligence by them is not desirable. All the Staff of A.S.E.B. have been given option for allocation.

PU NGURDAWIA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, could you tell me whether the Hindi Training Institute should be opened or not as some interested persons asked me about it?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, we are instructed to follow Nagaland Pattern.
MINISTER. According we have sent the same for approval and implementation depends on approval of the concerned authority.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Tu Chawngkunga was requested by Tu Hrangala and Chief Minister to withdraw his point and it is desirable that he may comply with. According to our Rules etc., ironical, unparliamentary expressions and expressions that can hurt others feeling are not allowed. It will be desirable if you can withdraw ?

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, if you order me so, I shall withdraw my point.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion is- "We, the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session, beg to offer our humble thanks to the Lt. Governor for the most excellent Speech which he has been pleased to deliver to the House on 3.11.75". Are we in favour of passing ? (Members: Aye). It is passed. We shall rest on 13, 14, 15, and 16 and meet again on Monday, 17 at 10:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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