

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SITTING OF THE SEVENTH BUDGET
SESSION HELD ON 17TH MARCH (MONDAY) AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE
ASSEMBLY HOUSE, MIZORAM.

3rd Sitting on Monday 17th March, 1975, 11.00 A.M.

P R E S E N T

Pu Hiphai, Dy. Speaker in the chair, Chief Minister
and 6 Ministers and twenty eight members were present and
4 members were absent.

BUSINESS.

1. Questions.
2. Laying of Papers Etc., on the Table of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Bible a hhiar a, (Not recorded)

Now Question No. 11 Pu Saitlawma.
As he is absent, we shall take up Question No. 15 Pu Dotinala

ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Starting of Integrated Gramsevak Training Centre at Thenzawl.

15: Pu R. Dotinala: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the
Agriculture Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Thenzawl Agriculture farm has
been proposed for starting Integrated Gramsevak Training Centre?
- (b) If so, what progress has so far been made?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker there is no such proposal,
MINISTER. hence 'b' does not arise.

PU R. DOTINALA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, supplementary question:
I heard that Thenzawl is proposed for
starting Integrated Gramsevak Training
Centre, but I don't know why it was proposed to be transferred
to Hnahthial?. If that is a fact, why should it be transferred?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, there is no such
MINISTER. proposal to transfer to Hnahthial as
Hnahthial was selected for starting the
training Centre and work is being started,
the reason is that Hnahthial is more convenient than Thenzawl.

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PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir, supplementary questions I am not satisfied with the reply. Thenzawl is convenient as water is sufficient and there is a big Departmental farm and approach roads are being constructed by B.R.T-F from Sarchhip and Aizawl respectively. Hence proposal for Integrated Gramsevak Training Centre. It is said to be transferred to Hnahthial which is found to be much inconvenient. Is it chosen for being along the main road? Water is scarce and with no field to carry out practical work and inconvenience in many respects. Is it selected on favouritism basis?

(Pu Vanlalhruaia: Mr.Dy.Speaker, the Minister said Hnahthial is more convenient hence selected. If so, how it is more convenient and how much is Thenzawl inconvenient?)

PU.R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker Sir, consideration should be given to the instructors and their families, besides the trainees. Regarding sufficiency of water and location of farm, Thenzawl also is very convenient. Hnahthial also is convenient, though water is not so sufficient as at Thenzawl, but it is suitable from visitors' point of view. But Thenzawl is found inconvenient for such facilities like medical facility and development of the area itself. The Government is of the opinion that developing Hnahthial will be more fruitful after considering all the conditions that determine starting of the Centre. As Hnahthial is located along the main road and all the factors that determine establishment of a Centre, it is selected and work started.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I do not object ^{to} selection of Hnahthial if it is found convenient. But since Agriculture requires technical knowledge, consultation of experts in the line is necessary. In selection of Thenzawl farm, technically qualified person should have been employed to make recommendation. But in case of Hnahthial farm, are technically qualified persons employed to do the same?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, it is the choice of the Agriculture Department itself. Thenzawl is suitable from technical side, but considering other factors like non-technical side, Hnahthial is found more suitable than Thenzawl.

DY.SPEAKER: That question is not relevant, it is a difference of ideas.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, the Minister's comparison concludes that Thenzawl is more suitable, but Hnahthial is still praised after all such comparisons. As such, why is Hnahthial still shown favouritism for starting the Centre?

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, should not technical factor prevail in this case?

DY. SPEAKER Question No. 16 Pu Dotinaia.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Position of amalgamations of Gramsevaks and Agricultural Demonstrators.

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

What steps has the Government so far taken for the amalgamation of gramsevaks and Agricultural Demonstrators?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I shall clarify question MINISTER. No. 15. Thenzawl is suitable from technical point, but the non-technical factor also is important considering the present situation. The Government thought that development of Hnahthial will be more fruitful. The Government therefore selected Hnahthial and proposal for transfer did not arise.

On question No 16, order was issued for amalgamation, and seniority has to be considered to determine promotion; such seniority list is being prepared.

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Supplementary question. The cabinet has long since made decision for this amalgamation, but till today, "it is being processed!" though it appears to be a minor matter. When will it be finalised and in what manner?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, it is not a matter of MINISTER. processing. The Government issued order declaring "it is amalgamated" that is quite enough. In case of promotion, seniority will be the deciding factor and seniority list is being collected for the purpose.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, supplementary question: It appears they are working as under amalgamation, yet Development Department is still controlling posting and transfer of Gram Sevaks. Is the Government aware that after amalgamation the Agriculture Department cannot utilise the services of Gram Sevaks staff? How is the problem intended to be solved?

What is the Government's idea in deciding the positions of Senior Gramsevaks and Asst. Agricultural Inspectors whose pay scales are Rs 140/- and Rs 150/- respectively. Will it be good and beneficial for the Government to amalgamate different categories?

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PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, merger of any party is not always successful. The said amalgamation is not yet finalised and both parties are known to be dissatisfied. In what manner this case will be remedied?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, this amalgamation is done as both the parties have no chance of promotion, but if they come under the Agriculture Department they shall have that chance as their work and training relates to Agricultural work and in consideration of their future position. They may be a misance for the Agri.Department but leaving them without future hope is not desirable. There is not much controversy as their pay scales are same.

Regarding utilisation of their services, Gram Sevaks are under the control of Community Development Directorate and posting and transfer is at their own choice, as in other Departments.

There is controversy in difference of pay scales between Asstt. Agri.Inspector and Senior Gramsevak whose pay scales are Rs 150/- and Rs 140/- respectively. Difficulty arises when seniority is determined for promotion, but Asst. Agri.Inspector with pay scale of Rs 150/- is treated as Senior than Senior Gramsevak with pay scale of Rs 140/-. But considering training experience, untrained Senior Gramsevak is promoted to Asstt. Agri.Inspector provided he is senior enough. After amalgamation, senior Gramsevak, with good training experience and higher pay scale, stands in better position than Asstt. Agri.Inspector. The Government decided to discount one third(1/3) of their services in determining seniority and starting at Rs 150/- scale. If after all such processing they are still senior than Asst.Agri Inspector they shall supercede them. If they are not senior they shall stand in what position they are standing. That is considered as a remedy.

Pu Chawngkunga stated that merger generally is unsuccessful. That may be true. If some are not satisfied they shall have to resign.

PU R.DODINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, from which Department the amalgamated Gramsevaks and Agriculture Demonstrators draw their salaries? Are they on deputation when they are working under Development Department?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I suppose they are paid from Block Funds.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, does it not seem to be not yet amalgamated?

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PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, the Assam Government
MINISTER.. also deputed Officers to become our
their salaries. That procedure is being followed here.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, that does not seem
to be merger?.

PU C.I.CHHUNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, Gram sevak, other than
CHIEF MINISTER. Senior Gramsevak has no scope for
promotion. Hence absorption in Agri-
culture Department is proposed for their own good, as the
work relates to Agri.Department. They are paid from Block
Funds but they are staff of Agriculture Department. They
are deputed to work under Development Blocks who paid their
salaries.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I am not clear with the
Chief Minister's explanation. After
amalgamation both the Gramsevak and Agri-
Demonstrators are simply Demonstrators. Those deputed under
Blocks are designated as Gramsevaks as they are concerned
with development work. The Agri.Department is supposed to
pay their salaries, but as that is not yet done it means
there are Gramsevaks and Agri.Demonstrators separately. If
the Gramsevaks are being favoured, why not fulfill this
amalgamation?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, that is true to some
MINISTER. extent, but depending on the stages.
For current year, they are paid from
Block Funds, but for 1975-76 they shall get from Agri.
Department as proposed. If the Agri. Department cannot
meet the Funds, arrangement will be made from Block Funds.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, they are treated as
amalgamated, but the Chief Minister
stated that they are absorbed in Agri.
Department. The Agri.Department treating them as its staff
in connection with posting and transfer, cannot finalise
their case as Community Development Block interferes in the
matter. Should not the Agri.Department have full control
on posting and transfer?. Officers and staff under dual
control of two Departments cannot make progress. Could
not this power be given to only one Department?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, posting and transfer
MINISTER. is no main problem if convenience
in work is to be effected. There
is a separate Directorate under the Block; hence posting
and transfer of staff is under control of Community Deve-
lopment Directorate.

As Pu Dotinaia stated, if they work
under Agri.Department they are simply Demonstrators, but
to be designated as Gramsevaks when they work under Blocks
though the person is one and same.

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DY.SPEAKER: Question No.17, Pu Dotinaia

Filling up of the vacant post of Director of Agriculture.

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

Whether the Government propose to fill up the vacant post of Director of Agriculture?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, it is proposed to be filled up and advertised. Applicants are there and the matter is under process.
MINISTER.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, could not the D.P.C. fill it up by promotion? Why is the post of Agriculture Director advertised while other posts are filled up by D.P.C by promotion?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, the Government can advertise or fill it up by promotion of Senior Officers. This vacant post is advertised by order and senior officers present also applied for it?.
MINISTER.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, what is the prescribed qualification for the post? How many Mizo applicants are there and how many from outside?.

PU VANLALHUAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, since when was the post lying vacant? When was advertisement made with the last date for submission of application? How many applicants in all?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, B.Sc., (Agriculture) is prescribed, experienced and serving some years in the line. About 4 applicants are from Mizoram and many from outside. The total number comes to about 21. It had been vacant since the latest Director, Shri Bhattacharjee left it and since then Development Commissioner took charge of it.
MINISTER.

PU C.CHANNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker, why the advertisement instead of promoting available senior officers? How many non-Mizo applicants are there?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I have stated the number of applicants. In every vacant post, promotion of senior officers to fill it up is not always possible due to various circumstances, hence advertised.
MINISTER.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, sometimes advertisement and sometimes promotion to fill up vacant post is at Government's will and true to some extent. Does not the Government have recruitment rules or other rules controlling this practical as this makes the Government seem weak?.

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PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, is it true that the D.P.C. constituted by Central Government is not yet functioning till today?

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I suppose that selection shall be made for the post. May I know on what basis that will be done?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, as the post vacant is only one, such prescription of percentage cannot be maintained.
MINISTER.

PU C. LALRUATA. Mr. Dy. Speaker, should every vacant post under Agri. Department be sometimes advertised and sometimes filled up by promotion at the will of the Government? Is not there proper regulation?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, that question does not arise in this case, though in the cases of Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, percentage is maintained for promotion and advertisement. (Pu C. Lalruata, Mr. Dy. Speaker, I want to know since when that was practiced?)
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, Recruitment Rules prescribe the percentage to be 75% for direct recruitment of Inspectors and Agriculture graduate degree is prescribed. But difficulty arises when senior officers without agriculture graduate degree can compete in the line and there is provision to relax the Rules for such officers, subject to Administrator's approval. We may have to do that in some cases to determine promotion.

The basis for selection is qualification and suitability of the applicant. The Government will not show favouritism and classification of Mizos and non-Mizos. qualification and experience will be the deciding factor.

(Pu Ngurdawla: Pu Dy. Speaker, the Central Government is said to have constituted D.P.C. to decide promotion of 1st Class and 2nd Class Officers where Home Secretary is Chairman and our Chief Secretary and other officers are Members?)

Mr. Dy. Speaker, the D.P.C. is constituted but not functioning as our own D.P.C. is presently functioning. It will be difficult for them to come from Delhi whenever there is a case to be decided here, and our Chief Secretary may have to be authorised to perform. I have not heard of its performance.

DY. SPEAKER: Question No. 18. Pu Sapliana:

Constitution of Agriculture Consultative Committee at Lawngtlai.

*18: PU SAPLIANA: Will the Minister i/c of the Agriculture Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that Agriculture Consultative Committee, Lawngtlai has been constituted by the Government?

(b) If so, since when?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, such Committee is not
MINISTER. constituted by the Government.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I have seen a letter with
the headline 'Agri. Consultative Committee,
Lawngtlai. What rank of persons can consti-
tute this Committee? Could some Officers constitute it
without the consent and acknowledgement of the Government?
One person from Lawngtlai was selected to work in Terrace
Cultivation Demonstration Farm, but the Agri. Consultative
Committee of Lawngtlai selected another person for the post.
Could anybody constitute important Committee without the order
of the Government? If the Government is not aware of this,
what is its opinion?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Government is not aware
MINISTER. of the case. I cannot clarify the extent
of this Committee. Generally this Committee
is constituted by M.L.As, Officers and Ministers. If District
Officers constitute this kind of Committee for their own
conveniences, that is not by order of the Government. On the
other hand, if money is not involved and ~~it is~~ keen interest
for development of Agriculture works, there is no harm. The
Government is not aware of what the Member pointed out.

DY. SPEAKER: Question No. 19, Pu Sapliana.

Posting of S.D.A.O. at Lawngtlai.

* 19: PU SAPLIANA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture
Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether there is any proposal for posting of Sub-Division
Agricultural Officer at Lawngtlai?

(b) If not, why not?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is no proposal as
MINISTER. S.D.A.O. post is generally attached to
District Headquarters. Generally, each
Civil Sub-Division has Headquarters but we still don't have it.
As Saiha is District Headquarters, D.A.O. is posted with
S.D.A.O. below him whose power extends to Lawngtlai. S.D.A.O.
post is not yet created, hence no proposal.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, it is heard that Govern-
ment is proposing to create Sub-Division,
though not pure Civil Sub-Division, at
Lawngtlai. Could S.D.A.O. be posted in such Divisions?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, if the Agriculture Deptt.
is to open Sub-Division, whether Civil
Sub-Division or not, S.D.A.Os must be
posted there, otherwise they are rarely posted. The staff
of S.D.A.O. are created under Non-Plan. Ban on creation of
posts imposed by the Central Government makes opening of
Civil Sub-Division difficult if District staff are to be
posted. If consideration could be given to Lawngtlai
though there is no proposal, it will be favourable.

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DY.SPEAKER: Now Question No.20, Pu C.Lalruata.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Replacement of 1st Bn.M.A.P.

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*20PU C.LALRUATA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Home Department be pleased to state -

Is it a fact that the Mizoram Armed Police(1st Bn) is going to be replaced by Police force of other States?

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, there is no such thing.
CHIEF MINISTER.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, is it a fact that the whole Battalion of 1st Bn., Mizoram Armed Police is to be sent for efficiency training to Hazaribagh, Bihar?.

PU CH.CHHUNGAL Mr.Dy.Speaker, there is no such proposal.
CHIEF MINISTER.

DY.SPEAKER: Now Question No. 21, Pu Hruaia.

HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Filling up of the post of Joint Director of Health Services.

*21:PU VANLALRUAI: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Health Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether the post of Jt.Director of Health Services has been filled up?.

(b) If so, please state the name of person duly appointed?

(c) If not, why not?.

PU P.B.NIKMA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, it is not yet filled up as the case is under consideration.
DY.MINISTER.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, it is true that one Senior Officer is favoured by Government for the post, but due to certain case which is not yet cleared, the matter is kept pending for long time as it was mentioned in the last Budget Session?.

PU SRPLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, since when was the post vacant and why not fill it up early? Since when was it being processed for filling up and when will it be filled up?.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, in what manner it will be filled up, by promotion or by advertisement?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, it will be filled up by promotion. The post is newly created and we expect to fill it up soon, but due to its technical nature we are in this position. When its filling up was considered, the Central Government ordered us to keep it pending but we demanded it.

It was referred to the D.P.C. but it is not delayed to clear the case of one favoured officer as Pu Lalruata stated. The Officer mentioned is not suspended and that is not what barred us from filling it up. After the D.P.C. took over, the Appointment Department enquired and demanded clearance from the Central Vigilance Commission whether promotion of an Officer having case against him could be made. The reply for clearance is awaited and that is the reason for the delay.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, does it mean that the Central Government withdrew the post after creation? It was said to have been created even in the last Budget Session and the case of one certain officer was mentioned. The case of the Officer was said to be referred to the Central Government. I want to know the position of the Centre's reply to decide the case.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, after the post was created the Central Government thought we need it less but we reported our emergent need. It was mentioned even in the last Budget Session and no action was taken against the Officer.

(Pu C.Lalruata: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I want to know the interval between creation of the post and Central Govt's order to delay it?)

Mr.Speaker, I cannot say the exact period. The Member may ascertain from Office.

(Pu Hruaia: how much time lapsed since it was cleared by Central Government?).

Mr.Dy.Speaker, though I cannot tell the time, it is within this year.

The Central Vigilance Commission replied that the case may be cleared and we are authorised to make final decision on the case.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, we have put question asking whether consideration could be given to those having cases which was replied in the negative. Another question was 'why are not these having cases be suspended' which was replied that we not competent to do so. Central Govt's order is necessary. That is being considered. Instead of letting it lie vacant for long time, could not somebody officiate in the post, if the favoured one is still having pending case? The matter is said to be with the D.P.C. How many cases are to be considered now?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, as it is C.B.I. case we can do nothing without their report and recommendation and that is how it was stated in the last Session. Now the report and recommendation are received and we are authorised to make final decision that is under process. We did not think that clearance will be necessary, but as the Appointment Deptt. informed of the requirement it was again referred to Central Govt. It is being processed as replied in the last Session.

The cases of 3 applicants are being considered to fill up the post. The post of Director is being officiated by the Secretary. The post is not simply lying vacant. The question of officiating the post does not arise as it is being processed to be filled up by promotion.

PU SREPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, while the cases of 3 applicants are to be considered, due to the case of _____ one person which is not cleared all the cases are kept pending. Does the Government intend to fill it up this certain post?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Central Vigilance Committee authorised us to clear the case and it is being processed. We are to report back our progress on the case.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, what is being processed, the post or the case of the favoured one? What is being authorised to you to decide? If there are candidates, could it not be filled?

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, it seems our Government is losing its dignity in filling up the post of Jt. Director. As Members' opinion is public opinion, whom they want to appoint or not is quite clear. While Pu Vaivanga was in-charge of Health Deptt. the case was reported to be with C.B.I. but time passed on. From the Minister's reply, it seems that after clearing the case of a certain person filling up the post will be considered to make appointment. Though I don't know the person, but appointment will make it clear. Whatever the matter before clearance of this case no progress will be made. Other Members are surprised as this case originated from the last Session. The Government should have made clear who is being favoured.

(Pu P. B. Nikhuma: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is no difficulty as the person is not suspended.)

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, who is the authority to decide suspension, the C.B.I. or the Central Vigilance Committee or our Government. After clearance by the Central Government after consideration of the case by our Government finding faults, could he be suspended? Could not action be taken against him?

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PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, if the case is cleared
DY. MINISTER. it is not our case. Disciplinary authority can decide suspension.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, as the case is said to
be referred to our Government for
consideration, should not our Govern-
ment take action against him? How will it be processed?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, the case has been cleared
DY. MINISTER. to some extent and there is no more bar

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, all the Members are
not satisfied, even in the last Budget
Session. There is standing order where-
by Officers are provided with power to keep Government
money with a fixed amount. But our Officer disobeying the
order, lost the amount be kept. Does the Government acknow-
ledge this fact?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is irrelevant, it should be in
the form of Supplementary question.
That is a statement.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, Pu Lalruata's question
DY. MINISTER. has no connection with this promotion.
(Pu C.Lalruata: Mr.Dy.Speaker, the
Minister is still replying though it is in supplementary
form).

Mr.Dy.Speaker, I did not mean that
the question is out of promotion matter. The case of
filling up the post of Jt. Director has no connection with
one Officer's keeping of Government money and chance for
promotion is not affected. The case is with the C.B.I.

(Pu C.Lalruata: Mr.Dy.Speaker, does
the Government know the Officer is doing things outside
the rule).

Mr.Dy.Speaker, the Government is aware
of it and case is going on. (Pu C.Lalruata: Mr.Dy.Speaker,
if the Government is aware and still claim to be clear,
what kind of Government is this?).

Mr.Dy.Speaker, the Government do not
say the case is clear. Warning has been given and the case
closed. Some may be unfortunate in any case. The Government
do not say that what was done was right and according to
rule; rather the Government do not feel the action warrant
punishment; hence stern warning was given.

(Pu C. Lalruata: Mr. Dy. Speaker, is only murder considered a serious case? If a person disobeys Government order, should not any penalty be awarded? If not, will we be able to control Government servants?).

(Pu Vanlalhruaia: Mr. Dy. Speaker, if this case could be cleared by giving warning, could all other cases be cleared in the same manner?).

Mr. Dy. Speaker, the case and the guilty persons will make difference as all cases are different. Some could be pardoned and some not. Under the circumstances, the extent of Officer's responsibility has to be considered. All misdeeds do not warrant punishment, suspension etc.

The C.B.I. proposed that common proceeding be held as many officers were involved.

(Pu J. Thanghuama, Mr. Speaker, could the Government pardon this case?) Mr. Dy. Speaker, the post of Jt. Director is created when the case was referred to the C.B.I. and there is Budget provision. We do not know how the C.B.I. processed the case. We do not know how the concerned Officer is to be affected in the case of promotion. After receiving C.B.I. report, the Director was found to be responsible, but who is now absent/retired. We are authorised to decide the case as we found fit as the case is of minor character, and we found no bar for promotion.

(Pu Sapliana: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I suggest the Government should announce/declare that the post of Joint Director will be filled up after clearance of this pending case?).

The case was referred to the D.P.C. from whom the Appointment Department demanded clearance. Our Department is cleared from the case.

(Pu Vanlalhruaia: Mr. Dy. Speaker, when asked 'whether the case could be considered?' we were answered in the negative. What is the real meaning?).

We do not find any fault to bar promotion or warrant punishment. (Pu C. Lalruata: Mr. Dy. Speaker, what kind of wrong doing is serious as to affect and bar promotion?).

Mr. Dy. Speaker, the case, as it was referred to the D.P.C. who asked further enquiry from the Appointment Department. From our side, there is no intention to clear some case while delaying some case; we are going on as we should have. The D.P.C. is to make recommendation for the promotion/Appointment to the post.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Number and names of Villages/G.Cs and Thlawnbawks which are to be granted Village Councils in the next Village Council General Election.

2. PU R.DOTINAIA TO ASK
PU J.THANGHUAMA

Pu B.B.Nikhuma, Dy Minister
i/c L.A.D. to reply.

Will the Hon'ble Dy.Minister i/c of the L.A.D. be pleased to state -

(a) What are Village Grouping Centres that would have V/Cs for the purpose of next V/C General Election (Give the list, constituency-wise)?

(a) No. 163 Village Grouping Centres list attached

(b) What are the Thlawhbawks which are the proposed to be given Village Councils?

(b) This is under consideration of the Government.

Number of Village Councils dissolved since February, 1974 and reasons for dissolution.

3. Pu R.Dotinaia to ask:

Pu P.B.Nikhuma, Dy Minister
i.c L.A.D. to reply.

Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the L.A.D. be pleased to state -

What are the Village Councils that were dissolved since February, 1974 (Give names of the Village Councils, the reasons for the dissolution?).

12 Village Councils. Names of the village councils and reasons of dissolution are as below:-

1. Kelsih Village Council was dissolved with effect from 10.5.74 on account of the resignation of the whole elected members.

2. Darngawn(W) Village Council, Lunglodi District was dissolved with effect from 24.4.74 on account of the fact that the President and majority of the Village Council Members have migrated.

3. Vanbawng Village Council was dissolved w.s.f. 9.4.74 on account of the fact that the Village Council has not been

acting to the best interest of the villagers and is not efficient in running of the Village Administration in general which is clearly revealed from the result against the Village Council.

4. Vaphai Village Council was dissolved with effect from 20.4.74 due to the resignation of whole elected Village Council Members.

5. Kawrtethawng Village Council was dissolved w.e.f. 1.3.74 on account of the resignation of majority of elected Village Council Members.

6. Zotlang Village Council, Lunglodi District was dissolved w.e.f. 10.8.1974 due to the resignation of whole elected Village Council Members.

7. Khawzawl Village Council was dissolved with effect from 10.8.1974 due to the resignation of majority of elected Members

8. Zamuang Village Council was dissolved with effect from 15.10.1974 due to the resignation of majority of elected Village Council Members.

9. Thingdawl Village Council was dissolved with effect from 20.11.1974 due to inefficiency of the Village Council to carry out the Village Administration which is clearly revealed from the result of the enquiry made against the Village Council.

10. Kawnpui Village Council was dissolved with effect from 20.12.1974 due to inefficiency of the Village Council in the running of the Village Administration.

11. Bairabi Village Council was dissolved with effect from 1.12.1974 due to the resignation of majority of elected Village Council Members.

12. Zemabawk Village Council dissolution order being processed as the whole Village Council Members had resigned.

Progress made by Re-settlement of Grouping Village Committee.

Pu R. Dotinaia to ask:

Pu P. B. Nikhuma, Dy. Minister i/c L.A.D. to reply -

4. Will the Hon'ble Dy. Minister i/c of the L.A.D. be pleased to state -

Total amount sanctioned for rehabilitation re-construction of Villages and names of Villages receiving the money?

The Committee have submitted its recommendation to the Government.

Total amount sanctioned for rehabilitation re-construction of Villages and names of Villages receiving the money.

Pu R. Dotinaia

Pu P. B. Nikhuma, Dy. Minister i/c L.A.D. to reply -

5. Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of L.A.D. be pleased to state -

(a) What is the total amount available at present for rehabilitation of villages?

(a) There is no sanctioned amount available at present for rehabilitation of villages. However, there is a Budget provision of Rs 15 lakhs under Rural Housing & Development. Out of this, Rs 5 lakhs intended to be spent for Dev. and the remaining 10 lakhs for purchase of GCI Sheets. But due to non-availability of GCI Sheets the entire amount is diverted to Urban Dev. Sector. This amount was meant for Rural Housing Schemes, not for rehabilitation of Villages.

(b) What are the villages receiving this grant and what amount given to each? (b) Does not arise

DY. SPEAKER: Question hour is over. We have rules to follow. One Member can put as many as five (5) supplementary questions, ~~but~~ but you have asked more than that, due to absence of Pu Saitlawma whose questions are not taken up. (Pu C. Lalruata: Mr. Dy. Speaker, may I be allowed to ask Supplementary question on my Starred Question No. 9, which was not taken up on the date fixed, and written answer circulated?).

Written answer to Unstarred question has been given to you. Now, Pu Khawtinkhuma, Minister-in-charge Finance Department, lay "Description of the Activities of Govt. Departments etc", on the Table of the House.

LAYING OF PAPERS

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF GOVT. DEPARTMENTS ETC.

PU KHAWTINKHUAM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, with your kind permission I lay the "Description of the Activities of Govt. Departments etc" on the Table.

DY. SPEAKER: Next item is Budget presentation. As the Budget is not yet ready may I be informed of the position.

STATEMENT BY FINANCE MINISTER

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, today is the date for presentation of supplementary Budget for 1974-75 and Budget for 1975-76. The Finance Secretary has gone to Delhi on 14.3.1975 to take the assent of the President, who sent a W/T message on last Friday afternoon stating that due to miscalculations and errors, the assent cannot be yet given. The Under Secretary Finance Department is required to be present there, who left Delhi on Saturday afternoon to reach on the same day. He was reminded to send W/T message or any information regarding the decision on the matter, but that is still not received till today. I am very sorry not to be able to present the Budget to this August House today.

DY. SPEAKER: As such is the position, we have no business for tomorrow and this afternoon. We shall have recess and meet again on 19.3.1975 at 11:00 A.M.

Meeting adjourned

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