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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DURING THE 7th & BUDGET SESSION
HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL FROM 11.3.1975 to 1.4.1975

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4th SITTING ON 19 MARCH, 1975 at 11 A.M.

At the Chair : Pu Hiphei, Deputy Speaker.

Members Present : 31

Absent : 2

Business: 1) Questions
2) Private Members' Resolutions.

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DY. SPEAKER : (Reading of the Bible). For Question
No. 22 - Pu C. Lalruata's Question.

ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

*22 PU C. LALRUATA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, Will the Hon'ble
Minister i/c the Appointment Deptt.
be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that all Under Secretaries in
Mizoram Civil Secretariat other than Secretariat Service
Personnels are given equal amount of Special Pay ?

(b) If not, why not ?

PU CH. CHIFUNGA, Chief Minister: Mr. ^{Rev.} Speaker Sir,

(a) No.

(b) Under the Government of Assam the
ACS/IAS Officers who are posted as Under Secretaries are
given special pay of Rs. 200/- p.m. Such provisions have
been extended to the Government of Mizoram by the Government
of India vide their letter F. No. 3/15/72-MZ dt. 9.5.72
and allowed us ~~to~~ to follow Assam Government
practice in regard to special pay. Is such this Government
has given special pay to ACS Officers when they are posted
as Under Secretaries under this Government. Other Under
Secretaries are not entitled such special pay on the ground
mentioned above. This Government moved the Government of
India, a number of times between September, 1973 and April,
1974 and also Chief Minister has written D.O. letter to the
Home Minister to sanction such Special Pay for Under Sec-
retaries who are other than ACS, but the Government of
India do not agree with our proposal. However, Shri S.S.
Dutta, Under Secretary, Finance Department who belongs to
Assam Accounts Service has been granted Special Pay of
Rs 150/-p.m. by the Government of India.

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FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question - Has special pay been granted also to the Secretary of Law & Judicial and Under Secretary of Revenue? ²⁴⁵

FU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, even after we pressed them to grant them same special pay to these Under Secretaries of Law & Judicial and Revenue, Central Government could not consent to it. The reason why Shri Dutta alone was granted must be because of special responsibility attached to Finance Department.

FU SALLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question - I would first of all like to know the number of Under Secretaries we have in the Secretariat, how many are cadre and how many of them are not? Our Chief Minister stated Under Secretary, Finance as of non-cadre and also stated the reason why he was granted special pay. But, why can't Under Secretary of L.A.D. & Revenue also be granted the same, for they too have responsibility in their Departments? And, what is the amount of Special Pay granted to Under Secretary Cadre, Rs 150/- or Rs 200/-?

FU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I think so. It is Rs 200/- for I.A.S. and A.C.S. But, since I.A.S. are not employed as Under Secretary, I don't know definitely. In case of Shri Dutta, usually the employees of Finance seemed to have more responsibility, for being the ones who handle money. Regarding the number of Under Secretaries - as that was not included in the question, I did not prepare myself.

FU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Could not Mizoram Government agree to grant this special pay to other Under Secretaries as well, for they too have responsibility that is almost equal to the responsibility carried by Finance?

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Is there any intention to go on pressing Central Government to grant the special pay to the two Under Secretaries we have mentioned or has the idea been already given up?

FU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we have tried all means, had sent letters and also had discussions. So, we know not what to do now. The following are the letters we have sent to Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi -

1. MAF 26/73/24 - 11.9.1973.
 2. MAF 26/73/41-42 - 28.11.1973
 3. MAF 26/73 - 30-3-1974.
- and also W.T. Message MAF 26/73-5.3.74.

26/73/60 (A) - 17.4.1974

26/73/64(A) - 24.4.1974

Chief Minister D.O. No. 26/73/53,54 - 18.3.1974.

FU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, If Chief Minister made a reference in the House, the letters have now become public property. So, will he lay them on the Table of the House for us to see the copies?

FU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, This does not mean that I am to lay them on the Table. I quoted them, for our Members to know how much we've tried to convince Central Government to grant this Special Pay to the Under Secretaries we have mentioned above.

FU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Anything that has been referred to in the House by the Government are to be Public property.

FU K.T. KHUMA
MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Let me try to explain the case of Shri Dutta. As our Hon'ble Chief Minister had quoted, Under Secretaries who had been appointed by I.S.C. from Cadre Service are given a special pay. The same case is with I.A.S. and A.C.S. who are from Cadre Service. Hence, Shri Dutta also could be regarded as one, for he was from Assam Accounts Service.

(C. Lalruata: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Why said 'could be regarded, why don't you give a definite statement).

Yes, that was the reason why Central Government accepted him, for he is from A.I.A.S. But, those who are from District Accounts Service are not accepted as Cadre Service for their appointment was not done by I.S.C. So, this is the reason why Central Government could not give their acceptance. Being slightly different from A.C.S. in his scale and grade, Shri Dutta's special pay was fixed at Rs 150/- by Central Government.

DY. SPEAKER: Now, Question No. 23 by C. LALRUATA's Question.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that some persons of Aizawl are selected to undergo Agriculture Training in U.S.A.

(b) If yes, who are the persons so selected?

(c) Are they Agriculturist?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,

(a) Yes.

(b) They are:-

(1) Shri F. Lalthlamuana

(2) Shri Lalchuanliana

(3) ~~Mr~~ Smt Ngaihawmi Renthlei

(c) Yes.

FU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Is it a fact that some of the selected persons are regarded as Agriculturist but could not leave due to contract and other business they are undertaking?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
Government have no knowledge of that.

FU VANLALHRUANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Our Hon'ble Minister regarded as agriculturist, while the last and lady was stated as of not being agriculturist. If so, could our Minister explain the kinds of persons whom Government regarded as Agriculturist? Could a contractor also be regarded as an agriculturist for we learned that some of the selected ones are Contractors. How many persons applied for this training? Were there not any among them who are real agriculturist for whom this opportunity is open as we have read in our papers?

FU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Is it a fact that the names of the selected ones are found in the list of 2nd Class Contractor, Public Works Department?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I have no knowledge of Fu Chawngkunga's Question, but I think P.W.D. can give an answer.

Actually Contractor also could be an agriculturist at the same time if they have land and field where to grow crops. Particularly the first two from the list of the selected ones. I know they have vast and extensive land. When we say 'agriculturist' (most of us seemed to think of them as only those who work in Field/Jhum day to day by their own hands. As a matter of fact, they all are agriculturists, the only thing is they themselves did not go to work in Field/Jhum. Moreover, Government have choice among the applicants as there was inconvenience in selecting those who really work in Field by their own hands. Altogether, there were 31 applicants among which 3 of them were female.

FU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, How was the selection made? Was any interview held for the applicants?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, As there was but little time left, no interview was held. Regarding the selection, there were 12 conditions being made. Those applicants who fulfilled upto the most satisfactory condition were selected. Moreover, economic background is an important factor to be remembered when selection is under process. Expenditure should be borne by them for going and coming from Delhi where they are supposed to have an interview. And, since they are to have again an interview in Delhi we have to think also their knowledge of language. Hence, those who could speak English are selected.

FU VANLALHRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Our Hon'ble Minister had stated the reason for not having an interview. Then, when was the selection made? And when did they leave for Delhi? If I'm not mistaken, I heard it was just a few days back that they left for Delhi altho' the selection was done sometime back. And, how can there be so little time?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Selection was done on 19th February, and their applications had to reach Delhi on 23rd of the same month. As such, there was no time to have an interview.

FU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Is there any knowledge that some of our Board Members were asked to make a recommendation of those selected as having had an interview without their (our Board Members) knowing the persons selected? Of the persons selected, is there anyone who is related to our Minister?

TU R. THANGLIANA

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, In regard to Tu Thanghuama's Question - Whether they have or not an interview, persons selected are to be recommended, for their names have to be submitted on the fixed date. So, there is no difference. And there is also no separate Board. I, along with 2 Officers of Agriculture Directorate did the selection. Somehow, the principle of pick and choose could not be shunned as the conditions laid down were too difficult to follow. If we are to follow each and every condition, we have to search and select those who have good figure which is really a difficult task.

TU C. LAIRUATA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, When did Government learn that some persons could be sent to U.S.A.? By whose expense this was arranged?

TU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, How would they know those who have nice figure without seeing them in an interview?

TU CHAWNGKUNGA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The Minister stated that selection was made from candidates who were financially sound. Whether the candidates mention their financial position in their application? If not, how could they know that the selected ones were financially better off?

TU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, ^{As} I have stated before, there was but little time to have an interview. And some of the candidates were from Lunglei.

I too have heard and read in our Local papers that one among the selected candidates, was related to our Chief Minister. I am very sorry to know that there was one, for he (Chief Minister) or we never knew that Shri Lalthlamuana (one of the selected candidates) was his son-in-law. But, this has nothing to do with our selection of him. Of the 3 female candidates one was married which disqualified her for the purpose. So, one female, known to one of our fictitious Board Officers, was selected. But, incidentally she was a close relative of our Chief Minister. ** She/he was related to him. We only knew that*

TU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker
was very unfair as we can see it.
How could they know those who have nice figure without actually seeing them before an Interview Board or whatever Board it is? Whoever was selected that I don't particularly object to it. But there was something behind it, which is not at all fair and just.

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker
dated, they were the ones whom we
see them as having better figure than
other candidates. Let me now continue what I was saying.
As it all happened incidentally, I personally apologize to
our Chief Minister, for, unknowingly, we were near to degrade
and disgrace his name in ^{public}.
I would now also like to apologize for this mistake.

FU C. LALRUATA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Please, my
Questions be answered. When did the
Government issue notice and what was the
last date fixed for?

FU VANIA LHRUAIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Has it always
been with Fictitious Board that the
Government had done things?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, That Fictitious
Board was one kind of languages. I
didn't exactly say 'Fictitious Board'
but only said 'somewhat like fictitious Board'
(laughter)

As for Fu C. Lalruata's question -
I don't know exactly when did the letter reach Aizawl.
But, an advertisement was issued as soon as the letter arrived
from Delhi. And, the expenditure is not to be borne by
Mizoram Government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Now, Question 24, Fu C. Lalruata's
Question.

FU C. LALRUATA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble
Minister i/c Agriculture and Veterinary
Department be pleased to state -
(a) Whether it is a fact that Animal Husbandry and Veteri-
nary Department could not give loans to the applicants
who were trained by them though there is a Budget Provision?
(b) If yes, what is the reason thereof?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,
(a) No.
(b) Does not arise.

FU C. LALRUATA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question.
When was training given? And has
Veterinary Loan been given out last
year?.

TU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, They were given the year before last. But, this does not mean loans are exclusively for those who had had training. Last year, no loan was given out as there were no rules to be based upon. But, this year, we have a chance for there is Agriculture Loan Rules.

TU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question - If I am not mistaken, I think this Veterinary Loan was under Half a Million Job Programme if we study our Budget Book. Actually it is a sort of commitment for the Government to help those who are educated but jobless. As such, will the Government be able to give out this year?

TU V.L. HRUAIAL Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, How many persons had been trained? And, is it also possible to give the loan to untrained persons as well?

TU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, So far, we have had 14 persons trained. It is also possible to give to untrained persons as well. As for Tu C. Lalruata's question - True that they were trained under Half a Million Job Programme, but not the loan I think. We would also try to give them this year. But, it is not Government's commitment to give those who are not interested though they might have received seed-money.

TU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to know the persons who are to lay the Rules. Two years have passed since they were given training. But, till now there seems to be difficulty in giving them the loan. So, what was the difficulty and what kind it was?

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TU DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question - If I am not mistaken, I heard that the reason why they can't give was due to their having no land to be mortgaged. If so, do the Government intend to give to those who have no land/property to be mortgaged but have had training?

TU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, It is Loan. Regarding Tu Ruata's question - It is the Department who is to lay the rules, but, Central Government would have to approve of it. But for this year, Vety. loan also would be distributed under Agriculture Loan Rules.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question 25, Tu C. Lalruata's Question.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Appointment Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the post of Special Officer under Development Department was fixed up by the Government. Was the post advertised? How many applications were received?

FU ZALAWMA
DY. MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The post of Special Officer was filled up by the Government. The post was advertised vide Memo. No. PLN. 51(A)/74/395 dt 29.1.1974. Eight applications were received for the post and Smt Hsing-thanzauvi Sallo was selected for appointment as Special Officer by the D.F.C.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, question 26, Tu Lalruata's Question.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that Retailer appointed by the Government for Lungpho Group Centre for the year 1974 was not from Lungpho itself?

(b) Is it also a fact that the Retailer had sold to the Public 9 (nine) quintals of Rice only out of 29 quintals brought ~~in~~ to the Centre?

FU LAISANGZUALA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir,

(a) Yes.

(b) No such report received.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to raise one question here.. For the Retailer of Lungpho Grouping Centre one person from Chhingchhin Grouping Centre was appointed. As the distance between the two villages was at least 15 miles, the people there are facing lots of difficulties. But, what I wanted to ask is - how come the Government do not know about this, for I have submitted the report in writing? I still have a copy of it.

TU LAISANGZUALA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The Retailer was Shri Tahlira of Chhingchhip. He was appointed

1973. In his application form, he wrote 'Lungpho' and was also recommended by the Administrative Officer. That was the reason why he was given an appointment. But, in 1974 came a report stating that the Retailer was from Chhingchhip Village. So, not only because of this, but also because of his foul disposal of rice, he was suspended from 23rd Oct., 1974 and was substituted by Shri Tlanjlawma of Lungpho. Upto the present day, the Retailer of Lungpho Grouping Centre has not been changed.

Regarding the disappearance of 29 quintals of rice - I don't know whether this has a connection with the above incident. I remember Tu Ruata also had mentioned this thing in last year's Assembly Session. So, I do not know all these have connections. However, we have not received any report of the disappearance of rice at present.

TU F. HRANGVELA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that the people as well as

the Retailers of our Grouping Centres are facing/having lots of difficulties due to non-availability of vehicles to expeditiously carry their supplies to their respective Villages?

TU VENT'ALHRUAI:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, If I am not mistaken, I heard that the Minister did not know about the foul disposal of

rice. But, as he just now could say many things about it, I don't know which to believe.

TU LAISANGZUALA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, At present, we know nothing about the foul disposal of rice. What I mentioned was that

had been answered last year, though Tu Ruata puts a question now.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question No. 27, Tu Tahlira's Question- If he is not present, is there anyone who would ask this for him? If there

is none, then let us proceed to our next question, question No. 28 Tu J. Thanghuama's Question.

TU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Political Department be pleased to state -

When will the 1st Assam Rifles be shifted to Luangmual?

FU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, It is not possible to indicate the probable time of shifting of 1st Assam Rifles from its present cantonment to the new site.

FU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Why I wanted to know this is that, recently an Industrial Estate was opened at Luangmual, so what will become of 1st Assam Rifles if its site is given to other establishments? Or, both Assam Rifles and Industrial Estate be placed here at Luangmual? It has been a pretty long time since we heard the talk of Assam Rifles shifting. So, what is the main hindrance for the delay? Is it because of money problem?

FU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The establishment of Industrial Estate at Luangmual does not prevent Assam Rifles from shifting there, for, Industrial Estate is not situated within Assam Rifles area. And, the main difficulty in shifting Assam Rifles is money problem. Central Government could not sanction money for this, as yet.

Besides this, Assam Rifles itself is not in a position to shift unless there is proper arrangement of things.

FU J. THANGHUAMA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, What is the amount of money needed for shifting of 1st Assam Rifles? And is there any intention from their side, not to shift the whole lot to Luangmual for, site for Barracks and Officers quarter are now under clearance at Shivaji Tilla?

DEWANI, LHRUAIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I too would like to know the amount of money needed for this purpose. And when will those who occupied Hlimen School be driven out? Have the Government tried it? Supposing they were given enough money to move out, will there be other complications?

FU CH. CHHUNGA

CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, As a matter of fact, no proper investigation has yet been done for them to shift to Luangmual. Therefore, it is not yet possible to know the exact amount of money required.

As we know, there are few, Assam Rifles Barracks together with Officers and Staff quarter of Mizoram Government at Shivaji Tilla. Having had no site for

our Officers and Staff quarters we pleaded ^{to} the Assam Rifles to shift from its present site, for us to have the whole area, but we promised to build for them Barracks on the hillocks lying below Khatla Lane. So, certain conditions were made between us. After they could shift to Luangmual, these Barracks will be allotted to our IV Grade Staff.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Not to know the amount of money needed is I think one of our problems in shifting Assam Rifles. Anyhow, I would like to know how did Mizoram Government move Home Ministry to shift Assam Rifles from its present site. Was it moved blindly without first figuring at least its approximate expenditure involved?

FU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, According to the statement given by our Chief Minister, it appears that the shifting of Assam Rifles had to wait for at least some more years. If we do not know the time of their shifting and if they are not moving soon, will the Government be able to arrange an agreement with army authorities to widen the road that runs along Assam Rifles compound? Is it also a fact that Central P.W.D. was asked but could not do the investigation whereas our I.W.D. was willing but did not receive any direction from the Government upto the present day?

FU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, There has been a gossip about the allotment of areas within Assam Rifles compound to some persons. So, I would like to know the allotted persons and on what ground they were allotted?

FU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Whether the Government is intending to remove earth floated down the main road from the above constructed building of Assam Rifles Barracks?

FU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The reason why we cannot figure out the amount of money is due to the shortage of Architect and Asst. Architect in our I.W.D., as it is not possible for only one Architect we now have to do all the investigation. Thus, everything is left to Central P.W.D. as far as Assam Rifles shifting is concerned. Regarding Fu Hrangvela's question in connection with scattered earth which blocked the road - we will do it. What was Fu Hrangvela's next question, I've forgotten it.

FU HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, It was will the Government be able to arrange an agreement with Army authorities to widen the road that runs along Assam Rifles compound?

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Since when that Hillock (above Khatla Veng) was called 'Shivaji Tilla' for I've been here for 40 years, but never heard of it before.

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, That I too do not know. I think we are all on the same boat. Regarding the widening of road - It seems we are all very much concerned about it, but, we might have also realized that motor accident mostly occurs, not in congested but in wide and good roads.

PU R. HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to put forth one more question which is very important. Why can't our Engineers also do the investigation and planning, for, is it not without Architect and Planner that Aizawl Town also had been firmly established?

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Not only in buildings, but also in food, life standard and custom of dresses that we dropped our forefather's ways of life. In this case also, we do not search the easiest way, but searching for better, harder and costlier way.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, question hour is over. Would you like to continue? If you want to continue, then let us finish all the questions that have to be finished this morning.
Question. Now, Question No. 29, PU Saitlawma's

PU J. TFANGHUAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, What about my question 'Who were the persons allotted land within Assam Rifles' Compound?'

PU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I have not prepared for that, because we are talking about Assam Rifles Shifting, not about allotment of land.

PU VANWALHURUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, If he could not name the persons allotted, can he inform us whether there was any allotment?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: He is not prepared for this question.

FU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Anyway, the question was not relevant to our topic.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

For Question No.29, we will take both Fu Salliana and Fu Saitlawma's questions. Anyone of the two ask the

question.

FU SAITLAWMA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture Department be pleased to state -

(a) The total area of land which have been reclaimed so far (District-wise) for cultivation of rice within Mizoram.

(b) What is the physical achievement regarding land reclamation during the last three years, i.e. from April, 1972 to February, 1975 in Mizoram?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Total area of (a) land reclaimed (District-wise) through the Agriculture Department from the date Mizoram attained Union Territory Status is as follows -

- (i) Aizawl - 5,509.98 acres
- (ii) Lunglei - 647.00 acres
- (iii) Chhimitlai - 611.50 Acres

Total - 6,768.48 acres.

(b) Total physical achievements of land reclamation during the last 3 years are :-

- (i) 1972-73 - 2,010.32 acres
 - (ii) 1973-74 - 670.16 acres
 - (iii) 1974-75 - 4,087.50 "
- Total - 6,768.48

FU SALLIANA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Ques. What is the total amount of expenditure incurred for the reclamation of 16000 acres of land? And how has this been allotted? (to be shown District-wise). Where are the places reclamation is done? And what are their crop products?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I have reported the total area of land that have been reclaimed. Regarding the expenditure - that I would have to see it again, for I could not answer just now. As for places where reclamation is done - It is classified into District-wise. I think it will take long if I read out all now or shall I read it out?

FU SALLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Yes, I wanted to know.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: . Could you not read it for yourself afterwards, for, to read out now will take too long.

FU SALLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I don't mean only one. I wanted to know all, Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhimitupui District.

FU DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Could not the copy be laid on the Table of the House, so as to save time for other questions, for I know we still have many more.

FU NGURDAWIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I think it is better to lay on the Table otherwise we won't be able to finish our questions. Could the Minister be pleased to state that - How many acres of land are under target for Land Reclamation Programme under 5th Five Year Plan ?

FU SALLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I have not been told of the products of reclaimed lands.

FU R. THANGLIANA MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, That I will lay on the Table, along with Fu Ngurdawia's question, so that you can see it more clearly.

FU NGURDAWIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Could he lay it within the Session?

FU R. THANGLIANA MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, If the period of our Session is not shortened I think I would be able to do so.

FU DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Is it a fact that none of the Departments, not even Agriculture nor Soil Conservation kept a statistical record of expenditure incurred and utilized for Land Reclamation? If so, have they any intention to keep such record?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Had there been no record, I don't think I would be able to answer your questions. No doubt, there was no proper record during the Disthila District Council. But after we attained Union Territory status, a proper record is carefully maintained.

FU ADOTINAIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Since when the record was maintained? I asked him last year, but he could not give me an answer.

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, It must be since we attained Union Territory status.

FU SANGCHUM:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, It is a fact that some amount of ^{expenditure} was incurred and spent for land reclamation and we know also that many acres of land had been reclaimed. But, did the Government see that money spent for its true purposes?

FU CHAWNGKUNGA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, Do Soil Conservation Department particularly intend to stop allotting money for land reclamation to the same person more than 6/7 times? For, I have submitted such cases.

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, Those lands/areas which had been reclaimed before disturbances and which have now turned into jungle might have been reclaimed second time. But, I don't think there is any one whose land had been reclaimed 6/7 times. However, when such report came from Fu Chawngkunga, I wanted to look into matter, so I even called them to see to the matter. There were of course some persons whose land had been reclaimed twice, but the second time reclamation is done, the area of their land is extended. In previous year for example -

FU C. LALRUATA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The statement given by our Hon'ble Minister was not satisfactory. I think that must not be Government's outlook to look into the matter only when there is no report, Government must inquire/see whether or not money for land reclamation was misused. So, from now on, will the Government enquire about things without waiting for a report?

There is a report. Even when there is no report.

TU-VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, As it appears from the statement given by our Minister, we know that many acres of land had been reclaimed. But, how did they know that much acres of land were already reclaimed? By calculating the expenditure incurred or by having on the spot verification?

FU SALLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, How was land reclaimed? Was it just to help people with money that lands were reclaimed? And, do the Government intend to have verification of these areas that had been reclaimed to know their benefits, achievements and products?

FU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Don't you think it better to have investigation before money is allotted?

TU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, We know how many acres of land had been reclaimed so far. But, could the Minister inform us how many more acres are yet to be reclaimed?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Though I cannot say the total acres of land that are yet to be reclaimed survey is now being done. I believe those questions that came from the three Members were the same thing. So, I would give an outline. Regarding the allotment of money by Agriculture or Soil Department - Usually money is given out after verifying the work. But, before the previous year, large amount of money was given through our Administrative Officers, for land reclamation as well as for relief fund. At that time, those persons, whom we grant money usually produced certificates from Administrative Officers and Village Council Presidents. Though there has not been on the spot verification, we used to have verification if there was a complaint and mismanagement of money.

TU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Does that mean our Minister proclaimed the total areas of land reclaimed by calculating the amount of money spent?

FU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Not only by calculating the money spent but, also by receiving reports that I made this statement.

PU NGURDAW LA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Of the N.E.C. Fund allotted for Deleswari (Tlawng River) Project, how much amount goes to the Agriculture and how much goes to the Soil Department? Is it also a fact that N.E.C. Fund has not been utilized for Sairang which I suppose, is the main part of Tlawng?

PU SANGCHHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would be glad if my question be answered in detail, as I am very much concerned about the proper utilization of money spent for land reclamation. Theoretically money spent was said to be meant for land reclamation. Truly, there are some, who in practise reclaimed houses or horses etc. That was the difference between theory and practice of which I am very much concerned. Hence could not the Government see that money which had been given out are spent for its true purposes?

PU J. THANGHUAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Is it not possible to entrust only one Department for drawing land reclamation money so as to prevent double-crosser which is likely to occur when there are 2/3 channels like we have now, for one person to draw such money?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: There are too many Supplementary Questions now.

PU CHAWNEKUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The allotment of land reclamation money was not satisfactory. Some persons who do not even have land/garden to reclaim could easily get it by directly approaching Director. So, let the Minister explain the reason why they did like that.

PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Pu Ngurdawla's question regarding NEC Fund was indeed very important. Actually, 13 lakhs of rupees is sanctioned for the current year. But, to think of Sairang Village as an only area of Tlawng River would be wrong; for Tlawng area is much more extensive than that.

PU NGURDAW LA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, What I meant was that I thought they were going to give priority to those areas lying on the river bank.

PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The main objective behind NEC Fund is to sponsor Jhoom Control Scheme in Dhalaswari Catchment.

area in which Central Government is to have supremacy. The areas where to initiate and apply the scheme is also selected by the 4 Directors from Agriculture Ministry. The areas consist of Kawnrui and Saikhawthlir areas and also Lospawk and Lunglei areas from where start the river Tlawng. And the Department detailed to utilize the fund is Soil Conservation Department not Agriculture.

What had been mentioned by Pu Thn-huama regarding double allotment of reclamation money - I believe such things occurred even in the present days. Anyway, to avoid such incidents, areas that are yet to be reclaimed are completely divided between Agriculture and Soil Departments. So, I hope to see lesser mistakes of payment in future. Besides this, all our B.D.Os. along with our V.C.Os. are instructed to keep a record of reclaimed areas with money sanctioned and spent for the Government to see it at anytime.

Regarding Pu Sangchhum and Pu Chawnkunga's question - Government is looking for a way to check such unfair payment.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to know whether 16000 acres of land reclaimed were meant only for rice cultivation. If not, how many acres were reclaimed for rice cultivation and was there any reclamation done for other crops?

I would also like to know the amount of subsidy granted to an individual farmer per acre of land? When was this fixed? Is there any intention to revise it?

PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, All the reclaimed areas I mentioned are meant for rice cultivation.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, If so, do they cultivate rice now? Is there any machinery/supervision to see that rice is actually cultivated in those areas? And how much quantity of rice is expected from these areas?

PU R. THANGLIANA
MINISTER:

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, We can believe that all the reclaimed areas would not be utilized for rice cultivation for many acres were reclaimed after the sowing season. Besides this, some areas that had been reclaimed before we attained Union Territory status are un-traceable even to grow crops.

There is also some difficulty in knowing that rice is actually cultivated in all the reclaimed areas, for after reclamation is done, no definite

plan is laid for our farmers as to what crops should be grown due to which some of them grow crops in which they are interested while some of them just stopped tending the field as soon as they get the money. As such I cannot tell the exact amount of rice quantity expected but I think we would be able to show some, which I will place here later on. And, as subsidy rate is first to be approved by Planning Commission, the total amount we have spent this year could be meant only for the current year. I believe there has to be a new fixation every year. As for the allotment rate per acre from Agriculture Department, it is Rs.500/- that is for low lying places. But from Soil Conservation Department it is Rs.500/- for low-lying places and Rs.300-700/- for slope/hilly areas.

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr. Dy.Speaker, Is not the subsidy rate 80 %?

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, We have learned that the rate was fixed by Planning Commission, Delhi. But, how did they make fixation from there?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, They did not simply fix according to their will. A proposal made from our side was approved by them, and to the extent they did approve would be the fixed rate.
MINISTER

PU CH.SAPRAWNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, When did Planning Commission approved our present rate?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I think it was during plan discussion which was held last year in the month of December. That was the last fixation.
MINISTER

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, According to last year's Budget-Book, subsidy rate is I think 80% cost of Land Reclamation.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, That was true. In Soil Conservation Department you will see 'Rs.300-700 or 80% of the subsidy cost! This means that Government made subsidy rate equivalent to 80 % of the cost of reclamation.
MINISTER

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I still want to know more. If fixation is done according to a proposal made by our Govt., then how could you propose Rs 500/- per acre? How was this calculated? Was it at labour cost or at random?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It was calculated at labour cost.
MINISTER.

PU CH. SAPRAWNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Do the Govt. know that Rs 500/- could not cover the total expenditure?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Perhaps this could be true for certain cases particularly of jungles and forests. But, according to Department's calculation, Rs 500/- is supposed to be sufficient.
MINISTER.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, If they are given just for moving down the weeds like this year, definitely Rs 500/- would cover the total cost.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, question No. 30, Pu Saitlawma's question.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture Department be pleased to state-

Whether it is a fact that the Agriculture Department could not complete one of its buildings at Tlabung construction of which was started one year back?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Yes.
MINISTER.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, If yes, what is the reason thereof?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is due to non-availability of G.C.I. sheets and Cement.
MINISTER.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, There never be a time when there is no aluminium sheet in our Bazar, for it is aluminium they are using at Tlabung !!

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Now, Aluminium Sheet is again available in our market, so the construction is also almost completed.
MINISTER.

PU SATT LAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Cement is also available. If there is difficulty, our Supply Minister would certainly have something to say. Since sometime back, there is no difficulty in Cement, that I know.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes, it is almost complete.

PU SATT LAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am not satisfied with indefinite answers. The House has a dignity and if we want to keep it up, we must have definite purpose and policy in everything we do.

PU SATHLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is a real surprise that a building cannot be completed. What kind of building it is and what type? What is the total amount of money incurred for it?

PU R. THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am sorry not to know the amount of expenditure incurred. But the reason why we can't complete is, as I have said, the non-availability of building materials.

PU SATHLIANA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Will he be able to tell us during the session, the amount of money proposed for the construction of this building?

PU R. THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, I would be able to do so.

PU R. DOT INALIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Supplementary question- Which Department had taken up the construction of Agriculture Department building at Tlabung, F.W.D. or Agriculture Department it-self?

PU R. THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is Agriculture Department.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, who is the Contractor here?

PU R. THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, I do not know who the Contractor was.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker. If it is the Department which takes up the work who is the officer here ?

PU R. THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, The Supervising Officer is District Agriculture Officer, Lunglei.

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Deputy Speaker, By whom it is constructed ?

PU R. THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, does not that mean who was the contractor ? If so, I do not know.

PU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is a shame for the Department Head not to know the Contractor of their own Department building !! Do the Government know that many contract works could not be completed due to low-rate allotment of work to Contractors ?

PU R. THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, As it is constructed by Department Contractor, not in Muster Roll, I don't think it is too important to know an individual contractor. Anyway, as I have said, I can't say the name of the contractor here.

PU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, How can our hon'ble Minister say that an individual contractor's name was not important. What is the reason for not knowing the contractor here ? Do they not regard our questions in the House as important ?

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It has been more than a year since the construction was started. Why has not action been taken against this Contractor or should I say Supervising Officer ? If we do not know the Contractor how difficult it will be to take action also.

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, who has failed in this case, Government or Contractor ?

PU R. THANGLIANA: MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, When I said I do not know the name of the contractor, it does not mean that there is no contractor for this building. There must be one. But, as the Government also acknowledge the difficulties that had cropped up due to non-availability of building materials, I don't think it is necessary to take action.

FU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Even though he does not know the name of the Contractor now, we demand that he tells us during the session.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Are building materials to be provided by the Govt. or by the Contractor himself ?

FU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, If it is not P.W.D., usually Contractors have to provide building materials, themselves. The same case is here at Tlabung building I suppose.

FU VANIALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, you have not yet answered me. Who has failed here, Government or Contractor ?

FU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, we demand that the Minister tells us the name of the Contractor, if not today at least during the session.

FU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I think the one who asked this question knows the name of the Contractor. If you know, just say it out. As for Tu Hruaia's question - Neither Government nor the Contractor has failed here. It is almost completed as I have said.

FU SATPLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I really do not know the name of the Contractor. When I visited Tlabung on 22 January, I found that the building that has not yet completed was almost all rotten. Some parts of the wall were also rotten. When I asked the local men who the contractor was, they simply told me that it was constructed by Agriculture Department. Hence, I have no idea who the contractor could be,

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 31, Tu Dotinaia's question.

FU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister i/c of the L.A.D. be pleased to state -

(a) Do the Govt. propose to give a Village Council to Kelkang Village Council election ?

(b) If not, why not ?

FU F. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, (a) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

PU R.DOT INAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I think there is typing mistake in my question. What I meant is 'do the Government propose to give a Village Council to Kelkang Village for the coming Village Council election which is to be held on 5th February'?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA:
DY.MINISTER. Mr.Dy.Speaker, For the coming election, there is no such proposal.

PU R.DOT INAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, supplementary question- In the past year, the people of Kelkang Village were told that their demand for Village Council would be considered. A year passed, but no proposal had been made till the present day. If only recognized Villages, then what kind of village is called 'recognised village'? Kelkang Village has everything like other Villages had except Village Council. If they are not given due to the absence of Security Post as they did to some Villages, Kelkang Village has such post. So, what is the reason for not giving them ?

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, supplementary question- Has N.E.Bualpui and Lukpui Villages been declared recognized Villages ?

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, only one supplementary question- Why do Government neglect Kelkang Village just because it is not recognised Village ? If it is neglected just because of that, will that mean other grouped-villages that are likely to spring up would also be neglected ?

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, Kel-kang Village which has every potentiality for Village Council is not given, then, which Village would deserve to have Village Council ?

PU R.DOT INAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I would like to know the authority who can recognize Villages.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA:
DY.MINISTER. Mr.Dy.Speaker, After village grouping system is introduced in Mizoram, Government made notification of recognized Villages of Mizoram. So, Villages mentioned in it are regarded recognized villages. They also made publication of non-recognized villages which includes Kelkang Village.

FU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Does that mean Mizoram Government do not want to accept Kel kang Village as recognized ?

FU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I only said that Government is not intending to give Kel kang Village Council for the coming election. Afterwards, not only Kel kang but also other Villages would be given. In fact, the matter is now under consideration.

Regarding N. E. Bualpui - it is Govt. recognized Village as it is where Changzawl Village is grouped.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Was Changzawl Village included in the list ?

FU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It was included along with Fukpui Village. They were also included in the list of Villages where village Council is proposed.

FU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Like that, Fukpui Village had been recognized. But, why cannot Rangvamual which had been declared as recognized Village be given Village Council upto the present day ?

FU F. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Indeed Rangvamual is a recognized Village. But, as it stands under the jurisdiction of Chaltlang Village Council, there is the difficulty of dividing its boundary and jurisdiction due to which the matter is gradually processed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Don't ask about other things for we are talking about only Kel kang Village.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, our questions will still be relevant with our topic. Why we asked about other Villages particularly of Fukpui and Bualpui is mainly because we thought of them as being not recognized Villages. But, since we have been told of the fact, I would like to request our hon'ble Minister to produce in the House the order/letter which notified that these two Villages are recognized.

FU VANIALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, As stated by our hon'ble Minister, it appears that Kel kang Village Council could not be given Village Council as it is not recognized Village.

If so, is there any intention to recognize it soon? And, are they to be given new village council?

FU NGURDAWIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, There would certainly be difficulty in marking the boundary line. Even before we attained Union Territory status, Village Council had been proposed for Rangvamaal Village. Tho' they have no separate village council, they too have to do everything as other villages did. Therefore, Government would do well in having a clear-cut policy to deal with different situations. Would Government try it that way?

FU CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, It appears that certain villages are soon to be recognized by the Government. With this intention in mind, will the Government intend to dismantle the existence of two Village Councils in one Village, which system we found in some Villages?

FU P.B. NIKHUMA
DY. MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Regarding Fu Ruata's question - we did not mean that Kelkang Village could not be given as it is not a recognized Village. We were only talking about the coming election in which we do not intend to give a separate Village Council. As I have said, not only Kelkang but also other Villages would be given afterwards. In fact, the matter is now under consideration along with the case of Rangvamaal Village.

Government notification regarding Bualpui and Dukrui Villages - I think this had been included in Fu Detinaia's unstarred question that had been answered some days back.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, This was the passage - "Name of Village, Grouping Centre that would have Village Council election". This passage explains nothing.

FU P.B. NIKHUMA
DY. MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, If that one does not explain it, I would be able to produce the order, for the shifting of Changzawl Village to North East Bualpui Village.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, There can still be some confusion here. If Changzawl which had its own Village Council in previous year is shifted to N.E. Bualpui, then which Village would bear the name of their Village Council? And why should not Changzawl Village still bear its name even after the shifting? All these have to be explained. As such, it is necessary to have another notification for the recognition of N.E. Bualpui.

PUWJALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, When delimitation of constituency was done, I think so, Bualrui bears not the name. Hence which Villages name is accepted by the Government, M.R. Bualrui or Changzawl?

FUDOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, If the coming election which is supposed to be held in February is postponed till April, May or any one of the months, will that still mean Kelkang Village would not be given even at that time? For, the Minister said it somewhat like that.

FU P.B. NIKHUMA
DY. MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I believe Bu Nardawla misunderstood his question. We only said that Kelkang would not be given Village Council for the coming election which is supposed to be held in the month of February. But, since it has been postponed, it is now a different case.

FUDOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would still like to know the reason for not being able to recognize this (Kelkang) Village.

FU C. IALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Are there Village Councils at Tuipuibari I & II and Thainuam? I thought there used to be just 'Tuipuibari' not I & II.

FU SATTI LAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Tukrui Village has Security Post, so does Kelkang Village. But, why can't Kelkang be recognized while they can recognize Tukrui?
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FU CHAWNGKUNCA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, My question 'Do the Government intend to dismantle the existence of dual village councils system in one village' has not yet been answered.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: To clarify the matter let him speak of the recognition of the principle.

FU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, My question in connection with the recognition of Kelkang Village was denied by the Minister. Now, I would like to ask some more questions in this connection. When do the Government intend to conduct the election to village council?

Before having election, will the Government announce recognition of villages?

FU P.B. NIKHUMA
DY. MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, The question, when do the Government intend to conduct the election of Village Council cannot be answered at present. Since we are talking, about Kelkang Grouping Centre I don't intend to speak of Tuipuibari now.

FU DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Why can't Kelkang be recognized?

FU P.B. NIKHUMA
DY. MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I did not say that Kelkang Village could not be recognized. It is only that Government have not yet recognized it. As soon as it is recognized, Village Council also will be given to them.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, How we see there is no justice. If Tukpui could be recognized, why can't other villages like Kelkang and Bualpui too be recognized? for they too have every potentiality. I don't see any necessity of recognizing Tukpui before they recognize other Villages.

FU P.B. NIKHUMA
DY. MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Tukpui is a different case. Its recognition is not done from L.A.D. Before L.A.D. came into existence just after we attained Union Territory status. Tukpui was recognized by Home Department. But, after L.A.D. came into existence, recognition of Villages is done uniformly and it is also our intention to do like that.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now question hour is over. Had you asked questions straight without first making statement, we could have had enough time to finish all our questions.

FU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Will those references and quotations made by our Ministers be laid on the Table of the House, for they had now been House property as stated by our Rule? So, will the Government maintain our Rules?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: That, if there is a demand from our members and if our Ministers could do so, references and quotations may be laid on the Table.

FU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, We do not have to demand for that, since there is a Rule by which the Ministers are to lay references/quotations they made, on the Table of the House, why should we still demand for the Rule that had already been effective?

DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is not a matter of demand or not demand, rather it depends on the type of cases. For instance, our Chief Minister made a reference of Letter No. to make it clear that they did really approach Central Government for the matter.

IU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, We have seen injustice regarding the absorption of ex-service E.CO. therefore we want the letter, its wording and everything. We have a right to see it. So, the Ministers must lay it on the Table.

IU CH. CHHUNGA
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I mentioned the letter and its No. just for a reference. But, if our Hon'ble Members want me to lay it on the Table, I would be able to do so within the period of our session.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARVED QUESTION

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now we will recess till 2 P.M.

(Recess till 2 P.M.)

Afternoon Sitting: 2 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, we will take up Private Resolutions. First of all Du Sapliana's resolution. Is he there? If he is not there, we will take up Du Dotinaia's resolution. He is also not there. Anyone he authorised? If there is none we have nothing to do now. According to our Programme, tomorrow is supposed to be a time for discussion. But, as we have not yet received any Budget till now, let us hear what Finance Minister has to say.

IU K.T. KHUMA
MINISTER: Mr. Dy Speaker Sir, Regarding our Budget. It seems there was some omission and addition in our budget calculation according to the message received from Delhi. Hence, there would be some difference in the Total. Anyway, to make it right they have now again started calculation. So, I hope we would be able to present it in the House on Friday most probably.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: As was our present position, meeting will be adjourned till Friday. So, we will come again here on Friday at 11 A.M. to present our Budget.

Meeting adjourned till Friday, the 21st March, 1975.

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