

5TH SITTING ON 21st. MARCH, 1976 at 11.00 A.M.

P R E S E N T.

Pu Hipei, Dy. Speaker in the Chair. Chief Minister and 6 Ministers and Twenty eight Members present.

BUSINESS:

1. Questions
2. Laying of Rules, Reports etc.
3. Presentation of Budgets (Supplementary Budget, 1974-75 and Budget for 1975-76) by Pu K.T. Khuma, Minister i/c Finance.

BY SPEAKER: You shall do no unrighteousness in judgement; you shall not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty, but you shall judge your neighbour in righteousness.

Now we shall take Starred
absent, be authorised the Member Pu C. Lalruata and let him ask now.

ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS.

APPOINTMENT 'L' DEPARTMENT.

Amalgamation of C.As & C.Is.

Pu C. Lalruata: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Appointment Department be pleased to state -

What steps have been taken by Government towards amalgamation of C.As with C.Is?

BY SPEAKER: Let us now call upon the Minister i/c to reply -

PU CH. CHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the steps taken by Government towards amalgamation of C.As with C.Is are as follows:-

Order had been issued for the amalgamation of these two classes into one Cadre under the designation of "Circle Assistant" vide NO. MAP/D/65/73/47 dt. 20.4.1974.

The postings of C.As have to be adjusted between Revenue, Local Administration Department and 3 Deputy Commissioners' Offices. For such posting it is necessary to have a sanctioned post in the Departments, but such sanctioned posts are not immediately available in Revenue and Local Administration Department. Those departments have been asked to have a sanctioned posts in their Departments for absorption of C.As from L.C's Office. As soon as such sanctioned posts are available in those departments posting of C.As in these 3 Offices/Departments can be made immediately.

PU R. ZULIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, supplementary question - we have just listened to what our Hon'ble Chief Minister said regarding the amalgamation of C.As and C.Is. Since 1972, some posts of C.A. are lying vacant and why these posts are not filled upto now?

PU CH. CHREUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, since there is no vacancy
CHIEF MINISTER. they could not be amalgamated. However
order had been issued. Fortunately the
of C.I. is the same with that of the C.A. There is a proposal for
creation of 4 posts of Field Supervisor and 7 posts of Field
Assistants in the Revenue Department. We have not yet received
such kind of proposal from the Local Administration Department.
For there are large numbers of C.'s and the amalgamation will
have to be done accordingly and it cannot be completed at once.

PU C. LALLUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, though there may not be
sanctioned posts for the amalgamation of
C.I. and C.A. did the Government make
any appointment for C.A.?

PU SAPHIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the Hon'ble Chief Minister
pointed out that there are large numbers
of C.I. I would therefore like to know
the exact number of C.I. in Mizoram and also the number of C.A.
we have already employed. We have also learnt that C.I. and C.A.
are going to be amalgamated soon. Is it that we no longer require
the services of the C.Is? What are their duties?

PU CH. CHREUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, information has not been
CHIEF MINISTER. received so far regarding the amalgamation
of C.I. and C.A. and also the number of
We have. The main duties of the C.Is. during the time of District
Council were collecting reports of census and the quantity of rice
harvested in the Villages and others. They were under the super-
vision of the District Council. When those C.Is. have no such
duties to be done, they are treated like Peon.

PU SAPHIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, will it be possible for
our Hon'ble Chief Minister to tell us
the number of C.Is?

DR. SPEAKER: The number of the C.Is does not appear
to be the most important
question covers only about the amalgamation

PU SAPHIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is said that the
number of C.Is is large enough and the
proposed amalgamation seems to be affected
by that. It is not therefore clear enough to say that the number
is large enough.

PU CH. CHREUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I have said before that
CHIEF MINISTER. information is not received regarding
the exact number.

DR. SPEAKER: We will now take question No. 36,
Pu Saitlawma's question.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Total length of all weather Truckable road maintained
P.W.D.

PU SAITLAWMA: Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge P.W.D. be
pleased to state .

The total length of all weather truckable road, constructed or
maintained by the Mizoram P.W.D. (Division-wise)?

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PU CHHONGA: Mr Dy. Speaker, As on 1.4.74 total length
CHIEF MINISTER. of all weather truckable road is as under.

Lunglei Division : 20.86 Km.

Kolasib Division : 70.50 Km

Saiha Division : Nil

Aizawl Building : Nil
Division.

Aizawl West Rd : 62.48 Km
Division.

Public Health : Nil
Engineer

Aizawl East : Nil
Division.

Total 153.84 Km.

PU J. TRANGUAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, by "all weather truckable
road," is Sairang - Kawnpui road included
in it?

PU CHHONGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sairang - Kawnpui road
CHIEF MINISTER. seems to be not included.

PU C. LAIRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, which road is it where
trucks can be plied in the Kolasib Division

PU J. TRANGHUMA Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we have learnt
Sairang - Kawnpui Road is not included.
It appears that this road is prepared for
all weather truckable Road. Large amount of money has been spent
and recently lakhs of rupees are sanctioned once again for this
Road. What is then the purpose of their spending too much amount
of money?

PU CHHONGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sairang - Kawnpui Road is
CHIEF MINISTER. taken up by P.W.D. and its maintenance
are in progress now. However this Road is
meant for all weather truckable road, but
for jeepable road only. I cannot say what Pu Lairuata asked re
the names of those Roads for information about them has not been
received.

PU F. HLONGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Our honorable Chief Minister
told us about the names of All weather
truckable roads as on 1.4.74. Is it not
possible to name all weather truckable roads we have to day?
Is Aizawl - Sateek road not included? Besides, are some roads in
Aizawl town itself not included?

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, it is quite unsatisfactory
to ~~xxx~~ listen to our Hon'ble Chief Minister
saying that informations are not received.
Can he tell only the name of 70.50 Km long road under Kolasib
Division?

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, How can our Chief Minister
say the length of the road without
receiving information, as he said earlier?

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PU VANLAKHUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the length of the road which the Aizawl West Road Division is maintaining is said to be 62.48 Kms. How far it is regarded as truckable road in ~~that~~ the Aizawl to Thenzawl Road?

PU CH. CHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is a question regarding the length of all weather truckable road and information has not been received so far regarding the names of the roads. Under Aizawl West Road Division, Aizawl - Thenzawl Road is included and Sateek is also reached by this road.
CHIEF MINISTER.

PU J. THANGHUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Kolasib Road is maintained by B.R.T.F. Upto which part we are going to call as all weather truckable road and from which point? And also at Lunglei side, we like to know how far we have all weather truckable road. We are not asking those roads B.R.T.F. are maintaining, but the roads our P.W.D. is maintaining.

PU CH. CHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, what our member has pointed out about the roads B.R.T.F. is maintaining is not included. At Lunglei side, some portion has been maintained at Thenzawl Road. The road that leads to Duhchangphai is also constructed. Since these roads are meant for all weather roads, some bridges are also constructed in some parts.
CHIEF MINISTER.

DY. SPEAKER: We shall now take Starred Question No. 1.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Construction of Inspection Bungalows at Tawpui and Thingfal.

Pu Saitlawma: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c P.W.D. be pleased to state -

- (a) When the construction of Inspection Bungalows at Thingfal and Tawpui were respectively started?
- (b) Are these constructions completed?

DY. SPEAKER: Let the Minister i/c reply.

PU CH. CHUNGA: (a) The date of commencement of construction of Inspection Bungalows at Thingfal and Tawpui is 2.3.73 and 17.3.73 respectively.
CHIEF MINISTER.

(b) The construction of Inspection Bungalow at Thingfal is not yet completed and construction of Inspection Bungalow at Tawpui has since been completed.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, The date of commencement of construction of Inspection Bungalow at Thingfal is 2.3.73 and the given time or period for the work is six months and now more than six months have already passed. What is the reason for not completing it upto now? Whose responsibility it is, the Government or the Contractor concerned.

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PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I cannot say why the
CHIEF MINISTER construction is not completed. I can tell
the Member later on if he wishes to know.

PU SAIITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, From reliable source
I have learnt that it is purely the
responsibility of the Government for not completing the
construction till now. Besides, did the Government learn that
the Tawipui Inspection Bungalow is constructed at a place
where water problem will have to be faced and its location
is in a deep forest?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, No such information
CHIEF MINISTER has been received.

PU SAIITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, I am giving informa-
tion to the Government that the construc-
tion of Inspection Bungalow at Tawipui
is not completed as it is said and its location will not
attract any official or others.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, Whether the said
Inspection Bungalow is constructed by
private for the Government has no information?

PU F. HRANGVELL: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, who made the site
selection for the construction of Tawipui
Inspection Bungalow?

DY. SPEAKER: Now, we shall take question No. 38.

Amount of Pending Bills in the office of E.E., Lunglei.

PU SAIITLAWMA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, My question No. 38 -
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of P.W.D. &
P.H.E. Department be pleased to state -
What is the total amount of Contractors'
Bill pending for lack of funds under the Lunglei P.W.D. Division
in the Office of the Executive Engineer (P.W.D.) Lunglei?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, The amount of Contrac-
CHIEF MINISTER tors' Bill pending for lack of fund under
the Lunglei P.W.D. Division in the Office
of the Executive Engineer (P.W.D.) Lunglei is Rs. 13,73,300/-

PU SAIITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, why did the Government
incur liabilities since there is not
enough fund?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir, The Bill for Lunglei -
CHIEF MINISTER Thenzawl Road which was constructed from
20 KM upto 82 KM cannot be paid due to lack
of money. The amount which comes to the tune of Rs. 3,03,300/-
also cannot be paid due to lack of ~~fund~~ funds.

The amount of Rs. 17,00,000/- cannot be
paid for the expenditure is more than the estimated amount.
However, the amount of Rs. 13,11,000/- is included in the
Revised Estimate and I hope that the problem will be solved
soon.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 39, Pu C. J. Luata's question.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Payment of Ex-gratia grant to those who were killed by MNF and other than MNF personal, killed by Security Forces.

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the government of Mizoram has been unable to give Ex-gratia payment to the families of those who were killed by the MNF and those other than MNF personnel, killed by Security Forces though there have been budget provision since 1972-73?

(b) If yes, what are the reasons?

PU CH.CHHUNGA : Mr.Dy.Speaker, for this purpose the Government had a sanction for Rs 1,00,000 every year. Financial Rules required that rules for payment of ex-gratia grants are to be framed with the previous consent of the Ministry of Finance and the draft rules are under consideration of the Government of India.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, there was enough time for framing rules since 1972. While we were under the government of Assam, such grants used to be received by the claimant within two or three months. I would therefore like to request the authorities to take necessary steps without further delay and I would also like to know the Rules for payment of ex-gratia grant in Nagaland.

PU J.THLANGHUALHA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I would like to know the number of applicants for ex-gratia grant since 1966 to date who suffered by the actions of MNF and also the number of applicants who suffered the actions of the Security forces. How many persons received ex-gratia grant from the Govt? Can the amount of Rs 1,00,000 cover the necessary requirements whether those grants are going to be issued uniformly or one person will receive Rs 5,000/- or 2,000/- .What is the policy of the Government?

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, If our members like to see the Rules or Act which is being practised in Nagaland for payment of ex-gratia grants these can be shown when necessary.

Regarding the allotment of Rs 1,00,000/- this grant, it is not fixed and as such there is no clear idea about the payment of the grant.

PU C.CILAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, why is it that some government employees are not getting ex-gratia grant while some employees received such grants? Can it be that somebody's life is more valuable than that of other.

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PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is pointed out that the ex-gratia grant had already been included in the 1972-73 budget, but it is said that the matter is still under consideration. How long it is going to be under consideration? I also would like to know the time when Central authorities told our leaders to follow the Rules which are being adopted in Nagaland?.

PU R. DOTINALA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I want to know the number of applicants and the number the Intelligence Department had verified so far. If it cannot be made clear now, I want it to be answered within this Session.

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I would like to ask those Members who made supplementary questions. I would like to point out that the question covers only about the persons killed either by the MNF personnel or by the Security Forces.

PU K. S. NGCHHUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I would like to ask you why the government does not issue ex-gratia grants as it used to be issued by the Assam Government? Secondly, is it not possible to refer the payment of such grants to the central government only after granting them, telling the central authorities the way things were done?.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, we are discussing about the Rules which will be applied for issue of ex-gratia grants, not about the number of applicants, etc. When we look at the Rules which the Assam Government used to apply, we could not find a proper Rule. However, while we were under Assam government in the erstwhile Mizo District Council, the Deputy Commissioner used to issue such grant *out of his own disposal* where some people received Rs 200/- or Rs 300/- or even upto Rs 1,000/-

(Pu Chhengkunga: The A.Os of Marpara and Lungsen who were killed were in receipt of this grant. By what rule they were given?.)

Mr. Dy. Speaker, I cannot reply to that question for we are not prepared for it.

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is pointed out that the amount sanctioned for this grant in 1972-73 is still under consideration. The Chief Minister has not yet replied about the Rule that is applied in Nagaland. Besides, what kind of grant is issued to the I.G.P. and his subordinates and the A.O. of Lungsen?

DY. SPEAKER: We will now take Question No. 40 Pu Lalruan:

HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Procurement of sufficient quantity of medicines and surgical and Laboratory instruments.

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PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Health & Family Planning Department be pleased to state -

Whether the Health Department could procure sufficient quantity of medicines, and surgical and Laboratory equipments.

PU P.B.NIKHUM: Mr.Dy.Speaker, sufficient quantity of medicines could not be procured as we would like to. But as regards surgical and laboratory equipments, a fairly good quantity could be procured to meet the basic requirements.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, what is really meant in that question is about the surgical & laboratory equipments. For example, there are some important equipments for dressing like spirit, dettol, cotton wool, etc. Last January we were in a hospital and I can clearly inform the government that there were no such equipments. I would therefore like to know where the difficulty is.

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, Does our government have consideration for procuring rabbit for surgical and laboratory equipments?

PU P.B.NIKHUM: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I have said that the Department could not procure enough medicine which included dettol, spirit, cotton wool, etc. The way this Department used to procure medicines, etc. is that they are to be supplied from the central depot, Gauhati. If it is not available there, it will have to be procured from some government approved firm where the government will make an indent. But due to the shortage of power, etc. our demands could not be met. Not only that, they could not deliver at our appointed time. Sometimes, they used to deliver after about two or three months. That is our position.

DY.SPEAKER: Now, we will be taking up Question No, 41 Pu Sangkhuma's question.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Occupation of private houses by security forces without paying rents.

PU SANGKHUM: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue Department be pleased to state -

Whether it is a fact that so many private houses were still occupied by the Security Forces without payment of any rent since 1966?

PU V.IVENG: Mr.Dy.Speaker, there are private houses under occupation by the Security Forces for which payment of rents has not yet been made.

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PU J. THANGHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I would like to know the number of private residences occupied by the Security Forces from 1966 to date. Among those how many house owners were in receipt of rent?

PU VANLALHRULLA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Does the government have knowledge about the occupation of I.E.I. building by the C.R.P.? I would like to know whether the building is occupied by obtaining permission from the Civil authorities or by their own. I would also like to know whether the rent is paid for occupying M.E. School at Hlimen and to whom it is paid. Besides, I would like to know the number of house owners to whom rent is paid since 1966?

PU L. LHMINGTHANGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, B.R.T.F. personnel are occupying L.P. School, graveyard, private residences, etc. at Bawngkawn. Are they going to pay rent for occupying grave yard? Does the government have knowledge that a particular Department has extended the term for the occupation of such places to the Security Forces and that some Departments have issued an order to vacate those places?

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, are those house owners, whose residences are occupied by the Security Forces at Saitual in receipt of rent?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the question covers only about private residences, not the government places and institutional places. It is rather difficult to name the number of houses occupied by the Security Forces since 1966 and the number of house owners who received rent. The government could not see thoroughly about all the residences occupied since many of them are treated as private affairs.

The men who dealt with this case i.e. regarding payment of rent are at Silchar and those people used to have consultation with the authorities during the District Council and only then they fixed the amount to be paid to the house owners. These men are from the technical Branch. This government have not much knowledge about the amount of rent paid and the number of house owners who received such payment. We are now taking up the case of 46 house owners whose residences or places are/ were occupied by the Security Forces. We have even referred the case to the Home Ministry.

DY. SPEAKER: We will now take the Question of Pu Sapliana, Question No-42.

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

Issue of govt. supply rice to employees of Pawi District Council.

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PU SAPLIANA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Supply and Transport Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that a large quantity of government supply rice have been issued on loan to the employees of Pawi Autonomous District Council?.

(b) If so, why?

(ii) Is there any provision of fund for issuing such loan in kind?

(iii) What are the terms and conditions of issuing the loan in question?

PU LALSANGZUALA: ; Mr.Dy.Speaker, for a reply to question MINISTER. No. 42(a), there is no such loan, but on credit and question 42 (b) is not applicable.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, Is it a fact that the District Council employees were issued some quantity of rice on loan when our Chief Minister and Supply Minister visited Lwngtlai?

DY.SPEAKER: It is already said that it is not loan, but credit.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, The employees of that MINISTER. District Council could not get pay in time. They met some difficulties and as such some quantity of Government Supply rice were issued on credit to them.

DY.SPEAKER: Now we will take question No. 43, Pu R.Zoliana's question .

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Non-confirmation of A.D.S. who have put in more than 15 years.

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that most of the Agricultural Demonstrators who have completed more than 15 years of services are still holding temporary posts?

(b) If so, what is the intention of the government to make these temporary posts permanent?

(b) What is the number of temporary and permanent posts respectively of Agricultural Demonstrators in Mizoram?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, for reply to question
MINISTER. No. 43(a) it will be "yes" for (b)
steps are being taken to make some
more posts permanent, and for (c) the number of temporary
posts are 35 and there are 6 permanent posts.

DY. SPEAKER: We will now again take Pu Zoliana's
question, Question No. 44.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Subsidy for land reclamation.

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that government of Mizoram has
given subsidy to land owners at 80% of the cost reclamation
while subsidy on purchase of seeds and tools, sugar cane
crushers, etc. was given at 50% subsidy?

(b) If so, does the government have any intention to
make the rate of subsidy uniform with those given by other
Departments in Mizoram?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, subsidy for land
MINISTER. reclamation is given at the rate of
Rs 550/- per acre while subsidy in the
case of certain implements is 50%.

Subsidy is being given on the basis
of Planning Commission's approval.

DY. SPEAKER: Now, we will take question No. 45
Pu C. Lalruata's question.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Amendment of Mizo District Council (Profession, Trades,
Callings of Employment (Taxation) Regulation, 1973.

PU C. LALRUATA: Will the Dy. Minister i/c Revenue
Department to please to state -

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Mizo District Profession,
Trades, Callings & Employment (taxation) Regulation, 1963 was
amended?.

(b) When was/were the amendment/amendments made?

(c) By whom?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is no such
MINISTER. amendment and Questions (a) and (b)
cannot be replied.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I received this letter in which I was asked to pay the professional tax of Rs 36/- during the year 1974-75. In this letter, it is written as -"Under relevant Provision of the Mizo District(Profession, Trade, Calling and Employment Taxation)Regulation,1963 amended by the Govt. of Mizoram in 1974". This is an official letter and how could such thing happen?.

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER. Mr.Dy.Speaker, that letter might be a typing mistake. We have adopted the Rules that were framed during the time of the District Council. I felt sorry for our hon'ble Member who received such letter. It could be a typing mistake.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I don't think they will be unintelligent enough to distinguish between 'adoption' and 'amendment' for our officers and staff are efficient enough. Anyway, will it be possible to term the job of M.L.As and the Ministers as profession?.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I am paying the professional tax as I am Lalhmingthanga and I was also asked to pay as I am an M.L.A; but I knew that there cannot be two taxations under one provision. I therefore demand the government for their clarification. Besides, I heard that MLAs should not pay professional tax as the government employees, so this may also be clarified. Do the Ministers also pay this tax?.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, what Pu C.Lalruata has pointed out is said to be a typical mistake plainly. What actually meant was about the amendment. Now this tax is giving difficulties to most of the people in Mizoram. Is action going to be taken against the person who made a mistake or any other thing. Is it possible to ask the Members to pay professional tax even according to the rules laid down by the erstwhile District Council?.

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER. Mr.Dy.Speaker, If we look at that Rule which is mentioned, it can be regarded as some sort of calling. However we do not think that all the employees are to pay this tax. Therefore I felt sorry for the Member having been asked to pay such tax and the hon'ble Members are not to pay the professional tax.

PU VANLALHUALIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I have learnt that the Contractors are asked to pay the professional tax. There are certain agents from outside Mizoram, doing big business here in Mizoram. Are those business-men asked to pay this tax?.

DY.SPEAKER: The question is only about the amendment made in the Regulation.

PU GURDAWLA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I would like to say few words to make it clear. I think even the MLAs and the Ministers are not to be exempted if it is necessary. What we are demanding is the clear, definition about profession. If we are to pay that tax, according to our amount of income, we should not argue much about it.

DY. SPEAKER: Now we shall take question No. 46, Pu Hrangvela's question.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT:

Rules for regulation of establishment of Hotel

PU F. HRANGVELA: Mr. Speaker Sir, question No. 46. Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Revenue Department be pleased to state -
(a) Whether there are any Rules Regulating Establishment of Hotels in the Territory?.

(b) If not, how are the Hotel passes issued?.

(c) What is the amount of Tax for a Hotel per annum?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Speaker, (a) No, there are no Rules regulating establishment of Hotels in the Territory.

(b) Hotel passes are issued on simple condition that the pass holder will have to pay annual tax @ Rs 10/-.

DY. SPEAKER: Now, we shall take Pu F. Hrangvela's Question No. 47.

Revision of Land valuation rate in Town area.

PU F. HRANGVELA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue Department be pleased to state -

Whether there is proposal from the government for revision of the existing rate of land valuation in the Town Area?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is no proposal from the government.

PU HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the rates of land valuation in our towns like Rizawl and Lunglei are very low while the market or local rate is so high. Do the government have any knowledge about such difference?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the government has knowledge about this, Committee has been formed to look into such matter and the land system is now under consideration.

DY.SPEAKER: Now, we shall call upon the Minister Pu Lalsan, zuala to lay the "Mizoram Salaries & Allowances of Ministers (Grant of Motor Car Advance) Rules, 1974 on the Table of the House.

LAYING OF RULES, REPORTS, etc.

PU LALSAN-ZUALA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, with your kind permission, I lay the "Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Grant of Motor Car Advance) Rules, 1974 on the Table of the House.

DY.SPEAKER: We shall now call upon Pu Hrangalia, Chairman of the Estimates Committee to lay the first Report of the Committee on the Table of the House.

PU HRANGALIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, with your kind permission, I lay the first Report of the Committee on Estimates on the Table of the House. Besides this, I would like to say a few words that due to the shortage of time, there will be some typing mistake and that the Report may be unsatisfactory in various aspects. I therefore request the hon'ble Members to kindly understand the difficulties we faced.

DY.SPEAKER: Our next item is the presentation of Budget and we shall call upon the finance Minister if he has anything to say regarding the Budget.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGETS (SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET, 1974-75 AND BUDGET FOR 1975-76)

PU KHAWTINKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, our Under Secretary Mr. Dutta has arrived yesterday along with our Budget. But since the assent of the President could not be obtained as yet, it cannot be presented now. Our Finance Secretary, Mr. Gaur is waiting for the President's assent at Delhi. That is the latest position regarding our Budget.

DY.SPEAKER: According to our Rules, there cannot be sitting on Saturday. But due to certain circumstances, sitting may be held only after the House agrees to it. On this matter, let us take the opinion of the House and we will now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: I felt sorry for the Budget could not be presented till today. The main difficulty that causes our failure is that the government of India could not approve our Budget in time. I felt extremely sorry upon our Hon'ble Members for they could not find time for study of the Budget. As you all know all our Budget Estimates have to be examined and approved by the Central Government and we are still waiting for their approval. Our Officers and staff etc. deserve ~~praise~~ praise for their hard works in preparing the Budget Estimate.

I would also like to point out that our leaders in the Central Government also have to pay a special interest for us since our communications are bad and as such things cannot be done easily. Our officer Pu Dutta has arrived recently from Delhi but without taking the Central approval. According to the latest information received from Pu Dutta, he said that unlike the preceding years, our Budget has to be approved by the Home Ministry and then the President will give his assent, but our Home Minister Pu Reddy was so busy due to the Lok Sabha session and our Finance Secretary is waiting for it now at Delhi. We all have to understand the matter and things will be improved soon.

PU CH. S. PRASAD: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is quite shameful for us regarding presentation of our Budget in time. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has explained the matter clearly, but I would like to know when we have prepared our Budget and the time it is sent for the approval of the Central Government. Therefore, ^{if the Home Ministry} ~~causes~~ difficulty, don't let our Budget be passed. Will that idea be better? or will it be better to open office at Delhi? Our Ministers themselves should also go to Delhi to take the approval for the Budget. I am afraid that things could not be pushed through because only the officials have gone there.

DY. SPEAKER: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I have
DY. SPEAKER. ~~Ms.~~ I have said sitting cannot be held on Saturday. But since we met such difficulties let us have the opinion of our Hon'ble Chief Minister and then we will take the opinion of the House.

PU CH. CHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, If our Members and the House
CHIEF MINISTER. agree I have no objection to have sitting on Saturday.

DY. SPEAKER: As the Chief Minister requested or said, let us have sitting tomorrow. Can we agree to that point?

PU HRANGAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, If we are going to have sitting tomorrow, what will be our business?

DY. SPEAKER: The Budget could not be presented even today and our business covers only the questions. Therefore the main business for tomorrow will be about the presentation of the Budget, if it is possible.

PU J. TEANGHUAMA Mr. Dy. Speaker, The Budget was to be presented on the 14th. But we failed and it was re-fixed for the 16th. Again we failed. Now, it was fixed for the 21st and we could not do it once again.

DY. SPEAKER: There is a request to have a sitting for tomorrow. Can we agree to it?

PU VANLALANUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I think we have to consider about the D.A.C. too. If we are not sure that the budget will be able to be presented, we must not have sitting. If we are going to have sitting on holidays like tomorrow, why not have even on Sundays?

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It will not be Parliamentary if we cannot have a clear business to be done. We may degrade the dignity of this august House

FU LAIRINLIAN: Mr. Dy. Speaker, We all knew that things are not going as we wish, but I would like to let my fellow Members know that if we do not pass the Budget as early as possible, our Government and the people as a whole will suffer. I think we have to go on as requested by our hon'ble Chief Minister.

FU A. SANGCHEUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Mizoram is waiting for 11 days Budget Session after 2 months. We have therefore to admit that we are following a wrong direction. We must not go on supposition. If our officials return with our Budget, we can have sitting even at nights. That is my opinion.

FU K. F. RUMBA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, we felt quite sorry for the delay in presentation of the Budget Estimates. Our hon'ble Chief Minister suggested to have sitting tomorrow, but the Dy. Speaker will finalise the matter. If we can get an information today about the assent of the President, the Dy. Speaker will immediately be informed and then he will call the sitting of the House as he thinks fit. What is the opinion of the Members?

FU K. SANGCHEUM: Mr. Dy. Speaker, The best way may be to adjourn the House sine die and when the Budget Estimates arrive it may be called again.

FU SALLINA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I think it is shameful for the government and the general public to have Budget session without the real Budget papers. It is not a good idea to go on supposition and to call Assembly sitting. When the Budget Estimates duly assented by the President reach us, let the sitting be called anew. We cannot blame the Ministry or others for the delay in the Budget presentation. The responsibility lies even upon ourselves.

DY. SPEAKER: I thought you are going to make suggestion, but you were giving some sort of statement. It is not time to have discussion.

FU K. L. RUMBA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, According to chapter IV, section 13(1) of our Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, it is stated Assembly Session will be held on all weekdays except Saturday. But if there is some exigencies or importance, the Speaker may, in his discretion extend the sitting of the Assembly. Besides, we are having Business Advisory Committee to frame the Calendar of the Session. It may be a better idea to entrust upon the Committee rather than discussing here. (Dy. Speaker: Since the B.A.C. had no time to chalk out about tomorrow's sitting, we have to finalise here)

If it is so, we do not have business for tomorrow and having Assembly sitting on Saturday will be meaningless.

FU VANLALHROAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Let the B.A.C. take out the programme now and then circular can be issued accordingly.

FU NGUMAWLA: Our suggestion seems to be that if the Budget papers can arrive from Delhi, only then the Session be called. We do not mind about having sitting even at nights. Otherwise the dignity of this House can be degraded.

PU R. LUTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, since tomorrow i.e. Saturday is holiday, the next day will be Monday and that is also our usual practice. Will it be better to follow our usual practice?

PU A. TRANGLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, we have to see our programme carefully. As we all see, we can have business on Monday, and if the Budget can be presented on Monday, we shall have to give Tuesday and Wednesday to the Members for study time and Thursday and Friday will be holidays. We therefore have only Saturday and Monday for discussion. If that be the case, Mr. Dy. Speaker, let the House be adjourned indefinitely and then sitting may be called once again when the Budget Study assented arrives.

DX. SPEAKER: I think the main opinion from you is that as soon as the Speaker receives information from Finance Minister regarding the arrival of the Budget papers, he will call for the Assembly sitting if it is not Sunday or other public holiday.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the main difficulty is that if there is going to be Assembly Session tomorrow, how are you going to adjourn the House if today?

PU VANLALRUUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It may be suggested that let the sitting be held on Monday and if the Budget cannot be presented, the other way may be considered.

PU CH. CHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It appears that there may be some technical difficulty to have Assembly sitting tomorrow. It will be better to search the way to avoid technical difficulty.

DX. SPEAKER: All right, as ^{per} our usual practice, the Assembly sitting will be resumed on Monday at 11 A.M.

Adjourned at 1.06 P.M.

Secretary,
Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

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