

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH BUDGET SESSION OF MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY HOUSE FROM
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P R E S E N T

Pu Hiphai, Dy. Speaker in the Chair. Chief Minister and Six
Ministers and Twenty Seven Members.

BUSINESS.

Questions

2. Presentation of Budget (Supplementary Budget for 1974-75 and
Budget for 1975-76) by Pu Khawtinkhuma, Minister i/c Finance.

DY. SPEAKER:

Rejoice in the Lord alway; and
again I say, Rejoice. Let your
moderation be known unto all men.
The Lord is at hand.

Now we will take up questions and we would follow the same procedure
we have followed yesterday which means there can be 8 supplementary
questions to one question. Now, question No. 48 Pu Dotinaia's question.

ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS.

PU DOTINAIA:

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

(a) Whether it is true that the appointment for 8 (eight) Bus
Conductors are made in State Transport Department recently?

(b) If so, how were the appointment made?

LALSANGZUALA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, (a) No. 8 (eight) persons have
been selected for their engagement on daily
wages as Conductors.

(b) Selection made on recommendation of Departmental Promotion
Committee.

PU DOTINAIA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, Supplementary Question:
Whether it is a fact that interview for the
selection of these conductors was held ~~held~~?

And, was it not for the 16 conductors

that the selection was proposed? Is it also a fact that
only selected ~~four~~ conductors out of 8 conductors were given
appointment? If so, why?

PU LALSANGZUALA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, at first, the demand was for
17 Conductors. On 9th January, 16 persons
were selected. But, due to financial diffi-
culty only 8 persons were selected for their engagement on daily
wages as conductors. It is also true that only 4 persons out of
the selected 8 are at present recruited. But the other 4 persons

also would soon be given appointment.

PU K.DOTINAIA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, why a person who did not appear before the interview board second time cannot be selected? for some of them were from distant places who could not arrive in time and who have had interview before the same board, I suppose.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, of the 17 persons, 8 persons when the Selection Board found most suitable for the post were selected. If some of them were late and came after finalization of the selection, nothing can be changed and their cases also cannot be considered.
MINISTER.

P. NGURAWLA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, If many buses cannot be run due to the shortage of Conductors(it is what I heard), then why did Government appoint/select only 8 persons?

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, of the running buses, we have two types - Mini Bus and Medium Bus. Of the 16 Medium Buses we now have, 3 are out of junction. Of the 8 Mini Buses, 4 are functioning. But, the statement that many buses cannot be run due to the shortage of conductors was not true. There is of course shortage of staff and drivers in the Department but drivers and handymen from Transport Wing are temporarily employed since they are all under the same Directorate.
MINISTER.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Ly.Speaker, If each and every running buses are said to be having conductor I found one bus that runs without a Conductor. It was when we visited Silchar. On the way, one bus ran ahead of us, so to let us pass we gave horn many times. But only after crossing about 3 Ki,ometres, the bus stopped. When I asked the reason, they said that they do not have a conductor. I think this incident clearly shows that some of the running buses do not have conductor. Anyway, what I actually wanted to ask is this: who is the person who issues conductor Licence and did he issue it for each and every person.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I think we can believe that each and every running bus could not be provided with conductors if we are aware of the shortage of staff. But, the statement that some buses could not be run due to the shortage of Conductor was not true. And District Transport Office is the one who used to issue Bus Conductor license. Medical examination and Test, as is required for issuing a license for Driver, should be applied in connection with issue of license to Conductor.
MINISTER.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Ly.Speaker, Is it a fact that the issuing of Conductor license for the case we are now talking about was done by M.V.I., not Transport Officers?

PU K.DOTINAIA: Mr.Ly.Speaker, Supplementary question: To run a bus without conductor seems to be illegal. As such, does not that mean Mizoram Government run buses illegally?

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr.Ly.Speaker, It has been stated that Conductor certificate must be obtained from recognised Institution. If so, how can District Transport Officer issue such certificate?

PU LALSANGDUALA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, regarding the issuing of
MINISTER. Conductor Licenses by M.V.I. - M.V.I, also
being a Technician in a way, can, to some
extent, issue such certificate as we do not have the real
D.T.O. at present, except Asst. D.T.O.

Though there is no specific statement that
to run a bus without conductor is illegal, every running bus is
expected to have a conductor.

LI. SPEAKER: Now question No. 49, Pu Saitlawma and Pu
Hrangvelas question. One of you ask it.

Mr. Dy. Speaker:
PU HRANGVELA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c General
Administration Department be pleased to
state -

Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs 7 lakhs out of E.G.S. fund for
1974-75, has been utilized by the Government for purchase of land
at New Delhi for the site of Mizoram House?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, no such amount has been utilized
CHIEF MINISTER. for purchase of land.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, ~~xxxxxxx~~ then from what fund
this was purchased?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, some portion of E.G.S. fund was
CHIEF MINISTER. utilized for purchase of this site, as there
was no separate fund by the time we found it.
But, the money utilized was already disbursed.

PU P. HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Is it a fact that a sum of Rs 22,900/-
out of the total sum of Rs 42,600/- from the E.G.S.
was diverted for construction of helipad in
various villages?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, though no such information had
CHIEF MINISTER. been received, we know that helipads in various
villages are to be constructed which means there
would be more work for day labourers.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, will not that money utilized
for purchase of land for the site of Mizoram
House at Delhi be again utilized before the end of
1974-75 financial year?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, money utilized was already disbursed.
CHIEF MINISTER.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Is it possible to utilize that
much money before it has been voted by the House?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I apologise for not mentioning
CHIEF MINISTER. the year in which we purchased the site of
Mizoram House at Delhi. The payment for this
was made on 16.4.74 which means last year.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, when did Government tell them to recover, and have they recovered it?

PU CH. CHEUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is no fixed date but, CHIEF MINISTER. they have not yet recovered it.

BY. SPEAKER: Question No. 52, Pu C. Lalruata's question:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government/the Department appoint some persons as Sub-Inspectors of Police and Constables who are not Indian Citizens.

(d) If yes, how could the Government appoint such persons?

PU CH. CHEUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker (a) No. (b) Does not arise. CHIEF MINISTER.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, has not Kawllianthanga, name Victoria, son of Lalthanliana, Taban been appointed as Sub-Inspector or Constable?

PU CH. CHEUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is no such appointment. CHIEF MINISTER.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, then does that mean that he just played in the name of Police Team when I saw him playing on the ground the other day?

PU CH. CHEUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, anyone even a person from CHIEF MINISTER. other place can be selected for the Team.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, supplementary question: Is there any intention of the Govt/Police authority to appoint such persons?

PU CH. CHEUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I have no knowledge of that. CHIEF MINISTER.

BY. SPEAKER: Question 53, Pu Hrangvela's question.

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

Whether the Government of Mizoram give special consideration to the returnees from Burma by way of giving them appointment or otherwise?

PU CH. CHEUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, ~~the~~ The Central scheme of financial assistance for education of the repatriates who arrived in India from Burma on or after 1.6.1963 is under examination of Government.

P. HRANGVELA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Our hon'ble Minister just now said that educational assistance would be given to the returnees. So, how far did the Government go in this direction?

Mr. Dy. Speaker

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, supplementary question: how many returnees have flown into Mizoram since U.T. Status is attained. And how many of them are given educational assistance? Could not Govt. give them priority in appointment or otherwise?

MR. CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER

Mr. Dy. Speaker, there is no hard and fast rule that returnees are to be given priority in appointment. But, they are to be regarded exactly as true Indian citizens. So far uptill now, we have not had any returnee whom we gave educational assistance.

PU NGURDAWLA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, do the government know that 5 persons belonging to Thinsai and other villages are held back in Bungeon as there was no clearance of their identification?

DY. SPEAKER:

That is not our Govt's concern, as they have not yet come into our land.

PU NGURLAWLA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, they were held back when they were coming towards our land.

DI. SPEAKER:

Question No. 54, Pu F. Mlangvela's, question.

PU F. MLANGVELA:

Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue Deptt. be pleased to state -

What are the steps taken by the Govt. for making settlement of Gardens possible within Aizawl Town?

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, steps have been taken towards implementation of Agricultural land rules; and settlement of gardens within the town land falls within the purview of these rules.

PU F. MLANGVELA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, supplementary question: when will land settlement/gardens settlement be done? Will it be possible to do so when 1971 Agricultural land Rules is enforced?

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am sorry for not being direct in my statement. As soon as Agricultural Land Rule is enforced, it will be possible to do land/gardens settlement.

PUSAITLAWMA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, has not 1971 Agricultural land Rule been enforced now? Who is the framer of this rule that it cannot be enforced uptill now?

PU F. MLANGVELA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, when will Govt. enforce it?

PU VAIVENGA:
MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, it is Mizoram Govt. who framed the rule on the basis of 1970 Land Act. The Rule can be enforced now. We only have to notify it.

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PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, will this Land Rule supersede Agriculture Land Rule that had been framed during the erstwhile District Council? If everything is ready for its enforcement, why do not government enforce it now?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, the only reason for not MINISTER. it is: because it has not yet been notified. As soon as it is notified, we would enforce it.

PU SAITLAWMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I know there used to be Agriculture Land Act during the erstwhile District Council on which basis the present Agriculture Land Rule was framed. So, will not this supersede the former Agriculture Land Act?

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, It is a matter of MINISTER. superseding the rule we have now framed is not different from the former one.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, supplementary question: perhaps, our Minister does not know the formation of Agriculture Land Act, 1963 during the erstwhile District Council So, what will become of the present Agriculture Land Rule which had been framed on the basis of District Council Land Act? Will it be amended? And, why can't this be laid on the Table of the House upto this day?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, As I have said it is MINISTER. only because it has not yet been notified-

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, If everything is ready for its notification, then could the Minister tell us the date on which the rule be effective?.

PU VAIVENGA: Mr. D. Speaker, I am sorry I won't be MINISTER. able to say that. But, as I have said, Government will notify it.

DY. SPEAKER: Question No. 55, Pu C. Lalruata's

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue Deptt. be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that the Revenue Department allotted the construction of market, Aizawl to the contractor who did not submit tender for the group, in 1974-75?

(b) If yes, how do the Department justify it?.

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PU VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, (a) No, it is not a
MINISTER: fact. For the construction of Aizawl
Market, there are 5 items, for which
one tender was called. There were some who submitted
tender for only one item whereas some persons submitted for
all the items. So, among the 105 tenderers, one whom we
think most acceptable was chosen to undertake the work.

Pu SANGKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, that means or who
submitted only for one item was also
also regarded as tenderer of all the
items?

Pu VAIVENGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, yes a person who submi-
MINISTER: tted for only one item was also regarded
as tenderer of all the items.

DY. SPEAKER: Question No. 56, Pu C. Lalruata's question —

PU C. LALRUATA: Will the Hon'ble Minister ^{Mr. Dy. Speaker,} a/c Appointment
Department be pleased to state —

(a) ~~Is it a fact~~ Whether it is a fact that the post of A.E.O.
at Lunglei is lying vacant?

(b) Is it also a fact that the post has been offered to some one
who did not come out successfully in the last Mizoram Civil
Service Class II Examination?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, (a) Yes, one post of
CHIEF MINISTER: A.E.O. is lying vacant at Lunglei.

(b) , these posts have been offered to all the candidates
upto 39th in the merit list but none of them accepted the
offer, since the posts are carrying lower scale of pay (i.e.)
Rs 225-600/-; hence the offer has been extended upto Sl.No. 40
of the merit list, and as Sl.No. 39 has declined the offer
Sl.no. 39 ~~has~~ and 40th are being offered appointment as
A.E.O.

The above merit list may not be mistaken
for list of successful candidates.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, could the Minister tell me
the persons who stood 39th and 40th in the
Mizoram Civil Class II Examination?

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am sorry I do not know.
CHIEF MINISTER:

PU VANLALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Supplementary question:
Had there been a knowledge of the appoint-
ment of one Mizo from Service Commission for the post of an
A.E.O.? It has also been learnt that this person was sent to D
Delhi to undergo training on deputation? If so, how can the Govt.
offer the post to other persons? Is it not possible to appoint
the one who had had training?

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PU R. ZOLIANA : Mr. Dy. Speaker, do the Govt. have any knowledge of the filling up of three vacant posts of A.E.O. by Assam Public Service Commission while Mizoram was under Assam Govt? Is there any person who had been sent to Delhi to undergo training? Is it also a fact that Govt. appointed just a year-senior L.D.A. as Asstt. Employment Officer Lunglei?

PU C. LALRUOMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I request our Hon'ble C.M. to disclose the names of persons who stood 39th and 40th in the Mizoram Civil Service Examination as there had been so much talk regarding this. I would like to know whether these two persons, one of them being female, who stood 39th and 40th were the same persons who had been offered the said post by Appointment Deptt.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let it be answered if it is possible. But remember we agreed not to disclose the names.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, we are aware of the fact that three persons were appointed by Assam Public Service Commission. But, as this was not finalized while we were under Assam Govt. we are not bound by this appointment. Regarding the appointment of I.D.A. that, whether they are junior L.D.A. or U.D.A., they are entitled for the appointment, that is, if they are successful in the examination. As for the said post offered - successful candidates were offered on merit list, but as no one accepted it, the offer has now been sent to the persons who stood 39th and 40th.

PU C. LALRUOMA: Mr. Speaker, not that I deny what had been said, I still like to know the names of persons who stood 39th and 40th as there was a talk of the intention of the government to appoint from outsiders who did not participate in the Civil Service Examination.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:
CHIEF MINISTER. Mr. Dy. Speaker, true, that there was a suggestion to appoint from outsiders. But, the decision would certainly be in favour of those who did participate in the Examination.

LANGKHEUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, as was said by our Hon'ble Chief Minister we know that the Merit list of Civil Class II Examination was extended upto 40th and also stated that the said post is now offered to the persons who stood 38th and 40th as the person who stood 39th did not accept it. If the post was offered on merit basis then why did 39th was offered, before 39th was being offered?

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, what is the percentage of marks one has to obtain to be a qualified M.C.S.? Would it be also fair to appoint

someone else in place of a person who had been appointed by Assam Public Service Commission and who is now having training at Delhi?

PU VANLALHRUALA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, when was the said post created?

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I have not received any information regarding the qualified mark for Class II Examination. Regarding training some persons might be sent to undergo training at Delhi or Calcutta, but this does not mean they are for the said post.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, I still urge that my question be please answered for I still could not make out the right information. Our C.M. also admitted the suggestion they've made to appoint from outsiders. If there was such suggestion, it appears as if one post is offered to 4 persons. As I don't think it is right to make the offer to all sorts of persons including those who did not participate in the Civil Class II Examination, I want that my question be please answered.

PU CH.CHHUNGA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, though there was suggestion to appoint from outsiders I did not know that outsiders were really offered. I only knew that two persons are now being offered the two vacant posts, one at Lunglei and the other one at Mizawl. As for the persons who stood 39th and 40th-that I am truly sorry I really do not know who they are.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No.57, Pu Zoliana's question.

PU R.ZOLIANA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/v Local Administration Department be pleased to state-

(a) Whether it is a fact that Govt. of Mizoram proposes to create separate Town Areas Administration and Rural Area Administration Wings under Local Admn. Department?

(b) If so, what are the progress of the proposal so far?

(c) If not, why not?

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, (a) Yes. (b) Proposal for Town Administration have been referred to the Govt. of India, permission or approval has not yet been received.

As regards Rural Administration, this can be considered as already existent... separate District office function at Lunglei and proposal is being also made to open a separate District office at Mizawl to be headed by a Circle Officer.

(c) Does not arise.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No.58, Pu Zoliana.

PU R. ZOLIANI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Local Admn. Department be pleased to state -

Whether it is a fact that a post of Asstt. Director of Local Admn. Department is being created against the provision made during 1974-75?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, No, it has not yet been created.
DEPUTY MINISTER.

PU R. ZOLIANI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Supplementary question- I think there is no creation of Asstt. Director post during 1974-75? But it appears now that we have one, who used to be a Circle Officer. So, how can the Govt. appoint Asstt. Director without creation of post? And what is the difference in Asstt. Director's and Circle Officer's post?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, true. There is no post created nor provision made for Asstt. Director. But for the smooth and better functioning of the Department, one Circle Officer is designated as Asstt. Director, but no alteration is made except his designation.
DEPUTY MINISTER.

PU S. PLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Supplementary question- was the case in Local Admn. Deptt., will the same kind of appointment be done in other Departments as well?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I don't think Govt. have such intention. But for better co-ordination among the three Circle Officers, we now have in L.A.D. one is designated as Asstt. Director without altering his pay scale. So this appointment is just an office arrangement.
DEPUTY MINISTER.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Though we still have two questions, question hour is over. But would you like to continue? If so, we will call upon Pu Dotinai.

PU R. DOTINAI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Supplementary question- will the designated Asstt. Director be given charge allowance? Do the Govt. have such intention? If not, is it right to employ/appoint a person unlawfully?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, as the post has not yet been created, nothing can be said and there is no consideration of allowance as yet.
DEPUTY MINISTER.

PU R. DOTINAI: Mr. Dy. Speaker, is that the way Mizoram Govt. intend to run administration? I call this a 'kid stuff'.

PU C. LAIRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, will the honourable Member withdraw the words 'kid stuff' for it is not kid stuff, rather it is a thing of great importance due to which question and supplementary question were raised. Instead of lingering over this, let us proceed to the remaining two questions.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let us not argue each other. Our ~~hono~~ honourable Member could withdraw the words 'kid stuff', it is well and good. But even if he does not withdraw it we can easily reject it, i.e. if it appears as Un-parliamentary.

PU R. DOTINLIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I have said nothing that has to be withdrawn. I only mentioned the risk in designating a person in responsible post without provision and without creating a post.

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, it is not a kid stuff. The designation is made for the betterment and convenience of the Department. It is purely temporal arrangement.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No. 59, Pu Zoliana's *question* —

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c L.A.D. be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of Circle Assistants I and II employed at present in Mizoram.

(b) What steps have been taken by the Govt. to create any higher posts, other than Head Circle Assistant for the promotion of Circle Assistant I & II?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, (a) Circle Asstt. I - 13
DEPUTY MINISTER. " " II - 22.

(b) Circle Assistant II can be promoted to CA I according to availability of vacant post. C.A. I having 7 years experience in the Grade can be promoted to Assistant Circle Officer provided they passed Matriculation or equivalent examination and subject to availability of post.

DY. SPEAKER: Question No. 60 Pu Zoliana's question—

PU ZOLIANA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c L.A.D. be pleased to state —

(a) What steps have been taken by the Govt. of Mizoram for re-settlement of grouped and ungrouped villages.

(b) Whether it is also a fact that the fund allotted for the purpose have already been diverted to other head of Account?

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PU P. B. NIKHUMA:
DEPUTY MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker,
(a) A Committee on Re-settlement of Grouped Villages has been set up to study and to suggest suitable places for location of villages. The Committee has to see to all aspects of jhuming, water supply, road communication and other relevant factors in respect of village.

(b) A provision of Rs. 10 lakhs under Rural Housing Schemes was diverted to Urban Development Sector in view of the present political situation, it is considered in-appropriate to give grant to any village as their settlement in the grouped villages are temporary and emergent order.

PU VANLALHRUATA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, Supplementary question—
Is there any intention to group ungrouped and temporary villages in the near future?

PU J. THANGHUANA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, had there been an order for the grouping of Chawngtlai village at Chhumlian Kawn or is it to be grouped near Khawzawl village? For people in that village have now stopped the construction of their houses and Church. It has also been known that Khawhai village is to be shifted to the nearby site with the word that they would be given G.C.I. Sheets. The people are now waiting for the fulfilment of the word. So, could the Minister confirm this?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA:
DEPUTY MINISTER.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, I am sorry Pu Thanghuana misunderstood the condition of Chawngtlai village. They themselves made an appeal for the shifting of their village to the site near Khawzawl village. But there has not yet been any consideration of their case specially and no order/information is yet given to them regarding their demand. If they have stopped construction of their houses and dwelling places, perhaps they have a hope of getting their demand

As for Khawhai village, last year permit for the extension of their area to Sialhawk side was issued. But there has never been a word that they would be given G.C.I. Sheets.

Regarding regrouping of villages—there had been some suggestions to shift many of the villages to Centre where there is better guidance. These suggestions had been examined and there is also no objection from Security Forces.

PU C. LALRUATA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, I would like to make only one supplementary question—when did the Committee on Re-settlement of grouped villages submit their final report?

PU S APLIANA:

Mr. Dy. Speaker, in each and every Session, the topic of regrouping came up which led us to believe the possibility of the presence of something behind the whole organization. Whenever they gave report, their progress will always be stated as 'under process' or 'under investigation'. Why don't we have fund for regrouping upto the present day? Our C.M. also had mentioned in the House, a direction given by the Prime Minister to make an estimate for this. Is it because Mizoram Govt. did not send an estimate for this?

Do the Committee have a target to consolidate grouped villages?

PU SANGKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, we know that the Committee had submitted its final report. Supposing government accept the report. Would the work be started straight away or there would again be some excuses?

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, do the government have an intention to regroup temporary sub-villages of Mizoram?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, Regarding Pu Ruata's question - I am sorry I can't say the exact date and month on which the Committee submitted its final report. If I am not mistaken, I think it was submitted at the beginning of last year perhaps between the month of June and March.

As for Pu Sangkhuma's question - that the Committee had submitted its final report and it has been examined. Government had also accepted it principle and it has been proposed to send financial implication to Central Government within six months. Here, I would like to request our members to understand the difficulty in doing things speedily. For one thing, the Committee would have to take sometime to do the investigation as it concerns the whole of Mizoram. As for Pu Hruaia's question - Government contemptously don't intent to regroup temporary sub-villages as they are now spending the night on their Jhoom. But, Changpui temporary sub.village is ordered to shift to Buarpui Group Centre.

PU C. LALRUATA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I would like to know the policy of the Govt. regarding regrouping of villages. For instance - If reorganization of villages, a particular village is proposed for group centre. But, supposing the nearby villages do not agree to shift or settle there, will Govt. insist them upon doing it?

PU VANLALHRUAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I would like to make one more supplementary question. Is it a fact that the Committee is trying to obtain approval from Brigade regarding their report? Do they have to consult Brigade in this matter? Also, I am not mistaken, I think Kawlbem Village had been given approval for their shifting to Zotlang Village. It has also been learnt that there was no objection even from Brigade. If so, why cannot Government carry it out upto this day?

PU P. B. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, let me first answer **DY. MINISTER.** Pu Hruaia's question which is in regard to Kawlbem Village. As the people of Kawlbem Village wanted to shift to Zotlang, the Committee also recommended them. It is also a fact that there was no objection from Brigade, but, their acceptance came two weeks back and also because of our Assembly we cannot as yet take action to shift the said village.

Regarding Pu Hruata's question -
It is not a matter of approval or disapproval of Brigade that we shift or not shift villages. But, being in a dist bed area, the safety of the village had to be considered due to which security point of view is always collected before we set up a village/group centre.

As for Pu Ruata's question - The Committee has not yet considered whether they would insist upon villages to shift to village/group centre against their will.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Dy. Specker, Supplementary Question:
It has been stated that the Committee's final report was to be considered and submitted to central Government within 6 months. So, from which date this was calculated, for the people do not know whether to re- their damaged houses or whether they - to shift? Secondly according to the statement given by our hon'ble Minister it appears that Government intention in helping grouped Villages was to supply G.C.I. Sheets which is not available. Is it only with G.C.I. Sheets that the Government intend to help? Are there not other means for helping them? And, why has Rural Housing Scheme provision been diverted?

P. NIKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, what had been said by Pu
DY. MINISTER. Zoliana regarding G.C.I. Sheets was true.
As the provision for Rural Housing Scheme could not immediately be utilized for rural and as it was only on 26 of last month we learned the non-availability of G.C.I. Sheets that the Department suggested to divert the provision for urban on condition that the provision for Urban would be cut down by the next year fifth five year plan sectoral allocation.

I think Pu Zoliana misunderstood what I said regarding the period during which the Committee's final report is to be considered, as I have said government had accepted the principle of the Committee's report. But, a question, whether the same committee would prepare the detail scheme or sub-committee would be formed for this, has come up. So, the Government then took a decision not to form sub-committee. The same Committee was proposed to prepare the detailed scheme to be to submit it, to central government within 6 months, but there has not yet been any final decision.

DY. SPEAKER: We will end our question hour but, Pu Dotinaia may ask just one more question.

PU DOTINAIA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity of raising question. We had been told of what the Committee had done regarding re-settlement of villages, and also had learned of the acceptance of the principles of the report given by

the Committee. Supposing, temporary sub-villages are to be re-grouped due to certain difficulties, will they be grouped in Committee's recommended village Centre? Is it also a fact that the government laid a policy to move back temporary sub-village to group centre if they do not merge with Congress?.

PU P.B.NIKHUMA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, we are no doubt trying to see that merger is a success but there is no intention to move back temporary sub.villaves due to the reason stated by Pu Dotiaaia. And, if temporary sub-villages are to regroup, we expect that they would be shifted to recommended village centre.

DY.SPEAKER: Let me announce a Calendar prepared by D.A.C. who sat yesterday -

First round of Tuesday i.e. 25.3.75 sitting would be for question, general discussion and voting on supplementary Budget 1974-75 and introduction, consideration and voting on appropriation bill no 1 of 1975. On Wednesday 20th March, 1975 General Discussion on Budget for 1975-76, 27th and 28th of March, 1975 is a public holiday, so there would be no sitting held. On 29.3.75 voting on demand for grant, 30.3.75 is Sunday so on 31.3.75 voting on demand for grant, and introduction consideration voting on a appropriation bill No.2, Except Budget, other business, if there is any would be taken up on 1st April, 1975. Now, the Minister in charge of Parliamentary Affairs may demand for House approval.

PU LALSANGZUALA: Mr.Speaker, I request the House to kindly approve Calendar and new programme chalked out by Business Advisory Committee.

DY.SPEAKER: Do we all agree?.

PU F.HRANGVELA: Mr.Dy.Speaker, the new calendar would certainly be approved, but time for general discussion is too limited that can not it be extended, say from 10 A.M. to 7 or 8 P.M. like they did in other places outside Mizoram? Only 10 minutes would be too limited for one Member to say all that he wants regarding our Budget.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: That we do not have to include it here. We always take House's assent. If the House approves it, Speaker can extend it.

PU F.HRANGVELA: Mr.Dy.speaker, if we do not know the detailed programme and how many minutes allotted to each Member, there would be some difficulty.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, Presentation of Budget Finance Minister may present Supplementary Budget for 1974-75 and Budget for 1975-76 to the House.

PRESENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR 1974-75 AND BUDGET FOR 1975-76 TO THE HOUSE.

PU KHAMTINKHUMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, on the recommendation of FINANCE MINISTER. the Lt. Governor (Administrator) and with your permission sir, I move the Supplementary Budget for 1974-75 and Budget for 1975-76. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Budgets for 1975-75 and 1975-76 had been presented to the House, so now we will distribute to the Members. Our next sitting will be held on Tuesday, i.e. 25.3.1975 at 11:00 A.M.

PU K.L.ROCHAMA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, regarding our sitting, some of the Members had stated the limitation of time allotted to us for discussing Budget. If we follow our Calendar it means we have just three days for Budget discussion. Hence, I suggest that on Tuesday, our next sitting we start at 10:00 A.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is 11:00 A.M. in our Calendar but there is no objection if we all agree to alter it.

PU SAPLIANA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, I support Pu Rochama's suggestion as we don't have much time for discussion and since office also starts at 9:30 A.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do we all agree to start at 10:00 A.M.? Now we shall take the opinion of the Minister regarding this.

PU CH. CHHUNGA: Mr. Dy. Speaker, if there is no difficulty CHIEF MINISTER. I agree to start at 10:00 A.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: If it is not extended for the whole day, B.A.C need not sit together to consider it. So, we shall now disperse to begin again at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, 25.3.1975.

Meeting adjourned at 1.35 P.M.