

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 8TH SESSION OF THE MIZORAM  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL.  
FROM 23.9.1975 TO 3.10.1975.

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P R E S E N T

Pu H.Thansanga, M.A.B.T. Speaker, in the Chair.  
Chief Minister and 31 Members were present.

B U S I N E S S

1. Questions.
2. Announcement of the Panel of Chairmen for the current Session.
3. Obituary reference.
4. Laying of Papers.
  - (1) The Tribal Welfare Discretionary Fund Rules, 75.
  - (2) The Report of the Select Committee on the Mizoram Roadside Land Control Bill, 1975.
  - (3) Report of the Rules Committee.

SPEAKER: (Read the Bible)

Now we shall take up question No.1,  
Pu Dotinaia's question.

SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Dismantling of R.O. Quarter at Durthang by Range Office at Durtlang.

\*1: PU DOTINALIA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Soil Conservation Department be pleased to state:-

Is the Government aware that the Range Officer i/c Durtlang Range, had dismantled the Range Officer Quarter at Durtlang and utilized some of the materials for his private purpose sometime in the month of March, 1974 ?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, It is not a fact..One old temporary shed which outlived its utility previously occupied by the Range Officer  
MINISTER. sometime in 1957-68 was dismantled.

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and salvaged materials (only the roofing materials were utilisable to an extent) were utilised for roofing a temporary garange and for the latrins attached to the Divisional Officer's quarter at Aizawl. No part of these materials was used by the Range Officer for his private purpose.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question: Our Minister said that Durtlang Range Officer's quarter was dismantled. He also said that Durtlang Range Officer does not use old materials, for the construction of his (R.O) house. But supposing some of the old material like G.C.I Sheets or plank were used, what action will be taken against him or can action be taken against him ?.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr. Speaker, what is the size of Durtlang Range Officers Quarter which had been dismantled ? . And what is the size of latrine which they have constructed ?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, It would not be right if one uses Govt's materials for private purpose. If he (whoever he is) really did use Govt's materials for private purpose, action can be taken. As regards the size of the quarter it was temporary quarter with 270 sq.ft width. And the latrine was only 8 ft.  
MINISTER.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker, Did Government know that Range Officer used 11 Sheets for his private house skirting ?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, Government have no knowledge of that.  
MINISTER.

SPEAKER: Question No.2, Pu Dotinaia.

SOIL CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT.

Utilisation of 16 rolls of Barbed wire, by Range Officer of Neihbawi for private purpose.

PU DOTANAJA: Mr. Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Soil Conservation Department be pleased to state

Is it a fact that about 6(six) Rolls of Barbed wire allotted for Government Farm at Neihbawi has not been utilised for Government purpose and that the Range Officer i/c used them for his private purpose some time in August, 1974?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, there is no Departmental farm at Neihbawi proper. It is not a fact that the Range Officer used barbed wire materials for his private purpose.

PU R. DOREMALL: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question:  
Is it a fact that Durtlang Range Officer used 4(four) Rolls of Barbed wire? If yes, what action would be taken against him?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, here, in the question, it is stated as, 6 Rolls. But, about 4 rolls mentioned by our member, I came to know about it only now. We know that Durtlang R.O. purchased 6 Rolls of Barbed wire, but as there is no farm in Neihbawi Government did not allot Barbed wire to them. Therefore, I think may be Pu Dotinaia misunderstood.

SPEAKER: Question No.3 Pu Dotinaia's question.

\*3. PU R.DOTINAIA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of Soil Conservation Department be pleased to state:-

(a) Is it a fact that some time in January 1975, the Department Godown at Durtlang was dismantled ?.

(b) If so, by whom and under whose authority ?.

(c) Where are the materials now ?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, (a) yes. (b) dismantled by Range Officer, Durtlang as per the instruction of Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Mizawl. (c) The materials are used for roofing of the extended area of Range Officer's quarter-office at Durtlang and for IV Grade Quarter at Republic Veng. 12 pieces are in stock in the Godown at Durtlang.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. Is it a fact that some pieces of the materials were used for roofing and skirting of Soil Conservation Demonstrator Quarter and for private use ?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, No, that is not a fact. What I have stated is all that we heard. The remaining pieces are stored.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. How many pieces were stored ?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, 12 Sheets are stored.

SPEAKER: Question No. 4, Pu Dotinaia's Question.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of Soil Conservation Department be pleased to state:-

Is it a fact that the Range Officer of Durtlang Range has been utilising the servises of at least two of his staff for his private works ?.

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, It is not a fact, for staff  
MINISTER. are placed there by the Government to look  
after the farm.

PU R. DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question:  
Is it a fact that one Dak runner was all  
the time utilized for his (R.O. Durtlang)  
private works ?

PU R. THANGLIANA: Mr. Speaker, Durtlang Soil Conservation  
MINISTER. Division does not have a Dak runner except  
two (2) Field workers.

SPEAKER: Question No.5. Pu Dotinaia.

PU DOTINAIA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Co-  
Operation Department be pleased to state:-

- (a) The number of Gezatted posts lying vacant under the head 'Direction' in the Co-Operation Department and the reasons for not filling them up ?
- (b) The number of Gezatted posts which are lying vacant under the 'Administration' and the reasons for not filling them up ?
- (c) How many posts of Senior and Junior Inspectors are lying vacant under Plan and Non-Plan and what are the reasons for not filling them up ?

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker, (a) (i) One post of D.R.C.S  
DY. MINISTER. (ii) It is proposed to keep the post in  
abeyance for the time being. (b) (i) Two  
posts of A.R.C.S. (ii) The proposal to fill the post is  
under examination. (c) (i) Senior Inspector = Plan-1,  
Non-Plan - Nil. Junior Inspector Plan 3, Non-Plan 5.  
(ii) The posts are being filled. Delay is due to late  
finalisation of Recruitment Rules.

PU R. ZOLIANA: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question.  
Why did the Department make provision  
for the post of Deputy Registrar which  
would not be filled for a long time ? Our Hon'ble Minis-  
ter said that they intended to create Directorate. Do we  
not now have Registrar's posts ?

PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, As Registrar's Post is to be held in Ex-officio capacity.

We have not yet obtained Finance concurrence to create the post. Once we had Deputy Registrar in Co-operative Society due to which provision was made in the Budget. But, since he went back to Assam Government, the post has been not yet been filled as Government prefer having Registrar for filling the post of Deputy Registrar. As I have said, the creation of Registrar post is under process. As regards the two vacant posts of Asstt. Registrar, Co-operative Society as our Senior Inspectors are newly promoted ones, no one can be promoted to the next higher stage. That is the reason why the said posts are not filled. But, Government is intending to find a means to relax Service rules so as to be able to fill the said posts.

Under plan, there is one Senior Inspector's post which is now lying vacant owing to the success of previous Senior Inspector, Malsawma, in the Mizoram Civil Service Examination. Under the same head, three Junior Inspector posts are lying vacant. And under Non-plan, there are five vacant posts.

PU C. LALRUATA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question—When did Dy. Registrar Co-operative Society return to Assam Government. ? And, is it not possible to have both Registrar and Dy. Registrar Co-operative Society ?.

PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, It is possible to have both Registrar and Dy. Registrar Co-op. Society together. But, due to financial difficulty. Finance concurrence cannot be given to us. Hence, we have difficulty in having both.

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Our Hon'ble Minister has stated the reasons for not filling up the vacant posts of Assistant Registrar Co-operative Society. But, is there any rule by which the posts are to be filled only on promotion-basis ? . If yes, was it the Government who framed it?. Why cannot these posts be filled on other basis too?.

PU ZALAWMA:

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DY. MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, As these Gazetted posts are the only prospects for our Senior Officers, the principle of promotion-basis is usually practised. The vacant posts of Junior and Senior Inspector would be filled according to Recruitment Rules which have recently been approved i.e in the month of September.

PU C.LALRUATA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know the length of service one has to render to get promotion to Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Society. Is it three years/two years or more ?.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question. Is there not any person fit for the post of post of Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Society ? And, why cannot Government make the appointment of of Junior Inspector fill now, for I know there are many candidates on the waiting list and I know too that an interview had already been called?. After all these are done why cannot they still make the appointment ?.

PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER Mr. Speaker Sir, Our Hon'ble Member, Pu Ruata's question. One must have at least three years experience to get promotion to Assistant Registrar Co-operative Society.

In regard to Pu Dotinaia's question, it is a fact that there is provision for filling the vacant posts of Junior Inspector. But, if there is no necessity, we don't have to fill them up. And the reason for the delay in filling the post of Registrar is as I have said, Finance Department tells us to wait if we want to have Full time Registrar. As it is full time Registrar we want to have, the post has not yet been filled up. As for the candidates who are in the waiting list, five of them were selected. Eight candidates are again to be selected according to Recruitment Rules which I have mentioned.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, When were those five candidates selected ?.

PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER Mr. Speaker Sir, It has been 3/4 months back since they were selected. Filling of those vacant Posts is now being processed by Finance Department.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to know the date on which they were selected.

PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER Mr. Speaker Sir, the selection was conducted by Examination Board. As it was done in order of Merit (i.e. the first five (5) were selected.) there was no partiality.

PU R.DOTINAIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, May we have a look at the list?.

PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER Mr. Speaker Sir, You can look at it if you want to.

**SPEAKER:** Question No. 6. Pu K. Sangchhum's question.

**PU K. SANGCHHUM:** Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of Co-operative Department be pleased to state:-

- (a) Whether any staff of Co-operative Department had been posted in Chhaintuipui District since Mizoram become Union Territory ?
- (b) If yes, number of staff and places of posting ?
- (c) If not posted, why not ?

**PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER:** Mr. Speaker Sir, (a) yes, (b) One Junior Inspector and one Grade IV staff. All posted at Saiha. (c) Does not arise.

**PU K. SANGCHHUM:** Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question. It is understood that there will be lots of work to do for such a small staff. As a matter of fact, there is so much work to do that they do not know where to staff as they are only two in numbers. If that was how it is within three years, what is the next intention of the Government ?

**PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER:** Mr. Speaker Sir, As there is no Co-operative Society established in that District, two staff I mentioned were sent to start work initially. If the work has been started, its organisation also will increase. When there is more to do, Asstt. Registrar Co-operative Society will be posted at District level. There will be a time when the District will have a Society at District level. But, for the present, Government feels it is necessary to first study the development and organisation at the initial stage. At the same time, Government is intending to send 2/3 staff to open Co-operative Godown.

**PU C. DALRUITA:** Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. I must admit that what had been said by our Hon'ble Member was not exactly my way of thinking. Whether there be few Society or not, I thought adequate staff is to be placed to encourage the people to set up Co-operative Society. I think Government would do well in placing more staff even in the new establishment. I would like to know when Inspector of Co-operative Society was placed at Saiha, And, how many Co-operative Society were there in Chhaintuipui District when this Inspector was placed ?



PU ZALA MA:  
DY. MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, In Chhimituipui District, we have not had any registered Society the 132 Societies we now have are mostly instituted in Lunglei and in Aizawl Districts.

(Pu Lalruata.--

Mr. Speaker Sir, How did the Minister know the number of existing Societies? Is it from the record, for, we know how many societies were there? ) Mr. Speaker Sir, that let me explain it. From the year 1949, Co-operative Society was founded/established in Mizoram. Till 1966, all of them (Societies) could function smoothly. But, when disturbances broke out, villages were grouped which caused handicap for our Societies to function. However, amidst the disturbances, 48 Societies were again started. Hence so far our achievement in Co-operative Society is the establishment of 132 Societies in various parts of Mizoram.

PU SAPLIANA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary Question.

Is it a fact that the post of Assistt. Registrar Co-operative Society had been created but not filled up? If so, why it is not filled up? Could this mean that the post would be filled up only when there are more Co-operative Societies? Our Hon'ble Minister said that they have posted one IV Grade peon. But, do the Government know that the peon who had been posted to Saiha is ~~xx~~ still remaininh in Aizawl? What is the reason for detaining him here (Aizawl)?

I have no doubt that there will be some difficulty in functioning and opening Societies in Chhimituipui District due to disturbances, as the Minister has stated. But, it is obvious that if there is no staff, it is not possible to function. I think, perhaps our Minister received wrong information, for, even while we were under Assam Government, there were Societies which functioned smoothly and which had received Grant-in-aid from the Government. At any rate, will Government intend to fill up those vacant posts, which have been created? We know too that Government intended to open Co-operative Godown at Chhimituipui District. So, when do they expect to open this?

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, When did this Junior Inspector was posted to Saiha and what had he done so far?

PU SAILAWMA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Our Hon'ble Minister had stated about the posting of one Junior Inspector and one IV Grade staff. Hence in which particular place/locality they have Office to function? or are they without Office? If one Junior Inspector is placed to look after one District Co-operative Department, what is the extent of power conferred on him? And, what kind of Co-operative Godown is to be opened in Chhimituipui Dist. for, there is no Co-operative Godown both in Aizawl and Lunglei Districts except Mizo Wholesale Co-operative Store?

PU ZALAWMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, It was in 1974 December,  
DY. MINISTER that one Junior Inspector and IV Grade  
staff were posted to Saiha. The IV Grade  
staff was Laltanpui who is now in Saiha High School not in  
Aizawl. (Pu Sapliana; Mr. Speaker Sir, did not Government  
know that he is in Aizawl ?) The one we have posted to Saiha  
is in Saiha, though other IV Grade staff might be here, since  
it is their headquarter. Government have no knowledge that  
the one who had been posted to Saiha is remaining in Aizawl.

As I have said, two (2) posts of Assistant  
Registrar Co-operative Society are already created. As soon  
as these are filled up, Government would take vigorous step  
to improve the Co-operative Society of Chhintuipui District.  
As regards the opening of Co-operative Godown that, for the  
benefit of farmers and cultivators, Government wanted to  
open co-operative store, (Pu C. Lalruata; Mr. Speaker Sir,  
who is going to open the store, Co-operative Department or  
Apex Marketing Society or Mizo Wholesale Co-operative Store  
or Government is intending to open a separate store in Saiha.)  
Mr. Speaker, all these are under the authority of Co-operative  
Department. Hence what Pu Ruata had mentioned are the  
branches of Co-operative Department. As the Government is the  
one who sponsored this, Government would take initiative  
like posting of staff, and they would also under take its  
management. Like that, Co-operative Department would open  
one of its branches in Saiha.

SPEAKER: Question No. 7, Pu Ngurdawla's question.

PU NGURDZAWLA: Mr. Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister  
i/c Agriculture Department be pleased to  
state-

- (a) What was the total quantity of Rice harvested from wet  
Rice cultivation in the whole of Mizoram in the year  
1974-75 ?.
- (b) When does the Government expect to make Mizoram  
self-sufficient in Rice ?.

(a) What was the total quantity of Rice harvested from Wet Rice cultivation in the whole of Mizoram in the year 1974-75 ?.

(b) When does the Govt. expect to make Mizoram self-sufficient in Rice?.

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, (a) about 5040 M/T  
MINISTER. (b) It is expected that about 92% requirement of Rice will be met by the end of 5th Five Year Plan i.e. 1978-79. It will be possible to make Mizoram self sufficient in Rice during the 6th Plan.

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr.Speaker, how many acres are designed for wet rice cultivation?

PU R.THANGLIANA, Mr.Speaker, so far we have had 3895  
MINISTER. hectares for wet rice cultivation.

PU IALHLIRA: Mr.Speaker, How did Agri.Department know  
that the total quantity is 5040 metric tons?  
Had farmers and cultivators been called to report the amount of rice they harvested?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, yes, government made a  
MINISTER. call through B.D.Os. that is why we can calculate the quantity of rice harvested.

PU SATTLAWMA: Mr.Speaker, what could be the equivalent of 5040 Metric tons to our way of calculation?

PU R.THANGLIANA: Mr.Speaker, I think our hon'ble  
MINISTER. member better calculate it roughly, 10(ten) tins (used by the Mizos for measurement of Rice) are equivalent to 1 Quintal. And 100 tins are equivalent to 1(one) metric ton.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA: Mr.Speaker, supplementary question -  
what was the total quantity of rice harvested in the year 1972-73?

PU R.THANGLIANA Mr.Speaker, I would not be able to  
MINISTER. answer that for what I have said is only about the year 1974-75.

**PU C. LALRUATA:** Mr. Speaker, since call had been made through B.D.Os. which Block has the highest amount of harvest and which Block has the lowest amount of harvest? And, how much money was spent for these two Blocks?

**PU LALMINE THANGA:** Mr. Speaker, If self-sufficiency in rice is expected in the 5th Five Year Plan, what steps had been taken for the fulfilment of this aim/expectation?

**PU R. THANGLIANA:**  
**MINISTER.**

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that I cannot answer Pu Luata's question as I am not prepared for it. But, according to Govt's calculation or should I say, according to our harvest, there are early and late varieties in Wet Rice Cultivation. In early variety approximately 1 metric ton is harvested in one acre. And in late variety, approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  metric tons is harvested in one acre. In one Jhum,  $\frac{1}{2}$  metric ton is harvested. In 1971 Census the total population of Mizoram was 320000. If our family Planning Department maintain population ratio, the total population of Mizoram will become 362000 in the current year as the growth of population increased at 3 percent rate. Hence, one adult is calculated as consuming 500 grams a day. If we calculated like that, our current harvest, 60 percent is expected to be sufficient. At the end of Fifth Five Year Plan i.e., 1978-79 our total population would become about 4 lakhs. If so, our deficit would likely to be 5500 metric tons. To fill this deficit, we cannot as yet harvest enough rice for the consumption of 8 percent population. But, in the Sixth Five year Plan, we expect to acquire high yielding variety and improved seeds, as it is what Agriculture Department expected when they consulted Research Centre Sub-Centre. If our calculation is right, we might be able to attain self sufficiency within the last year of 5th Five Year Plan.

**SPEAKER:** Question No 8 Pu Ngurdawla's question.

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

(a) What precautionary measures are taken by the Department against Thing-TAM which is believed to occur after some few years?

(b) When is it likely to occur (particular year) according to speculation of the Department?

(c) Has there been any evidence indicating occurrence of Thing-Tam (a kind of famine in Mizoram) in the near future?

PU R. THANGLIANA:  
MINISTER

Mr Speaker Sir,

(a)(i) The Govt. convened a meeting on Rodent Control on 3rd March, 1975 under the Chairmanship of the Dev. Minister and formed the State Level Rodent Control Committee for eradication of rodent mainly responsible for the anticipated Thingtam.

(ii) The Department of Agriculture started the campaign on rodent control. Rodent Control Committees are also being formed at Village Levels and Block levels who will take all possible measures.

(iii) The cultivators are being issued with Zinc Phosphide for Rodent Control.

(iv) The Plant Protection Adviser to the Govt. of India has been requested to depute technical specialists with pesticides and equipments and also to suggest measures to be taken for Rodent Control in order to overcome Thingtam.

(v) All the staff at various levels of the Agriculture Department have been cautioned to keep watch and ward on rodent menace and to combat them thoroughly by chemical and mechanical measures.

(b) Thingtam is likely to occur after two years i.e. in the year 1977.

(c) Yes, sporadic flowering and fruiting of Bamboo locally called Rawling (Bamboo Tulda) occurred in some areas of Aizawl and Lunglei Districts.

PU C. LALRUATA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question- When was the Rodent Control Committee formed? And how many times they have sat together? In what way they will control rodents, besides using zinc phosphide? I would also like to know the names of members of the Committee.

PU R. DOTINAIA:

Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question- Have Rodent Control Committees been founded in villages? And how were they formed? How would they (Committees) function?

PU R. THANGLIANA:  
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, Though I could not name the date, I know that Rodent Control Committee was founded last year. So far they have had one sitting. The main difficulty is not to know as to how we would combat/control rodents. Neither specialists nor those who have had training could give any definite programme/guidance as to how we would combat rodents, except the utilization of zinc phosphide and local rat-traps. If we could have money, we might give reward for killing rats. But, as there has not been much complaint regarding rodents

in the current year, the Committee cannot remain active. And the Committee members are as follows - Chairman - the Minister in charge, Secy - Development Commissioner, Members - District Agriculture Officer, Director of Agriculture, Director of Soil, Pu C. Chazngkunga, M.L.A. and Pu C. Lokuma.

As regards Pu Dotinnia's question - though villagers are given instruction, we have not yet received any report on the formation of Rodent Control Committee.

PU R. DONTINIA: Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question - we know that Government had given instruction to form Rodent Control Committee. If so, are white rats to be controlled like the rest? Are they harmful rats for many household both in towns and villages keep white rats as pets. If harmful, cannot Government give order to eradicate all white rats? In Australia, Rabbit was imported for house pets, but after some years, there were too many rabbits that they (rabbits) are now the number one enemy of Australian continent. Like that white rats, if harmful, can become our number one enemy. Have Government thought about this?

PU SANGTIUMA: Mr. Speaker Sir, the trouble is that you are thinking too much like for instance - requesting specialist to come over to Mizoram to give instruction and to form Rodent Control Committee and so forth. It is obvious that due to the fruiting and flowering Pawthing (one type of bamboo) rats increased. If so, let Government give an order to destroy all this particular type of bamboos (Pawthing) so as not to bear fruits or flowers. This will be the best method to control rats. Have Government thought this way?

PU R. THANGLIAMA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker Sir, to some extent it might be good to think it that way. But, to destroy all the Pawthing bamboos of Mizoram would be quite a difficult task i.e. if there are many in number.

Pu Dotinnia's question regarding white rats - we have not any knowledge of white rats being harmful rats. But, if they are not kept in cages and if they increase rapidly, we shall have to consider as to what should be done next.

SPEAKER: Question No. 9, Pu Ngurdawla's Question.

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

What step has been taken to improve the wet rice Cultivation at Daldawh (within the area of Bengpuh Grouping Centre)?

PU R. THANGLIANA:  
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, the place Daldaw within the area of Longpui Grouping Centre is under Reiek C.D. Block.

The Agricultural Extension Officer of the said Block has been detailed to survey the area and to put up a detailed proposal for Land Reclamation in order to extend Wet Rice cultivation.

On receipt of the survey report, the Department of Agriculture will make a programme for Land Reclamation in 1975-76.

PU NGU DAWLA:

Mr. Speaker, It is true that our Block (Reiek C.D. Block) have scheme for Wet Rice Cultivation. But, last year, money sanctioned for wet rice cultivation was utilized/diverted for the cultivation of Chite-lui side. Will there again be such diversion?

PU R. THANGLIANA:  
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, I don't think Reiek Block's Fund was diverted for the cultivation of Chitelui side, as Chitelui is not included in Reiek Block area.

PU NGU DAWLA:

Mr. Speaker, I did not particularly mean Reiek Block's money. What I meant is that fund reserved for various Blocks were allotted to the cultivators of the surrounding area of Chitelui, which caused set-backs in Wet Rice Cultivation.

The reason for my asking about Daldaw was mainly because of what I have found there. I feel that it is necessary to give financial assistance to them (cultivators of Daldaw) as there is good potentiality for Wet Rice Cultivation. Government would do well in investigating the area. Or could Government do something about what I have said?

PU SANGKHUMA:

Mr. Speaker, I feel that our hon'ble member can really magnify the suitability of Daldaw for Wet Rice Cultivation. Hence, how many areas are suitable for wet rice cultivation in Daldaw??

PU R. THANGLIANA:  
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, as the area is under survey, I cannot as yet answer your question. So, it is not as yet possible to know the extent of the area,

Land-reclamations in Agriculture and Soil Department are usually done under the guidance of Consultative Committee due to which they may not notice sheltered areas where there is potentiality for our purpose.

That is why, each Block is directed to look after sheltered/ remote areas. I think too that the Block concerned would do well in tending Dialdawk area.

**SPEAKER.** Now Question No.10, Pu Ngurdawla's question.

**PU NGURDAWLA:** Mr.Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Co-operative Societies Department be pleased to state -

(a) Whether preference is given to Co-operative Societies regarding the allotment of contract and issue of Trade Licence etc.,?

(b) If not, why not?.

**PU ZALAWMA:  
DY MINISTER.** Mr.Speaker, (a) No.(b) There is no policy decision in this respect in the concerned Department as yet.

**PU NGURDAWLA.** Mr.Speaker, I am very sorry that the Department have not had any policy decision in this respect. Without Co-operative Societies how would we ever obtain Socialistic pattern of society which is the policy of Indian Govt. If no preference is given to our Societies, how could we ever attain success, and how would we lift the economic condition of the people especially of the villages? Could the Minister answer these?.

**PU ZALAWMA:  
DY MINISTER.** Mr.Speaker, if our Societies apply for retail, give they are usually given preference, and supplies are given to them.

Concerning Trade License - Revenue Deptt. is the one who deals trade license. And the allotment of works is dealt with by Public Works Department. That is the reason why it is difficult to give preference from the Department except in Registration. Though we have not had such policy decision, if one applies for Retailership in the name of Society from Villages/ Group Centres, Supply Department never reject them. Government also used to give grant-in-aid to the Societies for them to uplift their condition.

**PU NGURDAWLA:** Mr.Speaker, the explanation given by our Minister was not the way I expected. Things I asked about are not from Co-operative Department. What I wanted to ask is whether Government have policy for giving preference to Societies than to individuals



PU R. DOPINAIA: Mr. Speaker, what had been said by our member was the thing for which I have great concern. But, before I raise question, I want to mention one thing as an example. In my constituency, Lungdar (East), there is a Co-operative Society. As we know, in villages, various foodstuff like sugar, rice etc. are distributed through Retailer. Lungdar (East) Co-operative Society too had often applied for Retailership. But, instead of giving preference to them, an individual was given Retailership. And it has now been almost 5 years that private enterprise holds dealership which caused much criticism from the people. Hence what I wanted to know is whether Govt. would give preference to the Lungdar (East) Co-operative Society when they apply for Retailership.

PU ZALAWMA:  
DY. MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, I think I have said much about that. If they apply for Retailership, Supply Department used to give preference. If I am not mistaken, I think they (Supply Dept) have given preference for Retailership to many of our Co-operative Societies.

Regarding Pu Ngurdawla's question - at present the Department have no policy decision. But, in villages and in certain places, Shramik Bahini is founded, in whose name contract works are allotted so as to open opportunity for every individual. So far, we have not heard any complaints from our Society Units in regard to the allotment of contract works. Whether we heard complaints or I admit, necessity wises for Government's policy decision.  
*that there will be a time when*

PU NGURDAWLA: Mr. Speaker, very often an individual was given preference. As the President of India had said, Societies are to be given preference. Is this the policy of Mizoram Govt? If not, will they intend to have this policy?

SPEAKER: I think they have answered that. Now, we shall take unstarred question No. 1

UNSTARRED QUESTION.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Subj: Money sanctioned for Land Reclamation in Chhintuipui District with acres and the name of grants recipients.

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(1)(a) Whether the Govt. of Mizoram sanctioned money for Land Reclamation in Chhiantuinui District for the year 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1975-76 ?.

(b) If yes

(i) How many acres have been reclaimed?

(ii) Year-wise lists of money given?

(iii) The year-wise list of names who received the grants and the amounts of money given to each recipient.

(Answer paid on the Table)

Announcement of the names of the Panel of Chairmen for the current Session.

SPEAKER:

The following members are nominated to be the Panel of Chairmen for the current session i.e. 8th Session.

1) Pu Lalhlira                      2) Pu B. Zoliana                      3) Pu Lalkunga

(a) Announcement of the Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

SPEAKER:

The Business Advisory Committee sat on 12th September to chalk out detailed programme for the current and 8th Session. According to our programme, as you have all received Calendar, we are supposed to finish on 26th Sept/75. On 23rd there will be introduction of Bill, if there is any 25th is for introduction of private member bill and consideration. According to our Rules Friday is supposed to be for consideration. But, due to the business entered, we will have consideration on Thursday i.e. 25th. Tomorrow i.e. 24th there will be consideration and passing of Govt. bills. As Friday is usually for Private Members Business, private resolution will be taken up on that day that is 26, Friday.

Now, we will call upon Minister i/c Parliamentary Affairs to submit B.A.C. report to the House and to move it for House's approval.

PU LAISANZUALA:  
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby move Calendar prepared by Business Advisory Committee for the approval of the House.

SPEAKER:

Any one who disagrees to this Calendar? If not, the Calendar is accepted by the House.

Our next item is Obituary reference. Here we have two personages. Now our leader of the House will briefly give an account of these two personages.

PU CH. CEHUNGA:  
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker Dr. Radhakrishnan was one of the.....

SPEAKER:

Anyone who wants to say about Dr. Radhakrishnan?

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PU NGURDAWLA:

Mr. Speaker, I have got to say something about Dr. Radhakrishnan. The death of Dr. Radhakrishnan was

a great loss not only India, but to the whole world. As we know, besides christians, he was the only recipient of one Nobel prize called Templeton Award. He was a great diplomat as well as philosopher. In 1952 while Stalin was in his prime, there was great tension between India and Russia. Those who visited Russia during those days never received any warm welcome. But when Dr. Radhakrishnan visited, he was cordially welcomed by Stalin. Hence, only because of Dr. Radhakrishnan the tension between Russia and India ceased. He was also the one who raised the dignity of upper House, Rajya Sabha by being Chairman in that House. When he became the President of India, he bravely laid down his policies for the guidance of the people and the country as he felt that this was his duty. Very often Rajendra Prasad raised a question regarding the activities of Dr. Radhakrishnan. In reply Dr. Radhakrishnan said that he knew not what else to do besides doing necessary things for the country. Hence, he was a man who devoted all his days for the country. At the time of Chinese aggression India was badly shaken. Dr. Radhakrishnan was so raged that he even reproached Nehru for having weak and un-alert government which in his (Radhakrishnan) opinion was a disgrace to the nation. Like that Dr. Radhakrishnan was never afraid to do/say what he thought right.

Radhakrishnan was also a great scholar. He was the one who accumulated both the knowledge of the West and the East. He was so fluent in languages that his religion and philosophy were stated as flowing as Niagara falls. He had been stated as the one who transported eastern culture to western world. The death of such a great man was really a great loss to us.

Observations of the Speaker, Mizoram Legislative Assembly made in the house on 23.9.1975 regarding obituary references.

**SPEAKER:** Are there no more to speak? I have announced earlier that there are two references, but one has been dropped since I feel that we should have some guideline for future guidance.

We would not be able to make obituary references in respect of all important persons who die. We have done this in the case of Central Ministers, but it may not be possible to include the ex-Ministers. As such, to avoid creating a precedent, now reference would be made only in respect of the ex-President, Dr. Radhakrishnan.

However, if an ex-Minister of the Central Government or of a neighbouring State about whom we have special regards dies, there would be possibility of making reference to such a person. But normally, we should limit the references to sitting Ministers of the Central Government.

I hope the members agree to this.

Now, we will proceed to our next item i.e. Item No.5 lay of papers. First, 'Tribal Welfare Discretionary Fund Rules' be laid by Chief Minister, on the table of the House.

**PU CH. CHHUNGA:  
CHIEF MINISTER.**

Mr. Speaker, I lay a copy of the Tribal Welfare Discretionary Fund Rules, 1975' on the table of the House.

**SPEAKER:** No. 2, 'Select Committee on the Mizoram Roadside Land Control Bill, 1975' which will be laid on the table of the House by our Chief Minister.

PU CH. CHHUNGA:  
CHIEF MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, I lay on the table of the House a copy of Mizoram Roadside Land Control Bill, 1975 as reported by the Select Committee. As there is suggestion for the amendment to this Bill, I want the House to approve and consider it during the Session. If the House agrees to my proposal, would it be possible to extend our Session to consider this?

SPEAKER:

As provided in the rules, if there is a demand from the members, the report submitted by the Select Committee can be considered only after 4 days that is if the copies are not submitted along with the report. If there is going to be a demand from our members, we would have to extend our Session. Hence, as our Chief Minister has suggested, shall we extend the Session till Monday without calling for BIC meeting? Any objection? If there is no objection, session will be resumed on Monday. And, on that day, we will study and consider the Committee's report.

Item No. 5, laying of papers. We shall proceed to Item No. 5 (b) which is another report Viewing Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, the Rules Committee have now to submit their report. During their term, the Committee have had 3 sittings, that was on 15th & 16th July and on 5th August. In the last sitting, certain amendments and recommendations were made. The amendments are submitted along with the report here, which I believe our members have seen it. (Members - we have not seen it). Well, if you have not seen it, they will now give it to you. Now, we shall call upon Minister i/c Parliamentary Affairs lay Rules Committee's Report on the Table of the House.

PU LAISANGZUALA:  
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, I lay a copy of the Rules Committee's Report on the table of the House.

SPEAKER:

The report submitted by Rules Committee can be discussed now. If you want to discuss it, you will have to certain period of time to study it. You must carefully study it. So, on Monday, I think we could spare time for discussion of this report. I think too we better prepare ~~ourselves~~ ourselves so as not to discuss this, for more than half an hour.

Next, Item No. 6 Introduction of Govt. Bill which is Mizoram Board of Education Bill, 1975. Now the Minister i/c be pleased to introduce this.

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PU VAIVENGA:  
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, I beg for leave to introduce the Mizoram Board of Education Bill, 1975 in the House.

SPEAKER:

As the Bill needs recommendation, the recommendation of Administrator was received on August, 1973 dated 20.

The Minister i/c has begged for leave to introduce this Bill, I think you all have copy with you. Now, let us call the Minister to introduce it.

PU VAIVENGA:  
MINISTER.

Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I introduce 'Mizoram Board of Education Bill, 1975' in the House.

SPEAKER:

Well, the Bill has now been introduced, if the members have its copy, we can as well start its consideration. So, tomorrow we will have consideration of the Bill.

We now have finished our business for today. Sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 11 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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