

**FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTH MIZORAM  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**SECOND SITTING ON THURSDAY, 10TH MAY, 1984.**

**PRESENT**

Dr. H.THANSANGA, Speaker at the Chair. Three Ministers and twenty five members were present.

**BUSINESS**

1. The Speaker to announce names of members nominated to various Assembly Committees.

**MOTION**

2. Motion for election to Financial Committees.

**DISCUSSION ON ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS**

3. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Lt. Governor's Address to commence and to be concluded.

**SPEAKER :** "When the righteous triumph there is great glory, but when the wicked use, men hide themselves.

He that cometh his sins shall not prosper; but whose confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Proverbs 28:12-13

There is one important thing to do which is not listed in the business for today. As per the provisions of sub-rule(3) of rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, this will be done first before proceeding to the first item of the List of Business i.e. oath taking by Pi K.Thansiami. Let her come here please.

(Hon'bly Speaker conducted oath taking)

Let me announce the names of members appointed for various committees of the House which terms of office is are year from now.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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| 1. Dr.H. Thansanga, Speaker | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu K.Sangohhum           | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Lalhira               | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu Saikapthianga         | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu Lalhuthanga           | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu Vaivenga              | — | Member   |
| 7. Pu Rochhanga Ralte       | — | Member   |
| 8. Pu Zosiana Pachuau       | — | Member   |

## BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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|-----------------------------------------|---|----------|
| 1. Dr.H. Thansanga, Speaker             | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu Liansana                          | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Rochhanga Ralte                   | — | Member   |
| 4. Brig.T. Salle                        | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu R. Thangliana<br>Minister of P.A. | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu J. Thanghuama                     | — | Member   |

## PRIVILEGE COMMITTEE

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|--------------------------|---|----------|
| 1. Pu Vaivenga, Minister | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu Lalhuthanga        | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Z.D. Sangliana     | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu Zosiana Pachuau    | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu Hiptoi             | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu H.K. Chakma        | — | Member   |
| 7. Pu Saikapthianga      | — | Member   |

## COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

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|---------------------------|---|----------|
| 1. Pu Saikapthianga       | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu Lallawntanga Zadeng | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Arun Bikush         | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu R.Lalawis           | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu Lalhuthanga         | — | Member   |

**SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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|----------------------|---|----------|
| 1. Pu Liansuama      | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu F. Lalramliana | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Z.D. Sangliana | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu Hippoi         | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu Lalhmingthanga | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu K.L. Lianchia  | — | Member   |
| 7. Pu R. Lalawia     | — | Member   |

**GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES COMMITTEE**

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|-----------------------|---|----------|
| 1. Pu Lalhlira        | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu Lalhuthanga     | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Vanlalngbata    | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu Saikaphthanga   | — | Member   |
| 5. Pi K. Thansiami    | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu K. Piekchununga | — | Member   |
| 7. Pu J. Thanghuama   | — | Member   |

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

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| 1. Pu K. Sangchhum, Dy. Speaker | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu Arun Bikash               | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu F. Lalramliana            | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu R. Lalawia                | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu Liansuama                 | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu K.L. Lianchia             | — | Member   |

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

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| 1. Pu Vanlalngbata        | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu F. Lalramliana      | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Lallawmsanga Zadeng | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu Liansuama           | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu Rochhunga Ralte     | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu Z.D. Sangliana      | — | Member   |

Some of you may have been nominated as members of Committees in which you are not interested. But these committees are constituted for only one year term and you are having chances for membership to another. Committee chairmanship is also intended to be made on rotation. The Rules prescribe that member of Financial Committees should be elected from amongst members of this House. But there is much better representation than election i.e. nomination of six members from the ruling party two from the P.C. Legislature party and are from independent party. If there is an election, the ruling party will have to capture all the seats. Therefore, it is better to make nomination as stated above, which may be regarded as elected. So let me announce the names of members of Financial Committees.

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| 1. Pu K. Biakchungnunga | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu K.L. Liachia      | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Lalhlira          | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu F. Lalramliana    | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu Saikapthianga     | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu Hiphei            | — | Member   |
| 7. Pu H.K. Chakma       | — | Member   |
| 8. Pu Lalhuthanga       | — | Member   |
| 9. Pu J. Thanghuama     | — | Member   |

### ESTIMATE COMMITTEE

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| 1. Pu Zalawma             | — | Chairman |
| 2. Pu Arun Bikash         | — | Member   |
| 3. Pu Rochhunga Ralte     | — | Member   |
| 4. Pu Vanlalnghaka        | — | Member   |
| 5. Pu Liansuama           | — | Member   |
| 6. Pu Z.D. Sangliana      | — | Member   |
| 7. Pu Zosiama Pachuau     | — | Member   |
| 8. Pu Lallawmsanga Zadeng | — | Member   |
| 9. Pu R. Lalawia          | — | Member   |

Is there any objection? Okay, members of these committees can now be announced elected.

We have Rules here laid on the Table of the House. It is the Pension rules of members. It has to be laid on the table of the House not less than seven days. If I am not mistaken, during the previous budget session, the Rule has been laid on the Table for two days and during this session only two days the total days being three days short of seven days. Therefore, the rule has to be laid for another three days. In the meantime, you may thoroughly study it and point out any modifications. You consider necessary. I think all of you have copies of the rules. We shall now proceed to the next item—Motion of Thanks of the Lt. Governor's address. Copies of the address have already been distributed to members yesterday. Now we shall first of all call the opposition Leader to speak.

Brig. T. SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, as per democratic principles, an election to the Assembly has been held and now a new Government has been formed. We are confident that the Congress Government would work its level best for the Mizoram Union Territory and its people. I, on behalf of the opposition party, would like to ask you to try your best to bring about all round development in Mizoram. At the same time I would like to extend, on behalf of my party, all possible help and constructive assistance to Government.

Next, during election campaign, the Congress party made a commitment to the public that if voted to power it would have peace talk concluded within three months time. The people have confident in the party and they hope that the promise would be fulfilled. I would like to say that the opposition party also would render all possible help to Government in its effort to bring about conclusion of peace talk. Thank you.

Pu J. THANGHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very grateful today for having a chance to participate in the discussion on the speech of Lt. Governor.

At the beginning of the speech, an entire process of election to

the Assembly is stated to have passed off smoothly. The term "entire" indicates 100%. But we all know that a candidate for Vanlaiphai Constituency was assassinated. Such case is very rare even in other parts of India. As such this statement is considered absolutely false.

A statement that the new Government would be a government for all and that it would fight to do away with corruption, favouritism and political vendetta pleases me very much. The people look forward to the fulfilment of these promises by the new Government. In his speech, the Lt. Governor stated that his government stood committed to finding a peaceful solution of all problems in a spirit of reconciliation. I am very happy to note that this new Government would give priority to peaceful solution of the Mizoram problem.

The visit of jail's by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the day he was sworn in is an honourable deed. In this connection I would like to say that there are at present many detenus without any charge sheets or prosecution. Some of them have been detained even for four years. It would be a blessing to them if this new Government takes steps to get these prisoners released on bail or to get there cases dismissed as necessary immediately. I would also like to ask this Government to take steps for the solution of the bottleneck which blocked the progress of peace talk for very long time.

I am desirous to learn today the actual position of Government at the instant of Government of India's proposal for upgradation of Mizoram to the status of statehood without first solving the problem. Will this Government decline such proposals when and if Government of India makes them or is it ready to accept them leaving behind the MNF and its efforts to bring about a better status for Mizoram.

The reason why the MNF went underground is because the Mizo Community is no longer secure. It is in the threshold of assimilation by other people. The Innerline Regulation is in force but it is not put into force effectively. While Meghalaya retains District Council, Mizoram lost its District Council when it was upgraded to Union Territory. An important milestone in the History of Mizoram has been erased. The

disturbed condition prevailing in Mizoram blocks all developmental works. Today, a Mizo community is sick and the only cure is lasting peace. A Mizo community feels insecure. No one can foretell what the inhabitants of Mizoram would be like in future what will the religion and whether a Mizo community would be survive and exist for the next generation.

The Innerline Regulation requires to be immediately adopted by this Government. Otherwise Government of India can rescure it at any time. This is the only tool we have in hand to safeguard Mizo Community against assimilation by other people from outside. Therefore, this regulation should also be enforced more strictly.

The Lt. Governor stated that detection and deportation of foreigners and regulation of entry of foreigners would be given high priority. I wonder if any action has been taken in this regard. The Army and BSF personnel are deployed along the Indo-Bangladesh Border, but detection or deportation of illegal entrants i.e. not their duty. It is the duty of local Government to detect these people. I would like to ask Government to conduct census of foreigners and to immediately deport any foreigners so detected.

The most unfortunate thing is the creation of District Council for Chakmas. Its dissolution would depend upon the argument to be made between India and the MNF. The District Council has a primary Education Act which can be put to within its jurisdiction. But there are thousands of Chakmas living outside the jurisdiction of the District Council and Schools in these areas do not follow syllabus set by Government of Mizoram. I would like to ask Government look into the matter and to take immediate action to direct these schools to follow syllabus Act by Government of Mizoram.

Regarding communication, I would like to point out that the PWD is over burdened with construction of works and it is beyond its capacity to look after existing roads and to construct new roads where necessary. Under the circumstances, I would like to suggest that construction of Aizawl - Sialsuk - Lunglei road be handed over to the BRTF.

The amount of compensation given to the MNF returnees is not uniformed. While some get a huge amount others are left empty handed. This requires immediate attention of Government.

The Serlui Hydel Project was commissioned but till today it cannot be utilised to generate power. I would like to advice, Government not to inaugurate any project untill and unless construction is completed. Thank you.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, a new Government is formed today and the Lt. Governor in his address indicated steps proposed to be taken by it. A great progress has been achieved during the five year term of the previous Ministry. At the same time, no progress has been made in the field of various activities of youth. I am very happy to note that the Lt. Governor in his speech pointed out that priority would be given to promotion of sports and various activities for youths. A resolution has also been passed to this effect, but no implementation is to be seen till date. Under the leadership of our Chief Minister, and with the cooperation of the opposition party I hope a great deal of progress would be achieved by this Ministry.

Secondly, at present the condition living of the people of Mizoram, particularly in rural areas is too poor. For the uplift of the poor people, the Hon'ble Prime Minister promulgated a twenty point programme in which are included all the requirements of the people. During the past five years, the common people had very little share in the Government fund. But from the speech of the Lt. Governor it transpires that this new Government would given priority to the implementation 20 point Economic Programme and proper implementation of I.R.D.P. and this makes me quite happy.

In the field of agriculture, no flat land appear to have been reclaimed for cultivation of paddy during the last five years except installation of some water pumps for minor irrigation. I do not blame the previous Ministry for this because I know that there were many problems. The speech of the Lt. Governor gives me a ferent hope that this new Ministry would achieve a quat progress in the field of agriculture.



At eight paragraph, the Lt. Governor pointed out that his Government, would attach due importance to the rehabilitation of the MNF returnees and that steps would be taken for rehabilitation of those who were affected by grouping of villages. As already stated, the people of villages are in object poverty and they are extremely in need of rehabilitation. I hope this new Government would take steps in this regard.

Next, the Lt. Governor indicated that priority would be given to detection and deportation of foreigners. Before every election, some political parties voice their eagerness to solve foreigners problem. Most people seem to regard the Chakmas as the only foreigners present in Mizoram. It is a fact that foreigners from Burma who illegally entered into Mizoram are responsible for the widespread crimes among the Mizos and distribution of absence literatures among the youths, which greatly affected the life of younger generation. I hope that this Government is intending to take steps to curb infiltration of foreigners into Mizoram and detection and deportation of those who are already present in Mizoram. Only speaking about the problem would not solve it. We need work. If we join hands to work for the solution of the problem, I am confident that we continue to give contract works to foreigners in our name, there is absolutely no guarantee that the Mizos community would not be assimilated.

The most important quality which members of this House should have is honesty. It is only with this virtue that we can work for the people. To whatever party we may belong, we must work together leaving behind party spirit. Although the speech of Lt. Governor is quite short, it pointed out four new programmes which this Ministry intends to implement. The speech of Lt. Governor this time is different from the other in that it reflects certain programmes set for implementation instead of concentrating on the achievements already made and this makes me much grateful. Thank you.

PU ZALAWMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am very happy that a motion of thanks on the speech of Lt. Governor was moved yesterday. I am further happy to note that this Government has set certain definite principles to be followed for achieving its aims

and objectives. The Lt. Governor was aware of the existence of various problems like communication etc. in conducting an election, but he mentioned that the progress of election itself went off smoothly. At the same time, I am very sorry that one of the candidates was assassinated by miscreants. As a whole, the success of election as stated by the Lt. Governor is quite acceptable.

I am not aware that the Congress party promised to the people that it should bring about conclusion of peace talk as alleged by the opposition leader. All of us experienced the difficulties of having the talk concluded. However the state Government would give priority to the solution of this problem makes me quite at ease. I hope the people are also happy to hear it. I cannot tell when peace talk would be concluded but I am confident that some day peace would be restored in Mizoram through the efforts made by this Government

As well all know Mizoram is in an infant stage of development. It attained a status of Union Territory only in 1972. Ours is a young community and Government of India instituted an autonomous District Council in Mizoram with certain safeguards. Since 1952, and till today, the Innerline regulation is in force. Since it is the only tool for prevention of assimilation by other people, our leader fought for continuation of the Innerline Regulation when Mizoram became Union Territory. So long as the people work together, there is no danger of assimilation.

What makes me more grateful is the statement of the Lt. Governor that besides the policy of peace, priority would be given to development in the field of Agriculture by constituting a high powered Agriculture Board and Land Reclamation Board. Self sufficiency in Agricultural products is a key to all other branches of development. I remember Mr Nehru saying on the eve of India's attainment of Independence that self-sufficiency in agriculture was as important as Independence itself for India. In the case of Mizoram also, self-sufficiency in agriculture is no less important than restoration of peace in Mizoram. I am very happy to note that the Lt. Governor pointed on certain developmental scheme which would be implemented by the new Government like IRDP etc. I hope that peace talk would be concluded before the expiring of the term of office of this Government. At the

same time, I would like to ask all members to join hands and work side by side with Government. So that an all round development could be achieved. I expect the opposition party to extend full-cooperation to Government and also to give constructive criticisms when necessary. Thank you.

Pu R LALAWIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very happy to note that the Lt. Governor in his speech stated that priority would be given to an early conclusion of peace talk. I am further happy to read in papers that the Hon'ble Chief Minister consulted prominent citizens and leaders of the Churches in connection with the subject. When I went to London in October last, I met Pu Laldenga and apprised him of the grave condition prevailing in Mizoram and asked him not to be too persistent in his demands because the people cannot afford to wait any longer. He expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister who bailed him out when he was arrested, and under his leadership. I hope that peace talk would soon be concluded. At the same time, all members should work together for an early conclusion of peace negotiation.

Para 4 of the speech of Lt. Governor mainly deals with steps to be taken for agricultural development. Although the statement is quite comprehensive, certain important parts have been omitted. There are certain crops which can be grown in Mizoram like ginger, which is quite profitable. But there is no market for selling the product and thousand of quintals are rotten. I hope this Government would secure better market for sale of ginger.

A statement that the Mizos are intelligent and that more and more students are expected to study science and technology make me quite happy.

Priority stated to be given to rehabilitation of MNF returnees makes me much grateful. Further I am grateful to note that this Government intends to take steps for rehabilitation of those who were affected by grouping of villages.

There are countless incidences of mud-slinging among members in connection with foreigners issue. I am happy to note that this

Government intends to take steps to tackle with the problem. At the same time, I would like to say that it would be a good idea if Government could find means of attracting more foreigners. To conclude I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Lt. Governor for pointing out schemes which Government intends to take up. Thank you.

PU K. BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Mr Speaker Sir, today we are in a new era with a new Government. The way you intend to conduct the House which you have mentioned makes me quite at ease I would like to say that your intention of upholding the dignity and rights of members makes me happy. As stated by the opposition leader, the opposition party will contribute constructive criticism its duties and functions.

The speech of Lt. Governor mainly dwells upon a programme chalked out for rehabilitation of MNF returnees, detection and deportation of foreigners and other developmental works. Therefore, there seems to be not much to say. The only thing we can do is to wait and see if Government successfully achieves its targets. It is our duty to extend cooperation whenever necessary and the most important thing which can contribute to the success of Government is unanimity among members.

The first paragraph of Lt. Governor's speech that it is a matter of great satisfaction that the entire process of election to the Legislative Assembly passed off smoothly is not a truth because one of the candidate has been killed and there were incidents of bomb explosive and harassment. Further the statement goes on like this election were completed as scheduled. We all know that election could not be held as scheduled and bye election required to be held in respect of North Vanlaiphai constituency after elections in respect of all other constituencies were held. I doubt that the statement is based on fact. Moreover, there seem to be a vast difference in the way we interpret the term 'Smoothly' if you really believe that the statement is true. A statement that this Government would stand committed to finding a peaceful solution of all problems is too comprehensive. Here, a political problems is included yet no specific reference has made to it. I would like to point out once again that what the people are craving for is peaceful solution of the political problem which is

confirmed by the Lt. Governor's statement that any consideration of party or group interests would not be allowed to come in the way because achievement of peace is the sole our overwhelming desire of all people in Mizoram. In order to achieve peace, any one should leave party interests and should extend cooperation to Government in its endeavour to achieve peace. Government will do all the needful and it is our duty to extend full cooperation. The programmes set by Government are quite good and the opposition is ready to extend full cooperation particularly in its efforts to achieve peace. Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, while there are certain points in the speech of the Lt. Governor which are to be much grateful about, there are certain points which are impossible to be digested. First of all a statement that it was a matter of great satisfaction that the entire process of election to the Legislative Assembly passed off smoothly is not true. This is witnessed by the whole of Mizoram and India. For the unaffected party, killing of a candidate may not fall heavily upon it. But for the aggrieved party it is a matter of extreme sorrow and anguish. Whatever the reasons for the killing may be, I think the ruling party also shared our grief and sorrows. The world said the election was not smooth. As the candidate of N. Vanlaiphai constituency was killed during election campaign, the returning Officer was of the opinion that the atmosphere prevailing in the constituency was not conducive for holding an election hence the election was countermanded. Besides, this, there was another undesirable incident. One of the P.C. Candidates, Pu Lalmama's place of halting at night at Hortoki was bombed which shattered all the doors of the house. Under the circumstances, the P.C. party was given a great set back and faced the election with tears. Therefore, I consider the statement of the Lt. Governor one sided. There are many cases of threats against P.C. Candidates in various places but these are minor incidents unrecognised by the Lt. Governor. It is quite unfortunate that a brutal killing of Pu Lalthawmvunga at Mualcheng has not been recognised and no mention of it has been made by the Lt. Governor in this House. I think the people of Mizoram know the truthfulness of this fact.

A statement in the second para goes like this in a way, this mandate by the people is an affirmation of their desire for a new direction based on equality, justice and fraternity. From this statement it seems that a new direction previously followed. Had this been mentioned, the meaning of this statement would have been much clearer.

As pointed out by the Hon'ble member of Saitual constituency. I was expecting to find a specific reference to the political problem now being faced by Mizoram in this speech. The terms here "all problems" is too comprehensive. It can be ascribed to any problem. However, as already stated by the opposition leader, my party will extend all possible co-operation to Government in its endeavour to find lasting peace.

At para 4 there is a statement that this Government would give due consideration for creation of a special Rural Reconstruction Department to co-ordinate all Rural Development works and to monitor proper implementation of the Plan Schemes. It is a very good statement. But my observation during the past five years is that MLA's mainly perform Legislative functions and have nothing to do with executive work except to criticise it, which is not much effective. Under the circumstances I would like to suggest that new rules be framed to the effect that MLA's have a say in the execution of any plan or project within their respective constituencies. Under the condition it would be much easier for the executive bodies to perform their duties. MLA's should be consulted before execution of any work in their respective constituencies. This would provide a scope for members to play more vital roles in the developmental works.

At sub-para of para 4 of the Address, it has been stated that a Land Reclamation Board will be constituted to conduct Soil Survey. A thorough soil survey has already been conducted around 1976-78 including soil testing. I am afraid this new Government is not aware of it. The findings of the Survey has also been circulated through Press Release by the DIPR & T in 1980. Instead of conducting the survey once again, it would be easier to study the clarification already made. The soil surveyed was categorised into ABCDEF groups. Group A covered West Phaileng and Lawngtlai and the quantity of phosphorous, potassium, organic carbon present in the soil and the

activity of the soil has been tested. I consider that the findings of the survey are reliable conducting a fresh survey once again would be a mere waste of time, and it would be much better to study the finding of the survey already conducted. I consider this a constructive suggestion and I give it to Government as an opposition member.

At para 5, a statement goes like this. The proposal for construction of rail links with Bairabi and Vairengte will be taken up with earnestness. It is a good statement. I would like to clarify that proposal for construction of rail links with Vairengte has already been made and an estimate has also been duly completed. But in respect of Bairabi, the construction works have already been allotted to contractors since it is an onway project. Therefore, this statement is a false statement. I feel duty bound to point out the actual position to Government.

The next lines of the statement go like this Power and Electricity will be given priority and all the areas where there are possibilities of hydel power development will be identified and harnessed in a proper manner. Here also I would like to give suggestion so that Government may avoid waste of time. There is no need to identify the possibilities of hydel power any more since a thorough survey has already been made by NEPCO in 1980. The reports of the survey are with Government of Mizoram, which have been submitted by NEPCO by the month of April. I hope this Government can make more speedy progress by starting works from steps already taken by the previous Government. According to the findings of the survey, a project capable of generating 160 MW can be established, Tuivai river is capable of generating 250 MW, at Chhinituipui a project capable of generating 15 MW of power can be made, at Tuirial 40 MW, and Tuikum has a potentiality of generating 15 MW. In all the rivers of Mizoram were reported to have a potentiality of generating about 2500 MW. of power. The reports are Government property and no more survey require to be conducted since it would merely be a waste of time and money. The Lt. Governor also pointed out in his address during Budget Session that as many as micro hydel projects have been identified and investigation is being conducted in respect of three places among which are Tuirial and Serlui B. He also stated that

construction of eight projects would be taken up by Government during 1984—1985. I feel myself duty bound to give that information to Government.

Regarding detection and deportation of foreigners which appear at para 9 of the address, I am very happy to note that Government intends to give priority to the subject. For information of the House I would like to say that the President of India promulgated an ordinance around June/July in 1980 in connection with detection and deportation of foreigners in North East India. The bill was passed by Lok Sabha on 15th December and by Rajya Sabha on 19th December and became an Act. The title of the Act is The Illegal Immigrants (Determination by Tribunal) Act, 1983. The Act is too complicated and is almost impossible to put into practice yet without the application of this Act, the statement of Lt. Governor about detection and deportation of foreigners cannot be realised. First, of all the Act prescribes that to become a Tribunal one has to be a retired Additional District Judge. In an area like Mizoram having no judicial service, no sons of the soil have the requisite qualification for a Tribunal. If we have a non-Mizo Tribunal, various problems may arise. Therefore, the Act is not suitable for Mizoram.

Next, the Act provides that in order to detect foreigners present in an area covered by the Act, one has to submit a complaint to the effect. But the foreigners complained against should live within a radius of three kilometers from the residence of the complainant. Further the complaint should be supported by two witnesses. With such complications, the Act cannot actually put into practice in Mizoram. Under the circumstances I would like to suggest that this Assembly should unanimously pass a resolution asking Government of India to amend the Act or to scrap it with conditions suitable and workable in Mizoram. Thank you.

**PU K. SANGCHHUM** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very happy that election to the Mizoram Legislative Assembly has been held as Scheduled and that a new Govt has been formed today. I am further happy to hear leaders of the opposition party express their having confidence in the Congress Ministry. Further, I am happy to note that the people have fervent hope in this Government as well as in the



opposition party. But I would like to make clarification of what the hon. Leader of the opposition party has said about the manifesto of my party. This party never promised to the public that it would bring about conclusion of peace talk depends on within a period of three months. Since the conclusion of peace talk depends on the two negotiating parties, the Congress party is never in a position to fix a time for conclusion of the talk.

The L.G. is quite present in his speech about an unfortunate incident which happened recently. His factfulness in taking care of his Government is also clearly revealed. His statement that this mandate by the people was an affirmation of their desire for a new direction based on equality, justice and fraternity makes one think that there was no equality during the tenure of the previous Government. This statement clearly reveals the conditions which prevailed during the previous Government.

Next, the terms 'Peaceful solution of all problems' means nothing but the political problem of Mizoram the solution of which is everybody's crave. Next, some of us are not clear about the contract meaning of the term 'Foreigner'. This word does not mean non-Mizo living in Mizoram but those who are not the citizens of India. Even a Mizo can be a foreigner if he is a citizen of Burma or Bangladesh. The constitution of India gives equal status and liberty to all the different communities living in India as citizens of India. Similarly Chakmas, Lakhers and Pawis live in Mizoram and there is no discrimination since all of us are citizens of India. The way Government of India and Government of Mizoram met out treatment to scheduled tribes and Castes is satisfactory.

Majority of voters are living in Rural areas and they play vital role in forming a Government. Government also does not ignore the needs of its makers and would give attention to rural areas as mentioned by the L.G. This testifies the fact that this Congress govt. is a government for all while severely criticising the Foreigners Act, the then P.C. Government arrested a large number of foreigners at Lawngtlai and Saiha in 1983. I wonder if that was the reason why the L.G. stated that the people had desire to follow the direction of justice. In any case, the course of action proposed to be followed by

this Government is more rural - oriented than that of the previous government. Had the people known this statement they would have been much grateful today.

To conclude I would like to say that we solicit the full co-operation of all the people irrespective of any parties to which they belong for the successful achievement of our goal. I am grateful to note that even the opposition party has a confidence in govt. Thank you.

PU VAIVENGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very happy today for having a good chance to have a discussion on the speech of L.G. I am further pleased to note that the opposition party is ready to extend full cooperation to Government.

Even though the speech of L.G. is quite brief, it is full of facts. No. 2 of the speech mainly deals with the programmes chalked out to be followed by government in which mention is made that importance would be attached to equality, justice and fraternity

Regarding solution of all problems stated by the L.G., it may be stated that solution of two decade long political problem of Mizoram would be a key to solution of all other problems.

The speech of the L.G. is pregnant with new schemes and programmes. First, it states that a peaceful solution of the political problem would be sought for in a spirit of reconciliation. Next, it indicates that this government would attach importance to special rural reconstruction. Rural Reconstruction Department would make an endeavour to bring about uplift of poor people in rural areas.

Next, mention is made that a high power Agricultural Board would be constituted which is purely a new thing. The government has been taking an effort to do away with the present system of education but till today no progress has been achieved. This high power Agricultural Board, I hope, will go a long way in solving the agricultural problem. Next, the L.G. stated that a Land Reclamation Board would be constituted which is expected to have a way for proper utilisation of land for agricultural purposes and will also see to it that a huge amount of funds spent for agricultural is properly utilised.

Another important development reflected in the speech of the L.G. is a proposal for creation of a separate Youth Welfare Department which will be vested with responsibilities of promotion of sports among Youths. Next, the L.G. stated that those who are affected by grouping of villages would be rehabilitated.

Lastly, a proposal for exploitation of manpower is a key to overall development. It is important to inculcate a sense of ownership in the public so that a way for development would be paved. Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Mr.Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a chance to speak. The L.G. made a statement about election to the Legislative Assembly in the following words 'It is a matter of great satisfaction that the entire process of election to the Legislative Assembly passed off smoothly. In spite of the difficulties in communications and transportation, the electoral and security arrangement worked efficiently and elections were completed as scheduled. The hon'ble member of Lawngtlai constituency maintained that the above statements have been clarified by a following statement as follows — 'In a way, this mandate by the people is an affirmation of their desire for a new direction based on equality justice and fraternity while the election rules fix a maximum of Rs 5000/— for an expenditure of each candidate. But this amount has been excessively exceeded by many candidates. Moreover there were many instances of intimidation and threats to campaigners of some parties and members of some V/Cs. At Hmuazawl village President of P.C. Unit and VCP were warned that if the P.C. party candidate got elected, they would pay for it. Frankly speaking, intimidation and bribing of voters dominated the election campaign. Under the circumstances I cannot agree that the election was free and fair. Besides, I cannot agree the statement that elections were completed as scheduled. We all know that Pu Lalthawmvunga, a P.C. party candidate for N.Vanlaiphai constituency was killed while addressing a public meeting and that no election could be held as scheduled in the constituency was countermanding of election in N. Vanlaiphai constituency as scheduled? The brutal killing of a P.C. party candidate was not a loss to the party alone, but to all of us. Therefore, the election I cannot be regarded as free and fair. Besides, I cannot consider this election satisfactory at all. Why is it that the L.G. has not made any mention of the assassination of Pu Thawmvunga in his speech and why has he not expressed his sorrow for that?

To enclude I would like to say that any member would extend cooperation to the Government if it follows a path of equality, justice and fraternity, Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now have a recess and the discussion will resume at 2 P.M.

Recess at 1 P.M.

**SPEAKER** : Now let me announce the names of members of General Purposes Committee.

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| 1. Speaker                            | — | Chairman |
| 2. Dy Speaker                         | — | Member   |
| 3. Members of Panel of Chairman       | — | Member   |
| 4. Leader of Opposition               | — | Member   |
| 5. Minister i/c P.W.D.                | — | Member   |
| 6. Minister i/s Parliamentary Affairs | — | Member   |
| 7. Minister i/c Finance               | — | Member   |

This Committee is an important Committee. Let me read the main functions of the Committee.

— The function of the Committee shall be to consider and advise the Speaker on matters concerning the affairs of the House that do not specially fall under the purview of any other Legislature Committee or as may be referred to by the Speaker from time to time.

We shall now resume the discussion on the address of the Lt. Governor.

**PU ROCHHUNGA RALTE** : Mr Speaker Sir, I am very happy to note that the L.G. in his address pointed out many schemes to be

implemented by Government for the development of Mizoram. As a former leader of students I am grateful to learn that this Government intends to promote study of Science and Technology with safeguards to the Mizo tradition. Some members criticised para 3 of the speech and insisted upon making a specific reference to the political problem I think they have not thoroughly gone through it. In the last sentence, the statement goes like this 'My Govt' would, therefore, appeal to all people of Mizoram including those who are still underground to extend their whole hearted co-operation in achieving this paramount objective from this statement no other problem but the political problem is referred to. Moreover, 'all problems' is sure to include the political problem of Mizoram.

Some members expressed their inability to digest the statement that the election to Mizoram L.A. went off smoothly. During the election, the Congress party was not in power, it was a P.C. Government. The L.G. in his speech condeals the failure on the part of that Government to maintain law and order at that time why is it that the opposition party is not happy about it. ?

I support a statement that this mandate by the people is an affirmation of their desire for a new direction based on equality, justice and fraternity. During the pervious Government the absence of equality was underiabile. For instance, I was one of the candidates for Khawbung constituency with security guards. I was not even asked if I required the same. The statement of the L.G. that this new Government would follow a path of equality pleases me much.

In the speech, many new things are to be seen like constitution of High Power Agricultural Board, etc., The Hon'ble member of Lunglei constituency stated that survey has already been conducted. But this statement proves that a more through investigation requires to be made. Mention is also made that priority would be given to construction of agricultural link roads. My constituency is surrounded by Tiau river and it is full of suitable plots of land suitable for WRC.

When good link roads are constructed, the agricultural produce will be transported to Aizawl. To conclude, I would like to express my heartfull gratitude to the L.G. for the schemes chalked out for development of Mizoram. Thank you.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Mr Speaker Sir, the plans and schemes envisaged in the speech of the L.G. is to a certain extent gratifying. As pointed out by my predecessors, the statement that elections went off smoothly as scheduled is far from a fact. What is the motive behind the killing of Pu Thawmvunga? The Hon'ble member of Kblasib constituency stated that he was killed because of personal enmity personally with someone, he will get killed even before his candidacy. ostensibly he was killed because of political hostility it is most unfortunate that the L.G. considers the election a matter of satisfaction despite such awesome incidents. Moreover, there was another incident in which Pu Lalmania, a P.C. party candidate for Kawmpui constituency was bombed but luckily the bomb went off without causing any harm to anyone. Yet in another incident of firing at Kepran, one CRPF personnel was killed. With all these incidents, I cannot agree that security arrangement was satisfactory. The hon'ble member of Sangau constituency said that the people are at ease under the Congress Government. This is not true. Many Government servants know that they are in the hit list of Government.

In the forenoon session, Mr. Saikaphiang said the economic condition was deteriorating recently. Around 1972-76, the condition was at its worst and now it has improved a lot. During the term of office of the previous Ministry. Only 10 Villages were electrified and the number increased threefold during the P.C. Ministry. Similarly, the number of villages connected with water supply increased ninefold. Road communications also considerably improved during the P.C. Ministry which provided better scope for businesses albeit it is yet far from satisfactory.

Regarding electricity, the L.G. in his address stated Serlui 'A' Hydel Project to be started from the beginning. As stated by the hon'ble member of Satek constituency, work has already been started and a great portion has been completed and it is not required to be started from the beginning once again. The project has been commissioned but it cannot work just because of inadequacy of water supply. When rainy season comes, it will be operative.

The Statement at para 6 makes me quite happy which runs like this — 'steps will be taken for the welfare of youth and women' As

the only female member of this house, I do hope that steps will be taken as indicated in the statement. The previous Ministry made many achievement in this respect and I expect this Government to do more.

I cannot make head and tail of what the hon. member of Sangau has stated. Sometimes he defined the word 'foreigner'. Even a small child in a remote village knows the correct meaning of the term wasting as many as five minutes for the definition is extremely meaningless. Moreover, while criticising the Illegal Immigrants Act, he also criticised the detection and arrest of foreigners. To me the Act is an act which provides a better and easier means of infiltration into India for foreigners. Therefore, we must reject it. We must take all possible actions to prevent the Mizos from being assimilated. My party is going to extend all possible help and cooperation to Government in any steps it takes which are beneficial to the people. Thank you.

**PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very happy for being able to participate in the discussion on the address of L.G. But the improper administration oath taking yesterday made me a bit unhappy. The member who administered the oath taking did not seem to be clear about the words of oath. Many members expressed their inability to digest the word 'Smoothly' in the first para of the speech of L.G. had the statement ended in 'passed off' there would not have been anything to criticise. Next, the statement said that in spite of the difficulties in communication and transportation, the electoral and security arrangements worked efficiently and elections were completed as scheduled. Had there been good security arrangement, the CRPF personnel would not have died.

The statement in para three that steps would be taken for peaceful solution of all problems in a spirit of reconciliation is quite gratifying to note because it attached importance to a spirit of reconciliation in the process of searching for a solution of all problems. There is one thing which is not clear. No mention is made as to whether the 'term' violence which appears in the L.G's speech mean mental violence or physical violence. As indicated in the following lines physical violence brings nothing but misery and suffering for our people. Every political party has restoration of normalcy in Mizoram as one of its political manifestos it is probably because the Congress is most interested

in it that it came to power. But while the party appears to be sincere in its endeavour to bring about peace and harmony in Mizoram, government is understood to have a black list of government servants, from senior officers to Grade IV staff. Under the circumstances, it is impossible to accept the statement of the L.G. as a whole truth.

The content of point No 4 is a truth and the schemes when implemented would go a long way in the development of Mizoram. Regarding point No 5, it may be stated that the scheme has been executed for two years. How can it still be a proposal? It would be better if the word 'proposal' is substituted with 'execution'. At point No 6 mention is made that steps would be taken to set up a separate department to look after games and sports. Had it not been initiated by the previous ministry? At point No 7 it has been pointed out that the new government would give new emphasis to the study of science and technology.

Does this mean that an Institute of High Science & Technology would be opened? Or will free textbook be provided to students of science and technology? While statement is quite good, it is too vague.

Lastly, what action will be taken for the rehabilitation of MNF returnees? Is there any intention of enhancing the amount of rehabilitation? Shall I be please allowed to know these? Thank you.

PU. LALHUTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, although the speech of the L.G. is very brief, it is pregnant with the scheme proposed to be taken up by the new government. It is a matter of great satisfaction to learn the action proposed to be taken by this government in facilitating an early conclusion of peace talk. I would like to point out today that peace will never come if we simply wait for it. We have to work. I am very happy to note that this government would make an endeavour to implement the 20 Point Programme set out by the hon'ble Prime Minister. Frankly speaking the previous government did not fare so good in implementing various developmental projects like IRDP etc. I hope this new government makes better achievement in this field. The success or failure of these projects depends upon the diligence and fairness on the part of members in the course of discharging their duties in their respective constituencies.

I am happy about the L.Gs statement that importance would be attached to the improvement of communication during 7th Plan, and



also that efforts would be made for promotion of games and sports among youths to the extent that a separate department would be opened.

For the conclusion let me flip to the first paragraph of the address. Some members criticise a statement that the entire process of election went off smoothly. To me, the process of election itself went off smoothly. The fact is that all of us are very sorry at the assassination of our fellow candidate.

**PU LAWMSANGA ZADENG** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to say a few words concerning the statement at para 6. The Hon. member of Kolasib constituency maintained that there was a set back in sports and games during the former Ministry. I cannot agree to this because it was last year and in the previous year that Mizo sportsmen emerged to be known in a national level. A Mizo team was for the first time a finalist in the Subroto Cup. At the Mini National Games held at Nagpur, Mizo were the winner of Badminton Double. A Mizo girl was selected the First Women Hockey Goalie. In Judo too, our Mizo boys fared very well. Moreover, many persons underwent training in coaching camp and under Physical Fitness Programme through the efforts of the Department. The A.R. ground was also made free for use in sports and games by the A.R. authority because there existed better understanding. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that Mizoram made great progress in the field of sports and games.

I am very grateful to learn that efforts would be made for the development and improvement of communication. Lastly, I would like to say that the opposition party would extend full cooperation to government in its endeavour to find a peaceful solution to the political problems and any efforts it makes for the development of Mizoram. Thank you.

**PU HIPHEI** : Pu Speaker, I sat on the opposition bench too long and I feel out of place to sit on the treasury bench. This is the greatness of a democracy.

If we analyse the address of L.G. line by line or word by word, it is obvious that there would be many points of criticism while at

the same time many points laudable, Therefore, the best thing seems to be to take it as a whole so that it can have better meaning.

Some members suggested deletion of the word 'smoothly' which appears in his reference to the Assembly election. While maintaining that the election did not pass off smoothly. They also denied the statement that election was completed as scheduled on the ground that election to N. Vanlaiphai constituency was countermanded due to the killing of one of the candidates for the constituency. This inconvenience alone did not deny the fact that the election as a whole passed off smoothly. Again, some members argued that the statement of the L.G. that security arrangement works efficiently. They maintained that the death of one CRPF person in an encounter with rebels testified that arrangement of security was not good enough. This is to a certain extent true. But the L.G. is not to become for this. It is the Government at that time, who is responsible for inefficient security arrangement.

There is also arrangement about the existence an otherwise of equality, justice and fraternity. The fact that there was no equality during the previous government is justified by the constitution of PAC which was headed by a ruling party MLA while there is a convention that a PAC is headed by an opposition MLA. I would like to say that this government would function quite different from the former government.

Regarding restoration of peace, it may be stated that various political parties have different ideas to achieve the goal. A certain political party even has an idea that restoration of peace can be achieved only with the extermination of the whole lot of MNF. But what the L.G. has stated seems to be the best way, that is through reconciliation. In the previous address of the L.G. underground MNF personnel were invited to come overground and to cease their activities so that peace could be restored. In the present address, the MNF has been invited to extend whole hearted cooperation to government in its endeavour to achieve restoration of peace in Mizoram. Conclusion of peace talk might not come so soon as we expect. But this new government would try it best to bring together the two opposing parties to make an agreement.

There is also a lot of argument over point no. 9 of the speech which goes like this — “Detection and Deportation of foreigners and regulation of entry of foreigners will also be given high priority.” I do not see any point for criticism in this statement. If I am not mistaken, this house once passed a resolution that a Tribunal be set up for the purpose headed by ADM to alleviate the burden of VCs. Adopting another resolution does not seem necessary since the one already passed can be realised if we like. When the Illegal Immigrant Act was passed by the Parliament, I think the Assam issue was borne in mind. We are now preoccupied with a fear of assimilation of of Mizo community by others. I hope that the Illegal Immigrants Act provides enough safeguards for the Mizos. The hon. member of Sateek constituency stated that Mizos are no longer scheduled tribes and that Chakmas, Pawis and Lakhers only are scheduled tribes. We are all scheduled tribes but Aizawl and Lunglei Districts are not tribal areas. Only Chhimituipui District is now a tribal area.

One new scheme which makes me so happy is a scheme for setting up of a separate department of sports. I hope this department would living about development of sports to a great extent. In this Government let us hope that equality and justice would exist. Thank you.

PU. ZAIREMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the L Gs. address we are discussing today is different form the previous area. This speech mainly reflects the programmes set by the new Government while other speeches envisaged achievements make by Government. Therefore, there seems to be not much to say.

I would like to say a few thing about point No. 4 in which mention is made that priority would be given to implementation of 20 point programme. I wonder if this means that the achivements of the programme in the previous years is not satisfactory when the P.M. visited Mizoram, she reportedly said that the achievement of Mizoram was not satisfactory. Out of the 20 points, 7 are not applicable in Mizoram and only 13 are applicable and very important for Mizoram.

In its endeavour to achieve the targets, Government was quite successful. In respect of many points the target was achieved and in respect of some points the target is even exceeded. In respect of nine points the target was achieved and of the two UTs, the achievement of Mizoram is better. Next came Manipur, Assam and Nagaland achieving targets in respect of 9, 8 and three points respectively. Arunachal achieved target in respect of four points. Central Government also acknowledged the good achievement of Mizoram in writing which can be seen in the office of Development Commissioner.

For the conclusion Mr. Speaker, the election to the Assembly cannot be said to have gone off smoothly since there was an incidence of killing of a candidate and intimidation. It is a pity that the Administrator has not made a mention of this incidence in his address. Thank you.

PU R. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very sorry that members of the opposition party cannot digest the statement of the L.G. about an election to the State Assembly. We all know that the L.G. would not oversee the incidence of the assassination of Mr. Lalthawmvunga. In spite of this untoward incident, who can deny that the election went off smoothly ?

In the second paragraph, the L.G. pointed out that there would be equality, justice and fraternity. It is true that equality, justice and fraternity did not exist during the previous ministry. Membership of a ruling party was one of the qualification required for appointment to certain posts. This confirms that there was no equality.

The L.G. also stated that priority would be given for peaceful solution of all problems in a spirit of reconciliation. The problems mentioned here can include any problem and the manner in which these problems are intended to be solved is also very good and is worthy to be boast of. Regarding implementation of 20 Point Programme, it may be stated that government officials are those who are directly responsible for it. The good implementation of the programme goes to the credit of government officials. Through the sincere efforts of these officials the achievement of Government of Mizoram becomes landable. It is unfair to accuse government of neglecting the Programme.

The plans envisaged by the L.G. in his speech are mainly plans for continuation of the projects already stated by the previous government and there are not many new things as such there seems to be nothing much to say. The only new things are constitution of Rural Reconstruction Board, High Power Agriculture Board and Land Reclamation Board. As we know from previous experiences, some boards never functioned at all. Regarding rehabilitation of MNF returnees, it may be taken into granted that this government would enhance the amount of rehabilitation given to MNF returnees.

Some members alleged that government prepared a list of government servants who are to be punished. Such an allegation should not be made in the House unless it can be substantiated. Anyone can make such a list. As stated by the hon. member of Tuipang constituency, some government servants always go beyond the limit of boundaries set by government for government servants. There are many government servants who deserve punishment. However, this government will not act on party line as alleged by some members.

Mr Lalhmingthanga stated that Soil Survey and other investigations had already been made by the P.C. Ministry and that construction of railway must not be on a proposal stage since construction of rail link had already been started. This may be true to a certain extent. But frankly speaking, that government work much more in paper than in practice. Let me cite one example. It was announced through AIR that Khawruhlian was electrified, but the villagers told me that no light has been received. To open one and a half K.M. long of Sairang Road blacktopped, all heads of departments went to the spot. But in reality, the blacktopped road is only one K.M. long.

In another instance, when the Transport Booking office was going to be shifted to a building belonging to a Non-Mizo a few blocks away, it was inaugurated with great pomp as if a large building was constructed. I think the C M was so preoccupied with the construction of Bairabi Hydrel Project that he said about it wherever he went. From his statement many people thought that the dam had been constructed and a large area of land was inundated. But when I visited the spot one of the workers told me that final report of investigation had been

submitted which had to go through five Ministries. I think because there is always a vast difference between what is said and reality that the L.G. thought it necessary to make investigation afresh.

Lastly, Pi K. Thansiam stated that because of intimidation, voters from certain villages within Ratu constituency dared not cast their votes. I think she has received wrong information. Inhabitants of the most distant village Kani, came from 18 km to cast their votes. From Mausam 200 people cast their votes, from Tingmun 209. Mr. Speaker, Sir the speech of L.G. this year is event the best ever and I am grateful that many members participated in the discussion. Thank you.

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 PU LALTHANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a matter of gratification that we have a good chance to discuss the speech of L.G. today.

First of all I would like to say that all of us are grieved by the death of Pu Lalthawmvunga. Every political party expressed its condemnation of the killing. Such an incident is unprecedented in Mizoram history and this deserves mention in the L.G's speech. Most of the members expressed their gratefulness about the speech of L.G. and I am confident that this new government would be able to start functioning with sound footing.

The Statement of the hon. member from Sateek constituency that Mizo were no longer scheduled tribes. This is not true. All the facilities and protection given to scheduled tribes continued till today. But the provision of Sixth scheduled of the constitution is operative only in Chhimtuipui District as such autonomous District Council was constituted. The fact that the District Council for Lunglei and Aizawl District ceased to exist does not mean that we are no longer scheduled tribes.

As stated by the L.G. the process of election to the Assembly went off smoothly. The postponement of election in one constituency did not disturb the whole process of election. Such was a common incident and it was not because of failure of security arrangement or

election process. Moreover, I am very grateful to L.G. for his statement that election went off smoothly instead of attacking the previous government. Even observers from Delhi and the Returning Officers fully agreed that the process of election went off smoothly. Counting of votes was also completed without any difficulties.

Yesterday the Protem Speaker Mr. Hari Kristo conducted oath taking clearly and because of that all of us can sit here as MLAs.

Next, a statement that priority would be given to a peaceful solution of all problems in a spirit of reconciliation first appears in this speech. Before the MNF personnel were branded our misguided brothers etc. Sometimes condemnation of the organisation was always uttered. But now a spirit of reconciliation is intended to be kept while searching for solution of our problems. The MNF personnel are blood brothers and there should exist a spirit of reconciliation between us. The allegation by the opposition leader that the Congress party promised to bring about conclusion of peace talk within a period of three months may be regarded as expression of his urgent desire for conclusion of peace talk. Anyone with conscience knows that time cannot be stipulated for the conclusion of peace talk. I appeal to all members to join hands with government in its endeavour to achieve this goal.

There is a statement that action would be taken for speedier implementation of 20 Points Programme which makes me happy. Arrangement will also be made to inculcate a sense of ownership on the public, particularly those who live in rural areas. In the previous Ministry, a state Level Implementation Committee was constituted but its first sitting was held towards the end of its term, on 30th January this year. This makes one believe that action was not taken in right earnest for speedy implementation. The people are discontented about the implementation of IRDP. The object of this project is uplift of many poor people in rural areas of India. This government will see that the project is implemented to serve its true purposes. To co-ordinate the implementation of this project, a Rural Reconstruction Department will also be constituted. If there is any existing department to take up the task of implementation, it would be used effectively. If there is not such existing department a new department will be created which will provide opportunities to many people.

In the field of Agriculture and communication too many plans have been envisaged and we seem in principle. For proper implementation of these plans a peaceful atmosphere has to prevail in which government servants can work with peace in mind. All government servants are transferable and some of them are being transferred. If a government servant has a fear of being transferred because of change in government it is clear that there is something wrong in him. I would like to tell such people to be in peace. I would like to announce that those who black listed themselves will be freed from the blacklist. This government will take steps to inculcate a sense of ownership and to stimulate incentives by giving them better service conditions and by doing away with favouritism.

Since this government state functioning today, there is not much to say and even the L.G. does not have much to say. His speech mainly dwells on plans and programmes which are intended to be implemented by this government. As appealed by the L.G. the best thing for Mizo community is to join hands in matters concerning our community leaving behind party feelings and hostilities. Expressing fears of being assimilated by other people from the platform is not enough. A peaceful atmosphere will be restored in order to enable government servants to work enthusiastically and with peace in heart. At the same time I would like to ask for the cooperation of all members of this Assembly. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Let us suffice now. Most of you had spoken. The motion is 'That the members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly are deeply grateful to the L.G. (Administrator) for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on 9th May, 1984' and it was moved by Pu Zalawma. Let him beg leave of the House to pass it

**FU ZALAWMA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask this House to pass the motion of thanks which I moved yesterday.

**SPEAKER :** I shall not read the motion. The motion of thanks was moved by Pu Zalawma and it was discussed. Now he asked the House to pass it. Those who agree to pass may say "Agree"

It is a matter of gratification, that the first session of the 4th Mizoram UT Assembly went off smoothly. The conduct of members



is very good and expression used while speaking are fair. I hope there will be more time in the next session and certain achievements will be made by government. I would ask all members of the committee recently constituted to start functioning and if there is any hardship it may be brought to the notice of Assembly Secretariat without any hesitation.

The sitting is adjourned sine die.

Meeting adjourned sine die.  
at 5:30 P.M.

L.C. THANGA  
Secretary.