

8. Pu J. Thanghuama to move :—

“This Assembly is of the opinion that construction of A.T.L. Road be taken over by the B.R.T.F. in order to uplift the economically backward constituencies of Aizawl South, Sateek, Thenzawl and Lunglei”.

9. Pu R. Lalawia and Pu Rochhunga to move :—

“This Assembly is of the opinion that the Government of the Union Territory of Mizoram should move the Union Government to construct fencing on the International boundary between Bangladesh the Union Territory of Mizoram in order to prevent infiltration from Bangladesh”.

SPEAKER : If a wise man has an argument with a fool, the fool only rages and laughs, and there is no quiet.

Blood thirsty men hate one who is

blameless, and the wicked seek his life.

A fool gives full vent to his anger,

but a wise man guilty holds it back.

If a ruler listens to falsehood,

all his officials evil be wicked.

The poor man and the oppressor meet

together, the Lord gives light to the eyes of both.

If a king judges the poor with equity

His throne will be established for ever.

Now it's time for questions first, Pu Zairemthanga for question no. 28

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, question no. 28 — Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge Education Department be pleased to state -

a) Whether there is violation of the existing rules in making appointments and posting in the Education Department?

b) If yes, the reason there of.

PU ROKAMLOVA : a) The Education Department is not aware of any violation of the existing rules in making appointments and posting in the Department.

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b) Does not arise.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. There is a rule in MBSE that a president should be appointed for 3 years. Accordingly, Pu Thanglawra was appointed for 3 years. But his appointment was withdrawn before he could complete 3 years without any amendments in the rule. Did that not violate the existing rule of MBSE?

PU F. LALRAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, these who went for Deputation to other Departments, even like an autonomous body, for example MBSE, can the parent department withdraw their term?

PU ROCHHUNGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, let the Education Minister answer it. In this regard, who has authority, whether it is transfer or posting.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I also would like to ask supplementary question. Let the Minister in charge note it. I'd like to ask will be good to transfer anyone who has no criminal case just because of the change of Ministry? And secondly, one who had been appointed as Joint D.E. in Education Department had been recorded as not worthy to become a President of M.E. Still then how can he be appointed as Joint D.E? Thirdly, it's been said that the previous joint D.E. who had been transferred to Lunglei as Principal of Lunglei Government was requested by the people of Lunglei. How many of them requested and when? And fourthly, it seems that there is no proper seniority list in the Education Department. I'd like to know the seniority list and the seniormost.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, to be answered by Minister in charge. Does the Ministry that the post of Principal Government College and President M.S.I.D.C. equally? Is there any equation?

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Speaker, it seems honorable members wanted to know explain these things clearly, so I'll try to explain as clear as possible. First we'll talk about seniority
MINISTER be necessary it mention some one's name in order to explain this clearly.

In Education Department, the seniormost in Pu Hranthanga and next to him is — Pu Lalawia, Principal of Lunglei College and third is Pu Thanglawra. Now representation is being made for next to this either Pu Siamkima or Pu Darchhawna. They were promoted as Professor at July 1973. At that time Professor Darchhawna did not join because he was in Australia and took Extra Ordinary Leave — without pay. That had to break his service, still he preferred to it, so he joined on 11th November. According to the rule, he has to be under Pu Siamkima and Pu Lianhleia. But the Government have not taken any decision. While it's like this transfer business has been done.

At present, the highest post in education Department in the Directorate is D.E. and it is reasonable to put the seniormost as Director. The seniormost according to pay is the President of the Board.

Board is an autonomous body and its rules were legislated in this very House. And that rule appointed a Secretary for controlling officer. So if the chosen Board President has retired, they can be employed as contract basis, if not D.E. or Joint D.E. can be deputed. But in one had half year back, they appointed not a seniormost as a President of M.E. but as he had been appointed there's no intension to transfer him because the rule says its term is 3 years. But the same rule appoints a Secretary to control the Board and he can dismiss any member.

In this regard those who seek to complain will certainly have many things to be pointed out. The rule can be changed by the higher authority as permitted by the law itself. Like wise, in the case of Pu Thanglawra also he entered as Vice President and he was 45, in this regard also, he violated particular rule but he was excused was not the seniormost, he became President of M.E. So though the term of President is 3 years, there are many things to be sorted in Education Department. Now it is not sure that whether we will be able to have Matric exams if he still holds the Presidentship. Because of all these the authority/leadership consulted even the L.G. and also consulted Law Department for the interest of public. So, we said according to rules he was not transferred.

SPEAKER : Wait there is another question to be answered.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Speaker, it will be good to mention the name of a person who is not worthy to become a president of MIE.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Kima.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Speaker, Pu Siamkima does not have such bad name in the record in order to become a Principal of MIE.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, in the statement of the Hon'ble Minister, it seems that there's an authority above the rule. This house can not accept such thing. Who can be that authority above rules?

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Speaker, if we take things in the other way round acque, we can take even the whole day. I just answered the question regarding the violation of rules.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : He said if the President is still there, we may not be able to have matric exam. What mistake did not he do?

SPEAKER : It's not good to mention someone name. Therefore, I shall call upon Pu J. Thanghuama for question no. 29.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, question no. 29.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge Home Department be pleased to state.

- a) If there is any proposal to improve the lot of the Mizoram Home Guard in the near future?
- b) If yes, what is the proposal?
- c) If not, why?

SPEAKER : Let the Minister concern answer it.

PU LALTHANHAWLA : a) Yes.

CHIEF MINISTER b) As against the daily wage of Rs. 10/- for each Home Guard personnel, this administration has moved Government of India for enhancement of the wage to Rs. 18/- our said proposal for raising the remuneration to Rs. 18/- is presently under the consideration of the Home Ministry. c) Does not arise.

SPEAKER : Pu J. Thanghuama for question no. 30.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, question no. 30. Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge Forest Department be pleased to state —

a) Whether it is a fact that the former Director of Forest (Mr Loganey). Government of Mizoram is being prosecuted on charges of corruption committed during his term of Director of Forests in Mizoram ?

b) If yes, what are the charges ?

PU C.L. RUALA : a) No.

MINISTER b) Does not arise.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, it seems the Forest Department is not smart enough. Pu Loganey is having anti-corruption case, even Pu Ali who is under Pu Loganey is also having a big case of warrant of arrest. Doesn't the Government know about this? Or the Anti-Corruption Branch simply traced without the knowledge of the Department to let the Minister know everything?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, I'd also like to ask a question. One officer from Forest Department traced about Pu Loganey that officer had found out the cheque number and call deposit number and submitted all his findings to the Government of Mizoram. But is it right that all those findings submitted were stopped in the hand of the Minister of the previous Government?

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, we've got a report that Pu Loganey permitted one person to make traps and wandered in the sanctuary of Saithah seems almost every day he caught and short birds animals. Does Minitser know about this?

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Speaker, it's been a long time since Pu Loganey had left. The present Ministry does not know whether he made traps or not. We don't even know whether the previous Ministry knew about this or not.

Anti-Corruption Branch has been investigating his case and they will be able to complete it soon, they already had established synthetic case. The only duty of the forest officers is to look together with the anti corruption Branch whether he had put anything in the name of forest Department so we, the Forest Department does not know much about him officially. But Pu Speaker, from the investigation of ABC, it seems Pu Loganey had received Rs. 40,175.90 on Rs. 50,000.00 from Pu S. Ali on 20.5.80. And on 31.10.80 he received Rs 50,000.00 from Pu Ali on 9.10.88 but he cancelled again Rs. 64,340.00. He also got from Pu Chuathuama Petica Camera worth Rs. 10,00.00 and watch worth Rs. 500.00. There are the findings of Anti-Corruption branch. This matter had been referred to central Government by the Mizoram Government to take action. These are the findings of Anti-Corruption Branch but forest Department had done nothing.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, just recently, the Hon'ble Minister said that they don't know that Pu Loganey had a case but now he pointed out the involvement of such large amount of money. I think it will be good not to give wrong information in the house.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Speaker, those were the findings of Anti-Corruption Branch only, the Department has nothing to do regarding the session.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I simply asked whether he has cases or not.

SPEAKER : Pu F. Lalramliana for question no. 31 is.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge Public Works Department be pleased to state -

- a) What is the amount spent for construction of K.T. road.
- b) What is the distance already completed?
- c) What is the progress of works?

SPEAKER : I think it will be good if put the question in full instead of its abbreviated form from now on because there can be same abbreviations and there may be some difficulties for Department.

PU LALTHANHAWLA : a) Rs 8,625 lakhs.

CHIEF MINISTER : b) Total 33.5 kms in two sections having an incomplete portion of 0.5 Km in between the two sections. (c) Sections already accorded is for formation cutting of 33.5Kms in two sections have been completed. Work in 0.5 Kms of rocky portion in between the two sections is going on and is expected to be completed by 31.3.85, further, construction of 10% of Humepipe culverts along the 34 Kms of the road has been completed.

PU F. LALRAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, will expect that Rs 8625 lakhs will be able to cover some portions. But till now even a jeep cannot go even for 10Kms. So is it meant for truck or jeep or horse or is it only for foot path?

PU LALTHANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, it's read on which even a horse or
CHIEF MINISTER a vehicle can go. Anyway, while we were working, we were disturbed by monsoon. But now were started again and we try to do it according to the wishes of the people.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Zosiana Pachuau for question no. 32.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, question no 32 is Will the Hon'ble Member in charge Home, Appointment Department be pleased to state—

- a) Is it a fact that question papers for D.S.P Selection teste leaked out?
- b) If yes, what action has been taken against the person/persons responsible for it?

PU LALTHANHAWLA : a) No.

CHIEF MINISTER : b) Does not arise.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. Regarding the recruitment of D.S.P Will got a report that selection has not been declared as yet. On the other hand, The D.S.P are supposed to have training at Barapani from 15th of this month, but today is already 16th Why it's not been sorted out ?

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, my question is almost the same. We all know that DSP is an officer post, therefore in making appointment it should be done carefully. But there's a report that one of the Ministers of state recommended three persons. I, therefore, would like to ask is this correct ?

And they are supposed to have training in the month December today is 16th November and their result has not been declared as yet what is the reason ?

And the thirdly, though it was said that the question was not leaked out. We heard that an enquiry is being done. Did the Government know it was leaked out ?

PU LALTHANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, as Hon'ble Members had pointed out, it was done carefully because it's the post of a big Officer. Even the Board members doing very carefully and fairly; it took time because of this. Meanwhile, some local news papers published in their papers that question leaked out and they also pointed out some names in this regard. The Government could not ignore this. Therefore an enquiry had been taken and that inquiry proved that the allegation of news papers were wrong. And baseless. In regard to training also we have to delay it because of all these things. But even if they start a bit late in their training, it can be adjusted.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, what about the recommendation of the Minister ?

PU LALTHANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, there was no such case. Even if there was the Minister of state can not give order, it's the authority of the Board.

SPEAKER : Now Pu Zosiama Pachuau for question No. 33.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, question no. 33 is -

Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge Health and Family welfare Department be pleased to state -

Why the Government of Mizoram has not filled up the post of Jt. Director of Health Service ?

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, the posts of Jt. Director of Health
MINISTER Services could not be filled up due to certain difficulties concerning the Recruitment Rules and inter-seniority of the doctors. However, the post are being filled up soon.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, Recruitment Rules had been made in 1978. And there's no problems regarding Recruitment Rules both at the Centre and the state. Is it the duty of the Government not to make appointment only because of objections of some doctors.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, as he had pointed out the Recruitment
MINISTER Rules had been made in 1978. But the central Government did not approve of that Recruitment Rules. In 1980 our former Ministry had made the Recruitment Rules again and referred to Home Ministry but that too had not been approved till today. But if referred to the Appointment Department in order to make recruitment for these two vacancies. So now its been thinking to have DIC according to the Recruitment Rules which we've be known soon.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the Minister said that the Recruitment Rules was not approved by the Central Government. But according to the information we've got, the Deputy Secretary from Central had sent the approved to the Secretary of Mizoram Government on 28th March 1979. So there is no difficulties in regard to this Recruitment Rules. Are we only facing problems in choosing the persons ?

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, they haven't approve of 1980's Recruitment Rules. Therefore, we are not sure which one will be accepted.

PU ROCHHUNGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister reply — the present Congress Ministry has been function since April only. Therefore, if there had been Recruitment Rules in the past, was there no intention to fill up the vacancy even during the previous Ministry ?

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, the posts of Jt. Director has been lying vacant because Pu Selbuanga and Pu Thansiana had promotions. These posts could be filled up even by the previous Ministry but they seemed to face the same problems we are facing now.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, the said draft rule of 1980 was only to consult the Central sent by the Secretary of Health Department. Even our own Secretary of Appointment did not approve it. So, is it right to say that there are two draft rules ?

SPEAKER ; Now Pi K. Thansiami for question no. 34.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Speaker, question no. 34 is - Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge Public Works Department be pleased to state -

- a) Whether the Government of Mizoram has only intention of changing the idea of establishing Mizoram Secretariat Complex from Luangmuai?
- b) If so, why and where ?

PU LALTHANHAWLA : a) Yes.

CHIEF MINISTER b) The Government intends to have the Civil Secretariat in the Aizawl Town on and around the location of the present office building of D.C Aizawl

because a Civil Secretariat within Aizawl Town will offer administrative convenience. Further, it will be more convenient for the people to contact the Civil Secretariat within Aizawl Town rather than having to go all the way to Luangmual.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Speaker, will the D.C office compound be sufficient. Did this had been calculated and if so on what basis? Will there be enough space for parking and also to move about?

PU LALTHANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, these had been planned properly
CHIEF MINISTER by an architect.

SPEAKER : Today, we don't have much questions we have one more day and I'd like to request the Minister to be ready for the questions which are still left. Will sum up at the end and its a shame for the Department of the question are not answered.

Now we shall go on to our item no. 2 we shall call upon Pu Biakchungaunga, Chairman of P.A.C. for President of Reports.

PU BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Mr Speaker Sir, I the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee having been authorised by the Committee to present this First Report on it's behalf, present this first report in the report of the comptroller and Auditor General of India for the 1976 - 77 to 1980 -- 81. Appropriation Accounts 1966 - 77 to 1980 - 81 and Finance Account 1976 - 77 to 1980 - 81 relating to the Home Department. And the fourth report for the year 1976 - 77 to 1978 - 79 relating to the Department of Information, Public Relations and Tourism.

And also fifth report for the year 1976 - 77 to 1980 - 81 Appropriation Accounts 1976 - 77 to 1980 - 81 Finance Accounts 1976 - 77 to 1980 - 81 relating to the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary.
Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed and let the chairman of P.A.C lay the third and fourth reports in the House.

Today is for Private Business but we don't have any resolution. We've got nine business and we shall take up the last one we still have there and half have today, so it depends on how you utilise the time. Now we shall call upon Pu J. Thanghuama to move his resolution.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, today I'd like to request this House and specially our hon'ble Speaker, to give us more time to discuss the resolutions. There are 9 resolutions therefore, it is clear that we won't be able to finish within three and half hour. So, I do request you to give us more time.

SPEAKER : I called you to move your resolution but you've wasted your time Pu J.Thanghuama has 4 resolution out of 9 resolutions. According to the rule one member is allowed to have only one resolution in a day. So, we cannot do this we go to No. 7. And will discuss how we have time. Now let Pu J.Thanghuama move his resolution No.1.

PU J.THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, my resolution No. 1 is—

This Assembly is of the opinion that the name of the Deleswari Hydel Project should hence forth be called 'The Tlawng Hydel Project'. Even in the past the names of Lunglei, Aijal and Demagiri had been changed into Lunglei, Aizawl and Tlabung respectively because of my resolution. Today also, we must change Demagiri by Tlawng because Deleswari is non Mizo name. Like wise all other non Mizo names for streets, Mountains, rivers etc should also be changed. Therefore, today I'd like to request all the hon'ble members and the House to accept to change Deleswari into Tlawng.

Thank You.

SPEAKER : Anyone wants to say in this regard.

PU K. SANGCHHUMA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member has said
DY SPEAKER how this resolution entered in the House. But we have to think this matter carefully and there should be good information If I am not mistaken Tlabung was Pu Saitlawma's resolution.

If we have to change it only because its non Mizo also change some common terms like Speaker, Session, Office etc.

PU ROKAMLOVA : Pu Speaker, as stated, our resolution is an important one. The hon'ble members expressed their thoughts and made suggestions. In the course of our discussion, there also seemed to have been allegations and counter allegations. Whatever action is taken regarding this or other resolutions, we should learn to appreciate good works done by others and we should also try to co-operate each other in our attempt to develop and safeguard the interest of the people and the country. Now may be a good time while there is no election on hand, for, at the times of election, we may find it difficult to leave behind our differences even to fight for our common problem.

As suggested by one of the members, it will be pleasing to know what steps have the Government taken in the matter connected with our resolution. If they have any steps taken, the only thing we will have to do is to be thankful. If we read the recent publication of the Times of India, we will know that Central Government have taken strong measures to check the influx of foreign nationals. It is pleasing that the Government have awareness of the situation at the border before we could even have detailed thoughts over it. If Central Government have already taken measures, it may not be necessary to start afresh here. Hence, it will be better to drop this resolution, that is, after we explain full-support we had in the steps taken by Central Government in the matter connected with our resolution.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, as stated, our resolution is a matter of great importance. It seems that the hon'ble member moved this resolution because of this being a matter which is beyond our purview. It may be noted that it is not a matter which comes into prominent only at the times of the election. The Governments the present and the previous have in fact, taken some measures in this regards. it is not therefore, a matter which becomed important only at the times of election.

As stated by the member from Sateek, our resolution provides an interesting subject and it is a good thing that fencing is proposed at our Bangladesh border. However, we can presume that this will take quite a long time even if the Government take up the work expeditiously.

Though I fully support to the proposal for making fencing at our border, I would but still demand the service of MAP or Home Guards i.e. after giving full training, to guard the border and the fencing. It is not right to have BSF personnel on duty in the border if they do not care about foreigners infiltration. Even if fencing is completed, we will still require the service of MAP or Home Guards who would certainly want to check the influx of foreign nationals into Mizoram. But, if Home Guards are to be deployed, it will be wise to give them proper training.

If the Government think it is un-necessary to pass a resolution for which they have taken some actions, it could be understand. Otherwise, I fully support this resolution and I agree to pass it.

SPEAKER : We will now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister who is in charge of Home Department to make clarification.

PU LALTHANFAWLA : Pu Speaker, as we all know, our resolution **CHIEF MINISTER** is a sensitive one and anyone who is a Mizo will be interested in this issue. No nation in the world wants to be assimilated and it is our zealosity for our common cause which we should cherish. I think the members who moved this resolution should be given our thanks for giving the people awareness to what was and is happening at our Bangladesh border. It seems however that there are certain things we missed to know regarding this issue. I am now trying to make some clarifications and it may be necessary to point out names of person or some incidents which we may like to blot out, but, I want the members to think that I did it all for the love of the people and the country not because of other reasons.

Pu J.Thanghuama's resolution is quite similar to this resolution. At a time, I thought he had moved it. It may not therefore, be wrong to treat them as one.

What I gathered in the course of our discussion is that we seemed to be mixing the case of refugees with that of infiltrators. I think refugees and infiltrators should not be regarded as the same. As per notification issued by the Central Government, foreign nationals, coming in after March 1971 should be treated as infiltrators and that they should be dealt with firmly.

At the outset of the present Ministry, there was larger scale persecution of tribals living in Bangladesh and as a result, many of them, mostly the Chakmas entered into Mizoram searching for refuge. Border Security Forces and BRTF who were at the border at that time could not repulse these refugees as many of them are said to be in favour of being shoot by bullet than going back to their place in Bangladesh. Whether we like it or not, circumstances compelled us to take up the matter and as it was not a minor issue the matter was referred to Central Government.

After the matter was referred to Central Government, it was decided that since they cannot driven away the Chakmas coming into Mizoram are to be treated as refugees and to prevent their infiltration with the local population, camp be constructed for them. As under Government's instruction, we provide them with foodstuff as it was not possible to simply neglect them on humanitarian ground. Similarly, the Deputy Commissioner of Lunglei was given instauction to use whatever fund is available at this disposal for providing foodstuff to these refugees. The expenditure is to be recoupled by Central Ministry of Home Affairs. Some amount have in fact, been already recouped.

To ensure that these refugees are deported elsewhere, the Government of Mizoram made suggestion to Bangladesh Government to hold clut meeting, but till date, Bangladesh Government have not attended this meeting. Besides this, three officers are posted on the spot to look-after Refugees' Camps and also ta ensure that refugees confined in the Camp do not run away. Inspite of strong measures taken, some of them have still ran away, but, Government have taken steps to trace out these run-away refugees.

It is not anly the Government, but various political parties and the public are interested in Chakma issue. I have once called a Prees Conference inviting suggestion from anyone in this matter. The only suggestion we get was to take form measures for early deportation of refugees elsewhere. Steps we have taken so far were appreciated for which I am thankful.

One thing I want to say is that the problem we confronted and steps we have taken to solve thin problem is not the some with the case of

infiltrators detected and deported back by the previous Ministry. I, and some of our leaders have often had takes in this regard with our late Prime Minister and Home Minister was also approached on many occasions. But, as it is not a minor issue, immediate steps cannot be taken as quickly as we want. Nevertheless, the Government is going to take further steps as and when necessary.

Regarding the posting of BSF at the border pointed out by Pu J.Thanghuama since this subject has been let out, I too will make few additions. The hon'ble member suggested posting of MAP at the border as he could trust BSF no more to guard the border. We too supported this suggestion and we have in fact, passed a resolution for this last year on 9th Sept. 1984. There was no one who opposed the resolution. But international boundary issue is not a matter which lies within our purview, things could not be done exactly as we want. But, Central Government agreed to provide more BSF and Security Forces to guard our border, This does not however, deter us from posting our own Police Forces in different border towns not only at the border. I think we can presume to what task they will be engaged.

Regarding our resolution the proposal for border fencing has come, from Central Government. Having gladly welcomed this proposal earlier we take immediate steps as soon as we assumed the power. In the previous Ministry, the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Chief Secretary who represents Central Government here in Mizoram agreed to post more BSF and Security Forces to guard the border. But, regarding the type of fencing to be made, they were differed in opinion. But, this does not mean that our CM did not want to make fencing. What he demanded was the posting of more BSF and Security Forces to guard border fencing which are liable to damage from time to time. It was also decided that motor-road be constructed for a link between the two countries - Mizoram and Bangladesh.

When barbed-wire fencing was recommended in Assam, we think that the same type would be suitable for Mizoram, so we moved Central Government for this and as a result, Home Secretary Mr. M.K.Wadhi made notification on 10th May, 1984. It was also notified that BSF check post should be made at 8 Kms interval and Watch Tower be constructed along the Assam and Bangladesh border. And as for Meghalaya, more check-post be made.

As proposed, works was started in Assam, But when work begins at a place called Ramraikoti, there erupted heavy firing between BSF and Bangladesh Rifles. This hindered the work of fencing, besides this, there was complaint from the President of Bangladesh, General Ershad. In the case of Mizoram however, thing was to be carried on as proposed.

Besides having made proposal to Central Government for making barbed-wire fencing at our border, the Government of Mizoram have not only once, sent reminder to Central Government in this regard. The Government of Mizoram is not therefore, remain indifferent to border problem. But, as observed by some of the members, the work of fencing will take quite a long time. The Government is therefore, taking measures, to have more check-post at the border before fencing is completed. As border fencing is the thing we, the north-eastern states have in common Home Ministry decided to sent Survey team. I have in fact, received a letter of intimation last week. The estimated cost for barbed-wire fencing is Rs.800/- crores. This is a brief clarification I could make regarding border fencing.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our time is already up. As I do not want to interrupt, I just kept quiet. Our resolution has to be disposed of now one way or the other. Anyone else who wish to speak again?

PU R. THANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I won't take long. The hon'ble MINISTER (Chief Minister clearly explained steps taken by the Government regarding border issue. As stated. Central Government will be sending Survey Team before the work on fencing is started. Considering steps already taken in this regard, it may be better to have the resolution withdrawn. Could not the movers withdraw it since it is a matter which had been pursued?

PU R.LALAWIA : Pu Speaker, having not seen and known steps taken by the Government that I moved this resolution. Now we know how far we have gone towards this, When I enquired about this matter, no one could give me information and the officials. I contracted also know nothing except what was left by the previous Chief Minister in writing. It will therefore be appreciated if, in future, information we want are made available to the MLAs.

If, as stated by the Chief Minister, Central Government have been moved to make border fencing. I would gladly withdraw my resolution. Had I known that it is a matter already pursued and taken up by the Government, I would not have moved this resolution.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Will Pu Rochhunga agree to withdraw it?

PU ROCHHUNGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, as under the provision of resolution rule 119(i) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, 10 clear days notice has to be made. We know various difficulties which confronted our land. It is truly pleasing that the House Leader had given the House information we want. He had also clearly stated efforts made by the Government. I am therefore, not only willing to withdraw my resolution but I am withdrawing it with a word of thanks.

SPEAKER : Is there any member who do not agree to withdraw this resolution? If there is no one, the resolution is then withdrawn. It is pleasing that the condition.

It is now passed four. Shall we continue?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, I think it is too late to take up another business/resolution besides, there is a meeting to attend in connection with the election of M.P. Will it not be better to follow our programme as chalked out earlier?

SPEAKER : We will then adjourn the House. Sitting will be resumed on Monday at 10.30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 4.25 PM.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, I don't think what the hon'ble Deputy Speaker, had pointed out was the aim of this resolution Tlawng does not have two names and session is also does not have two names. We, the Mizo called Tlawng as it is and the non-Mizo called it as Deleswari. In my opinion it is good to called or named as Tlawng Hydel Project since it is inside Mizoram and it's at the Tlawng

river. But it is not necessary to change other terms like session, Speaker, etc.

PU ZALAWMA : Pu Speaker, I'd like to say few things in regard to this resolution brought out by hon'ble member Pu J. Thanghuama. Right from the beginning it borne the name Deleswari Hydel Project and all the necessary investigation had done in this name. Even the previous Ministry did not have any intention to change it's name. Now the central Government is examining whether to continue this project or not. Therefore, if the resolution is to fulfil the Project I can accept it, But before knowing whether it will be continued or not, I think the resolution is premature.

This Hydel Project has not been accepted by the Central Government because the investigation report has not been finalised. So the investigation report has been submitted on the name of Deleswari Hydel project and it will be better to go on like this. Moreover, if I am not mistaken the previous Ministry had suggested to change it as Tlawng Hydel Project and the present Ministry also taken up this. Therefore, according to me. it is not necessary to pass now because the Government is taking steps in this regard.

Therefore, in my opinion it will be better to change the resolution if the mover permits like the central Government to accept the investigation reports for this Hydel Project and start the work immediatly. Thank you.

PU R. THANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I still don't have any idea in this regard. The previous Government had taken it up in the name of Deleswari Hydel Project for five years. Those who were in the previous Ministry are also here so I'd like to know why they named it as Deleswari instead of Tlawng.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I don't know whether it's me to answer or not. Still as I was the one who took this portfolio in the previous Ministry, I'd like to say few things. The project is to be named as Tlawng. In general this type used to go in the name of the river at the beginning of the investigation. But after investigation and locate the tyde, is. That's why the name of Bairabi Hydel Project is commonly known than Deleswari Hydel Project.

We used to wonder what language is Bairabi. The inhabitants said its neither Mizo language nor even non-Mizo language but now it's become a Mizo language. And regarding the change of the name of this Hydel Project. Speaker, I do support Pu J. Thanghuama.

PU Z.D. SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I am very pleased to have this kind of resolution, But it's unfortunate that we didn't do things while we could do. It will be good if it's been changed into Tlawng while they were in power. And I think it will be good to change the name of Bairabi which is not a Mizo language into a real Mizo language. Therefore, as hon'ble members had suggested while changing the name of Daleswari I also would like to suggest to change the name of Bairabi.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, as you've said we don't have much time today. We can give another name when the Central Government approve it. And by that we may be able to think out a better name, therefore, of the hon'ble member can not with draw his resolution, let's decide by voting so that we can go faster.

PU K BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Speaker, this resolution moved by hon'ble member Pu J Thanghuama is very important. It's sad as some members said as unnecessary because the investigation had been published with its picture in the whole of India. Though we can not say what will be there in future, let's hope that we can have achievement. Whether it's been completed or not, we all know how famous it is in India so it will be good to pass in this house this resolution it really deserves it. Thank You.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, once again. I'd like to ask Power Minister how far they've done in the central Government for this project. And regarding the investigation some belittle about it. But in any Project there are two/three stages. first it's recognisance survey and secondly it's preliminary survey on ground and the third stage is detail investigation, the most difficult one. They have to investigate everything like it's geological condition; therefore, it cannot be done quickly. So, it will be an enlightenment for the House to know how far they've taken steps in their regard.

PU F. LALCHHAWNA : Pu Speaker, regarding this Hydel Project, what we know and what it is seem to be different. Though the resolution moved by the hon'ble member to change its name is quite important, will it be good to give a new name even before knowing whether it will be done or not? So, i'd like to suggest to name it when it's really been done.

PU R. LALAWIA : Pu Speaker, it seems that we do not concentrate in our discussion. The mover did not move to give a new name but only proposed to change its name at least within Mizoram. In Cachar they called it as Deleswari. So, he said let's call it as Tlawng in Mizoram. If we do not accept this, let's us say so. It's not difficult to decide and we also have to take out our time.

SPEAKER : Let's call upon Power Minister, Pu C.L, Ruala.

Pu C.L. RUALA : Pu.Speaker, from the very beginning of this Project some people were using it to make fun. While doing investigation, the central investigation Team were asked, so they came from Delhi and Calcutta. Even the newspapers Delhi used to make fun of it. When the Central Minister inaugurated the investigation. So, I don't find the necessity to change its name before knowing wheteer it will be continued or not.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, in this progressing and developing world those countries who have electricity are progressing rapidly we all know that in order to have development it is necessary to have sufficient power of electricity. Bearing this in mind, the previous Ministry had contacted the national Highway Electric corporation with the corroboration of the Central Minister. So, they could finish the investigation within a short period. Then they made report and could submit the report to the Central Government in the month of March. And the C.W.C and Central Electricity Authority have to examine that report and after that it has to go to Ministry of Energy and the Planning Commission have to consider about the money involvement.

When the Hydel Electric Project Corporation had finished their investigation they named it as Deleswari Project and some also called it as

Bairabi. We had said about this in this Assembly House itself. It had been submitted in the Central Government to change Daleswari into Tlawng. But it was not followed up in 1983 because it appeared that they did not find it necessary to take up. So, some of the members had said that it is not necessary to change the name while the project is in the hand of Central Government and it has to go through stages. So, will it be good to change it's name during the investigation.

In this regard I had a talk with the Central Investigation Authority in the month of June and I was told that they are being done. And I also had pointed out in the Power Minister Conference. But we should know that it cannot go fast as we wish because the examination is a bit time tight. So there is no much head way in this matter. But from our discussion it seem that we all want to change the name. But what we must do is to pass the Central Government to take up this project as soon as possible. Because power is very important for development no matter whatever be the name. And we still want Tlawng for it's name.

So, from our discussion it came into my mind that let's go as it is for the time being. But when everythings done it's name will be Tlawng. Therefore, there is no point to be in a hurry to change the name because it's only investigation stage. It is clear for the Government what should be done remembering the scence of the House. So let our disaussion be enough and us thesence of the House very clear can the mover of this resolution withdraw it ?

SPEAKER : It appears that we all want to have the name Daleswari changed into Tlawng. But, as the river is being under investigation stage for Hydel Project, it may not be wise to press central Government to change the name at this juncture. When investigation is done and all is done we way press central Government to have it changed. Will the mover agree to draw this resolution ?

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I respect your request for withdrawal of my resolution and I appreciated statements made by Finance Minister in this regards. If the hon'ble Finance Minister agrees to the matter further even if the resolution is withdrawn, I will withdraw my resolution.

PU LALTHANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, while withdrawing his resolution, the hon'ble member of Sateek constituency opened wide subject which I want to elaborate in few words. Rigarding cease fire, he stated Pu Laldenga as having regretted the incident. This may be true but, it was not cease fire. It was rather a suspension of operation anyway, it is pleasing that Pu Denga agreed unilliteral cease fire. Central Government is also pleased and they have in fact, shown afresh their trust in Pu Laldenga. It is not necessary to fight over our identity here in Mizoram. If I am Mizo, I remain Mizo forever so does others. It is also not necessary to complete in a race to be MNF or anti-MNF here. It is not that do not want cease fire and we also regretted the incident at Hortoki. The fact is that cease fire is not within our purveiw and I have told Pu Denga about our stand in this connection. He also seemed to understand our position. Nevertheless, this is not the subject I wanted to say at this time. What I wanted to say at this time. What I wanted to say is rather about our resolution. As stated, it is best to have Mizo names for our rivers and towns if they are situated within Mizoram. The hon'ble Ministers have stated about river Tlawng and the proposed project and the disadvantages of pressing Central Government to change the name of Deleswari at this juncture. I appreciated all that which the Hon'ble members. hon'ble Ministers and mover of the resolution said in this regard. This is rather my vote of thanks.

SPEAKER : Will it not be wise to record that- the resolution is being withdrawn as the propored Hydel project and its investigation is going on at the moment.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it will not be right to say that investigation has not been completed for investigation is already completed. It is not but submitted as yet.

SPEAKER : It should then be recorded than final decision for the project has not becm made.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, it is well, I withdraw my resolution.

SPEAKER : It is good that the Hon'ble member agreed to withdraw his resolution. We will now call upon Pu F. Lalramliana to move his resolution as in its amended from as shown at page 2.

PU F. LALRAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, I thank the House for allowing me to move my resolution. The resolution of this Assembly is of the opinion that a truckable bridge should be constructed over Kaladan river at Darzo Ferry.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I want to support this resolution. If we study the History of this ferry, we will know that many persons have died here as there was no proper ferry, particularly during rainy seasons. There are many big Villages beyond this river and during monsoon seasons the people face many difficulties. The Deputy Commissioner of Lunglei has suspension bridge constructed under EGS but, this does not suffice the needs of the people. If Truckable bridge is constructed, many problems faced by the people of this area will be solved. I therefore, want to request the House to pass this resolution.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, being the member who represents this area, it is a must to say things regarding our resolution. I am truly glad that this resolution is being moved in the House. If we are to point out the importance of having suspension bridge constructed at Darzo Ferry, there will be too many to say. The previous Government have made valuable improvement on roads in this part of the area. But, without suspension bridge, these roads could not be used at all seasons. It is therefore, truly necessary to construct suspension bridge and I request members to pass this resolution.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I also support the resolution. If we want, all of us may have things to say in this regard. It will therefore, be better to pass the resolution now without further discussion.

PU ZALAWMA : Pu Speaker, there are certain things to be said in this regard. Along the Kaladan river, Darzokai (Darzo Ferry) has particular importance. It is learnt Geological Survey of India also have noted this area as an important spot for supply of sands. I want Government to have suspension bridge constructed as early as possible. As stated earlier, many persons have lost their lives in this area due to

non-existence of proper bridge. Besides having bridge and truckable roads constructed. I want the Government to take further steps to have investigation taken to ascertain the presence of natural wealth in this area. I feel that the resolution should certainly be passed.

PU R.LALAWIA : Pu Speaker, I truly want the people of this area to have a good bridge playable all the year round. If suspension bridge is constructed at this point, it is going to be real development for the people. But, considering financial involvement in the construction of bridge resolved to be constructed as there are different types of bridges. Personally, I think permanent truckable bridge should be constructed at this particular point. This may require more money but, if we could have permanent truckable bridge constructed at Darzokai (Darzo Ferry), it is going to be real development.

PU F. LALCHHAWNA : Pu Speaker, various difficulties which confronted the people living beyond Kaladan river is beyond what we could think. As stated many persons have lost their opportunities for examinations and further studies due to non-availability of communication during monsoons. Till date this river caused various difficulties to the people. I therefore strongly support constructions of permanent truckable bridge at this place.

PU F.LALRAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, many members have spoken out in regard to our resolution. It seems that we are all in favour of passing the resolution and have suspension/permanent bridge constructed at Darzo Kai. I think, it will be necessary to have permanent bridge if we intend to have trucks ply in this part of the area.

PU K. SANGCHHUMA : Before noon, it is going to be necessary to take time aparingly. I think all the members have spoken. We will now call upon the Minister concerned.

PU HIPHEI MINISTER : Pu Dy Speaker, it is obvious that the Government, departments and hon'ble members

are all concerned with the welfare of the people. Construction of suspension bridge over Kaladan at Darzokai is also included in the 7th Five Year Plan. However, we do not know whether the Planning Commission will accept and what kind of difficulties will be there in the construction. The Department concerned have not had time to consider time factor or financial factor in this regard. Nevertheless, we do not oppose to having this resolution passed if it is what the members desire.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : In our discussion, the hon'ble members have strongly emphasised the importance of having a bridge constructed at Darzo Kai. As stated, the river, due to non existence of bridge causes many hindrances to normal duties of the people as well as Government servants in this part of the area. I also have experienced such times.

As regards to the expediency of the construction work final decision will have to be made by the Planning Commission as Mizoram have not had our own revenue to take up developmental works even within our own territory. This being the case, it is going to be necessary for the Government to take great efforts to have our resolution materialized. As we all seemed to be in favour of passing the resolution, will it be necessary to do voting? All right the resolution "This Assembly as of the opinion that a truckable bridge should be constructed over Kaladan river at Darzo Kai immediately" is being passed.

We will now take up our next resolution which is Pu K.L. Lianchia resolution.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, Thank You for allowing me to move my resolution. It is "This Assembly is of the opinion that owing to communication problem it is difficult to obtain essential commodities at Ngentiang (Lungpho). Therefore, a civil supply centre be opened by the Government at Ngentiang (Lungpho) for Ngentiang and its surrounding Villages".

Some of the hon'ble members may think that it is not necessary to pass this resolution. But, Ngentiang is different from that of other constituencies. It is an area surrounded by truckable road on all sides but

which have not been penetrated even by Jeep road till date. The only two places penetrated by jeep/truck road within Lungpho constituency are Chhingchhip and Chhiahtlang, the rest are beyond jeep road. This being the case the only transport is head-load and by foot is the only communication, As under the present system of Supply there is no way for the people of this area to Consume supply commodities at the same rate with that of others places. For example, in Ngentiang, sugar could be purchased at the rate of about Rs. 20/- per Kg. If we want the people to enjoy the same rate of supply commodities as that of other constituencies, it is necessary to open Civil Supply Centre here. As the resolution I have moved is a scheme which intends to improve the condition of more unfortunat people living in out-of-reach areas, I want the members so help we pass it.

PU K.SANGCHHUM : Let us now discuss the resolution moved by
DY SPEAKER Pu K.Lianchia.

PU K.BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Dy Speaker, the resolution moved by Pu Lianchia has really touched me. If you go to this land-locked area, you will see the hard reality of life owing to non-existence of communication except tiny footpaths. During the previous Congress Ministry Government have intended to have road constructed under E.G.S. but, there can not be much improvement as this area, unlike other eastern areas, has earth's structure which is rugged and mountainous. Considering the pitiable conditions of the people living in this area, it will be pleasing if we pass this resolution.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Dy Speaker, I appreciated the resolution moved by the hon'ble member. We, the members have many difficulties to deal with in our respective constituencies as in the case of Pu K.Lianchia. As it is not proper to move resolution for each of our difficulties, it will be pleasing if the Government take massive efforts to find solution to various problems confronting more unfortunate areas such as Pu Lianchia's without having to move resolution. Whether we are in the opposition bench or ruling bench, what we say in the House are all things of importance concerned with the people living in different parts of the country. It will therefore, be proper for the Government to

give due importance to what we say and take necessary measures. I request the Government to do so. It may not therefore, be necessary to pass the resolution of the House has been aware of the difficulties we and Pu Lianchia had pointed out.

PU ZALAWMA : Pu Dy Speaker, Pu Lianchia's resolution is an important one and it will be right to give due importance. It is understood that supply commodities will have to be carried by head load in an areas such as those mentioned in the resolution. But, what I am thinking is whether there is no Retailer. If so, what could be the reason — the Department simply neglects them or that the people themselves are responsible for such hardship. Whatever be the reason, what was moved in the resolution is within the purview of executive department or Directorate, it will be well to have them looked into the matter. The area lies within the jurisdiction of Lungpho Villages council and as such and it is regretting that the previous Government have not thought about this area before will it not be better to leave things to the Department concerned without having to pass the resolution since it is not policy matter.

PU RLALAWIA : Pu Speaker, I truly understand how difficult life could be in a tiny village such as Ngentiang. I feel that action should certainly be taken to improve their conditions in this area. If the Minister concerned gives assurance. I do not think we will need to pass the resolution since nothing was done even when the mover and his party were in power holding the power.

PU BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Speaker, it may be well to understand that we were not doing anything to have Government solved the problems confronting Ngentiang and its surrounding areas. Even after the formation of the present Ministry, we have done what we can; But, things could not get materialized and as a result, this resolution has to be moved today. Unless, assurance is given, I think there is no better way than passing the resolution if we truly want the help the people of Ngentiang area.

The hon'ble member of Kawrthah constituency also mentioned about the difficulties confronting his constituency. But, if the member who represents the area is to be blamed when price of goods is high in his constituency, there would hardly be a member who is not to be blamed. Nevertheless, we do not live in the past. It will therefore, be pleasing if the resolution is passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Time is up now. We will have recess till 2 P.M. noon.

RECESS TILL 2.00 P.M.

SPEAKER : Before we continue our discussion I will announce the names of members nominated for various House committees as changes has to be made owing to the induction of Pu. Vaivenga, Pu Hiphei and Pu Liansuama to the council of Ministers. In the subordinate Legislative Committee, Pu Lalchhawna is nominated in place of Pu Hiphei and Pu Zaduha in place of Pu Liansuama and for its chairman, Pu Z.D. Sangliana is nominated. In the committee on Privileges Pu F. Lalchhawna, Pi Rokungi and Pu Lalhuthanga for the chairman in Library committee Pu Zaduha in place of Pu Liansuama. In the House committee Pi Rokungi is nominated in place of Pu Liansuama.

We will now continue our discussion on the resolution six members have spoken. Is there any other members.

PU LALHLIRA : Pu Speaker, there are a good number of resolution this time I think Pu Lianchia has deep attachment to Ngentiang village since Ngentiang has been the most talked subject since before yesterday and our assembly also could almost be regarded as that of Ngentiang Assembly. Had there been real developmental work being executed before there would have been at least Jeep road joining Ngentiang to Chhiahtlang village which is short distance away and which is situated on the main road. I regret that a resolution for opening even a civil supply centre has to be moved in the House today as this implies that there was no developmental work being executed earlier in this part of the country. If the resolution for construction of jeep road or truck road, I donot mind to pass it as this advantageous to the people.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, will it be right to linger on the same subject for too long? Through I do not intent to stand up I want to say certain things. As we know, we are here to take counsel in running the affairs of the country. It is we, the members who could make the House respectable or in-respectable. If a member moves a resolution in the House, it means that the resolution has importance and the members moves it out of necessity. Having once represented Ngentiang area myself, I know their problems. I feel that it is a degrade to the dignity of the House to allege the members as having personnel attachment just because he selected Ngentiang problems for a resolution. In we are opposed to passing the resolution, there is a better way of expressing it. Treely speaking, the problems, confronting Lungpho constituency is I think one of the worst in the whole of Mizoram. We know what difficulties we will have to go through to have our resolution passed. Which ever political party comes into power, it is still going to be necessary to find a solution to Ngentiang problems. It will therefore, be better to call the Minister concerned to inform the House what steps the Government would take to meet the problems pointed out in the resolution.

PU ROCHHUNGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, though it is moved out of necessity, Pu Lianchia's resolution has but funny side if we take it from its funny side. Lungpho is the village which bears the name of its constituency whereas Ngentiang is a small hamlet which is only a kilometre away from Lungpho. I hope that the hon'ble member does not object to what I say. Even if considering population wise Lungpho has more population than Ngentiang such being the case, one could not help wondering as to the reason why the hon'ble member wants to open supply centre at Ngentiang instead of being at Lungpho. Even if a supply centre is going to be opened at the suggested place, there are many factors to be considered. As may be aware, there are not many supply centre even in the whole of Mizoram. If the hon'ble member urges the Government to construct godown and place Administration Officer and supply inspector to look after it, his resolution for opening supply centre will more meaningful. I do not think it is also proper for the House to pass a matter which could be taken up at departmental level. It will be well to consider what matters should be moved and what should not be moved in the House if we want to keep up the dignity of the House. I feel that our resolution is too bias to have it passed.

PU LALLAWMSANGA : Pu Speaker, I regret that the resolution moved by the hon'ble members is taken lightly and some of the members have in fact, regarded this resolution as of a more thing to be laughed at. It seems that we are too fast in finding a thing to be laughed at for, what is moved in the House can never be a trifle thing. They are in fact, important matters concerning the public as a whole. From our discussion, we can presume that Ngentiang must have prior importance than the rest of its nearby areas. The reason is best known to the member who represents the area. If we are not the members who represent the area, we may not know, what needs to be done and what would be best for the area. Perhaps a resolution for opening a mere supply centre have not been passed earlier. Yet, if it is for the welfare of the people, why should we hesitate to pass it for the first time. I to pass it for the first time. I think it is our obligation to the people to pass resolution which intends to meet their problem.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, I want to raise a question to the hon'ble member who moved this resolution. If he tells us the reason why he selected of Lungpho which has Village council and more population, it will be easier for us to make a decision.

PU VANLALNGHAKA : Pu Speaker, for those who frequented the area, we will know the difficulties faced by the people of Ngentiang area. As stated, there is no proper Communication and the hon'ble member also had spends lots of money for riding on horse back. I feel that their problems should certainly be dealt with. I too have almost moved a resolution of this kind in connection with the difficulties confronting to particular area within my constituency. But, wanting to be also the one to keep up the dignity of the House, I gave up the idea of moving a resolution and I planned to find another way for solving our problems. Nevertheless, I truly understand their problems in this part of the area and I urge the Government to take immediate steps to deal with those problems. I am not saying about passing or not passing the resolution, but, I want the Government to find solution to this kind of problems confronting the people in various parts of the country. As for the resolution, I think it is too small a matter to be passed in the House.

PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU : Pu Speaker, besides the Hon'ble members other members have stated about our resolution. It is evident that many of us are not truly concern with the problems of the people. Will it not be better to do voting on the resolution is dropped.

SPEAKER : If there is no other number to speak, voting will be done. Before that Pu Lianchia may speak again.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, Thank you for allowing me to speak again. It seems that some of the members were not properly listening to what was said. They said that the resolution is a trifle matter that can be tackled at departmental level. I don't mind at all to have the department taken action if it is what they can do and it will not be necessary to move a resolution today. What I wanted most is to solve the problems confronting Ngentiang area. So long as the problem is solved. I have no objection to having the department taken action even without passing the resolution. I have neither any intention to move a name for myself nor do I have special attachment to any particular area. All I want is to have problem solved. Maybe the House have not passed a resolution such as the one I moved. But, I think we should not hesitate to pass it just because there was no such resolution passed earlier so long as the resolution is for the welfare of the people. There are times when novel thing has to be adopted according to the needs of circumstances.

My resolution also has been alleged as of a trifle matter that could degrade the dignity of the House. As we have no wider knowledge we only raise issues which we think important within our limited capacity and we do not know all important major issues as the member of Khawbung constituency. Though some of you may regard this as a trifle matter, but I do not think it so from my point of view. It is not only Ngentiang, but almost the whole area is not penetrated even by Jeep road. It is the reason why I strongly emphasized the need to open Supply Centre.

The Hon'ble member of Champha constituency said that Ngentiang is a short distance away from Chhialtlang which situated on the main road. I hope he does not mind my saying this that I usually take three

days on foot to reach Ngentiang from Chhiahtlang and I do not think one can say that it is a short distance if one has to take 2/3 days to reach on foot. It seems that our hon'ble members have not truly realized the difficulties we face in this part of the area.

It was also suggested that my resolution should included construction of Jeep road or truck road. It may be noted that Jeep roads were constructed of under F.R.S. But, the present condition is such that no Jeep can yet ply through these roads. As for truck road, there will come a time when truck road is constructed and I think it has been included even in the 7th Plan. What is most urgent at present is however, finding a solution to the present difficulties faced by the people of this area.

In the course of our discussion, members who had represented this area before me were almost accused of neglecting the area. But, they should not be accused. They too have done their best to improve the conditions of like here. It is not possible anyone to do all that which needs to be done all at once. Development has to be there step by step.

One of the hon'ble members said that Ngentiang is only a kilometre away from Lungpho. This is not correct. It is 3kms from Lungpho.

I was asked the degree on which I moved a resolution for opening a mere supply centre. I do not know about supply degree but, I simply moved a resolution for which I think it was necessary. I never expect that the members will demand full-detail i.e. rules and regulations for my resolution.

The hon'ble member of Champhai constituency raised in-doubt as to the reason for my selecting Ngentiang of all other villages in my constituency. He seems to be thinking that there is a lady-love or something of this kind behind. But, each of us have a different way of thinking. For those who think it this way, it seemed quite right and I do understand not given thought to this side of thing.

The hon'b'e members have made comperative statements about Lungpho and Ngentiang. It is true that they are under the same jurisdiction.

Whether a supply centre is opened at Ngentiang or at Lungpho, there is no difference so long as it served the purpose of the people. It is merely because Ngentiang is a planned village that I selected for a centre. My interest is only to have this supply centre serves the purpose of the people

I do not deny that there will be places in other constituencies where supply has to be carried by head-load. But, there may not be a Compact area such as my constituency where there is no Communication.

As it is a resolution which is solely for the welfare of the people. I want to urge the House to help me pass it and I request the hon'ble members to agree to pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will call upon the hon'ble Minister i/c Supply Department.

PU R.THANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is pleasing that Pu Lianchia
MINISTER represent's a crucial area such as Lungpho constituency. It is a crucial area even at department level. Because of this, supplies were given by Air-dropping even during the current rainy season.

The hon'ble member demanded a supply centre at Ngentiang. It seems that he overlooked some facts about supply conditions. As it is the Government who borne transportation charges, the rate of supply commodities particularly of rice is the same all over the country whether be it at Aizawl or in Parva.

Even if a supply centre is opened, head-load is still going to be the only means of transportation. Hence, the difficulty will remain the same and the rate of supply commodities particularly of rice will remain the same whether there is a supply-centre or not.

Presently, the Department looks after this area from Khawhai. The retailer takes supply from Khawhai, by head-load which he distributed to the people. If a retailer have difficulty in acquiring enough rice to meet the requirements of the people, I don't think many persons will fight for a retailership. It is therefore, believable that supply condition is not too bad. In the case of some commodities like sugar, K. oil and Mustard oil

however consumes are made to fine when there is shortage as the prices are not borne by the Government in full-price. It seems that Mizoram have not had much trouble in acquiring enough Mustard oil to meet our requirements. Recently, I went to the Vellore when I found that the price of mustard oil is much higher than it is here in Mizoram. It seems that supply condition as a whole is not too bad in Mizoram. If a retailer wants to make purchase from Aizawl Godown, he can do so. Government have approved rate for all supply commodities. Hence, whether there is supply centre at Ngentiang or not, there will not be much difference in the supply condition.

It appears that the resolution is not very appropriate to the circumstances for which it was moved. Due to non-existence of proper communication, Ngentiang area face great difficulty in transportation of essential commodities. If the resolution is for the construction of communication, it will be appropriate. But, to move a resolution for mere supply centre in an area where there is no communication isn't very convincing. I do not think Ngentiang area have difficulties in acquiring supply commodities for not having supply centre. Sometimes earlier, there was some difficulties, but it was because of a poor performance on the condition in Ngentiang is now better than before. It may be well for the hon'ble member to withdraw his resolution.

SPEAKER : Much had been said regarding our resolution. It is not proper for the House to reject resolution which the members wanted to move in the House as these resolutions opened a chance to say things need to be said on their part whether the House pass it or not. But, if we admit all the resolutions of which the members want to move, time can be very limited. It will therefore, be proper for the members to know the balance in future. It will also be right to leave it to the department thing which can be tackled at departmental level so as to save time. It is not that I am saying this for being a ruling party member but, there could be many problems when the people or a group of people shift to a new place. As stated by Supple Minister, the best way to solve Ngentiang problems may be that of constructing good roads. If there is good communication, others will not hesitate to shift to the new place and much of their problems also will be solved.

Since the hon'ble Minister i/c Supply Department have stated about supply condition in this part of the area, will it still be difficult for the mover to withdraw his resolution ?.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, if the executive members do not agree, there is nothing we can do. It seems that the hon'ble supply Minister does not get my point. If the price of supply commodities is to be borne by the Government there is no reason why we should move for a supply centre. As I want the people to be free from transportation charge that I moved for opening supply centre. As started earlier, we are on the same level with the rest of the country as far as rice is concerned but, it is in other commodities such as sugar, salt, K. oil etc. where our difficulty lies. Hoping to have subsidy for such essential commodities that I moved this resolution.

I do not think it is fair to regard my resolution as of being a trifle matter. Jeep road and Truck roads are also being constructed but, it is too complicated that they cannot be completed as yet. If there is good communication we will not be as demanding as in the present. But, if the Government do not subsidize transportation charge for essential commodities except rice, there seems to be no meaning to move or pass my resolution.

PU R.THANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member does not understand this that having a supply centre at Ngentiang will not bring about what he wants. There is no subsidy in the transportation of essential commodities such as salt, sugar, K. oil and mustard oil. Except in rice, there is no full subsidy.

SPEAKER : Cannot the member withdraw his resolution ?.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA : Pu Speaker, my resolution is a matter of great importance. I know that it is not a matter that could be settled right here. I only request that this important matter be considered in the House so as to have the Government taken active measures. Even the House do not agree to pass, I will stick to my resolution.

SPEAKER : Pu Lianchia's resolution "This Assembly is of the opinion that owing to communication problems it is difficult to obtain essential commodities at Ngentiang (Lungpho) therefore, a Civil Supply centre be opened by the Government at Ngentiang (Lungpho) for Ngentiang and its surrounding villages" has been moved in the House. Those who agree to pass it my raise your hands (few bembers raised their hands). Those who do not agree to pass (there are more members who do not agree to pass).

The resolution is dropped. We have not received all the questions. It will be pleasing if the hon'ble Ministers could get ready by Monday, otherwise, the Assembly Secretariat have to stay up till late night waiting for questions.

Our next resolution is Pu J.Thanghuama's resolution. But, as under the provision of our standing rule, we will not take more than one resolution belonging to the same member. We will now therefore, take resolution No. 7 which is Pu Lalawia's resolution.

PU R. LALAWIA : Pu Speaker, it is pleasing that I am allowed to move my resolution today. My resolution is this -

The first time I sat in this House, I made a statement in connection with the same matter for which I am moving a resolution now. The influx of foreign nationals has now been a major issue in the north eastern states of Assam, Maghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram. Having failed in other methods, our neighbouring states have regarded fencing as the best method for checking the influx of foreign nationals coming from Bangladesh and fencing are made along the borders. In Assam and West Bengal, anti - infiltration check posts are made where I.G.P or S.P. are made incharge. In Mizoram, BSF are posted along the border. It seems that the previous Government have preferred to making fencing. But, besides poor performance on their part, it is not an easy task to check all of them unless there is a good fencing. Though it is an important issue to be tackled by Cental Government, it is but impossible for Mizoram just to sit tight if we are the ones who are infiltrated. The Mizos, as a whole are a small tribe with few population.

If influx of foreign nationals is not checked in time, we may have more problems in future. It is therefore, an important urgent matter to have Central Government take immediate steps to check the influx of foreign nationals into Mizoram. It is for this that I moved this resolution. I request the members to help me pass my resolution and I hope that you will all agree to pass it today.

PU ROCHHUNGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, I thank the House for giving me an opportunity to move my resolution. Pu Lalawia have briefly outlined the importance of making fencing at international borders to check the influx of foreign nationals. The Central Government also have agreed to make fencing at international boundary. My resolution is therefore, a suggestion to our Government to urge Central Government take immediate steps. I hope that the members will accept and pass my resolution.

Thank you.

PU FLALRAMLIANA : Pu Speaker, I fully agreed to suggestions made by the hon'ble members who moved the resolution. As we know, Mizoram through a small area has but 6% of its area occupied by non-Mizos. (I hope no one minds my saying this) This being the case, it is necessary to preserve our land. There is going to be however, certain difficulties in making fencing all along the borders as almost two-thirds of our border at the side of Bangladesh is all river where small boats could ply. If fencing is made, there may be objection from Bangladesh Government and it will also mean that one of our Communications i.e. water way is going to be closed down. Our loss could also be greater than that of Bangladesh if fencing gets materialized. Considering all this may be wise to have serious thoughts on this issue. It will be appreciated if the mover could tell us what he has in mind regarding what I said.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I appreciated the resolution moved by the members from Khawhai and Khawlung constituencies. The hon'ble member from Saha has a practical idea regarding our resolution.

The hon'ble members from Khawhai and Khawbung alleged the previous Government as not wanting to make fencing along the borders. It is not that the Government did not want fencing. There was also proposal for masonry fencing not wire - net. But, as this will take long, they wanted to ensure more vigilant watch over the borders by posting BSF and MAP before final execution about fencing. Their allegation is therefore a wrong information.

Regarding the resolution I think the Hon'ble members support this resolution, so do I. As we all are aware, the influx of foreign nationals into our territory has caused much trouble in Mizoram. At the time of Indian Independence, there were only about one thousand foreigners coming from Bangladesh in Mizoram. At present, there are more than thousand and if we study Electoral Roll, we will find that there are more than twenty-thousand foreigners enrolled in the voter list. It is a bad tidings for the people of Mizoram. This being the case, I think we are all in favour of passing this resolution and I hope that it is passed.

I also have often visited this area. During the British rule, strict rules were observed at the border. Foreigners, though not treated exactly as foreigners of that time, who were trying to enter into Mizoram were thoroughly examined and proper registration was maintained and persons who have small - pox or other serious diseases were not allowed to enter into Mizoram. At that time, only few foreign nationals entered into Mizoram. At present however, there over twenty - thousand living in Mizoram without having legal registration.

Foreigners issue usually awakens one's sense of nationalism. We cannot extend the area of our land whereas population increased day by day. We do not want our land to be occupied by others. I think everyone has this sense of feeling. It is now, the task of the Government to take preventive measures to check infiltration of our land by foreigners. Whether fencing is done in masonry or wire - net, there is nothing wrong so long as it serves the purpose suggested by Pu Thanghuama for posting of MAP or BSF is also still a preventive measure. If there is no one on duty at the borders, electric fencing or wild bursting alone.

will not prevent the influx of foreigners. It is not that we do not want fencing, but all these have to be done side by side with posting of MAP or BSF who are to be on duty. I strongly support this resolution and it will still be better if posting of MAP or BSF is included.

PU ZALAWMA : Pu Speaker, I do highly appreciate the wording of our resolution and it will also be pleasing to have it materialized. It is a matter of great importance and it is a burning issue for all political parties. It is also an issue which had always been brought up whenever there is election. During the previous Congress Ministry also, certain measures have been launched to find solution to border problem. Even when Government changes, border issue has never been dropped. If I am not mistaken, I think a resolution similar to this one had also been moved in the House Central Government also aware of our deep interest in the border issue and this Assembly have taken up the matter to a great extent. This being the case, I do not think it is necessary to pass this resolution as it is the matter which had been pursued and going to be pursued further. I believe the previous Government also supported what is there in this resolution. I personally believe that Central Government also will take immediate measures in this regards as it is the matter that had already been moved earlier. It is pleasing to have an opportunity to discuss a matter of great importance such as we have been discussing.

Thank you

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, our resolution is a matter of great importance and as stated. it used to be a burning issue for all political parties particular during the elections. All the hon'ble member may have a word or two to say regarding our subject but, if we take too long to discuss one subject there may not be time to take up another resolution. It will therefore be wise to inform the House steps already taken by the previous and present Governments and what steps they intend to take in this regards. This way, we will shorten our discussion on this particular subject and we will also know what decision to be made.

It is understood that the previous Government had moved this matter and as such it may be necessary to drop some of the wording in the resolution. As it is a matter which had been moved earlier, there are many things

to be said. It seems that we, the people as a whole, have some particular attitude towards foreigners coming from Bangladesh though they may speak the same language or that they are Mizos as we are. What I want to say today is that at the same time while we want to check outsiders coming from Bangladesh, we should also check outsiders coming from Burma. Persons coming from Burma are the ones who brought various drugs and sold them to the youth living in Mizoram. Things they brought had caused much problem in Mizoram. Though they called themselves Mizos, they are but very sly and un-reliable. I feel that this kind of people should be dealt with firmly considering what they had brought and caused in Mizoram.

I think the hon'ble Minister i/c Home should first tell us steps they have taken in this regard to enable us to make decision on his resolution.

PU R. LALAWIA : Pu Speaker, according to the hon'ble member, it seems that the matter relating to the resolution had been moved in the House earlier. But, as far as I know Central Government have not been moved to make fencing at our Bangladesh border. May be the Minister i/c knows better about this.

As regard to the problems which can crop up in making fencing pointed out by the hon'ble member from Saiha as it is done in other states, a gate or entrance to the sea or river could be made. So, there will not be any difficulty in getting to the sea even if a fencing is made. If the Government would pursue this matter further, I will be contented even if my resolution is dropped. It will be pleasing to know what steps Government have taken in this regards.

PU F. LALCHHAWNA : Pu Speaker, it seems that boundary fencing has come up due to the infiltration of the Chakmas. As states, Chakmas issue has come into prominent more so during the times of election. It is therefore, necessary to have serious thoughts on this matter. I think the resolution also should better be considered after we know what steps had been taken by the Government in this regard.

PU J. THANGHUAMA : Pu Speaker, our resolution is an important one and it is also quite relevant to the one I

moved. Will it not be more convenient to combine this with that of what I have moved? To some extent, it is true that Chakma issue comes into prominent only during the times of election as also pointed out by Pu Lalchhawna. As it is not the time set for election, it appears that we are truly concerned with border problem. If fencing could be made in other states, I do not think it will be difficult to do the same in Mizoram. Though its success depends on Central Government to do what they can at their level.

As hinted by some of the members, fencing without guards may not serve the purpose. Truly speaking, I could not trust BSF anymore to guard our borders as they are the ones who harboured and defended refugees sneaking into our territory. It is all because of this that fencing has to be made now. But, even if fencing is done, MAP forces should be posted along the border to guard our fencing. If BSF are posted again, various measures taken to check the influx of foreign nationals will not be effective and there will be the same problem all over again. I think one battalion of CRPF or BSF will be adequate to guard our Bangladesh border. While at the same time we pass the resolution I am requesting the Government for the posting of one battalion CRP or MAP along the border.