

## SECOND SITTING ON TUESDAY MARCH 11, 1986.

### PRESENT

Dr. H. Thansanga, Speaker at the Chair, eight Ministers and twenty one members were present.

### BUSINESS

#### OBITUARY

1. Pu. Lalthanhawla Leader of the House to make obituary reference on Shri. M.R. Hussain Answar, Minister of Co-operation, Nagaland who passed away on 22nd February, 1986.

#### QUESTIONS

2. Questions entered in Separate list to be asked and answers given.

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORT

3. The Speaker, to report to the House the time table set out by the Business Advisory Committee for the fifth Legislative Assembly.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

4. The Speaker, to announce names of members to be on the Pannel of Chairman for the current Session.

#### DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

5. Discussion on motion of thanks on the Lt. Governor's Address to commence.

**Speaker** : "For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the treacherous shall be routed out of it".

Proverbs 2:21—22

The first time of business is obituary reference. There is no official language prescribed for use in the house. Therefore, it is necessary to announce permission to speak in mother tongue but this is a more formality. Anyone who cannot himself clearly with Hindi or English can speak in one's mother tongue.

The obituary reference is to be made by the Leader of the House but he is absent today. On his behalf the Hon'ble Minister will make the reference.

**Pu Saingbaka : Minister** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shri. M.R. Anwar-Hussain, Co-operation Minister of Nagaland passed away on 22nd February 1986 at Jaslok Hospital, Bombay after a prolonged illness.

I don't know much about him. He has been a member of the Nagaland Assembly for quite a long time. While he was admitted in the Jaslok Hospital, his condition was precarious. So he died on 22nd February, 1987. His dead body was taken to Kohima on 24 February for cremation. He was served by his wife, one son and three daughters. As a member of Nagaland Assembly and Minister of Nagaland he is our Colleague and it is befitting to show him our respect.

**Speaker** : Is there anyone who likes to say about M.R. Hussain? Now we have heard about M.R. Hussain, Co-operation Minister of Nagaland. To show our respect to him and appreciation of his valuable services, we shall observe two minute silence (Two minute silence is observed) Now we shall proceed to question No. 1 we shall ask Pu Lalmingthanga to ask his question.

**Pu Lalmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask my question No. 1 will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge P.W.D. be pleased to State.

“The present position of locating of the P.W.D circle at Champhai which was announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the last session of the Assembly.”

**Pu Saingbaka : Minister** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no progress made in locating the P.W.D. circle at Champhai, but the proposal still holds good. Before shifting of a circle, there must be buildings and minimum amenities first. At present selection of the site for the buildings has not yet been made let alone construction of buildings. Therefore, the circle can not yet be shifted to Champhai even though the proposal still remains.

**Pu Lalhlira** : Mr. Speaker, supplementary demand please. I would like to know what buildings the P.W.D. circle occupied, govt. or private building, when it was opened at Aizawl.

Are there no buildings to be rented even at Champhai ? Why are private buildings not hired for the purpose as was done at Aizawl ? I also want to know why the proposal has not yet implemented till today.

**Pu Lalmingthanga :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Supplementary question please. From what the Hon'ble Minister has stated it transpires that the stumbling block which makes the scheme impossible to be implemented is absence of accommodation. There are at least three buildings which can accommodate the P.W.D. circle at Champhai. These buildings were inspected during the P.C. Ministry and was found fit for the purpose. As stated by the Hon'ble member of Champhai Constituency, private buildings have been rented for the officers of the PWD circle at Aizawl. I don't think there is a difficulty in selecting the site for the circle. The Hon'ble M.P. Pu Laldhawma also stated that he urged central Government to open PWD circle at Champhai. Is it not because of hostility between him and the Government of Mizoram that the scheme has been abandoned till today ?

**Pu Sainghaka :** Mr, Speaker, private buildings have been hired for the purpose of accommodation of PWD circle at Aizawl. This circle has been opened with great haste. Therefore, private buildings had to be rented for the purpose.

At the beginning this circle was known as Aizawl circle No. 3 and its headquarters had to be located at Aizawl. As time went on. There was a proposal to change the name of the circle to eastern circle with its headquarters at Champhai. This proposal was made in August last year.

**Pu Lalmingthanga :** Mr, Speaker, Sir, from the speech of the Lt Governor in 1984 Budget Session, it is clear that the proposed circle was even originally called Champhai circle. What the Hon'ble Minister has said seems to be about recent development.

**Pu Sainghaka :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the circle was proposed to be shifted to Champhai vide Government notification Aug. 1985, and hence forward it become known as Eastern Circle. No doubt there are private buildings to be rented at Champhai to accommodate the office of the circle but at the same time accommodation for members of the staff has to be taken into consideration. Because of this problem, after a respected reference in the House, the scheme cannot yet be implemented till today.

However the Department is intending to pursue the matter more speedily in the coming year. All members may please note it.

Lastly, I would like to say that the defferences of opinion between the M.P. and Government have no undesirable effect on the implementation of this scheme.

**Pu Lalhlira** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Supplementary question please. From the statement of the Hon'ble Minister the only problem which hinders the progress of shifting PWD circle to Champnaol seems to be obsence of accomodation for members of the staff. The people cannot really understand such a lame exeecuse. The reason is because the same problem has been faced in Aizawl and that problem did not pose any hardship here in Aizawl. No Government quarters have been construction for the circle here. There are many buildings for hire at Champhai why did not Government hire these buildings for the officers of the PWD circle at Champhai

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I have already said, the reason Minister : for the delay is that Government is not thinking of hiring private buildings.

**Speaker** : Question No. 2—Pu Lalhmingthanga.

**Pu Lalbmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask my question no. 2

(a) Is Government aware of the fact that all members except the President of the Village Council of Lungsen grouping centre have submitted their resignation ?

(b) If so, why did government not accepted the resignation ?

**Pu Vaivenga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Government of Mizoram is aware of this. But the resignation has not been submitted in a prescribed manner hence Government cannot acceptit. The provision of sub-section 5 and 6 of section of the Village Council Act prescribe that a member a Vice President has to subrnit his resignation to the President. The President, after accepting it, may submil it to the Government Iustead of following this proceedure, the members of Lungsen Village Council submitted resignation to circle officer of Lunglei direct.

**Pu K.L. Lianchia** : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question please. Members of Hmuntha Village Council Submitted their resignation to the President but the Presi-

dent did not accept it. Even then Government not accept the resignation submitted by members of Lungsen Village Council? Are there separate rules which govern the Village Council of Hmuntha?

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, will government accept the resignation if it is submitted as per prescribed procedures?

**Pu Vaivenga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, yes government would accept it if it is routed through prescribed procedures. The members of Hmuntha Village Council have also submitted their resignations to the Circle Officer. After they were held to resubmit the same to the President. When the resignations were submitted to the President did not accept them for a long time. When government is aware of this, a circle assistant is sent to the spot to verify the position. From the report of the circle assistant government has made a decision.

**Pu Zosiama Pachuan** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, can a member of village council become a Government servant at the same time? One by the name of Khaizadala, Vice President of member council has been appointed as Primary School teacher from 18 June. Is there no good inter-communication between education and L.A. Department or has this individual been employed as government servant without proper verification?

**Pu K. Biakchungnunga** : Pu. Speaker, supplementary question members of Congress Village Council all over the Union Territory submitted resignations. Is it a fact that government merely ignored the matter?

**Pu Vaivenga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, one can not become a member of Village Council and government servant at the same time. If there is any report of such instance. Government will immediately take action. Pu Zosiama Pachuan. The one which I mentioned is Khaizadala Vice President of member Village Council, son of Vjalsunga. Is it clear?

**Pu Lalhuthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the honorable member said that congress Village Councils all over the Union Territory wanted to resign. But the members of Village Council of Safrang, Kawitnah, Phulduogsei do not at all like to resign. What did he mean by all over the Union Territory.

**Pu Vaivenga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the statement that members of Congress Village Council's all over the Union Territory like to resign is absolutely baseless.

**Speaker** : Question No. 3-Pi K. Thansiami

**Pi K. Thansiami** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask my Question no. 3 (a) & (b)

(a) Was the enquiry committee submitted its report under Saitual Division. ?

(b) If not, what is the time given for submission and how much time will government take to finalise the case ?

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the answer to (a) is that except in respect of one case, all other reports have been submitted. The answer to (b) does not arise. As I had stated in the previous session, the enquiry committee has been constituted on 10.7.85 and it has been given two months time for submission of reports to Government. Since the committee failed to submit its reports within a stipulated time has been extended with another two months, i.e. up to 9th December Even then complete reports can not be submitted. All which is available has been submitted to government on 23.12.85 which is under scrutiny by various departments. I cannot tell when it will be finalised.

**Pi K. Thansiami** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Supplementary question please.

What is the one case in respect of which report has not yet been submitted to government ? Next, the enquiry committee has been set up as far back as on 10th July and almost eight months have since elapsed. Why did efficient officers deputed to conduct the enquiry fail to submitted their reports within such a long period. ? Has not the enquiry been delayed because the contractors involved belong to congress party ?

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker Sir, one cas in respect of which report has not yet submitted is that of construction of Saitual Paulee Saangpuilawn road. The committee is soon leaving to resume the enquiry the main reason for the delay of the report of lack of good communication due to flood and heavy rainfall. In some areas there are no even footpaths and the officers have to go through thick forests on foot. Over and above, the officers duputed to conduct the enquiry are very busy with their own official duties. Because of these difficulties, the enquiry committee could

not submit reports on time. The committee requested extension of the period with another two months which has been agreed upon by Government. This is why the reports have been a bit delayed.

I would like to say that the reports have been delayed because the contractors belonged to congress party. The committee never has such a viewpoint.

Regarding the quality of the work, the committee will submit its findings in due course. Government is not aware of mere gossips in the street.

**Pu Lalmingthanga :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon'ble Minister stated that submission of reports of enquiry committee had pass through dense forests to have on the spot verification. This fact clearly testifies that no construction has been at all taken up in many areas. There are many instances of misappropriation of Government funds. Is it because of this an enquiry commission has been made ?

**Pu Salnghaka :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, yes it is because if this the enquiry Minister commission has been made. There might have of funds on the construction of roads. Under Saitual PWD Division which have urged Government to form the Committee. Actually, some parts of the areas through which the road is proposed to pass through are covered with thick forests. For example, some roads are proposed to run through an area in the Mizoram-Manipur border one of which Juribain road. At a time when the Committee was formed some rivers could not be crossed due to flood. While construction is in progress, some portions remain covered with forests.

**Speaker :** Wait a minute please. Let me read the original text submitted by the question. "Has the enquiry commission submitted its reports on works under Saitual Division ?" Here the terms, "On work" has been omitted which perhaps makes the question a bit confusing. The original text of (b) is "If not, what is the time given for submission and if so, how much time will be taken by the Government to finalise the case ?" I think this is correct.

**Pu Zosiama Pachuau :** Mr. Speker, Sir, such a typing mistake is Common place. Various enquiry Commissions have been constituted where there are some cases of

embezzlement or other irregularities. Why is it that the Security of the department to be has been appointed Chairman of the Enquiry Committee ?. Is this an usual practice or has it been practised in Mizoram without following the usual practice ?.

**Pu Sainghaka :** Mr Speaker, Sir, the Chairman of the Enquiry Committee was not Secretary PWD at the time of constitution of the Committee. He was Secretary, G.A.D.

**Speaker :** Question No. 4-Pi. K. Thansiami.

**Pi K. Thansiami :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask my question no. 4.  
Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge LAD be pleased to state -

Number of Village Council members who tendered resignations. No of resignations accepted and not accepted.

**Pu Vaivenga :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the number of resignations of Village Councils members accepted is 48 as on 7.3.86 All resignations which have been submitted in a proper procedure are accepted.

**Pi K. Thansiami :** Mr. Speaker, supplementary question please. In my constituency at Rangvamual, one Village Council member submitted his resignation to the President. Similarly, two members of Hmuntha Village Council submitted resignations But these resignations have not yet been accepted till today. I would like to know the reasons.

Last year all members of Tuikual Village Council submitted resignations. Why have these resignations not been accepted till date. Here arises a problem. After these members submitted resignations, who will take their charge ?

On charge of misappropriation of Government money and Corruption, enquiry has been taken by the local Congress I party against Zotlang Village Council Government deputed From the findings of the enquiry affair, it is clear that members of the Village Councils misappropriated public money, and it was also recommended that the Village Council be dissolved. Why has action not been yet taken accordingly.

Next Village Council of Thaltlang within Chhimtuipul District has been dissolved by the District Council. Instead of holding bye-election, some people have been appointed as members of the Village Council. Is not this a serious violation of the Rules ?.



**Pu Vaivenga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Chhimituipui and Lakher District Minister  
Councils are autonomous body and Government cannot interfere in such matter.

As mentioned earlier, all resignations of members of Village Councils if properly submitted, have been accepted by Government. The changes of those Village Councils are being taken by Circle Assistants (Pi K. Thansiami The members of Tuikual Village Councils had to submit their resignations to Government direct since all members including the president himself submitted the resignations. But these have not been accepted till date.) The resignations of members of Rangvamual and Zotlang, if they are submitted in a prescribed procedures, will be accepted.

**Pi K. Thansiami** : Pu Speaker, members of Rangvamual Village Council submitted their resignations as prescribed by the rules. Next why is it that Village Council of Zorlang has not yet been dissolved even after a case of embezzlement is established against it ?

**Pu K. Biakchungnunga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Supplementary question please. As stated by the Hon'ble members many members of Village Council have been submitted resignations but they have not been accepted for some reasons, which is inconsistent with the provision of Rules. Can this be a proper way of treating them ? Is it not the responsibility of the Hon'ble Minister to have made so many Village Council which has not even the basic knowledge of rules governing them. If all members of the Village Councils required to be taught the procedures of submitting resignations, let him have them taught immediately. And if properly so enlightened, there will be a few Village Councils left which will not be willing to tender resignation.

**Pu F. Lalramliana** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me answer the question relating to the dissolution of Village Councils in Pawi District Council (Speaker, The Minister has already answer that Government needed not interfere in the matter) For information of the member please. The District Council has a power to dissolve a Village Council within its jurisdiction on behalf of Government of Mizoram.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon'ble Minister stated that members of Lungsen Village Council did not route their resignations through the President and that hence it was not accepted. But the resignations submitted by the members of Hunthar Veng Village Council, which have been duly submitted through Village Council President have not yet been accepted. Does government twist the rules to suit its deserve. ?

**Pu Vaivenga Minister :** Mr. Speaker, Government cannot twist the rules as it likes. Any resignation submitted as per rules. is accepted.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga :** Mr. Speaker, members of Zotlang Village Councils submitted their resignations through the President which has already been forwarded to Government.

It is stated that the resignations of members of Rangvamual and Lungsen Village Councils could not be accepted since they were not submitted through the Presidents concerned. Now that these members resubmitted resignations as prescribed by the rules yet they have not yet been accepted. Government cannot but be accused of twisting the rules to suit its deserves. I insist upon the Minister's clarification in the House of the actual position of the resignations tendered by members of Lungsen and Rangvamual Village Councils.

**Pu Vaivenga Minister :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the resignations tendered by members of Rangvamual and Lungsen have not perhaps yet been submitted to Government. As soon as they are submitted they will be accepted if they are submitted as per rules.

**Pu K. Biakchungnunga :** Mr. Speaker, Sir I would like to ask Minister in charge to announce now in the House that these Villages are now without Village Councils.

**Pu K.L. Lianchia :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon'ble Minister stated that resignation of members of as many as 48 Village Councils were accepted by Government and also that there was no resignation tendered which Government did not accept. Now, it has been revealed that members of the Village Councils of Rangvamual and Hunthar had already submitted their resignations duly through their respective Presidents. These resignations have not yet been accepted by government did not the Hon'ble Minister give wrong information to the House ? Why should he not resign ?

**Pu. Saikapthianga :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, is not the hon'ble member certain about the actual position ?

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the resignation of members of Lungsen Village Council could not be accept since they were not routed through the president.

It is also stated that the rules prescribe that they should be submitted through the president. At the same time, members of the Village Councils of Rangvamual and Honthar submitted their resignations through their respective presidents and a year has since elapsed. The Minister said that government was not aware of it. If the president of a Village Councils is given a chance to delay or destroy the resignations submitted by his colleagues it would be a serious violation of democratic principles. In this connection, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to explain the rules for information of members. Do the same rules not govern the Village Councils of Rangvamual and Lungsen.

**Pu Vanlalngbaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, If some members are not clear about the rules I would like to ask if members Ministerpreted the rules adding some lies and opinion to it.

**Speaker** : Is there no more question? Question hour is over (Pu K. Biakchungnunga—The Minister must clarify as to why one rule has been applied to the Village Council of Lungsen and the other to that of Rangvamual. Why has government yet received resignations submitted a year earlier? In such a condition how can Government know an incident of murder at Zemabawk?).

**Pu Vaivenga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Government has been acting as per the rules and it will look if those resignations had been submitted to Government. If they had been duly submitted Government shall accept them.

**Speaker** : Question No. 5—Pu Lalhmingthanga.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask my question no. 5 (a+b)

(a) Whether Govt. is aware that the Power Supply for Lunglei Town and Surrounding Village are cetremely insufficient for the area.

(b) If so, what is the steps proposed to be taken by Government to meet the requirement?

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the answer to (a) is that Government do not consider the power supply extremely insufficient for the area. But Government at the same time admits that the power supply is not sufficient to meet the requirement of the people of the area.

To improve the situation, the Department the existing Grid Power supply is being proposed to be replaced with a Diesel Power Station at Lunglei during 1986—87.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Supplementary question please, Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are reasons why. I used the terms 'Extremely insufficient' in my question. One month back, I visited Lunglei when the people of the areas from Falkawn to Zobawk on the south gave an ultimatum to the D.C that it was three months since they did not get power supply and that they were organised it. They requested the D.C to give them a permission to do so and the D.C told them that he could not give the permission. The matter was brought by the D.C to the Electricity Department and power supply was provided to the area. The night power was supplied to that area, the northern area were without power supply. There can be nothing which is extremely insufficient than this. I tried my best to calm the public not to organise any procession with a promise that I would speak out the matter in the House in the ensuing budget session and I told them that I hoped something would be done to improve the situation. Under the circumstances, I would like to ask if there is any proposal for allocation of fund in the budget for installation of new generations.

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the reason why the Department considered the power not extremely insufficient is that as many as seven generate power for Lunglei and its surrounding areas. One 12 kw generator, two 248 kw generators. And four 250 kw generators have been installed at Lunglei. All these generators can generate 1921 kw of power, but actually the power generated is only 1110 kw. From Government calculation, the total amount of the area is 1310 kw. Thus the power now generated is only 200 kw. short of the total requirement. Under the circumstances the Department consider it extremely insufficient.

As already stated before, to meet the increasing demands of the people, it is expected that Lunglei can be connected with 33 KV line via Thenzawl at the middle of this year. Besides this a proposal for installation of 8.8 MW Deasel project has been submitted to G.O. If and when Government of India aproves this proposal three ginerators each capable of generating 250 Kw would be added for angmentation of the power supply for Lunglei.

**Pu Vanlalinghaka :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question was the then Minister in charge Power and Electricity in the else while P.C Ministry. What steps had the Government taken to angment power supply for Lunglei?-

**Pu Lalmingthanga :** Mr. Speaker, that question has to be answered by me, even though I am no longer a Minister now, During the P.C Ministry, there had never been any shortage of power supply in Lunglei. What I want to know is the reason why the power supply has become so insufficient. Asking about the past is meaningless.

As I have seen with my own eyes, had these all generators been operative, they would have been capable of generating 1 m.w and 621 K.W. But the Minister stated that the ginerators produce only 1 m.w 110 KW. Actually out of seven generators only two can function even which require cooling while in operation. All the rest are defective probably due to lack of proper care. Thus the two generators can generate only 1/2 m.w Under the circumstances some areas had to be cut off one night and the other area the next night. Therefore, I used the term "Extremely insufficient" to describe the situation.

**Pu Z.D Sangliana :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, unfortunately the generator purchased for Lunglei a secondhand one as a result of which it cannot function properly one and people suffered the consequences

**Pu Sainghaka :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, there seems to be not much to say Minister on the subject. Even in Arzawl town, irrigrularity of power supply is not absent as load saedding has always to be done. There is a vast difference between the power supply available and the quantity of demands of the people. Since generators are machines they can sometimes be defective and unserviceable. Moreover, in dry season, the Hydel Project at Serlui 'A' can hardly function thereby

generating much less power than its capacity. The Diesel generators function properly when they are new, but after some years of functioning, there can be mechanical defects which cannot be immediately repaired. As a result shortage in power supply is inevitable. Similarly at Lunglei also, shortage of power supply can be caused at any time by mechanical defects.

**Speaker** : Question no. 6 Pu R. Lalawia

**R. Lalawia** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask my Question no 6 that - Whether Government intends to give compensations to the newly grouped village of Dampa Rengpui.

**Pu Vaivenga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the inhabitants of Dampa Rengpui were voluntarily grouped and Government has no intention of giving any compensation to them.

**Pu R. Lalawia** : Supplementary question please Mr. Speaker, Has Government any intention of setting up school, dispensaries and also of providing water supply to the public. ?

**Speaker** : Now, we shall take up question No. 7 of Pu F. Lalramliana.

**Pu F. Lalramliana** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask my question no. 7 for answer by the Minister in charge PWD "Whether the Saiha-Bualpui-Sangau Jeep road which has been declared open for jeeps is really jeepable now".

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the answer is that sometimes back the road was jeepable but at present due to landslip along the road it is not jeepable.

**Pu F. Lalramliana** : Mr Speaker, Sir, supplementary question please. When was the road made jeepable? How could the Lt. Governor tell the people of Mizoram in his Republic Day speech that the road was officially opened?

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Saiha-Bualpui-Sangau jeep road could never be plied by jeeps along the alignment made by the PWD. But the D.C Saiha and the PWD together constructed the road somewhere following the EGS road thereby making it hardly pliable by jeeps up to Saiha. As mentioned earlier the road has now been blocked by landslip. Construction work is in progress along the alignment of the P.W.D.

**Pu F. Lalramliana** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, considering the importance of the road to the public, the contractors Association

voluntarily undertook construction work without depending upon the availability or otherwise of funds from Government for the purpose. Will Government reimburse the expenses incurred by the contractors?

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the expenses will be recovered from  
 Minister the funds of the budget of now fiscal year.

**Pu Lalmingthanga** : Why will Government recover the expenses voluntarily incurred by the contractors, Mr. Speaker Does not a statement made by the hon'ble Minister that the expenses would be recovered contravene the Rules?

There is absolutely no provision in the PWD code for awarding any kind of rewards to anyone for a voluntary works.

**Pu Sainghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Government is not aware if the  
 Minister road has been voluntarily constructed. However, there is a proposal for completion of construction of the road during the coming year. What I mean is Government will recover the expenses incurred for the completion of construction of the road.

**Speaker** : We have finished all questions. Let me say something about questions. Today, we have as many as seven questions which have all been finished. I am wondering if 6.7 or upto 8 questions could be finished during a question hour, but that depends upon the nature of questions.

There can be a mis typing on the wordings of the questions. The secretariat take great care in preparing questions but even then some typing mistakes are to be found.

Next, when a member asks his original question, no other members should intervene before the original questioner asks a supplementary question. In the case of Pu Lalawia also, it appears that the original questioner is not yet satisfied but the hour is over. Some members have a tendency of taking advantage of the question hour to make irrelevant speeches and I shall not tolerate such tendency any longer. Anyone must be brief and must go straight to the point.

Any member can, before asking questions may be allowed to explain the situation concerning the subject matter in question. But no one is allowed to do so without asking any question.

I would also like to inform members once again that any speech should be addressed to the chair otherwise it is invalid.

One hour is fixed for question hour. But today there was an obligatory reference which took time. Therefore the question hour lasted till 11:30 instead of 11:00 A.M.

Now, the Minister in charge Parliamentary Affairs shall submit to the House the Report of the B.A.C. the time table to be followed during the Budget session.

**Pu R. Thangliana** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hereby introduce the time table prepared by the Business Advisory Committee for approval of the House.

In every budget Session, members consider the business too tight and the period of session too short. Bearing that in mind, the BAC this year fixed a time table covering 22 days out of which the actual no. of sitting days in 14 days. For consideration of Private Members Business Fridays are procrastinated i.e. 14th and 21st March.

The Rules prescribe that there will be no budget discussion unless at least two days elapsed since the presentation of the budget. The discussion would take a long time and for that three days, 17,18,19 are scheduled. For voting on demands, 4 days are fixed. So the time table will last till 31st March, 87.

For, members of Treasury Bench it would be quite a waste of time. Therefore, it would be a good idea if Ministers make it convenient to serve the people of their constituencies on the days when the matters concurring their departments will not be discussed. I beg leave of the House to please approve the time table set by the BAC. Thank You.

**Speaker** : I would like to add some words to the speeches of the Hon'ble Minister in charge P.A Affairs This year, budget session could commence on 10th March solely owing to the hard works on the part of officers and Staff of Finance Department who prepared the budget. The time table for this years budget session is sure to give adequate chances to members to speak whatever they feel like to do so; The members of staff of Finance Department worked day and night preparing the budget, which enabled us to commence the budget session earlier than the previous years.

After the presentation of the budget, three days will be given for the comprehensive study of the budget for members without sitting. So discussion will be held on 17th lasting three days up to 19th March



86. For voting of demands as many as four days have been fixed. The BAC hopes that this year's time table would give members enough time to express whatever they feel like.

**Pu Zairemthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am very happy to see the time table set by the BAC since it covers more days than the previous ones. Regarding question hour I would like to suggest that not more than five questions be taken up in a days so that all possible supplementary questions may be asked and answered.

Lastly, year, the time set for budget discussion was very tight, the main reason being that the Ministers spoke about their ideas and opinions about the budget. That took much time. Actually, opposition members should have more time to speak. When demand of a particular Minister is discussed, the Minister concerned will be having a good chance to explain them. This time I would suggest that members be given more chances to speak without the Minister's interventions. It would be quite a good idea if you could control the Ministers not to speak anything during budget general discussion of time is limit.

I am preparing myself to have meetings of various committee of the House during this session but no mention has been made of it. I would like to know the reason.

**Speaker** : Perhaps my statement about it is not clear enough but I am of the impression that I made it quite clear.

**Pu Vanlalnghaka** : Pu Speaker, I consider the programme set by the BAC quite good.

I would like to say one thing in connection with the L.G.'s Speech yesterday. Members of the opposition did not like to be present during the L.G.'s speech yesterday. As a convention, I think it is proper not to allow them to participate in the discussion of the speech albeit the rules do not provide for that.

**Speaker** : Wait a minute please. You are not to clarify it. Members of the opposition walked out during the L.G.'s speech not because of personal hostility. This is one of parliamentary practices. Even though they were absent during the speech, they were provided with copies of the speech as members of this House, and as such they have rights to participate in the discussion.

**Pu Zairemthanga** asked why the new rules have not been put into practice this time. The reason is because we need much time to study

the budget before discussion is held, Finance Department were requested to expedite preparation of the budget which they agreed upon. With in a period of three days, it is expected that all members can speak out whatever is in their minds and members also will have to try to be brief and direct.

A discussion like this is a good chance for members to improve themselves to speak to public effectively. One must adhere to Parliamentary speech and brevity so as to go direct to the point avoiding unnecessary flowing of speeches. One must know what the main subject of discussion is. We must all learn to avoid unnecessary and pointless details in speech. Such a speech is always informative and worthy of hearing.

**Pu Zairemthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, members are not all familiar with the procedures of budget and most of us need to be enlightened on the subject. I therefore, consider that it would be a good idea if there are chances for sitting of various committees in which there would be a good chance for consultation of officials in certain subjects which members are not familiar with. At the same time we don't have much time to study the budget itself. Now that the new rules were left over, the programme cannot be set now and it is not pleasure to approve it.

**Pu J. Ithanghuama** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the time scheduled for discussion is fairly long enough. It is a practice in Parliament and other states. Assemblies that Ministers rarely participate in the discussion of a subject not of his concern. As a member, each Minister has a right to speak during discussion. It would be a good convention if a Minister avoids much intervention in the question of the concern of the Department under his portfolio.

**Pu Saikapthianga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, we never know instances when Ministers speak much during discussion. Shall we allow them to speak as they like now?

**Speaker** : Members have said what are in their minds, Ministers also know the practices, Ministers take note of some points requiring explanation which cannot be prohibited. Besides that they will not participate in a general discussion what Pu Zairemthanga has said is correct and the BAC also know it.

**Pu Vanlalnghaka** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, shall we not follow the practices previously introduced as is done in the Lok Shaba?

**Speaker** : Who says the practice will not be followed? It is merely a suggestion that more time be given to members. Ministers can participate the discussion as members. Without them, or without a Treasury Bench the House cannot have a sitting.

What Pu Zairemthanga suggested is quite good and worth accepting. But the BAC decided to follow the usual practice so that more time may be given to members for discussion. Are we not satisfied with the reports of the BAC? Do we prefer to follow the new rules? Okay, if members agree, we shall follow the time table set by the BAC.

Now, let me announce the names of Panel of Chairman for this session. Copies may be distributed to members.

**Pu Zairemthanga** : The Hon'ble Speaker said the panel of Chairman was for this session only. But till the next session this panel is understood to have been serving as general purpose committee in this correct? Yes, unless there is a session, the panel is of no use. (Pu Zairemthanga-No, it has same use for same committee) Yes, that is correct. A panel of chairman functions as members of some committee when the House is not in session. The Panel of Chairman are—

Pu Zalawma

Pu F. Lalramliana

Pu F. Lalchhawna

Pu K.L. Lianchia.

Now, we shall proceed to our motion—“That members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Lt. Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on 10th March, 1986.” We have one hour for the discussion and any member may speak whatever he feels like. Each member will have 18 months time to speak instead of the usual time of 15 minutes. But it does not mean that any member should use up all time allotted to him. It would be much better if he can finish speaking before the time allotted is over.

**Pu Lalhmingthanga** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not see any point to be happy or grateful about in the speech of the L.G. How he mentioned the progress made in the peace talk between the MNF and India. Which is the burning topic of today's politics, bears no much significance in it. In December, students of Lunglei

made demonstration to urge Government of India to speed up the talk so the peace and tranquility might be restored in Mizoram. The Chief Minister and M.P. who is also president of the Congress party went to Lunglei and promised to the students and the public that Government of India would be having peace and harmony restored in Mizoram as a Christmas present. As a result the students of Lunglei called off their demonstration.

The L.G's in his speech stated "Fortunately, during the past two years. Mizoram has been enjoying peaceful condition which enabled the Administration to implement development programmes with greater speed. We hope for the same condition to prevail in future also and look forward optimistically to early conclusion of the Peace Talks between Government of India and the MNF "There is no new development to be seen here at all and therefore, the speech of the L.G's is not gratifying.

If you read the text of a letter sent to Mr Sangkhuma, owner of El Dorado Hotel at Kolasib by Shri Lalduhawma, President of Congress party published in Mizo Aw which can be regarded as Congress Party Organ regarding an attempt by leaders of Congress party to spoil the talk, you will understand that the L.G. was not in a position to make a speech beyond that limit. In the said letter it is very clear that the M.P. has been busy guarding against an attempt to spoil the atmosphere of the talk, and that there has been a difference of opinion between the Ministry and the M.P. himself regarding the peace talk. In today's issue of Youth Herald a full text of the letter has been published. This clearly testifies that the L.G's has been stranded in an awkward position making him unable to speak much about the progress of the peace talk. Therefore, there is nothing to be grateful about in the speech of the L.G. Let me read the text first and if the House would like to keep it as the property of the House it will be so done. I think it would be a good idea to distribute the copies to all members.

Ashoks Pillar is embossed at the top corner of the letter with the designation of the M.P. Lok Sabha. It was classed as Personal/Confidential. It reads —

To,

Dear Colleague Pu Sangkhuma,

I have received your letter two times I will try to discuss about the bus permit with the Chief Secretary at the earliest convenience. I shall go to Delhi on 18/2/86 to put my signature for the Budget session. I will return home next week. I feel it quite necessary to have a public meeting at Vairengte and Kolasib but it is very different to make arrangements for that. I am thinking of touring Mizoram for the months of March and April. The party election has to be held before 25th July and I am demanding election in April but Anthony, Secretary cannot yet make a decision till date. He is likely to consult the President on the matter. However, we are in a position to have party election soon.

Four of our Colleagues, who have also been delving in a medicine for the cure of our nation (commentary) have been trying to poison the medicine. They have been successful to certain extent but fortunately I can clear away the poison as yet, and I am keeping it fit and powerful enough to bring about permanent cure, but I badly need help. It was a long time since the top leaders of our party abandoned our policy. It is quite a high time for them to understand what we meant by saying that there were two sins, pardonable and unpardonable during the assembly. Our and about trying to feel the talk, I have been accused as an anti-party and pro-MNF, and pressed the centre to make my replacement. But these leaders failed to oust me in Aizawl and in Delhi. They have been caught in their own traps. As a president, it is my obligation to the party to safeguard our policy. You may ask why I am keeping silent till now and you may think it is because of my cowardice. If I speak all what I have learned, it would certainly result in the ruin and destruction to some people, the consequences of which will be recocheted to the Congress Party my long silence is just because I still have a hope of attaining peace without much disgrace to our party. The reason why Mr. D. has not been yet informed to attend the talk is just because the Chief Minister cannot as yet decide as to how to face him. Since there has been a vast difference of opinion. Home Minister Mr. Sangma came to Aizawl to find out the genuine one. But he could not be clear about it. After that, Congress Gen. Secretary Mr. Anthony come to Aizawl again for the same purpose. I wonder what he would find out. This time, I shall continue the same job and

let us hope that the goal would be reached honourably shall not take even a step back. I shall devise a new tactic and the real and unreal leaders of the people will be sorted out soon. In any case, please await my gesture.

The ensuring party election is extremely important since it is going to be a matter of life and death. If we are victorious, India will be astonished and everything will go as we like. Any action before we have the upper hand would be suicidal. Anyone who crosses our path will be thrown out. At present a silent process has been working to sort out the real and unreal leaders. Those in whom I have an implicit trust never said anything about peace talk after they were silenced with work orders. I am deeply hurt to see the incarnation of a deciple who sold his master at Rs 30/- On the other hand I am at peace to know that some hard core loyal leaders of the people like you are being prepared by the slightly to carry on the task of safeguarding the atmosphere of the peace talk. I know that there are differences of opinion even among the people of Kolasib town.

Holding a Presidency of a party and Chief Ministership is a rare practice now followed by Meghalaya only. The case of an Member of Parliament of quite different and a president of Congress Party who does not become an Member of Parliament of almost nonexistent. If the Chief Minister holds the post of a President, there never will be peace. Their plan is to delay the talk by making artificial incidents and violating ceasefire orders and then to hold the reins of power as long as possible. Sometimes I even like to resign but if I and you sit idle, who will save Mizoram from destruction. We are not in a position to sit idle. Let us be strong and firm so that God will give the land upon which we put our feet.

Lastly, the only thing we can do is to depend upon the work of God for nothing happens without His scheme. David also fled many times until a good chance offered itself to him. Please tell me all your domestic problems without hesitation.

Sd/- Lalduhawma  
15/2/86.

(Speaker, have to place a copy on the Table. Is the copy authenticated?) No, it is not (Speaker, From where have you got the copy?) From newspapers (Speaker, is it Youth Herald?) Yes, to be published in Youth Herald. (Speaker, Please lay a copy on the table).

Can I continue my speech, Mr Speaker, that is how things are going today. The matter cannot be taken lightly since the letter has been written by the Member of Parliament who is also the president of the ruling party

The Leader of the opposition moved resolutions in this House as many as three times for speedy conclusion of the talk but to no avail. While the people are eagerly waiting for the conclusion of the talk but to no avail. While the people are eagerly waiting for the conclusion of the talk, the L.G in his speech told us that they look forward optimistically to the early conclusion of the talk. This certainly makes the people utterly disappointed. The members of opposition party in particular are extremely disappointed by the speech. I therefore, consider that there is nothing to be much grateful about in the speech.

While many topics are covered by the speech, one of the most important which appears in every L.G's speech without fail, a topic on law and order is omitted this time. The reason, to my mind, is because he is not again in a position to reveal the facts. As we all know the condition of law and order is deteriorating day by day since Congress party come into power. Various types of crimes are to be found. Recently, a dead body of a woman was found between Zemabawk and Bawngkawn but till date Government cannot identify the victim. And a Mizo youth was murdered by Dumkas at Kolasib. His leg was mutilated and there as a deep cut in one of his thighs. Out of the 28 culprits responsible for the murder, only very few have been so far arrested. Those who were arrested were also those handed over to Police by local people.

The number of crimes unknown before like raping of children, suicide while under the influence of drugs, and even rape. The rape case reported from Saitual was very horrible. The government failed to cope up with the law and order situation. Had the L.G revealed the actual position of law and order, it would have greatly defamed Government I therefore, consider the speech of L.G. incomplete and devoid of any points to be grateful about.

Thirdly, much has been said on economic front. Mention has been made that certain families were assisted under N.L.U.P and a no. of trees has been planted. No important economic development has been reflected in the speech. This government completely fails to work to

bring about equal distribution of wealth to the public and in generation of schemes for agricultural development.

The source of revenue which the Lt. Governor pointed out is excise duty from sale of liquor. It is stated that as many as one crore rupee has been collected was revenue last year. The actual meaning is to collect Rs. crore as many as 10 (ten) crore rupees has to be spent outside Mizoram like Uttar Pradesh and Haryana for purchase of the liquor. But no mention has been made that out of 10 crores of rupees spent outside Mizoram, Mizoram's share as a revenue is only 1 crore rupees. From these facts, it is clear that the Government completely failed in economic front.

It is pointed out that some families were financially assisted under the New Land Use Policy who received Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 2,500. Actually, these families were selected with political stability in mind and the beneficiaries are less than 15,000 families. All the remaining families, about 50,000 families are left empty handed with no alternative but to beg for alms. Therefore, the New Land Use Policy has nothing to do for the survival of the nation. This Government abandoned the policy of equitable distribution of fund and income to the public and of generation of employment for the public which had been followed before. Those who are not in the good book of Ministers are now stranded in object poverty. I under the circumstances, consider the speech of the L.G. incomprehensive. It mainly concentrates on the strategy of stabilisation of congress party and I consider the speech not worthy of gratification.

The most serious blunder committed by this Government is issue of license for sale of liquor despite repeated complaints against it from various churches, the general public and all voluntary organisations in Mizoram. Next comes unscrupulous practice of nepotism. The usual practice of floating tenders for contract works has been done away with and only congress Party work. Since everything has been done with political favouritism, Mizoram is graining under the burden of object poverty.

Mizoram is now almost uninhabitable for the poor because of the deteriorating condition of law and order. Justice becomes meaningless for the poor people who cannot afford to hire lawyers to defend their rights. I would speak after me to have a view of this speech from all



angles. Its being a speech delivered by the L.G. should not be regarded as a criterion to judge it satisfactory. Members should see as to whether the speech contains achievements or proposals made by Government which is essential for the development of Mizoram. Thank You.

**Pu Lalhlira** : Pu Speaker, thank you, very much for giving me a good opportunity to speak during the discussion of the motion of vote of thanks on the speech of the L.G. the world can be full of sorrow or happiness depending upon the views of the people living in it while some people see it full of sorrow, some people see all happiness in it. Similarly, members of the opposition view it with happy eyes. Therefore, I would like to ask the opposition members to adjust their eyes so as to be able to see the bright side of the bright side of the speech too. I don't think they even bothered to read the whole text of the speech.

Staging a walk out even before hearing the speech yesterday reveals the immaturity of the opposition members. If we carefully study the speech we will find that the booklet is full of great achievements, good proposals and schemes for the development of Mizoram, and I am very grateful to see them. If even members of the opposition meticulously pursue the speech bearing in mind the limitations which can hamper any progress of achievement of Government, they will find many things to be happy about in it. I think Pu Lalhmingthanga also remembers that a PWD announced to be completed soon which he was a Minister remains uncompleted till today.

I consider the L.G.'s statement about the peace talk good enough as it reflects the actual position without any exaggeration. The only parties participating in the talk are the MNF and central Government. Even now peace and harmony have been restored to some extent since many check gates, increasing number of informers and fears permanently residing in the minds of all people during the P.C. Ministry have now disappeared a few days since. This is a great achievement of Government. Again, it is remarkable achievement of the Congress Ministry had thrown out from India to London brought back to India to resume the peace talk. Therefore, all these great achievements deserve great applause from all members irrespective of the parties to which they belong. All good-will people will find this correctness of what I said.

The position of supply has greatly improved since the inception of Congress Ministry that at present godowns in the most distant areas have been filled up and sale of flower has also been done away with. In other essential commodities like gasoline, Kerosine Oil, diesel, edible Oil etc. the position has considerably improved, and the people know that. The people of villages know everything more clearly. If the members of the opposition adjust their glasses right, they can see the right side.

Another great achievement of Government is sitting up of as many as 111 M.E. schools and 58 High Schools in Mizoram. Why have all these not been done during the P.C Ministry? Government's achievement in giving financial assistance to so many families under NLUP is also praiseworthy. There are too many achievements made by Government worthy of mentioning but I shall conclude by expressing my heartfelt gratitude for all the achievements made by the Government to the Congress Party both in the Centre and this state. I would also like to ask opposition members to have a tour to distant villages and see for themselves the achievements of this Government. Thank You.

**Pa R. Lalawia :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to say something about the speech of the Lt. Governor. As you know me, I am an independent member, neither of the opposition or of the Treasury bench, and I am going to speak as I see it without any hesitation to hurt the sentiment of either the opposition or the ruling party.

The Hon'ble Member of Champhai Constituency has expressed discontentment over the delay of opening of PWD division at Champhai a few minutes earlier and after that he emphatically described the L.G's speech full of great achievements of Government. How I wish he really has perfect satisfaction. I wonder if the achievements stated to have been made by Government are real.

If we look back to the year 1985 when the L.G in his speech stated that he had a hope of bringing about peace in Mizoram, But the present speech testifies that there was no real progress worth mentioning during the period from 1984 till date. Therefore, there is nothing to be grateful about.

Next, a copy of the letter read in this House greatly hurts our sentiment. The minds and thoughts of those who really cherish peace

and harmony are greatly lacerated. Under the circumstances, I see nothing today to be grateful about.

There are, no doubts, some minor issues on which Government made progress. But the most vital issue, peace talk, has been left with no progress worth mentioning. While the people of Mizoram are tiptoeing the dawn of peace, they will lament at the content of the letter which one member has read in the House. The people Mizoram will be left on a crossroad not knowing which way to follow. Since the right path has been blocked by our leaders. Students made demonstration to speed up the peace of progress of peace talk. It is at their request that we staged a walk out yesterday. Please think of the genuineness of the cause.

The NLUP is good policy is properly implemented. The amount to be disbursed to peasants is also not too meagre as recorded in writing. But in the disbursement of the money, many malpractices are to be found. I do not blame Government for this but I do request Government to see to it that funds under NLUP are disbursed to the deserved ones. There are some persons who got the assistances more than one time.

Population of each village has not been taken into consideration while making allotments. While some them got very shall amount others with less houses got more. This procedure requires improvement. Besides, some beneficiaries have been force to take a trade in which they have no interest at all for profession. For example, some beneficiaries who are very interested in WRC they were given assistance for plantation under Forestry. This also requires immediate change so that each and every beneficiary under NLUP can follow a trade of his interest for profession.

Most of the funds allotted for the purpose of uplift of the poor go to people who are much better of than those for whom the assistances are meant. To be able to make the NLUP more effective I would like to advice Government not to depends solely on the advice of party leaders who are usually biased. Government should control and instruct its servants to see that the policy is carried out properly.

No provision has been made for purchase of agricultural products. This years, ginger growers do not know how and where to sell their products. Last year this subjects was discussed by the month of March

and a certain quantity of ginger products has been left to rot. Ginger can be harvested in the months of December and January and I think it is the duty of Government to make arrangement for purchase of ginger by January at the latest. Unless Government helps our farmers to find a good market for their products. Their condition would be worse with years. It is a high time that Government take immediate steps to find the best possible market for agricultural products.

One member has emphatically said that the position of civil supply become much better. But actually, no improvement is to be seen in this field. Frankly speaking, the Congress Ministry and P.C. Ministry are the same in the way they involved in corruption. To me the two parties are identically in all respects and they should have merged to from one party long before.

To conclude I would like to point out that our only subject is the uplift of the common people. I would therefore, like to ask my fellow members to act in that direction instead of trying to attract the people by disclosing other peoples shortcomings. Thank You.

Deputy : Speaker : What I like to say is that when the discussion is resumed in the afternoon session, anyone who speaks must no longer forget to address the chair. Now, we have eight minutes left and it is inconvenient to continue the discussion. Therefore, we shall now have recess to resume at 2:00 P.M.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

Speaker : We shall now continue our discussion. Pu Zalawma may speak now.

Pu Zalawma ; Mr. Speaker, I am the mover of motion of thanks on the speech of the L.G. and I am likely to speak first but some members preceeded me. A meticulous study of the speech reveals that Mizoram has made much progress in various fields.

To me, the statements of the L.G. regarding peace talk is a new development and it is worthy of cherishing. We are, therefore, to thank the L.G for his speech. If we look back at the speeches of the L.G in 1980, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, it was found that no mention had been made of any progress achieve in peace talk, and there was absolutely no peace and harmony in our state ? On the contrary there was widespread Killings all over Mizoram and the activities of the Security forces were also cruel and unfriendly. Leaders of all political parties have been

joining hands to pave the way for resumption and conclusion of the peace talk, Today some of the results of that efforts have been reflected yet some of the members are discented with it.

As we all know, everything is now ready for resumption of talk Mr. Laldenga also is going to leave London for New Delhi for the talk, and he is expected to arrive New Delhi on 13th of this month. Newspapers published the statement of Pu Laldenga that he hoped that the talk would be concluded in the month of July. While there is a conducive atmosphere Surrounding us for resumption and conclusion of peace talk, I think members should refrain from any activities which can result in spoliation of that atmosphere. The letter which Pu Lalhmngthanga has read just now is not authentic. Such an idea communicated between two persons has nothing to do with the peace talk.

Before the Congress party is in power, the P.C. Party held the reins of power. During the tenure of its Ministry in party laid down policies for peace talk. No doubt that policy had some merits. But the demerits outweighed the merits hence they were defeated in the election, No one likes the incidents which accured during the P.C. Ministry to recur. The big blunder Committee by the P.C. Ministry was its policy against the MNF Trying to mobilised its Public opionion against the MNF and strengthening the hands of security forces to annihilate the whole lot of MNF personnel alienated the public and the rencese of peace was the result.

Only two years after its inception this Congress Government is successful in paving the path for resumption of peace talk between the MNF and Central Government. Under the administration of this Government all citizens feel free ans safe.

This Government has been taking steps in various fields of development too. While the products of paddy in 1982-83 was 25,000 M.T the products of this not worthy of gratification. I wish that all members should work together in bringing about development in Mizoram instead of keeping oneself aloop from and criticising the efforts so made by others.

Now we are looking forward to the resumption and conclusion of the peace talk which is the most sensitive issue in our politics. Because this Government has been following a right policy, the people have been feeling secure for the last two years. Progress has been made in

various fields of development too. Many families have been provided with means of having permanent cultivation.

Regarding law and order situation. I may mention that during the P.C Ministry many untoward incidents like brutal Killings burning and looting of BRTF camps, assassinations of key political leaders etc. Happened. The people Mizoram, I hope, are extremely grateful to this Government for having done away with all such evil incidents and all kinds of social insecurity

I am very clear of the position of peace talk since I have been taking active parts in every efforts to let the two opposing parties have the talk. Conclusion of the talk is in the hands of the Centre and the MNF leaders. The only things we are waiting for is the time when the talk would be concluded. This Government told the centre that it was ready to step down any minute if need be for the conclusion of the peace talk. Meanwhile, Congress party has been accused by other parties of attempting to delay the talk. Fixing or delaying the time of conclusion of the talk is beyond our capacity.

Whenever there arises stumbling block which hinders the peace of progress of the talk, Congress party sends a delegation to help the negotiating parties find solution.

We had made Commitment to the people that we should bring the MNF and the Centre to resume talks. We are not in position to do anything in the talk itself but to make conducive atmosphere to bring the two parties together to have talk. I think even the P.C MLA's are very had followed the same policy for more than five years. It is very fortunate for the Mizo people that during two years of congress Ministry the talk is expected to resume and be concluded shortly.

If the talk is either delayed or spoiled the victims would be about 70,000 families in villages. Therefore, I hope you all agree that we are looking forward to the resumption and inclusion of the talk in the near future and that this is a great achievement.

The position of law and order has greatly improved with a strict enforcement of rules against drunkenness. Many people criticised Excise Act. Even before the introduction of Excise Act in Mizoram, IMF liquor has been imported to Mizoram in large quantity but Government had no share in the revenue. All the profit went to rich people. But with the introduction of Excise Act, Government is expecting to get Rs

1 Crore revenue from sale of liquor this year which would in turn be utilised for developmental purposes. In other states also the pay and allowances of Ministers and MLA's are met from state revenue. It is now a high time that everybody has a will to be self sufficient. Introduction of Excise Act in Mizoram, can therefore, be regarded as a necessary evil since of revenue for the state while the total budgetary demand this year is Rs 48 Crores-

The Hon. member Pu. Lalmingthanga stated that the people were unhappy for the sessioning of circulation of money. The budget for 1984-85 was Rs 40 crores and Rs 45 Crores in 1985- 86 the increment being Rs 5 crores. The actual amount of expenditure this year would come to Rs 61 crores. How can the amount of circulation of money can be less than before.

The position of essential commodities also greatly improved since the inception of this Government. The speech of the L.G reflects various developmental schemes undertaken by various departmentals. Mizoram is the only state which implements Land Use Policy for providing permanent occupation for the people in India. There might have been some irregularities in the process of implementation of this policy. Good policy as it is, it has to be safeguarded and helping hands have to be extended to leaders of Government for its proper unimplementation. This policy aims at giving permanent occupation to all families during the 7th plant. It is a great policy, and is worthy to be proved of. I thereof cannot but be grateful about it.

On economic front particularly in essential commodities, the position greatly improved. The position of civil supply was very poor in 1982-83. The quantity of rice air-dropped at that time was counted in Kgs while at present rice is being transported in tonnes. While allotment of cement was 5000 tonnes the present allotment is 80,000 tonnes, and there is sufficient stock of Pol also. The P.C Ministry was very unfortunate in this respect. This is perhaps because the party and the Government went astray from the path shown by Government. I wish that Brig. T.Sailo attends the session today. It is a pity that an opposition leader does not attend budget session. The leader of the House is now in Delhi as he is needed in matters connected with the peace talk and his absence is justified while the reasons for the absence of the opposition leaders are not known-

Last but not least, I would like to say that through the efforts of Congress party, peace and harmony will soon be restored in Mizoram. Peace and harmony has already been restored amongst us since we have already surrounded our soul to MNF and the central Government. We are now looking forward to the conclusion of the talk. We have nothing more to do.

Thank You.

Speaker : Pu Vanlalngbaka.

Pu Vanlalngbaka : Mr Speaker, Sir, I am very happy to see today that members of both the Treasury Bench and opposition party are very serious and sincere in the discussion of the speech of L.G. The fact that the members of opposition are discontent about the speech of the L.G is justifiable since no government is not without any shortcomings.

It was a shame to hear the speeches of the L.G during the P.C Ministry which contained some untoward incidents like the assassination of our fellow member PU. R.Zadanga, yet the then members of the ruling party found them worthy of being grateful about.

During the tenure of the P.C Ministry Pu Laldenga was sent out of India as a result of the failure of peace talk. Since I have a close family relationship with his family I was called to Delhi to meet them. When I returned to Aizawl accompanied by Pu Danmawia S/o Pu Laldenga, the P.C government intended to arrest us. It is most unpleasant to hear the leaders of that government speak today contrary to what they did at that time. It is quite heartening to hear those who are clapping their hands when they hear the news of the delay or failure of the talk yet it is hard to believe it. I am very sad that there are still some people who are very happy whenever there is a bottleneck in the progress of the talk and who bow down their heads in sorrow when the talk is in progress. Today, the best thing appears to be that we should look back at what we had done previously. Let no member joke about the peace talk in this House. Since it is a matter of live and death.

If we are really serious and sincere about the peace talk, let us all join hands to foster tenderly the only good chance we are hearing for bringing a close to the disturbed conditions in Mizoram. If this chance is missed everyone will suffer the consequences and members of this House will require bodyguards.



There is nothing much to add to the speech of the L.G on the front of development. The L.G has already stated that restoration of peace in Mizoram would go a long way in improving of performance in various areas of development. Development is not criticism. Its best definition can be seen in the performances of Government. But this Government seems to have not much interest inauguration.

The performances of this Government is satisfactory as we have seen in the speech of the L.G. In some branches of development, even the achievements made by the P.C government during five years have been surprised by the Congress Ministry during two years. Today I don't find even a single point in the speech of the L.G to be discontented about.

The total paddy yeald announced by the L.G in his speech in 1982 was 2920 quintals only and we clapped our hands in joy. This year the product arises to 4530 MT but some of us cannot join others in clapping hands. As we see in the Holy scripture, out of ten lepers healed jesus only one thanked him. To conclude Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask all members once again not to joke about the issue of peace talk.

**Pu Rochhunga Ralte :** Mr. Speaker, the speech of the L.G. requires meticulous study. Yesterday, members of the opposition walked out and perhaps they had no sufficient time to go through it thoroughly. As a result, they find it difficult to deliver words of thanks about it.

Yesterday I went to Raj Niwas and there I saw three of the opposition members who staged a walk-out during the L.G's speech. Although I am not sure what they did there, I was of the impression that they apologesed for the walk out.

Let me read the speech of the L.G.-Mizoram which is remote and under-developed territory needs peace as the prerequisite for its speedy development. During his recent visit to our country. Pope John Paul has rightly pointed out that peace is another name of development. These words of the great saint of the present generation would certainly make everyone realise the importance of peace in relation to human development and welfare. Fortunately during the past two years, Mizoram has been enjoying peaceful condition which enabled the administration to implement development programmes with greater speed. We hope for the some condition to prevail in fuluerat so and look forward optimistically to early conclusion of the peace talk between Govt. and

the MNF. Why are not we grateful about the statement that an early conclusion of the peace talk is being expected. In the L.G's speech of 1982, the MNF was branded as 'Misguided'. In the same speech, the surrender of 163 misguided MNF personnel to Government was indicated. On March 16, 1983 this House passed a vote of thanks to the L.G. for his speech in which was mentioned the apprehension of 471 MNF personnel by security forces and Police Force and the subsequent arrest of another 254 MNF personnel by security forces and recovery of 250 arms and 6000 of ammunition. But in the present speech there is absolutely no mention of such incidents. On the contrary it emphasises the need for having peace in order that progress of development can be achieved more speedily. The speech also reflects the hope of the people of an early conclusion of the talk. Yet members of the opposition are dissatisfied about it.

The speech requires careful study. It is a plain truth that every government which will come in future would make progress in certain fields of department. But there are some rare achievements which are hard to make. These kinds of achievement deserved to be plauded. One of such achievements which is worth mentioning is the construction of Tourist Lodge at Chalilang. It is known to all that whenever the state government has guests coming from outside, there arises a problem of accommodation. The newly constructed Tourist Lodge will go a long way in solving the problem. The contractor, Mr. Lalawia deserves to be thanked for his construction of the Tourist Lodge.

Another, important achievement mentioned in the speech is giving loans to 260 families in rural housing sector for construction of houses.

If we open page 10-11 the L.G's speech, it is seen that Government has made some remarkable achievements in the field of general education. There are many villages which have not even Middle Schools. To be able to go to Middle School, one has to leave his home and stay in a village where there is an Middle School. Besides most parents cannot afford to send their children to Middle School while they want their children to be educated. In order to solve this problem Government established 111 Middle Schools and 41 High Schools on ad-hoc basis and 17 aided High Schools. This greatly alleviated the burden of the poor people. Moreover, there is yet another important achievement. Let me read the text- 'Two High Schools, namely St. Paul's High School and

Government Higher Secondary School were selected for computer literacy studies in class project. Computer system will be installed in these schools by Government of India shortly' we are living in a computer age and it is important that our students have knowledge of basic science of computer programming. It is a great step that Government of India selected these two school for introduction of computer literacy. This can go a long way to solve the problem of scarcity of trained personnel in technical lines particularly in the field of computer programming when it is introduced in our state.

The next important achievement is the bifurcation of Soil Department and making it a full fledged state independent of Agriculture and Forest Departments while the three departments were merge under head of Department administration was in mess, and the department could not function efficiently and progress in every field was greatly hampered. Government is aware of this and now Department has been made and independent full-fledge department. Moreover, there are at present proposals for creation of new divisions in various parts of the state. This achievement deserves to be much grateful about.

Next I would like to say some thing about Police Department. Let me read the extract of the text of the speech concerning Police Department "Sanction for establishment Police Training Centre with 43 officials., reorganisation of MPRO with cipher component comprising additional 93 post involving Rs. 13.37 lakhs, provision of Rs.83 lakhs for Ration allowances to the non-gazetted police personnel and of Rs 1.35 coores for construction of buildings for 21 police station have been received from Government India this year". Police Department of India is one the most important departments but I consider that even central Government does not give enough importance to it. The standard and efficiency of a police force is a criteria to judge the standard of development of a state. More than anything else which always impressed those who visited western countries it the efficiency and honesty of thier Police Force. As soon as Congress Party come into Power, the Hon'ble Chief Minister felt the need for reorganisation of the Mizoram Police Force and take steps accordingly. It was proposed that Police Department be reorganised and modernised. There is at present a proposal for establishment of additional police training centre equipped with cipher component. Besides this Government of India agreed to the proposal of

construction of Police station bulding and also to the expenditure amounting to Rs. 83 lakhs for ration allowances of Police personnel. The next important achievement is introduction of educational and vocational training course in persons. Prisonners are not all wicked people and they need educational and vocational training to enable them to become good citizens after completing their terms. It must be remembered that many great people were moulded and trained while in jails, and vocational training steps taken by Government to introduce educational training to priseners praiseworthy.

To conclude I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the speech of the L G about the progress of peace talk.

**S P E A K E R** : Pu F. Lalchhawna.

**Pu F. LALCHHAWNA** : Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful for giving me a chance to express my heartfelt gratitude about the speech of the L G.

Last year, the P.C leaders told the people to throw powdered chilly on the eyes of the MNF personnel, to hack them with axes and to slash them homes. But this year they even called them 'National Army' and this is a great progress. Moreover as a protest against the delay of talk and the inadequacy of the speech of L G they staged a walk out. So much is the P.C party enlightened that this year deserves to be called, "A year of enlightenment" I am very happy to hear members of the P.C party praised the National army today.

Mr. Speaker, the statement of one member in the morning session that one sees the world as reflected by the colour of the glasses one is wearing is true. But what I would like to say today is about ears. Members of the opposition appear to have worn wrong glasses and ear phones which have made them unable to see and hear anything as it is, I wish that henceforward they would put off their glasses and phones and hear what we say with natural ears.

The Hon'ble member of Lunglei constituency said that nothing important has been indicated about law and order in the speech of the L.G. But this is because the atmosphere is normal and he sufficed it to say that police were busy maintaining with law and order. During the P.C Ministry there prevailed in Mizoram an atmosphere of mutual fear and distrust. For examples let me cite one of my experiences during an

election campaign at Lungchem when I asked one of the Villagers the actual party-wise position in the village. The man turned to his left, right and back and gave me no answer. After some time he explained to me that one person belonging to P.C party was present belonging to P.C party was present at that time and he demed not till me the truth for fear of the consequences. But all those fears have today vanished and we are enjoying a peaceful atmosphere. All check gates have avolished and special forces no longer exists. Everyone has regained freedom of speech and there is at present cordial and friendly relationship between neighbours.

In economic front Government stated to introduce New Land use Policy and it is expected to yeald good results. the policy can be compared with a new born infant which will take time to grow up yet so people speak of it as good for nothing.

This congress Government made a great progress in improving the position of Civil Supply. A report I have received stated that this year a paddy seed of one tin can yeald 50-60 phurs which has never been known in history This is most probaly because the Congress Party is in power. This is because of the Blessing of God. During the P.C Ministry the condition of food stuff was very poor and there was famine all over the state. Eveu the supply Ministry had to peach the nutriti-ness of atta because of the absence of rice At present the problem faced by the retailers is excess supply of foodstuff and a lot of time wasted in selecting good quantity rice in godowns. This development is grought about by both the blessings of God and the central Government.

Another great development is the upqradation of 111 Middle Schools to the status of deficit system. 41 schools tk the status of Ad hoc basis, and 17 schools to aided status.

To conclude I would like to say that all political parties accused each other of introducing and putting to force the excise Act. This non-sense accusation will take us to nowhere. Instead, let all voluntary organisations, MLA's and churches join hands to devise means of prohibition of liquour.

Thank You.

**Pu. Zosiama Pachuau** : Mr. Speaker, frankly speaking this Government does not take achievements to the expectation of the people. I think some of you are confused about this.

Regarding peace talk, I would like to say that no one likes it to be delayed. Meanwhile the contents of the letter read by the hon'ble members of Lunglei constituency greatly surprised and frustrated us. At the same time there seems to be a tendency on the part of the ruling party to accuse P.C party of publishing or disclosing the content of that letter. The letter has been written by Your President to one of your colleagues and published in "Youth Herald" which can be regarded as Congress party official organ. I do agree to the statement made by the hon'ble member of Hnahtial constituency that this topic was not be joked about you must carefully study the situation and you must remember that you are not at all in a position to blame anyone else.

Nothing much has been mentioned about administration in the L.G's speech today, the official gallery is empty and the reasons required to be examined. This testifies to the fact that the administration too statement of Pu Lalchhawna that the law and order situation become normal be accepted? To me, it appears that despite the efforts put forth by the Police force to control law and order situation, it deteriorated day by day. For example, on 25th February one young man, a near relative of mine was murdered by Dumkas near Kolasib out of 28 culprits involved in the murder, only 13 were apprehended and confined in Kolasib Thana. Of these apprehended most were arrested by local people on their own accord. Where have the remaining 15 been? None of them has been so far apprehended and none of the Ministers has visited the spot so far. Another fact which testifies the laxity of administration is that the accused in this murder case were the employees of Rubber Board and none of them have valid inner line permits If Government has nothing to do about this to what thing will Government pay heed? A dead body found near Zemabawk has not yet been identified. This also is another proof of immobility of administration.

During the P.C ministry there were many undesirable incidents like nothing of bus in a cliff, burning of college libraries etc. To the best of my knowledge none of the culprits responsible for this act has not yet been arrested till date. No one is to blame without examining oneself first.

Regarding peace talk there are many people who are totally hopeless of the successful conclusion. Even the President of Congress Party is no exception. If the talk has not yet been completely spoilt, let us join hands to work together for its repair otherwise the people will never believe in what we say.

One member accused the then P.C Ministry of being too interested in inauguration. Every Ministry is interested in it. In the Republic day speech of the L.G mention has been made of opening of Saiha-Bualpui - Sangau Road, but till today construction of the road has not been completed as stated by the hon'ble member of that constituency. That was a shame. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also inaugurated the tourist lodge at Chaltlang but you must think from where it originated.

It is now perhaps too yearly to criticise the NLUP because the merits or demerits are not yet to be seen. But one thing is obvious. Unless the funds under this policy are utilised as per definite plan chalked out by various departments, there is the danger of their being misused. Moreover, selection of people to receive the grants can be unfair. If we look at the lists of persons selected to get the grant under the policy, it is seen that most of the selected are those who belong to Congress Party and very few people from other parties are included in them. I firmly believe that if the grant is utilised for strengthening of a political party, it would yield extremely undesirable results. To most villagers NLUP means permanent cultivation. But all persons selected to receive grants under NLUP were instructed to breed cattle while those at Phullen were to take up the trade of piggery. How can these people develop permanent cultivation through pigery and cattle breeding? Or will the dense forests at Kawbem and Ngopa area be cut down for plantation? A large amount of fund will be wasted for this purpose. No plantation is at all necessary for this area. I think the procedure upside down.

Many members lamented the upgradation of many Middle Schools to the status of deficit system. But teachers of deficit schools are not wholly satisfied since there is no service security even though they enjoyed the same pay scale enjoyed by Government teachers.

In respect of Civil Supply, it is stated that the position is satisfactory. The people of my constituency are without any supply of

foodstuff since there is no rice in Government godown at Champhai. All through last year, the total quantity of rice transported to Kawlbe n was less than 200 quintals you are too easy to satisfy.

While many villagers do not get any supply of foodstuff, you always insist that the position is satisfactory same areas may get sufficient supply, but speaking the position of the whole territory as being satisfactory is not correct.

Regarding increment in the budget amount, there can be differences in opinions. While it is expected that a revenue amounting to Rs. 1 crore would be collected from the introduction of excise Act, as many as Rs. 30,33,3,00/- and paise 03 requires to be spent for purchase of liquor from outside the state. That means an expenditure of Rs. 30,33,300,03 would yield a revenue amounting to Rs 1 lakhs. While the revenue can be considered to increase a lot, much more money has to be spent at the same time. Under the circumstances can say that there is a decrease. To some extent it is unpleasant to criticise or speak all the evils of liquor since most of us love it. But in my opinion, we must have courage to criticise any evil even though we love it. A man wants a husband but we must condemn prostitution. The churches and YMA demanded cancellation of license for sale of liquor Government, should pay heed to this demand and should have courage enough to work for the good of the whole community.

A lot of fund has been allotted for construction of Police buildings like Thana's while making improvement in the accommodation we must also improve the service condition of our police personnel. Last year an MPS examination has been conducted but the results have not yet been announced till date. I don't know will whether the results need not be announced or all the examinees have failed Government must be aware that many people are eagerly waiting for the publication of the results.

In the L G's speech mention has been made of the identification of corruption prone areas and evolution of a well organised procedure to prevent corruption. While ones are corruption prone? It is learnt that corruption is more and more widespread in Mizoram and we are very anxious to know which are corruption prone and which are less prone to corruption.

Thank You.



**Pu. Lallawmsanga Zadeng** : Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me an opportunity to participate in the L.G's speech today. The speech itself, the printing and format is very good but the contents have no reality at all, and there are no points to be grateful about.

Regarding law and order the situation is said to have been satisfactory by members. But many incidents of rapes committed by Police personnel have been reported by newspapers. I am of the impression that the police force has been following a reverse track in performing its duties. The evidences found out by news reporters and what has been said in this House contradict each other. All the people know very well that things do not at all go as reported in this House because news reporters publish their findings from their spot verifications. It is also stated that an atmosphere of peace obtained in Mizoram. But parents do not allow their sons and daughters to go out at night. Every day newspapers headlined incidents of murder and rapes. Yet some members maintained that the people enjoyed peace and harmony. There seem to be differences of opinion regarding what we consider peace. While some members are of the opinion that there prevailed an atmosphere of peace in Mizoram, many people were engulfed in an atmosphere of fear and darkness.

Many Health Sub-Centres were opened in various villages and it is hoped that this would go a long way in solving the problems of the people. But we must consider if these sub-Centres are equipped worthy to be called so. Examples, Thakthing Dispensary has no refrigerator and all the medicines requiring cool storage are placed in our refrigerator. Sometimes these medicines are required to be used in the dispensary while my family is in prayer which causes great inconveniences to us and also to the dispensary staff. I would like to suggest that the existing centres be better equipped instead of opening additional centres without any equipments and instruments.

In education department also, many new schools and colleges were opened but most of the schools have very small grants from Government even many government recognised schools do not get furniture grants from Government. Some primary schools get only eight boxes of chalk a year.

At the invitation of one Head Teacher I one visited his school and saw that most of the benches have no legs, and bricks were piled to serve as legs. This sight greatly hurted my feeling with a realisation that I myself also got my Masters degree with great difficulties out of object poverty. I was very sad to see that those poor children had very poor facilities to begin their education. I promised to the teacher that I would try take the matter to the notice of the authority and that I would try my best to convince the authority to be a little bit more generous in giving grants to such deserving institutions. I shall be much grateful if Government take note of what I said and take immediate follow up action.

Regarding introduction of Land use Policy, many Department are of the opinion that precasting the Department funds for implementation of the policy would result a mess in the administration because of lack of fund. If we carefully study the speech and the motion itself, I find nothing to be much grateful about. There is no reality in the speech Yesterday, the Hon'ble Minister of Champai constituency expressed his discontentment about the delay of opening of PWD Division at Champai but today he express his happiness about the speech of the L.G which is extremely contradictory. It has been stated in the speech that the position of supply of cement and other essential commodities is satisfactory. But it is known to everyone that there is scarcity of cement.

Regarding supply of rice, I would like to point out that in my constituency the quantity of rice supplied to the people is too poor and is unfit for human consumption. Since the Ministry failed to keep their promises to the people, most people like to overthrow the Ministry now. But you are our colleagues and we never speak ill of you. On the contrary we always speak of the only good deeds you have done. Because we are not satisfied with words, and because we insisted on reality, realisation of all commitments made by you, we find nothing much to be grateful about in the speech.

Thank You.

**Pu Z.D. Sanghiana** : Mr. Speaker, thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to participate in the budget discussion today. I think the speech requires meticulous study.

Many things have been said about peace talk during the discussion when we speak of peace talk, social security is not included in the purview of the talk. No discussion is made in the talk about rape cases. Therefore, my predecessor is a bit confused,

The first point for which I would like to express my thanks is regarding peace and harmony. It is a great progress on the part of a political party which determined to exterminate the MNF to come forward to be more eager to have peace in Mizoram through negotiation than Congress partymen. First of all I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude. The speech of the L.G. confirmed their correct position.

If members of the opposition mean business, they should have already sent a deligation to Delhi to meet both Mr. Laldenga and Mr. Rajiv Gandhi in search of an early conclusion of the talk instead of expressing their willingness to have peace here in this House. We should know that internal bickering alone never solves our problem.

As pointed out by Pu F. Lalchhawna, the policy of Congress (I) has been succesfully carried out. This policy of peace talk has been formulated in the year 1967. The MNF knew who the ones who attempt to annihilate them were. The fact that these people share us in cherishing peace and harmony testifies that the Congress Policy is blessed and I do admire them too. Had the Japanese been coward not to dare surrender in the world war II after the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the sufferings of the Japanese people would have been much more. It is the highest quality of a true politician to have courage enough to be humiliated for the interest of the public. I do not despise the hunger strike in urging speedy conclusion of peace talk. But the students did the right thing in a wrong way. The most fearsome informers and the special force come forward now to help speed up the progress of peace talk. Peace and harmony do not belong to Congress Party alone. They are to be enjoyed equally by all, whether they belong to P.C. party or they are members of the Special Force. (Speaker - It is now 4:00 O'clock. Shall we adjourn the meeting or go on? If you agree we shall continue till 5 P.M.) Mr, Speaker, I do not admire any one who goes on hunger strike. There are many people who fast due to lack of food like beggars. I don't admire any means unless the end is justified.

The hon'ble member Mr Lalhmingthanga complained against the irregular supply of power in Lunglei. What I want to say is that whenever a Minister came to Lunglei, there was a regular supply of power day and night, the power became again irregular as soon as he left. I think Mr Lalhmingthanga was not aware of this. At present, the position has greatly improved. We have power supply from nine to four thirty during day-time which continues the whole night. But since a second hand generator has been purchased it cannot function satisfactorily.

The hon'ble member of Tlungvel constituency said there was widespread incidents of rapes. What we must know is that all the culprits are not Congress party payment. Even the victims do not all belong to P.C. party. Therefore, no party instigate anyone to commit rape. In this particular case no party is to blame.

During the P.C. Ministry the people were taught to imitate the dieting of westerners and not to depend solely on rice. This is a good teaching but its origin is merely lack of staple food. Therefore, no-one can pay need to that teaching. Again many kilowatts of power were inaugurated but there could be no sufficiency in power supply. While it was hoped that solar energy would be utilised for lightning purposes, our hope vanished in the air.

I would like to make one classification about Excise Act. With the enforcement of Excise Act, with the enforcement of Excise Act in Mizoram the sale of liquor is to some extent controlled and the expenditure incurred for purchase of liquor registered. This gives us an impression that much more has spent for purchase of liquor than before. This is a wrong impression what we purchased with Rs. 120/- before the enforcement of Excise Act can now be purchased with Rs.40-50. Controlled sale of liquor is a necessary evil. It gives better quality liquor to drinkers and also saves a large quantity of rice from being brewed. Police authority informed me that there were less drunkards in the street since the enforcement of Excise Act.

I am of the opinion that an improvement required to be made in the timing of sale of liquor. At present the time is from 12 to 4:30 many office workers cannot purchase liquor after office hour since the shops are close. There is no other alternative but to go to black marketers from where they have to purchase liquor double the retail price.

These black marketers earned much more profit even than licensed bar owners. Under the circumstances the hour for sale of liquor requires to be modified.

To conclude I would like to ask all members to come forward to join hands with us to work for the progress and development of Mizoram. This Government and party is ever willing to gladly accept anyone who likes to join it. Thank You.

Meeting Adjourned  
AT 4:10 P.M.

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Secretary.