

FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 25TH OCTOBER, 1982
(Time : 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

Pu C.Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister,
Four Ministers and Seventeen Members were present.

QUESTIONS

1. QUESTIONS entered in separate list to be asked and answers given.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

2. PU ELLIS SAIDENGA to call the attention of Minister incharge Education Department on non-vacation of building by CRPF in Lunglei which is meant for class-room of the students of Polytechnic Institute, Lunglei.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. PU C.L.RUALA to present to the House the 8th Report of the Committee on Government Assurances.
4. PU JOE NGURDAWLA to present to the House the 6th Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw night, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them"

Ecclesiastes 12:1

Now, our first business item is questions Starred Question No.1. is to be asked by Pu. Saikapthianga. if he is absent his question is gone should Question by Pu.C.L. Ruala. No.23th & 24 is to Pu.Saikapthianga's question. No.25 is Pu.C.L.Ruala's. Both of them are absent. (Pu.C.L.Ruala : Pu. Dy.Speaker, has my question been answered ?) What No.? NO.25 ? Yes, we will take this Pu.C.L.Ruala may ask Q.No25. now .

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PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my starred question No.25. will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of Appointment Department be pleased to state - -

Is it a fact that some of the Heads of Departments do not want to implement on Recognition scheme ?.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister In-charge Appointment Department is taken ill and he authorised Pu.Lalhmingthanga, Minister to answer the Questions concerning his Departments. Now, we call upon Pu.Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA :
MINISTER Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to question No.25 is No, it is not a fact.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary Question.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Supplementary question.
The Minister in-charge has answered that it was not a fact. However, I would like to inform the House that it is a fact. Let me say one example. In Kolosib, Pu.Lalrawngbawla was transferred from P.W.D. to Agriculture K.V.K. to be superintendent cum-Accountant. He was transferred as per Re-organisation orders. But when Pu. Lalrawngbawla jointed at K.V.K? he was not accepted by that Department. One person is there and this means there are two persons in one post.

Likewise one Mr.Siama of Agriculture Department cannot his duty at Lunglei and his salary is also with held (Deputy Speaker : Let us omit names) It was just to make it clear. There are several other such cases. It cannot be denied and pretend it is not as such I would like to know if the Government is going to take any action on such departments .

PI K.TH : Pu Deputy Speaker, to be answers by the Minister. There are 6 persons who are to join duty at Lunglei. One of them get his salary in August, 4. of them got a little later and one of them

did not get till now. Why is his salary held up will now?

PU LAHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Government
MINISTER is facing certain problems in this
referred. Recognition was star-
ted in 1976, 14th April from the
recommendation of Pay Commission, and not a decision made
by administration.

The administration Department was
required to implement it as soon as possible. However, Since
it involves every one, there were some people who claimed that
that justice was not done to them and filed a case in High
Court. The Administrative Department cannot stop them.
There were 3 such cases. The High Court announced on 23rd
day 1982 that it shall maintain and also gave status.

As such, Heads of Department cannot
not be completely hold responsible. At the same time, the
Government cannot be forced to implement it all at once
This has to be handled with care and it cannot be so
fast.

As for whether actions would be
taken on the Departments which have not implemented Re-
organisation schemes, the Government has no such department
definitely. We are aware that several persons are facing
problems.

It may be noted that, among the Government
employees in general, there are some who support the
scheme and some do not.
(He requested the latter question to be repeated and pl.
K.Thansiami obliged). I cannot say the reason now, Any-
way, he may submit fresh applications. Perhaps there could
be consider action.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the question
MINISTER was concerning Agriculture Depart-
ment and it may be better to make
some classifications. It is like this -The JL. Director of
Agriculture Minister and staff were Ordered to go to Lung-
lei. But, this was withheld because another problem cropped
up. One of the staff was issued a fresh order to report
himself to D.A.O.'s Office at Lunglei. He is attached to D.
A.O.'s Office under Re-organisation. As he did not go,
his salary was withheld.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Agriculture Department said that there are two transfer orders for one person. The first one is Government order because of reorganisation. The Director did not want to release him and issued fresh orders for his transfer. I would like to know whose order is superior - Government's or Director's.

The Minister said that there was human problem. This is man-made problem. The G.A.D. is enquiring departments how they implement transfers etc. Agricultural Department has not answered any of these till now. What action is to be taken by the Government on such department? How are you going to work if you have not answered the questions after 5 months? If you keep on such man the department will be doomed with corruption. Has any action been taken for his failure to answer the questions regarding implementation of Reorganisation orders?

PU LAHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the MINISTER Hon'ble Members observation was a little too pessimistic. I do not think the Government will collapse because only two cases are not yet settled under Reorganisation. As I have said, most of our problems including the recommendations made by Pay Commission is man-made.

Several persons who have served for a number of years are involved in the cases. They can produce many points to be considered and it is not always very easy to make decisions too promptly. We cannot simply carry out Government Orders without any consideration of the persons concerned. It is not best for our society. For, example, even a Grade IV employee can bring his grievances to the Ministry.

As for double orders being issued Agriculture Department, the Government is not aware of such definite information. It may be easily conferred whether there was really or not. However, we cannot say what action should be taken. Government servants are bound by Conduct rules to protect their services. Anyways it can be easily proved whether Government orders were contradictory with Director's Orders.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. Reorganisation seems to be a big headache for the Government. Some of our Government servants are having grievances, too. The Minister also said that it was started since, 1976. It can be said that we are trying to get on with this only because it was started.

Is there any comparison between the existing system and the three-titled system on the part of the Government ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, these are several states who are following the three-titled system. In some way, it may be said that administration is more smooth in these states. It was discussed in detail at Government level also. However, we have to implement Reorganisation scheme because after it was recommended by Pay Committee in 1976, an interim arrangement was made on this principle and the services of many employees had been reshuffled. If we suddenly change this system to three-titled system, we may have quite a lot to settle. Although I cannot say much for the future, it was considered more than once.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question for Hon'ble Minister's information, Mr, so & so (since it is not allowed to say names) was transferred to Lunglei D.A.O.'s Offices under Reorganisation scheme . The order dt.6/5 was signed by the under Secretary to the Government of Mizoram. But, Directorate of Agriculture could not release him, and fresh order 2/July '80 was issued again. According to that order, he was to join Joint Directors Office. However, Jt.Director was not he was ordered to join at Lunglei. Where he was to join was not clear.

He was required to join D.A.O.'s Office at Lunglei by the first order. But the second order (Directors Order) told him to join Jt.Director's Office Which order is prevailing over the other ? Till now, his salary is held up and have to loiter around the place. Likewise, the government employee at Kolosib is not allowed to draw his salary move there 5 months. If the Government is aware of this, why is not a way found to solve the problem ? If he is to join at K.V.K. you will have to pay 2 persons in one post, who is going to pay ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are not having detail information about these orders. Anyway, it should be made clear. As for two persons being entertained in one post. When their case is settled there is no reason why they should not get their salary.

PU L.PIANDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. Is it a fact that there are same staff who do not attend Office because the Director does not give them any work ?

PU LAHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, that was not very relevant. Anyway, the Government is not aware of it there were any such staff.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Ngurdawla may ask short notice Question No.I.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have pointed out the high price of School Text books in the previous session. It is also learnt that the Government is taking necessary steps. I would like to know if we could expect to buy the Text books at the new rate for the next year .

PU F.MAISAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Government pursued the price of text books being the high pointed out by the Hon'ble Members in the last Budget session. Text books Committee was constitute in last May to investigate why the period of text books have come up so much. They were ask to do it fast. However, it was not very easy. They are about to submit therereport to the Government. At the same time Mizoram Board Of School Education was inform~~er~~ not make hasty decision regarding printing of text books. After the recommendation is su-bmitted by the Committee, Government will make decision as to how it shows be pursued.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. Is the government aware of the fact that the Government has already alloted printing of School textbooks to some private firms without even calling tenders ?

- PU F. MAISAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Government MINISTER is not aware of that.
- PU LAINGHENGGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. I hope my question is relevant. Mizoram Paper allotment is under a Distribution Board of Education Department. It is learnt that some people are given by this Board. I would like to ask if these people sold the Paper at the approved rate.
- PU F. MAISAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, although that was not very relevant, they are expected to sell at the approved rate
- PU. J. THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, from the Minister's answers it seems nothing has been done with Text books as yet. When is the Committee to investigate about text books expected to submit the final report ? Do we expect to finish the text books for the students not to be late for the school ? If the recommendation of the Committee, will the text books be pointed only after that ? We must not be very careful.

PU F. MAISAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, they expect to finish it within this month. In fact, they expected to finish last month. However, they expected could not complete it because there are some places to visit which are a bit far from here. Anyway, there is one thing we have to remember. Many of us worry only the price of text books being too high but, text books are said as instructed by the NCERT. It is felt that for better development of education, books should be good and even pictures should be good. Because of this the quality of the text books are better than before, and as a result became dearer. It is necessary to compare these two quality at higher price or inferior quality at lower price ? If we wait for the recommendation of the Committee, it will be too late for next years. The Government will do its best to reduce the price of text books for next year so that the students will not be late.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. The Minister said the Committee is about to submit their report. Schools may not be reopened before 1st February, 1983. That means we have three more months to get the text books printed. It may be thought that the Board is going to give some text books to the printers without calling for tenders. Because some printed are already given three textbooks for printing I would like to know if the Government is going to cancel this on approved it.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Education Secretary is controlling Officer. We shall make arrangements as to make Education Secretary & MBSE to consult each other.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Joe Ngurdawla may ask short Notice Question No.2.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the progress of Hydel Project at Bairabi? How much have been spent for this project and how much provision is there?

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, detailed investigation is being made. However, investigation work could not go smoothly some time in June because law and order situation was not very good. But now it is continue and going on smoothly.

And when the worker felt insecure in June, they could not make good progress. Besides quarters for workers, electric supply and water supply had to be arrange near the main town of Bairabi.

As for the amount spent on the project expense for detail investigation was not included in the budget. We have spent Rs.94 lakhs from NHEPC.

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PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the name of this project ? Although it is written : Daleswari Project (tlawng) which one is its Official name ? cannot it be called 'Tlawng' ?.

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, usually these projects are named after the river. We Mizos also call this river both Tlawng and Daleswari. The engineers who have done investigation named it Daleswari Hydrel Project. However, we find it more appropriate to call it 'Bairabi' Hydrel Project or Tlawng Hydrel Project. We can change the name Officially by correspondence.

PU K.LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. What is the target date of completing the project, supposing everything goes well ? Second, when will work be started in Chhimituipui District and other places ?

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, target date cannot be fixed as yet. From the detailed investigation which is being made, target date will be fixed by the Engineers. However, even before detailed calculation and detailed investigation is finished, (the Government is expecting to finish detailed investigation next year) it is expected to complete construction of the dam within five months, although target date has not yet been fixed Officially.

Chhimituipui Project is being taken up by the Government. No definite decision has been made as to when work shall be started on the project. A short while ago, Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Energy were requested to start within this month (October), and to undertake the work, NHEPC are requested. However, due to bad situation of law and order since last June, like Quit Mizoram notice, the Engineers could not come to investigate the Project and till now, we do nothing much about it. The Government is trying to make it fast.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, whatever, the name is what we want to do is to have Hydrel Project successful.

As stated by the hon'ble Minister, it is quite possible that our work could be delayed by unhealthy law and order situation. It is very important that Government would make arrangements for smooth running of the work. It can be said that we rely on this Project. Were the workers at the Project attacked by some people during the trouble in June ?

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'll answer his second question. When there was killing some time in June and the MNF issued Quit Mizoram Notice,

the security forces got hold of one of MNF papers which said Bairabi Hydel Project was their target no. 1. Besides, the workers on the project were threatened at various places. As soon as this reached the Government's notice, immediate measures were taken because this Project is one of the most important foundations for socio-economic development of Mizoram. In co-operation with security forces, necessary arrangements were made so as to make the work progressed smoothly and with as little delay as possible.

Besides, Ministry of energy has been informed whatever was necessary for them to know. As I have said earlier, it was arranged that the workers should work in the town from June, to Oct. since we could not provide security to them at the work-site.

They could not do much work at the site because of the rain. Now, rainy season almost ends and co-ordination Committee was formed to take security measures. The Government has decided to post security forces of Police or CRPF whose sole duty would be to make the workers secure. The Hon'ble Chief Minister is not present here today because they are having this Co-ordination Committee. The Committee will make detail programme. The Government knows how important this project is and in doing its best to as to make complete it as soon as possible.

PU C. PAHLIRA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister said correspondence is going on to change the name of the Project. I should like it to be called 'Tlawng' Project. What did he say they were calling it ?

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I said 'Tlawng Bairabi' because the site is Bairabi and the river is Tlawng.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Joe Ngurdawla may ask short Notice Question No.3.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister in -charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state -

When the BRTF would start construction of road between Champhai to Khawbung ?

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is necessary to do proper survey before construction can be done. We are asking for fund from Government of India for this purpose. Before we get the fund, we cannot say when the work would be started.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question the BRTF have constructed quite a number of roads in Mizoram. Do they have any other Project in Mizoram other than Champhai -Khawbung road to construct for economic development and not for defence purpose ?

PU LAIHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Home Ministry has one scheme besides Defence, and that is Opening up of Natural resources. They have provision for construction of road for this purpose. The BRTF are mostly used to implement that work. There are several projects of this type in Mizoram. For example, there is Nalkawn -Chamdur road beyond Lawngtlai ; secondly Thenzawl-Bunghmun-Marpara road; Lunglei-Demağiri- Phairuang -Kaiphai -Bunghmun. These are all to be constructed by BRTF on economic development purpose.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to the Rules of Procedure, short Notice Questions should be treated as ordinary questions and should be answered orally. In ordinary question to make a supplementary question, a Member has to obtain permission of the House. Now, we are treating them all as starred questions. If we can do like this, would you let me ask have time to ask ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You may ask for permission later
Let us continue this, Now, Pu Joe
Ngurdawla may ask short Notice
Question No.4.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, short Notice
Question No.4. Sericulture is a fast
growing industry in - Mizoram, will the Hon'ble Minister
tell us what steps have been taken
by the Government. How much provision is there and is there
any chance for the villagers to start this business? It is
desired that the Minister tell us a bit detail.

PU F. MAISAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it will be di-
MINISTER fficult to say in detail within
a short time. Let me say first what
what steps have been taken sericul-
ture was not very popular in Mizoram till 1978-79. Even
in the House, some Members said it was better to abolish the
Department. After a careful observation before making
a definite decision, it was thought better to put on effort
for its promotion. The first step was to fix the rate of
cocoon and mulberry worms. It was thought best to raise the
rate of cocoons. So it was fixed as follows :-
Exp- If the cocoon is good enough to be spared for the
seed, it will be 8p per cocoon if not 3p per cocoon. Mica
& Pawtesae good one at 10p per head and ordinary 8p per
head. Mulberry worms - good one at 8p per head and ordinary
ones at 5p per head. This raise at the rate per cocoon has
encouraged the people.

Secondly, the seeds are distributed
to private rearers. The seeds are heat healthy by scient-
ific methods. And only healthy ones are distributed to the
rears free. Demonstration rearing are organised at
various farms of Government for those who want to learn.
As we have heard earlier it was agreed to send a proposal
to Planning Commission to make this department separate
directorate. It is also proposed to open Village Level Cen-
tres at various places.

Cocoon Processing Centre is one of the pro-
posals made by the Government. It was also proposed to the
Planning Commission to set up a production cum-training
Centre to produce silk yarns. It is also necessary to find
a good marketing for the products. One officer was detailed
to this and he travelled over many places and he found that
marketing would be no problem.

As for provision for this industry we have
Rs.19.29 lakhs non-plan, and Rs.26.0. lakhs under Plan
for six the 'Five Year Plan'. Budget provision for 1983-84 is

Rs.22.10 lakhs under non-plan and Rs.167.80 lakh under plan.

The government is aware that sericulture is successful in Mizoram. In 1980-81, 61700 seeds were produced. From 1982 to 1983 August, 2,56,262 good seeds were produced. We had 4000 kgs of cocoons plus the seeds last year. But, this became 21120kgs this year. Private rears extend their land for this 700 acres from 100 acres.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question hour is over, shall we continue it or go to business? Yes? You want to continue? Alright. Pu.C.L.Ruala also may ask his question.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the number of cocoons was very large. How have cocoon rears received upto last August?

PU F.MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I cannot say the exact figure. It must be around Rs. 3 lakhs.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, was that spent for benefit of the people?

PU C.PAHLIRA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is the Government ready to supply seeds to private rearers for the next year?

PU F.MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we hope we will not have any problem in that care unless the whole population of Mizoram decide to rear it.

One Member asked me to classify about topiaca for rearing cocoon. As I have said before, topiaca makes the cocoons a bit unhealthy and usually the cocoons are smaller than those fed with others. But the experts said that it can be used together with castor oil plant if they are planted together. The small insects could be given mulberry leaves till they are 4 days old, after that it is not harmful to give topiaca leaves.

PU B. LALCHUNGJUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the rears are in -creasing every day. However, when the rearers increase at a good rate, there is a rumour that the rate, of cocoons is coming down, and many rearers are discouraged. Is the Government intending to decrease the rate ?

Besides, the department used to tell the rearers to get the seed from department itself. If department is afraid that the rearers would produce unhealthy seeds, the staff could always go to the rearers and see for themselves. The department may also have a problem in supplying the seeds to the rearers. So I suggest the department to allow the rearers to rear their own seeds. Last year, I made the seeds myself.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble Minister said that the total number of cocoons produced till August last was 2,56,262. And Muga and Oxser were purchased at 10p per head. I believe many have died. Supposing they sold 200000 at 10p per head, it would have cost Rs.25,000. But he said Rs.3,00,000/- had been spent.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the includes both MINISTER the Government products and those purchased from private firms. About Rs.3 lakhs have been sanctioned for buying cocoon from private firms, and those who have brought their cocoons are paid. The total amount sanctioned for 1982-83 is Rs 3.85 lakhs. This may not be like the amount shown in the paper laid.

As for the question asked by the Hon'ble Member from Tawipui constituency regarding the seeds private firms are welcome to manufacture and made silk cloths if they can. But they want to get the money as soon as possible and that is why the Government purchase from them.

Regarding the suggestion that the private firms be visited by officials, we are making plans to do our best under IRD. The Government finds this very important. As such directions were already given to the Department.

Although the Government would like to have demonstrators to visit these firms, we cannot do it as yet because the department itself is too young. Anyway, there is a proposal to cover many places under IRD. We cannot say when we can start, though. They are short of staff to visit all those places for the present.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. I would like to say a few words before I ask my question. This industry thrives rather well. The Government takes initiative and we all know the result, and the people are knowing the benefit of it. It is high time to do anything which would improve our economic status as fast as possible, and I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to note that we have to improve our staff in sericulture.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is one question that is not yet answered. I do not know the rate being reduced. It is unlikely that it should go down presently. What the Hon'ble Member has just said was true and the Government is aware of it. It seems this industry is suited to the aptitude of the Mizos. For this reason, the Government is aware of the importance of promoting this industry.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu J.H.Lianchungnunga may ask short Notice Question No.5.

PU J.H.LIANCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, short Notice Question No. 5. to be answered by the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education Department - Is the Government aware of the fact that Serchhip College has been closed for some time? And is the Government trying to do anything for its reopening? What steps have been taken?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Government has no official knowledge of Serchhip College being closed for such a long time. However, information about this has been collected unofficially. As we know, it is a Private College and is under a Managing Board. Before the Board report anything to the Government, we cannot do anything at Government level. The students came to see Government Officers.

It was reported that there was financial irregularity in the Management of the College. A Department Officer was sent to investigate what the College authorities have brought to the notice of the Government. The Officer has come back and submitted his report and it is being examined by the Government.

The College has already been reopened from 18th of this month, and regular classes are going on.

PU J.H.LIANCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question Serchhip College seems to have kind of trouble even before this time. Has the Government any knowledge of it? It is also learnt that the student did not get Post Matric Scholarship in full and were not given back their fee. Why were not there fees remitted?

A little while ago, the Managing Board of the College told them to reopen the college. But only two students turned up. Students did not seem to be satisfied about it was this true?

The students were not pleased about the principal mostly. It is a fact that the Minister tried to scare the students off. It is needless to say that all those students, by losing their studies for such a long time would suffer in different ways and would lack behind their fellow College students. And will the Government take prompt action from the report submitted by the Officer.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, some of the questions asked by the hon'ble Member were known by the Government. However, we cannot judge from information received from only one source. The Government will examine the report submitted by the Officer who investigated the case, and what action would be taken will be decided later on.

As for political involvement in the matter, Ministers are public leader and anyone can say anything about them. But as far as College education is concerned, anything beyond the well-being of the College cannot be considered. The Government has no intention of investigating the matter from political point of view, but, the truth has to be found.

PU BUAIHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. As stated by the hon'ble Member before we, there has been criticism against the financial management of the College for a long time. My first question is although this College is Private, Government aids it with large amount of money. It is not so difficult to examine if the grant-in-aid fund were utilised properly. Not only Colleges, but also Private High Schools and Private Middle Schools. Do the Government send auditors to do this in various schools ?

Secondly, Office of Scholarship board sanctioned scholarship for Serchhip College for 9 month but the students said they got only for 7 months. I do not find this 2 months scholarship to be valid cause for closing the college does. Whatever problems the students are facing can easily be sorted out by the Government. And instead of sending a one man Enquiry Commission, would not it be better to send more than one Officer ?

PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, this is rather con-fusing. The recipients signed their names that they got for 9 months. Anyway, the Government is conducting a secret investigation, and as a result, the investigation, reveals many other things. If necessary, 2 or 3 Officers may be sent to do the investigation, too. Presently, it is not yet necessary.

Due to shortage of staff, the department cannot do anything much so far. If anything crops up auditors are sent to check them up, otherwise grant cannot be given continuously. Whenever a new grant is to be sanctioned, utilization certificate is demanded.

PU J. H. LIANCHUNGUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, How was the Serchhip College Governing body constituted ? Is it true that the Principal and Chairman protect each other regarding financial matter ?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Board was constituted according to the ruled laid by the Government. Their is over now. They were instructed to cease functioning also. As for the Principal and Chairman I do not have anything to tell the House as yet.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C.L.Ruala may ask his starred question No.22.

PU C.L.RUALA : Deputy Speaker, starred question No.22.

Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge supply and Transport be pleased to state -

Is it a fact that much quantity of rice, sugar, salt, k.oil etc, have been sold in black by the retailers of various villages?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zairemthanga, Minister may answer it.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question No.22 is 'Yes!'
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PU.C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. It seems the chance of black marketing is too wide for the retailers. For example -The retailers deliver rice or sugar etc on Thursday or Friday. But they are instructed by the Deputy Commissioner to sell all by Saturday evening and could have no time to purchase their share, and there is much surplus. I think most of this chance can be remedied. If the Government could allow the Retailers to keep the foodstuff for at least a week after delivery, they could sell there to the card holders. Will the Government be able to do that ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the best way is
MINISTER being sought.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Minister admitted that they received reports regarding black marketing of rice, sugar, salt, etc. If so, has the Government punished any retailer who has done this ? How many retailers have been punished because of this practice ? If they are fined how much, and if their retailership is terminated, how many of such cases are there ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, within 1982, there are 13 such retailers, some of them were instructed to refund the amount they have sold, especially sugar, and were given strong warning. Only one retailer's retailership was terminated.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA

Pu Deputy Speaker, is there any fixed term for retailers ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA
MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it was fixed to be 2 year term provided that the Director can extend the term by one year, if he finds it necessary. And if it is necessary to extend after one year extension, the government shall consider.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

We shall come to Calling Attention submitted by Pu Saidenga regarding Polytechnic classroom being occupied by CRP. The Minister incharge Education will answer but no debate will be there.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am sorry it has become necessary to put a Calling Attention regarding Polytechnic Institute at Lunglei. It is important that the Minister in-charge should know the story at least to some of it.

As we know, this institute is the only institute we have in Mizoram where Overseers are trained, It was started last year, since there is no proper building for the institution they were accomodated at Lunglei Government College class room. But, it was not possible to occupy that room for a long time. D.C. complex building was aranged for their class-room. However, this complex is being occupied by C.R.P.F. were requested to shift to their own building just above Lunglei bazar. But the CRP made various excuses like the approach road to their quarters was not good enough, no kitchen was there sanitary equipments, etc. All of these are ready now. However, 21 CRPF said that they could not move as yet but they would go soon when 58 CRPF arrives. The students would not but wait till that time.

However, the students could not tolerate any longer. From 18th September they left and no classes were held since then. It is imperative that the Government takes immediate measures to solve their problem. As we all know students suffer if they miss the class even for only one day.

This will surely affect their future and who will be responsible for that? It is needless to say that we are very much short of technical overseers, and this class suspension will delay their exams and as a result we shall all suffer. CRPF, whom we regard as those who would protect us, instead of doing protection, rather disturb our education and we cannot understand why they should do this to the poor students in particular. It is learnt that they have not yet vacated the building.

The 21st CRPF said they would vacate and they did. But 58 CRPF came and occupied the same as if the 21st CRPF made room for them. I dare not think what will happen to the poor students if this goes on longer. I demand the Government take necessary steps immediately to solve the problem. And I would like to get an answer as to what steps they would take. The CRPF themselves think they need not vacate the building. Because of this, the IGP will have to have a say. In fact, I want to know where the students are standing to day.

Supposing the Government could make a definite arrangement today for the students, the students who have already gone home to their respective Villages, will have to be informed. I wish the Government would make a wide circular to inform those students about reopening of the institution otherwise they would not know when to expect it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Minister to make a statement.

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what the
MINISTER Hon'ble Member from Hnahthial
Constituency said was true.
The Government is aware of

the need and importance of polytechnic. Although we are not yet ready to open polytechnic in different ways, we had to open it due to pressure from the people and the urgent need for the same. We could see what problems we would face when we opened the same. Other well-established institutions also have some sort of problems occasionally.

Unfortunately the Government did not know that the College had no classes since 18th September. As soon as it was learnt on 20th of this month, it was discussed with the Lieutenant Governor.

A message was sent to the D.C. Lunglei and the D.C. sent a messenger quickly. And the matter was pursued ever since. The Chief Secretary called a meeting of Officers in Police Department and Education Department. He sent Education Secretary and Director of Education to go and see the matter on the spot. Besides, a senior Officer to represent IGP and DIG in CRPF were given instructions by the Ministry to go and witness it. All these Officers are expected to come to a certain arrangement regarding the matter.

Let us also remember that we have a responsibility to our country while we watch it from the students' angle. The Police are having their own excuses. We have to see whether these are genuine or not. We cannot make a decision from one side only. Even the Minister incharge cannot make judgement from his own end because it involves law and order of the country. As we know, even Administrator is knowing the matter and he is not sitting idle over the matter. It is expected to solve the problem very soon.

Ever since the Government knew the matter, immediate steps are taken, and as a result, it is expected this problem would soon be solved. It may also be noted that since this institute is located a little far from the headquarters, a Managing Board is formed of which Deputy Commissioner of Lunglei District is Chairman. The Government cannot see to all its every needs every day. As such it had to act according to information it received from the Chairman of the Board. It is very clear that the Government gives priority to polytechnic students from the way Buildings were constructed under crash scheme so as to let the CRPF vacate classrooms of polytechnic institute. Several quarters have been constructed for polytechnic institute. However these are found unsuitable for classrooms. The excuse made by the CRPF were no light, water supply, approach road, and too congested rooms because of which they would have to divide themselves. However, the D.C.(Chairman of the Board) said they have tried to solve this problem. So, it is necessary to see on the spot. The D.C. said the buildings are ready for occupation, but the CRPF said they are not yet ready. Anyway, I hope the problems will be solved within a few days.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Business No.3. is Presentation of Report. Let us call upon Pu C.L.Ruala, Chairman, Government Assurances Committee to give 8th Report.

PU C.L.RUALA : Deputy Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on its behalf, hereby present this 8th Report of the Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the copies of the Report be given to the Members. (it was given to the Members). Now, I call upon Pu Joe Ngurdawla, Chairman, Subordinate Legislation Committee to present 6th Report of Subordinate Legislation Committee.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I, Chairman of Subordinate Legislation Committee, present the 6th Report of the Committee. Pu Deputy Speaker, allow me to say a few words about this Report.

Subordinate Legislation Committee used to review the Rules framed by various departments of the Government. Even the Members are dedicated to it. The Committee reviews the Rules, however good they may be at first, yet could have some other effect on the other side. For instance, what they proposed regarding wet cultivation is very good, but it is very difficult to say if it would be good in the long run. The Committee recommended for further study and it is desired that the Government would check the recommendations made by the Committee.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you. Let the copies of the Report be given to the Members (it was distributed).

We have come to the end of our programme for this session as recommended by the Business Advisory Committee. The Members attended this Session better than the ones we had. The questions which are not yet answered will be given to you in writing. We have finished our business for this Session and I adjourn the House sine die.

Meeting adjourned sine die
at 12:20 P.M.

J.MALSAWMA
SECRETARY.