

## 2ND SITTING ON 17TH MARCH, 1983 (THURSDAY)

Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 4 (four) Ministers and 22 (twenty two) Members were present :

**BUSINESS  
OBITUARY REFERENCE**

1. Brig. Thenphunga Sailo, Chief Minister to make Obituary Reference on the passing away of —

- 1) Shri Pilloo Mody, M.P.
- 2) Shri Noke Konyak, MLA.

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

3. Brig. Thenphunga Sailo to lay on the Table a copy of Notification No. DCA/E-176/82/178 dt. 9th February, 1983 and Notification No. DCA/E-176/82/180 dt. 17th February, 1983.

**PANEL OF CHAIRMEN**

4. Speaker to announce names of Members on the Panel of Chairmen.

**REPRESENTATION OF REPORT**

5. The Speaker shall report to the House the Time Table in regard to the Business as settled by the Business Advisory Committee.

**DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS**

6. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Administrator's Address will commence.

**SPEAKER** : Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion : for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for ever—more.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity.

We shall now take up our Business No. 1, Obituary Reference to be made by Brig. Thenphunga Sailo, Chief Minister.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, recently two important persons have died. One was an MLA and the other a member of Parliament. It is felt necessary that the Obituary reference of both persons should be made in this Session.

1. Mr. Pilo Mody, M.P. Janata Leader died on 29th January, 1983 after a heart attack. He was 57. According to his Secretary, Mody died in his sleep. He is survived by his wife.

Pilo Mody was a warm hearted person and has a colourful personality who cares for the people. He was an outstanding Parliamentarian, a good friend and a gentleman par excellence. He was a politician who exerted himself wholeheartedly for the country.

He was born in Bombay on November 14th 1926 and took his M.A. in Architecture and town planning from the University of California at Berkeley. He worked with Le Corbusier on the Chandigarh Project for two years. Since 1953, he had been practicing architecture in Bombay under the name of Mody and Colgan.

In the late 1960's Mr. Mody came under the influence of Chakraborty Raigopalachari and helped him to form the Swatantra Party. In 1962 he sought election to the Maharashtra Assembly from the Wakeshwar Constituency but lost. Mr. Mody was elected to the Lok Sabha on a Swatantra Party ticket from the Golhra Constituency in Gujarat in 1967 and was re-elected in 1971. From 1972 to 1974 he was the Chairman of the Swatantra Party. From 1974 to 1976, Mr. Mody served as General Secretary of Bharatiya Lok Dal.

Detained under MISA from June 1975 to October, 1976, Mr. Mody was a founder Member of the Janata Party. He lost the Godhra seat in 1977 election. In 1974, he formed a 'ginger group' within Janata to oversee the functioning of the party and organisational wing. In 1978, Mody was elected to the Rajya Sabha.

2. Mr. Noke Konyak, an opposition Member of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly was shot dead at his residential House on 7th, February, 1983 when suspected underground Nagas opened fire at his house in Manlay, a town bordering Burma.

Mr. Konyak was a son of a former Minister and a Member of the Naga National Democratic Front.

**SPEAKER** : The Obituary reference of two deceased leaders have been made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. If there are any Members among us who wish to speak on the same may do so now. We shall open time for it.

**PU CHAWNGKUNGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I would like to say a few words on the person of the late Pilo Mody. Mr Pilo Mody was a man highly respected by the people of India. He was an excellent opposition member. During

1973, while on tour with Pu Joe Ngurdawla, I witnessed his performance in Parliament which impressed me deeply.

a bag of dirty and dusty rice and stated, 'This is what the Government is distributing. They are supposed to abolish poverty'. He also poured some dirty water and said, "This is what the Government is distributing". A great worker, he was one of the greatest men and his demise is deeply felt by all. Thank you.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Pu Speaker, I would also like to say a few words at the demise of one of the best Parliamentarians. Mr Piloo Mody was an outstanding member of the Opposition. He was a person who had the interest of the nation at heart. He never hesitated to agree with the Ruling Party when the need

Mr. Piloo Mody was known for his wit and humour. In the news paper, we may have often seen the 'Piloo Talks'. His outlook on politics has been incentive for everyone, in the opposition. It is a great tragedy and loss for us to lose a man of such calibre.

**SPEAKER :** We shall now observe silence for one minute to show our last respects for the deceased persons. (One minute of silence is observed).

We shall now take up Business Item No. 2, Pi K. Thansiami to ask question No. 1.

**PI K. THANSIAMI :** Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

(1) Whether the Government of Mizoram is having any intention to insure State Transport Buses and Trucks under Insurance Company ?

(2) If so, in which class ?

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the answer to the question is (a) not yet (b) does not arise.

**PI K. THANSIAMI :** Pu Speaker, the Government of Mizoram has greatly multiplied the number of buses in the state Transport Department to meet the need of the public. However, frequent may well be aware of the incident of the accident near Kawnpui. Therefore, I would like to know if the Buses and Trucks of the Department can be insured in the Insurance Company in the first class.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, so far, there is no provision for Bus and Truck insurance. Therefore such steps cannot be taken yet. However, the Department is processing certain things which will be for the advantage of the Passengers, Conductors and drivers.

**SPEAKER :** Are there any more supplementary question ? If not, we shall call upon Pu Joe Ngurdawla to ask question No. 2.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Will the Hon'ble Minister incharge Community Development be pleased to state -

Q. 2. What are the steps taken by the Government for the inhabitants of the under-mentioned villages, who are facing a severe famine :-

1. Khawbung 2. Zawlsei 3. Khuangthing 4. Bungzung 5. Khuanglen (Hruai-kawn) 6. Leisen 7. Lianpui 8. Sesih 9. Leisenzo 10. Vanzau 11. Leithum 12. Dungtlang 13. Sazep 14. Fung & Zawngtui 15. Vaphai 16. Vangchhia 17. Farkawn 18. Khankawn 19. Thekpui 20. Thekte 21. Samthang.

PU P.B. ROSANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as soon as it was learnt that the twenty Villages in Khawbung Constituency were about to face severe scarcity of food, the Government of Mizoram notified the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India about the crucial situation. The Chief Minister also appealed personally to the Prime Minister for a special Team to be sent. Besides this, financial help has already been given to the more needy ones from the sanction made during this Financial Year.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : A Supplementary Question. In these out of the way places, there is absolutely no means of working for daily wages. Unfortunately, they are not included in the block scheme of NREP. I would like to know if they can still be included somehow.

PU P.B. ROSANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, whatever amount of fund we have for relief work is equally distributed. In particular, the IRDP fund is a quarterly sanctioned at every 3 month's interval. If the A.O. of each grouping centre submits their proposal, something may be done with the quarterly provisions.

PU C. PAHLIRA : Pu Speaker, What I had intended to ask has already been answered. However, when did the Government give a report of the poor harvest in Mizoram to the Centre ?

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Speaker, Whatever action the Government has taken so far is for the whole state. It would have been a mistake on any part if I had not mentioned this. The Government of Mizoram gave a report to the Centre on the scarcity of rice in February.

PU B. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Speaker, I also had the impression that it was only for the Constituency of Pu Joe Ngurdawla. It is a good thing to know that the Government is taking these steps for the whole state. My Constituency is also facing a severe scarcity of food, owing to the natural set backs in the harvest. People go out everyday to search and dig wild yams for food, Even these wild food are scarce to find now. Their plight is indeed pathetic. On the western side, the Constituency of Buarpui is also facing this same fate - There is absolutely no rice to purchase in this area. The need to provide rice for this constituency is the most urgent of all. And if the Government has yet supplied them to this day, we cannot rest assured that they will not die of hunger.

Therefore, it is necessary for the Government to alter its method of famine relief in different Constituencies according to the situation.

Lungchem are area also facing great hardship. They have to fetch rice from Chhiahtlang which is a great distance. Contractors refuse to take up the carriage

unless the fees are extremely high. It would be possible to air-drop food for this area.

**PU P.B. ROSANGA :** Pu Speaker, it is very sad indeed that our state is facing food scarcity one after another, owing to various reasons. What the Member has just asked was not actually relevant, as it concerns about supply work and stock. To speak the truth, our plea for Relief work is so often that we do not have reasons to give for each and every time.

The Government of Mizoram has stocked enough rice for most of the far fetched areas, however I do believe that what was said about Buarpui Constituency is correct. I hope this will be solved soon. Air dropping is a very expensive business and the Government does not intend to use it if it can be avoided.

**PU C.L. RUALA :** Pu Speaker, a Supplementary Question. Phuldungsei Constituency is now facing a severe famine, particularly Lungphun Marpara, Sabual, Lallen etc. There are no more wild yams to dig. Incidentally the Constituency is going to face the bye election, which will bring a lot of guests to the area. The people are really facing a hard time. Is there any way of giving them priority in relief work some way or other ?

**PU P.B. ROSANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, it is a good thing to be informed of the conditions of the Phuldungsei Constituency. The most important thing is to save the lives of people. The Government does not give priority otherwise. Therefore, it is the intention of the Government that the Constituency of Phuldungsei be given relief as soon as possible but not on the ground that it is going to the polls.

**PU K. BIAKCHUNGNUNGA :** Pu Speaker, I think we are all aware that this crucial scarcity of food includes the whole of Mizoram. In such circumstances, it would be the best thing if the Hon'ble Minister makes a tour of the affected areas. Besides this, I would like to ask one question which might not be considered relevant, but one which I think is very important. What is the exact stock position before the break in of the monsoon season ?

**SPEAKER :** This Supplementary Question concerns more of Supply Department. However, we shall call upon the Minister i/c to answer it.

**PU P.B. ROSANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, yes it is not literally relevant. However, food grain is the answer to save the scarcity of food. The Supply Department is doing its best to stock enough food grain before the rainy season.

**PU K. LALSANGA :** The situation in Phuldungsei Constituency has also been brought to notice by the members of the Opposition. Would it not be possible for the Deputy Speaker or Minister to visit this place even during the Session ?

**PU P.B. ROSANGA :** Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Development has made a programme to set out on the 21st of this month. It will be convenient to go depending on the programme of the House.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited Lungphun on the 20th and there was a report that 20 families were literally without any food to eat. Can't this report be enough evidence?

PU J.H. LIANCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Speaker, on our recent tour, the report of food scarcity was indeed tremendous. In one Village, a football tournament was supposed to be held but there was not enough rice for the guests players. I have brought home many of these reports which I intend to notify to the Government. I want to ask the Hon'ble Minister in-charge if a sanction of Rs.2,500/- famine Relief can be given to Lungdar West where the said football tournament is to be held?

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Government of Mizoram makes no distinction whatsoever in famine relief. Sanction for relief has already been made available with the Deputy Commissioner of every District. This was made in February. The Deputy Commissioner will see to the needs of his District. The request of the Member from Khawhai Constituency may also be reported to the concerned Deputy Commissioner. There is no fund in our hands, the only ones we can use are the Relief sanctions made by the Government of India.

In 1978 Thingtam famine distress loan was sanctioned by the Government of India. Repayment of these loans are poor and therefore we are commencing ourselves. It would be quite a different thing if we could manage relief fund from our own resources. If we could teach the public the importance of repayment of loans it would help a lot.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, from the speech of the Hon'ble Minister, it appears that we have certain problems because of the poor repayment of Agriculture loans. Are these recovery not cut from the work done in the IRDP and EGS scheme? Have the 1978 loans not yet been fully recovered?

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I cannot tell exactly how much the figure amounts to, a certain amount had been recovered from the work done under the EGS schemes. If the recovery had been fully made, it would make relief work very much easier for now.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, if it is possible, I would like to ask which Villages have not repaid loans and what is the amount?

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, all necessary information and records are in the hands of the Deputy Commissioner in every district. Information and report from the District is very slow, especially Chhimtuipui District. These slow reports have caused us the biggest problems, as the Government of India sanctions the instalments in a quarterly system. These funds are only released according to the progress and achievement reports. I have personally called a meeting with the DC's for discussing the matter. It is therefore not an easy matter to give a detailed report of the same during the Session.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, I know that my Constituency has recovered the loan from their wages cut in the work scheme. If the records and informations

of other Villages are not clear, they could all be mixed up. Therefore if the reports are given to the M.L.A's, it would be an easy thing to know which Villages have not recovered their share.

**SPEAKER :** As stated, the account report is not a matter to settle within this short span of our Session, we shall therefore close the subject for the time being.

**PU C. VULLUAIA :** Pu Speaker, a Supplementary Question. The usual procedure of distribution of funds, whether it be development or famine relief is district wise 5,3,2 ratio. Is this proportion considered to be the best procedure? Is it also a fact that the famine relief or development fund for Aizawl is often diverted to other districts?

**PU P.B. ROSANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, this is not the exact population ratio. It is only meant to be a guide. In answer to the second question, the savings of the Government is only about 25 lakhs. This was distributed to each Village Council on February according to the 5,3,2 ratio. Thereby Chhimtuipui District received Rs. 4 lakhs. The Government intended to use the fund for certain difficult periods of the year, but this cannot be done as the whole of Mizoram is in a state of food scarcity. Therefore there is no relief money.

**PU LALNGHENA :** Pu Speaker, is it not possible to utilise the work projects already scheduled under P.W.D., eg. Kertum to Vanlaiphai road, Vanlaiphai to Lungdar, Chephuan to Lungdar and Lungdar to Tlakdil. These are ready for construction. If these can be done, it would solve a great deal of the famine relief problem.

**PU P.B. ROSANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, these have been considered and in fact a meeting of officials responsible for the relief fund is to be held tomorrow. However we should know that there are certain formalities to go through financially, and work cannot be as fast as we want. The Government is keen on this suggestion.

**SPEAKER :** Our Question hour is almost over. However as we have not yet finished all the questions, we shall take up the full hour as scheduled. Question No. 3 Pu Joe Ngurdawla, to ask.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Pu Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Finance Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it known to the Government that the pay and all allowances of Tailors employed in different Government Departments are not uniform?
- (b) Is there any scale of pay and allowances for tailors approved by the Government?

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, there is no scale of pay fixed for tailors employed in Government Departments.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Pu Speaker, it seems that it is necessary and if so, is it not possible for the Government to fix the scale?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this matter had once been brought to me by the tailors themselves. There is no tailoring pay scale in itself, however pay scales are categorised into skilled and non-skilled labour. This is applied to other trades also such as carpentry, stone-mason and other trades

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know how the skilled labourers are classified.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, I think we should take the opinion of the House.

SPEAKER : Now, does the House agree to continue with the question hour? If so the Minister in-charge may answer the question.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in the first place they are employed as Muster Roll labour which is non-skilled. Later they are promoted to skilled labour according to their performance. This is a departmental promotion. In trades like tailoring, it depends on their grades or certificates which are obtained from the institution they attended.

SPEAKER : We shall now take up question No. 4. Pu Joe Ngurdawla to ask.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Finance Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether is any priority given by the Government in respect of allotment of fund in the current year's budget ?
- (b) If the answer is 'No' why not ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Yes, in Non-Plan fund priority cannot be given because most of the Non-Plan fund is utilised for payment of salaries etc of the Government Employees. There is hardly any scope for giving priority. Fund for Central Plan, Centrally sponsored Scheme and NEC Schemes are provided for specific purposes. However, in respect of Plan fund, priority is given for the purposes for which the Government considers it necessary. In respect of the present Government, priority is given on the following items :-

- (a) Attainment of self sufficiency in food.
- (b) Drinking water to people.
- (c) Construction and improvement of roads.
- (d) Improvement of road transport.
- (e) Adequate Power Supply.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, it would be difficult to make exact evaluations on priorities. On the whole the Agriculture land reclamation and



link roads are most beneficial for the people. Such works may be evaluated by the Ministry for the future.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, this evaluation if known as the berth of administration in the Development Department, In Mizoram the state administration itself is still very young, and to made evaluation at this early stage would cause a lot of errors. Such things would eventually materialize as the administration grows, As the fund allocation is still meagre in every sector adjustments are still to be made.

**SPEAKER :** Now the last question for today is to be asked by Pu Ellis Saidenga.

**PU ELLIS SAIDENGA :** Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Home Department be pleased to state-Whether the Government is aware of the reported infiltration of Chakmas from Bangladesh into some Villages along the boredr areas ? vern-

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is Yes, the Goment is aware of the fact.

**PU ELLIS SAIDENGA :** Pu Speaker, in the recent MDC election of Chakma Council it is learnt that infiltrators from Bangladesh made a lot of interference. At present there are about 400 Chakma families in about elevent Villages.

Is the Government aware of the fact ? What course of action does the Government intend to take ?

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, the Government is aware of the fact. However, it is not an easy matter to take action. The Government of India ordered us to detect the infiltrators along the border and deport them back. This is not easy to implement. Border Security Forces are active, but to detect every infiltrator is not an easy job.

We have also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister on this matter.

The Government of Mizoram did receive a report on the election of Chawngte sub-Division. Inquiry was made but without much satisfaction. Therefore the problem remains yet to be solved.

**PU B. EALCHUNGNUNGA :** Pu Speaker, it is good to hear that the Chakma infiltrators from Bangladesh have been checked as far as possible by the Government. The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor also stated in the House that a large number of these infiltrators have been pushed back. However, even though the B. S. F. escorts them back to the boundary line, they always return, If the Government is aware of their return, is there a better way of tackling the problem ?

For those who are in the concerned area, it is indeed a thorn in the flesh. We therefore urge the Government to take up stronger measures.

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, as we have said, the Government and the general public are aware of the issue.

We have tried our level best and urged the high authorities in Delhi. Apart from this our ability is greatly limited. We do not have the army at our disposal. If there are any suggestions from among the Members, you may submit it in writing. It is a great regret that the Chakma District has been created. The only thing we can do is put our efforts together.

**PU C. PAHLIRA** : Pu Speaker, we know that Government is keen on the Chakma issue and several suggestions have been made during the Congress Ministry. If we could engage two Battalions of Home Guards which can be maintained by the amount spent on one BSF Battalion. I feel that it may be more effective.

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, that is a good suggestion. However it involves a lot of money. The present Home Guards employed in Mizoram are also maintained at a very high cost. We will give a thought to the suggestion.

**PU J.H. LIANCHUNGNUNGA** : Pu. Speaker, the Chakma issue has also been greatly taken up by the students. The Central Government has also not taken satisfactory action in spite of the reminders given to them. It is therefore high time to organize some sort of action in this matter.

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, yes it needs serious thinking. If we rush too much, we may end up like the situation in Assam. Without discipline it would be difficult to achieve anything. Whatever we intend to do, we should consider it carefully without plunging into anything serious.

**PU C.L. RUALA** : Pu Speaker, is this the first time Hon'ble Chief Minister has notified the Centre of the Chakma issue?

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the same issue was brought to the notice of the Centre in the year, 1978. It has also been repeatedly intimated to the Foreign Minister and Prime Minister.

**SPEAKER** : We have now exceeded our Question hour by half an hour. We shall tape up Business Items No. 3. Brig. Thenphunga Sailo, Chief Minister to lay some papers on the Table.

**BRIG THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission I would like to lay on the Table of the House, Notification No. DCA/E-176/82/178 dated 9th February, 1983, Notification No. DCA/E-176/83/180 dated 17th February, 1983.

**SPEAKER** : The copy may be distributed among the Members. Now that every Member has a copy of the papers we shall read out the list of names for Panel of Chairman for this session.

(1) Pu C. L. Ruala      (2) Pu C. Pahlira      (3) Pu C. Vulluaia

We shall now go to Business No. 5. a Report of Business Advisory Committee. The Report reads :-

The Eleventh and Budget Session of the Third Legislative Assembly having been summoned by the Administrator, Union Territory of Mizoram under Section 6 of the Union Territories Act, 1963, the Business Advisory Committee met on March 7, 1983 in order to command the duration of the session and the time that should be allocated for the discussion of the stage or stages of such Government Bills and other Business.

2. The Committee recommends that the session be held upto Monday, the 28th March, 1983 covering a period of 13 days. The number of days on which the House may actually sit will be 9 days.

3. The Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly provides that every Friday during a session shall be allotted for Private Members Business unless the Speaker otherwise directs. If this is a holiday or if there is no Private Members' Business the Speaker may allot this day for disposal of Government Business. There being no Private Business for this day the Committee recommends that the 18th March, 1983 i.e. may be allotted for representation of Annual Budget of Government of Mizoram for 1983-84, and the Supplementary Demands for 1982-83.

4. It is expected that Budget and Allied papers can be presented to the House on Friday, the 18th March, 1983. But under the provisions of the Administrator's Rules, 1972 no discussion on the Budget shall take place unless two clear days elapse after presentation. The Committee, therefore, recommends that two days i.e. March 21st and 22nd, 1983 be utilised for general discussion on the Budget for 1983-84 and voting of Supplementary Demands for 1982-83 on March 21st, 1983, and three days i. e. March 23rd, 24th and 28th, 1983 be allotted for discussion and Voting on Demands for Grants 1983-84.

5. As regards the time that should be allocated for discussion of the stage or stages of such business, the Speaker may regulate the time.

6. A provisional programme of Business for the Eleventh and Budget Session of the Third Legislative Assembly as recommended by the Business Advisory Committee is as follows :-

#### BULLETIN NO. 159.

1. 16.3.1983 (Wednesday) Address by the Lt. Governor.
2. 17.3.1983 (Thursday) Government Business.

The copy of Bulletin No. 159 has already been given to each of you. If there are any Members who wish to speak on the matter may do so now.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Speaker, have they distributed the copy of what you are reading now? (Speaker : This Bulletin has been distributed, Bulletin No. 159 is the Time Table).

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, the date for presenting the Budget in the House is the 8th Friday. The two days lapse falls on Saturday and Sunday. Therefore

there is hardly any time to study the Budget, Sunday being a day of worship for the Christians. It would be a good thing to include Monday for studying the same.

Pu Speaker, for the Seventh Day Adventists Saturday would be a holiday.

SPEAKER : What is the general opinion ?

PU B. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Speaker, to change the time table approved by the Business Advisory Committee would only cause more harassment.

PU C. PAHLIRA : Pu Speaker, I do not agree with the suggestion of Pu Hiphei. I do not think we really need so much time for studying the Budget.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Pahlira may withdraw his express ( child's play ) as it is un Parliamentary expression.

PU C. PAHLIRA : Pu Speaker, in that case I withdraw my expression.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, discussion of the Budget does not literally imply that alterations will be made. Even if the smallest alteration is made it becomes a matter of no confidence. The State Government discusses how best it may be utilised.

SPEAKER : Now we have two suggestions. Pu Hiphei, do you still stick to your suggestion ?

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, yes I do. It is not the matter of altering the Budget. However, unless we pass the Budget, it cannot be utilised. Therefore we need to know what we are to discuss, and without studying the Budget there is no way of knowing it. The two days allotted for the study of the Budget as I have already pointed out falls on a Saturday and Sunday. Therefore if 3 days can be allotted for this purpose it would be very appropriate.

SPEAKER : It would not be a sin to do a good deed on Sunday.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, according to the time table prepared by the BAC the two days for Budget study falls on a Sunday. However, if one really means to study the Budget there is ample time for doing so. As we know, the bye-election of Phuldungsei Constituency is drawing near and Members will be busy in various matters. It is therefore necessary to make the Budget Session as short as possible. Let us accept what the BAC has already worked out.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Speaker, as the Member from Tuipang Constituency pointed out, Budget study needs a lot of time. Saturday alone is too short for such study. We often need to revise the previous year's Budget in many cases. The Budget book will be printed again in cyclostyle which will be very difficult to read. ( Speaker : It might be printed in the press this time ). I do not think we can rely on 'might' alone.

PU C. PAHLIRA : Pu Speaker, personally I think the timing is not correct. However, it is not good to use Sundays and Sabbath as an excuse. Even if we study the Budget I do not think we will really master the subject. I feel that we have enough time for it. I think we should go as the schedule made by the BAC.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the time may not be exactly as we want. However, since none of us are new to Budget discussions I believe we can easily grasp it. The Member from Tuipang also will not have any difficulty in mastering the Budget.

SPEAKER : If we carefully study the Time Table Bulletin 159 five days can be used in between for studying the Budget. It would be easy to take votes now.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Speaker, it would be better not to take votes. The time for discussion may be prolonged.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA DEPUTY SPEAKER : Only those who have studied it may take part in the first day of discussion.

SPEAKER : Although better suggestions were made by Pu Hiphei and other Members, we have already accepted the one made by BAC, Is this accepted by all ?

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, the House has practiced a convention in this matter. It would not be good to take things for granted

SPEAKER : The Minister in charge Parliamentary Affairs made a suggestion which we have decided to adopt. In anycase, as we have already decided to adopt it let us consider it as accepted.

Now that we have adopted the Time Table made by the BAC. We shall call upon Pu Joe Ngurdawla to speak on the Motion of Thanks already proposed yesterday. We shall try to allot as much time as possible. Members intending to speak on the Motion of Thanks may raise their hands.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Speaker, I would like to say just one more thing. It was not laid on the Table of the House yesterday in the proper manner. We were not present in the House at that time. Therefore the address of the Administrator is not yet the property of the House.

SPEAKER : The Address of the Administrator has been laid on the table. We shall now call upon Pu Joe Ngurdawla to speak on the Vote of Thanks. About 12 Members wish to participate, therefore each person will take about ten minutes. Pu Joe Ngurdawla.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me this time. On the whole I am deeply grateful to the Lt. Governor's address. In spite of the sad touch in the opening pages about the demise of Pu R. Zadinga and other personalities, he has brought to light the various developments of the state. We praise God almighty for the strength. He has given to our leaders to carry on the work of development in the midst of the hardships of today.

We are indeed grateful for the development of the Bairabi Hydel Project which will be the source of greater development in the state in various ways. Other projects like the Serui Project, National Highway and railroads construction have brought great expectations to the people. We should realize that real development is not just widening of the roads or having more schools. The above mentioned projects have opened the roots of real development in our state.

Regarding Plan allocations, the 1983-84 allocation has come up to Rs. 34.80 Crores. This is great development compared to the last Rs. 29 Crores. We have never been asked to fend for ourselves from our own revenue. Whatever amount we need is given to us by the Centre. We need to educate ourselves of the responsibilities we have as citizens. It is time to impart in our minds the need to stand on our own resource. The situation of food scarcity in our state is also one major point where we should realize our need to uplift ourselves.

The Power and Electricity Department has also been mentioned. It is a great step towards development that they are going to have a Chief Engineer. We are proud that our own little rivers will be generating so much power in future.

In the Department of Police we are happy to learn that 2 more companies are to be created. Our police forces have been greatly strengthened and their performance and dedication are appreciated by the people.

The Administrator has also mentioned that 194 Thlawhbawks have been given Village Council. This is truly a giant step towards development. These Bawks had no education and medical facilities since the disturbance in Mizoram. Now it is indeed a dream come true and the effort of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is indeed outstanding in making this possible. The Village Council will now take up the responsibility of their respective Villages and there will be no more undue harassment as during the days of the disturbances. I would like to add that owing to the meagre fund allocation, the Village Council Members are facing great difficulties.

In Agriculture evaluation is greatly needed. Link roads and water ways can be constructed by way of social work. There is great need to have as many minor irrigations as possible. I do not know how the Agriculture Department has taken steps in this direction.

Animal husbandry and Vety Department has also improved greatly. Cattle rearing has been introduced in the rural areas an subsidy. This has posed the problem of grazing pasture land. Yet on the whole, cattle rearing has proved very successful.

The implementation of the 20 Point Programme has been mentioned in the address. Drinking water is provided to the Villages. This has been a great joy to them. The Programmes of the Government of the Mizoram and the Central programme goes side by side.

Electrification of rural villages and drinking water supply are the most urgent needs. These will uplift the economic status of the people. Installation of rice mills has also uplifted a great burden in rural life.

Pu Speaker, I am deeply grateful that these developments have been brought about inspite of the disturbances Mizoram is facing,

I would also like to point out that Information Officers have given very good performances. Their circulars and periodicals have been circulated widely. However, the pay scale of Information Officers are lower than those of other departments. (Speaker : Our morning time is up, we shall have recess till 2 p.m., Pu Joe Ngurdawla will resume in the afternoon). Pu Speaker, I have almost finished my speech.

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2.00 P. M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Joe Ngurdawla will now conclude his speech.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, speaking of Information, I think that the vacant posts should be filled up soon. The Government should see to the unequal pay scale of the Officers of this Department.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Biakchhunga is not present. We shall call Pu Hiphei and after him Pu Pahlira.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity. In the first place the mover of the Motion was quite late during the Administrator's Address. (Pu Joe Ngurdawla : What I have heard and read from the copy of the Address is quite sufficient for moving the Motion of Thanks).

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am only referring to the quickness of his mind. We can learn from the address of the Administrator what development schemes and steps the Government has taken. Looking at the Annual fund allocation of this year I believe that much more can be done.

I would like to say something on Agriculture. Will we be able to reach our target this year? The present condition of the people is indeed a sad plight. The people of my constituency are now depending on wild yams. I believe that IRDP is the one to solve the problem of this food scarcity. I do not know which scheme has replaced EGS, whether it is the NREP or the IRDP. If the people do not have food, they cannot do anything else. Therefore it is necessary that the NREP fund should be multiplied. And as the IRDP has more fund something should be done about it,

In my constituency and Pawi Region two Pilot Projects have been started. However these projects are now lying unlooked after as the post of Junior Project Officer is not yet filled up. I would like to know why this has not been filled up.

In para. 10. We find the Soil Conservation Department, mentioning the success of Cardamoms in Mizoram. If so, in which places are they successful? Chhimtuipui area has not been introduced to Cardamom cultivation, and it would be good to cultivate Cardamoms there too.

In Para. 12, Veterinary Department, Gobar Gas plant is mentioned. This is a very good project as Cow dung is very much in abundance. Therefore the Government should stress more on this Project.

Drinking water supply is mentioned in para 18 of the Address. The interior rural areas have never been reached by the supply of water. The Government has not implemented this scheme in the rural areas and therefore needs to be give more than attention. Para. 20 mentions Power. The scheme to electricity Tuipang has not been implemented. Also Saiha which is generated from Lawngtlai needs a separate generator which we have asked for many times. I do not think this will be too difficult.

The 6th Five Year Plan intended to electrify Tuipang and its neighbouring areas. However its implementation is almost out of question. I have mentioned these for the Government to take more tress on the matter.

Sericulture is also mentioned in Para. 25. I am glad to learn of its success. This should also be introduced in the Chhimtuipui area.

In Education, we are aware of the difficulties faced owing to the meagre fund allocation. The District Council can no longer sponsor Primary Teachers for Training. Formerly 5 Teachers were selected every year for training.

The Health Department has also progressed a lot. However, only 10 sub centres are scheduled to be opened this current year. Secondly, medicines are always short. They have to be purchased from outside. Transportation for medicine is top necessity in the rural areas.

In Para. 34, State buses are mentioned. Seat reservation for M.L.As is quite problem/. for those of us from the interior. It would be good to practice the previous method of reservation till the last half hour before departure time.

Lastly Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to mention the administration of the District Council. The District Council Election is very defective. A seperate polling box is needed for each candidate to avoid unfair means of casting votes.

Grant-in-aid fund also needs to be revised. Last year Rs. 20 lakhs was allotted for this purpose, this year the same amount of figure has been allotted again without any increment. This also appears to be a joint fund with the any increment. This also appears to be a joint fund with the sub plan. I would be grateful for for clarification of the same.

**PU C. PAHLIRA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to add a few words to the Motion of Tbanks of the Administrator's Address. The intrustructure of development is appreciated. We are also grateful to the Chief Minister and Finance Minister for their efforts in puisuance of fund from the Centre. I do not think there is anything to complain about regarding fund allocation from the centre.

A great deal depends on how we utilise our fund for developments. Development in power, Water supply and roads have been seen everywhere. However, our development is still only in part. Eighty percent of the rural families are



still in hunger. Our failure in rice cultivation should make us realise that other cash crops should be given more importance.

In some states, a commission for Agriculture Price is set up. This is a very important need in our state too. If the Government purchases the products of our own agriculture, it will be the best way of uplifting the rural poor. It is a regret that the Government is not yet thinking in these terms. The Development of our state is incomplete without this aspect. Agriculture does not have much meaning if the products are not sold at a good price.

In Sericulture Department, the fund allocation for this year is lesser than I had anticipated. I am afraid that this will be too meagre for covering the need.

In IRDP, I feel that we have lost a huge amount of money owing to the utilisation of the fund by other states since 1978. Our utilisation of the fund has also been a failure.

In Public Works Department, about 50 Km of road are planned for black topping. However, the work progress is very slow. It would be good if contractors are given this work instead of the Department alone. (Deputy Speaker : you have used a good amount of time) Pu Deputy Speaker, I shall just wind up my speech. On the whole I appreciate the speech of the Administration. I also think that the fund allocation from the centre is quite enough. However, we need to take care of how we utilise our fund in order to abolish poverty.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Vadyu

PU S. VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me this time. The Address of the Administrator was short and inclusive of every sphere of developments in the Government. On the whole I am very grateful for the address. However, I just wish to point out some facts.

In Para. 6, we find Major Administrative Changes. The Mizoram Civil Service needs to be re-examined. Their status is still unsatisfactory in the sense that they are not given due power and position as they ought to be.

In Para. 7, it is said that the Mizoram Police may be promoted to Additional S. P. according to the Service Rule. In other states, chances are given to state services as far as possible.

In disturbed area like Mizoram, Mizoram Police have played very important roles in improving the relation between the public and Police. This is solely because they have no language problems and also for their concern for the public.

Agriculture Department appears in the 9th Para. Fund allocation in this Department is quite a good amount. However owing to the topography of the state the venture in Agriculture is not a success. Developments in Agriculture is almost nil. The Government has a tremendous work to do in this field.

In the Administrator's Address yesterday, he mentioned that 12 Journalists from Mizoram were given conducted tours to witness Asiad. However, among the

12 only two persons could witness the Asiad. This is a very embarrassing situation. The Government should enquire in to the cause and ensure that such things do not happen again in future.

The development of Chhimtuipui District Council Area is stated in Para. 42. This is appreciated. However, one fears that it may only be in words and nothing more. We still do not have Village Council at Lawngtlai and a year has passed since we have not had the post of DIPRO filled up. DEO and Industry Officer posts have also been vacant for more than a year.

In the Department of Tourism, I appreciate the efforts Mizoram has made recently. However, we still do not have a separate department for tourism as in other states. This is one of our set backs.

On the whole I am grateful for the Administrator's address. I feel that we owe much to the Central Government and in particular to our Prime Minister for her concern for Mizoram. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalchungnunga and after that Pu Nghenga.

**PU B.LALCHUNGNUNGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker. after listening to the address of the Administrator I took time to study it last night.

It is evident that Mizoram is head and shoulders with other states even if we have not out raced them. What we have achieved is quite satisfactory. As the Administrator stated in the beginning of his speech, we have gone thro' a lot of hardships and trials. We have lost Pu R.Zadinga, MLA, Pu Z.A.Kapmawia, Editor, Chhawrpial and Pu K.Thantluanga, Village Council President, Sateek and several others. Mizoram is facing great difficulties. However, our development is progressing inspite of all these set backs.

Electricity Department has progressed a great deal. Electrification of Villages is going on and now we have about 98 villages electrified. Police Department is also making much progress. We are grateful for the raising of a second Battalion.

Regarding Village Council, the much anticipated elections have been held which is a great landmark in the progress of Mizoram. We are aware of the efforts made by the Department of Agriculture. However, it is evident that the system of shifting cultivation in Mizoram is not a success.

Fishery and Vety Departments have also progressed considerably in the recent years. I believed that we will soon be self sufficient in the near future. In Para. 14, we find that Ks. 1.20 lakhs have been sanctioned for IRDP. This is a considerable sum comparing to last year's Rs. 32 lakhs.

In Para. 15, we find that loans have been distributed for construction of water tanks and septic tanks. I find that these things are to be given more encouragement.

I am also grateful for the achievements of P.W.D. In Para. 19, we find that the highest priority is given to the Aizawl water supply and I do hope that the second highest will be given to Lunglei water supply.

One thing I would like to suggest in connection with Para. 23, is the need to set up a mill for manufacturing plywood. I believe this will be very convenient as we have plenty of wood which can be used for that purpose.

I appreciate the growing awareness of Sericulture in the state. With the encouragement of the Government, this will soon play a major role in our economy.

The Government has also given great priority to Primary and Middle Schools. However, the distribution of teachers is still not balanced. The Government may see to this problem.

We have also developed a great deal in the Department of Health, sub Health Centres have opened up everywhere. However, we do not find any mention of Primary Health Centres in the Lieutenant Governor's Address, but I believe this will be done eventually.

The Government has also started construction of the National Highway. Their work is to be seen as we come up from Silchar and also from Aizawl to Lunglei.

I do not find anything to criticize in the address of the Administrator. We are heading for higher developments and I am grateful for it,

Thank you.

PU LALNGHENGGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Members have already spoken on the Motion of Thanks. I will just add a few points to what has already been said.

Firstly, I would like to give thanks for the address which is made into a little booklet. I find this very convenient.

In Para. 3, we find the need to observe Law & Order in the State. There have been many misunderstandings between the public and the Government and I am glad that the Administrator has cleared all these speculations and made a stand on behalf of the Government.

Regarding Police Department, the intention to raise a second Battallion has been most welcome, as there has always been a language problem between the BSF and CRPF and the local people.

In Para. 17, we find the extention of Aizawl town. There had been several suggestions about shifting the town to somewhere more convenient. Thenzawl and Lengpui were quite prominent among the few suggestions. However, as the Hon'ble Chief Minister had pointed out, it would not be possible to shift the

town in the literal sense, but it could be extended bit by bit towards the western side. This appears to be more practicable. It is a relief to see the new constructions at Luangmual comparing to the congested buildings in Aizawl Town.

In Para. 40, we find another thing which is of vital importance, The Government Press. The developments and rapid improvement of the Press is indeed tremendous comparing to the conditions about 3 years back. We cannot but be grateful for the convenience which has been made by the new machines. We are also proud to say that their work is not inferior to those of bigger cities like Delhi etc. The workers themselves are very dedicated and often work overtime of their own free will. They do deserve to be awarded for working overtime. From what we have heard, the Budget Speech is also going to be printed in the Government Press. On the whole, we find from the Speech of the Administrator the many efforts and fruits of development in our state. We are indeed grateful to be able to reap the harvest of these developments.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it appears that there are many things to be thankful for when we read the Address of the Administrator. However, there are many points on which we cannot give thanks for those of us who observe it practically. I am going to point out some portions on which we cannot give thanks.

We are happy to know that our Budget has increased considerably. Our Annual Plan this year exceeds the previous by Rs. 5. 80 Crores, and considering the amount, it ought to bring about a considerable amount of change in development.

However, the rural areas remain as un-developed as before. There is no means of earning one's livelihood. Increase of the budget has no meaning for rural areas.

In Para. 7, we find that the Mizoram Police Service Rules has been approved. I did not know that there were Police Service Rules in Mizoram. It is so relaxed that some people can even borrow pistols from Police personnels and commit crimes with it. Such persons are only given a light punishment of suspension. In Para. 8, it is proposed that the Village Council be involved in the Planning of Rural Based Economy programme.

This is a good proposition, but I doubt whether it will be really implemented as our M.L.A.'s are never included in Planning. It is not possible to involve ourselves as we are not given priority. I do not see how Village Councils will involve themselves.

In Agriculture, we do not have any developments worth mentioning. The powerless pumps which were installed with great publicity are of no use. We have only developed in theory. Tractors and power tillers which are said to be used in a big way are in no way to be seen around Champhai where wheat is supposed to be cultivated.

Permanent cultivation and terracing advocated by the Soil Conservation Department has died down back to their old way of cultivation because these garden colonies are not fruitful. I think the Department of Animal Husbandry and Vety is also developed only in theory. None of the cattle mentioned are to be seen

even in the constituency of the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of the Department. However, I am glad that pigs are multiplying.

Our budget allocation for NREP & IRDP this year has decreased considerably. This is going to pose a big problem and I would appreciate if the Ministry searches a means to solve this problem. The Government also appears to be doing nothing regarding the utility of IRDP allocations.

I also wonder what happened to the 322 bundles of GCI Sheets meant for the Community Hall of Chhaintuipui District. This loss has not been detected or found out.

In Para, 16, we find that we have no air field in our state. And as there is no Rail facility, it is imperative that we have at least one air-field.

The Administrator mentioned in Para 19, that Aizawl Water Supply Scheme is being given top priority. However, water supply from Laipuitlang has stopped for almost 1½ years. If we cannot maintain what we already have. I do not see how we can expect new schemes for water supply.

I would also like to know why Serlui 'A' has been erased in the Micro Hydel Project mentioned here. As we know, Serlui is divided into A and B. Our Budget for electrification of one Village appears to be too meagre. Only one side of the Village gets electrified and it has brought only chaos to the whole Village.

The budget of Mini Industrial Estate 1977-78 which amounted to Rs. 5 lakhs and 1978-79 which also amounted to Rs. 5 lakhs was surrendered except for the pay of the Chowkidar. This is clearly seen in the Audit Observation. In spite of this, it is a miracle that we have Mini Industrial Estates in Zuangtui and Sairang.

This is the same case with the saw mill cum-wood seasoning factories. The Budget allocations were surrendered without utilising a single paise. It is therefore quite impossible to give thanks for nothing.

The Department of Social Welfare has done some work in nutrition. However, it is a pity that children of interior Villages do not have the privilege of receiving nutrition from the Department. If it is distributed at all, then let the poor rural children receive their shares.

It was with much publicity that the Chief Minister opened a Life Bank in the Aizawl Civil Hospital, last year.

However, it is a great regret that all this was in vain as the two machines which arrived for this purpose are defective from the start.

We had rejoined to have a Deluxe Bus for state Transport. I had no idea that we had purchased a second hand bus from the Assam Rifles.

Lastly, I would like to speak on Para.40, Stationery and Printing. It appears that personal benefits have been included in our stationery wing. Printing of Calendars are also extremely late.

The Government has also extremely neglected the Pawi District Council. They have formed a majority Government and yet the Government has not been able to release the nominated seats. Is not this solely because of neglect?

The upgradation of Silchar-Aizawl Road into National Highway appears to be an error. It should be Silchar-Lunglei Road which is upgraded.

Anyway, as there has been much report of work done, let us try to be more thankful in the hope that it will be implemented.

**PU J. H. LIANCHUNGNUNGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker... (sound not clear)  
In mentioning the Police Battalion, and the raising of a Second Battalion, I hope that this will be a means to solve the unemployment problem of young Mizos.

Regarding Village Council, it is a great joy to all of us that nearly 200 Thlawhbawks are now having Village Council. I believe this is the greatest achievement made by the Government of Mizoram. As we know, we have some amount of funds in NREP and IRDP Schemes.

However, the NREP Scheme is rather difficult to understand for implementation. It has taken much time to put it in to use and the people are anxious to utilise its sanction. These funds may be given priority as urged by the Members.

It is not altogether true to allege that there is no means of earning daily wages in the interior as some have said. Construction of playgrounds are going on as well as link roads and water mills. However, these are not enough to meet their ends and it is a fact that they need more work of this kind.

Our Power Supply is truly not sufficient. We are happy to know that Six Diesel Generator Sets have been purchased. Some of these are to be installed in the rural areas. The Government is taking steps towards its implementation. I am glad that a Tourist Lodge is being constructed at Chaltlang and also proposed at Champhai and Kolasib. We also hope to have one such at Lunglei town by next year.

The proposition that the Government should supply stationery to different Departments is a very sound idea. It would be a good economy for both the public and the Government. The letter Heads of Members which were printed before should also be printed again in large size as it is far more convenient as the present one is rather small in size.

The upgradation of Silchar-Lunglei Road into National Highway is also developing. The BRTF have done a good job so far. I am glad that the Lieutenant Governor has collected the works of developments in his speech. We are indeed grateful for it. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Eight Members have taken part today and we hope that 15 Members will take part tomorrow. Speeches may be prepared so that if clarifications are needed it may be easily done by the Ministers or House Leader.

We shall now adjourn our meeting till 10:30 tomorrow.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4 P. M.

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