

10. PU LAL THANHAWLA to move the following :—

“This Assembly resolves that construction of Champhai Mimbung Road be started by the P.W.D. of the Government of Mizoram during this financial year”.

11. PU JOE NGURDAWLA to move the following :—

“This Assembly is of the opinion that remuneration given to members of Village Council including the Secretaries be increased”.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : “Ye are the salt of the earth : but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of meir”.

St. Mathew 5:13.

Before none of our business was taken up yesterday, we had arguments over the authorization letter of the Speaker. It is for information of the House that the authorization letter of the hon'ble Speaker has arrived. Because of yesterday's argument, there is one thing we forgot to do. When there is newly elected member, the House need to welcome him/her. Now, there is Pu Liansuama, newly elected member from Phuldungsei constituency we will call him to stand up while we clap our hands in welcome.

(Members clapped)

We shall now take up Business No. 1-starred question No. 9 from Pu Liansuama.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Local Administration Department be pleased to state—

How many tonnes of garbages have been removed from Aizawl Town annually ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, 6600 (approx) tonnes of garbages have been removed from Aizawl town annually.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, do we have a special place or Dumping place for throwing garbages removed from town annually ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there used to be a Dumping ground somewhere in the area between Bawngkawn and Lalsangliana Petrol Pump. But, as garbages pollute the air and multiply flies, there used to be strong objection from the public. Hence, another Dumping grounds are selected in Sairang Road near the approach road to P.T.C and in Hualngo Hmun Road. These places also may not still be good enough. To throw simply from the main road is not good enough, an approach road from where to throw the garbages is going to be constructed.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is provision of fund in the Budget for construction of approach road to Dumping ground. If precipitous slopes have been selected for Dumping ground as stated by the hon'ble Minister, for what purposes should we use the fund we have in the Budget ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the fund in the Budget is for night soil dumping ground. As provided Night Soil Dumping ground is being constructed on the bank of Tuirial. What we are saying is Dumping ground for garbages not for night ground. Dumping soil

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, question No. 10.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will hon'ble Minister i/c A.H. & Veterinary Department be pleased to state-

- a) Whether Government of Mizoram has constructed a slaughter House at Aizawl.
- b) If so, where and what is the expenditure incurred so far for the project ?
- c) What is the progress ?

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker.
MINISTER

- a) No.

b) Does not arise.

c) Does not arise.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question-

The hon'ble Minister said that there was no slaughter House constructed at Aizawl. Venterinary Department used to have a provision of Rs. 2,46,000/- for construction of Slaughter House and the money spent for this had been Rs. 2,12,000/-. But, there is no provision for this in 1982-83 Budget. If Slaughter House have not been constructed till date, for what purpose had Rs. 2,00,000 been spent ?

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Veterinary Department used
MINISTER to have provision in the Budget for construction of Slaughter House. Site had been purchased for this and fencing also had been done through P.W.D. However, it is felt that Local Administration Department should take over Slaughter House as there seems to be closer relationship with the nature of their works. File had been processed and it has also been finalized.

The actual execution work has not yet been taken over by LAD. But as it is to be transferred to LAD, no provision is made for Slaughter House under Veterinary Department's Budget.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my question have not been answered. For what purpose Rs. 2,46,000/- provided under Major Head 310 Animal Husbandry was spent ?

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as I have said, I cannot re-
MINISTER member the exact figure. But, Rs. 1,30,000/- was spent for purchase of site for Slaughter House and Rs. 2,73,700/- was for fencing.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 11

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Industries Department be pleased to state-

- (a) The amount of fund which has been given to the Mizoram small Industries Development Corporation.

(b) The amount of loan which has been given to various disciplines of industries with institutions/individuals - wise amount,

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker,

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| (a) As Grant | Rs. | 20,000.00 |
| As share | Rs. | 43,00,000.00 |
| Total | Rs. | 43,20,000.00 |

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|-----------------|---|------------------|
| (b) Institution | — | Nil |
| Individual | — | Rs. 94,50,748.00 |

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question —
To how many persons Rs. 94/- lakhs was distributed?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Rs. 1,51,250/- was given to MINISTER
9(nine) persons as Seed Money and Rs.75,95,298/- under IDBI revising scheme was given to 41 (fourty one) persons as Tract Loan and another Rs. 17,04,200/- was distributed to 21(twenty one) individuals as Industrial Unit.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, could the Minister furnish the names of the persons and the names of their farms to the House ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That will be take too long.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if it is going to take too long MINISTER
I can furnish it in writing later on.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That will be better since there are many business and questions to be taken up.

Now, let us proceed to our next question No. 12.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Local Administration Department be pleased to state -

The reason why the remuneration of Village Council Presidents, Vice-President, Secretaries and Members had not been increased in view of rising prices and the laborious nature of their duty.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, It is due to shortage of fund
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any supplementary questions ?

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what efforts have been made to increase the remuneration of Village Council Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Members ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to the present rate which was fixed in 1972, it is Rs. 50/— for President, Rs. 30/— for Vice-President, Rs. 40/— for Secretary, Rs. 25/— for Members and Tlangau (i.e. a village crier). According to this fixation, our annual expenditure is Rs. 10,70,220/—. But, due to changing circumstances and non-stopping price rise, everyone, not only the members felt it necessary to increase the rate of Village Council remuneration. Before last year, proposal was made for this. The proposed rate is Rs. 150/— for VCP, Rs. 130/— for Vice President, Rs. 140 for Secretary, Rs. 80/— for Member and a Village crier. But, when the number of Village Council increased, the money involved could be quite high.

There are also some proposals to employ V/C Secretaries and Village criers as III and IV Grade employees under the Government. Our main difficulty is however, due to in-adequacy of fund in the non-planned Budget. As we may be aware, the expenditure for Village Councils is under Non-Plan. Under Non-Plan; the increase could be only by 4%. To increase only 4% will be nothing considering the present condition. While on the other hand, our requirements increased and additional fund that could be acquired from the Budget are required for other things such as stationaries etc. This being the case, it is quite a difficult task to increase the remuneration of V/C Members. In spite of various efforts made by the Government to find the means to increase V/C Members' remuneration, we have not come to any definite solution till now.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question—the honorable Member said that they have difficulty due to shortage of fund. Pay/Remuneration is fixed as provided under the Act, which is then included in the Budget. If the existing Village Council Act is not

amended or revised, it will not be possible to increase the remuneration of V/C members or have fund in the Budget. Have there been any intention to revise the existing Village Council Act so as to pave the way for increment of remuneration of Village Council's Member? How far this Ministry have gone in this regard?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we felt that it will not be necessary to revise the existing Act to increase the remuneration of Village Council Presidents and members. But, if the House feel it is necessary and if we think it will be more effective, I have no objection to amend the existing Village Council Act.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, question No. 13.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Industries Department be pleased to state - What is the total strength of Officers and staff in the usual set up of D.I.C. Mizoram?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are seven Gazetted Officers including Office Superintendent and 27 (twenty seven) non-Gazetted staff in each D.I.C. of Aizawl and Lunglei.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, have all these posts been filled up?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, all these posts are not yet filled up.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the strength of staff under D.I.C. Aizawl and Lunglei respectively?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the posts which have not been filled up are - In Aizawl, one posts of Manager, two posts of Industrial Promotion Officer and one posts of Sericulture expert. In Lunglei, two posts of Manager, one post of Deputy Manager, one posts of steno-grapher Grade II and one posts of Sericulture expert.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Supplementary question -
What is the reason for not filling-up these vacant posts mentioned by the hon'ble Minister? Where is one Deputy Manager already appointed for D.I.C. Lunglei?

PU F MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as there is no one to look after Raw materials in Aizawl, his service is being used in Aizawl in addition to his works in Lunglei DIC.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is gathered that our officers have to save face in Delhi due to our in-ability to follow central pattern regarding the organization of DIC in Mizoram. I once decided to move resolution in this regard. But, there was an assurance to look into the matter, hence, my resolution was withdrawn.

As stated by the hon'ble Minister, there are posts which had been created but which have not been filled up. It is also gathered that there are staff in the Department who have necessary qualifications for these vacant posts. Is there any intention to promote these qualified staff to the vacant posts lying under DIC?

PU F MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what had been stated by the MINISTER hon'ble member was true. Since the day we gave an assurance, we pursued the matter and on 3rd September, 1983. We are given final approval by Central Government to adopt Central pattern. Though central pattern is going to be adopted, the number of some post is but reduced, The post of Deputy Manager which should be seven under centrally pattern is reduced to five. Considering population and the workload in Mizoram, five Deputy Manager is quite sufficient for the time being.

Some posts are intended to fill up by promotion and for some posts, advertisement is being made. Unfortunately however, those who applied our advertisement were un-qualified. Anyway, we should soon start to function as centrally pattern.

Pu ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, under normal circumstances the work-load in Aizawl and Lunglei DIC should be the same and for that, the strength of staff to be appointed is also the same. But while there are 3 (three) Deputy Managers and one for Lunglei DIC employed in Aizawl there is only one in Lunglei. Is there an intention to post this officer to Lunglei DIC for which he is appointed?

I also want to know whether we are to have soon District Industry Officer in Lunglei ? It may be noted that, Saiha and Lunglei have no DIO for a long time. It may also be noted that the scale of pay of DIO Lunglei and Saiha is different. Though both are DIO's the pay scale of Saiha DIO is Rs. 650-11200/-whereas Lunglei DIO is Rs. 500-900/- Have not the Government aware of this ? Will they make it right ?

In the month of April last year, Sale Emporium Manager, Lunglei expired. But, his substitute have not been appointed till now. Why have not his substitute been appointed/placed till now ?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is temporarily and for only a short period that the service of Deputy Manager Lunglei is borrowed. His service is required to sort out works he had handled before promotion. As it is only for a short period, he will be released as soon as possible. It is also our intention to have Lunglei and Aizawl DICs functioned in the same pattern and arrangement had also been made for this. If we could find qualified persons, Aizawl and Lunglei function immediately in the same pattern.

Regarding the pay scale of DIO it was Central Government who fixed their scale of pay. But in Mizoram, we do not wait this to happen. Hence, the Government made various efforts to find a solution. In pursuing this matter that Government have not placed DIO in Saiha and Lunglei. However, Government is making all-out efforts to straighten things for the smooth running of DIC in Aizawl and Lunglei.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, question No. 14.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Local Administration Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether the Government of Mizoram intend to give Village Council to every Thlawhbawk.
- (b) If not, why not ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker,
MINISTER

- (a) No.

(b) Those Thlawhbawks consisting of very few families and the situation of which are not suitable for permanent villages are not likely to be considered.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question -
What is the number of families and households accounted for having Village Council ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, conditions made by the
MINISTER Government of Mizoram for allotment of Village Council to Thlawhbawk are -

Thlawhbawk which have had Village Council in the past, with not less than 30 (thirty) families or households.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble Minister stated the conditions laid down by the Government for allotment of Village Council. But, there are villages such as Chengsur and Dampui which have the required conditions but which have not been given village council. Will the Government allot Village Council to these villages?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Parvatui consisted 63 (sixty three) households and they also have had village council in the past. Do the Government intend to give them Village Council in the near future ? I think the Minister should give the reply while he answer the questions of our hon'ble member.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the first step had been
MINISTER completed and the second step is being examined.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA ; Pu Deputy Speaker, as we are aware, it is quite troublesome to hold Village Council Election. There had been Village Council Election twice. Under the existing Act the term of Village Council is three (3) years. Unless Village Council Act is going to be amended, there cannot be an uniform pattern for Village Council election all over Mizoram. Hence, do the Government make rule for Village Council election for the whole of Mizoram or Aizawl District ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the term of Village Council
MINISTER which is 3 (three) years is still a standing rule.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question No. 15.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department be pleased to state.

- (a) The year-wise allotment of funds under transport subsidy for carrying Animal feeds to Co-operative Society and individual during 1978-1983.
- (b) Give the name of Society individuals separately.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker.

- (a) Allotment of funds for the year
1978-79-NIL,
1979-80-NIL,
1980-81-31,000,
1981-82-80,000,
1982-83-One lakh.

District-wise allotment of fund in year-wise

| | 1980-81 | 1981-82 | 1982-83 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Aizawl District | 15,000 | 60,000 | 1,00,000 |
| Lunglei District | 10,000 | 12,000 | |
| Chhimtuipui District | 6,000 | 8,000 | |
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- b) Year-wise allotment to Society/Farmers

| Aizawl District | 1980-1981 |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Sihphir | 1 trip |
| Serchhip | 1 trip |
| Thingsulthlah | 1 trip |
| Durtlang | 2 trips |
| Kulikawn | 3 1/2 trips. |
| | 1981-1982 |
| Matu | 6 trips |

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| Lalparmawii c/o Pari Drug House | 9 trips |
| Tika Ram Upadhya, Lunglei | 1 trip |
| Chhawnthanga, Thakthing | 3 trips |
| Milk Producer's Coop. | 1 trip |
| Society, Durtlang | |
| Ranvulh Association, Serchhip | 1 trip |

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| Lalparmawii c/o Pari Drug House | 55 trips |
| Tuahchhunga, Vaivakawn | 2 trips |
| Milk Producer's Coop. Society Durtlang | 9 trips |
| Milk Producer's Coop. Society Serchhip | 2 trips |
| Milk Producer's Coop. Society Sihphir | 5 trips |
| Milk Producer's Coop. Society Lungdai | 1 trip |
| Milk Producer's Coop. Society Kolasib | 1 trip |
| Departmental truck | 7 trips |
| Tika Ram Upadhya, Lunglei | 1 trip |
| R.Dosanga, Lunglei | 1 trip |
| R.Dosanga, Saiha/Lawngtlai | 2 trips |

N.B : One trip is approximately 190 bags.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question—there is transport subsidy for Department. Animal Feed is purchased from Wheat Brand, Silchar. In Silchar, it is Rs. 50/-per bag which is transported in Departmental truck and in Aizawl, the price is Rs. 60/-per bag. In this way, there could be profit as it is not necessary to use Transport subsidy. Is the profit used for giving another in subsidy ?

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a fact that one bag of Animal feed is Rs. 55/-in Silchar while it is Rs. 60/- in Aizawl. The reason is : it is not that Transport subsidy was not used, but the difference of Rs. 5/- was meant for recovering transit lost and incidental expense.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, starred question No. 16, Pu Liansuama's question.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Supply and Transport Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether the post of MVI for Lunglei District has been sanctioned and created ?
- (b) If yes, why it has not yet been filled up ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker,
MINISTER

- (a) The post of MVI for Lunglei District has not been sanctioned and created so far.
- (b) Does not arise.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question -

Is there an intention to create the post of MVI for Lunglei District ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, not only the post of MVI
MINISTER but, there is an intention to re-organize the whole MV Wing of Lunglei. Proposal had been made in 1982 for creation of full fledged staff in Lunglei District Transport Office. The matter had been moved at Central Government level and the Home Ministry have made an approval for this proposal. We could not, however start the re-organization Work at this moment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question No. 17, Pu Joe Ngurdawla's question.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether the Committee constituted by the Government to look into the grievances of various service Associations some time ago has submitted its recommendations ?
- (b) If so, what steps are being taken by the Government to implement the recommendation.
- (c) If not, why not ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker,
CHIEF MINISTER

- (a) No.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

PU LALNGHENGGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in Mizoram Government; there does not seem to be much avenue for clericals to get promotion upto the rank of Under Secretary. In Arunachal Pradesh for example, there is a post of Administrator Officer in the scale of pay of Rs. 650/-. It is promotion outlet for Superintendents who are in the pay of Rs. 550/-. Considering limitation of chance for our Superintendents for promotion, will the Government create such posts under Mizoram Plan Budget ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble members question is not relevant.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, question No. 18.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the reason for constituting Grievances Committee while there is Petition Committee in the Assembly Committees ? If Service Associations have grievances, they can refer the matter to Petition Committee and it is for this that Petition Committee is constituted.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, though I cannot say what progress had been there but the Government is looking for the way to supplement House Grievances Committee. Anyway, the reason why Grievances Committee was constituted : besides cases taken up by Petition Committee, there are so many different cases of grievances from various service Associations. Each association wants to protect and safeguard their own service and they want remedy to their respective grievances. As their grievances are not a thing that could be neglected, there has to be a body to examine and take up their cases. Hence, Grievances Committee was constituted. As each association has their own interest, it is not an easy task for the Committee to do thing expeditiously. Nevertheless, it is because of the reasons I have stated that this Committee was constituted.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question No. 18 (Pu Hiphei : Pu Deputy Speaker let me put a questionnaire regarding question No.17)

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker I think relevancy of the matter should be pointed out by the Chairman not because of what Leader of the House said. Since there is much seramble for promotion among Government employees have the Government intention to create the posts of Registrar and Administrative Officer as it is done in other states ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, is the member merely putting question ? Does he want his question to be answered (Pu Hiphei: Deputy Speaker- I want my question to be answered). It is well whether it is relevant or not, it is pleasing that the member raised this question. The Government attached due importance to it right from the beginning of the formation of this Ministry. As we are aware, the service condition of some A.Os was hardly satisfactory. However, due to efforts made by our capable officers, more avenue have now been opened for them to get promotion. Some of them have been absorbed in the MCS cadre. I want to inform the House that we need not to worry about this matter as our officers who have more and better experience than we are making every possible efforts to improve the service conditions of our Civil Officers.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not ask for an answer but, I am thinking whether it will be possible to have closer study of the functioning of our neighbouring states regarding service conditions of Government employees. Otherwise, it will be too risky to make final decision for settlement of grievances emphasized by our Government employees.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, what the member said was truly important. As he has had such ideal thinking the officers handling the affairs of our Government employees are very careful and cautious and they are also doing their best to find a rightful solution to the grievances of our Government employees.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, as my question was not properly answered, I am now going to raised two questionnaires which I want them to be noted down by the hon'ble in-charge.

By Administrative Officer, what I have in mind is a Liaison Officer or a link between Director and Superintendent. As there is no close link between Directorate and Superintendent Office, there are many pending works and the working staff also have difficulty because of this. Being aware of this, one of the Associations demanded creation of post for Administrative Officer as a link officer between Directorate office and Superintendent Office. Had all the Departments have such officer, I am sure that many of the pending cases or works would have been cleared. I am therefore, asking whether the Government found any dis-advantages in creating such post of officer.

I also asked as to why Service Grievances Committee was formed while there is Petition Committee in the Assembly Committees. Is not the Assembly Petition Committee trustworthy enough ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am quite puzzled as to show I would answer the first question. It was an important question and I hope that the officers-in-charge will take vigorous steps.

Regarding his second question - I do not think it will be necessary to connect with Assembly Petition Committee. As I have stated, the reason for constituting Service Grievances Committee is that the many grievances submitted by various associations which have to be tackled somehow or the other. It is to study and find solution to these grievances than Service Grievances Committee was formed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, question No. 18, Pu Lalnghenga's question.

PU LALNGHENGGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c LAD be pleased to state -

- (a) How many Village Administrations have enforced the Animal control and Taxation Rules ?
- (b) Has the enforcement been successful in serving the desired purposes ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker,
MINISTER

- (a) All the Village Council existed prior to February 1983 enforces the Animal (Control and Taxation) Rules.
- (b) Yes, to a great extent.

PU LALNGHENGGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question – the hon'ble Minister said that the Animal Control and Taxation Rule had been put into force. It is understood that there has to be Grazing ground for animals. Could Village Council allot site/area for Grazing Ground in the Villages where Animal Control Rule is being in force. In Villages, it is village council who see to the enforcement of Rules. Above them, there is Local Administration Department who has taken charge of District Council Affairs. For more effective enforcement of Animal Control Rules, it may be necessary to detail other officer than a Circle Officer. Is it therefore, the intention of the Government to detail officer particularly for better enforcement of Animal Control and Taxation Rules ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, implementation of the Rules
MINISTER a slow process and it is done step by step. It is not possible to have farm or Grazing Ground as soon as the Rule is in force. Our Village Councils also take vigorous steps and they selected sites for Grazing Grounds. It is hope that the Rule will be successfully enforced step by step.

Enforcement of the Rules is left in the hands of Deputy Commissioners. They in turn enforced them through LAD staff and officers. But, as the workload of Local Administrative Department increased with sanitation, enforcement of Rules and local administration, creation of more post in the field of Sanitation is being processed. It is therefore, expected that the heavy-load of works burdened on LAD will be lifted up to some extent.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is the Animal (Control and Taxation) Rules to be enforced in every villages? If so what action would be taken against the village known to have not enforced this Rule ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, steps is being taken for enforcement of Animal (Control and Taxation) Rules in the whole area of Autonomous District Councils, By our declaration, the village Councils in Aizawl and Lunglei District are to enforce this Rule. However, as it is only the initial stage, our implementation of the Rule is not the same in all the villages. Anyway, effort is being made for successful implementation of the Rule in all villages.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, for effective enforcement of Animal (Control and Taxation) Rules, there has to be Grazing grounds for Animals. Strict enforcement of the Rules before the Government could fulfill their parts may be a burden for the families

who have cattle. As I have said once before, there is hardly suitable area to be allotted for Grazing ground and even if there is Grazing ground, fencing will have to be done. If the Rule is to be strictly enforced, Government should have first fulfilled their parts. How many Grazing Ground are there at the moment and in what villages have Animal Control Rules been to force? Have the Rules been in force in different localities of Aizawl town? Have not still there many strayed animals in the street?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as I have said, we are only at the initial stage of enforcement and it is not yet possible to enforce effectively in all the villages. Some amount of money had been collected as Animal Taxes and half of the amount is expected to be utilized for covering the expenditure incurred for enforcement of the Rule. We have not had proper Grazing Ground or cattle ground. Such being the position, I am sorry that I could not yet answer questionnaires raised by the hon'ble member.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred question No. 19.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Supply and Transport Department be pleased to state -

How many Line check - gates have been installed within Mizoram for Transport Vehicles. If there is no such gates, what is the reason thereof?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no such line-check gates within Mizoram for Transport vehicles. However, this Department have posted Line Inspectors and Line-checkers in seven places in Mizoram to perform the job of checking transport vehicles.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the hon'ble Minister mis-interpreted my question. Even if he does not mis-in interpreted, what I mean to ask is not the way he answered. I'll therefore, explain my point. By Transport vehicles, what I have in mind is carrying vehicles belonging to other and neighbouring states who come to Mizoram off and on. In Silchar and Gauhati for example, there are line-check gates and Mizoram vehicle owners who have no Eastern Zone Permit are checked and fined in such gates. If we have no such check-gates, it will mean that only Mizoram vehicles owners are going to suffer not other state's vehicle owners. As such check-gates are a good source of revenue, why do not we also have such check gates?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy speaker, is it because he does not
MINISTER come to the point or I do not come to the correct point of answer that I do not prepare myself to answer the question this way. As I have said, I was prepared for answer pertaining only to Transport Department of Mizoram. His question seems to concern more of Police Department for which I was not prepared besides, it is not exactly my concerned Department.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, yes, it is not exactly his concerned department. There is Police check-gate at Cachar Mizoram border. The rights and duties of the Police are understandable. But, other things such as Civil Supply and transportation of goods by private vehicles seem to be within the purview of Mizoram supply and Transport Department. In Cachar, there is another check-gate at Dholai which is not Police check-gate. Even if it is not within the purview of the hon'ble Minister I just wanted to know whether it will be possible to have check-gate such as the one I mentioned above ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as the hon'ble member
MINISTER went on mentioning, the gate he mentioned seemed more like Excise check-gate. Anyway, effort is made for further strengthening of the Department and its wings. We will be having enforcement staff and we hope that we would be able to accomplish what needs to be done.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will now proceed to Business No. 2- Pu Zairemthanga, Minister, to lay Rules on the Table of the House.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg to lay the following
MINISTER on the table of the House :-

- (a) The Mizoram Animal (Control and Taxation) Rules, 1982.
- (b) Mizoram Town (Sanitation) Rules, 1980
and
- (c) Mizoram (Prevention) and Control of Fire in the Village (am) Rules, 1983.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy will be distributed to the members.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me make correction.
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At the last page of the 'Mizoram (Prevention and Control of Fire in Village Ram) Rules, 1983, there is typing mistake. At page 3. no. 7, there is 'tribal of cases' which should be written 'trial'.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, business No. 3-Bill to be introduced by Pu Sainghaka. He may beg leave of the House to introduce the Bill.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, before I beg leave of the House to introduce the Bill, I want to know certain things in connection with this.

The Bill - 'the Mizoram Trading by non-tribals Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1983 was passed in 1974 and it was notified that it should come into force from 1977. It appears that being a sensitive matter, the Bill had been broadly discussed with Central Government only after which it was notified to come into force from 1977. Being a delicate matter one has to be careful in dealing with a Bill such as we are tackling. As provided under sub-section 2 of section 68 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, have we taken recommendation of the Indian President to introduce this Bill or that he had recommended and his recommendation letter has come to the Assembly Secretariat through the Lt. Governor. If there is no sanction or recommendation the notice we have made will be invalid and the Bill will be as not introduced. Unless we know that we have an approval of the President of India, I see no reason for begging leave of the House to introduce the Bill. Without the recommendation of the President, I do not intend to move the Bill.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the question raised by
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the hon'ble member concerns existing Rule which was passed in 1974 and which was put to force in 1976 and it is valid upto 6th May, 1987. As regards the standing Rule, all that is there to do was done in between the year 1974-1977. However, its amendment Bill which the hon'ble member proposed is a different category. It is in the category of those which require the assent of the President of India. Considering the time it was admitted in the Assembly Secretariat, there is no time to get President's approval. As it was already admitted by the Assembly Secretariat, it has been eventually included in the list of business for this session. Though it is only amendment Bill, it is necessary to have President's approval to have it passed and

enforced. It is a subject which concerns not only local affairs. This being so, approval of the President has to be taken. But, as I have said, there have not been time to get President's approval. Hence, it may be meaningless to have it passed at this stage.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to the explanation made by the hon'ble Minister, there is no way to have the Bill introduced or passed. If it is known that the approval of the President have to be obtained first to pass the Bill, why was the Bill included in the list of business ? Whose fault could it be ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That has already been explained.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me once again explain the background of the Bill. Before the session begins the hon'ble member came to my office to seek my opinion regarding the introduction of this amendment Bill. As this was an amendment Bill, no assent of the President was obtained and when the hon'ble member pointed out, I said that it was a good idea to have first obtained President's approval. But, to have the Bill introduced, it had to come first through Assembly Secretariat. But, as it came late from the Assembly Secretariat, there was no more time for us to get President's approval before the current session starts. Had the Bill come earlier, we could have first obtained President's approval. As soon as we know that President's approval was required, we processed the Bill. But, as I said, it came so late for us to approach the President to obtain his approval.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I understand that there was no time to approach the President to obtain his approval before the session commence. But, if it is known that the President's approval has not been obtained, I thought that the Minister would have thought out some way not to have include the Bill in the Assembly list of business. If it had not been included in the list of business we could have save time we have wasted for other items.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what the member wants to know is the reason why the Bill is included in the list of business before the assentment of the President is obtained.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As we know, the hon'ble is absent due to which some important business were not transacted.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, under such circumstances, there is no meaning in introducing the Bill. I will not therefore, move the motion for introduction of Bill as provided under Rule 121-sub-rule (a) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Yes, that is good. We will now proceed to Business No. 4-Resolution of Pu H. Rammawi.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon'ble member mis-quoted the provisions of the Rule. It will be better to record it as the member withdraws his Bill as provided under sub-rule (a) of Rule of Procedure and Conduct of Business,

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to the provision of Rule 68, it is not possible to move the Bill without first obtaining assent of the President. (Deputy Speaker : He is not going to move it and he had also stated the reason for not moving it).

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will call upon Pu H. Rammawi to move his resolution as to explain it. How many minutes should we allot to members 10 minutes or 5 minutes ?

(Pu H. Rammawi - Pu Deputy Speaker, we may not take even 5 minutes). All right, at 5 minutes, I'll press warning bell. But, Pu Rammawi may take a little longer time if he wishes since he is mover of the resolution.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not intend to say much since the Resolution is clear enough without further explanation. It is this—"This Assembly is of the opinion that for the expeditious and more effective measures, the work of detection and deportation of the un-authorized foreigners from Mizoram which is now in the hand of the Army and BSF be entrusted to the Mizoram Police (MAP/MRP). Also, Mizoram Police Outposts be opened along the international Border at short intervals".

I think the Resolution is clear enough without further explanation. As it is a delicate matter which could have far-reaching effects if no appropriate action is taken in time, I want the House to pass my resolution. But, as I was in a hurry, I wrote the script in Mizo language. However, it has come today in English. Though I have moved it as provided under Rule 127, I would like to make some amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : What is the opinion of the House ?

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, though both the script have the same objective, there is but slight difference in its meaning. When it was put in English script. I have also got ready the copy to be distributed to the members.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we all agree ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to the provision of the Rules, proposal for amendment should come one day ahead of the day it is going to be moved.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, there can be an objection. But, according to Rule 127, there can be amendment after the Resolution had been moved by a member. Since I have moved the resolution and I am also a member, I propose amendmend to my resolution as provided under Rule 127.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, as provided under Rule 128, the amendment form should be given to the members in print by the Secretary. In this case however, it was the member himself who gave us the amendment form which could mean that his proposal for amendment does not reach this Secretariat one day earlier. Before we discuss the matter, it should first reach the Assembly Secretary. What he had moved could be amended but his proposal for amendment should have been given to us before yesterday.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Deputy Speaker, there is not only one kind of Rules, there are two/three kinds of Rules. What the hon'ble member said was formal procedure. But, it is also possible to make amendment to what had been moved.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, now is the time to use your ruling. According to Rule 128, the objection should be regarded as prevailing. However, if you rule that we should go on, we will continue.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is not a matter of ruling. It is according to the provision of the Rule.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, by ruling, we mean that you should make judgement or ruling according to the inclination of House's opinion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : All right. Have not we agreed to make amendment?
All right, Pu Rammawi may speak on the Resolution as the amended form.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you, the amended form is this —

‘This Assembly is of the opinion that for the expeditious and more effective measures, the work of detection and deportation of the un-authorized foreigners from Mizoram be entrusted to Mizoram Police, MAP, MRP and Mizoram Home Guard in addition to army and BSF, also MRP outposts be opened along international border at short intervals.

To speed up the work, foreigners tribunal be constituted in three districts in Mizoram with immediate effect’.

I think it is now clear. If I am allowed to make amendment, it will not be necessary to move Resolution No. 9 as this resolution in the amended form contained all that is there in Resolution No. 9. I request the House to accept and pass this resolution.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker may the hon’ble member make another amendment in the last paragraph of the Resolution? Will it not be better to add the wording ‘of detection and deportation of the un-authorized’ in between the works-work and foreigners?

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I don’t think that is necessary. The article ‘the’ makes it clear. When I said ‘the work’ I think the article ‘the’ makes it clear.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there anyone else who wants to speak?

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, though we have accepted the resolution in the amended form, there is one thing I want to point out even though it may not be appropriate in the Resolution. To speed up deportation and detection work in each district, it may be necessary for the Government to have in mind when the resolution is passed and it is practically carried out.

Considering the heavy schedule of works shouldered by the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts, it may be well to entrust Additional D.Cs

besides Deputy Commissioners to look-after foreigners tribunals when established. Not only Additional D.Cs, but also the service of S.D.Os (Civil) may be required, for, I do not think that only the Police Forces will be able to work expeditiously. Considering various problems faced by the people in different places particularly in my constituent villages due to the presence of foreigner, the work of detection and deportation of foreigners should be taken up immediately. I request the Government to do the work expeditiously.

PI L. THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, we all know the importance of this resolution. It will be highly appreciated if the Resolution is finalized and implemented immediately and expeditiously. We know what kinds of difficulties have been created by foreigners. They are said to be sour against numerators when electoral roll was prepared. Particularly in southern area such as Chawngte, it is sons of the soil who are more limit than those illegal immigrants. Not to speak of problems created by them. They are said to be bold enough to make a claim over the area they occupied as their own territory. Hence, the work of detection and deportation of illegal Chakma immigrants should be taken up immediately and effectively.

For expeditious execution of the work, more Police outposts are required. It is said that where there are outposts at long interval, there are more influx of foreigners. Hence, after the Resolution is passed, necessary action should be taken immediately.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker I think the Mizo clan as a whole realize the importance of foreigners issue. Since there is going to be amendment to the Resolution. I want to suggest amendment this way for the mover. If the mover could accept, it may be proper to add - "in view of heavy load of administrations shouldered by the Deputy Commissioner, the tribunal be headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner" at the end of the Resolution. I think this amendment will be helpful.

PU B. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is one thing that comes simultaneously in our mind while the Resolution is being considered. As most of the influx of Chakma foreigners takes place in southern areas of Mizoram, the people of northern area may not know the true nature and importance of Chakma issue. But, for those who see it with their own eyes, foreigners issue is a big problem that cannot be neglected or ignored. The problem is as intense that there

has now arise a Resolution on this issue. If no immediate and effective measure is taken now, it is obvious that the whole of southern area will fall under the away of the Chakma foreigners within a short time. Hence, it is most important to pass this Resolution.

As stated by the hon'ble member from Buarpui Conrtisuey, it is not only within Chakma District Council area where influx of illegal immigrants had taken place. Chakma foreigners have now occupied different areas which had never been occupied by them before. This clearly indicates that there are more Chakmas than before within the territory of Mizoram. It is truely important to stop the influx of illegal immigrants into Mizoram.

There is however, a problem regarding deportation of foreigners. Of the Chakmas, there are quite a number of them who have settled in Mizoram for a long time. They have regarded Mizoram as their own and whom we, the Mizos also have regarded them as one of us. Such being the condition, the Police and Security Forces entrusted to do detection work have difficulty in detecting the real foreigners. Hence, it may be wise, as suggested by the hon'ble member from Buarpui Contituency, to the entrust more number of persons to do detection and deportation work. If the influx of Chakma foreigners is not checked, we may be having more and more of them as it appears that educated Chakmas who have already settled in Mizoram are trying to settle more Chakmas into Mizoram.

It is further learnt that the Chakma community, not being satisfied with the District Council are already allotted to them, are trying to extend their area and they have often brought the matter at Central Government level. Such being the condition, something has to be done to check the settlement of more Chakma foreigners into Mizoram, otherwise, we may soon be assimilated.

As already stated earlier, the Deputy Commissioners have too heavy work-load to took-after tribunals efficiently, I am therefore, strongly supporting the idea of entrusting ADCs in additions to D.Cs to look after foreigners tribunals.

It has already been pointed out that there are quite a number of Chakma families living in a scattered areas in different places of Mizoram who have regarded Mizoram as their own. As there is difficulty in identifying the real foreigners and those who could be regarded as citizens of Mizoram, it will be well even for politicians to take interest in our res-

pective constituencies. If joint effort is not taken to fight against the influx of un-authorized foreigners, we may have an unsolvable problem in future. It is therefore, most important now to pass this Resolution and have it implemented immediately and effectively.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding amendment proposed for mover of the Resolution it will be necessary to add- "additional Deputy Commissioner or Additional Magistrate" for, in Lunglei and Saiha, there is no D.C. post. They are either Additional Deputy Commissioner or Additional Magistrate.

I think it will be more appropriate to use the word 'foreigner' in this issue, for, when we used the word 'Chakmas' there are many Chakmas living in Mizoram who are not foreigners. Hence, it is best to use the word 'foreigner'.

One thing we should remember is that the Government of India had issued order stating that Bangladesh nationals coming into Mizoram after 25th March, 1971 should be treated as illegal and that such foreigners if detected, should be deported back to their parent country. However, there can be difficulty in detecting which of them all foreigners who came after 25th March, 1971. If there is doubtful cases in the detection work, it should be referred to Tribunal and the Tribunal will make a decision which will be treated as final.

We may also do well to remember that our neighbouring states such as Assam and Meghalaya are also confronted with a problem connected with foreigner issue. In the Assam-Bangladesh and Meghalaya-Bangladesh borders, tribunals are being set up in each constituency. In Mizoram however, there is likely to be three tribunals that is, one tribunal in each district. There may come a time when we compare Mizoram to that of other states. Whatever it may be, it is well to remember that it is not only Mizoram who has foreigner problem. As I have stated earlier, the word "Chakma" may not be used anymore. It is better to use the word "foreigner" in this case.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, the subject of our discussion is a sensitive topic. It is an issue which concerns the whole of Mizoram. I do not know why the opposition members made no comment on this resolution.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let the mover finish the speaking so that the Resolution can be taken

into consideration right away. If the opposition members do not want to express their ideas or view points regarding this issue, it is their own privilege if they don't want it.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will appreciate if the House Leader gives me the copy of the amendment he suggested to my resolution.

As stated, this resolution deals with an issue which everyone knows about. Hence, there is not much more to say. I think we read the Assam Tribune 2nd September issue. As we may be aware, the influx of foreigners usually takes place in south west areas. Foreigners issue has now been a practical problem for the Mizos. It is learnt that the last Chakma District Council Election was controlled by foreigners. The authorities in the District Council administration are said to be under the control of foreigners. In his statement at Silchar on 1st September, the Chief Executive Member alleged Mizoram Government as trying to drive away the Chakma settlers of Mizoram comprising forty/fifty thousand on pretext of deporting foreigners. I feel that this is a matter which should not be neglected. It should in fact, be pursued further. It is not the intention of Mizoram Government to drive away those who have had settled in Mizoram long before. But it is illegal immigrants against whom we intend to take action.

It is not only within the area of Chakma District Council where foreigners entered into Mizoram. They also entered into the south west portion of Pawi District. Who knows that they may not have entered into the northern areas also. It is therefore necessary to repulse the influx of foreigners before more problem arises. The Central Government will do well to pay due importance to this issue. I also request the House to agree to pass any resolution in the amended form with the suggestion for amendment made by the House Leader.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : What is the opinion of the members ?

PU C. L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the Resolution is clear enough without further explanation. The words 'foreigners' and 'international border' are also being used here.

As I have said once before, the increase in the population figure of Mizoram in the past ten years is so much that it is believable that there are many foreigners present. While the Government of India worried about increase of population all over the country, the increase of population in

Mizoram is more than 50%. Hence, it is necessary to check the influx of foreigners and for immediate execution of important task in connection with foreigners issue, it is well to pass this resolution.

In this connection, I feel that our attention is focused too much on western side that is on Bangladesh while we seem to ignore the incoming of foreigners from eastern i.e. Burma border. It is well known that different kinds of narcotic drugs are smuggled into Mizoram from Burma border. Recently, 10 hectares of opium growing area was also found by Excise Department in the Burma border. Most of the narcotics seized in recent time are brought from Burma side. This being the case, it is well to have the Resolution includes Burma border at the same time while we focused on Bangladesh border. At the same time while influx of foreigners is checked, it is necessary as well to check the smuggle in of dangerous drugs into Mizoram. I am saying this for House information and record.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That is very good. Pu H Rammawi had moved his Resolution. Those who agree to pass may raise your right hand.

(Member raised their hands)

Now, the Resolution — “This Assembly is of the opinion that for the expeditious and more effective measures, the work of detection and deportation of the un-authorized foreigners from Mizoram be entrusted to Mizoram Police (MAP/MRP) and Mizoram Home Guards in addition to Army and BSF.

Also, Mizoram Police Outposts be opened along the International Border at short intervals.

And to speed up the work, foreigners Tribunal be constituted in each District in Mizoram with immediate effect.

In view of the heavy load of administration shouldered by the Deputy Commissioner, the Tribunal be headed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner or Additional District Magistrate” has been passed. We have 15 minutes more. We will take up Business No. 5 — Resolution by Pu Lal-Thanhawla. He is going to be absent during the session, but he authorized Pu Sainghaka and Pu C.L. Ruala to move his resolution. Now, any one of them may move the Resolution.

PU SAINGHAKA : Deputy Speaker, the Resolution is this — “This Assembly resolves that new division under the Public Works Department of Government of Mizoram be opened in Champhai Town within this financial year”.

There can be many reasons for moving this resolution. As we know, Champhai is one of the oldest and important village towns in Mizoram. Various departmental offices have also been moved in here. It is also one of the few rice growing areas in Mizoram. In its surrounding areas are big villages such as Zote, Ruantlang, Hmunhmeltha and Tlangsam. Champhai with its nearby villages have about 2000 (two thousand) houses. Had there been good communication links with other places, Champhai is a suitable town to have link with Manipur. Being situated at International Border, it is going to be an important town to keep vigilant on the movement of foreign and smuggled goods.

However, inspite of being an important town, Champhai has not had any important office of PWD. It is placed under Saitual Division. Had there been separate division in Champhai, I think there will be more expeditious construction of roads in this part of area.

Being an important area, it is necessary to have PWD division in Champhai. I do not know whether there would be adequate fund for this new division in the current Budget. But, PWD is one of the biggest departments with most Technical staff and largest budget provision, there may be the way to open new division. Even if there is no fund in the current year's Budget, now is the time to prepare Revised Budget. I therefore, moved that Champhai PWD Division be included in the Revised Budget.

PU J. THANKUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, the Resolution is quite agreeable. But, I am going to say the way round.

The main roads in Mizoram - Silchar to Aizawl, Aizawl to Lunglei, Aizawl to Champhai and Aizawl to Mamit are all properly maintained as there are PWD Divisions all along these roads at short interval. But, in some constituencies such as mine, there is not any PWD division. This I want to mention for information of the Government. For instance, Tipaimuk Road which has been an important link-road to Manipur since the past years have not still improved due to non-existence of PWD division nearby. Actually, there is not any PWD division in this part of area. Suangpuilawn and Ngopa where PWD have lots of work to do also have no PWD division. During the previous Congress Ministry, Suangpuilawn Constituency MLA was PWD Minister, so he shifted Darlawn Sub-Division to Suangpuilawn. I do not want the Government to go to such extent to have new division set up, but, I insist on opening at least one new Sub-Division within the area of Darlawn - Ratu constituency.

Hence, important towns should be built in interior areas. It is also one of the manifestos of P.C. Party to develop and improve interior places. If there is no important Government Offices in interior places, things will be too difficult for the people living in interior and far-flung areas. I feel that Champhai should certainly be given Sub-Division for development of its surrounding areas as well. As a matter of fact, I want more than what the Resolution resolves. It is wise to understand why important towns become important. As much as it is important to open Sub-Division of PWD for Champhai area, it is also necessary to have another for Ratu area. I feel that schemes and other developmental activities should be able to cover interior places and far-flung areas.

PU L. PIANDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to have an opportunity to speak regarding PWD Division. The hon'ble member from Ratu constituency stated the need to have PWD division in the area of Ratu Constituency. I support his view points in this regard and I hope that the Government also will do the necessities.

One thing I want to mention is that there was proposal for opening PWD Division at Khawzawl since the last two years. Two years had passed but, the Division have not still functioned. As stated by the hon'ble member who stood up before me, it is not good to leave things half done and not to have scheme materialized. On the other hand however, I am glad that the Government proposed Khawzawl to have PWD Division. It is not that I do not support the Resolution, but, from Khawzawl, it is nearer to go to Khawhai, Biate and their surrounding areas. The service of PWD is much required even in Khawbung area and Khawhai areas. But, as Khawzawl Division have not functioned, Saitual Division look-after all these parts of areas. Hence, I want the Government to have Khawzawl Division functioned at the earliest opportunity. Even if there is shortage of Engineer, the E.E. Saitual could take charge of it. If Khawzawl Division could function, it is going great advantage for the people of Khawhai, Khawbung, Champhai and the surrounding areas. I therefore, request the Government to have Khawzawl Division functioned as soon as the session is over.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what the hon'ble **MINISTER** members said are important points. One of the hon'ble members moved for opening of new Division of PWD at Champhai and the hon'ble member from Ratu Constituency pointed out the dis-advantages of leaving out Darlawn — Ratu and Tuichangral areas in developmental activities. The

PWD, as we are aware, has many advantages for the public. It is a department which could distribute money widely to the people. At the same time while a new division is moved for Champhai, I am moving for another division for Ratu Constituency. I request the Minister concerned to note this while the case of Champhai is being considered.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Time is almost up. Will it not be better to have recess? All right we will have recess and we will resume the sitting at 2:00 P.M.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak in regard to our resolution. The Resolution is moved to open new Division of PWD at Champhai within the current financial year. I do not know what would be the best, but there are certain things I want to say regarding Champhai.

I am not going to say that Champhai is an important town. But, in the course of development many villages have improved and thus new towns also have sprang up. Champhai used to be quite a popular village even while we were children. Considering various developmental activities undertaken by the Government. I feel that Champhai also deserves to have important Governmental Offices. Yet, I do not know whether it will be proper to have important Office in a town situated too near a border. However, if we study the developmental activities of more developed countries we will realize as I have once been told by one of the Mizo senior most Engineers that important towns and cities are not normally built in the central parts of a country. In fact, important towns and capitals are built outside central parts of a country in interior places along the geographical borders. It is this that towns and villages situated in between important capitals have enjoyed better improvement when developmental activities criss-crossed their areas.

hon'ble members from Khawbung and Saitual constituencies also pointed out the importance of having PWD Division in far-flung areas. The Government have given thoughts to what they said and they have in fact, made plan for all these in the Five Year Plan. It is not only today but even in the past that the Government have made plan for creation of PWD Division in Champhai. The people of Darlawn demand for PWD Division when I visited the place so has the people of Khawbung.

One thing I want to say is that the Government have been making all-out efforts to have more developmental activities in different parts of the country. One of the targets within the current financial year is to set up one PWD Circle to look-after those areas mentioned by the hon'ble members who stood up before me. This being the case, it may not be necessary to pass the Resolution. I do not know the opinion of the members. But will it be necessary to pass it if the Government have made plan to improve the areas mentioned such as Champhai, Khawbung, Tuisualrai etc. ? We also know that the Government have taken into accounts and they have taken initial step to have what the members said materialized in respect of different parts of the country mentioned.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, if we could have the same opinion, it may not be necessary to pass the resolution. But, could the Minister tell us whether it is in Champhai proper where PWD Circle is going to be opened. If it is so, the Resolution is less significant, hence, it will not be necessary to pass it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister said that it is going to be opened in Champhai. If it is in Champhai proper, then it is all right.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, at the same time while the case of Champhai is taken up, it will be interesting to know whether a new Division also will be opened within Tipaimuk range.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is PWD Circle at Champhai, it will cover Tipaimuk range as well.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, frankly speaking I feel that Tipaimuk area truly deserves at least one Division. It will be well if the Government also give due importance to this.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : What about the opinion of the member who moved this Resolution ? Let us call upon Pu Sainghaka.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is slight difference in what the Minister said from this Resolution. It is not in the matter of circle or division. But, it is in the matter of time. The Resolution resolves to have Division within the current financial year. Hence, it is only in the matter of time where there is difference. If the hon'ble Minister could tell us whether the Government intend to open PWD Circle in those area within the current financial year.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Will there be provision for this is what the Minister will have to clarify.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, whether it is Circle or **MINISTER** Division, our main difficulty used to be not in the financial matter, but in acquiring qualified Technical staff. It is because of this problem that Khawzawl Division have not yet functioned. To open Champhai Circle, there are many various things to process. As regards the time and date for opening by 'financial year' I think we usually mean 'at the earliest convenience'. I think the same goes for mover of the Resolution. The Government also do not want to delay the scheme but there used to be various difficulties involved in getting a scheme implemented. I am saying this from past experience.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if a Circle is going to be opened at Champhai at earliest convenience, I request the House to allow me to withdraw my resolution.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as for the location of **MINISTER** Circle office, Champhai may not be the most suitable place because the members mentioned different areas. I do not know which place will be most suitable to be able to cover those areas mentioned by the members. I do not say that a circle is going to be opened at Champhai proper. What the Government intend to do is to open one new Circle to cover Champhai and its surrounding areas such as Khawbung, Khawhai and Biate etc.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I think the members understand what the Minister said. PWD Circle is going to be opened in eastern areas for which there is fund. But, there is technical staff difficulty.

As the Government have intended to open a Circle, Pu Sainghaka requested the House for withdrawal of his resolution which resolves new division at Champhai. Do we all agree to withdraw his resolution ?
(Members agreed).

If we all agreed, we will now proceed to our Business No. 6 - Resolution. Pu H. Rammawi has another resolution. But, as one of his had been taken up, we will take up first other's Resolution. Now, Pu Lalnghenga may move his resolution.

PU LALNGHENGGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the points in my resolution are quite similar to that of Pu Ngurdawla's resolution. Hence, we both agree to make amendment. My resolution is therefore, in the proposed amendment Form. May I read it out in the amendment form ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If amendment was made according to the rules, you may move the Resolution in the amendment form.

PU LALNGHENGGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my resolution is "This Assembly is of the opinion that it is a high time to increase the remuneration and facilities of the Village Councils" and therefore resolves that :—

- (1) Remuneration of the Village Council members, Secretary and "Tiangaus" be enhanced.
- (2) Recurring grant be given to them in preparation to the size of the villages.

Actually, it is almost a scheme to mention the amount of remuneration given to the Members of Village Councils, During pre-U.T. days, it was even lesser than today when the President got Rs. 10/- both Vice President and Secretary Rs. 7.50p respectively while an ordinary member got Rs. 5/-. From 1972 onwards till today, the President has been getting Rs. 50/- Vice President Rs. 30/- Secretary Rs. 40/- a member and Village crier (Tiangau) Rs. 25/- respectively. These are extremely inadequate to meet the corresponding price rises during the eleven years of U.T time. At the time when government fixed these amounts, a daily labourer could earned to Rs. 10/- a day. But these days even ordinary labourers are getting from Rs. 20/- to Rs. 40/- per day. Thus, in comparison with the present standard of living, the need to increase the amount of remuneration of the Village Councils is evidently clear.

It is understood that regular salaries like government officials cannot be given to the Village Councils; but the proportionate increase in the salaries of the former should be compared to the remuneration amount given to the latter. As for example, a L.D.C in 1972 had Rs. 125/- scale of payment which has been increased to Rs. 260/- Moreover, with their great responsibility in these disturbing days, fearing both sides, the members are living between life and death. While being cultivators, they have little time to look after their families since they have to come to Aizawl for many times besides their subsequent sittings. Because of these, almost all the men with brain are preferring to look after their families than being a member of the village councils. So, in order to form a more workable village councils, I must say that the remuneration amount should be increased to meet at least some portions of their needs.

As laid down in Sec 8 (a) of Village Council Rules, 1953 the Administration has the power to change the rate of remuneration given to the President and Vice-President of the Village Council in accordance with the changing conditions. I may say that in viewing the growing difficulty in the conditions of living, it is a must to increase the amount of remunerations given to the V/C even though I don't have any fixed amount, for it may be trouble or even triple of the present amount. Added to this No. 2 of my Resolution regarding Recurring Grant is of another importance. It may be granted to meet their various, 'sitting' expenditures. Thus, my motion is that in any case the Remuneration amount given to the Village Councils should be increased along with the Recurring grant to be given to the same by the government. Thank you.

PU S. VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, unlike other parts of India where we find Village Level Institutions and Municipal Boards etc, only Village Council is there in Mizoram. Mizoram being disturbed area, the Village Councils in Mizoram are having greater responsibilities than other parts of India. They are the true representatives of the people, safeguarding Mizo nation and help the administration of the government. For this reason, the remuneration amount given to the members ought to be increased to meet their family expenditures to a great extent. While it may be difficult to sanction for all members at least the V/C President have to be paid any three or four hundred rupees and other members, say, one or two hundred rupees as remunerations for their great contribution in the administration of the government. Otherwise, it has become difficult to find men of calibre whom the public greatly desire to be their representatives. So it is greatly aspired that the remuneration amount be increased.

Hence, if the above resolution is being fulfilled, the prestige of the Village Council will increase, and naturally, Public administration and maintenance of discipline in villages will be more effective. The members shall develop a feeling of responsibility and a sense of duty, and I hope that this will have positive effects in the smooth running of administration as a whole.

Thank you.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me please speak on the motion. The reason why I still make it separate is my hope that something will be coming out from the Ballot even though I have learnt that Pu Nghenga has already moved it. As the hon'ble member has moved it earlier, the previous resolution goes in hand with the last part of mine.

It is a high time to consider the subject at hand when we look into the present condition of living as well as the responsibility of the Village Council. It is understood that public is anxious to get something from the government. Thus, it is certain that we'll have to increase the amount in every possible way since the resolution does not fix the exact amount. Our leaders, right from the start, have been finding it difficult to explain clearly the local administrative activities of the Village Council to the Council to the planning Commission. As such, I have a feeling that the Central Government has no clear idea about it. Hence, not only increasing the present Rs. 50/- our Hon'ble Chief Minister and other leaders ought to make a new start; at the sametime, they should be properly authorised. For this purpose, the Panchayat system in other parts of the country should be studied. Otherwise, it will become a "Non-Plan" and things will be difficult again. Here under MLAs we only have members of Village Council as public representatives and the public expect us to perform the executive functions which should be in collaboration with the customary laws. Same is the case with Village Council. The fact cannot be denied that even the villages are under A.O's the Village Council still have to work for public welfare like asking for supply of rice at the time of famines and at the sametime upholding the customary laws. Thus, they have to shoulder a great responsibility since they succeeded the earlier absolute authority of the Mizo Chiefs.

Under the present economic crisis, they are passed hard in every village. With a small amount of Rs 50/- or Rs. 25/- as remuneration, the members are even almost accusing each other of corruption which is very sorry spec-

table. Mention may be made of one village in my constituency where the President had to conduct the sitting with a baby on his back while the mother had to do works. This resulted in the moving of no-confidence. But the scene clearly reveals their hardships. As mentioned earlier, it is necessary to clearly inform the central government or the Planning Commission so that a new structure could be built up. This is of so vital that I wish this resolution would be passed by an absolute majority and I am glad that Pu Nghenga has presented his specific resolution.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution has been the headline right from the election campaigns. But we all know that when the real thing comes, it has been difficult to accomplish it. I think we, all MLA's must be knowing the role and importance of Village Councils. As the Hon'ble Member has moved earlier, it is certainly necessary to build up a wholly new structure.

The task of the Village Council is very heavy especially in big towns outside Aizawl like Lunglei, Saiha, Kolasib etc. Where they have to be present at the spot whenever the inhabitants want to get 'patta' of their holdings. This duty is even heavier in Aizawl where in some localities, the V/C members have no time to go to other places. The Revenue Department, on their part, expects the V/Cs to be present there. Therefore, it will be fair if any Department concerned can manage to sanction D.A. or something of that kind for their duty.

This task is relatively heavy in bigger villages where the V/Cs have little time to spare for their own works. Almost every Department take it for granted that the V/C is obliged to attend and witness all the steps taken by them - like Relief work etc. Wherein the V/C is expected to take a leading role. Hence, the Department concerned should not neglect their obligation by sanctioning D.A. or T.A. for the V/C's for their role as agencies to their Department.

Another way of remunerating the V/C's may be giving them sitting allowances, say for one year or so, we are quite clear that strengthening the hands of the government is of the first vital need for better and smooth running of administration. Therefore, I must say that this Resolution is urgent and it will be good if the government can help them to get what they deserve.

Besides, the V.C. President or Members have been hosting all guests in their villages. They have to prepare special meals for each and every guest.

This incurr heavy expenditures. As such, it will be wise if the government may sanction some funds for this particular purpose. This Resolution, as has already been moved, needs accomplishment. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalnghenga, the mover of this Resolution, may be requested to beg for votes. Time goes fast and short discussions are welcomed.

PU C. VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution reminds me of the past thoughts. "Remuneration" as we term it, is not even worth the term. It is true, and at the same time very sorrowful that the evil is right at the root and we have been suffering till today.

The Village Councils are the real leaders of the community by succeeding the previous chiefs. But problems had crept in regarding language by 1966 when non-Mizo speaking lobby came to Mizoram. With a high responsibility, the V.C Members spoke only Mizo and could not communicate with the non-Mizo officials. They then became the first to be tortured. Out of needs, the government improvisey appointed interpreters by giving them a nice name - A.O's. However, we may say that 99 1/2 per cent work of A.O could be done by the V.C's. Any supply for the villages needs V.C's consent etc. Hence, I suggest that a change should be effected in the village administrative set up which is an important means to increase the remuneration amount.

Those A.O's, Gazetted and Non-Gazetted officers are needed for various and newly created officers. It should be remembered that even the M.Ps, being public representatives, got only Rs. 1,000 a month. Thus, pressure to the Planning Commission should be made through our cultural heritage by reminding them that the V.C's are the successor of the previous chiefs. Besides, most A.O's are with the responsible over one village or surrounding villages which the V.C's have been able to manage. Since the office establishment of the A.O's are more than enough for the Village Councils establishment, I suggest that A.O's be transferred at the centre and V.C's should be having Magisterial Power with a Secretary not smaller than L.D.C. This ought to be the means as to how we should make a new start. Good administrative set up at the village levels will surely relieve even the highest levels. Hence, I'll like to state that this Resolution has to be promptly passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Minister, L.A.D.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : I don't have much to discuss about this Resolution. We have discussed enough and mentions were being made that we are still following the 1972 system. Nevertheless, that the government wish to increase the rate of remuneration should be kept in mind.

We have also had specific suggestions from the Districts and we had already reported them to the Government of India. While resolving the increase of remuneration rate, we should remember that we must be tactful enough. Of course, it is true that the increased rate will bring better results in the village administration in some way. On the other hand, the same increase will surely make V/C seats the centre of contests and rivalry. However, all these considerations cannot step us to it. Besides, we have no amount of that much high so as to tempt the public leaders. The government is fully aware of the inadequacy of this present rate and as such, with a hope that it may be an instrumental in pressing the Government of India, I support this resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalnghenga, please read out this Resolution and beg for its passing.

PU LALNGHENGGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg the passing of this Resolution, "This Assembly is of the opinion that it is a high time to increase the remuneration and facilities of the Village Councils, and therefore resolves that—(1) Remuneration of the Village Council Members, Secretaries and 'Tlangaus' be enhanced.

(2) Recurring grant be given to them in proportion to the size of the Villages".

DEPUTY SPEAKER : All right, now we will have voting. Those who agree may raise their hands. Since all have agreed, this House has passed, "This Assembly is of the opinion that it is a high time to increase the remuneration and facilities of the Village Councils, and therefore resolves that—

(1) Remuneration of the Village Council Members, Secretaries and 'Tlangaus' be enhanced.

(2) Recurring grant be given to them in proportion to the size of the Village.

Now, we will pass on to the next Resolution No. 8 of K. Lalsanga.

PU K. LAISANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with my thanks, let me read out my Resolution :—

“This Assembly resolves that a new Hall to be constructed by Government of Mizoram at Lunglei Venglai be named as “SAIKUTI, HALL”.

I have in my mind that the name of a Mizo poet singer SAIKUTI should be remembered in our practical achievements though Mizo history books have recorded about her. Since she had been hailing from Thingsai Village in South Mizoram, it is most appropriate to name the new Hall as “SAIKUTI HALL” which is to be constructed at Lunglei, the capital of South Mizoram.

We already have ‘VANAPA HALL’ here at Aizawl. Last year, we had discussed whether it should be ‘Vanapa Hall’ or ‘Vanapa Run’ of which the former was likewise, we may name the new Hall at Lunglei ‘Saikuti Hall’. There will be no harm if in future we may like to change it to “Run” also.

Therefore, I’d like to beg this House to agree with me and pass my Resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Ellis Saidenga.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I don’t think there will be any objection in naming the new Hall as ‘SAIKUTI HALL’.

But, Pu Deputy Speaker, I have one thing to add—whatever be the name of the Hall, there is a possibility that it may not actually be constructed. The people of the south have been looking forward to this time. It is a real scheme to state that there is a deserted old town hall constructed in 1959 at Lunglei, the second capital of Mizoram. It has been merely a cowshed. Last year the Hon’ble Chief Minister visited it on the spot. While still at Lunglei, he arranged other spot for its construction. A Committee was constituted to follow up the arrangement.

I have learnt that the Committee had made arrangement for patta pass and demarcation of the land. But the decision of the Committee is till unrevealed till today. Therefore, I’d like to request the government to consider the matter as soon as possible and I do hope that we want object to the proposed.

I have feeling that this Resolution will be passed and I think the public is really anxious for it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Shall we pass it now ? Pu Sainghaka.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when "Theatre Hall" was changed into "VANAPA HALL" construction was being done with Rs. 32 lakhs at hand. But now it appears that the government has no ready amount for the construction of this new Hall and not even included in this years' Budget. In my opinion, it is better not to construct another Hall if ever the expenditure is to be met from some other Community Development sources.

What I want to say now is will it not be "premature" to give name to a Hall for which there is no sanction, not to talk of its construction. However, I have no objection if the Ministers say it will not be premature.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : PU. C.L.Ruala.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think will have to make a change in the writing if we are going to pass the Resolution. In this "This Assembly resolves that a new Hall to be constructed ..", instead of "a new Hall to be constructed", it will be more appropriate to put it as "a new Hall be constructed by the Government of Mizoram at Lunglei Venglai and be named...". Otherwise, it appears that money is ready and works are to be started soon.

Moreover, the public have suffered too much as a result of the Vanapa Hall construction. In 1971 Rs. 7 lakhs was transferred from Block Fund for construction of this Hall, in 1982-83 Rs. 10 lakhs and by 1983-1984 Rs. 20 lakhs. All these amount which should have gone to rural areas were utilised for this Hall. Therefore, I want to make it clear that it is better not to pass the Resolution if even Block Fund is to be divided again for construction of another new Hall.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker. I just want to state that it will be nice if we put "Run", instead of "Hall". Saikuti is a sentimental poet and singer, as such her name should be accompanied by some poetic words as "Run" is a poetic were for a house.

PU B.LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to make further change in the writing. There is no need to put "Venglai" in particular when "Lunglei" covers the whole town. Thus the Resolution should go like this "This Assembly resolves that a new Hall be constructed by Government of Mizoram, and be named "SAIKUTI HALL".

PU K. LAISANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I just include "Venglai" since the new spot is in that locality and there is any particular sense about it.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution is like giving name to an undelivered baby, still inside the mother's womb. However, I'm not going to oppose it. My point now is will it be better to put the names of some daring warriors who had spent their energies for works and for the good of others. I want things done by the House to be manly. Besides, as we all know it, our country is only developing and thus it may be more appropriate to give the names of some hard working warriors like Taitesena etc. That will be the way to show our respects and regards to the more practical heroes of the past. So, let bury these love songs with their sentimental feelings for the time being and be more practical in our way of thinking.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, since we have had the name of a hero "VANAPA" here at Aizawl, it is proper to have some Mizo women's name to show our respects for our women. Besides, its not that will have to sing day and night just because Saikuti was a poet singer whose name should be dedicated to the Hall. My main reason in giving Mizo name inspite of 'Town Hall' or 'Community Hall' is that it may serve as one of the means for maintenance and preservation of our identity. I hope the members understand my point.

PU F MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker I want to defend the Resolution. It is obvious that the Hall will be at public's disposal and is to be built for the public. Thus, it is meaningless to state that money for the public is being snatched away by the construction of a Hall.

I don't find it necessary to change this "to be" since the Hon'ble Chief Minister had made necessary arrangements on the spot, and that the hon'ble members have mentioned earlier that the Government wish, and has intention to construct a Hall there.

Thirdly, it is the duty of the Government as to how and from where money should be derived for the construction and there is no need to worry on our part. Even if it is not possible to construct this year itself, it is still good to pass it now since we cannot say that it will surely be passed next year.

Regarding its name, there can be various deserving names to suggest - both from men and women. Therefore, as the hon'ble member has moved it, there is no need to change the suggested one. Above all the passing of this resolution will assure the people of the south that the government has a great concern for them.

PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I also support the proposed words "to be constructed" Besides, there is no need to change the proposed name "SAIKUTI HALL" It should be remembered that SAIKUTI could have had attained such a high achievement when the conditions and privileges of Mizoram Women were so wretched. I thank Pu Lalsanga for having proposed this women's name.

Besides, we should not be discouraged whether the name of the Hall is a women's or a man's name. It is not that there will be no place for other patriotic heroes if we accept SAIKUTI'S name. There will be various chances in future where we can show our regards for others. It may also be wrong to think that Halls will be constructed only at Aizawl and Lunglei. Lastly, we should make balanced division between men and women.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalsanga.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if the mover of this Resolution agrees I'd like to exclude "Venglai" in the Resolution since Lunglei covers the whole town area.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I just put "Venglai" in the Resolution to give a clear and specific picture of the spot. I don't mind to omit the word and if all of you agree with me, the writing can be changed like this - "This Assembly resolves that a new Hall to be constructed immediately by Government of Mizoram Lunglei and be named as "SAIKUTI HALL". (other members start talking). All right I beg the House to pass the Resolution like this - This Assembly resolves that a new Hall to be constructed by Government of Mizoram at Lunglei be named as "SAIKUTI HALL"

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It seems we all are interested and 12 members have discussed already. All right, those who have agreed to pass the Resolution as read out by Pu K. Lalsanga, omitting "Venglai", may raise the right hands. (...)we all have agreed. Therefore, this House has passed, "This Assembly resolves that a new Hall to be constructed by Government of Mizoram Lunglei be named "SAIKUTI HALL".

Now, we'll withdraw Resolution No. 6 of Pu Rammawia. Number 9 has already been settled. Therefore, since Pu Lalthanhawla has authorised both Pu C.L. Rua'a and Pu Sainghaka, either of them is now requested to move resolution No. 10.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Resolution is - "This Assembly resolves that construction of Champhai - Mimbung Road be speeded up by the PWD of the Government of Mizoram during this financial year".

It is not difficult to pass this Resolution since sanctions are already aquated (other members start talking). Is it still necessary to move? (Deputy Speaker : State its importance) All right, now I'll show you its vitality.

Champhai being a border town, needs to be well-provided since it is the first to give impression to the others. It had been one of the three important towns of Mizoram. But the most important point is that this Champhai - Mimbung road is to pass through what we call "the dark north". It will also be a passport through which contacts should be made with Manipur, and for these, the need to speed up construction work is evident.

Added to the above, the road will be passing through "Virgin" forests like Sialkal Hlangdung and Vaphai - Dengthuama hmun or Champur where wild animals and birds are still undisturbed. Due to lack of a convenient road, the Forest Department till today cannot survey the resources of these forests. Thus, it is certainly necessary to have good roads so that we can survey and find out the forest resources there.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad that the opposition leader shares with me the vitality of the present Resolution. But this resolution does not need to be moved again since the mentioned road is already included in our road plan which we had projected when we formed this Ministry in the beginning. It is one of the roads for which the government had been pressing the authorities that construction be done by the Border Road.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as I have said earlier, no amount was set aside for this road during 1981 - 1982, only Rs. 2 000 was kept in the Budget Estimate of 1982 - 1983 and

Rs, 20,000 in the Revised Estimate. It is obvious that the government does not regard it as an indispensable task which our leader is afraid of.

We have withdrawn one of our resolutions. Since it is the only remaining resolution from the opposition bench and as the mover is absent, I must say that we are obliged to pass it. Otherwise, it will be a truth that Champhai being neglected. We'll be demanding a voting. The resolution may perhaps be of late, but why didn't the government work speedily? This question urged the opposition leader to move this resolution. Therefore, this House has to pass the Resolution so that construction work will be speeded up within this year.

PU H. RAMMAWI: Pu Deputy Speaker, looking into the vitality of this resolution and since the mover is Congress Legislature Party leader, this resolution deserves respect and regard.

But Pu Deputy Speaker, the mover has said that provision was already there in 1981 (Pu C.L. Ruala Yes, that's why it is said "work should be speeded up"). It is hard to understand that after the years 1981, 1982 and 1983 have passed only the resolution is being moved at this later half of the financial year. Besides, the technical proceedings of PWD takes a long time and it can't be speeded up like other works. I am confusing whether the mover knows the work schedule or not. If ever he knows, why didn't he simply question it during question hour?

Pu Deputy Speaker, of course, it is good to consider things from here. But now half of this financial year has gone and I think it will be wise to consider it seriously. However, since the mover is our opposition leader, it will be good to pass this Resolution somehow.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the background/story of MINISTER

this road is like this - In October, 1978 we were preparing five year plan when Pu S.P. Mukherji, Mr Ashok Nath, P.W.D. Secretary and myself surveyed the area - flying from here to Ngopa, from Ngopa to Mimbung, and from there through Sialkaltlang via Champhai to Khawbung and Farkawn, we had surveyed the whole area. It was from this that things had begun.

As stated by Development Minister, included it in the Four Year Plan. According to survey measurement, Mimbung is about 80 KM far from Champhai. The road will be passing through Zote, Vapar, Hnahlan, Lungphunlian, Selam, Kawlbem, Vaikhawtlang and Mimbung.

Thus, Allotment - was made in accordance with construction Fund obtained from Central Government. Here Administrative Approval was given on 31st March, 1982 from 0 KM to 10KM, sanctioning Rs. 31,48,500. From there, on 15th May, of the same year, Technical sanction 'C' was allotted and the Formation Cutting from Champhai to Zote was started.

Besides, Rs. 1,00,000/- was sanctioned during the year 1983-1984 for further construction. Survey and Estimate has already been finished. But Formation cutting during rainy season means wasting money. So we are waiting for dry season when work should be started again. We'll be finishing the First Construction from 0 KM to 10 KM at the end of this Financial year. This year will be doing in ten number. So it is the same whether we pass this Resolution or not.

PU C.L.RUALA : There is only Rs. 20,000/- in the Revised Estimate for survey. I wonder why the amount is not spent for Formation Cutting. That is how it appears.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, no it is not Rs. 20,000/-
MINISTER Rs. 31,48,500/- has been paid on account of Administrative Approval and that of Rs. 20,000/- is merely for survey plan. Contractors are not doing Formation Cutting and with the Rs. 10 lakhs this year's sanction work has been going on steadily.

However, I find no harm in passing this resolution as was moved although everything has already been planned.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Mizo version of this resolution goes like this
- "Tun Financial Year chung ngei hian Champhai - Mibung road hi Mizoram sawrkar P.W.D.-in thawk tan ngei rawh se. he Assembly hian a ti e".

PU ZAIREM HANGA : It is like a child's play to pass a resolution
MINISTER like "to be speeded up during this Financial Year" when work had already been started last year. So, it is better to be satisfied after the Minister-in-charge has explained clearly absent it and no need to make further arguments.

PU JOE NGURUAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as the mover demands it, we were intending to pass the Resolution. But since work had been started, it will be proper if the mover is willing to

amend which may be as "work should really be speeded up". (Deputy Speaker : Yes, 'be more speeded up' or any other words). Otherwise, we may spoil the honour of this House if we pass the the Resolution as is moved. However, there is no harm even if we pass since the mover has demanded it.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, work must be started quickly with the Rs. 10 lakhs of Budget Provision of 1983-1984. There's no need to waste time and approval of the amendment is also a good thing.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Think it over again and don't get distracted so easily.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, after considering the work schedule of the P.W.D. it is obvious that no useful construction could be worked out last year with only Rs. 20,000/- at hand. An amount of that much is nothing at all with the P.W.D. working system. Thus if ever the correct figure is given, that mentioned amount is extremely insufficient.

There is no harm even if we put it as "the amount in the Budget Provision must be utilised as soon as possible". But one point I'd like to make it clear is—unless I am informed of the wrong figure, the amount is too insufficient to be utilised. Therefore, we want this House to press hard for the speedy construction and I still accept it if more than the budget estimate has been spent for the work.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this Resolution is particularly important for one service the longest mileage will be within my constituency and I am glad that the mover shared with me this. I'd like to make suggestion for amendment like this "This Assembly resolves that construction of Champhai - Mimbung Road be speeded up by the P.W.D. with the Financial Allocation in the current Financial Year" or there may be better words for it. Mention may also be made of the sanctioned 10 lakhs rupees.

PU B. LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the resolution should be withdrawn. It appears that Pu Lal Thanhawla prepared the Resolution without knowing that work had already been started last year. So, in my opinion, it is a narrow mindedness to seek the slightest possibilities for amendment of the Resolution just

because of reluctance to withdraw it. It also not fair to go on insisting the House to pass the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Time is over and do we want to hold on ? All right, we want to go on.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, why should we still try to pass the Resolution even though the wordings has no real meaning. It is, of course, desirable to pass the opposition Leader's resolution after withdrawing all other resolutions from the opposition bench. Is it all right if the Minister can give assurance ? We can always pass their resolutions in future or the next session provided they furnish specific and meaningful resolutions.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think they have misunderstood my point. It is clear enough that with those allotted amounts right from 1982, no remarkable and useful construction could be done. We cannot regard last year's formation cutting as a real work. Besides, nothing has been done with this year's allotted amount. That is why we are saying that the amount should really be spent for construction of the road.

Now the people of Champhai Constituency have the impression that they are being neglected since their M.L.A is Opposition Leader. I wonder why you are still reluctant to pass the resolution in an amended form which will eradicate their negative feelings.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I don't think there is any Constituency other than that of Champhai which receives greater government's concern. Personally, I have visited Champhai on many occasions. Twice I have written as to how the town should be planned, how to improve their economic conditions as well as their agricultural productions. I introduced a fresh programme for cultivation of the adjoining fields. I have settled the disputed question regarding the acquisition of a particular area by the Catholics.

Regarding the present resolution also, besides the government's contributions, I had discussions with the Army Chief from the defence point of view. Now, authorities at Delhi have accepted this road construction as one of the Defence Requirements and they will do it without any help from this government.

As a matter of fact, the M.L.A concerned has no knowledge about the various developments in his constituency.

Pu ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think there is no need to argue again and again about a straight and simple thing like this. The government had started the work which the present resolution demands. As such, the resolution ought to be withdrawn. It will also be very troublesome in future if we move as fresh resolutions these steps already taken up by the government.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate if we can agree with the opposition because at least on some occasions even if we find their resolutions imperfect. Otherwise, they are feeling that they are being over-ruled. In my opinion, there is not much reason to refuse the passing of the resolution in an amended form as stated earlier - "This Assembly resolves that construction of Champhai Mibung road be speeded up by the P.W.D. of Government of Mizoram during this Financial year. They were with us the whole yesterday and I think we should return their formality by passing their resolution. So, I'd like to request Pu Ruala to make necessary amendments before we pass the resolution.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, shall we accept the resolution in an amended form? (Deputy Speaker - Yes, let us talk about amendment instead of returning to the same old story). Is it clear enough if we pass like this - "This Assembly resolves that construction of Champhai - Mibung Road be speeded up by the P.W.D. of Government of Mizoram during this Financial year".

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, we should also consider the technical difficulties like lack of explosives for bulldozers etc. for construction of roads. However, it is good to support the mover since he seriously insisted on.

Had the resolution owner been here with us, he would have withdrawn it after learning that work was started last year. Will it do if we replace "started" by "speeded up"? (Deputy Speaker - Does it do?) Then steps should be taken for speeding up of work during the current year.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is alright to replace 'started' by "speeded up". We may put in a bit shorter sentence also "This Assembly resolves that construction of Champhai Mibung

bung Road be decided during the Financial year". (Deputy Speaker It should be "speeded up").

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we agree ? (Members say yes, it is alright),
Alright, now we shall call upon Pu C.L.Ruala
to read out the Resolution as amended and beg the House to pass it.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do beg the House to pass the
Resolution in the amended form which reads "This
Assembly resolves that construction of Champhai-Mimbung road be speeded
up by the P.W.D. of Government of Mizoram during this Financial year".

Have we accepted the rest except "started", which we changed into
'speeded up' ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we all agree ? (Pu P.B.Rosanga, Minister
Alright). Now, those who agree to pass may
raise your right hands (Members raise their right hand). Therefore, this
House has passed "This Assembly resolves that construction of Champhai-
Mimbung road be speeded up by the P.W.D. of the Government of Mizo-
ram during the Financial year".

We have some more business. Now Pu H.Rammawi may please be
requested if he wants, to state the reason why his resolution, Resolution
No. 6 was withdrawn.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have withdrawn my resolu-
tion as I am permitted by Rules 125 section I sub
section (a) and Rules 256 (a) sub-section (a).

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Ngurdawla, is your's the same case with that?

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my Resolution was mer-
ged with that of Pu Nghenga and he has
moved it successfully. So, there is no need to move it again.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you. Now our meeting is adjourned for the
time being, We shall resume it at 10:30 A.M on
Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

L.C. Thanga,
Secretary.