

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 3RD MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SESSION  
HELD FROM 25TH MAY, 1979 TO 30TH MAY, 1979.

4th sitting on 30th May, 1979 at 10:30 A.M.

In the Chair : pu C. Chawngkunga, Dy. Speaker.

Members present : All Present.

BUSINESS

1. Short Notice question Nos. 1 to 3 entered in a separate list to be asked and answers given.

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2. pu Lalthmingthanga, Minister i/c Finance etc. to lay -
  - (i) A statement of Demand for Grants to regularise excess expenditure incurred during 1972-73.
  - (ii) to seek leave to introduce Appropriation Bill, 1979 also
  - (iii) to introduce the Bill.
3. Discussion on the Address given by the Lt. Governor (Administrator), Mizoram on 28th May, 1979

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA :  
DY. SPEAKER

"God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will not we fear, though  
the earth be removed, and though  
the mountains be carried into  
the midst of the sea;

Though the water thereof  
roar and be troubled, though  
the mountains shake with the  
swelling thereof.

There is a river, the  
streams whereof shall make glad  
the city of God, the holy place  
of the tabernacles of the most  
High"

Psalm 46:1-4

We shall now take up our Business,  
the first being short notice question. First of all, pu  
Lalthanzauva's question will be taken up but he will not have  
to read out as there will be supplementary questions. It is  
just a waste of time to read out the question. Now, pu Lal-  
thanzauva may ask.

PU LALTHANZAUVA:

Pu Dy. Speaker, will the hon'ble  
Minister i/c Home Department be  
pleased to inform the House who were the miscreants calling  
themselves Special Force of the Mizoram Armed police and  
using ZRG with obliterated number went out to the house of  
Parmawia of Serchhip at 2:45 A.M. on 21st March, 1979 and  
brutally manhandled him and took him to Chhifhtlang village  
where he was left behind with broken jaw and to inform further  
what action has been taken against these policemen?

PU C. HAWNGKUNGA: Minister in-charge may please  
DY. SPEAKER furnish the reply.

PU THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Dy. Speaker,  
CHIEF MINISTER

(a) The incident is that on 20.3.79, Hav. Rokaia, Constables Vanlal-chhunga, Vanlalfaka, Zorammuana, Lianzuala and Lalthantluanga alongwith an informer went to Village Chhiahtlang (Serchhip) in a Jeep to search for some Armed MNF who had reportedly escaped from Sateek area and taken shelter in Serchhip. According to the informer, Shri Pamawia was involved in the harbouring of the Armed Hostiles, Shri Pamawia was, therefore, taken and he guided the party to one Shri Lallawta's house. The latter finally told the party that MNF hostile Rothangmawia was sleeping in a deserted house and was arrested.

On receipt of the complaint that a student named Shri K.C. Pamawia was assaulted by some police personnel on 20.3.79 an enquiry was ordered. During investigation, it was revealed that Constable Lianzuala and Lalthantluanga assaulted Shri Pamawia to force him to divulge the whereabouts of Shri Rothangmawia. Since a prima facie case was established, both the Constables were arrested on 15.5.1979 and a case under section 325/34 IPC was registered in Serchhip P.S. The investigation of the case is almost complete. Further action in the matter will be taken on the basis of the investigation report.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Is there any supplementary question?  
DY. SPEAKER

PU LALTHANZAUVA: Pu Dy. Speaker, are the M.A.P. or these Police personnel empowered to assault persons whom they suspect to be involved with armed hostiles? Will Government take action if there is report of such violent assault on suspected persons before there is evidence in places other than Chhiahtlang (Serchhip)? Do the Government recognise these Police personnel who called themselves 'Special Force'?

PU THENPHUNGA SAILO: There is no rule by which the police  
CHIEF MINISTER can exercise force on persons they suspected. Hence, police personnel who seemed to be using force on Shri Pamawia were arrested.

Government have no knowledge of the existence of 'Special Force' in the M.A.P. Battalion. The public simply named them 'Special Force' though Government have no knowledge of their existence officially.

PU LALTHANZAUVA: pu Dy. Speaker, will the House accept  
the reply furnished by our hon'ble  
Chief Minister as he did not address the House?

PU THENPHUNGA SAILO: I am sorry, I was about to address  
CHIEF MINISTER the House pu Dy. Speaker. So, let us take it for granted that I addressed the House.

PU C.HAWNGKUNGA:  
DY.SPEAKER

Is there any more supplementary question?

PU SAINGHAKA:

Pu Dy. Speaker, from what I gathered, it seems that Shri Parmawia was assaulted by the Police in course of their search for the suspected hostiles. Under the term of the 1st July, 1976 agreement, both the Indian and the Underground Governments were to suspend all their operations which they both maintained till lately. But, in view of the prevailing circumstances, it seems that this agreement is no more significant. Hence, the operation-suspension has been terminated?

PU THENPHUNGA SAILO:  
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Dy. Speaker, as regards question raised by our Hon'ble member - no one says that operation-suspension has been terminated. And the Police personnel are also not empowered to assault suspected persons. Due to this, police personnel who assaulted persons whom they suspect to be involved with the MNE were arrested and enquiry is being made.

PU HIPHEI:

Pu Dy. Speaker, supplementary question - Did the two constables named Lianzuala and Lalthantluanga go to Chhiahtlang and assaulted Shri Parmawia without being ordered by their superior? We can presume that they will not behave that way if there is no order from their superior. Hence, why did only two of them were punished? Will not the authority or authorities who gave them order also be punished?

PU THENPHUNGA  
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Dy. Speaker, we would be able to furnish the answer to all these questions only after investigation is over.

PU C.L.RUALA:

Pu Dy. Speaker, our Hon'ble Chief Minister had just stated that there is no Special Force which means that those who called themselves 'Special Force' are merely defamers of the whole set up of these Police who had defamed them so often?

PU HIPHEI:

Pu Dy. Speaker, supplementary question - if no action can be taken before an enquiry is done, then why did the 2 constables were being arrested?

PU THENPHUNGA SAILO:  
CHIEF MINISTER

Pu Dy. Speaker, when it was learnt that Shri Parmawia was assaulted, enquiry was taken in which a prima facie case was framed and the constables involved in the assault were arrested. So far no unlawful action has been taken in this regard.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA:  
DY.SPEAKER

Time for question No.1 has ended. Now, we will take up short notice question No.2. Pu C.L. Ruala may ask.

U C.L. RUALA: Pu Dy. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to ask the question.

What steps have Govt. of Mizoram taken to supply rice to villagers of the interior places during the next monsoon?

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Now, the Minister in-charge may give the  
DY. SPEAKER reply.

PU ZAI REMTHANGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, the requirement of rice for  
MINISTER the villager in the interior places of Mizoram during the current monsoon season has been ascertained and collected on the basis of which demand has been placed with Govt. of India for supply of the quantity through the Food Corporation of India. It is the responsibility of the Food Corporation of India to transport the required quantity to the main distribution centres. The Govt. of Mizoram is responsible for transporting the required quantity from the main distribution centres to the interior consumer centres. For the purpose of carrying rice from the main distribution centres to the interior villagers contractors are required to carry the quantity of rice required by the Villagers. The Contractors have been appointed and continuous efforts have been and are being made to reach adequate stocks of rice to the villagers in the interior places.

PU C.L. RUALA: Pu Dy. Speaker, why I raised this question is that last year, there was great demand for supply of rice particularly in villages due to famine. However, Government made strenuous efforts to meet the requirement of the people and when the popular Ministry was formed, 80 % of supply of rice have already been transported to their destiny in Villages. On the contrary, shortage of supply rice has already been felt in Group Centres this year. In fact, there are many retailers who unless backed up by their Constituent MLAs could not get any rice to distribute from their shops. If retailers also could not obtain supply rice to distribute to the people I am afraid that the villagers will have no supply of rice during monsoon season. I would like to know steps taken by the Government to supply rice to villagers. We may be aware that monsoon season is not very far off. From what I gathered, last week, Monsoon rain had fallen on Arabian Sea which I believe will soon reach Bay of Bengal. If it reaches Bay of Bengal, we can presume what lays ahead of us. I therefore would be pleased to know what percentage of rice has been transported to the interior consumer centres.

PU ZAI REMTHANGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, since January, 1979, there  
MINISTER has been irregularity in the supply of rice due to transport difficulty.

Our requirement of rice is calculated to be roughly 40,000 metric ton, which means that the requirement till the end of monsoon season is 30,000 metric ton. Efforts are being made to reach adequate stocks of rice to the villages in time. However, as I have said before, there is difficulty in Railway service which greatly affected Mizoram. In spite of much efforts made by Government during and after the

President's Rule, there was not enough stock to reach Mizoram. Nevertheless, we are making continuous efforts and our Hon'ble Chief Minister had also consulted Central Food Minister. Since then, more quintals of rice are being stocked at Silchar Mizoram Godown and more rice is being brought into the territory. According to 26.6.1979 record, out of the total requirement for monsoon season i.e. 30,000 metric ton, 15,000 metric ton have reached their destiny. For carrying the remaining stocks, our Contractors are being requested to do their work more speedily. It is also proposed that additional Contractors will be employed to carry the remaining stocks.

PU LALTHANZAUVA:

Pu Dy. Speaker, it may be noted that the people particularly in the hilly range of Sialsuk have great difficulty in getting rice. Motor road through which supplies are brought into the village of Sialsuk is blocked by earth-cutting done by the villagers under Employment Generation Scheme. As the P.W.D and the D.C. attached to the Community Block did not take responsibility of clearing this road, the people of Sialsuk and Samlakhai have not been supplied rice till yesterday, could not Government find some way to solve supply problem faced by the people of this region?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA:  
MINISTER

Pu Dy. Speaker, the report of this was received only yesterday. That also from the carrying contractor not from the people of this region. Nevertheless, the Deputy Commissioner and the Minister in-charge were informed. The road mentioned by our Hon'ble member is Maubuang approach road constructed under some Relief Scheme the grant of which was sanctioned from the Deputy Commissioner Establishment not from the P.W.D. Hence, the matter has been referred to Deputy Commissioner.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA:  
DY. SPEAKER

If there is no supplementary question, we will take up Pu Sainghaka's question.

PU SAINGHAKA:

Pu Dy. Speaker, Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Industries Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that the Government of Mizoram have decided to give Rice huller to MNF returnees for their rehabilitation?

(b) If so, when was the decision taken and how many persons have been selected to receive the loan?

PU F. MALSAMA:  
MINISTER

Pu Dy. Speaker,

(a) Yes,

(b) The decision was taken in February, 1978. 103 MNF returnees have been selected. (10 returnees during 1977-78, 93 returnees during 1978-79).

PU SAINGHAKA: Pu Dy. Speaker, it is learnt that some persons who have been selected are not yet given the machinery till today and it seems that the file in which their names were listed was still laying on the table of the Minister. Though there had been allotment of Rice hullers in the previous years, the Industries Department seem to have great difficulty in the distribution nowadays. There are persons who waited a long time for distribution of the machineries. On the top of that, they are required to pay 10% of the money from their own pocket. As such, can the Government not find easier means to distribute Rice hullers?

PU F. MALSARMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, as regards persons who MINISTER have not received the machineries - I think there is some mis-information. Selection of persons to receive the machineries is done on yearly basis. Ten (10) persons who have been selected for 1978 year block had already been given the machineries. When fresh applications were invited for the new block year, the Committee received the system of distribution so as to find better method if there was any. Hence, there had been delay this year for which I am sorry. As regards the File - though it is with the Minister it has been put up with good intention. In the previous quotation, tender was called for only 8 horse-power. As we feel it is too little, another quotation was called for 10 horse-power. In addition to delay caused by this, tenderers quoted different rates due to which the Department have to take great care in selecting the supplier. Anyway, the matter is now under process, and decision had been made to make selection on lenient basis that is if we do not cross ceiling limit. As the matter is not in the hands of the Minister, alone, it is not possible to work out things speedily. I am truly sorry that there has been delay.

PU LALTHANAWLA: Pu Dy. Speaker. What I wanted to ask had just been stated by the Minister. Nevertheless, I might as well say certain things since I have been called to make a speech. The Minister stated the reasons for delay in the distribution while I want to say the need for immediate distribution.

In the first and second quotations, the lowest tenderers was Omega Enterprise. But, instead of selecting the lowest tenderer, individual favouritism over-ruled in time of selection. I think this was one of the reasons for the delay. However, our Hon'ble Minister had made explanation. So I would not ask for other explanation.

PU C. L. RUALA: Pu Dy. Speaker, it appears that one of the problems faced by the returnees is the need to have security deposit which involved a sum of Rs. 2,000/-. It is almost believable that the Government take it for granted that the returnees are well-off in material possession, whereas most of the returnees are wretchedly poor. Is it not possible to allot machinery without security deposit? I think the Huller when allotted can be put up for security deposit. Can not the Government remove this difficulty faced by the returnees?

Our Hon'ble Minister i/c Industries Department had stated that persons who have been selected to receive loan from 1978 year block had already been given. But, according to information I collected from the Department concerned Rs. 1,00,000/- sanctioned for rehabilitation of the MNF returnees are still un-distributed. Besides this, a sum of Rs. 14,00,000/- incurred for the new block year is also not yet distributed. It will be highly appreciated if allotment is made without security deposit.

PU F. MALSAWMA:  
MINISTER

PU Dy. Speaker, I have personally inquired 2-3 times into the matter connected with security deposit. But, there is Hire-purchase Loan Rules. Under the provision of this rule, one has to have security deposit. Because of pressure from the returnees themselves for immediate distribution, we did not have ample time to review the rules or to fight for abolition of security deposit in Central Government. The rules will however be reviewed, but for the present, the existing rule is being practised.

Regarding the allotment of mala money as it is a novel thing, one has to take a little more care in the distribution. Government is aware of what the members feel about is and the matter is now under process. I request the members to understand our position in this regard.

PU NGURCHINA:

PU Dy. Speaker, supplementary question, Who are the returnees? Are political ex-prisoners and underground elements who surrendered before the law included in the category of 'returnees'? On what basis classification is made? It is noted that Agriculture Department made distribution of potato seeds on grant without abiding by any loan rule or hire-purchase rule. Is it not possible for Industries Department to make allotment of Rice-huller in the same way as grant is allotted under Agriculture Department?

PU F. MALSAWMA:  
MINISTER

PU Dy. Speaker, it is believe that there will be confusion in the classification of the returnees. But, as it is a thing done before my time, I have not much to say in this regard.

As regard gratuitous grant distributed by the Agriculture Department - it may be noted that there are various loans having different terms and conditions although they are meant for rehabilitation of the MNF returnees. Hence, the allotment of loan under Industries Department is made according to the instruction received from Central Home Ministry.

PU SAINGHAKA:

PU Dy. Speaker, our Hon'ble Minister had stated the difficulty involved in the allotment of loan without payment of security deposit. There had been allotment of loan under Hire-purchase rules even in the past years. Under the present arrangement, it is proposed that a returnee should receive Rs. 13,900/- cash. But, the Department concerned made other arrangements which they believe would be more appropriate. According to this, Rs. 2,800/- will be deducted for price of corrugated iron and Rs. 1,000/- in cash will be given out. At the same time, 10% of the money is demanded for security deposit. When quotationers and suppliers prepared their bills, the Department intends to withhold certain percentage from the total bill. If deduction can be made from

from the provision, I think 10% of the money for security deposit should also be deducted instead of paying from their own pocket. Recognizing the need to make immediate distribution, I request the Government to take immediate action. I would be pleased to know when the Government will make allotment.

PU F. MALSAWMA:  
MINISTER

PU Dy. Speaker, being aware of the need for easy and immediate distribution, I have personally inquired about it. But, unless the Committee have revised the provisions of the rules, I have not much to say on this issue.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA:  
DY. SPEAKER

Time for supplementary question is over. We will follow our Calendar. Our next item is laying of papers.

pu Lalhmingshanga, Minister i/c Finance may please lay his papers.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:  
MINISTER

PU Dy. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Administrator of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 21 for Rs. 49, 10, 275/- only to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on 31.3.1979 as detailed below in excess of the amount granted for those services and for that year.

PU C. HAWNGKUNGA:  
DY. SPEAKER

Our Minister may beg leave of the House to introduce Bill.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:  
MINISTER

PU Dy. Speaker, I beg to leave of the House to introduce the appropriate Bill, 1979.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA:  
DY. SPEAKER

The Appropriate Bill, 1979 had been introduced. Here is an important announcement.

' The Assembly Secretariat received 15 nomination papers for election of members of Public Accounts Committee and another 12 nomination papers for election members of Estimates Committee. Names of the members received have been circulated to you all through Bulletin part II. If there is any candidate who desires to withdraw his/her candidature may do so before 2:00 P.M today, the 30.5.79. Election of the members to these two financial Committees, if necessary, will be held in the Committee Room tomorrow, the 31st May, 1979 from 11:00 A.M. '

As it had been introduced, the copy of the Appropriation Bill, 1979 will be distributed to members.

We will continue our discussion of yesterday on the Lt. Governor's Address. 12 members have so far been called upon. Today, we will call on other members, pu C. Vulluaia will be called first.

PU C. VULLUAIA:

PU Dy. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to make a speech on the Lt. Governor's Address today.



The Address, in general was quite appreciating. Altogether the speech contained 30 different topics. Of these, what he mentioned at paras 1 & 2 regarding the election, formation of new Government in which people have high hope and the desire of the people for peace and prosperity was a revelation of truth. Even if there are persons who said things in contrary to this statement I am still happy to acknowledge what our Lt. Governor has stated.

I am happy to note the efforts made by the Government for re-organisation of Mizoram Police. Besides promoting 167 Police personnel to the higher category, 134 persons were newly recruited. Though I do not know who they are, I am but happy. Nevertheless, as nothing about the proposal made during the Congress Government for recruitment of Police, but of which cannot be finalized because of the intention to recruit more non-Mizos in the set up is mentioned in the Address. I am quite anxious to know whether recruitment was made during the President's Rule.

The Government made plan for the construction of State Houses in Silchar, Calcutta and Delhi. I think we should also hope to have Mizoram House in Manipur which many of us visited and which we may continue to do.

Our requirement for more electric power is often mentioned. In spite of having a popular Govt. of our own, we still have to depend on other states for supply of power and the supply of power we receive is so inadequate. But, the Lt. Governor mentioned efforts made by the Government for obtaining more power from outside and for the attainment of self-reliance with the assistance of various organisations like Central Electricity Authority, Central Water Commission and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. etc. It is truly a comfort to learn this.

It is very pleasing to note that Government attaches a high priority to the task of providing drinking water to the people. As we all are aware, scarcity of water is one of the major problems all over Mizoram. However, our Lt. Governor mentioned the intention of the Government to implement a scheme for providing enough water to the public within 2 years. It appears that water problem will soon be solved.

It is noted that there is much improvement in the field of health services. It is a comfort especially to the sick and suffering that Government proposed to set up more health centres in various places.

I share the joy of families and persons to whom much harm had been done by excessive drinking by the policy of prohibition pursued by the Government. In pursuance of this policy, our students launched a massive attack on liquor-sellers which some persons criticized. But, I am glad that our Lt. Governor mentioned prohibition programme pursued by the Government, for, this shows that students, Church-leaders, public leaders and persons who are much against liquor drinking have been encouraged by the Government to implement the programme.

There is no time to refer to every context of the Address. Moreover, I believe that the House will agree to pass it since every point is of highly appreciating.

correction

PU HIPHEI: pu Dy. Speaker, can be made regarding the names of members nominated for Estimates Committee, for, only the names of 11 members were called out while 12 members were being filed?

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA: Correction will be made. Now, call on DY. SPEAKER  
pu Lalthanzauva.

PU LALTHANZAUVA: pu Dy. Speaker, peace issue was stated at para 2 of the Address. But, our longing for peace and tranquility is understood even without mentioning it. Hence, I found no real significance in having the mention of peace in the Address. Nothing about measures to be taken is mentioned except efforts to be made towards the achievement of peace. We know that in course of our search for peace, there is a possibility of taking a step which majority of the people regard as the wrong step. Since the beginning of disturbances in 1966, the Govt. of India claimed to have started search for peace, and various steps to wipe out the underground elements were taken, and the people were greatly panicky. Hence, unless our approach to peace is without violence, I found nothing to thank for the context in the Address regarding peace settlement

With the improvement of law and order situation, the number of criminal cases has also come down. Yet, it may be noted that due to negligence, there were un-registered cases. For instance - our people in the bordering areas were harassed and their houses and crops were being burnt and destroyed by some miscreants. Had the police caught them and filed their cases, many cases would have been registered. Hence, it is not easy for the people to accept the statement 'there is improvement of law and order situation' just by having smaller number of criminal cases. In Mualkawi village, one family consisting of 6 numbers was arrested by Burmese Security Forces. If we are un-able to safe-guard the life of our own citizen, it may not be right to say that there is improvement in law and order situation. Perhaps the Government is aware of this. There may not be harassment of the innocent public and searching of houses or arresting of persons without reasonable cause in a place where there is improvement of law and order situation.

In spite of putting much emphasis upon grant and development, actual development is a far cry for the people of Thlawhbawk villages. Though Government had made a pledge to allot them village Council, it is but obvious they will have no real development since nothing is mentioned in the Address.

As noted, there are Rehabilitation schemes of various kinds. But, these are still very in-adequate. There is no proper classification of returnees and there are many ex-prisoners who have not received F.M.A. till today. The Lt. Governor made no mention about this in the Address. In many places, the innocent people suffered in the hands of Security Forces. Their lands and houses were occupied or burnt down. Yet the Address mentioned nothing for rehabilitation of these poor innocent people. It appears that the needy persons will not be benefited by these schemes.

I am happy to note that Government had taken up certain administrative measures to strengthen the administrative machinery. However, it seems that there has been an enrolment of non-Mizos in the Employment Exchange on the strength of resident or Domicile Certificates issued to them. I feel that steps should be taken to check such illegal action.

We are glad to have Board of School Education in our own territory. But, I think we need to have serious view of the set up. Asstt. Academic Officer we have here is a post which ~~none~~ other states has, due to which there used to be some complication when there is inter-state Committee as other states do not have such officer of an equal rank in their set up. They have instead Academic Officer and Senior Academic Officer. Actually, persons employed as Asstt. Academic Officers in Mizoram Board of School are qualified and experienced persons, fit for the post of Academic Officers. Hence, it may be necessary to find a way to steer our employees upwards instead of bringing them downwards while other states intend to steer their employees upwards.

I feel that the existing Mizoram Civil Service Rules should be revised or amended. Though there are 13 Gazetted posts sanctioned, there are many A.Os who have not been upgraded to Gazetted post. These non-gazetted A.Os should be upgraded.

In the field of economy - production of ginger has occupied much of our attention nowadays. As encourage the people grew much and harvested many quintals of ginger. But, there is no suitable market for the surpluses. Even at low price, the Government cannot purchase from the growers. As such, many quintals of ginger have been damaged and wasted. I regret to say that the Lt. Governor made no mention of efforts made by the Government for disposal of production of ginger. It seems that ginger growers are heavy losers.

I am happy that there is improvement in the field of health services. There is proposal for strengthening Aizawl Civil Hospital with additional 140 bedded ward. But, we may know that an additional 140 bedded ward alone will meet our requirement, for everyday there are patients who cannot get accommodation and patients who have to be discharged before they have fully recovered due to congestion in the Hospital. Some years back, the government purchased a plot of land in the locality of Kulikawn in which more than one lakh rupees were spent. However, the area remains vacant and unused till today. It is believable that there will be many difficulties to install a separate hospital here. But, I feel that the area should be utilized for extension of the Civil Hospital instead of leaving it unused.

As regards road transportation - there is provision of ~~fund~~ for purchase of additional buses and for construction of three Bus Stations. Aizawl, though the Capital, also has no proper transport facilities like taxi or rickshaw. A passenger intending to go out of the station has to go all the way to the station on foot with his luggage and when he arrives here he has to find his own means of transport to reach home with all his belongings as we all the passengers are deposited at the station without further ado. Booking of ticket is another great problem. It is therefore most necessary to have Bus stops in various localities. It is also evident that additional 3 bus stations alone will not meet the requirement of the public.

In the field of communication - pu Dy. Speaker, please allow me to avail just a few more minutes. We may observe that P.W.D. had not made much headway in the construction of roads. Even to complete 1200 km of road construction, they take some years. It is therefore necessary to strengthen this set up so that there may be improvement in the tempo of road construction.

As regards an influx of Bangladesh nationals into Mizoram - the Lt. Governor mentioned only about those who entered into Mizoram during December, 1978. I think there has also been reports of the incoming of the same nationals even before December, 1978. It will therefore be necessary to take strong measures to check further influx of outsiders into our territory and also to find out those who have already entered into our territory.

PU SAINGHAKA: Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad to have an opportunity to be able to participate in the discussion of the Address.

On scrutiny of the contents of the Address, I find them all appreciating. Nevertheless, it will be wrong for members to criticize or praise everything contained here when they are in motion on it. It is better to say things exactly as they are.

Generally speaking, the Address reveals programme and policies that had been pursued and which are yet to be pursued. As stated, there are 30 points, of which I would like to elaborate points which I regard as important. It seems that the Address does not include much about the shares of the poorer section of the people. I also believe that Mizoram would hardly make any improvement if our planning system remains as it is, for, unless our planning is formulated on the basis of the need and requirement of the people, there will always be failure. It is understood that nothing can be done for the current year. However, the Government must take better care in making Plans for next year. It is necessary to have specific programme and policy for preparing budget or in formulating schemes. Being a disturbed area, Mizoram has various problems. As we are aware, Government had made a decision to allot village council to Thlawhbawks, But, this could be finalized till today. Similarly, there are things which need to be done but which cannot be done due to various factors. It is evident that all the necessary things cannot be done all of a sudden. Nevertheless, if we have clear cut policy in formulating developmental schemes, there will be easier execution of works. And if there is no developmental benefit to rural areas, it means that there is no development at all. Mizoram, as we know is a land where 78 % or 80% of population reside in villages. If the villagers have no share in the developmental benefits of the country, it is likely that there will be real development. To improve the tempo of development, our planning must have specific foundation.

The activities of P.W.D and the improvement of health services were mentioned. There had also been a proposal for re-organization of the condition of Grouping Centres. But, to take up the works, there is no separate Department except Community Development. Provision of fund under the head 'Rural Development' is also very meagre. I feel rural areas should be re-organized. It seems that the success of developmental schemes is depending on well-laid planning.

Perhaps it is not wrong to say that the people as a whole regard peace and tranquility more important than development. Nevertheless, the Address made no mention about measures to be taken towards the attainment of peace. We would be glad to know the policy of the Government in this regard.

The Lt. Governor mentioned about the improvement in the law and order situation as infusing a sense of security among the law abiding citizens. But, who got alarm when there was gun-fire at Prisoner's Van in the locality of Bara Bazar on 23rd. It was the public who got more panicky than the prisoners. It will therefore be necessary to make inquiry to ascertain the cause of the firing. This incident also reminds me of the statement made by our Chief Minister at Calcutta Airport. It is almost believable that the incident has connection with the statement of our Chief Minister. It may not be the best thing to speak out a word of contempt against the activities of the Security Forces, for, this can greatly reduce their morality.

It appears that many departments still have no Recruitment Rules which created certain difficulty in their relationship with deputationists. Actually, if the Government employees have disappointment, there is always set back in the office works. Truly speaking, there are too many deputationists while we have many qualified persons among sons of the soil. Government should take necessary action to remove the grievances of our Government employees.

We may observe that the speech made no mention of creation of new departments. We are aware of the importance of Employment Exchanges and also the fact that some departments made appointments without the knowledge of Employment Exchanges. Is it not possible to upgrade the existing Employment Exchanges at directorate level? And why do we have only one officer for these establishments till today?

I also regret to note that Social Welfare Department which is a department of great importance to public has only one officer to take charge of the works. It may also be noted that the Address made no mention about boundary dispute and the construction of Mizoram House at Shillong.

We put much emphasis on the integrity of all Mizos living within and outside Mizoram. To promote the integrity, it is necessary to construct Mizoram House in different places particularly at Churachanpur.

It appears that much emphasis was put on the improvement of communications. Inland water Transport has been a problem in Mizoram till today. There is one S.D.O who is incharge of the works and budget provision for one year is about Rs.5 lakhs including salary of the staff which is too meagre. I feel that more attention should be paid to this.

PI THANMAWII:

Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad for having an opportunity to speak on Lt. Governor's Address. As noted, the Address covers a broad subjects consisting of various programmes and policies to be pursued by the Government.

I am happy to note that much emphasis was put on the issue of peace settlement. This clearly indicates the anxiety of the Government for peace.

I believe other members are also interested in the Police organisation. In this regard, the Lt. Governor made this statement - 'a re-organization scheme of the Mizoram Police has been prepared with the help of an expert team from the Ministry of Home Affairs. This scheme along with another scheme for raising an additional M.A.P. Battalion is presently under consideration of the Ministry of Home Affairs'. As we all are aware, Police Force play an important role in the maintenance of law and order. It is because of the sincere service rendered by them that there was improvement in law and order situation. Recognizing this that the Lt. Governor in the Address revealed the attitude of the Government towards the Police organisation. If we go to their living quarters at Armed Vong, we will feel more strongly the need to improve their condition. It is not actually desirable to have Police Forces and civilians closely knitted in one locality. Besides having no proper facilities like Dispensary/Hospital, an approach road to the living quarters of Armed Vong is very un-satisfactory. However, we can presume that the Government will take necessary measures to improve their lot though there had been delay in the execution of re-organization plan. Having had often stressed the necessity of giving priority to sons of the soil, we can believe that Government will keep this in mind when selection for Police Force is made. As we are aware, Mizoram has boundary dispute with the neighbouring State of Assam. It is therefore necessary to have strong Police Forces of our own. On scrutiny of the Address, it is obvious that Government have strong determination to make headway in various walks of life.

The activities of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department have expanded rapidly and efforts are also being made for further improvement. If we study the history of Mizos, we can see that poultry farming and animal rearing were not only important occupations but were a tradition among the Mizos. It is therefore comforting to know that Government intend to take steps to encourage the people to start large-scale farming and animal rearing which I think would greatly uplift the condition of poorer section of the people.

Deficit in power requirement has off and on been mentioned. Recognizing the in-adequacy of grid power received from outside, Government made proposal for the construction of Hydel Project. If the Project is started from now on, we may have sufficient power to meet our requirements within 10 years. Actually, it is due to scarcity of power that large-scale industries can not be allocated in Mizoram. But, when we have attained self-reliance in power I believe there will be greater improvements.

I want to remind the House about the necessity of preserving our land and its products especially when I see the allocation of Paper Mill at Silchar. I think it will not be wrong to make a conclusion that this Paper Mill will have to depend on our forest products so far as raw material is concerned. But, in course of development, Mizoram also may one day have Paper Mill. It is therefore necessary to preserve what we have within our own land for our use.

As regards influx of foreigners into Mizoram- I am glad to note firm step taken by the Government to check further influx of Bangladesh nationals into Mizoram through southern border areas. As stated, many of such nationals particularly the Chakmas were handed over to the Bangladesh authorities.

The Address as a whole is quite satisfactory and its contents are of great importance to the people and to the country. I therefore find nothing to criticize The Address about its contents.

PU C. CHAW-NGKUNGA: Though he did not submit his name, we will call upon Pu Sneha Kumar as he has sent in his request.  
DY. SPEAKER

PU SNEHA KUMAR: Pu Dy. Speaker, Lt. Governor bhat ham Hindi se karega. Lt. Governor ka Address kabari men bolni keliye kuch time diya he, Main to unko nahi mila he, Assembly men bhi patila hain, pahila bhat karta hai. Mizoram keliye yih bahut bhat kiya he. Main ne bahut zujada bhat nahi karenge.

Main ne District Council keliye kuch bhat bolega. Chakma District Council to Mizoram ke andhar men, Mizoram ke andhar me tin District Council hain. Chakma District Council men abhi tak jeep Road bhi nahi pahungcha he. Admi log ani jani keliye rasta nahi he. Wuh to jeep road bhi nahi gija he, yih kiya bhat he? Udhar men jeep road jana perega. Road communication nahi honi se kaise admi log develop hoga. Agriculture production udhar men bahut hota hain bahut chiz bhi production hota hain, dam bhi komti hota hain. Agriculture ke, alu, baigun bahut chiz hota hain. Udhar, kamti dam se bigri hota he. Abhi Demagiri men quintal me char/panch sau (Rs. 400/ Rs. 500/-) se bigri hota hain.

Road communication honise to Pharva me ek quintal to ek sau rupia se bigiri hota hain. Admi log se dam jiyada se kharid karte hain, ishi bahut nukshan hota hain.

Aur, PWD Sub-division bhi udhar men raknise a chha hoga. Chawngte men new power (?) Station rakhega bola he, bahut khushi bhat tha, rakhega rakhega bolke eisa nahin hain. Udhar jaldi ana parega, biswas nahin hai, kiunh kuch nahin milta hain, abhi tak Chakma District Council area men.

Abhi Chawngte Hospital men Doctor ka pas men davai kuch nahin hain, admi log bimar honise davai nahin, davai honise aram hojiga. Hospital bhi abhi tak buiding complete nahin hua hai. Doctor ka quarter bhi abhi complete karna parega. Abhi Doctor bhi Lunglei jaga me baitha he. Doctor ka office bhi complete karna parega.

Aur Chakma Dist. Council men, Jo jaga, achha jaga men Sub-Health Centre raknise a chha hoga.

Aur, 1972 men Mizoram to UT bangiya hain, Chawngte men govt. Middle nari he, islie Middle School raknise a chha hoga. Udhar men Minister bhi anise, admi log kiya khata hain, Keisa hain dekni kalie anide achha hoga.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA: Pu Dy.Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to speak in the discussion on the Lt. Governor's Address. But, time allotted to members is too short that I may not<sup>be</sup> able to finish just within 10 minutes.

I think our judgement on the Address will vary from member to member. Of 30 points, 20 points covered developmental side whereas only 2 points covered peace issue. Hence, there can be controversy as to which is more important-development or peace. Though there may be good plans and policies, we would have appreciation only when they are successfully finalized or implemented.

Of the many points, I would like to point out certain things in connection with MNF Rehabilitation scheme. Perhaps it is noted that rehabilitation benefits were extended only to returnees who surrendered before the creation of Union Territory Government in 1972 while there are also many returnees who have not received Family Maintenance Allowance till date. I regret to say that there is partiality in our treatment of the returnees. I want to urge the Govt. to make better arrangements for rehabilitation of returnees without partiality.

As regards electricity-in view of the provision made under 6th and 7th Five Year Plan, it appears that there will not be improvement in electricity for Lunglei town for sometimes to come. It will therefore be appreciated if diesel engine is installed in important grouping centres as well as in Champhai and Lunglei. In places where such engines are installed, Matriculate persons may be selected to undergo short training course for electricians. Only when such arrangements are made, Mizoram will have better electricity.

I am happy to note that there is proposal for purchase of 17 buses. But, in view of the service of our state Transport Buses, it is almost believable that only new buses are plyable, for, as we all know there can be no proper timing, or Time Table in their services on pretext of non-availability of tyres or spares while many of them were put off-road. It is therefore necessary to have proper maintenance of our buses. I feel that Government should take necessary steps in this regard.

The need to improve the condition of Village Council is also being felt. Reward given to V/c President and members is too meagre while they on their part have to stand almost each and every politician and high officials whoever come on tour or on official visit within their Jurisdiction. Rs 50/- for President or Rs 30/- for members is hardly adequate in view of their expenses when they receive visitors. It may also be noted that since the posting of A.Os in Grouping Centres, the power of V/c has been reduced. They have in fact no authority or involvement in the distribution of grants sanctioned for rural developments. It is therefore necessary to make proper classification of their power and their condition also should be improved.

It is hardly satisfactory to see the condition of the offices and living quarters of A.Os. They are so shabby that hoisting of National Flag in such a building merely seemed to degrade the dignity of the National Flag. Actually, it is a disgrace to have such ugly buildings for office and residential purposes we can presume the kind of impression visitors and outsiders will have when they see the buildings. Government will do well in improving the residential



quarters and offices of our Administrative Officers.

Every year fund is allotted under PHE Department for provision of water to the public. The Department also used to have programme for distribution of water in villages. But, it is not only villages, but also Aizawl, our capital has great problem due to in-adequacy of water supply. Even in places where waterpumps are installed, the public hardly have sufficient water. In spite of enormous amount of money spent every year for water supply scheme, there has not yet been much improvement till date. As such, better care need be taken in times of planning of the budget. Government would therefore do well in making proper survey of the places where they intend to install waterpumps. This way, there may be lesser wastage of funds and proper distribution of water in villages as well.

The Address made no mention about the allotment of Village Council to Thlawhbawks. It seems that the pattern of administration in Mizoram needs revision. In Aizawl and Lunglei Districts, U.T. Government and Village Council are the sole governing bodies leaving a wide gap between them. Though the Lt. Governor made no mention about this, it is but desirable to have District Council Body to fill in the gap between Village Council Body and State governing body. It will be appreciated if the Government take measures to revise the administrative system of Mizoram.

PU C.L. RUALA: Pu Dy. Speaker, from what I gathered it seemed that members formed different opinions on the Address. Our member from Ratu Constituency yesterday made comments on the statement of the Lt. Governor on election issue. He said it was a declaration that the election passed off smoothly without any untoward incident. Yet, we know that some persons had proceeded towards High Court with their complaints. They have in fact submitted petition to Election Commission to review the election. As such, it is unlikely to say that the statement of the Lt. Governor that the elections were fair and smooth was a declaration of facts.

If we go through 2nd paragraph of the Address we can presume that the Lt. Governor and the Ministry have different view-point on the verdict of the people. The Lt. Governor said the mandate by the people was a re-affirmation of their faith in the new Ministry and an earnest desire for peace, stability and economic development where as our Chief Minister stated as the victory of true christians over nominal christians. As there had been various opinions in regard to this statement since it was publicised far and wide in National and Local papers, it has to be brought up for discussion. In pursuance of Rules No. 53, I gave a notice for discussion of the statement which was rejected on the ground that it was made before our Chief Minister became Chief Minister though the Rules made no mention about non-admissibility of statement for discussion even if it was made before he became Chief Minister. Was it because our Secretaries do not properly go through the provisions of the Rules that my petition was rejected? I would like to know why my petition was rejected. Whatever be the objective of the statement made by our Chief Minister, we should be aware that Christ Himself forbids to make judgement on the conviction of others. He said that true and nominal christians should mingle till Judgement Day. Hence, it will be pleasing if there is no such allegation against one another. I think it was

because of the statement that there were many pugnacious statements in our local papers nowadays. Had my petition been accepted, I would have liked to have discussion so that there might be better ideas and opinions.

In spite of statement made by the Lt. Governor on the improvement of law and order situation, it seems that law and order situation does not improve. Check-gates are being re-opened and checking of passengers have been resumed in various places. Can this be improvement in law and order situation? In some of our local papers, it was stated that some M.L.As have Police personnel for their guards. Was there improvement in law and order situation that the M.L.As need to have body guards? Government would do well in taking strong measures to improve the deteriorating law and order situation.

First and foremost importance for the improvement of law and order situation is peace, for the attainment of which, the concerned groups-MNF and the Central Govt. need to hold peace talk. If both the concerned parties come to term or an agreement it will be possible to have calm atmosphere and the law and order situation also will improve. Recognising the desire of the people for lasting peace, we submitted Resolution on peace issue. But I regret to say that a door for admission of this Resolution in the House was closed.

It was also stated that the number of criminal cases had come down. But, from what I gathered it seemed that the cases of drunkard were registered as criminal cases though this may to some extent reduce the number of drunken persons. It will be a good thing if there can be lesser number of criminal cases in the days to come.

I am happy to note administrative measures taken by the Govt. for strengthening the administrative machinery. But, I would like to point out that if there is no proper guidance from higher authority circle, there will never be satisfactory administration. For instance- there is Govt.'s order for all Govt. employees to reach office at 9.00 AM during session. Today is the second last date of the Session. But, the order was issued and circulated only yesterday evening which clearly indicates lack of discipline and guidance from higher level authorities.

One of my interests lies in Fishery though it is not mentioned in the Address. As we all are aware Mizoram have not much fish to meet our requirements. While such was our position, insecticides distributed by Agriculture Department, for killing of insects that destroy crops and paddy were used for killing fishes. Few fishes found in our rivers are poisoned. If no step is given to improve fishery, Mizoram would soon have no fish. Government should therefore take steps to improve fishery.

As regards power- 2 M.W. is expected by the end of June. But, when we received 1 M.W of grid power last year, the power condition of Aizawl north became worse. In fact it was for 5 nights only we had so far received power since the formation of the new Ministry. Power condition was better before we had grid line. It is desirable that separate generator be installed for Aizawl South. Though much emphasis was given on the construction of Medium Hydel Project other states which have larger number of consumer also have been running Mini Hydel Project. In view of our urgent need and requirement, strenuous effort should be made to explore the potentials of our rivers for generation of Hydel power.

There is proposal for purchase of 22 buses and 2 Jeeps. Last year, 7 buses were ordered which are not yet received till date. It is therefore likely that 22 Buses which we intend to purchase will reach Aizawl after next year. It also appears that we are not expert in purchase vehicles or perhaps it was the fault of the manufactures that our Buses easily got damaged. In view of the many hardships we have been facing due to shortage of Buses, Govt. should find the easier way for purchase of Buses. Manufactures who can be prompt in their services may also be sought if we intend to purchase buses.

Perhaps it is not wrong to say that settlement of boundary dispute does not depend on the strength of the Police Force. It is obvious that we were fighting for the document which was in existence long before. I was in fact one of the persons who found out this document. It is a regret that the document is simply kept without further ado. Why don't the Govt. do something about it while boundary dispute draws much of our attention? Instead of safely keeping the document and the record it contained, Govt. would do well in considering the ways and means through which the dispute can be settled.

I regret to note that Statistical Deptt. has always been omitted in the Address. I have been a member in the State Planning Board for 4 years during which I realised that our main difficulty which is also the difficulty of Deptts. lies in non-availability of reliable statistical data without which there can be no accurate planning. In order to have reliable statistical data, Statistical Deptt. should be strengthened. It is desirable that separate Directorate be created for this Deptt.

Though it is not included in our subject, I would but like to point out the importance and our requirement of Tele-communication. There is no means for direct communication between Aizawl and Lunglei. But, between Aizawl and Silchar, there are Grouping Centres which play an important role in communicating urgent messages. In the same way, Telephones should be installed in Grouping centres where there is Post Office in Aizawl to Lunglei Road. It will be highly appreciated if the Govt. make efforts to improve tele-communication system.

Pu K.Lalsanga : Pu Dy. Speaker, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak in the discussion on the Address. Having much to say, time allotted to members may not be sufficient for me in which case I request you to allow me to use some more time. Since I am the youngest member in the House, I make this request before I proceed further.

In spite of allegations made by our opposition members, the Address seemed to be quite satisfactory. I am glad that in spite of their allegations against some of the contents of the Address our opposition members expressed their willingness to extend support and co-operation to the Govt. for the welfare of the people and of the country.

I was also alleged that the Address did not reveal much about peace issue. Yet, it is not a thing that needs much expression it is but a thing which has to be pursued in a practical way. I rather appreciate strong determination **emphasized** by the Govt. for the achievement of lasting peace and the appeal made to the people to extend their co-operation in achieving the objective.

It is pleasing to note that the number of criminal cases had come down in the recent past. Whatever cases there may be, it is still appreciating if they are registered with a view to maintain law and order. Some of our members made comment this morning regarding maintenance of law and order. In case of Shri Parmawia- police personnel who misbehaved against him were arrested, On the other hand, question was raised by some members as to why Police personnel were arrested. It seems that there are persons who try to create confusion in the course of strong determination emphasized by the Govt. for maintenance of law and order. In case of Jail-Van incident- while prisoners were supported in their stand, Chief Minister was alleged as under-rating the service of CRP. Hence, it seems to be great confusion for the authorities to handle the situation of Mizoram. In spite of all the allegations and criticisms, Govt. aim to pursue various programmes and policies for the development of the country.

As regards boundary dispute-the inadequacy of the existing Police Force was emphasized whereas some members stressed the importance of document rather than the strength of police force in order to settle boundary dispute. Whatever it might be, the importance of both the document and strengthening of Police Force should be acknowledged. The need to strengthen the existing Police Force is more acute particularly if one resides in border areas. It is truly pleasing to note that the Govt. intend to raise additional M&P Battalion. I am sure that this would, to some extent also solve un-employment problem. I also believe that Govt. will take immediate steps to pursue the proposal made for giving training to Police Officers. I think this will greatly improve their services.

Efforts are being made to link all Police Stations and some strategic locations with a wireless network. In view of useful service rendered by them in the past years. I feel that Signal Corps should be re-established.

It may be noted that every individual has his/her own talent. In case of our dealing with MNF returnees we should consider their talents and arrangement may also be made to make scope for them to pursue their own talents.

At paragraph 5 of the address, the performance of our employment Exchanges was mentioned. I also believe that Mizoram will get benefits by the service of I.T.I.

I am happy to note that Govt. is poised for launching a massive development programme for which there is large provision of fund under various heads.

The Address also mentioned about terracing. As stated by our member from N. Vanlaphai constituency it is a fact that proper investigation need be taken for terracing. Had the previous Ministry sent persons to undergo training in the line the task of terracing would have been easier by now. Anyway, it is pleasing to know that Govt. have made great efforts to make headway in the field of agriculture.

There is plantation programme at para 9 of the Address. Under the same head, there is proposal to strengthen Wild Life Wing of the Mizoram Forest. I hope Govt. will have a mind to have reservation of our wild animals.

Government laid great emphasis on development of communication. It is stated that all Districts and Sub-Divisional headquarters as well as Block headquarters excepting two, now stand connected with roads. I want to bring to the notice of the House that Bungle Block headquarters also has not yet been connected with roads. I would be glad if Government take step to link this headquarters with Jeep road.

I heartily welcomed programme formulated for the improvement of buildings for when there was large provision of fund. I can imagine the kind of buildings we would have for secretariat complex and state House when the programme was implemented.

What had been stated by one of our members regarding the unsatisfactory condition of power in Aizawl North area was true. It is well known that grid power received from outside hardly meet our requirement as we are mere dependant of other states. Recognizing this the Government made proposal for utilisation of our rivers for generation of power. As often stated water has been one of the greatest problem in Mizoram. Generally, mountainous areas have more water than hilly areas. It is therefore likely that Mizoram will have not much water in view of its topographic condition.

I am happy to note that Government made sincere efforts to relieve the people of famine affected areas. At this juncture, I would like to mention that Bualpui, my Constituency is also badly affected by the famine. In view of the acuteness of famine in this area, we can presume that there will be lots of rats in the near future, I hope that the Government will take necessary actions to check further increase of such nuisance pests. I also believe that they are capable of supplying rats traps to this area.

As regards influx of Bangladesh nationals into Mizoram along the border some four members stated that the address covered only the infiltration of foreigners after the year 1978. But, we should be aware that the Government have no knowledge of the influx of the foreigners into Mizoram before 1978. Government had taken firm measures to sent back foreign nationals if they infiltrate in our territory. I am truly happy to note firm measures taken by them towards Bangladesh nationals who infiltrated in our territory.

SPEAKER: We will have noon break. But, the meeting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

Afternoon sitting 2:00 P.M.

Deputy SPEAKER: Now, PU Bualhranga may speak.

PU BUALHRANGA : PU Deputy Speaker, it is a privilege for me to speak in the discussion on the Lt. Governor Address, though brief, the address is quite detailed and satisfactory.

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The importance of public health may also be recognised. So often certain illness pervade Mizoram. Had proper care been taken, many illness would have been prevented. As the proverb says 'Prevention is better than cure' prevention measures should be taken to safeguard the health of the public particularly the villages. It is learnt that in certain areas, the mothers would not let their children take inoculation injection. If we truly desire to protect the public from harmful diseases, firm measures should be taken for which I suggest that the School authorities demand inoculation certificate from student in times of admission. I think this will greatly improve the health of children.

PU K.BIAKCHUNGUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad that there is time for discussion on Lt. Governor Address. The Address right from the beginning till the end is quite satisfactory.

Our members seemed to recognise the objective of the Address for which I am thankful. As stated, it is not the speech where one expresses his/her desires or wishes. What had been started by them in course of the discussion were all spoken out of their enthusiasm for the welfare of the people and of the country. However, I am surprised that some members found nothing in the Address for which to express a thank. I requested those members to have a second thought in their judgement of the Address. Because of the fact that the Address revealed the past and present activities of the Government and also programme to be pursued further. In all what the Government had done, we would find many things which deserved thanks. For instance at para 5, it is stated, so far more than six thousand five hundred employees have been given quasi-permanent under various Department of the Government. I am sure this measures deserved to be given thanks. In the same way, there are things to be glad for almost in every page of the Address. At page 3 of para 6 we found the allotment of outlay of Rs 95.58 crores in the 5th Five year plan. This is also a thing to be appreciated. Hence, we cannot deny our gratitude towards the activities of the Government. I am truly glad for various suggestions and constructive criticism made by our members.

Some of the members pointed out certain important matter which the Address did not reveal. But, whatever it may be, we should not think that what had not been mentioned in the Address are things of no importance. We should also consider the time when the Address was being prepared, for there might be many incident which had not yet taken place when the Address was being prepared. That is in the case of law and order situation. The Address merely confirmed the gradual improvement of law and order situation for the proof of which it mentioned the number of criminal cases registered.

In his speech, our hon'ble members from Tlungvel constituency often used this statement, 'according to vague knowledge I have'. I think our judgement of things should be based on clear-cut statement made by those who have thorough knowledge rather than on vague knowledge. Any way, I am glad that whatever he might have said, it was done so out of his concern for the welfare of the country. I also assures our members that various suggestions made by them will not pass un-heeded.

The member from Vanlaiphai constituency alleged that the present Ministry was the least who expressed peace settlement issue. Yet, so far as I know I have not heard him making mention about peace issue. It is a regret that there was allegation against one another, while the Government gives great priority to achieving peace. I think we should be glad for strong determination emphasized by the Government for the attainment of peace. I feel that everyone should contribute his/her talents and ability for the attainment of our common objective which is lasting peace.

If we thoroughly go through the content of the Address. We would find many in which to make additional statement. Before I proceed further, I want us to know that the Address did not include all the things that need to be included, for, at para 11 it is stated as 'the foregoing paragraphs broadly cover various aspects of economic development in Mizoram which my Government is making an earnest effort to achieve. My Government is equally aware of the limitations under which it is working especially in respect of technical hands, resources and basic infra-structure require for an accelerated development.

One thing I must mention in course of our discussion is special visits made by central figures to Mizoram which was mentioned at last para of the Address. It is evident that Central Government have great concern for the people of eastern areas for which I am thankful. I strongly believe that there will be greater improvement in the tempo of development in future.

I am happy to note that there is improvement of the field of health services. Besides strengthening the existing Hospitals the number of Reserve seats for M. B. B. S. have been raised from 10 to 15. I am truly glad that Government made strenuous efforts to improve medical facilities.

In the field of Education there has been improvement. The Address also revealed various schemes and plans to be implemented during the 6th Five Year plan. It is pleasing to note that Mizoram would soon have higher institutions. I strongly believe that there will be improvement in various walks of life.

PU P.B. ROSANGA;  
MINISTER

pu Deputy Speaker, most of the members had spoken in our discussion. In view of the speeches made by them, I think there is not much more for me to say.

One thing I would like to say is about election. Our member from Thingsulthliah Constituency alleged the election as being unfair due to which he said some person had proceeded to High Court to make complaint. Had the election been unfair, there would have been at least a member of particular constituency who did not accept his/her election to this Assembly as a member. But as there is no such member from any of the constituency who had rejected his/her election to the Assembly, it is obvious that the election was free and fair. I therefore, strongly support the remark made by the Lt. Governor regarding the election.

Listening to the speeches made by our members, seemed that the main contention was the Address did not reveal measures to be taken for achieving peace. So far as I know, peace issue has been one of the most important and most discussed topics since the disturbances. But, for all I know the one who speaks much about peace issue is not ordinarily the one who contributes much in the attempt to achieving peace. Many written statements alone would not either bring us nearer to the path of peace, for, as one of the members had put it there can be no pre-plan or pre-arrangement as it is in development for the attainment of peace. Had the misunderstanding been between Central Government and the Mizo people as a whole, the House would have known what steps need be taken, so is the Government. But, as we all know, the misunderstanding is not between Central Government and the Mizo people but it is between Central and Mizo Underground Governments. It is therefore meaningless for us to make plan for them to reach an agreement. If the mis-understanding groups have no reconciliation, there is no point for un-concerned party or parties to make a shout in the House in this issue. One thing of which, I am quite certain from past experiences is the deeper one gets involved in peace issue the deeper his/her reputation sunk. I think it is not wrong to say that persons/person who had been most criticized is the one who did most for achieving peace. As such was the tenderness of peace issue, it is quite pointless to make many written statements what had been revealed in the Address was quite enough for the present.

Our Hon'ble member from Vanlaiphai Constituency made a statement regarding peace which deeply pricked my heart. He said peace was muddled up last year while it was almost within our grasp. When did the attempt to achieving peace was muddled up while we were at the verge of achieving it? Truly it is a sad case indeed for us all. Everyone should do well in making sincere effort for the attainment of our objective instead of being the causes of obstacle.

It seems that many of us expect the Lt. Governor to say everything and any thing in his speech. But, as one of our members\* have already dozed off to sleep even when only this much is being said in the House. There is no ample time to say each and everything in the House which does not mean that had not been mentioned in the Address are of no importance to the Government. In fact, the Government have various programmes and plans to be pursued and implemented besides what were mentioned in the Address.

\* had stated <sup>some members</sup> Generally speaking, we all seemed to be appreciating the Address. I am truly glad that we could have peaceful discussion and various suggestions made by our members were also appreciating.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our members have had an elaborate discussion on the Address. I would not therefore say much.

Listening to the speeches made by our members I feel that they have much faith and hope in the New Government for which I am thankful. But, I regret to say that Mizoram has been lagging behind of other states in various field partly because of its late awakening to developmental sphere. It may be noted that there are things that can be started in the past year but which have not been started till date. Had greater efforts been made in the past, there would have been greater improvement by now.



It may also be said that the verdict given by the people at the election clearly showed there are faith and hope in the new Ministry which we should respect. It should be our utmost endeavour to exert our abilities for the welfare of the country as the people expect of us.

We know that there were many rumours during and after the election. In certain cases, these rumours deeply incited the public. I feel that we should be afraid of being the cause of hindrance to the improvement of law and order situation. Persons who spread rumours inciting the public will be highly responsible if law and order situation does not come off better.

Peace issue has been the most discussed subject since the outbreak of disturbances. In this context it won't be right to allege other as not desiring peace, for, we all are anxiously looking forward to the attainment of peace. If we are public leader, we should be aware of the extent to which our words and actions can have effect in the attempt to achieving peace. At this juncture, Co-operation is most necessary.

The Lt. Governor in his Address stated the allocation of funds under the 6th Five year Plan which has larger outlay than the funds allotted under the 5th Five year Plan. Had the plan been discussed when there was popular Ministry, we might have a great deal more in the present plan Budget. We are however expecting rolling plan in addition to the provisions made under the 6th Five Year Plan. In spite of all these, what we should remember is the importance of our words and action which though may be trifle, could have far reaching effects in the course of our advancement.

It is worth mentioning that the Government intend to set up University Campus in Mizoram. When there was no provisions in NEHU Act for the Establishment of the University in Mizoram, we were very down hearted. But Government made effort to have University for our youth from this year.

Our members had stated about activities of Co-Operative which includes procurement of ginger. Government have been making efforts to improve and strengthen these societies. We can therefore expect that there will be better improvement. Our member from Champhai Constituency mention about the allocation of Paper Mill in Mizoram. The matter had been referred to Central Government for procession. But there is difficulty in expediting execution of works as desired. Nevertheless, Government is making efforts and the offers made by some Paper Mills for purchase of Mizoram bamboos were turned down. As suggested by our members from Aizawl East Constituency, we should believe that the Government will make useful of its forest product as far as practicable.

I am happy to note that the Lt. Governor mention about prohibition programme. It is one of the great policies emphasized by Central Government. We can therefore expect that the Government will leave no stone unturned to pursue the programme further. Efforts made by various organisations, Church members and enthusiastic individuals for successfully implementation of the programme were worth mentioning. We should all stand united to bring fruitful result.

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As regards influx of Bangladesh nationals into Mizoram - I want our members to know the present and past position of Mizoram so far as refugees is concerned. In the past years, anyone who mentioned about the influx of Bangladesh nationals into Mizoram used to be alleged as communalist or the one who tried to create communalism. At present, it is just the apposite. In fact, we have been pressing each other to take preventive measures against further influx of Bangladesh nationals which clearly shows the new atmosphere in which Mizoram has been entering into.

Some of our members alleged in the local papers the statement of our Chief Minister as being the cause of controversy and pugnacious statements. It is going to be confusing if we go on blaming others even for a trifle thing.

Our members stressed the need to have re-organization of Thlawhbawks. During the previous Ministry the word 'since you are residents of Thlawhbawk' was largely used. But now, this has been no more the attitude of the Government. In fact, efforts are being made to improve the living condition of the people of Thlawhbawks in various walks of life besides allotting separate Village Council.

PU LALHMINGHANGA: Pu Speaker, our members had expressed  
MINISTER : their views and opinions on various subjects in the course of our discussion. From what I gathered, it seemed that our members have much enthusiasm for the development of the country for which various suggestions and re-recommendations were made. We may be aware that if we do not contribute our wisdom, there can hardly be a wise council in the House. In spite of my appreciation of the speeches made by our members I feel that some explanation need be made in certain cases.

Some members alleged the Address as presenting nothing in which to give thanks. But I think we should not admit such allegation in the House, we will find that there are things almost in every point for which to express thanks.

Another allegation was that the Address did not reveal policies to be pursued and measures to be taken in the attempt to achieving peace and tranquility. In this connection, I would like to point out the fact already stated by some of our members that there can be no clear-cut policy or programme in the attempt to achieving peace. However, if our members particularly from the opposition Bench have different inclination rather than as stated in the Address, the statement 'and Government is determined in achieving lasting peace in Mizoram and to that end no consideration of any party or group interest will be allowed to come in the way' may be vague. I feel that the Address clearly revealed what should be our attitude towards the attempt to achieving peace

As often stated by our members, peace settlement is not under the dictation of the Govt. of Mizoram nor is it under the control of this Assembly. If the concerned parties - the Central Govt. and the Underground elements do not come to an understanding, there is no point for the Govt. of Mizoram to make written statements as to what steps they would take. Hence, the allegation made by some members was not admissible to the House.

Much had been stated regarding power, water-supply and communication. Failure of water-supply in Aizawl town was one point raised by our members. It is a fact that water has been one of the greatest problems in Mizoram. Government, being aware of this problem attached great priority to the task of providing

adequate water to the people since the time of District Council. But owing to its changing climatic and topographical condition, Mizoram has still been facing water problem. Though today is 30 May, scarcely there had been rainfall. Such being the condition, we must not put all the blames on the Government or the Department for water supply failure. There are times when things go beyond our control or power.

It is a fact that Mizoram has been lagging behind other states in various fields of developments. To keep peace with other states, everyone of us here is responsible whether we are in the opposition or ruling party, the people have put their faith in us to lead them further towards better development. May be we are not yet in a position to make speedy progress, we can but make up our mind to march forward gradually step by step.

Government is also aware of the need to improve communication. But, as I have often said, we are at the initial stage where various tasks await us besides having to undertake works which had been started by public servants of the past years.

We may know that Government attached great priority to the improvement of power. The Address also clearly revealed step taken by the Government to improve power condition. We should however realize that it is we, the Mizo who are responsible for development of our own state. No one, even Assam, M.P. or M.L.A. for instance would come and take up the works that lays ahead of us. It is therefore most necessary to have co-operation in our attempt to uplift Mizoram.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it appears that there is not much criticism of the Address in our discussion today. But one thing is certain that no one is yet satisfied with the programme and policies aimed to pursue because of our aspiration for the welfare of the country for which I am thankful. Instead of being silent listeners, we all have at least a thing to say for the development of the country which truly gives me hope for further progress.

Besides what I have said this morning at question hour. I want to make explanation to what our member Pu J.H. Rothuama said about Panchayat Raj. As suggested by him, recommendation made by All India Level Committee on Panchayat Raj covers creation of some administrative body to fill in the gap between State body and Village Council body if necessity arise. The matter has also been reviewed at Chief Ministers Conference. However, we will have to consider whether all the recommendations will be applicable to Mizoram. Hence, creation of administrative body in the gap between State and Village Council bodies is the policy already formulated by the Government.

Last year, there had been intention to do something for Thlawhbawk in the attempt to allotting Village Council though the Lt. Governor made no mention about it in the Address. But, due to dissolution of the Assembly last year, nothing was done in pursuance of the programme during the President Rule. I believe the matter will be processed in course of time.

In view of the allegations made by some of our members, it is almost believable that some of us did not properly go through the details of address. Fishery was mentioned at para 7 while our members of Tlungvel Constituency alleged as of not included in the Address.

perhaps the Address did not reveal much about measures to be taken by the Government for the attainment of peace, but, it clearly shows the attitude of the Government and the longing they have for lasting peace. Hence, it is not only the people who are desirous of peace. Had all the programmes and policies been pursued in their attempt in bringing peace been revealed the main objective might not be achieved, for no one knows for certain what steps need be taken. It is also meaningless to disclose all the measures to be taken before they know that these measures will bring successful results. While we are to stand committed to finding a solution of our common problems leaving our own ideology behind, peace issue is used as a mere football by some persons particularly in times of election due to which there had always been hindrance in the attempt made by the Government as well as some enthusiastic persons for achieving peace. Actually, policy formulated for the attainment of peace should be pursued in confidentially. An outline of policy formulated by Government which the Lt. Governor revealed in his Address is quite enough for the public to know. Now in the stage, where co-operation is needed to achieve lasting peace.

Though brief review, the Address is quite comprehensive. Besides revealing the activities of the Government programme and policies to be pursued for further development were mentioned.

Some of the members alleged the Address as being narrow. But, if everything is written down in detail, the Address will be lengthy and while it is being read to the House some of us might have dozed off to sleep. Its clear outline and simplicity should be rather appreciated. In fact, it broadly covers the detailed outline of the goals and the direction towards which the Government will be marching. Here top priority is given to our daily basic needs food and water without other development can be like mushroom which grows fast all of a sudden but when one touches, it breaks away to have all round development, right beginning is necessary.

As often stated, water is one of the greatest problem in Mizoram. The people in towns as well as in villages facing much difficulty due to scarcity of water. Health also suffers in places where there is no pure water. Considering our requirements for good water supply efforts should be made to improve water supply so as to provide drinking water to the people in towns as well as in villages. However, in view of the fact growing rate of population, plan scheme for water supply should be based on the requirements of the areas where water supply is proposed.

Our members stated the service of our Employment Exchanges. It appears that they have thorough knowledge of the functioning of these Exchanges, for, some of them even mentioned the issue of Domicile Certificate which I have not much knowledge. So far as I know only Inner-Line Permit holders were issued Day Permit for the period of their stay in Mizoram. As I have no knowledge about the issuing of Domicile Certificate, I would be much grateful if any one can show me a Certificate to prove that such Certificate was actually issued.

It was stated that some Departments made appointment without prior information to Employment Exchanges. In this connection, Departments are informed to check such appointments and to furnish their reports. So far 8 out of 20 Departments have not furnished the required information. Anyway, Government intend to take firm measures to check such appointments.

As regards registration of non-Mizos in the Mizoram Employment Exchanges- From 11th June, 1978 up to the 10th November, 1978 there was no enrolment of non-Mizos in the Employment Exchanges. But in between 11th November 1978 and 30th April 1979 37 Gorkhalis and 6 other 9 non-Mizos were enrolled which mean that a total number of 47 non-Mizos were being enrolled. I want to inform the members that the Government is taking necessary steps to check further enrollment of non-Mizos in our Employment Exchanges.

Government is also aware of the inadequacy of Bus services in Mizoram. As stated by our member from Tlungvel Constituency it is a fact that 7 Buses purchased last year have not reached Mizoram till date. Though the Minister in-charge of transport was requested to take up the task of selection of Buses to be purchased, the Ministry was but dissolved and the administration of Mizoram was placed in the hand of President. However, we could now have Government of our own. I therefore believe that we would be able to take up works that had been left incomplete. In fact, Government is making strenuous efforts to improve transportation services. I request our members and Ministers to co-operate with our Officers in undertaking the tasks that lays ahead.

PRIG.THENPHUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, before I dwell on the  
 CHIEF MINISTER : Address of the Lt. Governor. I would like to make certain explanations regarding what were said by our members yesterday. The fact is when I landed Calcutta Airport, the Pressmen rushed to my side asking various questions for the reply of which I told them my intention not to make any statement in front of them as I feel they were in the habit of publishing thing as not in the way I said. Nevertheless, I agreed to give them the English version of Press Release I made earlier. All these times, Pu Dnghmna, Deputy Director of DIPR&T was with me. However, as I predicted, they made publication of my speech in a twisted form. The English version I gave was my statement on 8th May which you might have read. It is the subject on Village grouping misguided contract. The Pressman who made such publication was however sent the correct version. In one of our local papers named 'Remna Arsi' I was alleged as having Press Conference at Delhi. But, I would like to inform the House that I did not have

Press Conference nor did I call Press Conference at Delhi. I am truly sorry that there had been wrong allegations in the House. It is my desire that there is no more wrong allegation. Having this in mind I made clarification. If anyone intends to make allegation I think he should first make verification.

In spite of our repeated emphasis on the Address as being merely an outline of the activities of the Government along with programmes and policies to be pursued further, some of our members went on saying each and everything they know which have to be done and which were not done in the past. But, we should be aware that the Address aims to reveal only the detailed outline of programmes and policies which had been implemented and which are yet to be implemented. If we expect the Address to reveal each and everything in detail, there will be too many to write and that it might take at least 3/4 days to read the whole thing. However, we should not think that what had not been revealed in the Address are of no importance. Actually, it is our desire that there be lots of improvements during the five years of our Ministry. We also know that there are many things which need to be done. But, being aware of our incapability of doing all that needs to be done, we give an outline of things we have done and which are yet to be done so that those members who come after us may find it easier to continue the works we left incomplete. Personally, I don't think there will be ample time during our Ministry to make impressive progress. Perhaps there are developments worth mentioning after 2/3 years. As we have often stated, we are just at the initial stage. It is therefore un-wise to expect the Government to make impressive progress at this stage. Whether we sat in Treasury or Opposition Benches we all have common objective which is to serve the people and the country and this is also the task entrusted to us by the people.

We must have realized the value of having Opposition party and an important role played by constructive criticism for better functioning of the Government. If our criticism are of constructive nature there will be better co-operation. However, criticism with defferent motive will not only lead us from bad to worse. We should also remember that in a democratic form of Government, the opposition members have as much responsibility as the Ruling Party members in moulding the destiny of the country. I therefore request our members to extend their co-operation and to make constructive criticism instead of making wrong allegations.

Pu Deputy Speaker, if there is not much time, I would not say much. One point raised by our members was about the influx of foreign nationals into our territory. I would like to inform them that Government is taking strong measures to check further influx of foreign nationals into Mizoram. Certain measures had also been taken to send back those who had entered. I believe that there will be easier means for us since we have persons with more understanding attitude as Central Government Employees.

As regards upgrading of Government employees to the post of quasi-permanent -this administrative measures was not taken during the President Rule. The decision to upgrade them to quasi-permanent post was made last year during the months of August and September by the Government with Federation members. It was however finalized a bit later.

Besides stating the grievances of prisoners, our members urged the Government to withdraw C.R.P. guards from Jails. I think it would be easier to take action if our members state their wishes specifically. If they state things in general, it is rather vague as to where and which action needs to be taken.

Last year we were not yet able to put concentrated efforts on boundary issue. As stated by our member from Tlungvel Constituency, Boundary study Team has to be constituted to review the matter right from the British period. In spite of our great desire to settle the dispute we were un-able to do anything due to dissolution of the Ministry. Before there was proposal for constitution of Boundary Study Team, our D.F.O. was detailed to have talk with DFO Cachar in connection with the incidents that took place at border areas where Mizo settlers were harassed and their crops were destroyed by Cachar Border Police. But, it was stated that these incidents have no connection with boundary dispute. As was the condition, this issue needs more consideration and profound thinking. It is our desire that the matter be taken up at early date. I believe we would have to select some of you to handle the matter. I am truly glad that our members from Tlungvel constituency kept some of the documents relating to boundary matter. I would be glad to see the records.

What had been stated by our members from Vanlaiphal Constituency was constructive criticism for which I am thankful. He said that persons taken into custody under suspicion were brutally tortured by some Police personnel. But, his statement was a bit vague for us to take action. Had it been more specific, it would have been easier for us to take immediate action. I would once again like to remind our members to state their wishes more specifically to enable us to take action.

He also stressed the need to have separate Judicial body from that of Executive. Though I will not name the person I have but informed one person last year as to what should be done regarding creation of Judicial and Executive Bodies separate. But unfortunately, the Ministry was dissolved in the midst of all these. As may be noted, it is not an easy task. I truly appreciated the speech made by our members from Kawrthah Constituency though it was his maiden speech. That should be the way how constructive the opposition member should go.

Regarding the salary of Police Government intend to review the matter.

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In the case of UTP(Under Trial Prisoner) Van incident being not satisfied with mere Police Investigation Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl was detailed to make independent Enquiry. It is expected that he would soon submit his reports. But if we are not satisfied with this, we might as well constitute Judicial Enquiry as demanded by our members. However, I am of opinion that Independent Enquiry will be enough to investigate the incident.

Allotment of Village Council to Thlawhbawks was mentioned. It is a delicate issue which require profound thinking and its procession might also take longer period. However, I would like to inform our members that Government is making strenous effort to finalize the proposal and we might someday ask for your help.

Our members from Tuipang Constituency suggested to have MAP as guards in place of CRP. But, as it is the assignment of IGP and his subordinates, we cannot simply dictate the movement of Police Forces. However, we can give them counsel.

As regard the introduction of the Policy of prohibition- our members said that the Police who are to maintain law and order used to drink in public. In this case also, we would be able to take action if our members give precise information.

It is also a fact that there are deputatdonist in the Police organisation. But, I don't think all that had been said regarding this organisation was correct. Nevertheless we are aware of the need to reorganize and improve the set up for which I request our members to extend their co-operation.

I note d down what were said by our members from Chawngte Constituency. What he said regarding Penchay-atiraj and the administration were things of great importance. Desiring to lift our Village Councils into a better position we did not accept the conditions of Village councils recommended by the Ashok Mehta Committee. But another Committee is going to be constituted. As we know, states under the sixth Schedule are a bit defferent from the rest of other states of India. Hence, we feel the need to constitute n w Committee. I want to inform our members that we shall soon be requiring their help and co-operation in the course of the implementation of our programmes.

I regret to note that Office Staff did not observe Office timing during our session inspite of the order being issued 3/4 days back.

From what I gathered, it seemed that our members from Tlabung constituency wants us to visit his constituency. He may note that I will arrange a visit to his constituency at the earliest convenience. But, this may be a bit later in which case I request him to understand me.

What had been stated regarding the organization of 2nd MAP Batllion was true. Efforts will be made to improve their conditions.

It is a serious matter if the CRP actually mis behaved towards the public. Had the information been more specific, it would have been easier for us to take action. Anyway, if there are such cases, the matter should be referred to the authorities concerned and we too on our part would take up whatever is necessary.



DEPUTY SPEAKER: Our CLP (Congress Legislature Party) leader has amendment motion on the Motion of Thanks. But does he agree to leave it for consideration of the Government without putting it to the vote of the House?

PU LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, if there is assurance from the Government. I agree to your proposal. Being a matter of great importance to the people and the country I move this motion. If the Government intend to pursue the matter, I won't press them for voting.

However, having stood up once, I might as well say some other things. When Nominations for PAC & Estimates Committee members was filed, we, the Opposition group did exactly as desired. But some members from Treasury Bench, though I would not name them, filed the Nomination paper in the names of some of the Opposition members without their prior consent. This is impolite action. I therefore demand an apology from members who were implicated in this.

It is a fact that the election passed off smoothly without any violent incident. Yet, there was unfair practice, which the true christians are not expected to do; and that is the inclusion of so many under-aged voters in the electoral roll.

As regards the attempt to achieving peace it is a delicate issue as we all are aware. The more one gets involved, the more entanglement one has. As was the condition, there can be various means by which one intends to achieve the objective. At this juncture, I would like to point out some of the policies entertained by the Government towards the underground elements. At first there was intention to wipe out the whole organisation. But when our political leaders emphasized the original causes and true nature of the uprising, Central Government accepted Mizo problems as a political one. Hence, negotiation was started since then. However, as we all know, the negotiation ended.

Another policy which likely to present under the circumstance is political isolation of the underground elements by winning over the public through various developmental means. As was the condition, we would like to know what measures should be taken in the attempt to achieving peace. Have the Government an intention to resume peace negotiation or will they change their tactics?

It is a fact that this Assembly or the Government of Mizoram have no ability to dictate peace settlement issue. Yet, there is one thing they could do as was done in the case of Naga problem, and that is to pave the way for negotiation of the two concerned parties. In spite of firm declaration made by the Prime Minister, Mr Desai not to have anything to do with Mr Phizo unless he (Mr Phizo) accepts his Indian citizenship to have peace talk within the framework of Indian Constitution, Janata President, Mr A.S.M. Joshi and other Central figures under pressure from Naga peace Council went to London to approach Mr Phizo. They have in fact, high expectation for his return to India with his approval of November Agreement.

Similarly in our case, the Lt. Governor's Address of last year states the Government's intention to implement the 1st July Agreement. But as nothing is being mentioned now, we demand to know the policies or measures which the Government aim to pursue in the attempt to achieving peace.

It may be noted that there are quite a number of persons living in the Arakan Hill Tract who have no citizenship. I have in fact been approached by some of them. Do the Government intend to find a way for them to become India Citizens? Actually, despondent persons can easily turn into the most dangerous and reckless persons. Hence, Government would do well in finding a solution to their problem so that they too might become true citizens of India. In this way, law and order situation might also

Training facilities offered by ITI is hardly satisfactory. Persons who had completed training course are not yet given employment. Government would therefore do well in taking measures to improve this Institution and arranging employments for those who had completed training course.

I appreciate what our hon'ble Minister said regarding the installation of Paper Mill. It is a fact that Cachar Paper Mills obtained 2/3 (two-third) of their raw materials from Mizoram. However, I am glad to know that the Government made no commitment to supply them raw materials.

There is proposal for installation of 35MW Power Station at the spot where rivers Mat and Chhintuipud meet. We may be aware that installation of Hydel Project requires quite a long time. It is therefore likely that the construction of Hydel Project will start after 15/20 years even if the Government start the work from this moment.

I am glad to note the attitude entertained by the Ruling Party and the House Leader towards the opposition group. It has been our aim and policies since last year to extend our co-operation to the Government.

Issuing of Domicile Certificate to non-Mizos was a fact. Non-Mizos who have such Certificate were registered in the Employment Exchanges barring sons of the soil from getting employment. But when we made protest to the Lt. Governor fresh Certificate was issued which entitle them to enrolment in the Employment Exchanges. But, as it is the under-hand dealing of the Government, it is difficult for us to get hold of the certificate. However, if you go to D.C.s Office and ask for it you will have no difficulty in getting it.

As regards law and order - according to the information I received from the persons concerned as well as from those who surround them that the Government had instructed anyone who is on duty to shoot the following persons whom they suspected to be Ring Leaders of various incidents if there is any occurrence or incident. They are Pu Zoramdingliana, Pu Hrangaiha, Pu Lalhrata and Pu Kaptluanga.

Recently, Doctors and Nurses who were on night duty were harassed by some persons. If such things happens again, it means that they will be shot at the spot.

In the course of his statement on the grievances of prisoners, one of our members pointed out the un-satisfactory treatment of prisoners who at that time were hospitalized. As stated, it may not be easy for patient to have early recovery if he is with handcuff all the time. I feel that Government should see to the improvement of the conditions of prisoners.

It is learnt that Assistant Jailer and Warden used to search prisoners inside the Jail with arms. I would like to inform the Government that such action is against the law.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Our Opposition Leader has 17 points in his ammendment Motion. He also agreed to leave it for consideration of the Government if there is assurance. Some of his points which relates to allotment of Thlawbawk and peace settlement issue were things already stated by the Ministers.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, If you do not read out the points, we wouldn't know where and in which we will give assurance.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla seemed to be contented with what you have said. It is not therefore necessary to read out his points. He is not going to move the motion for passing in the House.

PU P.B.RASANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, to give assurance, one MINISTER : has to know the subjects in which he is to give assurance. We do not know what is in his ammendment motion. While we expect him to speak about the contents of his motion, Pu Lal Thanhawla cocentrated his speech on irrelevant subjects. This should not be the way we should go. It is merely a waste of time to go back to the things we have stated earlier.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I feel there are certain things we should know so as to maintain the dignity of the House. Our hon'ble members proposed amment to our Lt.Governor speech which no Minister also can amend unless it is constitutionally amended. But, if he has motion in support of his proposed, this can be put off for consideration or procession of the Minister.

I think we should also observe a sense of relevancy in the course of our discussion. Rule 269 of Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business, provides that members should not make personal charge or reflect upon the conduct of persons in his authority in the course of their speech unless there is substantive motion. As was the condition, I think we should not make reflection of personal life of our leaders since our motion is not a substantive one. It is in fact a motion which had been rejected by the House. It should also be our aim to maintain the dignity of the House.

**PU LAL THANAWLA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, it was with your permission that I made a speech in reply to your question regarding my amendment Motion.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Pu Hawla has amendment motion in which there are 17 points. When I request him to withdraw it without having to put it to vote, I thought he was going to withdraw it as he asked for no permission to move it in the House. However, as there is assurance from Treasury Bench to consider the motion without putting it to vote we will leave it here. I don't think it is also necessary to move it in the House.

Much had been said in the course of our discussion on Lt. Governor Address. Now we will call upon Pu Ngurdawla to move his Motion of thanks for House's adoption.

**PU JOE NGURDAWLA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad that our members expressed pleasing notes on this Motion of thanks. Our members made various suggestions which our Chief Minister was pleased to note. As I expected, not only our Chief Minister, but also other Ministers paid much attention to what the members said and suggested which shows that we all have appreciation of the Lt. Governor Address. To show my appreciation of the Address, I move this Motion of Thanks for House's adoption .

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pu Ngurdawla's motion 'that the members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assemble in this session are deeply grateful to the Lt. Governor (Administrator) for the Address which he had been pleased to deliver on the 28th May, 1979 had been moved. Members who agree to pass say 'Aye' (Members said 'Aye') Members who disagree to pass say 'Noes' (Members kept silent)

Motion of Thanks moved by Pu Ngurdawla on the Address of Lt. Governor had been adopted. In looking back the days of the current Session, we can see that the members both from the Opposition and Ruling Parties have true dedication to the service of the country unlike other days of our previous sessions. Mizoram Assembly, as we may not be aware, is often looked upon by other State Assemblies of India as a good example. It is truly under the guidance of Providence and by the grace of God that the Session was held successfully. The House will now be adjourned.

House Adjourned Sine die at 4:00 P.M.