

DEPUTY 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 waters 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.

We will proceed to our business items - questions and replies. 5 minutes will be allotted for each question. Now Pu J.Thankunga may please start.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think there is some mistake here. I have no question in our business today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu B.Lalchungnunga.

*PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture Deptt. be pleased to state -

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Soil Conservation Division in Chhimitpuoi District, and

(b) If so, to what extend steps have been taken ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA,

MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, (a) Yes.

(b) The question of opening of new Soil Conservation Division in Chhimitpuoi Dist. is under active consideration of the Government.

*PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, besides supplementary question, I have many things to say regarding the opening of new Soil Conservation Division in Chhimitpuoi District. Last year, there was a budget provision for this. But, due to long delay in its consideration, the Division is not yet open till date. I feel that the Govt. should take immediate step to open the Division so as to prevent lapse of fund.

Our hon'ble Minister said that the question of opening of the new Division is under active consideration. But, I would like to know what steps have been taken in this regard.

I think Soil Conservation Deptt. has a separate Department before the formation of U.T.. But now, it

receives the treatment of an orphan. It was first attached to Forest Department and now it is attached to Directorate of Agriculture.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You are making a speech rather than asking supplementary question.

*PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, I am going to ask question at the end of my speech. As it is the wish of the people I think that the Division should be opened as early as possible. The Govt. also would do well in creating Soil Conservation Department as a separate Department. Its present strength of Staff is- 2 Agriculture Graduates, 4 DDR, 6 Diploma holders-Civil Engineer, 8 trained forestry, 4 coffee cultivation trained. Besides having 2 Divisions with 11 Range Offices they also have.....

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Make it a question.

*PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA : They also have 2 persons trained in rubber cultivation, 7 trained in Forest School and 16 Soil Conservation Researchers. Though well-consolidated this Deptt. is not in a position to execute works. Its relationship with Agriculture Deptt. and the schedule of works to be executed by them should be differentiated.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Make it a question. What you are saying now may be said when we have discussion on L.G's address. If you make a speech now, there will not be time for the remaining questions. Make questions if you wish.

*PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, yes, I'll make question. Is there any difficulty in making Soil Conservation as a separate Department ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, the matters relating to the opening of Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui Dist. had been processed. Creation of post had also been processed. As a matter of fact, we are only waiting for final decision.

Tho' our member had said many things, some of them were not relevant to our subject. However, for an information to our member I would like to point out certain things regarding separation of Soil Conservation Department. Some of our neighbouring states have separate Directorate for Soil Conservation Department. During the earstwhile District Council Mizoram Soil Conservation was one of the divisions under Assam Government. But, after the formation of U.T., this was attached to Forest Deptt. till 1974 after which it was again attached to Agriculture Department. Being aware of its close relationship

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with Agriculture and Forestry, the Govt since the time of the previous Ministry sought a convenient Directorate where Soil Conservation Deptt. can be attached. It is now attached to Agriculture Deptt. So far, no inconveniencies have been found. Though attached to Agriculture Deptt. they make their own plans and proposals separately. Hence there is no difficulty in their relationship. And there has not yet been consideration to create separate Directorate/Deptt for Soil Conservation.

* PU S.VADYU : Pu Dy. Speaker, it has been quite a long time since there is intension to open new Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui District. As we know, we are waiting for the final decision of the Government till today. Why cannot the L.G gives his approval or does he not see the proposal, or does he not approve of Soil Conservation Division being opened in Chhimituipui District. ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think I am expected to make clarification. It may be noted that the proposal for opening of Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui Dist. was first hinted in 1979-80 Budget and we are still remaining under this Budget. There is also no question of being disapproved by the L.G. or any other. As we know, we all are waiting for the final touch.

* PU SHIPHEI : Pu Dy. Speaker, we know that we all are waiting for final decision. But, how long would we wait and from where the decision would come ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, the final decision will come from the Govt., but the date and time of its arrival is not known.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, our Hon'ble Minister said that the matters connected with the opening of new Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui Dist. were already processed and at the same time he said that there was no L.G's approval. Could this mean we process things without the approval of L.G or is there L.G's approval ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, as I have said there is budget provision for the opening of the said Division. It is not a question of having L.G's approval, but the Government is making efforts to implement the scheme. Besides having arranged office complex, tender for its own construction had also been called.

* PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am surprised that the proposal for opening of Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui District cannot be implemented till now inspite of fund provided in the budget.

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If there is no objection from Central Govt. to utilize the money for this purpose why cannot the scheme be implemented without further delay? The Minister i/c may be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in implementing this proposal.

PU P.B.ROSANGA, : Pu Dy. Speaker, it may be noted that all the MINISTER Schemes and proposals in the budget cannot be implemented all at once due to technical problem. It is also the reason why many Departments cannot utilize all the funds sanctioned to them. The difficulty faced by various Departments due to non-availability of technical staff or technical problem faced by various Departments would not be possible to mention now in detail. So far as the scheme for the opening of new Soil Conservation Division in Chhingtui-pui Dist. is concerned, our problem is that of an administration. As some more time is required for consideration of convenient Directorate to which the Department should be attached there is delay in implementing the scheme. I therefore request our Hon'ble Members to understand our difficulties.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Question No-2

*PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c GAD be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that Government do not provide sufficient uniforms etc. to IV Grade in Mizoram and

(b) If not, why?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO : Pu Dy. Speaker, (a) No
CHIEF MINISTER (b) Does not arise.

*PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Dy. Speaker, as provided under uniform Handbook-Class III & IV Grade Staff are provided with uniforms. For instance- Chowkidars have separate uniform for summer and winter which consist of 3 khaki suits for 2 years, a pair of chapal for a year, 3 caps for 2 years, 1 wool cap for 2 years, 2 pairs of socks for 3 years and 2 jersies for 3 years. It is known that some Departments in Mizoram like Raj Niwas practise this. But why cannot other Departments practise the same?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO : Pu Dy. Speaker, at present uniforms CHIEF MINISTER entitled by IV Grade employees are- 4 khaki uniforms for 2 years. But in the Civil Secretariat, Mizoram, it seems that IV Grade Staff do not highly favour khaki uniform. Hence, the representative of IV Grade Staff Association demanded 2 terricot uniforms for 2 years, the matter is now being processed. As a rule, they are entitled to have 4 khaki uniforms for 2 years.

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* PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Dy. Speaker, some of the things I want to know have been explained. But what about other uniforms like socks and chapals?

* PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Dy. Speaker, it may be noted that Khaki uniforms given to IV Grade staff. Particularly of the Civil Sectt. were materials of one of the lowest quality that can not be worn for pants. If we see its quality no one, even IV Grade staff, would like to wear such a low quality of material. Why were not they be given better quality of cloths for uniform ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, we will consider the matter.

* PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, do all the IV Grade staff of Mizoram rather than Civil Sectt. disliked Khaki suit for uniform ? I do't think IV Grade staff working in villages would mind wearing khaki suit for uniform. Have all the IV Grade staff of Mizoram submitted to the Govt. their dislike for khaki uniform ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, Govt. have no knowledge of this. It is evident that our members have great concern for the well-being of our IV Grade staff. If the IV Grade staff Association or their representatives have any suggestion, they may submit it to the Govt. which for our consideration.

* PU LALTHANZAUVA : Pu Dy. Speaker, without having to submit suggestion, cannot the Government utilized the fund already sanctioned for this purpose?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, as I have said the matter is now being processed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, starred question No.3

PI K. THANSIAMI : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue Deptt, be pleased to state -

- (a) What are the conditions laid down for issuing stall passes ?
- (b) Is it permissible to use stalls for residential purposes ?
- (c) If the answer is no, what are the efforts made by the Govt. for eviction of those persons residing in stalls particularly in Mizawl Town ?

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PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker,

(a) There is no condition laid down for issue of stall passes in the Act operated by the Department.

(b) No unless there is specific permission given by the Government.

(c) Public notices/orders had been issued at regular intervals to the stall owners to comply with the conditions incorporated in their stall passes with particular reference to condition No.9 which prohibited the use of stalls for residential purpose with a warning that violation of the conditions would entail cancellation of the pass. Follow up action have also been taken and it is learnt that a number of stall pass holders have complied with the order issued in this regard.

PI K.THANSIAMI : Pu Dy. Speaker, though the conditions stated by the hon'ble Minister was clear enough, I would but like to point out the reasons for my asking these questions.

As we may be aware, tea-stalls in the upper Dawrpui Veng are the place where all sorts of filthy lives are found. Whether it is night or day we will find drunkard or persons indulging in sex or other worldly pleasures. There are many bars having funny names like 'Luhthut Bar'. The place and the life here is so filthy that it came to be known as 'Atta Lane'. Actually, it is neither safe nor pleasant to live or go nearby.

While other cities are competing with each other for cleanliness, we have a dirty lane at the heart of our capital which had really blemished the face of the town.

Besides being the place of filthy lives, 'Atta Lane' is a temptation to persons particularly of character to drop in in those tea-stalls and indulge themselves even without having prior intension. On the top of that, while many persons who wish to run business do not have room to pursue their wishes, stalls at the heart of market place are used for residential purposes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Make it a question.

PI K.THANSIAMI : Pu Dy. Speaker, I was going to ask. If there is public notice/ order which prohibited the use of stalls for residential purposes, should not Govt. take stern measures for eviction of persons residing in stalls particularly in upper Dawrpui Veng.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, Government is aware of the importance of what had just been stated by our hon'ble member, Since 1974 to December, 1979, orders were issued at regular intervals to persons residing in stalls. But some persons are capable of doing things beyond the control of rules and regulations. However efforts are being made and spot-verification is also being conducted.

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*PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Dy.Speaker, according to reply made by our Hon'ble Minister to question No.3 (a) it seems that there is no condition laid down for issue of stall passes in the Act operated by the Department. If so, should not there be condition laid down in future for eviction of persons using stalls for residential purposes ?

Our hon'ble Minister said that unless there is specific permission given by the Govt., stalls are not permitted for residential purposes. If so, how many persons have so far been punished or driven-out of their residential stalls in persuance of the said public order ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy.Speaker, at the moment I cannot say the exact number. Persons to whom eviction order was given used to stay for the night elsewhere voluntarily. But, as time passed, they moved in again in the stall. I cannot say the exact number.

*PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it is obvious that efforts made by the Govt. for eviction of persons residing in stalls were not successful. Whose responsibility it is that there is filthy residential stalls right at the centre of our capital ? It is a disgrace to the Govt. as well as to Mizoram as a whole. Who is responsible- the owners of the stalls or the occupants of the stalls ? If persons to whom warning had been issued stick to the use of stalls for residential purposes, should not the Government cancel their passes so as to save our society from being a society where the obstinates and dis-obedients get the better of themselves rather than those who obey laws of the country.?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, at present I cannot say as to how the passes would be cancelled. Generally most of the occupants of the stalls are not the owners. As was the condition, there used to be separate notices or order for the owners and the occupants. Though it may not be to the extent to cancellation of passes, Government would but make greater efforts for better maintenance of towns.

*PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, from what I gathered, it seems that Govt. had issued eviction order many times. But why had not those orders been carried through ? Was the authority who issued the order competent to do so ? I would also like to know the specific date on which stalls particularly in the upper Bazaar will be cleaned.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, I cannot say the specific date and month when the Govt. would do the cleaning. Usually Govt. take actions in accordance with conditions incorporated in their stalls-passes.

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The difficulty is that when warning is given to the occupants of stalls, they moved out voluntarily to move in again when an opportunity comes as it is not possible to keep an watch over them all the time. Human being, as we know is not like an animal that can be trapped in a cage. Hence, our members may understand our difficulty.

* PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, according to the reply made by our hon'ble Minister, it is understood that there will be great difficulty for the authorities to carry thro' eviction order if they are not empowered with competent authority. It may be noted that to issue and execute eviction order, one has to have both magistrate and revenue-powers. So, how many persons are there in the Govt. of Mizoram who have both revenue and magistrate powers?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am sorry I can't tell the member at the moment. Anyway, I'll look into the matter.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu C.L. Ruala may ask his question.

* PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture and Soil Departments be pleased to state -

Whether it is a fact that the proposal to open a Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui Dist. has been dropped ?

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, No. The question of new Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui Dist. is under active consideration of the Govt.

* PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the proposal for opening of new Soil Conservation Division in Chhimituipui Dist. has not been dropped as stated by our Hon'ble Minister. provision was made in the current budget i.e. 1979-80 and sanction order was given by Finance Department for appointment of the required staff for this new Division. But, the proposal is not yet implemented till now. What would be the next step if the proposal is not implemented even after there is Finance concurrence ? Do the Government intend to lay it by the next year Budget to request us to pass it just like that?

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think this was clear enough in the reply made to a question raised by our member regarding this proposal. We have stated our problem. As I said, the matter is now under active consideration of the Government. I hope it would soon be implemented. Before the end of the current Financial year we will try to get ready for its implementation.

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*PI L. THANGAWII : Pu Dy. Speaker, can not our hon'ble member be satisfied with the answer given by our hon'ble Minister ?

*PU. C. L. RUALA : Pu Dy. Speaker, may be I find the answer satisfactory. But, as I have said earlier, how would the Government implement the proposal if they cannot execute the work even after receiving finance concurrence? Besides this, it is learnt that the L.G. did not approve of opening new Division in Chhimguipui District for the fear that there will be too many Government liabilities when Mizoram is upgraded to Statehood. It is obvious that the Govt. is incapable of executing the work even after receiving finance concurrence. However, I would be glad if the Govt. can get ready within 1½ or 2 months before the current financial year ends.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Question No. 5.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c the Appointment be pleased to state -

- (a) whether candidates belonging to scheduled caste/scheduled Tribe who were called for interview/written test for appointment to group A, B, C & D posts advertised in Mizoram are paid Travelling Allowance by Departments concerned of the Mizoram Government ? and
- (b) If so, how payments were made ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAULO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, (a) Travelling Allowance is admissible to the scheduled Tribe/scheduled caste who are not already in service and called for interview/written test for recruitment to group A, B, C and D posts in Mizoram.

(b) How payments are to be made is laid on the Table of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any supplementary question ?

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I have reason for asking this. It was that though there was letter from Home Ministry and circular issued by the Govt. of Mizoram to pay Travelling Allowance to persons belonging to Scheduled Tribe/Scheduled Caste who came for interview/written test for the appointment to Group A, B, C and D posts, there are departments who have not made such payments. It seems that they are to be given either from Permanent Advance or on account Advance. Had the Government taken action against Departments who do not make such payments ?

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BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, what had been stated by our hon'ble member was truly useful and important. It is also a fact that there was clear instruction from the Government. Nevertheless, it is hardly possible for us to know or take action unless there is a specific case reported to us either by the individual concerned or by a witness. So far there has not been such reports, may be we do not know it. If anyone makes complaint or if there is a specific case reported to us, we will take action.

*PU P. LALUPA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it seems that our Hon'ble Chief Minister demanded to have specific case if they are to take action. But, he may be pleased to note that there are some Government Officials who have no intention to pay T.A. to persons coming for interview/written Test. Recently I saw an advertisement issued by Health Department for the post of IV Grade staff. Here, the Civil Surgeon made it clear that they have no intention to make payment disregarding the standing order of the Central Government as well as the circular of the Government of Mizoram. Has not our hon'ble Chief Minister knowledge of this ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, no specific case had reach to my knowledge. As it is also the responsibility of the Department concerned, the best thing is to report to the Department or to the Ministers.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, what had been stated by our hon'ble Minister was true. In spite of Government's order to make payment as soon as they arrived for an interview/written test some Departments used to keep the Bills pending for a long time. Actually, it is for fear of long pending that Govt. gave order to make payment either from an account advance or from some sources which, if necessary will be adjusted later. Can the Government issue another order of this kind which should be strictly followed by our Departments ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, yes, we will do. I have noted it down here.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no more supplementary question, we will take question No. 6 - Pu Saikapthianga's question.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Home Department be pleased to state -

The reasons for sniffting police gate/ Inner line checked gate at Vairengte from its northern tip to its southern end.

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BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, we have been considering about the shifting of Vairengte check gate since the year before last.

One of the reasons for shifting the gate to its southern tip, is that while the gate was at its northern tip, many persons who have no Inner Line permit escape *at the check gate, and entered into Mizoram by getting off the Bus at Lailapur gate and take a walk thro' a short-cut foot-path to catch up the BUS again at Vairengte Bazaar. Hence they escape check at the gate.

Another reason is that the people of Vairengte requested the Government to allow the people of Bagha Bazaar to come upto Vairengte at least once a week to do trading with them. It may be noted that the people of Bagha Bazaar are practically great help to the people of Vairengte and the people living nearby particularly in times of crisis. Actually we wanted to shift the gate still further towards its southern tip near Army School which we pass before reaching Vairengte. But due to non-availability of lodging for our police who manned the gate, it was shifted to where it is now. So far as checking of the incoming of un-authorized people is concerned, the present site is quite suitable and convenient. But for checking of supply and Forest products, the previous site or an area near Lailapur gate would be more suitable. However, we are still under experiments and we do not know which site would be most suitable. If we find the present site to be inconvenient, we may also shift it back to its previous site or to other more convenient places.

*PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, we know that there is a check gate at Vairengte. But, is there any intention to have check gate in the valley of river Tlawng and Tuirial ? Who issue Inner Line permit ? It is learnt that there are many un-authorized persons living in Mizawl some of whom were said to have permit which had expired. Has not Govt. taken legal action in this regard ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, these are not relevant question to our main subject.

PU S. INGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, according to the reply made by Hon'ble Minister, it seems that check gate shifted to the southern tip was not safe enough. If so, could it mean that the police who manned the gate cannot safeguard it ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, it is not a question of the police having failed in their duty to safeguard the check gate. It is a matter of conveniency of its site. In spite of vigilant watch maintained by our police un-authorized people can still escape check by taking the short-cut road while the gate was at its northern tip.

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* PU LALPHANZAUVA : Pu Dy. Speaker, instead of making Vairengte a free passage for in-authorized persons by shifting the check gate to southern tip, is it not possible to have the gate at the northern tip where the secret footpath meets the main road?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, at first this was what we considered. Our Dy. Speaker is the one who actually busied himself with these things. But, there was some difficulty because the footpath, which meets the main road near Vairengte, starts before reaching Lailapur gate which means that part of the short-cut road is within the area of Cachar. There was also suggestion to have two gates-one at the previous site in Vairengte and the other at the site from which un-authorized people get off the Bus to take short-cut road. But, it was not an easy task. Hence the gate was shifted to its present site in the southern tip of Vairengte

* PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it may be noted that there are more un-authorized people coming in to Mizoram after the gate is shifted to southern tip than while the gate was at its northern tip. Many beggars have also entered into Mizoram, though I do not know whether the Govt. give them Inner Line permit. In spite of their determination to be more strict, guard/watch at the gate is more relaxed than before. Besides this check gate, there are others at Aizawl and Kolasib where checking can be done. Is it not possible to place/post more guards to watch-over the gate more strictly, for it seems that a tribe which has no beggar is receiving beggars from outside. I feel that a question of beggars is one problem.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question hour is over. But, there are still many un-asked questions. Shall we continue or will we pass off these questions?

* PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think we better finish them now.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any member who wish to speak in this regard? If member prefer, we will continue. Now, ~~if~~ C.L. Rualala's question may be replied by the Minister in-charge.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, what had been stated by our Hon'ble member, Pu Ruala was not a question but they were suggestions which I appreciate, I want to assure our member that we will consider his suggestions.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Pu H. Rammawi

* PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Appointment Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is it a fact that no T.A./D.A. is given to those who are summoned to appear before D.P.C. in Mizoram ?

(b) If so, why ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, (a) T.A. is admissible to the candidates belonging to scheduled caste/scheduled Tribes who are not already in the service of Government called for interview/written test for recruitment to Group A, B, C & D posts in Mizoram. No Dearness Allowance is admissible.

(b) The information is not readily available and is being collected from all Government Departments.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any supplementary question ?

* PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Dy. Speaker, supplementary question. It may be noted that some Ministry publication called 'Brochure on reservation of scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste in service' clearly states the conditions to be followed. Our Government also had started making payments to persons called before D.P.C. for interview/written test tho' some Departments have not practised it. I think the P.W.D. also intends to make payments to those who came recently for interview. Will it not be better if the Government make circular in this regard so that every Department concerned may make payments ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, our member in his speech clearly revealed certain things which needs to be done but which the Government did not do. I am glad that our members know their position that is to represent the people and for whom they work. It is also a privilege to have M.L.A. to represent the people.

As regards payment of T.A. it will not be fair if payment is made to only few persons while most of them are not given. However, in the light of our members' speeches, we know that the matter needs to be pursued further and information is also being collected. Anyway, I am glad that this question was asked, for, I believe it will serve an useful purpose. If there are Departments who have not made payment, we will tell them to do.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no more supplementary question, we will proceed to our next question, Pu Ngurchhina's question.

* PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture Department be pleased to state -

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- (a) Whether it is a fact that the seeds sold by the Agriculture Department of Mizoram are not treated with appropriate insecticides/fungicides ?
- (b) If they are treated, are they harmful for human beings? and
- (c) If not, why not ?

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : pu Dy. Speaker, (a) The seeds are not appropriate insecticides/fungicides before issue to the cultivators.

(b) Does not arise. But in the case of seeds treated with insecticides etc. they are harmful for human beings.

(c) To avoid any possible mishaps on the part of human beings.

*PU NGURCHINA : pu Dy. Speaker, as regulated by the seed corporation of India, seeds sold by the Department are to be treated with appropriate insecticides etc. If the seeds are meant for sowing why should they be harmful for human beings ? Sometimes earlier, corn seeds which were not treated with insecticides were sold by the Department. But as these seeds could not germinate, the prestige of the Department had really gone down. Hence, is it not better to treat seeds sold to cultivators with insecticides since they are meant for sowing.

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : pu Dy. Speaker, seeds purchased/ received from seed corporation or Registered seed suppliers are usually treated with insecticides. But as the cultivators do not know its process, seeds locally purchased are sold to cultivators as they are without treating with insecticides. However, the cultivators are given instruction as to how seeds would be treated with insecticides. While the seeds corporation and Registered seed suppliers do treatment of seeds with insecticides by themselves, the Department at any time can supply insecticides or fungicides to cultivators who purchased seeds. This is how the Department sold seeds to cultivators.

*PU LALTHANZAUVA : pu Dy. Speaker, according to the reply made by our Hon'ble Minister, it seems that seeds sold by the Department are not treated with insecticides to avoid possible mishaps on the part of human beings. If so, is it harmful for human beings while the seeds are sown ?

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PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, if the seeds are for consumption, it will be harmful to treat them with insecticides. Because of this seeds locally purchased are not treated with insecticides. As I have said to avoid any possible mishaps on the part of human beings, cultivators who purchased the seeds are instructed to do as their wish with the seeds they purchased. They are also cautioned to be careful if they are to use insecticides.

PU SAIKAPHLANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, our Hon'ble Minister stated that our farmers/cultivators do not know the process of treating seeds with insecticides. I would like to know whether it is the Department or the farmers who should make treatment. As for the reason for not treating them with insecticides, he said that it was to avoid any possible mishaps on the part of the human beings just in case the seeds treated with insecticides are consumed. If so, why did they purchased seeds already treated with insecticides from seed corporation ?

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, it is not a question of our cultivators not knowing the process of treating seeds with insecticides. For them to treat seeds exactly as they desire to be sown the Department supply insecticides/fungicides. If our suppliers do not have seeds already treated with insecticides, we purchase whatever kind they could have at the moment. Actually, the seed corporation used the treatment to preserve seeds for a longer period. Hence whoever purchased seeds obtained from seed corporation are cautioned not to use for consumption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now question No. 9, Pu Ngurchhina's question.

* PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Home Department be pleased to state -

(a) The required qualifications prescribed for promotion to the rank of Dy. Superintendent of Police from the rank of Inspector of Police.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, (a) Draft recruitment rules presenting qualifications etc., for promotion to the rank of Dy. S.P. from the rank of Inspector of Police are yet to be approved by the Government of India.

* PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, supplementary question- we know that Draft Recruitment Rules are not yet approved by Government of India. If so, on what basis or by what rule promotion was done before ?

*Speech not corrected.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, I can only tell you since
the time we assumed the offices. Before
our time, I think promotion was done on
ad hoc basis. But I do not know for certain.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question ?

*PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, in 1974, Shri N.C. Sharma and
H.N. Sharma were promoted to the rank of DSP
from the rank of Inspector. If promotion was
done at that time, why cannot it be done now and why are many
posts kept vacant ? Is it not possible for the Government to
fill up these posts somehow ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA, SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, though Draft Recruitment
Rules are kept pending, we are but consi-
dering as on what basis promotion will
be done and what percentage of Inspector will be up-graded to
the post of DSP which are kept vacant. In fact, the matter is
now under process of I.G.P. Perhaps we know that he is a
new comer. After taking some months for settlement he had now
started working. Hence, he may not take long to process the
matter. But, I am sorry that I cannot say what was done in the
past and on what basis promotion was done, for it is beyond my
knowledge.

PI K. THANSIARI : Pu Dy. Speaker, had promotion been done with-
out Recruitment Rules as suggested by our
member, will it not be used again merely for
attacking the activities of the Government ?

*PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I made this suggestion only
because our situation demands it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Starred question No 10, Pu Ngurchhina's question.

*PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister i/c
Revenue and Taxation Department be pleased to
state -

- (a) Whether entertainment tax is collected from the cinema
Halls run by the Armed Forces in Mizoram;
- (b) If so, what are the year-wise amounts collected since
their inception ?
- (c) If not, the reason thereof ?

* PU LALHNINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, (a) No. (b) Does not arise.
(c) Exemption from payment of entertainment
tax was granted to the Defence Service

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* Speech not corrected.

personnel of all ranks and their families in respect of cinema Halls owned and run by Defence Service vide Govt. of Assam letter No. FXT. 177/62/82 dt. 24.4.76 which was issued under the provision of section 8 (2) of the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax Act, 1939. As the said act is adapted by the Government of Mizoram, no entertainment tax is collected from cinema Halls owned and run by Defence Service.

* PU P. LALUPA : Pu Dy. Speaker, our noble Minister said that no entertainment tax was collected from cinema Halls run by Armed Forces in Mizoram. Perhaps we are aware that these cinema Halls particularly the 1st A.R. Hall shows more an attitude of commercial end. They displayed posters everywhere and used hired jeep and loudspeaker to advertised the film they intend to display in their Halls. Besides, this, public are entertained in all these Halls which is not permitted under the provision of Rules of Assam Cinema Act, 1953. Does not the Government have an intention to enforce this Act in Mizoram and will they put an end to an illegal practice of these cinema Halls ?

* PU LALMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, as I have said, exemption from payment of entertainment tax was granted to the Defence Service Personnel of all ranks and their families in respect of cinema halls owned and run by Defence Services. Hence, Govt. have no intention to collect entertainment tax from cinema halls run by Armed Forces in Mizoram. However, if they displayed a commercial inclination like advertising their films, Government will review the matter and to see what they can do in this regard.

* PU LALTHANZAUVA : Pu Dy. Speaker, is it permitted to entertain public in cinema Halls run by Armed Forces though they are exempted from payment of entertainment tax ?

Under the present circumstances, the public are freely entertained in the cinema halls run by Armed Forces. Could this mean that anyone who has a relative in the Armed Forces can run cinema hall and be exempted from paying entertainment tax ?

* PU LALMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Dy. Speaker, the Rules do not provide free entertainment for public/individual who has relative in the Armed Forces. It applies only to cinema halls owned by Armed Forces. As regards entertainment of public in these halls run by Armed Forces, we cannot simply direct Armed Forces as to how they would run their cinema halls. If they allow public to enter into their halls or if they want to entertain public in their cinema halls we cannot possibly forbid them. We have not so far made regulation not to entertain the public in their cinema halls

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* Speech not corrected.

* PU J. THAKUNGA : Dy. Speaker, I do not know whether it is relevant to our subject. But we may be aware that few cinema halls we have in Mizoram are not careful in their choice of films. In other cities, halls are strictly run, and films displayed are differentiated. Hence, there are films exclusively for adults whereas some films are permitted for children to see. But in Mizoram, there is no distinction between adult and children and whatever film is shown anyone including children can see it. Has the Government intention to maintain few cinema halls we have in Mizoram more strictly and in proper order ?

* PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, it may be noted that for sometimes Govt. had screened films shown in our cinema halls. But at the moment, this has relaxed. However, if our members so desires to maintain cinema halls more strictly, we will inform the Deputy Commissioner who is the competent authority to do so.

* PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, as we may be aware Armed Forces run cinema halls even in other places. But, in Shillong, for instance, we can't simply enter into their Halls. Is there any provision in the Rules they practice which permits civilians to be entertained in the Halls run by them ? If not, why do the Armed Forces in Mizoram entertain civilians in their cinema Halls ?

* PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am sorry I cannot furnished the reply readily at the moment. However, as I have said before, we cannot simply interfere in case of admission to cinema halls run by Armed Forces. As stated by our member, in Shillong (Happy Valley) it was the Armed Forces who forbid entertainment of civilians in their hall. Nevertheless, if they did not forbid, the civilians also used to go to their hall.

* PU L. THANMAWII : Pu Dy. Speaker, let us take it for granted that this is relevant to our subject. Mizoram, as we all know is far lagging behind so far as entertainment is concerned of cinema halls, Zodin, Aizawl is the only satisfactory hall we have. Besides, this, there are 1st A.R. cinema hall and Galaxy hall. As we may be aware, Galaxy hall is so rotten that it looks as if it will collapse. As a matter of fact, I feel that there is danger of collapse besides its unsatisfactory sanitary condition. Is this hall permitted to run in such a rotten condition ? If not, can certain conditions be laid down for running this Hall ?

* PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, regarding Galaxy cinema hall Government have no knowledge of its rotten condition so as to close it down. Nevertheless, it is possible to ensure enforcement of some rules for running the hall if necessary.

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* Speech not corrected.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will proceed to our business No. 2- presentation of Report.

* PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, with your kind permission, I the Chairman of Committee on Salary and Allowances of members of Mizoram Legislative Assembly having been authorised by the Committee to submit its report on its behalf present these first report.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copies of the First Report of Committee on Salary and Allowances of members of Mizoram Legislative Assembly presented to the House by Pu J. Thankunga may be distributed. Now, Pu Bualhranga or Pu J. Lalupa to represent the First Report of Rules Committee.

* PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I beg to lay the First Report of Rules Committee on the Table of the House and the copies also may be distributed to members.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Bualhranga begged to lay the First Report of Rules Committee on the Table of the House which I permitted. Its copies may now be distributed to members. We will now request Pu J. Thankunga to present the House the Second Report of the Committee on Salary and Allowances of members.

* PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, with your kind permission, I, the Chairman of the Committee on Salary and Allowances of members, Mizoram Legislative Assembly, having been authorised by the Committee to submit its report on its behalf present the Second Report.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As he is permitted, Pu J. Thankunga present the House the Second Report of Committee on Salary and Allowances of members. Its copies may be distributed to our members now.

We will proceed to Business No. 5- Introduction of Government Bills. We will call upon Pu Zaicenthanga, Minister i/c of Local Administrative Department.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA,
MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, I beg to introduce The Mizoram Animal (Control and Taxation) Bill, 1980 in the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our Hon'ble Minister is permitted to introduce the said Bill in the House.

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* Speech not corrected.

I will read out Lieutenant Governor's letter dated 14th Feb., 1980.

' In exercise of the power confer upon me under the section 1 and 2 of section 23 of the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 (Act, No. 20 of 1963) I, N.P. Mathur Lieutenant Governor (Administrator) of Union Territory of Mizoram do hereby recommended the Mizoram Animal (Control and Taxation) Bill, 1980 be introduced and considered in the forth-coming Session of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly commencing from 22nd February, 1980.'

As stated here, it is permitted to introduce the Bill. Hence, we will have discussion on this in our next sitting.

We will now proceed to our Business No. 6 pu Zairemthang, Minister i/c LAD to introduce The Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) Amendment Bill, 1980.

PU ZAIREMTHANG,
MINISTER : pu Dy. Speaker, I beg to introduce in the House the Lushai Hills District (Village Councils) (Amendment) Bill, 1980.

* PU LAL THANHWALA : pu Dy. Speaker, I have few things to say.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : wait. He had only begged to introduce the Bill. There will be discussion later on.

* PU LAL THANHWALA : He should beg leave of the House. to beg leave to introduce the Lushai Hills District (Village Council) Amendment Bill. while he begs leave of the House, I have something to say.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You may say so.

* PU LAL THANHWALA : pu Dy. Speaker, it may be noted that the motive behind The Lushai Hills District (Village Council) (Amendment) Bill, 1980 is to redress various irregularities committed by the Govt. which they also admitted. For instance, - illegal dissolution of District Council and letting Government Officials run Village Council administration unconstitutionally. While the Bill was prepared, we had discussion in which we stated our reason for opposing it. We said that if the Government admit the wrong done by them such as depriving the Village Council of its power we will understand. We have in fact, requested them to amend the Bill before it is being introduced in the House. Nevertheless, inspite of our warning, the Bill was processed on without further ado. The matter was brought to the notice of our Administrator which he examined. But, as it was against the rule, the matter was again withdrawn.

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* Speech not corrected.

Under the provision of District Council (Village Council) rule the term of Village Council can be extended upto 18 months, In the minds of those who framed and prepared the rules, Government is expected to arrange village Council election during the 18 months. But, we know that the Government had failed in arranging election within the long period of 18 months. Hence, even if they are not dissolved, the Village Councils will resign by themselves when their term terminated on 20th October at 12:00 P.M. (Midnight). Instead of visiting for the expiry of their term, our Village Councils were dissolved. perhaps this was done within the framework of their power. It is also constitutional to appoint Govt. servants like A.O or C.A to assume the power of Village Councils if the Council cannot function due to certain circumstances, within the period of their term. But in the present condition, our Village Councils are led beyond the limit of Law which we strongly dislike.

C.A or A.O. and S.D.O. were un-constitutionally appointed to assume the power of Village Councils, who in their turn, exercise power conferred on them for partial exploitation of supply reserve and safety reserve. Exactly as they were appointed unconstitutionally, they exercise power un-lawfully. Having recognised this that controversial Bill. As I have said before, we urged them to make at least an ordinance for correction of the Bill so that we may agree to pass in the House, for, we know that whether we like it or not, circumstances will compel us to agree since we are outnumbered. Nevertheless, no ordinance was made. As we have not once been consulted to help them correct the wrongs done by them. I want to inform the House that I oppose the introduction of the said Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: whatever it may be we know that our Minister begged leave of the House to introduce the Bill which our opposition Leader opposed. We also know that it is permitted to introduce. Hence we will have discussion on the Bill on other day.

We will proceed to our Business No. 7- Discussion on Administrator's address. Our members may say their opinion regarding the period to be allotted to each members in our discussion-whether it is to be 10 minutes or 15 minutes ?

PU ZAIEMTHANGA, MINISTER : pu Dy. Speaker, since our Opposition members have walked out, I think we could have more time. Perhaps they do not intend to participate in the discussion. If you know beforehand the number of members who intend to participate in the Discussion, I think it will be easier to know the time to be allotted to each member.

* PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA : pu Dy. Speaker, I think each member should be allowed to avail 15 minutes, not more than that, why should we hurry it is not good to do things in hurry.

*Speech not corrected.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any other member who has suggestion ?

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, let members who wish to make a speech raise their hands and fixation of time may be done according to the number who wish to make speech.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, before the name of members who wish to speak is collected let us take leave of the House and resume our sitting after few minutes.

* PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think we all are tired of sitting. Is it not possible to have a few minutes break like 10 or 15 minutes ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is now 12:15. We will have 15 minutes break within the period of which member who wish to participate in the discussion on L.G's address should submit their names to the Secretary, Assembly House. Sitting will be resumed at 12:30 P.M. (Noon)

Recess 12:15 Noon.

AFTERNOON SITTING

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take up Business No. 7 which is discussion on L.G's address. First of all, we will call upon Pu K.Lalsanga.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a privilege to have an opportunity to participate in the discussion this afternoon. But, I regret to note that our Opposition members are absent. Nevertheless, I would like to point out various developmental schemes implemented by the Govt. in the past few years and other programmes and policy to be pursued, further besides things of much importance which needs to be done but which were omitted in the address.

At para 2 of the Address law and order situation was mentioned. Though not to one's expectation, law and order situation has improved a great deal in retrospecting the last proceeding years since 1966.

I am glad to know that an appreciable number of the underground M.N.F. have come over ground and joined the mainstream of life in the country. The Govt. have also given due importance to the problem of rehabilitation of these personnel and various loans extended under different Departments. But having left home and led a wandering life for a long time, our returnees have no permanent settlement which is required for getting loan. It is therefore necessary for the Govt. to pave the way for them to get loan in an easier manner.

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I am also happy to note adequate measures taken by the Government for strengthening the administrative machinery. Besides finalising Recruitment Rules for a number of posts, nearly 7000 employees have been declared as quasi-permanent and more than 3800 temporary posts have been made permanent. I would like to mention some of the things omitted in the Address though Government may have considered them. It is the thing I have once mentioned in the previous session.

Perhaps we are aware of the in-adequacy/shortage of police officers in Mizoram. Having recognized this I made suggestion to arrange training course for our Miz-o youth who given proper training, would be fit for police officer. Though it is not mentioned in the Address, I would stress the need to strengthen the position of our police officer.

At para 6, various hardships caused by famine and relief measures taken by the Government were mentioned. However, I regret to say that measures to be taken to meet many difficulties caused by drought conditions were not clearly mentioned. Being the source of income and livelihood for many families, EGS can hardly be terminated at this stage. There is provision of fund under the scheme which the A.Os in their own respective village deal. According to Government's instruction the A.Os are to make scheme on the basis of harvest result in the family concerned. But I am afraid that the scheme is not utilized as it should be. When I say this, I remember my constituency as there had been good harvest. If the scheme is made on the basis of harvest report, those who have good harvest will get less amount regardless of the important developmental works to do. For instance- Darngawn Group Centre requires 13 quintals of rice. But, fund sanctioned under EGS may not even amount to Rs.1000/- though there seems to be lots of works to do under the scheme in this centre. Hence, I do not accept making of scheme on the basis of harvest report.

At Para 7, it is stated that the entire activities of Agriculture department focussed on aid to the distress cultivators and settlement of Jhumming families to permanent cultivation. Nevertheless, I feel that successful cultivators should be rewarded as well. It may be noted that the Mizos like the rest of human race favour a deed of honour since long past. Perhaps it is because of this habitual deed of honour given to persons who deserve that there exist among the Mizos 'Tlawngaihna' (accumulation of all kinds of virtues) which is not found among other human race but which makes social life pleasant. It is therefore highly appreciating if successful cultivators are rewarded which on their part will be encouragement. In my constituency for example, there is one village named Dengaur in which the percentage of harvest by standard measurement (popularly used by the Mizos) is 525 tinfuls per family which would last 2 years consumption. I feel that earnest cultivators who reap good harvest should be rewarded.

At para 9, developmental works are being mentioned. May be I overlooked but it seems there is no mentioning about development of far and corner areas. Besides being our policy development of interior sectors is as much important as developing well-advanced areas. Everyone as noted is interested in the development of the country. It is therefore necessary to take up developmental works according to the need of area and the people irrespective of population.

*Speech not corrected.

The activities of Forest Department are mentioned at para 12. As stated, due importance is given to the development of protection and conservation of wild life. Besides Dampa wild life sanctuary there is proposal for creation of Tawi wild life sanctuary. I think I am not wrong to say that these sanctuaries are meant for the looking pleasure of future generations. If so, it is necessary to devise a way of driving into these sanctuaries wild animals scattered here and there, particularly those animals found around Thenhlum, which situated in the Western part of Buarpu. Actually, wild animals in this area are dangerous to human beings. Though I have said this in the previous session, I would once again like to mention it. Actually, the reason for poor harvest in and around Thenhlum and Dengsur is active roundabouts of wild animals which frightened off the people from going to their paddy-fields besides destroying their Jhum-houses. I therefore suggest that these wild animals be driven into the sanctuary or may be driven away from this area as they are grave danger to the people.

Though I believe the Government to have well-laid policy in the field of education. I would but like to say certain things. According to my judgement, it seems that our education in the present condition has lost its policy. As in the present, our education solely aims to produce persons for professional particularly in Government services. In actual sense, it is not the main aims of education. Education is a life-long process which does not end in school or institution and its aim cannot be explained in school. I think it is necessary to have more comprehensive education either through social welfare Department or Information Department to teach the Mizo people as a whole the true nature and aim of education so that we may grasp and understand the significance of education besides un-rooting its true meaning. Though, there is no such policy stated/mentioned in the address, I would but like to urge the Government to make endeavour in this regard.

I think I am not wrong to say that when there is progress in Games and Sports, further progress for the country is not far off. Hence, if we want progress, we will have to make more efforts for the improvement of games and sports. Mizoram as we know, is Union Territory where Aizawl is the Capital. Yet, there is neither Indoor Stadium nor is there proper playground. When I consider as to what steps Government should take for improvement in this regard I have two suggestions. Other Departments, though may have enough funds, there cannot be improvement if there is no proper utilization of fund or if there is no implementation of schemes. However, it is different with games and sports. Here, if there is fund, there is sure to be improvement. Unfortunately, there has not even been enough provision in the budget for games and sports besides it is usually placed under the budget head of Education. When there is large budget head like that, fund are often sliced off for other purposes. I therefore suggest that let there be Youth Welfare Activities Department with separate Directorate as it is done in other States. The Govt. may also make provision for early implementation of scheme for creation of such Department if ever we could have. If such Department is created, I strongly believe that our Youth would acquire fame in the field of games and sports.

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I am happy to note that financial assistance is given to 225 handicapped students under the Department of Social Welfare. I do not know what arrangement had been made but there are many persons-children as well as grown-up who are handicapped and who could not pursue education besides those who had been given assistance. Is it not possible to give financial assistance to handicapped persons rather than those who had been given ?

I am happy to note that the Government has taken adequate measures for the improvement of health services in Mizoram. It seems that health services mentioned under para 15 of the Address have close relationship with Agriculture. While low-lying areas are best suited for Agriculture, we the Mizo who used to live in high attitude cannot stand the climate though agriculturists are forced to live in such areas of climate to pursue their occupation. Though they may be successful in agriculture, their health have yet suffered. It is therefore highly essential for Health Department to have their services in such areas where Agriculture Department take initiatives. To have better procurement of more medicines is also highly essential.

It is also learnt that there is provision for the construction of T.B. Hospital at Lunglei. But, no implementation of the scheme has yet to be seen till now though it was already mentioned even in the previous Address of our L.G.

It appears that X-Ray Department both in Lunglei and Mizawl Civil Hospitals have difficulty as a result of power failure which often occurs due to in-adequacy of electric power in Mizoram. It will be highly appreciated if Govt. take effective measures for the improvement of electric power.

As noted, there is large provision of fund under the Community Development. Yet, expenditure incurred for construction of Community Hall at various places is hardly satisfactory. Usually, fund sanctioned for the purpose is given in instalments due to which work is done step by step and if there is fund after completion of the construction work, it is used for re-pairing or for extension. In this way, there can be no construction of pucca Hall. Hence, payment of the total amount of the fund at a time is preferable to payment in instalments.

I am glad that efforts are being made for land reforms. Nevertheless, I feel that still greater efforts should be made in this respect so that far and corner areas may have more benefits.

There is proposal for construction of Tourist Lodge at various places. In 1978 Session, I proposed construction of Tourist Lodge at Phawngpui Mt. But having seen no implementation of the proposal, I would once again like to mention it. Phawngpui, as we know, is the highest mountain in Mizoram which attracts all kinds of tourist. But due to non-availability of Tourist Lodge or Rest House our tourists have difficulty in lodging and accomodation. Besides being a relief for tourists, tourist lodge at Phawngpui will be one source of revenue for the Government when constructed.

*Speech not corrected.

In respect of Road Transport and Buses perhaps we are aware of the un-satisfactory condition of our Buses particularly those buses recently purchases. I believe the Govt. considered only the number of persons that can be seated in these Buses rather than comfort at the time of purchase. If we are to purchase other buses, I think we should consider its comfort, for instance Buses which have wider seat. Because of a busy and noisy life at Bus stations with changing of Bus number plates by station staff in addition to other trifle but necessary little things to do here and there it is hardly possible for station workers to communicate with public in audible voice. In fact, there are times when some passengers are left behind, for not hearing the announcement made for their departure. As was the condition, P.A. set should be installed in Mizawl and Lunglei Bus stations and I hope that the Govt. will take steps to improve our Bus stations.

Thank you.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad to have an opportunity to participate in the discussion of our L.G.'s address. In his address, our L.G. mentioned the achievements and programmes and policies of the Govt. during the year 1979-'80 and the total outlay of fund which amounted to Ts. 17,00,00,000/-. Though it is not upto our expectation I am but quite happy to note the purposes for which the fund is to be used. One thing I appreciate is that there is an outlay of Rs. 19.15 crores which will be reflected in the Budget to be presented by the Finance Minister after it is finalised by the Planning Commission. I am truly glad that there is much larger provision of fund in the current budget than last year's budget. I also believe that the fund will again be utilized purposefully. Actually, I found nothing in the Address which attracts criticism and I have in fact appreciate all the things stated in the Address by our L.G. I also do not have any objection to accept motion of thanks moved on the Address.

Thank you.

* PU B.LALCHUNGCHUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am grateful for having been able to participate in the discussion today.

As stated earlier, the Address as a whole is quite appreciating, I have in fact, found nothing to criticise though I have to make a little addition and suggestion here and there.

Allocation of fund for the current budget and provision made under EGS are also quite satisfactory.

Nevertheless, I have certain things to say regarding Agriculture mentioned at para 7. Unless Agriculture Department makes strenuous effort it is evident that Mizoram will never attain self-sufficiency in foodstuff. It is therefore necessary to give due importance to Agriculture Department. In spite of large provision of fund claimed to have been utilized for terraces and wet rice cultivations, they are not much to see in reality. Government should therefore always check whether fund claimed to have been used are tallied with works actually done.

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* Speech not corrected.

At the same time while Rice is one of the most essential crops in Agriculture there are yet other crops which are almost equally essential as rice. Since the past few years, the people in Mizoram are encouraged to grow ginger which they did enthusiastically. But due to non-availability of good market for disposal of the products ginger growers are in distress. As was the condition also with other crops, it is necessary to encourage the people to grow crops which has good market at all time. For instance never a time in Mizoram when there is no market for sale of rice as we ourselves are the consumers. If we encouraged growing of millet, for example, its disposal will have to be considered. And if Govt. fail to obtain good market there will be a time when the people grow tired of growing millet. However, if it can be turned into oil, we ourselves will be the consumers and if enough oil can be extracted from local production to meet our requirements, we will not have to import oil from other States. Nevertheless, the Industry Deptt. will have to allot machineries to the growers for procession of millet seeds into oil. It will be highly appreciating if at least 2 Horse-power machinery can be allotted to each Group Centre. While Agriculture Department encourage growing of millet, the Industry Department should supply machineries for procession of the seeds. Hence, the two Departments have to work side by side.

As there is no proper division of works between them, it is very confusing to differentiate works done by Agriculture and Soil Conservation Departments and there can also easily be duplication. Government would therefore, do well in having proper classification of works to be undertaken by Agriculture and Soil Departments. It is not only that, Soil Conservation Department should be placed under separate Directorate and have its function as different/separate Department so that there may be adequate staff for both the Departments. The present strength of staff in Soil Conservation Department is 6 gazetted Officers who have had training and 27 Ministerial staff besides 226 staff. I believe that the two Departments will function more effectively if they have placed under separate Directorate.

In the fields of Education there has been satisfactory progress in various fields. Within the period of 1979-80 alone, the posts of 100 teachers have been created besides up-lifting the position of Middle and High Schools. There is also proposal for implementation of new pattern of education in Primary and Middle schools selecting a number of schools for experimental schools. In Lunglei, there are schools which had been selected for experimental schools, But, new pattern of education cannot yet be introduced as the 2 teachers in primary schools were under matriculate though they have had training. There are also schools where there is only one teacher. Such being the condition, it is hardly possible to introduce the new pattern. I feel that schools selected for experimental school should be provided with well-trained and experienced teachers.

Last year, there was proposal for opening of new Girls High school at Lunglei and the people were overjoyed to have been told of the up-coming of new school which they aspire after for a long time as the only High School was too congested to cater the need of the Town. However, the proposal has not yet been implemented till the present day. If there is no intention to cancel the proposal, Education Department would do well in implementing it as early as possible.

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Besides this, there was also proposal for opening of Night College though it has not yet been finalised till date. Actually when the Government cannot fulfil schemes already claimed to have been made, the people lose hope in the Government. It will be highly appreciating if the Government finalised the scheme for opening of new Night College and Girls High School at Lunglei.

Due to much effort made by the Government there has been considerable improvement in health services. 92 sub-health centres were opened. Nevertheless proposal made last year for opening of T.B. Hospital at Lunglei is not yet finalised till today. It may be noted that there are many persons who suffered from T.B. in Lunglei and the opening of T.B. Hospital was a word of comfort. I used to say to the people. I am afraid less the people lose hope in the ability of the Government if the scheme for opening of the said Hospital is not finalised. I want the Government to take initiative at the earliest convenient.

As regards P.W.D.- it is very pleasing to know that the Government made all out efforts to identify and assess hydel potential in our rivers. As stated by the L.G. it is indeed good tidings for all of us. We may not live to see the day or time when our rivers-Flawng, Tuivai & Ruipui (Kolodyne) can supply 1400 MW power grid. Yet, I long to live to see the time when our grandsons and daughters make use of hydel power for running large-scale Industries and scientific agriculture with the help of machineries. May be I live upto that time, if I am admitted to Hospital for restoration of Health.

As stated, initiative steps are being taken when we have such grid power, our neighbouring states may not dare disappoint us any longer and we may also get better treatment from them than we get in the present days. It is therefore very pleasing to know efforts made by the Government for improvement of electric power though it may take long for completion of work.

*PU J.THANKUNGA : PU Dy. Speaker, I am glad to be able to participate in the discussion of our Hon'ble L.G.'s address. The Address as a whole is quite satisfactory. However, its implementation will tell the true nature of the Address.

It was stated that law and order situation has been improving. Yet, law and order situation in Mizoram is deteriorating since the beginning of the year 1980. Many lives had been taken in the past few months. Government should therefore do well in taking stern measures.

In spite of theoretical measures claimed to have been taken for rehabilitation of the M.N.F. Returnees, they have yet many difficulties in reality. They have also told us verbally the reason why they cannot be included under normal scheme. Such being the condition, the Government may do well in making better arrangement for the returnees to enjoy in reality various facilities extended by the Government and scheme already made may also be altered if and when necessary.

For strengthening the administrative machinery the Government made many posts permanent besides declaring many employees as quasi-permanent. I do not know whether Government is aware of this that there are many posts lying vacant. I feel that these vacant posts should be filled up as soon as possible so that many problems may be solved.

It appears that there is supersession in the promotion of Government employees. Particularly in Agriculture Departments there are many supersession cases which if not taken care of will, cause disappointment in the minds of the employees, which at the same time will be the cause of the weakness of the Govt. in the days to come. It is therefore highly important for the Government to consider the matter with more profound thinking.

At para 6, measures taken by the Government to relieve the people of famine and drought affected areas. We know that as a measure of relief EGS have been continuing under which large provision of fund was made. It may be noted that the distress and poor farmers are truly in need of the fund right from this moment. We should therefore extend every possible assistance to them from the moment

As regards departmental promotion in Agriculture Department - I hope the Government would soon fill up posts which are now lying vacant and the Minister i/c may kindly note that there are many persons in the Department who are due for promotion.

At para 8, Vety Department was mentioned. It seems that there is also large provision of fund under the Department. We may be well aware that meat is a foodstuff in which it is easiest for Mizoram to attain self-sufficiency. Hence while poultry farming and cattle farming are encouraged, persons who are engaged in these occupations should be given more fund.

As stated at para 9, Government had started works on construction of bridges at various sectors. I think we know that good road is a must in places/areas where we plan to construct bridges. For instance, there is a scheme for construction of bridge on river Tuival between Ratu and Suangpuiawn and tender had been called 2/3 times. But there is no good road in the spot. If no road is available, it is unlikely that the scheme will be implemented in the near future. Unless there is good road, there would not be possibility of implementing the scheme. Such being the condition, I think calling of tender for this work was a little too early, for, when the scheme is implemented most probably next year or the year after there will be difference in the cost of materials and other necessary equipments which may cause some difficulties both for the Government and the Contractors. Government should therefore take steps expeditiously for construction of Truckable road in this area.

I am happy to note that all-out efforts made by the Government for power development. It seems that Mizoram has drift into a new era. However, we should not neglect trifle matters at the same time, while we make all out efforts for achievement of greater things. The Government may also note that while we claim to have more grid power, many of us do not have electric light. It is therefore highly necessary to mind even a trifle thing before we attain higher things.

We know that many schools had been given grants in aid. Yet, I want the Minister to note that, Dawnpui school has never been given any grant on the ground that it belongs to the Locality where rich people resides. Though the people residing in this locality may be rich, yet it is not possible for an individual to renovate or re-construct the school. The school as we may be aware has been used of and on by different organisations, associations and political parties for public gathering and its condition needs repairing Government would therefore do well in making provision of fund for this school in the next

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scheme since it will be made use of again by the public before the construction of community hall is completed.

I am glad that there has been some improvements in health services, I believe the people would now have better supply of medicines since 92 new sub-health centres had been opened. However, I think the Government will have to consider the position of the people who are to construct health centre building voluntarily. It won't be easy for a small hamlet for instance barely 60 houses to construct a building roofed with aluminium sheet or corrugated Iron with a provision of only Rs. 40,000/-Rs.50,000/- from the Government in addition to being affected by famine. Hence I suggest that Government provide at least materials for roofing of the building so that it may be easier for the people to complete the construction works.

Regarding the service of transport buses- We all know that the service of transport buses is very unsatisfactory. I would like to know whether the time of departure can be known at least one day in advance. Passengers in the hope of booking ticket for next day journey came to the bus station and waited the whole day for information as to the time of departure. But when evening comes, they are told that there will be no bus service next day we can imagine how disappointing it would be for them besides wasting their time. If there is going to be Bus service at all, the would-be passengers should be informed the time/date for departure and ticket also should be given in advance. For conclusion of my speech, I would like to say that the L.G's Address as a whole is quite appreciating and I give thanks here in.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad to have discussion on the L.G'S Address today. I don't know whether to be sorry or happy for not having our Opposition members with us here. Nevertheless, it appears that we are going to have ample time for discussion. I request our Dy. Speaker, in advance to understand me if I take time while I make a speech.

In respect of law and order situation-our L.G said that the improvement is still far from the normalcy they aim at which may be true. Yet, no human being can attain whatever he/she wants. If we are capable of doing things as we wish, we will be equal to God. It is therefore important to have good understanding of each other.

I am happy to note that Government have various plans and policies to be pursued and which had been pursued. It is evident that Government had made all out efforts for improvement in various field.

We know that Government have given due importance to the problem of rehabilitation of M.N.F. Returnees. It is proper to be considerate towards the returnees and they also deserved. Nevertheless, I would like to point out certain things in connection with rehabilitation measures taken by the Government. As we know, having led a wandering life for a long time, the returnees do not have permanent dwelling place due to which there always arise difficulty at the time of allotment of loans or others rehabilitation grants. It is therefore necessary to make things easier for them.

As in the current year, large provision of fund is made every year for Industry Department. But the Government will need to see to the end how the funds are being used. In the past years, there were persons receiving Rs. 20,000/- Rs.40,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- as loan. While there are loanes who used the loan for its true purpose there are others who used Industrial loan for purchase of vehicle. Such being the condition, Government should see to the end of the utilization of fund sanctioned as loans.

It appears that Agriculture has been placed as one of the most important occupations in Mizoram. perhaps because of this there is large provision of fund for the Department every year and their progress is also undeniable. For better improvement government should see to proper utilization of fund allotted to many Agriculturist for it is observed that in area where Rs. 5000/- or Rs. 4000/- is claimed to have been spent, only grass is found. Government would do well in making better aggragement for farmers to use fund more usefully. For instance Government install power Tiller for hire and the farmers hire the Tiller the fare of which should be borne by the Government. It may be better if the cultivators received grants, in kind.

In the field of education there has been considerable progress. We can believe that there would be still further progress. If I am not mistaken I think there was proposal last year for opening of Poly Technic Institute in Lunglei for which site also had been selected. Though our L.G also had mentioned about this in his address last year, the proposal has not yet been implemented till now. I feel that Government should pursue their plans/schemes till its implementation.

Though it has been provincialized for 3 years now, there has not been any improvement in Lunglei College. The strength of the staff in the college is consiuetably in-adequate even tho' it is the only college we have besides being a college for science education. I want the Government to take necessary action to strengthen staff position in this college

There has been considerable improvement in health services. 92 sub-health centres were opened in various places and my constituency was also allotted one sub-health centre. But, as stated by me of our members, it will be a good thing if the Government provide roofing materials for, I believe the people out of zealously will somehow manage to acquire Aluminium sheet or corugated Iron sheet for roof which will again cause great problem to them. Hence, Government should do well in providing roofing materials for our sub-health centres.

I am glad that government distributed a good number of musical instruments and other essential items like petromax to villagers. All these items are essential for community development. In view of their importance, I think government should sanction more fund for community development.

As stated at para 19, fund is available for construction of Rest House, Tourist Lodge and Bungalows in different areas of Mizoram. But, I regret to note that there is no provision of fund for construction of Tourist Lodge in Chhingtui-pui District area. I therefore, suggest that Tourist Lodge be constructed at phawngphui Mountain, for I know the place is much suitable for holiday resort.

There is proposal for construction of Bus station and workshop. But I don't think a single workshop alone will cater our requirements. I am of opinion that there should be another workshop at Lunglei since it is also District Headquarter. Of the buses placed at Lunglei many of them are in-service and it is a trouble to take them to Aizawl for repairing. Hence, Govt. would do well in constructing workshop there.

* PU JOE NGURDANLA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I have found many things in the Address for which to give thanks.

I am truly glad that there had been immense progress in various fields inspite of a troubled atmosphere of the country. The condition of Mizoram in the recent past can be seen in the second para of the L.G's Address. It is obvious so that Mizoram is still far from normalcy so far as law and order situation is concerned. As stated permanent peace is the most important matter in Mizoram but the 'quit Mizoram' notice and several other cases of violence disturbed the peace and tranquillity causing a serious set-back to the pace of development so essential for prosperity. Inspite of the troubled atmosphere the authorities and Government officials made efforts for further improvement besides making large provision of fund under the current budget.

In regard to rehabilitation of the MNF Returnees It seems that it is not only Mizoram but also Nagaland who has difficulty in having a clear-cut policy for rehabilitation. As it is a difficult task government will have to give due importance. I am of the opinion that there should be separate scheme rather than normal scheme for rehabilitation of our returnees.

The planning Commission have allotted an outlay of Rs.95.09 crores for the sixth five year plan against Rs.46.58 crores for the 5th Five Year plan. I am glad that there was an increase of 104% in the 6th plan. Inspite of party friction and dissolution of Ministry for sometimes, our government officials and members of the Ministry who formed the government did their best in pressing central government and Planning Commission to allot larger provision of fund for acceleration of developmental works. Hence, the credit should be given to our government and our enthusiastic Officers. Other states budget may be larger than that of ours yet, we can presume that there will be improvement if fund allotted is utilized.

There is a great demand for better electricity in Mizoram. As we may be aware, preliminary survey of hydel potentiality on our rivers was conducted off and on since some-times back. However, there was not any result to be seen. In fact, the survey seems to be ended in smoke and when I inquired about it I was told that hydel potentiality on our rivers particularly on river Tlawng was slight due to erosion. I believe there will be many difficulties in this case and I am not surprised that the previous government also could not make much headway if survey report was not encouraging. Nevertheless, due to strenuous efforts made by our Chief Minister and Power Minister, it appears that there is going to be improvement in electricity. Besides obtaining services of power experts more grid power will be made available from other states, project in addition to proposal made for taking up river investigations. It seems that now is a new era and power Revolution in Mizoram. There had been times when our proposals and what were said in the House ended up in smoke. But now what we said are shaped in reality for which I am thankful. I strongly believe that what had been said regarding power also will come to reality.

I am also glad to note various relief measures taken by the government for drought and famine affected area. But, we should be aware that relief work has not yet been completed. In fact, we have been hearing everyday the cry of distress from the length and breadth of Mizoram. Actually there is no proper scheme under central or local Government for relief measures. Under the present circumstances government will have to make personal verification of the famine affected areas for acceleration of relief measures. Last night, Radio broadcast famine and drought affected areas where the government aim to take relief measures. But, Mizoram was not included. Hence, government will have to take strong measures and they may also have to pursue Central Government to acknowledge the condition of Mizoram. I feel that we should not forget the presence of a difficult task before us.

I think I am not wrong to say that Vety. is the Department who had achieved most progress in Mizoram. The achievements made by the Department are to be even in remote villages. Besides offering scope for large-scale cattle farming there is increase in the production. We may also be aware of the existence of grasslands suitable for cattle farming in the eastern range. For further progress, the Department should be strengthened and office with adequate staff may also be opened in other places rather than what we already had.

It seems that what was said of Mizoram by Shri Jagivanram, the then Central Minister in the field of fishery was true. Potentiality of Mizoram for fishing is undeniable. Government will therefore do well in making larger scheme for setting up to fishing industry in Mizoram.

What I want to say in the discussion of L.G.'s Address is the importance of implementing/finalizing scheme and proposal which are sure to be successful for Mizoram, for scheme which had been a success in other states may not be successful in Mizoram. Government should concentrate its efforts in matters for which there is response from the public and the Department concerned. Once we were on Tour and visited Haryana which we were told by their C.M. that the people run towards agriculture and the government follow behind. Such being the condition in other state, the people of Mizoram also should be encouraged to start Green Revolution. Actually, too much time and money had been wasted by Department because of their intention to run before the people. We should not use too much money for demonstrating stage. But, occupation which the people accepted as being successful should be pursued with all intents.

Similarly, we should have concrete policy in politic. As we already have, I hope we will continue to have concrete idea and policy for guidance. I am glad to have discussed plans and policies to be pursued and which had been pursued by the Government I am also pleased to note that our L.G. highlight the detail outline of achievements made by the government in various field. I feel that motion of thanks moved by our Hon'ble member should also be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As per our programme, we will adjourn our meeting since it is already 2:00 P.M.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think I have made a mistake in what I said regarding the congestion of our Transport buses. I beg to withdraw that particular sentence.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : All right. Now, our meeting will be adjourned but sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at

1400 hours.

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