

8. Pu C. Vulluuaia, M.L.A. to move-

"This Assembly rate head be made available for meeting the requirements of youths, for example, recreational halls, purchase of musical instruments, Petromax, etc. so that their leisure may be utilised for creative in-door and out-door activities for the gifted youths to improve their talents further "

9. Pu L, Piandanga, to move-

"This Assembly is of the opinion that an appeal be made to the Government employees, great and small and at the same time impress them to work dutifully and honestly in their respective responsibilities so that the Developmental works proposed by the government may be done expeditiously "

10. Pu J. Thankunga, M.L.A. to move-

"This Assembly is of the opinion that whereas, under Article 46 of the Constitution of India, the State shall promote special care, among other matters, the economic interest of the weaker section of the people and in particular of the Scheduled Tribes;

And whereas, the Government of Assam had been allowing certain concessions in regard to the settlements of contracts, permits, fisheries, ferries, forest rights, tolls supply of all materials and articles to Government etc. to safeguard the economic interests of the Scheduled Tribes;

And whereas, the Government of Mizoram has in their order No. LG. 61/73/12 dt. 5th Dec. 1973 continued such concessions with certain modifications;

And whereas, the said order is not very clear in certain respects;

Now, the refore, this House resolves that;

- 1) In respect of auction or tenders which are settled at the lowest bid the auction or tender may be settled on a Scheduled Tribe 12 percent above the lowest bid and
- 2) In the case of auctions or tender settled on the highest bid the auction or tender may be settled on Scheduled Tribes at 12 percent below the highest bid.
- 3) Paragraph 3 of the said order relating to persons registered outside may be omitted .

SPEAKER ; I am very grateful that we could start our meeting at the right time.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners nor

sitteth in the seat of the scorned.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditately day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he dooth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 1:1 -6.

We shall now go on to our business. Question no.40th given by Pu Lalthanzama will be asked now.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Allotment of Vehicles to Officers

PU LALTHANZAMUVA: Pu Speaker, my question No.40th as follows:

will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the General Administration Department be pleased to state -

Whether or not Government's Vehicles allotted to officers could be used for lifting school children towards and from their schools?

SPEAKER:

We shall call the minister-in-charge to give a reply.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO
CHIEF MINISTER:

Pu Speaker, the answer to that question is "NO".

PU LALTHANZAMUVA:

Pu Speaker, If the answer is "NO". Does the Government know that vehicles ZRG&ZRP lift children towards their schools and back home?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO:
CHIEF MINISTER.

Pu Speaker, we have no official knowledge of the matter.

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PU P. LALUPA: PU Speaker, if they have no official knowledge, do they intend to know officially?

BRIG. THENPHUNG SAILO: Pu Speaker "Yes"
CHIEF MINISTER

*PU NGURCHHINA: Pu Speaker, if they have knowledge officially, what action do they intend to take?

BRIG. THENPHUNG SAILO: Pu Speaker, we will take action as provided by Government rules.
CHIEF MINISTER

*PU NGURCHHINA: Pu Speaker, I can give the numbers if necessary and if the House permitted me to do so.

SPEAKER: You cannot read out, but you can tell the numbers.

PU NGURCHHINA: I will tell without reading it. ZRP No: 133, 200, 201, 4, 177, 190 and 133 has stopped recently. And ZRG NO: 1039, 664, 904 and 24 are cars. ZRG NO: 953 is also a car. And 998, 920, 499, 631, 295, 776 and 12 are also among them.

These are the vehicles which we have noted as being used for lifting the school children.

SPEAKER: Is there anyone who wants to speak on this matter? We will call one more member if any. (The members were silent) If no one wish to speak, we will take up another question. Now, let Pu Sainghaka ask question no 41.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SHIFTING OF ASSAM RIFLES TO LUANGHUAL.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, will the Honourable Minister in-charge of the Public works Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that the Government of Mizoram recently dropped the idea of shifting of Assam Rifles to Luanghual?
- (b) If so, the reason there of?

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SPEAKER: WE will invite Minister S/c Pu Lalhmingthanga to reply.

*PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Sp eaker, the answer is (a) it is under consideration. The Government is going to have many buildings in and around Aizawl. However, it faced serious problems in finding building sites, and it has considered what will be the best for the state and its people. It also considered Luangmual area and the condition of the Assam Rifles. Question (b) is also classified by the answer to Question (a).

PU SAINGHAKA: Pu Speaker, supplementary question. There was a plan to shift the Assam Rifles, and to make the A.R. Ground for public utility for the last 10 years. The Honourable Minister said that the idea is under consideration in answer to my question as to whether there is any intention to drop the idea of shifting the Assam Rifles. According to the information I received, the idea was dropped in a certain meeting in the month of July. If this is the case, I want to know whether there is any new development, or whether he has given me wrong information.

And the Home Ministry requested Non-Encumbrance Certificate for shifting Assam Rifles especially for lands at Luangmual. It is known that our ministry here proposed the lands for Secretariat Complex because it cannot give Non-Encumbrance Certificate. When the L.G. was asked the question as to whether the proposal meant that the Assam Rifles should be in the same place. His answer was 'yes'. If this is the case, Is there any new development recently, or is he giving me incorrect information?

*PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Sp eaker, the Honourable member knows much more than the Government knows. The matter was discussed in a meeting in the Chief Minister's office in July. However, only the Cabinet has the authority to drop the decision already made by the Government. Therefore, the discussion in that meeting was not a decision of Government. Secondly, regarding the possibility or impossibility of furnishing non-encumbrance certificate, the Government has no knowledge of it. And even if it is not possible to give, the fact is not known by the Government. Therefore, Government is not giving wrong information to the House.

*PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, the meeting in the Chief Minister office proposed to construct buildings in Kha tla area, what buildings are they to be ?

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*PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, the meeting in the Chief Minister office proposed to construct buildings in Kha tla area, what buildings are they to be ?

*PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
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Pu Speaker, there is no proposal for Khatla area as such; the honorable member must have got the wrong information. The Assam Rifles hinted that they could give out some lands at the tip of the range of their lands in Khatla area, and it is just a consideration as to whether two Directorates could be accommodated there; there is no decision made at this meeting, ~~that is~~ a meeting of the council of ministers.

*PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, If that is the case could it mean that the efforts made by the previous Government to shift the A.R. Headquarter outside Aizawl which the general public also appreciated very much has been delayed, and because of this it appears the road alignment from Khatla to Luangmual could not be cut (Speaker; please do not make statement; ask question). In spite of this, is there any decision to shift the Assam Rifles so that the road from Khatla to Luangmual be made?

*PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Spraker, there is no decision against
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moving out the A.R. as such, ~~the~~ the honorable member did not clearly comprehend my answers. Since he asked whether the idea was not dropped. What I said in answer to question (a) is what is considered best for the public.

PU C.L.RUALLA: Pu SPEAKER, If the site planned for shifting the A.R. is to be used by the Secretariat to construct a number of its buildings, do they consider another place for shifting the Assam Rifles out?

SPEAKER: Can the minister concern answer the question?

*PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, we are asking the same question
MINISTER over and over again. It is included in my answer that it is under consideration. It is not only for secretariat; but it is included in my answer to the question that it is for various Government building complex.

PU S. VADYU : Pu Sp-eaker, in regard to shifting out the A.R. how many times did our Ministry, which is formed after the 3rd Assembly, ~~Consider~~ the matter in the Cabinet and what steps are taken?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, It is not necessary to
MINISTER consider this often in the Cabinet.

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The previous ministry made a decision already, and it is because now we are finding ways for the welfare of the Public and also for the convenience of the Government. After all these considerations, this matter could end with only one sitting of the Cabinet.

SPEAKER: Now, It appears that matter is clear now we shall go to question 42nd to be asked by Pu P. Lalupa.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

REGULARISATION OF WORK CHARGE SECTION ASSISTANT.

PU P. LALUPA : Pu Speaker, my question No. 42nd (a) (b) & (c) are as follows:
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the P.W.D be pleased to state -

- (a) How many work charges S.A. whose posts are not regularised, are still engaged by P.W.D., P.H.E. and Electricity Departments.
- (b) Whether their services are governed and determined by any state service or promotion Rules or CPWD Rules.
- (c) If not, the reason for engaging without any future career and other Government benefits etc, which are available to others.

SPEAKER : Minister i/c Pu Lalmingthanga will please reply the question.

PU LALMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, the answer to (a) is that we have about 400 work charge SA. The answer to (b) is that they are governed by the CPWD manual and Rules, and every decision its based on it. And the answer to (c) is that it is not necessary as answered already as the above.

PU P . LALUPA: Pu Speaker, the answer to (a) was that there are about 400 S.A.s then (b) was that they are governed by the CPWD manual. If this is so, a majority of them among the 408 had been in service from 5 to 20 years. Only a small minority have worked for less than 5 years; and now if their status is to be considered according to the Recruitment Rules, do our Government intend to consider the status of the 400 irregular workers ?

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PU LALIMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, the Government intends to regularize those work charged employers to the extent the Rules permits.

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Recently 29 work charge employees were regularised. In our recruitment Rules, the case of the work charge employees is not mentioned in detail. However, the Government do its best for those who are in service for such a number just stated.

*PU BUALIRANGA: Pu Speaker, If that be the condition of the 418 work charged employees, how many workcharge employee have been regularised year by year since Mizoram become U.T. ?

PU LALIMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, we attained U.T. status in 1972, and there are no regularised work charged employees until this day. The 29 regularised which I have just said is the first step taken by the Government.

PU B. LALCHUNGUNGA: Pu Speaker, I came to understand that the work charged S.A.'s who served for 12 years could be given promotion even before their services were regularised, do the Government intend to give them promotion.

PU LALIMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, I think the honorable member was mistaken in stating that those who are in service for 12 years could be promoted. It is true that the Recruitment Rules says those who have served for 12 years. However, there is no mention of workcharged, and in this present condition we may have to revise the rules too. Whatever the case may be at present the Government is considering the condition of the S.A. for promotion.

PU C. L. RUALA: Pu Speaker, the Honorable Minister said that workcharged S.A.'s are about 400.

And the honorable member from Serchhip said that they are about 418, Can the exact number be given ?

PU LALIMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, the number 418 as given by the member from Serchhip may be right. As it is workcharged, the number of workers decreased and increased according to necessity, as they are work charged, Therefore, we cannot tell the exact number today.

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*PU JOE NGURDANLA: Pu Speaker, the workcharge employees have been facing difficulties for a long-time right from the time up the previous ministry. Thanks to our present Government for taking steps to regularise them. However, I want to know whether the central Government had approved the said Rules where the condition of work charged employees have not been included in detail? And does the Government take any initiative to revise the Rules?

PU LALIMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, the Recruitment Rules where conditions have not been classified which I just stated was accepted by the Central Government. But the acceptance of the Central Government does not necessarily mean that it could not be revised. Therefore, the Government is taking steps to revise the rules.

*PU P. LALUPA: Pu Speaker, the reason I ask is I felt it very distressing to know that there are 400 persons facing a very bleak future. Thanks for the Minister who said that their future is bright. But he said that the Recruitment Rule, 1975 does not mention about them specifically. The Recruitment Rules which I have here mentions about trained S.A. with 5 years' experience and untrained S.A. with not less than 12 years service. I want to know whether the Minister is trying to give chance to these people. If I am correct, there are about 60 vacancies for these people even now. Can this be confirmed?

SPEAKER: The Minister had said that they will follow the CPWD Rule. As such there is no need to any reply to the question. Any other supplementary question?

PU S. VADYU: Pu Speaker, the Rule says that trained SA with 5 year's experience could be promoted. It also says that untrained SA with 12 years experience could be promoted. We now have some vacancies and we are short of technical men. Therefore, can these people be promoted and their services regularised? By doing this, employment problem will be solved to some extent and it could mean giving chance to local people. The Rule provide that SA with five year's experience and who passed training could be promoted, and it is also provided that Tracers could be promoted, after five years experience. But for Tracers untrained persons are also recruited, which the rule states that Tracers should be trained. Since persons without having trainings could be promoted after 5 year's service, there is senior discrimination between SA's and Tracers although most of them are recruited from persons who passed matric. Do the Government intent to remove this discrimination?

*PU LALIMINGTHANGA: PU Speaker, in his question the honorable MINISTER member could not differentiate.

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between trained and regular SA with 5 years experience in the grade, and untrained SA with not less than 12 years that appear in the Recruitment Rules do not refer to the work charge, but the regular service personnel, due to this the Government is facing difficulties. I have already mentioned that this needs an amendment. It would be wrong to confine oneself only on the number of years alone without making distinction between regular employees and work charged employees. As I have said the Government is taking steps for the best interests of the employees.

PU S. VADYU : Pu Speaker, the rule simply states about SA, and it does not say SA work charged and SA regularised. Therefore, cannot these SA's be accepted as full fledged SA's, or can the Government accept them as such and promote them?

*PU LALHNINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, Rule is there and I wish the members should carefully study this.
MINISTER

SPEAKER : Alright, let it be enough for this. Now we will take up question No 43 and we will call upon Mr Sainghaka,

PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT:

NO OF WORKS WITH AMOUNT ALLOTTED TO CONTRACTORS:

SAINGHAKA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the PWD please to state:-

Pu Speaker, question no 43rd is as follow:-

The total number of works with

respective amount allotted by each Division of Public works Department to the contractors without calling for tenders in 1979-80, other than those works allotted to MNF returnee as a measure of Rehabilitation.

SPEAKER : We will call Pu Lalhningthanga i/c Minister to give the answer.

PU LALHNINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, works allotted without calling for Tenders was 56. And the total amount was Rs 3,00,754/-. Have the members received the Annexure ?

In Aizawl PHE Division-1
In Aizawl Building Division-2, In Mamit Division-3, In Serchip Division -7, In Aizawl West Road Division -3, In Unglei Division -32, In Kolesib Division-3, In Saiha Division-5.

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PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you, could you tell the total amount in Division-wise ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, The Division -Wise amount
MINISTER is as follows;

In Aizawl PHE Division -Rs.4028/-
In Aizawl Building Division-Rs 28181/-..In Mamit Division
Rs 15150/-..In Serchhip Division-Rs 42000/-..In Aizawl
West Road Division-Rs 23070/-..In Lunglei Division-RS126900/-
In Kolasib Division -Rs 19502/-..In Saiha Division - Rs 41923/-

SPEAKER: Any supplementary Question?

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, ascending to the Rule, it seems that these works could be given only on emergency situation. Yesterday we heard that the agriculture Department is taking steps to help the drought victims. Among these, is there any work given on account of the drought situation ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I can tell you the Government asked permission from the works & Housing Minister so that the Village Councils could be allotted works without calling tenders for drought Relief. And the Central Government granted the request and 12 Villages were then given works. For this purpose Rs.87358/- was given for Relief. Besides this, the CPWD Code allows a certain amount to be given to Labour Co-operative Society to encourage the Labourers. For this purpose Rs.28,181/- was given. Therefore, what was given for Relief amounted to Rs 1,66,119/- in all. And as we all know, enough supply could not be stocked last Year during the dry season, and this had to be done during the rainy season. There are landships and damaged culverts which needed immediate repair, sometimes, these are to be repaired within a day or two, and our Officers in different places following the provision of the CPWD code which permitted them to allot works without calling of tenders on emergency basis spent the rest of these for such purposes.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, the Honourable Minister had just stated that 17 Village Councils were given contract works, what village councils are they? Is there any condition in giving contract works to Village Councils? Is it possible to give works to all Village Councils, or is there any special consideration for these 17 Councils? And did these few Village Councils inform their problems? How they have been selected? Could these be clarified?

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MINISTER : Pu Speaker, There is no special condition, but as I said, since the time of 'Thingam famine,' enough relief measures could not be given from EGB to the village councils, and even during Presidential Rule, permission was sought that the FWD may allot works as relief measures where it is possible which the works & Housing Ministry permitted. The permission has fixed a limit of Rs. 20,000/- per work at a time.

However, it does not say that a village council should not be permitted to take up more than one work. It only sets a ceiling of one work at a time and this is the only condition. And generally it is not possible to give work to all village councils. The reason is when a village council requested for the work, but the work is to be done by the villagers, as a whole and if the site where work is available is too far from the village, and if it is necessary to make camps for the fights, they often declined to accept the work for some village councils, there are no available works in the vicinity of their villages. But for some the road goes through their village, and the work is available just near their village. These villages are then given the work. The village council which the Government gave contract works are: Bairabi, Tuidam, Mamit, Kha wruhlian, Ruallung, Lungsen, Rangte, Lungrang, Lunglei venglai, Lungzarhtum, Dulite and Saizawh. Among these there are some which were given not only one contract, but two or three according to the available of works. The list of village I have mentioned will not add up to 17, but the works given to village councils totals upto 17.

PU J. THANKUNGA :

Pu Speaker, thanks for the information. However, I want to know how much the Chief-Engineer, the SE the E.E., and S.D.O. are permitted to allot work in a year without call of tender in P.W.D? Can you tell me?

PU LAHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the Chief Engineer can give upto Rs 1 lakh, the S.E can give upto Rupees fifty thousand, the E.E. can give upto Rupees twenty thousand and the A.E. can give upto Rs 2000/-. However, the Chief Engineer, after consulting the Purchase Board, can give even upto Rupees Fifty Lakhs without call of Tenders.

SPEAKER:

Let Pu Ellis Saidenga speak now. He will be the last speaker.

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PU ELLIS SAIDENGA: Pu Speaker, the honorable Minister said that contract works could be given without call of Tender to village councils as relief measure. Do the Government intend to give contract works to v/c's in the future?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, this has been continued whenever it is possible till this day. It is not only for the time being,

it is a continuing process.

SPEAKER: The matter has been classified now. We shall discuss question 44th asked by Pu P. Lalupa.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER POSTS

* PU : A; UPA : * Will the Minister i/c of the PWD be pleased to state:-

- (a) The total No. of posts of Superintending Engineer under PWD/PHE Deptt/Power & Electricity ?
- (b) Whether all the posts are filled up in accordance with the Recruitment Rules ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

SPEAKER: Let the Minister i/c answer to it.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to question 44 (a) is that the total number of posts of Superintending Engineer in PWD/PHE/Power & Electricity are 5 (five). Three posts are in PWD., one post is in PHE and the other one post in Power & Electricity. Answer to (b) is that among these 5 posts, 3 posts have been filled up and the other 2 posts are lying vacant. Answer to (c) is that filling up of the 2 vacant posts are being processed.

PU P. LALUPA: Pu Speaker, the answer given for question (a) is there are 5 posts, of which 3 have been filled up and

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filling up of the remaining two is under process. My question is of the two other posts, which is said to be under consideration, whether these have been filled up or not. Do the Government intend to fill them up from local candidate, and not from deputationists? Or is it intending to take deputationists from outside?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the outside are usually deputationists, and to fill up the two posts, the Recruitment Rules allows filling up from local candidates and the matter is under process.

PU J.H. ROTHUAMA:

Pu Speaker, the Recruitment Rules provides that the posts shall be filled up by 100% promotion. We have three S.E.'s Are the from the department or deputationists? Can we take deputationists also?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, Yes, we can. When the Recruitment Rules says 100% promotion, entertainment of deputationists has not been ruled out.

SPEAKER:

Many question were asked and answered by the Ministers. Now we will take up question no. 45th. The question of Pu Lalthanzauva

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
SUPPLY OF DIESEL FOR PUMPING WATER.

PU LALTHANZAUVA: Pu Deputy Speaker, Will the Honourable Minister in-charge of the public works Department be pleased to state:

- (a) whether or not the Government have worked out diesel water ratio for pumping water from River Tlawng to Aizawl.
- (b) If so, what is the ratio?
- (c) If not, do the Government propose to do so?

SPEAKER:

I shall call upon the Minister i/c Pu Lalhmingthanga to answer the questions.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the answer to the question (a) of the member is the Government worked out the diesel water-ratio from

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Tlawng River.

The answer to (b) is that the ratio is 140 litres of diesel can pump out 37,500 litres of water

And to question (c) need not be replied in view of answer to (a) & (b).

PU LALTHANZAUVA:

Pu Speaker, I am glad that Government have worked out these already. However, from the past several years, even at the time of acute shortage of diesel here, people were buying diesel from that pump house. Is the Government aware of this? Is it possible to go on the ratio they worked out? I wanted to add one more thing; regarding the distribution of water; do they intend to install metre gauge? All those who have house connections are paying Rs 30/- p-er month some do not get water, and some are getting regularly, Do they intend to solve the problem as we are all p-aying the same amount.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, I believed the honorable member wanted to know whether the loss of diesel has come to the notice of the Government. The Government is aware of this. And we can know it because we have this ratio. The Government had taken action after it had come to its knowledge, and three Government servants who were believed to be responsible for the incident were dismissed from service. Besides this, the Chief Engineer had handed over the case to the Police for more thorough investigation.

And the answer to the second question is the Government has no proposal to install metre gauge till this day. The reason is the connection fee charged by the Government is not calculated from the amount of water received but it is charged at nominal rate and the installation of metre gauge will be necessary when we have better, regular and more reliable water supply system.

PU SAINGHAKA :

Pu Speaker, It seems that the operators working at water pump from Tlawng does not receive further training besides the training they received from the company. Is the Government planning to arrange training for them?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, I am not aware of such intention by the Government now.

SPEAKER:

Now we will take up question No 46 to be asked by Pu B. Lalchungnunga.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Proposal for opening of Girls' High School at Lunglei.

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B. LALCHUNGUNGA:

Will the Honorable Minister of the Education Department be pleased to state.

- (a) Whether there is any proposal to open Girls' High School in Lunglei, and
- (b) If so, the progress there of.

PU F. MAISAWMA.
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the answer to question No 46 (a) is that the proposal to establish a Girls' College has come in, and that is all what the Government knows, and as to question (b) there is no clear cut Government decision on the matter, but it is investigating suitable sites for the purpose.

PU B. LALCHUNGUNGA:

Pu Speaker? last year the Government was approached regarding the 230 students who could not find admission from class VII to class X. The Government had informed me that even though the school would be extended, and the existing inadequate staff strengthened and since there was a proposal to establish a Girls' School, the Government High School would accommodate the boys. We have been anxiously looking forward to this, and this year there are 230 applicants for admission who are rejected because they have no seats. Therefore we are facing more problem this year. I want to ask when the Government would be able to implement the ... proposal?

MINISTER MAISAWMA:

Pu Speaker? It has not come to our notice that a big number of students could not find admission this year. However, the Government is considering and doing everything possible realizing the needs.

SPEAKER :

Now we will take up question No 47.

EDUCATION & SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Payment of Scholarship to the Student.

47. PI K. PHANSLI MI.

Pu Speaker, Will the Honorable Minister of Education and Social Welfare Department be pleased to state:-

- (a) Is there any intention to give scholarship to the students on monthly basis.
(b) If not, why not ?

PU F. MAISAWMA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the Government is intending to give scholarship to students on monthly basis, but it cannot be done right now as desired by the Government. And to question (a) the intention is there, but there is difficulty. The institutions are often late in sending back the scholarship forms. After receiving these, and after sending them back, they are to distribute scholarship on monthly basis. Yet, this could not be implemented because of various difficulties. We are taking steps so that scholarships may be distributed.

PI K. THANSIAMI :

Pu Speaker, I am not quite satisfied with the answer given by the Honorable Minister. What are the difficulties ?

PU F. MAISAWMA:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, may be the question of Pi Thannawii is not clear, or I did not get the question correctly. The question, as I understood is whether the matter can be speeded up. If so, that is exactly what we are trying to do.

PU H. RAMMAWI :

Pu Speaker, the students in Poona are not receiving any scholarship, and will it be possible to consider giving them scholarship ?

PU F. MAISAWMA
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, the Mizo students there are getting scholarships and we are sending them big amount of money to them.

PU H. RAMMAWI :

Pu Speaker, we visited Poona, and the students informed me that they are not getting scholarships, so the students in Poona are not getting scholarships.

PU F. MAISAWMA :
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, I am sorry, I misunderstood the question. The word 'Poona' was understood by me as "tunah" which mean "now". Scholarship could not be awarded to those students as the Institution, where they are studying have not been recognised by the Government there. Lately, however, it was learnt unofficially that the Institution has recently been affiliated. The matter will be sorted out by the Institution concerned and this Government.

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PI L. THANMAWII:

PU SPEAKER, the proposal to give scholarship on monthly basis is very important for the students.

The students who are studying far from our state. My question is that could you give an officer who would deal on this matter matter ?

PU F. M. ISAWMI:
MINISTER

Pu Speaker, for this purpose Deputy Director who could deal the matter is being under active process.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu.Speaker, I want to know whether the scholarship we are discussing now is a merit scholarship or a Tribal Scholarship. If it is a merit Scholarship, cannot the Government release and send the amounts quickly. Even if it is a Tribal Scholarship, can there be any difficulty for the Principals to expediate sending the application forms to Government ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, scholarships mean all kinds of the scholarships we will examine as to whether it would be possible to follow different methods for each variety of scholarships; and anyway, this is a good suggestion and regarding the difficulties we are facing with the colleges here, the Government is trying their best to solve them at this moment.

PU P.LALUPA : Pu Speaker, if the Government find it difficult to give on monthly basis will it be possible to give at least on quarterly basis ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, the Government is trying to give them at regular intervals much better than on quarterly basis.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, Is it possible for non-Mizos who are residing in Mizoram to receive the stipend ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, the question is about release of scholarship on monthly basis, as for the stipend, there are some which the Education Department is not dealing with. For example, the stipend for Engineering College student is dealt with in the P.W.D. Likewise, certain Departments have their own stipend and my Department has nothing to do with them. Therefore, it is not possible to say whether non-Mizos are entitled to such stipend or not.

SPEAKER : We will now call upon Pt K.Thansiami.

PT K.THANSIAMI : Pu Speaker, will it be possible to appoint a full-time officer-in-charge of scholarship immediately ? If it is not possible to release scholarships under arrangements between our Government and the College Principals concerned ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, release of scholarships must be done according to rules. Moreover, the term "immediate" may not be the same although what the adult call immediate may not be so from the students point of view. Any way, Government is trying its best to release scholarships as quickly as possible. We will remember the feeling of the House. However, the last suggestion needs careful consideration.

SPEAKER : There are many questions, and we had spent one hour already. Question hour is over now. Now Question No. 48th.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Speaker, Here we have 9 private Resolutions which are of great public importance and will it be possible to give written answers for the remaining questions? Then we can devote more time to the more important resolutions.

PU C.L.RUALA : The question hour has been always extended during this session because we asked many helpful questions in Starred questions. It will not be clear enough to give only written answers.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: CHIEF MINISTER Pu Speaker, considering the limited time and the importance of our private resolutions. I would support Pu Bualhranga's suggestions. As for the questions, answers were already given and we are here to clarify points that need clarifications.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, As the House Leader has just said, there are a number of important private resolutions that require much time answers to questions can be given in writing. Therefore, it would be better to take up private resolutions as suggested.

SPEAKER : Alright, you have expressed your desires. However, if we cannot finish today, we will have to extend the time, we will therefore take up all the questions for answers. Now question No. 48th.

EDUCATION & SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Construction of Play-ground at Republic Veng.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, my question (a) & (b) as follows :

- will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Education Department be pleased to state -
- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to complete the construction of play ground at Republic Veng?
- (b) Has the State Sports Council recommended this field for Regional Coaching Centre?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, answer to question 48th (a) MINISTER is 'Yes' and the answer to question (b) is the State Sports Council has not recommended as such; however, as the regional coaching centre is to be located just by the side of this play ground, it will

be possible to use this play ground for such purpose.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, the land and building of the regional coaching centre run by the Education Department seems to be owned by the Education Department. While the play ground itself appear to be the property of the public of Republic Veng. Is there any intention on the part of the Government to make some kind of compromise ?

PU F.MALSAWMA : Pu Speaker, this is a very complicated case. To start with, there was no fund for construction of this playground. But as the need for a playground was pressing, the previous Ministry has done its best by pulling funds from different sources. The present Administration is trying its best to make the work complete for which fund is being provided, and the administration is committed itself to get the project completed.

SPEAKER : It appears that the reply is satisfactory and we may now take up Pi L.Thanmawii's question - Question No. 49.

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

Proposal for changing of Employment Exchange into Directorate

PI L.THANMAWII : -will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Labour & Employment Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is there any proposal to change the Employment Exchange into a Directorate ? and
- (b) If so, how soon the proposal be implemented ?.

SPEAKER : Let Minister i/c Pu Zairemthanga reply to the question.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the answer to (a) is there is no proposal to convert Employment Exchange into a Directorate. Therefore, question (b) need not be replied.

PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Speaker, There is a typing mistake in the question. The question is whether the Employment Exchange is to be upgraded to a Directorate and if so, how soon it can be upgraded. Can this be replied ?

SPEAKER : Can you tell me who commit the mistake- you or the person who typed it out ?

PU ZAIEMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the position is this. There
MINISTER is a proposal to make not only the
Employment Exchange, but the entire
Labour & Employment Department into a Directorate. The matter
is not process. Labour & Employment Department is an important
Department and it is being made into a Directorate.

PU P.L.LLUPA : Pu Speaker, I am glad to hear the
statements made by the Honourable
Minister right now. The Honourable
Minister had made the same statement during Budget discussion
on 20th August, 1979. He told the House that it will be im-
plemented if the House passes the budget for Deputy Director
post with component staff; but 6 months have elapsed since the
statement was made, and we still remember it. Now also he
said that the proposal is being processed, and I want to ask
how long do we have to wait for the final implementation of
the proposal.

PU ZAIEMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it is not a mere proposal;
MINISTER it is being processed, we have gone a
long way, and it is about to be imple-
mented.

PU L.T.H.NMAWII : Pu Speaker, It is important that we
have Labour & Employment Directorate.
Now there are lots of irregularities
that need to be removed. As it is, the Department has no power
to take action against departments and other establishment
that go against the rules; It is a pity that District Employ-
ment Exchanges cover the entire area. In the absence of the
Directorate of Labour & Employment, such institutions like
I.T.I. had to be placed under the Education Department. This
ought to have been placed under Labour & Employment Directorate.
To a great extent, the I.T.I. is functioning like a Directorate
and is heavily loaded. I am glad to hear the Hon'ble Minister
regarding the proposal.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Speaker, will it be possible to
appoint vocational guidance under
the District Employment Exchange
right now? Every year students passed out their courses
of study and pursued further studies which are not in their
line of study. This is one to ignorance of their future
prospects and this could happen as they have no proper
guidance. If the process for Directorate of Employment.
Labour & Employment is going to be slow, can a wing to
deal with the matter be attached to the present Employment
Exchange?

PU ZAIEMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, as I have said the
MINISTER proposal for Directorate is in an
advance stage and when it is fina-
lised. The matter will be solved automatically.

SPEAKER : It is quite clear, now we will take up question No. 50. Let Pu P.Lalupa, ask the question.

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

Proposal for opening of Employment Exchange at Lawngtlai, Kolasib and Champhai

- PU P.LALUPA : -will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Labour & Employment Department be pleased to state -
- (a) whether the Government propose to open Employment Exchange at Lawngtlai, Kolasib and Champhai to cater the needs of the rural people ?
 - (b) If so, when ?
 - (c) If not, whether the Government consider the existing arrangement is enough to cater the needs of the rural people in the matter of registration of names in Employment Exchange ?

SPEAKER : We shall call upon the Minister-in-charge to answer the questions.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question (a) of the honourable member is there is no proposal yet to open Employment Exchange at Lawngtlai, Kolasib & Champhai. Question (b) is not necessary to answer as there is no proposal as yet. And for question (c) the answer is that the existing Exchange do not cater the needs of the rural population.

PU P.LALUPA : Pu Speaker, It is known that an Employment bureau was in Champhai during 1976. But it was not existing anymore when we visited the area recently. Why had it been closed down, and was it done with the permission from the Central Government ? The Hon'ble Minister has just stated that the present set up has not been able to cater to our needs. If this is so, will it be possible to open branches, or bureaus, which do not need big offices, at Lawngtlai, Champhai and Kolasib ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, in some places the S.D.O's (Civil) helped the job seekers and did registration for them. There might be some places in our state where they had done as stated, but this had not been done on permanent basis, probably they had done likewise according to the necessity and importance which pressed them. However, as I said before, there is no proposal yet to open Employment Exchange in these three townships, and opening of a Directorate is considered a priority. For this purpose the Labour & Employment Direc-

torate is being processed. For this there must be centralised authority to keep things in order. Without this, the opening of more branches is considered unnecessary.

RELIEF & REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

Schemes for the Rehabilitation of M.N.F. Returnees.

- PU HIAKCHHUNGA : My question No. 51 is -
- will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of the Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state -
 - (a) Is it known to the Government that the M.N.F. Returnees are facing difficulties as their Rehabilitation scheme are under the normal scheme ;
 - (b) Is there any intention to have a separate Rehabilitation schemes for this purpose without having connection with the normal schemes; and
 - (c) Is there an intention to enlarge the Department of Relief and Rehabilitation ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble member had asked the same question, and we discussed this matter for a long time on the day we discussed the Lt. Governor's Address and Motion of Thanks; and I believed it is all clear, Therefore, can the question be withdrawn by the member in order to avoid a repetition ?

SPEAKER : Do you mean to suggest if he is satisfied with the answers just given ? This written answer ?

PU HIAKCHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, Let it be answered clearly in the House. I believed the members are not all present the day we had discussion, so I believed it would be better to answer it again. This is a very serious matter, and as those who listened last time may not be here now, and those who are here now may not be present last time. I believed that it is better for all of us to know the full detail; So let the Chief Minister please answer the question.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: The answer to question (a) is this - the Rehabilitation Scheme formulated for the MNF Returnees is not a normal scheme, in the true sense of the term, whatever may be the case; it is under a single scheme, what is important is that it was made a separate scheme by the Government of India. However, there are many difficulties that we have to encounter in implementing the existing scheme. There are so many

difficulties faced by our MNF brethren when we really tried to implement them. What is important is not whether this is a normal scheme or not, but whether it would be beneficial for them or would be of any use to them. Therefore, we are more concerned with the flexibility of the present scheme and submitted our proposal to the Government of India, and it is under consideration now. I did not know whether we will be successful or not. The answer is to come from Delhi, and we are hoping for the best. Let this be the answer to the question.

The answer to question (b) is more or less similar to answer for question (a), the question can be considered as continuous. While stressing on its flexibility we have prepared new schemes; and we are waiting for a reply.

The question (c) is- Is there any intention to enlarge the Relief & Rehabilitation Department? The intention is there and the present officer - in-charge is a Director. There is an intention to make it a Directorate, but if in case it is done so, it will not deal with only rehabilitation of MNF, it will deal with General Relief & Rehabilitation too. We have intention to make it a Directorate.

PU BLAKCHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, I had said a few days ago that it is really regretful to know the division of the MNF Returnees into 3 groups. It has not come to my notice whether the Government is intending to group them into one and since there is no indication to that effect, I take it that there is no such intention. Is the Government trying to club the 3 groups into one? If so, it would be very good to make it known how far it has progressed? Besides this, the rules we are using at present is very confusing, all the things seems to be processed under Normal Scheme, but the sanctions seems different from that of Normal Scheme. The sanctions for MNF Returnees are often issued separately. But when the sanctions are to be withdrawn, they are processed as Normal Scheme. Is it possible to make this separately? If it is not possible to do it here, will it be possible to convince the Central Government?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAULO: Pu Speaker, we had discussed the matter of grouping of MNF returnees into 3 Categories. The chart shows how far we had give in the matter. But we have not been successful as yet. As per Government's decision, returnees after the creation of U.T. are only entitled to relief & rehabilitation. We are not satisfied with this. In our own level, we had quite a lot of discussion verbally and in file. A few days ago the MNF Returnees Association came and presented very good ideas, and they told me it is not 21st Jan., 1972, but it should be 15th August, which I, myself, am not aware of. From the knowledge thus derived, we will try to persuade the Government of India a fresh. All of us are aware of this, but we have not been successful so far, we will try again. I believe the idea presented by the Association is very important, and for myself I have not known it before, and we will try again on that basis.

The second question as to whether the scheme is normal scheme or not is not that important. What is really important is, if the existing scheme is to be

increased, the returnees will have many problems, for those who own lands, they will have to mortgage it. We are now considering ways to overcome all these problems. As I have stated a few days back, we have done already what is to be done by a normal human being, but we have not publicised the matter. As for myself, I do not know what else could be done. We have done a lot in Aizawl & Delhi, but it has not been successful yet, however we will try our best.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, it seems that the Central Government give separate sanction for the MNF Returnees from the last few years. Also it seems that a separate Rehabilitation Commissioner is appointed for the purpose. It has been known that the higher authorities are not pleased with rehabilitating the returnees because of the fear that it would encourage more people to join the rank of MNF; and is it correct that this Rehabilitation is given just for namesake ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAULO: Pu Speaker, allotment or allocation and not separation is always there from the Government of India for Rehabilitation of MNF Returnees. The Allocation is rather a huge amount. However, we are not able to utilise that. I have given the reason over and over again. If we are to really implement it, we are confronting many difficulties and the dead lock is here. The allotment is somewhat huge for the purpose. If we apply for more also, I did not believe any difficulty would be there. But, the implementation of the scheme itself is our problem now.

In regard to the second question of the member, I am not aware of such thing, and for our Government there is no such thing. I did not know if such thing is in Delhi or not; that is beyond our comprehension. It must be a conjecture.

PU J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, This MNF Rehabilitation is an important matter, and there are many sufferers. I want to know how much fund is allocated from the Central for the purpose. This fund has been allocated in the same manner in Nagaland too. They can utilise it, and the work of rehabilitation is going on in right earnest. I want to know if difficulty arises because the Mizoram Government is not able to formulate a scheme viable enough to the Central Government ?

Besides this, it seems that the Rehabilitation scheme is not good enough. For example - the Agriculture Department supplied them potato seeds. They have sowed the potato seeds under the drought spell. When the time of harvesting comes, there are many who do not get as much as what was supplied to them for seeds because drought had destroyed their plants. It is well-known that this will not rehabilitate them. I want to know if there is any plan to make the scheme more comprehensive and I want to ask this question.

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, the Rehabilitation Scheme
CHIEF MINISTER does not depend on whether we are
able to formulate viable scheme or
not. The Scheme had been made in Delhi and that scheme could
not be implemented; and as I have said, we have problems.
Do I have to say it over again? I have said about it very
often. I cannot tell you how much the allotment is right
now, it is in the office, and since my memory is not good,
I cannot say the exact figure. We do not have to worry the
amount. However, we cannot utilise the scheme made in Delhi.

The amount is given here. The total
amount is about 2 Crores and we have given out 80 lakhs.
The allotment is very big as I said before if we can imple-
ment it, I hope we will get more fund for the purpose.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, I think what we really
want to know is the reason why the
allotment could not be utilised. Can
you inform the House the exact problems? Did not they have
the rules to refer to, why the allotment could not be utilised?

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, if you want to know this
CHIEF MINISTER clearly, I had informed the House
clearly a few days back; if you had
listened, I had explained it very clearly this morning. I
do not know how to make it more clear than I had said already.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Speaker, During whose Ministry
was the present proposal which we are
using formulated?

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, It was not formulated in
CHIEF MINISTER our Ministry. It begun in 1976.

PU LALMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, Let me help the Minister-
MINISTER in-charge a bit. It is not that the
allotment could not be utilised, and
you should not think that it could not be utilised. The
Procedure itself is a lengthy one for example - when a
returnee applied for rehabilitation from Agriculture Depart-
ment, he has to own a land, but after wandering in the
jungle for a long time, when he returned to normal life he
does not own a land. And if somehow he acquired a land, he
has to get periodic patlo for the land and he has to go to
different offices for that matter. If he does not own a land,
how will you rehabilitate him from the Agriculture Department?
What we mean by Rehabilitation is to settle them in a place
for many years to come. The Government does not really
consider drawing out money today and spending it tomorrow
as Rehabilitation; and it is the same with the Central Govern-
ment too. The Procedure itself takes time, and it is a
time consuming procedure which is the deadlock in the matter.

Secondly, what I feel that the House
should be aware of is - in Nagaland too they are using the
same time-taking procedure, I have seen their Minister also,
and we had discussion with their Finance Minister, Shri Vamuzo.

In their case also they are not processing this fast enough. Therefore, the statement of the Hon'ble member that in Nagaland they are fully utilising the scheme is not the correct information. So we are not to think that the allotment could not be utilised. The most important thing is - we have to do away with this time-taking procedure, and find an easy, and less time-consuming procedure for the implementation of the scheme. The returnees need this because most of them had returned home without any procession such as cash or lands. That is how the matter stands.

SPEAKER : N. w, it seems the matter is clear enough. we will take up question 52 the question of Pu C.L.Ruala.

SUPPLY & TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Payment of Retailers

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, question 52 is as follow -
- Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Supply & Transport Department be pleased to state -

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Mizoram has not payment to the Retailers who were asked to issue Ration to the villagers in from of Agriculture loan ?

SPEAKER : Let the Minister-in-charge answer the question.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question of the Hon'ble member is "We do not have."
MINISTER

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, two years have elapsed since the Government issued Agriculture loans to help distressed people who are suffering because of Thingtam. Since Cash could not be paid to them on time, the Government instructed the A.O's and B.D.O's to allow the Retailers to give out rice to the distressed people on credit basis. Accordingly, during July, August, September 1978, before harvest the A.Os & B.D.Os allowed the Retailers to distribute rice to the people. The retailers had given out quite a lot on credit basis. Rice given out on credit basis by the 3 retailers from Chhingchhip amount to Rs.38,700/=. Similarly, Retailers of Thingsulthliah Seling and Lungdai and few other villages issued rice to distressed people on credit. It is a matter of regret that the Government have not make payment to such Retailers till now. Cannot the Government make payment to the Retailers in lieu of the loans they had to give to the distressed people ? It appears that Government should reimburse the Retailers. Why the Government is not settling these accounts?

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I want to know when the Government intends to settle the accounts.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the Agriculture distress
MINISTER loan was given to the Deputy Commissioner by the Government to be distributed to the needy people. This has been given out by the General Administration Department to the Deputy Commissioner for such purpose. Firstly, even though this has not been asked, I want to inform you that this has not been done through Supply & Transport Department, as many would have thought. According to the information received from Deputy Commissioner, instructions were given not to issue Agriculture Distress loan through retailers. Eventhough instructions were given, some A.Os in Chhingphip, Thingsulthiah, Lungdal and Ruallung permitted the retailers to issue Agriculture loan through their retail shops. Now, the Deputy Commissioner is trying to collect money from those who received as loans and hand them over to the Retailers.

SPEAKER : If there is no supplementary questions, we take up Pu Sainghaka Question. Question No. 53.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Proposal of opening of Investigation Division/Circle for major Hydel Project in Mizoram

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, my question NO. 53.

- will the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Public works Department be pleased to state -
- (a) whether the Government intent to implement the proposal of the previous Congress Ministry to open Investigation Division/Circle for Major Hydel Project in Mizoram? and
- (b) If so, what is the latest position?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the answer to Question (a)
MINISTER is - the CWPC Team, and not necessarily the previous Congress Ministry, recommended establishment of one circle and 3 divisions of Hydel Investigation, and not Major Hydel Investigation, in Mizoram in 1974. In answer to question (b), the CWPC recommendation was not very actively followed up from 1974 onwards, and 1975, 1976, 1977 have passed. And during the Presidential Rule; the Hydro Investigation Division was formed under the Mizoram P.W.D. in April, 26, 1978. There are 2 Sub-Divisions under this, and this also was made during 1978. Now these one division and two Sub-Divisions are doing the investigation works.

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PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, the Minister has stated that we have one Investigation Division. I want to know whether the employees of this Investigation Division are Engineers of Civil line or Electrical line? If they are of Electrical line, considering the present situation of poor power supply will it be better to put Engineers from Civil line for the post?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the people who are working at the present Division and Sub-Division of Hydro-Electric Investigation are of Electrical line in the Sub-Divisions. But the workers in the Divisions are from Civil line since the Divisions are put under a dual charge. However, whether they are electrical or Civil line does not have any real meaning. Under this investigation, their job is not of Construction, but that of collecting data. So whether they are of Electrical Engineer or Civil Engineer, the Government considered them capable of doing whatever is necessary wherever they may be. Therefore, the Government does not commit any mistake in manning the project.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Speaker, Is it correct that the rivers of Mizoram are reported to be unfit for construction of Hydro-Electrical Projects during the previous Ministry? Now under the present Ministry, it is said that the rivers are fit and have potentials. Can you explain this?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, In answer to the question of the member, I want to inform you that the Government is not aware that our rivers are reported to be unfit for construction of Hydel Power during the previous Ministry. However, in the previous investigations, they consulted 2 or 3 teams, and one of the teams consulted was what is called NEEPO. In the report submitted by them, instead of reporting them unfit, they said that it is more profitable not to construct Hydel Power as it is extremely difficult and would incur heavy losses. And this was in the case of Tlawng river. They had also investigated the Mat river. In this regard, they had suggested that it would be more profitable instead of trying to construct with much difficulty and with huge expenses involves it would be much better to find ways to import power from outside the state where they have constructed the project already. Since this was the usual conclusion made by the Investigations in its preliminary survey, we faced difficulties. But during the last October and November, another team arrived. The reports submitted by these Team on Dec. 13 do not mention such difficulties, Instead they mentioned that the rivers in Mizoram are having high potentiality for Hydel Power. Further more, they reported that we have the highest potentiality from the whole North-Eastern Areas. Besides this, the Central Water Scheme Team arrived and investigated the different rivers in our State. But their report is awaited by the Government. whatever the case may be, the steady team which came here previously concluded that

it is not necessary to construct Hydel Project in Mizoram. As our Lt. Governor stated in his address a few days back, it is reported that the high potentiality and the wealth in power in our State will open a new horizon in the structure of power in the whole of North-Eastern areas.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Speaker, as stated by the member, the plans of the previous Ministry was a total failure. But is it clear that as soon as this Ministry took over, our State has become the most potential on Hydel Power in the North-Eastern Area.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, if our Ministry wanted to have a look at the Investigation reports during the previous Congress Ministry, it will surely be still available. Do they read the report which says that Chhimituipui river can generate enough power for our State and that enough power for export to other States and that Tuivai river also can generate a certain amount of power?

SPEAKER : Will the Minister-in-charge answer both the questions?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I do not believe the statement made by the member from Sairang Constituency that 'the efforts made by the previous Ministry were total failure' is absolutely right. The previous Government is followed by another Government. Therefore, I don't think that we should differentiate and put responsibility on them separately.

As for the second question posed by the member from Tlungvel Constituency, the Investigation reports of Tuivai and Chhimituipui. What is material is the findings of the previous Teams which say "not feasible and too expensive." A report may contain 100 or even 200 pages, but if, at the conclusion, it contains such remarks as 'not feasible,' the report does not help us. What is material to us is a feasible report and not the other way round. The Government is in possession of all the Investigation reports. Since there has been no feasible reports, it has not been possible to pursue the matter so far. However, since the report of December 13 is not a negative report, it is hoped that Mizoram will soon step into a bright future and a new hope.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, as far as my information goes, there is no adverse report except in respect of Tlawng and Mat river. In respect of Chhimituipui and Tuivai rivers (Speaker, are you making a statement of you are asking a question?) I am asking a question, is there any remark that these rivers are not work considering?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, "not feasible" I hope my Mizo version of the report is correct.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, was it written by the Government or the people who gave the reports ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it was written by the people who gave the report. I have stated before that this was not written by the previous Government, but by the Team

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, It is now clear that neither the Congress Ministry nor the present Ministry did anything worth the mention, but only the Central Water Commission and the NEEPCO have done something. I want to ask one more supplementary question on the statement of the Hon'ble member regarding the Engineers who make the Division. Will it not be better that the Civil Engineers confine themselves to investigation while construction is given to Electrical Engineers ? Is it true that the NEEPCO representative, without even visiting the site has worked out Rs. 20,000/= for installation of power to generate one unit whereas ordinarily the cost would not exceed Rs.2000/=?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr.Speaker, I think it is a good suggestion that Electrical Engineers be stationed at Construction division. However it is a sad thing that we do not have enough Engineers in Mizoram. We still have Assistant Engineer posts to be filled up, and there are about seven Executive Engineer posts still not filled up. This is the present situation in Mizoram. That is why any available officer has been appointed for Datta Collection at this investigation stage

Secondly, regarding the report, kindly, repeat your question:

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, The expert from NEEPCO gave a report that Rs.20,000/= would be needed to generate a Power Unit, while the standard accepted in other places is Rs.2000/= only. He gave this report without even reaching the place. I would like to know if this is correct.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA: Pu Speaker, I cannot give an answer to the question of whether he reached the place or not. I would like to know which of the reports the Member is asking, whether it is the Report received on the 13th December 1979 on the NEEPCO Chairman's Report, on the Tlawng NEEPCO report of 1975-76. (Pu Sainghaka : I do not know which report, but I just know it as a report received here) The NEEPCO Team which came on the 13th December made investigations on the spot. They also visited two or three other places on which I had the opportunity to accompany them. This Team did not mention any cost for Power Unit. However, I do not know whether or not the previous team made an investigation on the spot. There are often rumours, but the Govt. does not know anything.

SPEAKER : We shall now take up question No.54.
Pu H.Rammawi to ask.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Finance problem in Mizoram.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration Department be pleased to state -

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government to solve famine problems in Mizoram?

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, it is not really a famine, CHIEF MINISTER but rather food scarcity owing to the drought in May, June and October 1979. The Government prepared a Drought Relief Scheme and sent it to Delhi. A High Power Team was sent from the Centre to verify the matter. Thus the Government of India sanctioned 185 lakhs for this Relief Scheme. A detailed report will be given at Calling Attention.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. It is quite evident that we are facing great difficulty in Mizoram. Especially in my Constituency food scarcity is imminent. Does the Government of Mizoram intend to favour these areas with E.G.S ?

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, I do not know what the CHIEF MINISTER Hon'ble member means by saying special I think he means his constituency. It is a fact that the said constituency and other areas like Tuisual ral, Ngopa, Farkawn, Khawhai and Sateek face this scarcity of food owing to poor harvest. The Hon'ble member's Constituency cannot therefore be given special attention. It is because of this that the Emergency Drought Relief Scheme was prepared.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, by saying special I mean the areas affected by the scarcity of food, and not my Constituency in particular. Out of the Rs 185 Lakhs earmarked for the E.G.S., only Rs 66 lakhs was mentioned in the Administrator's address. I would like to know how it has come to be so little.

SPEAKER : As there is a supplementary question from Pu C.L.Ruala, it would be convenient to answer it together.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, there have been scarcity of food not only because of Drought but also due to the agitation in Assam.

There has been scarcity of essential commodities such as salt, sugar and other food stuff. The co-operative Department have stocks of salt unsold while we are buying it at Rs 5/- per Kg. in the market. Does the Government intend to control the prices of these essential commodities ?

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble member from Sangau was afraid that the money for E.C.S. would be too meagre, but the sanction for this month and the next month is quite sufficient. However, I am concerned with the coming months from April onwards. The Government is doing its best for these coming months. We have to do our best as the Government of India does not appreciate the E.G.S.

The questions of the Tlungvel member is not related to this question, Pu Speaker. I do not think we have time to go into them.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, it looks like we are facing and still going to face food scarcity. A daily newspaper reported of a woman in Thingsai who gave birth to a child while digging for wild yams. Is the Government aware of these incidents ? What steps does it intend to take ?

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, this is the first time I have heard of the incident and I do not think it has reached the ears of the Government.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, my question is not meant only for the months of February and March 1980 but for the whole year and for the years to come. I am urging the Government to take steps for these affected areas.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, with your permission I will answer the question of the Hon'ble member from Tlungvel.

SPEAKER : Although the Leader of the House declared it as irrelevant, let the Hon'ble Minister i/c Supply answer the question.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, salt is also food stuff and this scarcity in salt is mainly owing to the Rail wagon problem. Silchar also faces the same scarcity. The Government is now introducing low rates through the Fair Price Shops, as it is not possible to control rates in the market owing to the scarcity.

SPEAKER : We shall now take up question No.55- Pu Ngurchana to ask.

SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Allotment of Vehicles.

- PU NGURCHHINA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Secretariat Administration Department be pleased to state -
- (a) The number of pooled cars/jeeps maintained in the Civil Secretariat.
 - (b) Are these vehicles allotted to different Secretaries ?
 - (c) If yes, are the different Secretaries entitled to it; and
 - (d) If not, how are these vehicles utilised?

SPEAKER : We shall request the Minister-in-charge to answer.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, (a) There are 24 pool cars, 13 pool jeeps, 1 pool jonga, of these 7 cars and 4 jeeps are off the road and are being condemned. (b) These are pool vehicles and used by officers on official duties. (c) They are allowed to use vehicles on official duties. (d) The vehicles are being utilised for pool duties, Ministers duties and V.I.P. duties.

Furthermore, I would be grateful if the Hon'ble member would bring to me the vehicle numbers he mentioned earlier in the morning so that I may be able to take the necessary steps.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, the Hon'ble Ministers often expect us to give a written version of what has been said in the House. As all the speeches are taped and reduced into writing and published in book form can't these be accepted ?

SPEAKER : These may be accepted. Are there any Supplementary questions on this ?

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Speaker, these vehicles are used by the Secretaries as if they are private vehicles - using them for shopping, taking children to school etc. However, when they are approached for use by their subordinates, they are never available. I do not know if the pool vehicle provides for these.

SPEAKER : That has been answered in the question No. (d) and does not need to be repeated. Are there any more supplementary questions ?

PU H. RAMMAWE : Pu Speaker, what does the Government intend to do with those pool cars which have been condemned ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, there is a procedure for the disposal of these vehicles. Orders have been issued recently for the disposal of some of them. Some of the vehicles have been left these for quite a long time, and I have urged that they be disposed off as soon as possible.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Speaker, a supplementary question. Does the Government of Mizoram have a proper Set of Rules for the use of these Pool cars ? If so, can the number of these letters be shown to us ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, what the member wants to know seems to be a Set of Rules for the use of Pool cars. However, I do not think we have such Rules upto this day, but they can be made if the need arises. Whether we have these Rules or not, I believe all of us are aware of how Government vehicles ought to be used. The Government is taking steps to see that they are not misused as far as possible, and surprise checks are also being conducted. The Set of Rules may be made and even if it is not made, I do not think there will be much trouble in this respect.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I do not know whether it is relevant or not, however when various Departments in the Government purchase new vehicles, there must be a Rule. As I see it, the bigger officers get the new vehicles and the older ones are handed down to officers who have to travel in the rural areas where roads are hardly motorable. Is there such a Rule that says the newest and best should always go to the bigger officers ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Sepaer, I do not think such Rules exist.

SPEAKER : We have taken up enough Supplementary questions. Now we shall take up the last Starred question for today. Pu P. Lalupa to ask.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Total No. of grant for Housing Loan.

PU P. LALUPA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c of the Finance Department be pleased to state

- (a) what is the total number of individual receiving Housing Loans under Low Income Group and Middle Income Group

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Housing Scheme during the period from 1st March 1978 upto 31-12-1980 ?

- (b) what are the basis for grant of the Housing Loans to individuals ?
- (c) whether any amount was surrendered during 1978 - 1979 ?

PU LALMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the number of individuals who received Housing Loans during the period of 1-3-1978 to 31-3-1979 are as follows :-

Middle Income Group - 114
Low Income Group - 62 and during 1-4-79 to 21-2-80 as follows : -

Middle Income Group - 73
Low Income Group - 111

The total number comes to - 360

(b) There are particulars to be verified. Whether the applicant possesses a plot of land in his name, and whether the applicant is in a position to repay the loan.

(c) There was no surrender during the year 1978 - 1979.

SPEAKER : Are there any supplementary questions on this ? (members remains silent)
Now we have finished the Starred Questions, and the answer of the Unstarred question of Pu Lalupa prepared by the Chief Minister is laid on the Table. The papers may be distributed while I read a letter received from the Lt. Governor (Reads) " Dear Mr Chawngkunga, I thank you and the Honourable members of the House for having adopted the motion of Thanks on my address delivered to the House on the 22 - 2 - 1980,

Yours' Sincerely

N. P. Mathur."

Now the Hon'ble Minister i/c Education has a Paper to lay on the Table (Pu Lal Thanhawla : Mr. Speaker, what about my adjournment motion ?) Yes, we shall go according to list of business.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker, with your permission I lay on the Table - "Rules for Mizo Students' Hostel at Shillong."

SPEAKER : It may be distributed among the Members. According to list of business

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which is Statement by a Minister, Pu Joe Ngurdawla has submitted a 'Calling Attention'. The Chief Minister shall lay it on the Table. Besides this, the Home Minister has a statement to make and the Opposition Leader Pu Lal Thanhawla has submitted an amendment, however, the statement already made by the Minister shall be accepted. One thing we have to know is that there can be no question on the Minister's statement. Now we shall go according to our Business. (Pu C.L.Ruala : -Point of Order, cannot the House go according to Rules 63 ?) We shall go according to our Business. (Pu C.L.Ruala : it says as soon as the question hour is over before taken up other Business. There is also no Statement to be made according to our Business. Therefore, can't you please conduct the House according to Rules 63 ?) We shall go according to our List of Business.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker if my Adjournment motion is not accepted kindly state the reason according to Rules 62 and let the Secretary read the Motion to the House. I would be most obliged if you would kindly conduct the proceedings according to the Rules.

SPEAKER : As provided in the Rules, I do not allow this. The reason shall be communicated to you later.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, as permitted by Rules 63, can the Secretary read out my motion ?

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, aren't you conducting according to Rules 59 ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker, yes, it is according to Rules 59 that I have submitted my Adjournment Motion.

SPEAKER : That was done yesterday and I do not think it necessary to read it again. The reason for not considering the matter will be communicated to you in writing. Each and every member need not be informed about it.

Now we shall request the Chief Minister to give his statement.

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO: Mr. Speaker, this is a Statement
CHIEF MINISTER on Calling Attention. Now as I had requested last night I would like to make another statement on the incident which took place on the 27th Feb., 1980 at the outskirts of Kawnpui (Reads the Statement)

Statement made by the Chief Minister of Mizoram as leader of the House addressed to the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly on 29th February, 1980.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I wish to apprise the House of a serious incident of killing which took place on 27th Feb., 1980.

2. In the late afternoon of 27th February, 1980 I received an information from the Chief Secretary to the effect that some MNF personnel had ambushed a vehicle of 18th Assam Rifles at 1130 hours on 27th February, 1980 at the outskirts of Kawnpui Grouping Centre on the road Aizawl-Silchar, resulting in the death of 6 (six) persons and the injury of 11 (eleven) persons. As this incident is a serious matter which could have far reaching consequences, I decided to visit the place of incidence and to make an on-the-spot study. I left Aizawl yesterday morning and proceeded towards Kawnpui. I returned to Aizawl in the evening. Briefly the incident is as follows.

3. On 27th February, 1980, a 3-ton vehicle of 18th Assam Rifles was proceeding from Aizawl towards Silchar carrying 25 personnel of 18th Assam Rifles who were proceeding on annual leave. This leave party included families of the soldiers also. At about 1130 hours when the vehicle was less than one mile from Kawnpui it was ambushed by MNF personnel. Some explosives and a rocket were used. Six personnel of Assam Rifles including a child were killed. Eleven were wounded, of which four are very serious. Shortly after the incident, the Security Forces from Kawnpui rushed to the place of incident. Some items of evidence were picked up and one of them was a paper in which it was written, thus :- "Laldenga is the only President in Mizoram. Long live Laldenga etc. etc." These documents are now in the possession of the Security Forces. The iron casing of the rocket after explosion was also picked up from inside the vehicle. This is kept by the Security Forces.

4. Twentyfive soldiers with their families were happily going off towards Silchar with the prospect of a holiday. They were unarmed and did not expect to be harmed by anybody. All of a sudden they were ambushed. Several persons have died. The young child was also killed. This was indeed very cruel. This brutal killing does no good to anyone. On the contrary, it is a cruel and unnecessary killing which ought to be condemned in the strongest term by all right thinking people. Put yourself or your relatives in the position of these unfortunate people. You will surely feel the pinch and impact.

5. As a result of this unfortunate incident, Security Forces will perforce have to take active precautionary measures to prevent recurrence of this type of incident and to protect the supply line between Aizawl and Silchar in the interest of the public. Consequently, movement of personnel and vehicles will be restricted. This will adversely affect the movement of supplies such as rice, petrol and other essential commodities from Silchar to Aizawl. Who will suffer most? The poor people in the interior villages will suffer most. As it is, we are in desperate need of foodstuff and we are making frantic effort to move supplies of rice from Silchar to Aizawl and then to the interior. Now this supply movement will be hampered to a great extent. The rural people

will be the worst sufferers. Who then is responsible for the sufferings of the public? The perpetrators of this senseless killing are entirely responsible.

6. I wish to appeal to all the Honourable Members of the House to try their utmost to channelise public opinion in the correct direction conducive to restoration of lasting peace and the progress and prosperity of the Mizo people.

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SPEAKER : The Statement of the Chief Minister may be distributed among the members, meanwhile I shall read out the following:-

Questions received altogether were 82, out of these, 74 were Starred questions and 4 Unstarred questions. There were 4 Short Notice questions. The total number of questions were 82. Out of these 2 questions are being inquired if it can be answered by the Ministers concerned. Six questions were not admitted, thus the total number of un-answered questions are 9.

No. of Starred questions admitted were 65. The Hon'ble Ministers answered almost all the questions. There were 8 Starred questions from the Appointment Department and all were answered. There were 2 Starred questions from the Supply Department, One was answered. There were 9 Starred questions from the Agriculture Department and all were answered. In the Home Department there were 3 Starred questions, 1 Unstarred question and one Short Notice questions. There were all answered. The 3 Starred questions from the Department of Revenue & Taxation were all answered. Out of the 4 Starred questions from the G.A.D. three were answered. There was also one Unstarred question not answered. In the Education Department there were 5 Starred questions, 3 were answered and two were left un-answered. These were the questions of Pu L. Piandenga and Pu P. Lalupa. There were 12 Starred questions from the P.W.D./P.H.E. Department and all were answered. The two Starred questions from the Industries Department were also answered. One question from the Information Department was answered, and also one question from S.A.D. was answered. Two questions were answered from the Department of Labour & Employment, so also were the 2 questions from L.A.D. There were two questions from the Finance Department and they were answered. Four out of five questions in the Health Services Department were answered. The un-answered one was that of Pu J. Thankunga. The total number of Starred questions were 61 and out of these 56 were answered. Out of the two Unstarred questions only one was answered.

The following Departments did not give full answers to the questions : -

The Supply Department did not answer one question. G.A.D. did not answer one Starred question and one Unstarred question one. The Health Department have one Starred question un-answered and the Education Department have two Starred questions un-answered. According to Rules 50(A) the Hon'ble Ministers concerned may kindly explain the reasons for not answering these.

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PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker, the answer to Pu
MINISTER Rammawi's question was all prepared.
I do not know why it has not appeared.

SPEAKER : Can the reason for not answering
the questions of Pu Sainghaka and
Pu P. Lalupa from the G.A.D. be
explained ?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Mr Speaker, I do not know whether it
CHIEF MINISTER is the question of Pu Sainghaka,
but informations were collected from
Saiha and Lunglei a little late and it was all prepared
yesterday. However, the approval had to be made by me, and
as I arrived only yesterday evening it was sent this morning.

SPEAKER : Can the Health Department give reasons
for not answering the Starred question?

PU P. B. ROSANGA : Mr Speaker, I do not know why the
MINISTER answer has not appeared as it was
prepared. There is no reason why
it could not be answered.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker, does it not mean that
they cannot answer it since they
have not done so during the question
and answer hour ?

SPEAKER : We want to know the reason why they
could not give the answers. Can the
Education Department explain why
they could not answer the two questions?

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr Speaker, I do not think there
MINISTER were any questions which could not
be answered. However, Pu Lalupa's
question was a little delayed as we were not clear of the
matter. It has been sent this morning.

SPEAKER : The questions were all sent to the
Departments concerned and are
supposed to be returned here. The
questions that have not been returned are only recorded
and it appears that replies to these questions can be
prepared. The answers will be given to all members con-
cerned is one cause.

It is now 1:20 P.M. and as we have
a lot of Business ahead, we shall have a short break for
20 minutes and resume our sitting at 1:40 P.M.

As Pu C.L. Ruala has pointed out, the statement of Ministers
are not included in writing in the Business. (Pu C.L. Ruala:
Mr Speaker, it is written in the Rules 58. However it is
upto you. Now we shall have a short break.

Recess 1:20 P.M.

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SPEAKER : We shall now proceed to Private Business. Pu Ngurchhina will now move his Resolution.

PRIVATE MEMBER BUSINESS

PU NGURCHHINA : Mr Speaker, I shall first read out my Resolution. (reads).

"This Assembly is of the opinion that a separate service to be known as Mizoram Police Service be created in Mizoram."

It is a fact that we do not have a separate Police Service in Mizoram. Direct Recruitment for the post of D.S.P. were made last year, but we do not have the Police Service. This is one of the reasons for the in efficiency of the Police. In the midst of disturbance in Mizoram, materials for evidences are often in the hands of the Security Forces and not in the hands of the Police. For effective conduct of acquire it is important that a Police Service is created. If there is Mizoram Civil Service it is imperative that there should also be Mizoram Police Service.

The competitive exam would open many chances for our young people, but as it is, we have only deputationists from the B.S.F. and C.R.P.F. However, I do not say that this is bad for Mizoram, but in carrying out law and order it is often found that difficulties arise because the non-Mizo personnels have different outlooks and ways of seeing things. Thus, in creating a Mizoram Police Service, many of these difficulties would be overcome when the public can approach the police and talk to them in their own language. It would also be a source of employment for many people. I have therefore moved this Resolution with great hope and anticipation to have it passed in the House.

SPEAKER : Time will be given now for members who desire to participate in the discussion. However, owing to shortage of time, a Member may take up only 5 minutes each.

BRIG, THENPHUNGA SAILO : Mr Speaker, I would like to be the first to speak on this Resolution and explain briefly the present situation. Just as the Mizoram Civil Service was created from the Mizoram Civil Service Rules the Government of Mizoram had sent Draft Rules for the creation of Mizoram Police Service on the same lines. In 1978 the Government of India replied saying that Draft Rules be made on the same line as M.C.S. and send to the Centre approval. The day the Centre approves the Draft Rules will be the day the Mizoram Police Service is created. I believe the House supports the Hon'ble Member's Resolution as the Government has already supported it.

PU F.MALSAWMA :
MINISTER

Mr Speaker, as the Government supports the Resolution, I do not think that further discussion is necessary.

PU K.LALSANGA :

Mr. Speaker, I am also in support of what the Leader of the House has said. It would be good if we can pass it immediately.

PU BUALHRANGA :

Mr Speaker, I am glad that this important Resolution has been brought about by the Members of the Opposition side. As the House Leader has pointed out, we can understand that the Government of Mizoram has taken steps in this matter. Let us therefore pass this Resolution unanimously.

PU SAINGHAKA :

Mr Speaker, from what we have heard, I think the Government has done a very good thing in having taken steps in this respect. I consider that Police Service should also be done in a Competitive examination system like the Civil Services. We can now be sure that these steps taken will be accomplished soon. Furthermore, I would like to request the Government to see that the M.C.S is properly formed. As for the Resolution, it would be best to pass it now.

SPEAKER :

I think we are all unanimous in this matter. However, we shall call on the mover of the Resolution again, and votes will be taken after that.

PU NGURCHHINA :

Mr Speaker, I do not have anything to add. I am thankful that my Resolution has been approved even though it is from the Opposition bench. I am glad for your co-operation in this matter.

SPEAKER :

We shall now take votes. Members who wish to pass the Resolution as it is will show their approval by raising hand and saying 'Aye' (All members raise hands). This Resolution is declared passed. We shall now take up No 5 of our Business- Pu Vulluaia to move his Private Resolution.

PU C.VULLUAIA :

Mr Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity to move my Resolution. It is a fact that we do not have a large Hall for Public meeting in Aizawl. To meet this need, donations were collected during the time of the British Superintendents and a hall was built, which was nearly named after the then Superintendent, but was on second thoughts named Aizawl Theatre Hall. However, owing to lack of proper managing hands it has deteriorated and fallen to pieces. The new Ministry has however taken steps to restore this Theatre Hall and has made

sanctions for the building, and work is being started at present. This new hall has been named Community Hall. I consider that this much needed Hall should have a more appropriate name. For this purpose, I have thought out a name most prominent among our heroic ancestors, Chawngzaching known as Vanapa. to be a very appropriate name to be given. Because of his bravery, courage, manliness and compassion for the poor, I suggest that this Hall be named Vanapa Hall. I hope that the members will share my view on this matter (Speaker: Please read out your Resolution).
My resolution reads :-

"This Assembly recommends that the Community Hall now under construction on the site of the Aizawl Theatre Hall be called after Vanapa, one of the most honoured heroes among Mizos and hence forward be named VANA PA HALL."

SPEAKER: Are there any members who wish to discuss the matter ?

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Mr.Speaker, I think it is a very good suggestion, although some of us may have different choices of names. We find that we have adopted Biblical names for some of our streets and villages and it would also be a good idea if names of heroes from our history be given to some of the streets in our town. In this point of view, I think the Resolution is very appropriate, and I support it sincerely. Considering the purpose of the Hall and the future utility. 'Saikuti Hall' could also be a more appropriate name. However, I do not mean to suggest that the proposed name be changed. I am very much in favour of passing it immediately.

PI L.THANMAWII : Mr. Speaker, as stated by the hon'ble member, we do not lack names of heroes if we wish to use them. Not to speak of objecting the Resolution, I find that some of the non-mizo names like Sivaji Tilla still used in the town of Aizawl are most un-appropriate. It would be a good thing to change these too.

SPEAKER : Pu Saikapthianga may speak.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker, I whole heartedly support the Resolution, however, I would like to request that the Hall be changed to 'Taitesena Run' because the bones of the late hero were brought to this very place of course I do not insist if the mover does not wish to comply to my suggestion. The names we give to our streets and buildings can portray the Mizo trait very clearly. I would also like to suggest the name Vanapa Hall be termed Vanapa'Run' As it had been pointed out by the hon'ble Member from Aizawl East, it is time we paid attention to some of the non-Mizo names in our town. The other day we witnessed a football match in Luangmual and I was surprised to find that the Srenian Tilla Team was comprised of all Mizo players. It is good to bear in mind that such things however small they may be, are agents that make us lose our identity. However, I am only suggesting if it would be more convenient to change the Vanapa Hall to 'Vanapa Run'

SPEAKER : Pu Saikapthianga has suggested in a sort of amendment that 'Hall' be changed to 'Run'. This would need discussion and we shall call on the mover again. However, we shall first call Pu Ellis Saidenga.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Mr. Speaker, I find this afternoon's sitting very satisfying as we are all of the same view. What the hon'ble member from Sairang has moved is very appropriate indeed and I feel it should have rather been done long ago, however it is not too late now. The suggestion that 'Hall' be changed into 'Run' is good but one should bear in mind that the word 'Run' is usually used for a residential place and is therefore not appropriate for public halls. I therefore think that VanaPa Hall is very aptly named, and I suggest we pass it as it is.

PU BUALHRANGA : Mr. Speaker, I think we are merely confused on the name. I myself think that the suggestion to change the 'Hall' to 'Run' is more appropriate.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, I am also of the opinion that since VanaPa is a Mizo name, 'Run' would be more appropriate in this case. It would be like "Kumtluang Run" in the constituency of the hon'ble Speaker. So if the mover of the Resolution pleases, it would indeed be a very appropriate name not only for the present time but also for times to come.

PU C. L. RUALA : Mr. Speaker, I think the hon'ble members have come up with very good suggestions and I also feel that Taitesena's name would be very appropriate as his bones were first brought to this Hall when they were brought to Aizawl. So if the mover agrees, let us change it to Taitesena's name.

PU L. PIANDENGA : Mr. Speaker, the hon'ble member from Hnahthial referred 'Run' only to a residential place. I do not think this ~~is~~ is so, as we often use terms like 'Sikul Run' which does not mean a residential place exclusively. I am therefore in favour of changing 'Hall' to 'Run' as it goes very well with the name.

PU B. LALCHUNGUNGA : Mr. Speaker, much has been said and I think what the hon'ble member from Hnahthial said is true to a great extent 'Run' is never referred to public buildings and halls but rather exclusively to residential places. In olden days the place where young boys used to gather together was known as zawbuk. Therefore why not call it VanaPa Buk? (laught from members).

PU P. LALUPA : Mr. Speaker, this resolution has made us very enthusiastic, and I myself have often thought that it would be very in appropriate to name the new hall as Community Hall. I don't think there should be confusion over the names whether it be Vana Pa or Taitesena Run. Regarding the words

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Hall and Run, I think Run is more appropriate, it being a Mizo name.

I therefore think that we should call it Run.

SPEAKER : We find that there are three things in this matter. We all seem to agree on the re-naming of the Hall but while the mover wants to call it Vana Pa Hall there are others who wish to use the words Run and Buk. However, we shall request the mover to speak again.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Mr. Speaker, I am indeed happy to know that my Resolution has been favoured by all members. When I proposed the hall to be named Vana Pa Hall, I did not do so without much thought 'Run' is usually used in poems and songs making it a poetical word. It is very clear that a place of gathering such as this hall can never be rightly called a 'Run'.

The suggested names like Saikuti, Taitesena, Chawngbawla etc. are also most appropriate and I believe these precious names will soon be given to our streets and many other Government Buildings. The suggestion that 'Run' be used because it is a Mizo word does not justify the meaning it implies. For instance, when we occupied the second floor of the Theatre Hall as the office of the Y.M.A., we set up the sign-board reading, 'Y.M.A. Office' and not office of the Young Mizo Association for the simple reason that people don't say, 'I'm going to the Office of the Y.M.A. Office'. In the same way, the word 'Hall' has been adopted by us through usage and we do not regard it as a foreign word. Moreover, the word 'Run' would need an explanation to non-Mizos while everyone would understand what 'Hall' means. I therefore do not think it appropriate to use the word 'Run' and I would be most grateful if my original Resolution could be accepted and passed.

SPEAKER : The mover of the Resolution has clarified the reason why he wants to use the word 'Hall'. We shall now take votes as there are some who have suggested other names be used. The Resolution reads :-

"This Assembly recommends that the Community Hall now under construction on the site of the Aizawl Theatre Hall be called after Vana Pa, one of the most honoured heroes among Mizos and henceforward be named " VANA PA HALL."

Members may show their approval by raising hand and saying 'Aye' (all members raise hands). Our Resolution is passed, (reads out again).

We shall now take up Item No. 6, Pu J.Thankunga to move his resolution.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, I am glad to have this opportunity to move my resolution. In the first place I would like to

point out the Topography of this Phaitlang Ram for all members to know.

Phaitlang Ram was originally known as Kelzám and Hnuizawl Ram, but after the disturbance it has come to be under the V/C Darlawn. Situated along the banks of the Tuirial river, it is a vast land untouched and uncultivated. The Tuirial river flows along its west and north-western sides, Tuimang river on its eastern side and Tuiphu river on its southern side. These three rivers all flow through Phaitlang Ram. This land is considered to be suitable for permanent cultivation which is the dire need of Mizoram. The area of the land, though not yet known, is believed to be sufficient for permanent cultivation for about 600 families. There is place for Dry Terrace, wet cultivation and irrigation. As this will be a big step in the food production of Mizoram, I request your kind co-operation to pass it in this Assembly.

My resolution reads :-

"This Assembly is of the opinion that Phaitlang Ram be taken up by Agriculture Department under Integrated Rural Development Scheme for permanent cultivation from 1980-81 financial year."

However, I would like to make an amendment on understanding that the Rural Integrated Development Scheme is a very small scheme. My amendment reads :-

"This Assembly is of the opinion that Phaitlang Ram be taken up by Agriculture Department for permanent cultivation from 1980-81 financial year."

SPEAKER :

We shall now open time for any member who desires to participate in the discussion.

PU LALTHANZAUVA :

Mr. Speaker, I think this is a very important resolution. In the midst of our present food scarcity, it is indeed welcome news to hear that such a place exists and I think the government ought to pursue this matter urgently. I do not even think we need to have an elaborate discussion on this matter. Let us pass it immediately.

PU C.L.RUALA :

Mr. Speaker, this is a very good suggestion for solving our food problem. However I would like to remind the House that a similar resolution had been passed earlier in connection with Chandur. Has the Government taken steps in this project? If the government does not pursue what has been passed in the House, we would only be disgracing ourselves. If this project is to be surely taken up by the Government, let us pass it without further discussion.

PU P.B.ROSANGA :
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker, as pointed out by the hon'ble member, the Chandur Project had been discussed in the Budget Session. The House had been already notified that

the Government is already working under NEC fund in the Agriculture Department.

Regarding the present resolution in the amended form, it is much better for the would be farmers because they would face some disadvantage in the Integrated Rural Development Scheme. In the opinion of the Department and Council of Ministers there will be no difficulties under the Agriculture Department because the 6th Plan provides Agriculture settlement for 15000 families in its programme. There is enough fund under this scheme. I think it would be good to pass it in the amended form.

PU J.H.ROTHUAMA : Mr.Speaker, it seems that this is a very important resolution. This is the first time that members hear about Phaitlang Ram. would not it be rather early for the Agriculture Department to have a permanent settling ? Let the Department first survey the land and see, if the land is indeed convenient for permanent cultivation. This would be more advisable than to pass it blindly without any former survey of the place. If the hon'ble mover of the Resolution pleases to give time for this survey, it would be all the more convenient. If the results of the survey are satisfactory let the Government start a large Scheme. If the land can provide permanent cultivation for 600 families it would be good to make plans for building a school and hospital for the would be cultivators. I therefore, beg the hon'ble mover's permission to give time for all those surveys.

PU S.VADYU : Mr.Speaker, the hon'ble member mover of the Resolution has pointed out the topography of Phaitlang Ram. However, I am rather confused as to whether the land is a plain or a hill area, and what type of permanent Cultivation is suitable to the place. I think that the proposition that it should be taken up by the Agriculture Department is a very good suggestion and our in favour of it.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr.Speaker, I would like to answer the question as I happen to know the place quite well. The land is partly plain and partly low hilly area. The rivers flowing through the area can be very useful for irrigation. There have been suggestions from the local people and the B.D.O. about this place and the Department is having a survey of the land at present. However we have to bear in mind that the Department can only work and give sanctions according to the Normal Scheme, and therefore much of the responsibility lies on the farmers. It all depends on the progress of his work and the Government will give grants according to his work. Even if this Resolution is not passed, the Government will still help the farmer if they decide to cultivate the land. However, it would be a good thing to pass it as suggested.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Mr.Speaker, this suggestion is very much in accord with the Ministry's Agriculture development programmes. The land may be a plain or hill area and cultivation may

be done as suits the place. The most important thing is that the resolution be passed in the House.

(Pu Bualhranga from the Panel of Chairmen takes the Chair).

CHAIRMAN : I have taken the chair as the Hon'ble Speaker does not feel will, and also because the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker is not present on account of some important matter. We shall call on two members to speak on the subject and after that we shall call the mover of the Resolution.

PU P.LALUPA : Mr.Chairman, I am sure that the mover of the Resolution has seen to all the necessary details before bringing his Resolution to the House. And as clarified by the Hon'ble Minister i/c Agriculture, I think there is nothing much more to add or wait for. Let us therefore pass the Resolution in the amended form.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr.Chairman, I do not have much to say, however, in many of our speeches we have shown that the House does not want to delay matters. And as survey has been done it would be unnecessary to wait for some more time. This is not a difficult thing, so let us pass it now.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr.Chairman, I am in favour of passing this resolution immediately. The report of N.E.C. on the Chamdur project was quite different from the truth, that more families were reported settled than the actual number. It would therefore be good if the Agriculture Department takes up this project with better co-operation with the other departments.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Mr. Chairman, I am really grateful that my resolution has been so favoured by the members. However, there is one reason I want to have it passed in the House, I have often come across people who do not want to risk taking up cultivation owing to the failure on the part of the Agriculture Department. They need the assurance of the Ministry through proper Publicity. The land had already been surveyed by the B.D.O and Gram Sevaks in the year 1973, but as it is a very thick jungle, the work of deforestation and cultivation would be difficult without the help of the Government. I am therefore happy that my Resolution in the amended form is going to be passed.

CHAIRMAN : All the members seem to agree with the suggestion. Let us show our consent to pass it in the amended form by raising the right hand and saying 'Aye' (All members raise hands) Now Pu J.Thankunga's Resolution (reads) is passed.

We shall now proceed to Private Business No. 7, Pu Lalthanzauva to move his resolution.

PU LALTHANZAUVA : Mr.Chairman, thank you for giving me this opportunity to move my resolution. We are all aware of the difficulties faced by the Hospital in Aizawl town. It is too small and

congested and very much insufficient for the population of Aizawl town. The Maternity wards are so congested that two persons have to share one bed, and in the surgical wards, patients have to be discharged as soon as the stitches are taken out, and before they are properly healed. Not to speak of these, there are many who cannot get admissions to the hospital.

What I have proposed in my Resolution is the Convalescence Home scheme sanctioned in 1974. The Government had purchased a plot for Rs 2 lakhs and was meant for patients who are on convalescence. This is now the major need, as I have pointed out that patients are discharged before they are fully recovered. If it is suggested that 'Hospital Building' be changed into Convalescence Home to suit the Scheme Sanctioned, I have no objection. My wish is that the Government should take steps in this scheme for the benefit of the people. My Resolution reads:-

"This Assembly resolves that construction of Hospital Building be taken up with immediate effect at Kulikawn, Aizawl, on the site acquired for the purpose by the Government of Mizoram"

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr.Chairman, I am glad that the
MINISTER hon'ble member is ready to change the
wards 'Hospital Building' to Convalescence Home' in line with the Scheme Sanctioned. In the Department of Health, there are Hospitals, Dispensaries, Primary Health Centres and Sub-Health Centres. Therefore, if we say Hospital Buildings it would mean a proper hospital and it would not be applicable to the provision under the 6th Plan. A plot in Kulikawn was acquired under the 5th Plan for a Convalescence Home. However, the scheme did not materialized during the 5th Plan because of financial difficulties. Provision was again made in the 6th Plan for this Scheme, but there are still many problem and hazards to be tackled before construction can be started. Now this site has been acquired for the Regional Institute of Physically Handicapped, by the N.E.C. This will be the only Institution in the North East Region and will serve in a much wider scope than Convalescence Home. It has been referred to the Central Health Ministry for a detailed Scheme which the NEC will then take up immediately. The honible members Resolution would therefore collide with this Scheme. I am sure that the hon'ble member will understand this commitments which the Government has under-taken for the whole North East Region. I therefore, think that it would be best to drop the Resolution.

CHAIRMAN : The situations has been clarified by the Hon'ble Minister i/c Health Department and the mover also does not object to the change of name. Time will be given now for any member who wishes to discuss it further.

PU LALTHANZAUVA : Mr.Chairman, kindly permit me to say a few more things. The new scheme is indeed very good as stated by the Hon'ble Minister. However, instead of abandoning the old scheme can it not be endorsed along with the scheme for Regional Institute of Physically Handicaps. As we know, the site has already been acquired for a Convalescence Home.

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PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr.Chairman, if we do not drop the
MINISTER scheme for the Convalescence Home,
it would certainly collide with the s
scheme of Regional Institute for Physically Handicapped. And
scheme it is obvious that we will opt for it.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Chairman, the hon'ble Minister
has given clarification on the matter.
However, it would be good to know
that the site was originally acquired for the building of a
Hospital which was not materialised, it was then considered
for a Convalescence Home which was again not implemented,
After the Department had surveyed the land, it was even sug-
gested for the construction of Directorate Building. Now the
Hon'ble Minister has stated that it is chosen for the loca-
tion of Regional Institute for Physically Handicap. This
is indeed a very welcome news. If the N.E.C. has taken up
this scheme can assurance be given that it will be completed
during the 6th Plan.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr.Chairman, this is an approval
MINISTER scheme of the N.E.C., therefore I am
not in a position to give assurance
here.

CHAIRMAN : This means that the plan for construction
of Regional Institute for Phy-
sically Handicapped has been approved
by the N.E.C. This is an equally important Institute as a
Hospital. Does the mover of the Resolution have anything to
say ?

PU J.THANKUNGA : Mr.Chairman, I consider the resolution
as most important, and I feel that we
are very badly in need of a hospital
The mover has also made known that he does not mind if the
name is changed for a better and more convenient one. It
would be a good idia to change the name and pass it now.The
copy may then be endorsed to the N.E.C.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr.Chairman, if we pass it here and
MINISTER endorse it to NEC, it would mean
that we have apted for the hospital
and the NEC would find that their burden has become lighter.
I am therefore of the opinion that it would be better to
drop this resolution than to lose the Regional Institute
for Physically Handicaped.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr.Chairman, I think the Hon'ble
Minister has misunderstood the
suggestion. Does it not mean that
we are simply to change the words Hospital Building to
Regional Institute for Physically Handicap? (Pu J.Thankunga:
Yes it is) (Pu P.B.Rosanga Minister that would be very good)

CHAIRMAN : For example - "This Assembly resolve
that construction of Regional Institute
for Physically Handicap be taken
with immediate effect at Kulikawn, Aizawl, on the site
acquired for the purpose by the Government of Mizoram"
This is the suggestion of the Member from Ratu if the hon'ble
mover please to accept it.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr.Chairman, as the site was origi-
MINISTER nally acquired for a Convalescence
Home, I think we should alter the
phrase, 'for the purpose'.

PU LALTHANZAUVA : Mr.Chairman, I do not object to
alter the name as long as it is
meant for a better purpose. As I
have already pointed out, the site acquired has been left
abandoned since 1974 and I would not be surprised if the land
is now reduced to a considerable extent in area. It is
therefore important to reserve it by fencing or some other
means.

CHAIRMAN : Let us ask the Hon'ble Minister con-
cerned whether difficulties may arise
at the change of names.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr.Chairman, the N.E.C. has given
MINISTER approval, so I do not think difficul-
ty will arise.

CHAIRMAN : In that case the amended form of the
resolution would read thus -

"The Assembly resolves that construction of
Regional Institute for Physically Handicap be taken
up with immediate effect at Kulikawn, Aizawl, on
the site acquired by the Government of Mizoram."

(Pu F.Malsawma, Minister :- Should we not add N.E.C.?)

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr. Chairman, wouldn't it be good to
include, "acquired for the purpose of
Convalescence Home?"

CHAIRMAN : The Hon'ble Minister i/c Revenue
Department may be pleased to answer.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr.Chairman, the site was originally
MINISTER acquired for a Convalescence Home,
which has now been changed for the
construction of a Regional Institute for Physically Handicap.
I do not think any technical difficulty will arise in this.
However, for a clearer understanding we may add---- 'the
site acquired for the purpose of a Convalescence Home.'

PU C.VULLUALA : Mr.Chairman, we have gathered
several opinions during the last
5 minutes, and I fear that a hasty
decision would lead us nowhere. I would therefore like to
suggest that the hon'ble mover may kindly review the resolu-
tion, and draft it carefully for approval and passing in
the next sitting.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Mr.Chairman, the hon'ble Ministers
concerned have made things very
clear and I do not think we need to
put it off for the next sitting. We have taken up a lot of
time and if we are unanimous. It is better that we should
pass it today.

CHAIRMAN : Opinion from various members show that they want to pass it in the amended form. The hon'ble mover has also consented to change the name thus - "This Assembly resolves that Construction for Regional Institute for Physically Handicap be taken up with immediate effect at Kuli-Kawn, Aizawl, on the site acquired for the purpose by the Government of Mizoram."

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr.Chairman, it was not acquired for Regional Institute for Physically Handicap, therefore the wording ought to be changed.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr.Chairman, from what the hon'ble Ministers have stated, couldn't we make it thus :-

"This Assembly resolves that construction of Regional Institute for Physically Handicap be taken up by N.E.C. with immediate effect at Kuli-kawn, Aizawl on the site acquired for the purpose of Convalescence Home by the Government of Mizoram."

PU LAL-HMINGTHANGA : Mr. Chairman, I think that would be good. The site was originally acquired for the purpose of Convalescence Home and it is good that it should be mentioned. Now that it has been changed by the hon'ble member, I think it is good enough.

CHAIRMAN : If we can pass it as Pu Sainghaka has suggested, it means we can finish this resolution. However, Pu Lalthanzauva has to give his approval to the amended form.

PU ALTHANZAUVA : Mr.Chairman, it may be written thus:-

"This Assembly resolves that the construction of Regional Institute for Physically Handicap be taken up with immediate effect at Kulikawn, Aizawl, on the site acquired for the purpose of Convalescence Home by the Government of Mizoram."

That means I have dropped the words, by N.E.C.'

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr.Chairman, we may replace the word 'by' and use 'under N.E.C. Scheme,' because the scheme has been under-taken by N.E.C. and the execution agency is the Government of Mizoram.

CHAIRMAN : Let us try to pass it in this form. "This Assembly resolves that construction of Regional Institute for Physically Handicap be taken up with immediate effect at Kuli-kawn, Aizawl, on the site acquired for the purpose of Convalescence Home by the Government of Mizoram." Members who wish to pass it may raise their hands and say 'Aye' (All members raise hands).

Now we have passed the Private Resolution No.4. we shall now take up Business item No.8. Pu C.Vulluaia to move his resolution. we shall call on him now.

PU C.VULLUAI : Mr.Chairman, thank you for giving me this opportunity to move my resolution. My resolution reads:-

"This Assembly recommends that a special fund under a separate head be made available for meeting the requirements of youths, for example, recreational halls, purchase of musical instruments, Petromax, etc. So that their leisure may be utilised for creative indoor and out door activities for the gifted youths to improve their talents further."

It is a great regret that the Mizo youth lack the recreational facilities they so much deserve. In spite of the lack of such facilities, young Mizo boys and girls have shown their mettle and talents in both indoor and outdoor games. Given the proper facilities, Mizo youth can prove that they are not inferior to their counterparts in other states. We may note how much they have advanced in music without any Music Institute. For the development of all these talents it is important that they should have better halls, playgrounds and other instruments. The lack of such facilities have given way to indolence and even lead to juvenile delinquency. It is therefore important to make a special fund for this purpose. A few amount of funds squeezed out from Social Welfare funds, Community Development funds etc. are no longer enough to meet the need of today's young people. I am sure that the honourable Ministers are also aware of this fact. The needs of the youth are to be met and if they are not satisfied, it is the public who suffer. It is therefore important that a special fund be created for this purpose. However, as I study my resolution I would like to alter the words, 'Special fund under separate head' because I feel that these words make the provision seem very small. I would therefore like to amend it thus :-

"This Assembly recommends that more fund be made available for meeting the requirements of youths, for example, recreational Halls, purchase of musical instruments, Petromax, etc so that their leisure may be utilised for creative indoor and outdoor activities for the gifted youths to improve their talents further."

CHAIRMAN : This is a very favourable resolution, let us therefore not spend too much time on it. Two members may speak and if there are suggestions to be made two other members may speak on the matter. After that we shall take the opinion of the House.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Chairman, this is indeed a very good resolution. We are well aware that when the Hon'ble Ministers are tour in the rural areas, they are often approached with requests for items like Petromax, musical instruments etc. These have to be given from the share of some others which have already been sanctioned, because there is no special fund for such things. The proposed Athletic Meet of Mizoram with a budget of Rs 50,000/- has also to be postponed owing to lack of money. It is clear that the youth of the future will need more money. I am therefore very much in favour of passing this resolution.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Mr.Chairman, I would like to be the second to speak on this topic. I do not think we need to make more amendments. Regarding distribution of Petromax, I would like every home to have it. Let us therefore not waste much time and pass it right away.

PU L.PIANDENGA : Mr.Chairman, if possible I would like to make some more suggestions. The hon'ble mover laid great stress on musical instruments which is indeed important. However, I would like to emphasize on games and sports equipments to be included in the resolution.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr.Chairman, I think all the suggestions are very good. One thing I would like to know is whether we can ask for 'MORE' fund. I find that we are much more in need of equipment for games and sports than the said musical instruments and petromax etc. Our young people always face the lack of funds when they go to other states for games and sports. I am therefore very much in support of the resolution.

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr.Chairman, I would like to make only one suggestion. Recently there have been distributions of Petromax drawn from the Department and given out in the name of a Party. I would therefore like to suggest that even if more fund is allotted in this provision, such distribution in the name of Parties should be stopped.

CHAIRMAN : Such kind of suggestions are welcome. We shall now request the hon'ble Minister i/c Department to speak on the matter and after that the mover of the resolution may speak again.

PU F.MALSAJMA : Mr.Chairman, the hon'ble mover had cleared and amended what I had in mind to point out, regarding the phrase 'special fund under a separate head.' As the hon'ble member from Kawrthah constituency has stated, what we need is more fund. The Government has taken steps in this direction and has submitted a Budget estimate of Rs 56,00,000/- to the Planning Commission solely for this purpose. We have also been directed to submit draft of items in this respect. However, I cannot say how far we will succeed. This resolution will be very appropriate for pressing the matter. I do not see any objections from the Government in passing this resolutions.

CHAIRMAN : we shall call on the mover.

PU C.VULLUJIA : Mr.Chairman, yes I have rather stressed on music which was on my mind. I have included games and sports in the in-door and out-door games. My intention is purely for creative activities and not for each and every game. I would be grateful if we can agree to pass it in the amended form.

CHAIRMAN : The amended form reads :-

"This Assembly recommends that more fund be made available for meeting the requirements of youths, for example, recreational Hall, purchase of musical instruments, Petromax etc. so that their leisure may be utilised for creative indoor and out-door activities for the gifted youths to improve their talents further."

Let us show our agreement to pass it in the amended form by raising hand and saying 'Aye'. (All members raise hand and say 'Aye').

The Resolution is now passed unanimously. We shall now take up Business item No.9. Pu L.Piandenga to move his Private Resolution.

"This Assembly is of the opinion that an appeal be made to the Government Employces, great and small and at the same time impress them to work dutifully and honestly in their respective responsibilities, so that the developmental works proposed by the government may be done expeditiously".

We shall call on the mover Pu L.Piandenga to move his resolution.

PU.L.PIANDENGA : Mr.Chairman, I am grateful for this opportunity to move my resolution in this August House. We are well aware of the many Plans and Schemes made by the Government and I feel that encouragement and insperation should be made and even passed in the House. The implementation of every scheme and plan depends on the Government servants. If every worker does his duty conscicuously it is the surest step to succeeds. Then only will the provisions and funds be utilised properly. I have moved this resolution with a motive that we may all realise our responsibilities great and small. The prosperity of our land lies on our work. Without peace and security we cannot really have developments, and again these things depend on the people. It is therefore most important that we should encourage each other. I would be grateful if the House will pass it unanimously.

CHAIRMAN : we shall now open time for anyone who wishes to participate in this discussion.

PU C.L.RUALA : Mr.Chairman, 'It is our desire to have all the resolutions passed unanimously. However, I think the Ruling Party have a tendency to think that we the Opposition members always try to object and oppose their suggestions. However, although none of us know the existing Rules very well, it is our duty to abide by them as far as practicable. That is why I stated this morning that the Hon'ble Ministers can address the House according to Article 58. But if they are to address the House they are to submit their address one day prior to the date of address.

Regarding this resolution, I think it needs a

serious study. If it is passed in this House which is the highest Legislature Chamber, I fear that we may hurt the sentiments of Government employees. It may be misinterpreted that Government employees are considered not sincere enough and inefficient. This may hamper the co-operation among the employees. It would be therefore better if the Government issues an order of some kind on the same lines.

I hope the hon'ble member from Saitual constituency will not mind my saying, that such petty resolutions are better not brought to the House. It is degrading for the House to pass such trivial things, and I suggest that the hon'ble member kindly withdraws his resolution. If we are to pass it at all, I wonder what the Ministry thinks of this matter. Does the Ministry think that Government employees need to be reprimanded? I do not think we can do this without a specific cause. I therefore suggest that the hon'ble member would kindly withdraw his resolution.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Chairman, I respect the resolution of the hon'ble member, but there could be two aspects to consider. It would seem as if he does not have confidence on Government employees and secondly, it would also seem as if he does not have enough confidence on the Ministry. I therefore think that it would be better for us not to pass this resolution in the House. A circular from the top level would be as equally effective, and even more constructive too. A circular of this type was once made from the Chief Secretary and it was very helpful. I therefore request the hon'ble mover to kindly re-consider this matter.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Chairman, what the hon'ble members MINISTER have stated is very true indeed. However, I think there are certain clarifications to be made by the mover. It could be taken as an admonition for better co-operation and understanding among Government employees. The other idea could be that Government employees are not up to the mark and need encouragement.

Therefore, let the mover clarify his resolution first.

PU L. PIANDENGA : Mr. Chairman, I had no idea that my resolution would be interpreted otherwise. Of course, as I have said, my intention is purely constructive, as parents' advice to children. And because of the many commitments and work we have before us, I have enthusiastically suggested this resolution. It does not mean that Government employees are in any form deteriorating and slack in their respective works. However, I do not think that this resolution is too petty for this August House, as stated by the hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency. It is rather the foundation stone of development in our land. If we ignore this, I take it as a degradation of our leadership. I hope the hon'ble members understand this view.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Chairman, we can understand that the nature of the hon'ble member's resolution is very respectable.

But there could be another view projecting a very degrading image of our Ministry. If we pass it, it would mean that the House is moving a no-confidence motion to the Minister-in-charge and Departmental Heads. It would mean that we no longer have confidence in the Ministers and Heads of Departments. Therefore instead of passing it and degrading ourselves, let us urge the Heads of Departments to issue circulars in this respect. If we pass it in this House, it would give an impression that the Government employees have gone out of control.

CHAIRMAN : This resolution can be interpreted individually, therefore much discussion does not make sense. We shall now call Pu Ngurchhina to speak.

PU NGURCHHINA : Mr. Chairman, when I first saw a copy of this resolution, my first thought was how loose and corrupt Government employees have become. Secondly, I had an impression that this resolution had no confidence in the Ministry. However, after the clarifications have been made, I understand what the hon'ble mover tries to bring out. Even though we understand it, we have to think of what the public will think of it. However, I do not mind if the House decides to pass it, although I am of the opinion that it is not a very wise resolution. It is rather petty to bring up such trivial matters to the House. So if the mover does not object, it would be better not to pass it.

PU C. VULLUJIA : Mr. Chairman, I think we all know and understand the intentions of the resolution, and I think we should stop trying to pretend that we do not understand it. It is a parental advice, as a father gives to his children. There is nothing crooked or insulting in this resolution. Such valuable resolution should not be pushed aside. I therefore want the hon'ble mover not to withdraw his resolution.

PU C. L. RUALA : Mr. Chairman, I am afraid that our opinion is still mis interpreted. What I fear most is hurting the sentiments of Government Employees, and I have therefore suggested dropping of the matter. Even if we are to pass it, could not we do it in a more presentable way? That is with a note of thanks and gratefulness for their services rendered. The original form is a bit too harsh to digest. Let us add a little thanks to it.

CHAIRMAN : It is 4 P.M. now and we still have one more resolution a head. Let us request the Leader of the House and the Opposition Leader to speak, after which we will try to take a decision.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO: CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Chairman, I think what the hon'ble member has just said is very appropriate. Let us try to put it this way: appeal be made to Government

Servants we appreciate your good work, please work harder!

PU HIPHEI : Mr.Chairman, that is what I intend to say. The resolution reads :-.....
impress them to work dutifully and honestly'..... We should know that this means that they are not honest and dutiful enough. Therefore an amendment be made on the lines of thanking them for their good work and requesting them to do better. I think it would be better if we pass it in this form.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr.Chairman, I also think that is the
MINISTER best thing we can do. As we know it is a sensitive matter and we should be careful. I therefore request the mover to agree to the amendment.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr.Chairman, the question of the
MINISTER hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency has not been answered. He asked if the Ministers had no confidence in the Government Servants. I would like the House to know that the Ministry is very grateful to the Government servants for rendering their self-sacrificing service of Mizoram. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated workers.

The proposed amendment of the resolution is indeed necessary, because even if we understand it here, it may not be understood outside. The proposed amendment is a thanks giving ending with an 'appeal' and not an instruction. This will surely be received and understood by everyone.

CHAIRMAN : The nature of the resolution is an 'appeal'. To make an amendment would be rather harassing at present. Let us ask the opinion of the mover, whether he wants it to pass it in the amended form or keep it for some other convenient time.

PU L.PIANDENGA : Mr.Chairman, the wordings in English do not exactly convey the mover's intentions. I think the proposed amendments are very appropriate. I wonder if it would be good if we put it this way, 'Impress them to work 'more' dutifully and honestly".

PU J.THANKUNGA : Mr.Chairman, as it was feared, the resolution points to the fact that the performance of the Government servants are unsatisfactory. Therefore, if the mover kindly withdraws it and leaves it for some other convenient time, I am sure it would be the best thing to do. His last suggestion also does not seem to alter the meaning at all.

CHAIRMAN : It is 4:10 P.M. now and we still have one more resolution to take up. Can the hon'ble mover accept the proposal for withdrawal of his resolution ?

PU C.VULLUJIA : Mr.Chairman, I do not think that is the way we should go. If we are to amend it let us do so, if not let us not leave it for another time. (Chairman: If the mover withdraws it he may renew it in the next session.This can be done if the House grants him leave).

PU L.PIANDENGA : Mr.Chairman, I think we are all clear about this matter, I would like to have it passed as the House Leader proposed.

CHAIRMAN : In that case the amended form has to be here in this House.

PU P.LALUPA : Mr.Chairman, if the mover insists on passing it, then we shall have to do so either on the original form or in the amended form. However, personally I think that the suggestion of the hon'ble Chairman is the best course to follow. There is no evidence to prove or show that Departments have deteriorated or slackened as far as we know. The Heads of Departments and other officials also encourage their staff to work harder. Therefore, I am seconding the suggestion of the hon'ble member from Ratu Constituency.

CHAIRMAN : This is different from Resolution no.4 in which case only the name had to be changed. In this case we have to be careful about the wordings, and this is not the proper time to alter it as our time is almost over. It needs a cool thinking and ample time to consider the matter. Let us call on the mover again.

PU.L.PIANDENGA : Mr.Chairman, the wordings of my resolution reads :-(reads in Mizo). I do not think any ill-feeling or indication of no confidence is found in the words. However, as I am not good in English I do not know whether the English version is too strong to digest. I am sure you will know it much more than I do.

CHAIRMAN : From the discussions held on the subject, there is a feeling that it may be a bit too strong for the public. Therefore an amendment was proposed, and if the mover accepts it, the only course we can take is to keep it for the next session with leave from the House.

PU LALHMINHTHANGA : Mr.Chairman, this is an important matter and as the mover has read out the Mizo version of his resolution, we are all aware that the English version does not fully convey his intentions. Therefore, in order to change the words and make an amendment, it is not possible to do so in so limited a time as we have now. Therefore, let the mover kindly withdraw his resolution and let it be scrutinized thoroughly for the next session.

PI K.THANSIAMI : Mr.Chairman, it is clear that the hon'ble mover has proposed this resolution with a pure motive. And as it can be misinterpreted, can be not kindly withdraw it for the next session ?

PU L.PIANDENGA : Mr.Chairman, I agree to the suggestion of the hon'ble members. It is a reasonable suggestion so let us keep it for the next time.

CHAIRMAN : The mover of this private resolution has agreed to withdraw it. Can the House give approval ? (All members agree). Thank you. Now we shall take up the last resolution, PU J.Thankunga's resolution. We shall call him now.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Mr.Chairman, thank you for giving me this opportunity to move my resolution. My resolution reads :-

"This Assembly is of the opinion that whereas, under Article 46 of the Constitution of India, the State shall promote special case, among other matters, the economic interest of the weaker section of people and in particular of the Scheduled Tribes;

And whereas, the Government of Assam had been allowing certain concessions in regard to the settlements of contracts, permits, fisheries, ferries, forest mahals, tolls supply of all materials and articles to Government etc. to safeguard the economic interests of the Scheduled Tribes;

And whereas, the Government of Mizoram has in their order No.HG.61/73/12 dt. 5th Dec., 1973 continued such concessions with certain modifications ;

And whereas, the said order is very clear in certain respects ;

Now, therefore, this House resolves that ;

- (1) In respect of auction or tenders which are settled at the lowest bid the auction or tender may be settled on a Scheduled Tribe 12 per cent above the lowest bid, and
- (2) In the case of auctions or tender settled on the highest bid the auction or tender may be settled on Scheduled Tribes at 12 per cent below the highest bid.
- (3) Paragraph 3 of the said order relating to persons registered outside may be committed."

I have proposed this resolution on the lines of Article 46 of the Constitution of India, for safeguarding the economic interest of the Scheduled Tribes.

Such concession has been given by the Government of Assam in regard to fisheries, forest mahals, tolls supply permit and contracts. In the same way the Government of Mizoram had also made an order, the no. of which is given in the Resolution. However, this order is not clear and specific enough, and Executive Heads have problems in executing the order. Therefore I feel it necessary that the House should make necessary amendments in the order. For instance, auctions are settled on the highest bid, but if the highest bidder is not a Scheduled Tribe, then the Scheduled Tribe bidder may be settled at 12 per cent below the highest bid.

In the settlement of Tenders the Government settles it to the lowest bidder, the Scheduled Tribe bidder may be given at 12 per cent above the lowest bid. We therefore need this safeguard for the economic interest the House to pass this as I have amended thus :-

"This Assembly is of the opinion that whereas, under Article 46 of the Constitution of India, the State shall promote special care among other matters, the economic interest of the weaker section of the people and in particular of the Scheduled Tribes;

and whereas, the Government of Assam had been allowing certain concessions in regard to the settlements of contracts, permits, fisheries, ferries, forest mahals, tolls etc. "

I have omitted " supply of all materials" because it could affect the subsidy rates of course Departments eg, Agriculture, Community Development etc. where the bidders are all Schedule Tribes.

I therefore want it to be passed without this phrase, 'supply of all materials'. The para (2) (a) which reads "In respect of works and contract" should be read as "work contracts," 'and' is a typing mistake. (Reads).

' to safeguard the economic interest of the Scheduled Tribes ;

And whereas, the Government of Mizoram has in their order No. H.G.61/73/12 of 5th December, 1973 continues such concessions with certain modifications;

And whereas, the said order is not very clear in certain respects ;

However therefore, this House resolves that

- (i) Existing concession by which the Scheduled Tribes are required to deposit only 50% of the prescribed correct money will continue;
- (ii) (a) In respect of work contracts when they are settled on the basis of tender/quotations they should be settled with candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes up to a limit of 12 per cent above the lowest tender/offer in any such case, subject to suitability of the person and his ability to perform the task satisfactorily.

(b) In respect of permits, fisheries, tools, bridges forest Mahals etc. when they are settled on the basis of bids whether in auction or by tender they should be settled with the candidates belonging to Schedule Tribes upto the limit of 12 per cent below the highest bid offered in any such case, subject to suitability of the persons and his ability to perform the task satisfactorily.

(c) In case of carriage contracts the limit of preferential treatments as stipulated in (ii) (a) above will be 10 per cent.

2. All persons who are not permanent residents of Mizoram will be required to have a registered office/sub-office in Mizoram and the person in charge of the local office will have all the necessary powers of attorney from the proprietor so that in case of any legal dispute, it is settled in the local courts.

I have proposed this 10% in carriage contract because it could involve a large amount of money I request the House to pass this resolution which I have read out.

CHAIRMAN : we shall have a discussion on the matter.

PU LALTHANZAUVA : Mr. Chairman, the resolution of the hon'ble member from Ratu Constituency is indeed very important. Personally I feel that it should be at least 15% instead of 12% for highest and lowest bid. As we know, we the Mizos are very backward financially. We have lost large amounts of money because we do not have enough money to deal with. I think it is an obligation that we should pass this in the House as the Constitution of India has already provided the guide lines.

PU P. LALUPA : Mr. Chairman, the Article 46 of the Constitution of India has granted concession to safeguard the economic interests of tribals. It is therefore our obligation to pass this resolution here in this House.

PU NGURCHHINA : Mr. Chairman, regarding the cut of supply of all materials, 'I wonder if it is the best thing to do, as some material supplies for the Government eg. Electric posts and Transformers are also included. If we could make a clear cut division of the materials it would be a lot more satisfying.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Chairman, what the hon'ble member MINISTER has pointed out is indeed very important. There is an existing concession rate of 15% in the locally manufactured materials. Therefore, to make another concession would be rather difficult.

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It would be a good thing if the House can pass this resolution. As the mover has pointed out, the Order issued by the Government in 1973 is not very clear. Therefore the resolution proposed will be of great value to the people and the Government. It would clear up the Government Order of 1973.

CHAIRMAN : I am sure that the mover of the resolution has gone through all the aspect of the matter and has made a thorough study of the order. All the members are unanimous, let us therefore call the mover for the last time.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Mr. Chairman, I am indeed grateful to know that this important resolution is accepted by the members. I have considered the case of the supply of all materials and as the hon'ble member has pointed out, there are certain materials that are supplied to the Government. However, I have put the eteteras which may be utilised according to convenience.

The suggestion of the hon'ble member from Sateek Constituency is also very respectable. However, if the rate percent is too high there would arise problems in future. I therefore request the House to pass it unanimously.

CHAIRMAN : I presume you all have a copy of the amended form. Let us show our approval to pass this resolution by raising our hand and saying 'Aye'. (all members raise hand and say 'Aye'). Thank you very much. Now we have come to the end of our Business. It is a grateful experience that all the members can participate unanimously in the debates with a clear conscience and thinking.

Our time is over now and the meeting is adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned

Sine die - at 16 37hrs.

J. MALSANNA
Secretary.