

4th Sitting on 10th March, 1981 at 10:30 A.M.

Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister four Ministers and 27 Members were present.

BUSINESS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. Pu Lalhuingthanga, Minister i/c Public Works Department to lay on the Table a copy of the Mizoram Water (Prevention and Control) Rules, 1979.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

3. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Administrator's Address (to be continued)

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

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof"

Psalm 46:1-3

We shall now start our Business, Item No 1 Question Pu P.Lalupa to ask.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

PU P.LALUPA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Community Development Department be pleased to state -

*23(a) Whether or not it is a fact that, the Nutrition Wing of the Community Development Department is being transferred to the Social Welfare Department.

(b) If so, what is the justification

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PU P.B.ROSANGA : The answer to No(a) is 'NO' answer
MINISTER (b) Does not arise.

PU P.LALUPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, a supplementary question.
The answer to my first question was 'NO'.
If so, is there any intention of transferring
the Nutrition Wing to any other Department ?

PU F.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is no intention
MINISTER whatsoever of transferring the Nutrition
of the same other Department. However,
there is talk of handing over of ICDS (Integrated Child
Development Scheme) Programme to the Community Development.
Two of these Blocks have already taken over this scheme.
However, the Government has not processed anything till now.

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I don't know whether
my supplementary question is relevant or
not. Is there any intention of giving
more nutrition to the food scarcity areas ? Or are the
distributions all equal ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Community Development
MINISTER has opened up 150 nutrition feeding centres
in Mizoram. The quantity distributed in
all these centres are all equal. There is no notified area of
food scarcity and therefore the distribution of nutrition is
equal in all the centres.

PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a regret that the
Hon'ble Minister does not know about the food
scarcity areas. I would like to point out
information that Buarpui is one of the food scarcity areas.
Community Development has also spent some amount of money on
this area. Recently, I accompanied the Hon'ble Finance Minister
to this area and we could see that the children were very much
in need of vitamins and nutrition. They could not even
celebrate Christmas in the usual way owing to scarcity of food.
I would therefore like to know whether the Government is able
to give them special nutrition.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Dy.Speaker, nutrition programme is not
MINISTER actually intended for those draught hit
areas. The programme of nutrition is the
same all over India. If there are areas of food scarcity,
the Health Department may arrange some relief. If this is
possible from the Health Department and Community Development,
we shall see what can be done about it.

PU LALTHANZAUVA : Pu Dy.Speaker, are the nutrition feeding
centres opened in population-wise? Or are
the feeding centres equally distributed?

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the Hon'ble Member's
MINISTER question is not relevant. I therefore
cannot give an answer to figures.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall take up Pu Sainghaka's question.

CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT

Registration of the Mizoram sugarcane growers Co-operative
Society

PU SAINGHAKA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Co-operative
Department be pleased to state -

- * 24 (a) The year in which the Mizoram sugarcane
growers Co-operative Society has been registered
(b) Who is the registering authority ?

PU F.MALSAWA : Pu Deputy Speaker, (a) The Mizoram sugarcane
MINISTER growers Co-operative Society Ltd. was regis-
tered in the year 1979 vide No L/36/79-80
dated 4.8.1979.

(b) The Assistant Registrar, Co-operative
Societies, Lunglei District is the
registering authority.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, a supplementary question
please. In which month of 1979 was it
registered ?

PU F.MALSAWA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the date of registration
MINISTER was 4th August, 1979.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, how much aid has been given
to this Society from the Co-operative Society?

PU F.MALSAWA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am sorry that I cannot
MINISTER tell the exact amount of aid given from the
Co-operative Society. However, Rs 3,00,000/-
has been given from the Agriculture Department. A loan of
Rs. 26,2064 has also been received from the Chairman
Shri Lalthanhawla .

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it seems that nothing has
been received from the Co-operative Depart-
ment. The amount of Rs.3,00,000/- received
from the Agriculture Department was meant for 300 hectares of
land Reclamation for the year 1978-79.

Apart from this we learn from the statement of the Hon'ble Minister that Rs. 242594/- for cuttings of sugarcane had been given for the year 1979-80. If so, is the proposed fund for 1980-81? And what are the profits so far gained by these families in the society?

PU F. MALSAMMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, about 200 families are involved in this scheme and the land reclaimed is 600 acres and not 200 acres. I cannot say the exact amount as this is not relevant to the question.
MINISTER

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, is it a fact that the Multi-purpose Society has been given priority because its members are mostly relatives of the Chief Minister and Finance Minister?

PU F. MALSAMMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, that is the first time I have heard about it, there is no reason why relations of the Chief Minister and other Ministers should be given preference. It is open for all Mizos residing in Mizoram. Personally I think everyone should try producing sugar from sugarcane.
MINISTER

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Dy. Speaker, considering the large sum of money spent on this scheme, has there been any production of sugar or molasses?

PU F. MALSAMMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, as the main question was about the registration, I am not prepared to answer question about sugar production.
MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now take up question No 25, Pu Ellis Saidenga's to ask.

HOME DEPARTMENT

Approximate number of foreigners from Bangladesh

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Home Department be pleased to state -

- * 25 (a) What is the approximate number of foreigners infiltrated so far into Mizoram from Bangladesh?
(b) What action has the Government of Mizoram taken on the matter?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Dy. Speaker, 'a) as per records available, approximate number of foreigners infiltrated into Mizoram during the last 4 years is as follows :-
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| (1) | During | 1977 | - | 2 |
| (2) | During | 1978 | - | 149 |
| (3) | During | 1979 | - | 8746 |
| (4) | During | 1980 | - | 978 |
| (5) | During | Jan, 1981- | - | 80 |

Total: 9955

- (b) All the infiltrators have been pushed back by District authorities with the help of the Security Forces/Police.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Are there any supplementary questions? If not, let us take up Pu Ngurchhina's question.

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, are all the infiltrator's pushed back? I would like to know the number of infiltrators and also the number of those pushed back.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think my answer to No (a) has made it very clear.
CHIEF MINISTER

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think my question is quite relevant although the case may be a little different. If the figures given is of the infiltrators from Bangladesh, what about the infiltrators from Burma? Are these infiltrators nationalised as they are allowed to enjoy loans and other facilities. I hope this is not difficult to answer.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO : Pu Dy. Speaker, the question is not relevant and the answer is not prepared. However it is a very appropriate question. It is a fact that infiltrators from Burma have not been given due attention and it is high time to consider these matters.
CHIEF MINISTER

DEPUTY SPEAKER. : The Hon'ble Chief Minister has given a very good answer. The infiltrators have been pushed back and that means the figure 9955(a). We shall now take up the next question No 26. Pu H.Rammawi to ask.

SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

Clearance of supply carrying bill

PU H.RAMMAWI : Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Supply and Transport be pleased to state -

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* 26 (a) Is it a fact that Supply and Transport Department could not clear up supply carrying bills in time ?

(b) If so, why ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister i/c may please reply.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the answer is (a) It is
MINISTER not a fact.
(b) Does not arise in view of 'a' above.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions ?

PU H.RAMMANI : Pu Dy. Speaker, from the answer of the Hon'ble Minister it seems that there are no bills kept pending. However, in the Chhingtui-pui District supply bills are kept pending for one whole year and sometimes even 1/2 year. Is this owing to problems faced by the Supply and Transport Dep or the Finance Department ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, bills in every District are
MINISTER in the hands of the Deputy Commissioner. The required amount is taken from the Directorate and the Deputy Commissioner pays it to the contractor. The problems faced in the Chhingtui-pui District are often transportation problems. Whatever bills are put up to the Directorate by the Deputy Commissioner are never kept pending. This is all the same in the districts of Aizawl and Lunglei. The only given directly from the Directorate are the big contractors from Kolasib, Aizawl, Serchhip, Hnahthial, Lunglei and Lawngtlai. The rest are in the hands of the Deputy Commissioner.

PU H.RAMMANI : Pu Dy. Speaker, I have asked my question because of the problems faced in respect of supply of rice to rural areas. It seems that this is because of the pending of bills. Is it not possible for the Directorate to hasten up the bills ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the Directorate is ready
MINISTER to pass whatever bills are put up by the Deputy Commissioner.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think that was a very important question. I would like to ask the Hon'ble Minister in the form of a suggestion. When Tenders are called and work Order given out, the distance and rates are all fixed. Cannot the Directorate prepare a District wise distribution without waiting for the Bill from the Deputy Commissioner ?

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PU ZAIREMTHALGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the Directorate deals with the main Centres and I have already pointed out. The Deputy Commissioners are appointed to take care of interior places within their Districts.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there are no more supplementary questions, we shall go on to No. 27, Pu Lalnunzira to ask-

SECRETARIAT ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Construction of Receptionist Office

PU LALNUNZIRA : Pu Dy. Speaker,
Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c SAD be pleased to state -

- * 27 (a) Is there any proposal for construction of receptionist office at the Civil Secretariat ?
- (b) Whether the Government propose to create posts for the supporting staff of Receptionist ?

BRIG. THENFHUNGA SAILO : Pu Dy. Speaker, the answer is
CHIEF MINISTER (a) No (b) No.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there are no more supplementary questions, we shall go to our next business which is laying of Papers, but as the Minister i/c is not present, we shall go to our item 'Discussion on Motion of Thanks' for the Administrator's Address. We shall call on Pu K. Lalsanga-

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad to have this opportunity to discuss Motion of Thanks. I had wanted to speak yesterday, but there was only one person sitting in the Official Gallery. Today, I am glad that a good number of officials have turned up. It had been said that although expenditure has been clearly shown in the Administrator's Address, there has been no mention of peace talks. I am surprised at this, because if we look at para 2, 'Peaceful atmosphere' is mentioned. The Administrator has expressed his joy at the peaceful atmosphere which is free of tensions.

In the discussion yesterday, it was said that there is no mention of the Prime Minister's 20 point Economic Programme. A closer study of the address shows that the 20 point economic programme is not only included, but that 7 more points have been added to it. I think this is really something to be happy about.

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Regarding the record of quantity of foodgrains, the quantity expressed in terms of kgs is only the amount air-dropped by the Indian Air Force.

The un-due criticism on the matter is simply because the quantity of foodgrains supplied by land-route was not mentioned.

I am glad that provision for Police Housing has been made in the Annual Plan 1981-82 as mentioned in Para 3.

It is mentioned in Para 4(b) that inspite of the shortage of petroleum products there is sufficient quantity of POL. However, I would like to mention as a general information to the Government that there is petrol scarcity in the interior places especially in Lunglei. This has caused great difficulty in transport and supply of foodgrains.

An outlay of Rs. 130 crores for the sixth Plan is considerably a good sum for the small Union Territory of Mizoram. The Hon'ble member from Tlungvel said that Rs. 130 crores is too meagre compared to the outlay of Rs. 1614 crores for the 9 Union Territories. I would like to point out that the population of Mizoram is very small compared with other Union Territories like Delhi whose population is over 40 lakhs. With this in view, the outlay of Rs. 130 crores is sufficient.

Again, in Para 6, mushroom cultivation is mentioned. I think some of the members who are interested in this cultivation must have overlooked this sentence.

In the second para of page 4, provision to sponsor candidates for training in Agriculture is mentioned. This shows that the Government is doing its best to promote Agriculture. Fisheries is also given great importance as we find it here in page 4. In this connection, I would like to mention the lack of vehicles in the Fisheries Department. This has created problems in distribution of fish seeds in the districts. The Fisheries Department in Lunglei do not have a single vehicle also. I would like to request the Government to see to this matter.

I appreciate the endeavours taken by the Forest Department as mentioned in Para 8. I would like to add a suggestion to preserve our forests instead of cutting them down.

I also think it is a joy to have a Mizoram Circuit House at Silchar.

Small Scale Industries and proposed Industrial Estates are mentioned in Para 12. The proposed Ginger Oil Plant and mini sugar plant at Kawnpui are nearing completion. We are very thankful for these industrial undertakings.

We also find in Para 13 proposals for a Sainik School R.I.M.C and others which was unheard of before. Physical education, games and sports and youth welfare activities are stressed. In this respect I would like to repeat the need for a separate Directorate for youth welfare.

It is also a joy to know that provisions for PHCs at Khawzawl and Lunglei have been made in the current year 1980-81. However, regarding the proposal to establish a T.B. Hospital at Lunglei, I feel that the scheme is very slow considering the need.

Regarding nutrition mentioned in Para 15, I would like to mention again the children of my constituency who are suffering from malnutrition. I would be most grateful if the nutrition programmes are intensified in the area. I am also glad that the NREP will be implemented to help the rural poor.

This Government is paying special attention to the rehabilitation of the handicapped, I am glad that our Government is second to none in this matter.

In Para 22, modernisation of Government Printing Press by importing machines is mentioned. This is also worth noticing. In Para 25, a special Budget is prepared for the Chhittuipui District Councils. I think this is also very generous consideration on the part of the Government.

Lastly in Para 26, it is indeed encouraging to know that the Government knows the importance of training staffs at various levels at home and abroad. It is also good to know that UPSC and Staff Selection Commission have selected Aizawl as one of their centres. Lastly, I rejoice to know that a Directorate of Labour and Employment has been created.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANAWLA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to know what has been done about the Amendment I raised yesterday? (Dy. Speaker : But the Business list has already been made) But that is not the way to do it, my Amendment should be given priority. It is my right and the Speaker should admit it. It is not meant to criticise the Government, but rather to point out some important facts omitted by the Government. I therefore demand that the Amendment be given priority. (Deputy Speaker : The Hon'ble Speaker has not admitted it and it is not included in the Business) The Hon'ble speaker should have admitted it according to the Rules. It is against the rules to ignore the Amendment raised by a member. (Deputy Speaker : We shall now go to our business - Pu P.Lalupa) Pu Deputy Speaker, this must be given priority. I demand to know why the Speaker did not admit the Amendment. I request you to decide the matter, Pu Dy. Speaker. (Deputy Speaker : The Hon'ble Ministers are present and they can answer to the matter)

We have the Rules and we should go according to this Rules. I propose an Amendment. (Deputy Speaker: According to the Rules the Speaker has to admit it, and if it is admitted it should appear in the Business list) Yes, as you are taking the Speaker's place, I request you to alter the Business list in favour of the Amendment. (Deputy Speaker : We shall now call upon Pu B.Lalchununga) Pu Dy. Speaker, it is not right to ignore us like this.

PU B.LALCHUNUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am sorry that I could not come in time, however, I am glad to have this opportunity to discuss the Administrator's Address. Even though I did not have time to study the whole speech, a few glances can tell me that it is very good on the whole. (Pu Lal Thanawla : A similar case was admitted in 1978-79, and if some members disturb me, I request you to defend me. I demand that we should go according to the rules.)

It is like a big vitamin pill for us. Therefore, I do not know why there are some of us who are not grateful, or do not find anything to be grateful about. The much sought after Peace is clearly mentioned in the 2nd Para. There has been no major disturbance since the latter half of 1980. This is due to the endeavours of Mrs Indira Gandhi, Mizoram and the MNF (Pu Lal Thanhawla: Pu Dy. Speaker, you have the power to settle this matter. An amendment can be made according to page 12 of the Rules, and it is up to you to consider this matter). Coming to para 5 of the Address, we find the phenomenal increase, of provision in the Sixth Plan. It is indeed a big increase from the outlay of Rs.46.58 crores. In spite of this, there are still some members who do not rejoice over these things.

In Para 6, the Sixth Plan envisages achieving self sufficiency in food. Sufficient provision has also been made for programmes to improve high yielding of crops. We should be thankful for what the Government has provided for us. (Pu Lal Thanhawla : We will neither vote with you nor discuss it with you anymore) (They walk out)

In Para 9, we find the development of roads which are so essential for Mizoram. We now find smooth black topped roads where only kutcha roads existed. Recently the Aizawl-Thenzawl roads was opened and there is a deep sense of gratitude among the public.

On the whole, we can say that we are developing all round considering the recency of the birth of our state.

Regarding water supply schemes, the Government has done its best to supply water to a 100 villages. This project is going on. In Para 11, we find electrification which is one of the most important infrastructure for development. Investigations and preliminary works are being carried out at the Serlui project and also Tlawng river. (Dhaleshwari).

Development in Industries is also mentioned in Para 12.

The P.C. Ministry has given special attention to the handicapped, it being the International Year for the disabled.

In Para 20, we find that the Government of Mizoram has taken steps in checking drug addiction and liquor prohibition. Great help has been rendered by various local organisations to this work.

Regarding Housing Schemes we find that the Sixth Plan provide Rs. 590 lakhs. However, we should remember that Housing loans are only investment of Government money which is to be re-paid by loanees with interest.

A close study of the Address shows that the 20 point programme of Mrs. Indira Gandhi is included and the much-talked 'Peace' is also mentioned by the Administrator. Regarding maintenance of Law and Order, the Government has done its best to push back infiltration although there are some who still manage to stay in Mizoram.

The Government of Mizoram has done its best regarding post reservations, and local people are given top priority even in gazetted posts. However, owing to our lack of qualified men in technical and other specialised fields, outsiders have to be employed.

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The Administrator's address has given a very good account even though there are many which are not mentioned as pointed out by the members of the Opposite group. Lastly, I request the members of the Opposition group to co-operate with the Government for the benefit of everyone.

Thank you

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall call upon Pu Sneha Kumar.

PU SNEHA KUMAR CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, idhar 140 Kms. mein 60 Kms. to puka rasta karni kelle idhar mein likha hai. Chawngte Sub-Division ka area me koi puka rasta nahin, idhar 60Kms. rasta Rotlang se Chawngte bise to bohot achha hogia. Kunkih idhar Sub-Division me koi achha rasta nahin. Rasta ka lie bohot taklif hain ham Assembly ani kalie ek hafta ke pahile tiqari honise bhi idhar Aizawl pahuncha tunie men tir din late chuka, kunkih jari nahin gari to hai, lekin rasta nahin, rasta honise bohot achha hoga.

Udhar Chawngte Sub-Division ka area men admi bhi kanti nahin hai, pura Chakma Dist. Council ka area aur Pawl Dist. Council ka area, Lunglei ka area kawn se kam tis hazar (30000) ke mafik admi population hai. Etna admi ke lie koi rasta nahin. Etna admi ke lie koi rasta nahin? Rasta 60 Kms. to pucca karni kelle idhar likha, kam se kam bananise achha hoga, kunkih ek Sub-Division hai Mizoram men jitna Sub-Division hai, uh puka rasta jaya hai, sirif Chawngte me nahin guja.

Aur Electric ke bari men abhi guja sal me L.G Adress Chawngte men Electric dega, abutak nahin pahucha. Electric bananise achha hoga.

High School permanent karega, Chakma Dist. Council area me Borapansuri ek High School haie uti Aided hai 1975 se suru hua hai abitak chalta hai, kam se kam 600 Chakma area men banaia. Chakma Dist. Council area men ek High School bhi full duja nahin, Students bhi bohot hai, Chakma area men, pura likha dik honise paisa nahin hai, Kaisa dur dur zayega, isilie Chakma area ka undar men taise ek denise, Borapansuri bohot khushi ka bat hai.

Hospital ke bari men Demand 14 men likha hai Lungtlai, Chawngte 2 Hospital, 30 Bed likha. Lungtlai population to bohot jayadha hai, Chawngte bhi zayadha hai, isilie Bed to kam se kam 40-50 karna hai. Abhi 10 Seat hai, 10 admi honisedusra bakar gar nahin hai, isilie, kam se kam 50 hona chahie, Hospital ka Seat

Aur No. 25, Dist. Council Plan men 35 lakhs paise deya hai, abhi 3 Dist. Council men 100 lakhs paise deya hai. Abhi Mizoram ke susna hai Dist. Council men paise karke keisa dega, bad karni ka time men kuch susna hai suman karke denise nahin hoga. Kunkih Pawl, Lakher Chakma purana ke Regional Council hai unka Building bhi purana hogaya hai, kuch bhi dapla hogaya. Tin (3) Dist. Council ka lie paise bhi nahin hai, rasta bhi nahin hai koi abhi kuch nahin isilie mera khelme uh paise deni ka time kuch karna hai bichar karna hai Chakma D.C ka paise bohot denise mera khelme bohot achha hoga. Kunkih Mizo Dist. Council ka time men Regional Council men raha, Regional Council se Dist. Council bangaya, purana se Dist. Council chalta hai, Regional Council se, isilie sab kuch kuch hogaya unka, Chakma ko kuch nahin hai. Isilie Chakma Dist. Council ko paise zayada denise achha hoga.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall call upon Pu L. Piandenga.

PU L. PIANDENGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad to have this opportunity to speak on the Administrator's Address. As we know, it is only a brief account of the achievements of the Government. When we look back at the years prior to 1978, we can recollect how oppressed we were, and how much we suffered during the disturbances in our state. Now we can rejoice in this peaceful atmosphere, and we can clearly see that Law and Order is maintained.

Much has been said about the problems faced in supply of foodgrains. If we study carefully, the year 1977-78 were years of difficulty in supply owing to the Assam agitation. However, we have managed to service 1980 inspite of the difficulties.

Regarding the outlay for the Sixth Plan our provision is greatly increased in comparison to our small population. As we have heard the EGS has been replaced by the NREP. The implementation of this programme is greatly anticipated for the rural areas.

As mentioned by the member from Kawrthah Constituency, it is a great regret that we do not have enough Doctors in the rural areas. It would be good to have Doctors at every sub-centre.

Regarding supply of seed in the Agriculture Department, we seem to progress a great deal compared to the previous years.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, with the increasing popularity of Hindi language, many of our young people are attending private Hindi schools. I believe this is an important matter which should be taken up by the Government.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We'll call on Pu Biakchhunga.

PU BIAKCHHUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, today I would like to mention a point which has not been mentioned so far.

The Government of Mizoram has done much for the Rehabilitation of MNP Returnees. They have been employed as far as possible, and some have also been given loans with which to start their livelihood.

The Returnees are classified into three categories (1) Returnees before 1972, (2) between 1972-76 and (3) the later ones. These are all eligible for Rehabilitation.

However, this classification has posed problems among the Returnees themselves. An association was formed and memorandums has been submitted to the Home Ministry to erase these classifications. But nothing has been done so far. I have pointed this as an information to the Government since it was not mentioned in the Administrator's Address.

Secondly, regarding compensations due to the disturbances in Mizoram, I feel that the Government should settle this in a sensible way as early as possible.

Regarding gratuity for those who lost their lives owing to the disturbances, the Government has increased the amount of Rs. 1000/- - upto Rs. 5000/- per head. However, it is learnt that there is no intention of giving Rs. 4000/- more to those who had received only Rs. 1000/- prior to the order of increment. And as this is a political matter, I do not think that it will be too difficult for the Government to give the remaining amount of Rs. 4000/- each.

Lastly, I would like to say a few words on Dampa sanctuary. It is learnt that the Defence and Military want to set up villages in the Dampa sanctuary as it is alleged that this area is used by the MNF to go up and down.

However, from personal experience I would like to say that the MNF do not pass through forests where there are no villages. It is therefore important that we should preserve this sanctuary as it is the only dense forest we have now for wild life. I consider that de-forestation of the Dampa sanctuary would be a big error.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now call on Pu Ellis Saidenga.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad to have this opportunity to discuss the Administrator's Address, but I do regret that some members have left the House. On the whole, I find the Address very gratifying, and as we have already heard this is only a brief account of the achievements of the Government. I think our atmosphere at present is very calm and peaceful which is due to the efforts of the Government, and above all these, we are indeed happy to know that the Sixth Plan has outlaid Rs.130 crores for Mizoram.

Regarding the Police Force, I am glad that they are improved. As we know Mizoram is bounded by Bangladesh and Burma, and it is most important that we have a strong Police Force in the out posts. I would like to point in particular the need to have a Police outpost at Cherhlun which is on the border of Burma. Not only there but also in the various Border villages along Bangladesh.

In Para 6, various ways of development in agriculture is mentioned. We are now yielding our own vegetables. However, I request the Government to verify the said reclaimed lands on the spot as it is possible that these lands may be lying waste.

I am glad that the Government has done much to improve roads in Mizoram as mentioned in Para 9.

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In Para 10, we find that the Government is aware of the problems faced in regard to water-supply. I am glad that it is doing its best to supply water in the lean season.

Para 11 also mentions the developments in Electricity

In the field of education, schools have been improved and revised courses introduced. We have colleges at Saiha, Serchhip and Aizawl. A new college has been opened at Hnahthial with a great effort by the public. I hope that this new Hnahthial college will be among the list of colleges by the next session.

I am glad that the P.C. Ministry has laid great stress on Community Development in the rural areas.

In Para 17, development in Road Transport is mentioned. Para 15-19 also brings to light the achievements of the Government for the physically handicapped.

Lastly, I am glad that the Government is laying stress on cultural activities through the conducted tours. It would be very beneficial if such tours are conducted in Foreign countries.

Thank you.

PU K. BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I think the Lt. Governor's Address has presented briefly all the important achievements of the Government within 1980-81 and also its future plans. In the course of our discussion it is important that we should say only what we really mean and intend to practice. I do not think that there are members who are not pleased with the achievements of the Government.

When any political party formed a majority Government, it is their duty to work for the whole state and not just for their party.

One thing we can see from the Administrator's Address is that the Central Government is very much aware of the needs of Mizoram, and has done whatever it can for the upliftment of our state.

We also find that the Sixth Plan has made an ample provision of Rs. 130 crores which is a phenomenal increase. It is our obligation to utilise this money in the proper way. As regards to Housing, I share the opinion of some members that the loans are not sufficient owing to the meagre provision in the budget. It would be appreciated if the Government of Mizoram can utilise loans for housing developments from the HUDCO and LIC as done in other state. It would also be better if the housing loans are handled by the Housing Department and not by the Finance Department as it is done now.

Lastly, I would like to point out that there is no proper Road in the Lungpho area. If we start from Aizawl-Lunglei-Keitum-Vanlaiphai-Lungdar-Biahte-Khawhai-Khawzawl-Aizawl there are no proper network of roads. I do not know if the Government is aware of this fact, I therefore request the Government to kindly consider this matter.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now have a recess till 2:00 P.M. in the afternoon.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

Afternoon
2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : Before we start our Business, I would like to say a few things, on why the Opposition Members walked out this morning. The Opposition Leader Pu Lal-Thanhawla raised an amendment on the Administrator's Address. After a thorough study of the points raised for the Amendment, it was found that all these points were included in the address. The Amendment was thus rejected.

It is the practice in the Assembly that all Resolutions, Motions, Questions etc should be submitted to the Speaker before discussion. The Speaker, after consulting the Rules may or may not admit them for discussion. It is not necessary to announce in the House, the reasons for not accepting them. The Dy. Speaker, in my absence had informed the House this morning that it cannot be discussed in the House. It is not included in the Business list. We shall now proceed to our business. Pu Bualhranga to speak.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Speaker, I am glad to have this opportunity to discuss the Administrator's address. It is important to know that the Administrator has briefly given an account of the achievements of the Government during one year in this small booklet. It is therefore wrong to expect every detail to appear in the address.

It is indeed a joy to know that Rs. 130 crores have been outlaid for the Sixth Plan. I hope this is not misused, but rather used for the benefit and development of Mizoram.

In respect of Road Transport, it is the only means of transport we have in Mizoram. With this in mind, the Government has done its best through the Public Works Department and BRTF and we now have about 2100 Km metalled road. In this respect I would like to mention the problems faced because the Government of Mizoram has put the two important Directorates of Supply and Transport under one Directorate. The Transport Department alone has its heavy load not to speak of the supply department. Therefore, for a more efficient running of administration we need to have the supply and Transport under two separate Directorates. In this way, there will be better maintenance of transport which is one of our main income and also better supply of foodstuff to the rural areas.

We also find that the Government has laid stress on Social Welfare. Measures have been taken on liquor prohibition, drugs etc. What we need is a Reformatory School for youngsters who are loitering about. I hope the Social Welfare Department takes up this challenge to reform our young people today.

Thank you

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PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, in the discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Administrator's Address, I would like to speak on just 7 points.

We are well aware of hard work and heavy schedule that the Mizoram Police Force are facing. With this in view, they have been granted Casual Compensatory Leave for 30 days. If this has not been availed, they are entitled to draw in cash for the 30 days. I therefore request the authorities concerned to see that this is properly utilised.

Regarding supply of foodstuff, I am glad that inspite of the many hardships faced, we have managed to pull through. This has made me realise that we need to have an officer at Gauhati which is the main station of supply to Mizoram. This office will cater to the needs of the supply department.

It is good news to know that the Forest Division is expanding and that two new Divisions are to be opened soon.

The Government of Mizoram has also very kindly made it convenient for travellers to lodge at Mizoram House in the cities. We are very much indebted to the Government for this act. Our thanks also goes to the officials who have never complained about the inconveniences caused to them owing to the overcrowded Houses by individuals and sick persons.

Regarding prohibition of liquor and other intoxicants, I am glad that the (Liquor prohibition) Bill 1980, is under consideration. I appreciate the efforts of the Y.M.A. and other associations in their contribution in this matter.

Lastly, I appreciate the Administrator's statement that we are striving for a clean, honest and efficient Administration.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Joe Ngurdawla .

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am happy that we have this opportunity to discuss the Administrator's Address. I know that it is not possible to expect a detailed account in these few pages.

I am very much impressed by the statement that 'Peace' has prevailed in the land, and people have returned to their normal ways of living. It shows the value of a peaceful atmosphere.

The Government has done its best during the crisis of Supply of foodgrains by air-dropping. It is indeed a joy to re-collect these undertaking no matter whether it is written in terms of Kgs or quintals.

I am happy to know that an outlay of Rs. 130 crores is put for the Sixth Plan. We can say that this is due to the efforts of our Leaders.

I am also glad that Soil Conservation Programme has been pursued. Regarding roads, it is expected that about 11 roads will be black topped during the current financial year.

Other big projects like Electricity and Water Supply Schemes are also gaining much progress.

Para 13 mentions education, and I think every village should be given a Pre-Primary school as allowed by the Indian Constitution.

Regarding Health Services, the need for Doctors and Medical service in the rural areas is a matter of top priority. This may be considered by the Government most immediately.

For improving Land Tenure System, I think it is important to study the existing customary law and customary system. Accordingly, we have the Local Administration Department which is somewhat different from the Municipalities. The LAD is under the D.G. and I think it would be better if it is under a Directorate. In this way, it will be more in tune with the customary laws.

Regarding prohibition of liquor, we do not have any Bill or Act apart from the Liquor Prohibition Bill 1980. It is therefore difficult on the part of some associations who have taken steps in this respect. A sound legal support is necessary in this matter.

I am glad that Aizawl has been selected as one of the centres for competitive examinations.

I am surprised that some members have stated that the 20 Point Economic Programme is not found in the Address. On the contrary, the whole programme is for the upliftment of the rural areas.

The Government of Mizoram is also trying to arrange for the village council elections. There have been problems in this matter and the recent census has also delayed the arrangements.

Regarding employment, everything possible has been done to recruit locals through the Employment Exchange and 80% has been reserved for scheduled Tribes.

Lastly, I am happy that we have adopted this motion of thanks, we have all contributed our thanks and appreciation. I hope that the Government will do its utmost to implement the programmes.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no more to be said, we shall close for today and tomorrow we shall wind up the Motion of Thanks at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned
at 3:05 P.M.

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