

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Ye are the salt of the earth : but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men, Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.

Mathew 5: 13-16.

The replies to questions which were not answered on 11th March, shall be distributed to the members. As per rules, those should be included in the proceedings of 11th March. (It was distributed to the members). Now, we shall start our today's business, Pu Lalupa's question.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

PU P.LALUPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my question No. 34.

- (a) (a) Whether the Government is aware that milk supplied by private farms in and around the towns is below in permissible adulteration.
- (b) If so, whether the Government propose to take action against the farms who sell such adulterated milk for public consumption.
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to ensure sale of Milk free from adulteration in immediate future.

PU P.B.ROSANGA
MINISTER :

Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question No.34.

(a) The Government is not aware that milk supplied by private firms in and around the towns is below permissible adulteration.

(b) does not arise.

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(c) The Government is preparing The Mizoram Prevention of food adulteration Rules to ensure sale of Milk and other consumable goods free from adulteration.

PU P.LALUPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, could you tell me when the rules are expected to be ready for use?

PU P.B.ROSANGA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the rules were already framed, but it is necessary to fix the area (it is termed local area) in which the Enforcing Authority is to be having authority. Negotiations with Law Department regarding this local area is going on. It is not yet decided whether we shall follow the Administration Territorial Division. When this area could be declared, the rules will be enforced, I cannot say the date and time.

PU C.L.RUALL : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question - How much is allowed under Permissible adulteration? How far is it relaxable?

PU P.B.ROSANGA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Rules will make it clear.

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is much water added to the milk. Even government's milk when measured by lactometer, sums to be inbalancing. Is the milk distributed by the government taken from Vety farm or collected from private farms? If we know from where they are collected, we can understand why it is so adulterated.

PU P.B.ROSANGA
MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I wonder if the hon'ble member's question is relevant or not. He asks about distribution of milk when we are taking about control of adulteration. However, it is answerable, Many of them are collected from private farms. The government distributes them on no loss no gain basis. Many of them are also from government farm.

PI L.THANMAWII: Pu Deputy Speaker, we all know that much water is added to the milk. It is not worth calling milk but white wate. It is my wish that the Rules for checking adulteration of milk be framed immediately.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Government has framed the rules. The problem lies in the enforcing authority which is being processed. It is going to be enforced as soon as possible.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA : Pu Lalthanzauva is not present, so we will take up Question No.36, Pu Ellis Saidenga's question.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Question No.36.
(a) Is it a fact that a good number of villages still exists and jhumming operation continues inside the declared area of Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary?
(b) If so, why, shifting of these villagers are not done?

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred Question No.36.
(a) Yes.
(b) The Government was ready to shift the villagers from this sanctuary in the month of October, 1979. But due to the General Election held in January 1980, many Government servants had to go for election duty. Besides this, if the shifting was done at that time, it was felt that it might disturb the people too much, so it was decided to do the shifting after election was over. And till now, due to different reasons coming up, it is not done, the primary reason is the shortage of responsible persons from the Government.

PU BUALHRANGA : PU Deputy Speaker, how many families are there and how many people are there in Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary?

PU P.B.ROSANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not remember the figure. In 1974, when this Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary was reserved, there were about 270 families, but now, there are not less than 500 families.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Minister incharge has said that there were 270 families in Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary when it was reserved in 1974. If I am not mistaken, there was no family there recording to 1971 census. In 1974, there were 42 families, but now there are 824 families. In view of the present situation, it looks as if it is prepared for township and not for Wildlife Sanctuary. Is the government intending to make a new township instead of Wildlife Sanctuary? When is the government going to make the Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary free from encroachment?

PU P.B.ROSANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, his question was very informative. Regarding the figure, the Forest Department had surveyed it after it was declared to be reserved for Wildlife Sanctuary, it might be the total population and not families. So what the Hon'ble Member has just said may be more reliable. The government is trying to shift out the people from the sanctuary for which comprehensive plan has been made.

There may be two problems - one is that the shifting is to be done by District Magistrate and the looking after is to be done by the Forest Department. The responsible department - Wildlife Division of Mizawl West Division is ready to do its duty getting everything ready with administrative approval. But the District Magistrate has not done the needful as expected has not done the needful as expected, although there was order in 1980, in the month of October. I request you all the Hon'ble Member to take an interest in it.

PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Deputy Speaker, is it a fact that those people to be shifted out are said to have been told by some people to be obstinate ?

PU P.B.ROSANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the government is receiving certain informations regarding this. Till now, as it appears from the information, there are some people who used to encourage them. But the real reason is the government is not yet ready to shift them out.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Dampa Sanctuary was reserved in 1974. And now, there are a good number of families in it. Did not the precious Ministry do anything to prevent their coming or to shift them out of it?;

PU P.B.ROSANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Government has been doing necessary thing since the House passed the reservation of Dampa wildlife sanctuary. In 1946-1977, though plan was made, yet as I've said, there were two problems connected with this. The first problem was that the forest Department itself never took interest in it, before 1978, Aizawl was under one Division of Forest. Duly after 1978, Kolasib division was opened. By the last January, the Government got ready the wildlife Division. Before this, it was under Aizawl Division, and looked after by the rangers. The second problem was the District magistrate who was responsible for the shifting of the people was not yet ready. From the very beginning, the Department was been doing the needful for this sanctuary.

PU S.VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, if I'm not mistaken, the hon'ble Minister, has said that some of the people are not yet shifted out, could you please tell me how many of them were shifted? Has the Government made arrangements for those remaining families? If yes, are any arrangements made for the settlement of all these families? And why didn't the Government prevent the jhuming hill now?

PU P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, no one has been shifted out officially, but due to pressure from Department 20 families shifted out last year, and settled down at Saithah Village at their own will. For those families, a good plot of land was prepared between Saithah and Parvatui Villages, when it was decided to shift out all those people from the wildlife sanctuary, a comprehensive plan was made for arranging their occupation. In 1979, allotment was made for them to make a new village. As they used to do in some other group centres, the Deputy Commissioner sanctioned Rs. 40,000/- at the initial stage. Although everything was done, due to shortage of responsible magistrate, the actual shifting is not yet done. I am very sorry that the figure of occupants is still increasing bill today instead of being shifted out.

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DY. SPEAKER

: Question No. 37, Pu Ngurchhina's question.

EXCISE (REVENUE) DEPARTMENT

PU NGURCHHINA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, my starred question No. 37.

- (a) Whether it is a fact or not that Government intend to enforce Excise Act, 1974 in the near future.
- (b) If so, does the Government consider the present strength of the Excise Department sufficient to mean the enforcement of the Act?

PU LAHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to question No. 37.

- (a) The Government is intending to enforce Excise Act, 1973 not 1974.
- (b) The Government does not consider the present strength of the Excise Department sufficient, it needs improved.

PU NGURCHHINA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question, if it is going to be enforced, liquor permit will have to be issued. What is the intention of the Government regarding local liquor?

PU LAHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it will include local liquor.

PU K. LALBANGA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, one clarification. In the question, it is asked Act, 1974, but the Minister said, Act, 1973. Do we take it as 1973?

DEPUTY SPEAKER

: As the Minister has said, it should be 1973.

PU NGURCHHINA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, if it is going to include local liquor, many families are having mini distillery, especially at Tuikual, what is the Government going to do with these?

FU LAIHMINGTHANGA, : Pu Deputy Speaker, that's what Excise MINISTER Act will include.

FU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister said that Excise Department is not strong enough to enforce Excise Act, 1973. Has the Government any proposal to make the department strong enough?

FU LAIHMINGTHANGA, : Pu Deputy Speaker, the government is MINISTER walking the Excise Department strong enough to enforce Excise Act, 1973. In order to enforce it effectively, more 105 only. It is considered 50 persons will be needed in Directorate, about 56 at Aizawl District, Aizawl and 32 at Lunglei. So the total no. of persons required for the whole department is 138. We have 23 already and need more 105 persons, However, to take all these 105 men are required Rs. 11,27,000/- whereas our actual money already approved by central government is only Rs. 3,00,000/-. If we enforce this Act, the revenue will be increased and with Rs. 2,00,000/- if is expected to employ 28 more workers. It is also expected to get Rs. 10,00,000/- more every year from Excise. According to the existing Government formula for employees' salary However, the government is intending to get the additional fund requirement from the central government, though we cannot say we will be successful. If ever we could enforce this Act, it will surely be very useful for local resource mobilisation. Though the present strength of Excise department is not sufficient, it is expected to make it sufficient gradually.

FU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, even if the police seize the liquor, it will have to be proved that it is liquor because there are many kinds of liquor. In order to do this, there should be public analysis, I would like to know whether this is included in Directorate and when is the government going to enforce?

FU LAIHMINGTHANGA, : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are not aware MINISTER of public analysis being included in the Directorate. However, it used to be proved in the laboratory which are in different places in India. Will it be very difficult to prove it? I cannot say the time but it is expected to enforce it as soon as possible.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Question No. 38 & 39. Fu Ngurdwla's question. He is absent. We shall call upon Fu Ngurchhina to ask his question No. 40.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Question No.40.
(a) Whether or not Government procured small cardamom seedlings from Kerala during the current year 1980-1?
(b) If the answer is yes, do Government consider it worth-while to introduce it in Mizoram? And what is its performance under the climate conditions of Mizoram?
(c) What is its germination percentage?

PU F.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to Question No.40 (a) Yes.
(b) Small cardamom was believed to be good in Mizoram, that's why it was taken. Before this, the Government of Mizoram invited one Deputy Director from spices Board. He surveyed different parts of Mizoram like Demagri, Lokichera, Kawrtethaweng, and he said that cardamom could be ground in Mizoram. It is not yet one year and they seem to be suited to the climate of Mizoram.
(c) The percentage of germination was 60 %.

PU NGURCHHINA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I'm sorry I've written percentage of germination, what I mean to ask is how many survived from the seedling taken from Kerala. Could you please say that way?

PU F.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, when I say 60% germinated, it was the no. of survivals. The Government conservation Department took them in seedlings, and grow them in nursery from which 60% germinated. The seedling we got from Kerala was not so good, I cannot say the percentage.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is it true that these cardamom seedlings taken from Kerala took fifteen days and after reaching Aizawl, it was kept for 7 days as there was no conveyance. So it could not germinate properly?

FU P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER : Fu Deputy Speaker, it is true to some extent. It is understood that there was much deterioration within those 15 days, and was also delayed here for some days due to some difficulties. It is the first time we ever look it the Government is also aware that it is not good because it takes a long time for transportation. It will not take any more in deedlings again.

FU JOE NGURDAWLA : Fu Deputy Speaker, I shall be very glad if you could allow me to ask my question.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Fu Ngurdawla was asked for permission to ask his question which we left as he was absent. Now we shall call upon him to ask.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

FU JOE NGURDAWLA : Fu Deputy Speaker, question No. 38.
(a) When will the construction of B.R.T.F. road from Champhai to Khawbung etc be started?

FU LAHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER : Fu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble member has asked when the construction of Champhai to Khawbung road will be started by BRTF. There is not exactly Champhai to Khawbung road. The Government of Mizoram has applied for Champhai - Bungzung - Khawbung - N.Vanlaiphai road with Vaphei and Farkawn link road to be included. This is under consideration and the replying is awaited.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no supplementary question, we shall go to question no.39. Fu Ngurdawla's question.

FU JOE NGURDAWLA : Fu Deputy Speaker, question no.39.
(a) Whether the Government has proposal to irrigate the River of IVA as to feed the vast cultivable land on the western side of Tiau River?

(b) Is it known to the Government that the people of Vaphai and surrounding areas are very eager to utilise the river of IVN to feed their cultivation.

IU I.B.ROSANGA,
MINISTER : Iu Deputy Speaker, answer to question No.39 .
(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we shall go to Business Item No.2. Brig.Thenphunga Sailo, Chief Minister will lay the papers on the Table.

BRIG.THENPHUNGA SAILO; : Iu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I lay this order 'The Mizoram Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 1978' on the Table.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let copies be distributed to the members. (Copies were distributed to the members).

Now, we shall call upon Iu Lalhmingshanga, Minister to 'The Mizoram Revenue Allocation of Seats and Grants of stipend for survey training Rules, 1979' to the House.

IU LALHMINGSHANGA,
MINISTER : Iu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I lay 'The Mizoram Revenue Allocation of Seats and Grants of stipend for survey Training Rules, 1979' on the Table of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let copies be distributed to the members. (Copies were distributed to the members).

Now, we shall go to private Members' Bill for consideration and passing' Business Item No.4 is submitted by Iu K.Lalsanga. It is "The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill 1981" and it was introduced in 8.3.1981. Now, we shall call upon Iu K.Lalsanga.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

1U K. LALSANGA : 1U Deputy Speaker, let the Rules to be amended be distributed to the members because the member are not very clear about it. There are some questions also, and I could like to amend it. I suggest the amended form be distributed to the members.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 1U K. Lalsanga asked for permission to amend the Bill "The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 1981. Let it be distributed to the members (it was distributed to the members).

1U K. LALSANGA : 1U Deputy Speaker, I've asked the bill be amended, but as I could like to amend the amendment, could you give me permission?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House has given permission to amend on 6.3.1981. Now he is asking for amendment to amendment? What is the opinion of the members?

1U H. RAMMAWI : 1U Deputy Speaker, nothing has been settled, and not yet amended. Shall we go as usual?

1U JOE NGURDAWLA : 1U Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble member has asked for amendment and the House has agreed to consider it, and he's asking for amendment to amendment. Take the opinion of the House.

1U C. L. RUALA : 1U Deputy Speaker, the House has agreed to consider his amendment on 6.3.1981. Do we give a new permission for the second amendment or we need not give another permission? That seems to be his question.

IU JOE NGURDAWLA : Iu Deputy Speaker, the former one has not been considered, his is asking for consideration of the former amendment. It would be better if you solve the opinion of the House to consider the first and second together.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Shall we solve the opinion of the House?

IU BUALHRANGA : Iu Deputy Speaker, He wants to make small corrections on the amendment he asked to be made. His amendment Bill has not been considered by the House. I wish the House could understand his small corrections in the amendment Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Those members who agree to consider his amendment Bill, may say "agree" anyone who does not agree? (Members agree). We shall call upon Iu K.Lalsanga to move 'Private Members' Bill' 'The Mizoram Board of Education (Amendment) Bill, 1981' which he submitted.

IU K.LALSANGA : Iu Deputy Speaker, I am very glad that my bills are allowed to be considered. I have introduced the Bill on 6.3.81. I wonder if it is really necessary to move it. So I just want that the Rules and Regulations of Mizoram Board of School Education should be laid before the Assembly as it used to be done in the case of other Departments. I have made an amendment which was distributed to the members. So I will not read it out. I request the House to pass this Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone who wants to say something?

IU JOE NGURDAWLA : Iu Deputy Speaker, Iu Lalsanga's amendment Bill was good. All rules regulations etc framed under the Act passed by the Assembly should be laid on the Table of the House and this fact is generally incorporated in such rules. It must be done as in this Board of School Education Rules if not already done, and laying of the rules on the Table of the House is a must. I therefore feel that this is to be passed without further discussion.

IU H. RAMMAWI : Yu Deputy Speaker, I consider the proposal amendment to be one which should have been made long time ago because Education Board could not use the Act till now due to the absence of the rules. Most of the members have already studied the contents of it, so I want to pass it without further discussion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If we are not going to say anymore, Yu K.Lalsanga may ask for the passing of the Bill.

IU K.LALSANGA : Yu Deputy Speaker, I have already asked. I am very glad that the members agreed to pass only after a short discussion. Besides this, some of the Rules and Regulations of Mizoram Board of School Education need to be scrutinized more carefully, I not only ask for the bill to be passed, but also request the Department to look into the matter. I request the House to pass the Amendment Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Yu K.Lalsanga has asked for the House to pass the Bill. We shall invite Education Minister.

IU F.MALSAWMA,
MINISTER : Yu Deputy Speaker, it appears that all the rules, bye-laws, regulations etc. have to be laid on the Table of the House. I see no ground for objection to the proposed amendment and I want it to be passed:

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have heard the opinion of the Education Minister. Those who agree to pass this Bill "The Mizoram Board of School Education (Amendment) Bill, 1981" say xx "Agree", (Members-agree) we all agree.

Now, we shall proceed to our Business Items No.5. Lets call upon Yu Sainghaka to move Private Resolution.

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTION

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this is my resolution-
"This Assembly is of the opinion that the present Circuit House at Silchar be called "Mizoram House" in the interest of the public".

The reason for the proposed change of the name of the house is that we have some Houses at different places. Mizoram House in Delhi is looked after by General Administration Department and in Calcutta, Mizoram House is looked after by Supply Department, and in Silchar we have Mizoram Circuit House. In the past budget provision used to be made in the name of Mizoram House for the whole project at Silchar. But now the building particularly has been called Circuit House. When it is called Circuit House, the purpose of the House is a little different from Mizoram House, Circuit House cannot be used by all the Mizos as our own. During British regime, they used to have Circuit Court which is only for officials. I find it necessary to call our only House at Silchar Mizoram House as it is for all of us. We have Circuit Houses in Shillong and other places with a little temporary building. It seems that many of us could not differentiate between Mizoram House and Mizoram Circuit House. When the member from Sangau Constituency moved his resolution for building at Mizoram House in Shillong, many members said we have Mizoram House in Assam.

It appears that we do not clearly know that the one we have in Silchar is not a Mizoram House. From the very sign board, it can be understood that it does not include all the Mizos and there are some restrictions for its uses. As it is practised by our neighbouring states, those houses are used by the in community more freely, e.g. Nagaland House in Delhi, Arunachal Bhawan in Shillong and Nagaland House in Shillong. They make a special Hall in the House for the public of that community to be used for important functions and occasions. Even if the Government of Mizoram is willing to make that kind of Hall, it is not suitable when it is called Circuit House if it is going to be used as Circuit House on its real purpose, so, that is why, I want it to be changed to Mizoram House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone who wants to say about it.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA

MINISTER :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I don't think there is much to say on the resolution. But there are some points that need clarification. The mover has said that if the house is called Circuit House, it cannot be used by all the Mizos as our own. I find it wrong to believe that only because it is Circuit House, it is not opened to Mizo people as a whole. This house is Mizoram Assembly and it belongs to Mizoram. Here also we have Circuit House and it belongs to Mizoram. It is not correct to think the Mizoram Circuit House at Silchar belongs to the Mizoram from its very name.

Suppose we call Circuit House in Silchar Mizoram House and opened to all the Mizos as if it were an inn, that is not the purpose for which it was constructed. The Government has several houses in different places. These are meant for the Ministers and other officials, when they want on duty, instead of staying in hotels and to make things easier for them. It won't be fight if we teach ourselves to treat these houses as hotels and inns.

At the same time, the Mizoram House in Delhi, though it is meant for officials, cannot be strictly used as such. As we know, we go only when it is absolutely necessary or when we are compelled by illness or something like that. The officials incharge of it were also instructed to liberally allow those people who have to stay in Delhi to stay in Mizoram House. Though it is not meant to be used as an hotel or inn, it serves the same purpose for some people because of its extreme necessity.

In Shillong and Calcutta we have Circuit House and Mizoram House respectively, they proved very useful. V.I.P suits are arranged with a clear cut criteria to occupy it as was suggested by Subordinate Legislation in June, 1980. The government is trying to make improvements in the existing Circuit House in different places to make things easier for the government officials on duty. It is found that Circuit Houses in Silchar and Calcutta are not enough to accommodate the government officials on duty. As such other suitable arrangements are being made for another building, 'Dak Bungalow' to be constructed. However, these should not be treated as Hotels or inns as to accommodate all the ordinary travellers.

PU K. BIAKCHUNGUNGA. Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate the mover's mind to have moved this resolution. When we consider this matter, there are certain things which needs more careful examination. As the hon'ble Minister has just said, these houses are meant for government officials on duty to make things easier in their service for the public. It is wrong opinion of the people to assume the officers to find accommodations and facilities easier than ordinary people. It is for the benefit of the public that these are arranged. The entitled persons are also clearly distinguished.

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From the speech of the mover we heard that special halls are arranged for the Community. That is entirely different thing. There are some states who could construct those and there are some who could not. If the Mizoram Government is able to do that, its alright. Whether it is called Mizoram House or Circuit House, the building is the House and not the building or house nearby.

As we are aware that the House is owed, whenever we get a chance, there is an urge to make use of the house even if we do not need it particularly. However, the purpose of the House is not such. The Minister has said that Mizoram House in Delhi is not strictly used for officials but also for poor and needy travellers who could not get accommodations elsewhere. Sometimes this leniency may cause the officials inconvenience in their official work. As we all know, even for big officers, it is quite difficult to get accommodations in hotels as we can hardly afford the standards. For ordinary people, we can't avoid going to Delhi because of our illness, and if we are to get rooms in hotels, they are quite expensive. So we are to be very grateful to the government for the generosity it shows to the public by allowing us to stay in Mizoram House and understands our problems in getting accommodation outside. In fact, Silchar is very near. There are many people who have got good friends in Silchar even before Mizoram House was constructed, and there are quite a number of hotels, which are not very expensive for one night. For those who would like to have medical consultations also could get accommodations easily.

I do not know any other state having their House except in state capitals. If we want to call it Mizoram House in Shillong, Calcutta and New Delhi, its O.K. as they are state and the whole capitals. I have never heard any state having their state House in any town smaller than state capitals.

Whether it is called Mizoram House or Circuit House, the use of it cannot be different that much and the name of the house does not alter the fact that it is all ours. I am afraid it might not be best to change the name.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a good suggestion to change the name of Mizoram Circuit House to Mizoram House. However it appears that the Ministry is against it. I don't think we should hesitate the change of the name only. If the mover of the resolution could permit, I would like to suggest it to change it to Mizo In instead of Mizoram House. Other States are also having in other state capitals. Manipur has Manipur Bhawan in Calcutta and Delhi. Likewise Punjab has Punjab Bhawan in several capitals. They called it Bhawan, whereas we prefer 'House' to Bhawan. If I am not mistaken, Mizoram House in Calcutta is known as 'Mizo In' and also in Delhi. It is rather, nice to have a house with a Mizo name outside Mizoram.

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Regarding the entitled officials and other rules for the House, we have special officers to carry out the rules. As such there will be no difficulty.

It is good to hear that patients along with their escorts are allowed to sleep at least in the verandahs when rooms are not available in Mizoram House in Delhi. Delhi is quite far, and accommodation is not easy, and very expensive. Silchar is on the other hand very near. It is our main exit and entrance and most frequently visited. Moreover, as it is the nearest Medical College, Hospital, many are going for medical treatment. There may be some people who are having good friends in Silchar, yet, as the travellers are very much larger in number compared to visitors of Delhi, there are many people who have no friends at all. And owing to the unhealthy atmosphere between Bengalis and Mizos in Silchar, it is not always peaceful to stay in cheap hotel rooms. I think we all prefer expensive rooms to cheap ones if we think it safer. Our life is most precious, that's why many do not want to stay in Silchar at the risk of our life. Those who could go under police escorts may be safe, but for ordinary people, it is not always safe. Such is the atmosphere in Silchar. It would be better if the government could construct some more buildings in addition to the existing building so as to accommodate those who have to go for medical treatment and for other purposes. It does not mean that there would be no V.I.P rooms for officials only because the name of the house is changed. The building itself is not to be modified. But I am in favour of changing the name of Mizo In as I proposed earlier.

The Minister incharge said that the list of officers who are entitled to stay there has been modified as suggested by Subordinate Legislation June last year. However, when I visited Delhi in December last year, I saw no change in the management. We MLAs were given a small room in ground floor while the Secretary were given V.I.P rooms. MLAs were treated below under Secretary. Priority was given to secretaries, It is really a shame.

I went to General Administration Department a few days back. There they said the rules for management was under process. We have Mizoram Circuit House and Mizoram House in different places like Calcutta, Shillong, Delhi, They are all different in their management. This is not surprising as they are looked after by different departments. It would be much better if we have their names same, and the management same. Now, we are going to build another House in Calcutta and it is to be called Dak Bungalow. Why can't we call it Mizoram House Extension? I don't know why we should call the nearer ones Circuit House. It is my suggestion that it should be changed to Mizoram House or better still Mizo In.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, Pu Deputy Speaker, there seems to be nothing much to say, yet I felt it necessary to say a few words. I might take a few minutes.

We cannot understand the significance of Mizoram House. Even among MLAs. We can hardly explain enough of it, when we call it 'House' we take it as our own and want to make use of it whenever it is possible from the very beginning, it was proposed to build this House for better convenience of government officials, and for that reason alone, Finance Department could accept the proposal. Had it been proposed for public house, it would not have been accepted.

One thing we must clear is that those Houses owned by other states like Assam House, Manipur House, Karnataka House etc. are named only for the name's sake. However, all these state sources are having proper rules of management as they have Rules for Circuit Houses in their respective states. Meghalaya, Assam, Nagaland etc notified their rules in which all the entitled officials were clearly mentioned. However, it is not the name which is important. For us, we could not make it clear enough to MLAs, lecturers, High School teachers and officers. They thought that it is for public these Houses are built and opened to all Mizos. This is not so. If we go to Delhi, the Assamese and Khasis themselves could hardly enter their states houses. Their Ministers and government officials, occupy most of the time. According to their rules, it is allowed for the retired government servants also, however their names are at the bottom in the entitled list, I've tried for myself to stay the night before and soon after I retired but I was not successful. Once I got the room, but as I was not Assamese, I had to pay Rs 24/- per day. It was very expensive like any other state Houses. While after States charged Rs 9, 10, 14 or 15 per day charges in Mizoram Houses is only Rs 3 or Rs 4; but I can't say how long we can do with this low rate. I am informed that if we continue the rate like this, we might get found out by the government and will make objections against it. There is another thing we practise in Delhi Mizoram House. Most people who go to Delhi are non official patients for medical treatment. There are only few Mizos who stay permanently and accommodation is very difficult to get. They have to go to All India Institute of Science so many times even to make appointment and they have to pay around Rs 10/- or Rs 12 for going there one. This means they have to pay lots of money for visiting the Hospital and taking treatment. Keeping this common problem in view, we tried to get the site for Mizoram House South Extension and near to All India Institute as possible. Luckily we could get the land only ten minutes walk from All India Institute. So the employees in Mizoram House were instructed to allow patients to stay there though it is against the rules. We cannot say for how long we can continue our practice. Home Ministry is aware of the fact and have pointed out a few times. Sometimes, it happens that the patients who are allowed to stay in Mizoram House out of sympathy are

given the bill, they used to refuse to pay the bill. We have to be in mind those small things. People may come and go, and seats are not always available even for the patients and have to be told. And we take offence there. We must try to understand the non-availability of seats.

Again, if we go to Calcutta, we can see that it is easier to get accommodation than Delhi. However, the officer in charge of Mizoram is instructed to allow those officials entitled to stay there.

We cannot compare Shillong and Silchar. There are quite a number of Mizo families in Silchar and Shillong. It is not difficult to get accommodation in Shillong, that's why the rules are very strict in Shillong. Though there are less Mizo families in Silchar, there are Hotels where we can put up. So those who are not entitled are not allowed to be accommodated in Mizoram House.

In Shillong, we have a good and rather large compound for Mizoram Circuit House. If we could buy the whole area, the government is intending to build another house in the compound which will be named properly to be approved by Finance Department, and it will be made convenient for Mizos for holding conference and important functions if and when necessary. However, we cannot put it in the book as if it is free for everybody. The same thing is expected to execute in Silchar. As the compound is large enough, we can build another building in the compound. We will give it appropriate name which will not be objected by Finance Department. So that more people could be accommodated. When the need arises. We cannot do this now. Even if we could do this, we must be very clear about the usages, otherwise it would be very trouble some for the government. In fact, we are quite lenient in Silchar Mizoram House. Although we all want to be admitted, yet all of us do not know how to behave, and the facilities suffer a lot from the ignorant guests.

We always point out the Nagas, Nagas are, of course very free, yet, if we look at Assam House and Meghalaya House in Delhi, they are not free. I do not suggest to imitate the Nagas. Their House in Shillong is having a large compound, and a good Hall. This hall is not used by everybody but there are rules approved by Finance Department. They use it according to the rules, we want to do it like wise.

Regarding the Management of Mizoram House in Delhi, it is looked after by General Administration Department. Whereas in Silchar, Calcutta and Shillong, they are looked after by Supply Department. Each house is looked after by Deputy Director who is assisted by Inspector and other staff. We cannot afford to create new posts to look after Mizoram House as the Deputy Directors are capable of doing the job. As such allotment of seats and reservation, etc. are being done by Supply and Transport Department. It is the subject of General Administration

Department, and they were doing the work for some time. However, there is always some difficulties between the two departments as we have Deputy Directors in Calcutta, Shillong and Silchar whereas we do not have one in Delhi. So the government thought it best to have a Liaison Officer in Delhi under General Administration Department. If any of us want to know better, we are ready to make it clear any time.

Lastly, why we change the name of what we call Mizoram House at Silchar to Circuit House is that we cannot explain enough because everyone thinks he is entitled to it and if they are not given accommodation, they are very angry with the staff, so it was decided to call it Circuit House so as to avoid some of these problems. We can call it Mizo In also, if the management is same as one member suggested. But as I have said everyone will expect to be admitted. Even if we write in newspapers, we cannot understand. In order to make things easier for the staff, it was called Circuit House and it would be quite difficult to change it.

FU NGURCHHINA :

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say a few words. Whether it is called Mizoram House or Circuit House, the important point is the rules for its occupation. So the name does not matter much. When we, Public Accounts Committee were going to South India, we were given No.8 and No.11. rooms. After that government official came and he was given V.I.P room. We ordered food for 8:30 p.m. and our food was given to that official in V.I.P room. Such is how things are being done, we used to say that we are all equal in the House. Yet, there seems to be distinction between government officers and MLAs. Regarding the rules and regulations for these Houses, we have heard that they were modified as suggestions made by Legislation Committee. That should be an easy one as the Legislation Committee made the suggestion according to the list of precedent. Though MLAs are in high category, they do not usually go on duty. I do not think all the rooms are always full whenever they go. It appears to me they do it deliberately. They don't mind giving our share to non-Mizo Directors. The reason is that they are "s staff, he might not know that he was taking our share. The staff did not pay attention to our needs but to their boss. It was not funny yet we had to make a job of it. Among the MLAs some of us are different and talk less. It would be better if we have proper rules. In my opinion, it would be better if we follow same rules regarding the occupation of rooms in Mizoram House, Circuit House, Forest Rest House, Soil Conservation Rest House etc, regardless of the department which is responsible. Let the rules be examined more carefully. Apparently there are two ideas regarding the list of priority in the list. One is that elected representatives should be first in the list and the other is the priority of government officials. This should be settled immediately.

It has no much difference to me whether it is called Mizoram House or Circuit House. However, as it is practiced in other places, only class I Officers are entitled to it, though there seems to be no such distinction. Whatever name we give, the rules will matter. As it is Government House. I don't think general public should not be so insisting.

After that experience of mine, I never visited Mizoram House again, I go to Hotel instead. It is beyond my comprehension that officers should take our share out of our hands, so I prefer hotels to such degradation. As I have said, hotels are not so expensive in Silchar.

To me, if we call it Mizoram Circuit House, it is lengthy, and if we call it Mizoram House it is better as the name does it matter so much but the rules of management, we know that the government is rather generous as to who is to be accommodated. The very night I stayed there also, some businessmen were also given accommodation upstairs, that shows their generosity. It is alright with own if they do not take the place of officials. Even if we could not open for public officially, those who go on duty should be given priority. It is the usual practice to pay whatever damage we caused. We can do the same there, Instead of buying new ones by the government, let the value of the damaged utensils or flash etc be paid by who damage it. I prefer Mizoram House to Circuit House as it is more appropriate and more beautiful.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution seem's to be reasonable. The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that they called their state houses only because it is more appropriate to call it. I have something to say regarding the management of these Houses. I seldom go to these House. One I went with Pu Lalnunzira to my constituency taking a dead body and we stayed one night in Silchar. We were given the room on ground floor after we told them who we were. In the rooms upstairs, there were S.P, Deputy Director etc and they had good light whereas we had no light in our room. When we asked for candle, they told me they were not given money for purchasing candles. I donot know whether the government has any rules regarding restriction of buying candles for the Mizoram House in Silchar or they wanted to ignore us deliberately.

I do not find so much difference in the name, whether it is called either name, businessmen or ordinary travellers would not such accommodation if we have proper rules of management. If we have rules, the staff will follow it. I suggest this Resolution be passed without much further discussion to call it Mizoram House for better understanding of public.

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PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the leader of the House seems to be conscious of the significance of my resolution for which reason I hope the rules for it may be easily constituted on more liberal terms. However, Supply and Transport Department called it Mizoram House in their rules regarding the occupation of rooms. The 2nd rule is 'Accommodation in Mizoram House consists of a Circuit House in which one seat, suit is earmark for V.I.P. Some members have pointed out that other states do not have state house except in states capitals. Obviously we were not very conscious about it when this House passed to have Mizoram House in Churachandpur. It was suggested to call our House in Silchar "Mizoram House" with the expectation that the rules for its occupation may be made a little liberal then those of Circuit House. The Hon'ble Chief Minister himself found Rs 24/- per day in Assam House very expensive. Hotels are very expensive for poor travellers. Those who go to compile account in Shillong were not entitled to be accommodated in Mizoram House. I was expecting to get more liberal rules from the change of the name.

However, I have decided to withdraw my resolution from the speeches made by the Hon'ble Ministers. So with the permission of the House, I would like to withdraw my resolution according to Rule 130 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The owner of the resolution has asked to withdraw his resolution. Anyone who disagree since it is how the property of the House?

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have some points to say. Let the government pursue those rules regarding the occupation of Mizoram House and Circuit House as suggested by Subordinate Legislation Committee in order of precedence. Otherwise, if the present practice is to be continued, the position of MLA is quite low and always ignored by the staff of these state Houses.

Until and unless we are given honour, as they do in other states, we ourselves do not bear such respect appearance specially while travelling. So we ought to be given the honour the state itself carries. I understand that members are very conscious of that from their speech. So I request the government to pursue things promptly.

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PU ZAIEMTHANGA
MINISTER :

Pu Deputy Speaker, he has asked to withdraw his resolution and it is expected that his request will be accepted of the House. However, you members have said some important points in connection to that resolution. I am very sorry that you hon'ble members have been treated by our staff like ordinary travellers in our state houses. I suggest that you submit complains against it if anything like those things happen to you again in the future. If you just go to some other place... (Pu C.L.Ruala- Pu Deputy Speaker, we cannot help being offended, we are placed very low in the rules which is notified we are not low, though MLAs are not entitled to V.I.P suit, yet we are in high category for other rooms, I have said that there is a new list made last June 1980.

This is for Silchar and Calcutta, for General Administration Department. I do not know of it, I know my department I am very sorry that our hon'ble members turned away from Mizoram Houses on account of poor treatment without our knowledge. I am serve there are many shortcomings in the part of our staff which needs careful examination. I am happy that the mover of the resolution agreed to withdraw his resolution after proper explanation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the Members go to his office and get the new rules made last June (1980). Pu Sainghaka has asked to withdraw his resolution according to Rules 130. Does the House agree to withdraw the resolution (Members- Yes) If so, Pu Sainghaka's resolution -"This Assembly is of the opinion that the present Circuit House at Silchar be called 'Mizoram House' in the interest of the public" is withdrawn. Now we shall go to List of Business Item No.6. Let us call upon Pu Sainghaka to move his resolution and explain it.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTION

* PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for allowing me to move my resolution. This is my resolution.

"This Assembly is of the opinion that the first Assam Rifles be shifter out of the Aizawl Town proper and that the area thus vacated be used for -

- (a) Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex, and
- (b) Other public purposes, viz : Educational Institutions.

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youth of today.

The reason why I move this resolution is that the present ministry is looking for better equipped facilities for the youth of today. This Assembly has passed the resolution moved by the hon'ble member from Sairang Constituency the suggestion for giving more fund towards sports and individual activities of youths'. To supplement that resolution, even if our young boys and girls want to utilize their leisure time for sports and other healthy activities, we do not have good play-ground. The only good playground we have is Assam Rifles Gound in Aizawl.

During Congress Ministry, the 1st Assam Rifles were to be shifted out to Luangmual. As the Minister has said, as Luangmual is going to be used for some other places are taken into consideration for the site. I feel that it is necessary to make their area ready for sports complex for which the first important thing is to shift out the 1st Assam Rifles. Even after shifting them out, we shall require lots of money to get it ready for sports complex. The amount of money we get in current Budget and sixth five year plan may not be sufficient for it. To get the required amount of money, as they do in other states, we may approach the Sanjay Memorial Trust. If we call it 'Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Complex' from the beginning, I think it will make things easier for the government.

Some of us may not think appropriate to name it Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Complex. It may look odd to some of us to see the name of Sanjay beside Vana Pa Hall, However, to reveal our wide-out look, that we are not so ignorant as we seem to be, it is necessary to have these names. We can accept the names of Shivajī Tillah, Radio Tillah Babu Tillah, etc. I do not think Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Complex will dishearten the numbers so much. I hope we could get the fund soon. As Sanjay Gandhi is quite popular among today's sports men, it is not too bad to have our playground in its name. Sanjay Gandhi himself, though he did not live long, was one of the most popular man in India. Being born in December 1946, and died in June 1980, he was regarded as one of the heroes. It fits to have the name of a great hero Sanjay Gandhi near the name of another hero Vana Pa. I wish this resolution, be passed after careful consideration. We could build good stadium at the slopes of the hills. we are making good progress in Inter State Sports and it is imperative to have a good sport complex to hold this sort of sports meet in our territory. The popular countries in the world are paying more attention to sports in the present era. As we know, Berlin divided itself into two due to the 2nd World War, but in Olympics. We can see the progress made by the eastern and western in the field of sports.

We should also give thought to this kind of thing. In order to show how good the Mizo brain is, it is necessary to have these facilities for which sports complex is one of the most important steps.

We may not use the whole area for this only. As I have suggested, it can be utilized for Educational Institutions like Youth Welfare which has no proper building. The whole area will be needed for constructing the required number of buildings for different games. So I request the House to pass my resolution and shift the 1st Assam Rifles from their present area.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Sainghaka has moved his resolution and explained it. We have a short time before noon. Let us try to finish within one hour. Let's call upon Pu Ramnawi.

* PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, time is too short, could we do it in the afternoon? I would like to make one thing clear.

In today's list of business, we have two resolutions of one member. But he withdrew one and that can be understood. There's another resolution Pu C.L. Ruala's resolution. According to the rules, more than one resolution of the same member should not be taken up in a day. If there is any exception, it should be put up to Business Advisory Committee. We have discussed one member's resolution a few days ago in this very session. The reason at least should be explained to the members. Generally, the members used to choose one of his resolutions for a day. I don't think we should go against the usual practice.

* PU H. RAMNAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, that was true. I have only ten minutes. If that's not allowed, I'll try to finish in 6 minutes. (Deputy Speaker, try to finish at one o'clock) Yes, I'll finish.

Pu Sainghaka's resolution reminds me of counting the chickens before they're hatched. As the mover has explained it's about the use of Assam Rifles compound before they shift. The purpose of this resolution is to reserve the Assam Rifles Compound for public property when they shift. I didn't say counting the chickens before they're hatched in a sarcastic way. In fact, it is necessary to count the chickens before they're hatched. That means every thing requires good and meaningful planning for its successful execution. I appreciate his opinion also. It would be very nice to have Sanjay Gandhi Memorial. As we all know, every state honours the name of Sanjay Gandhi, son of Prime Minister and expected to be the next Prime Minister, and his untimely death. He deserved the honour he was awarded. Other states are also having various things in his memorium. The shifting of 1st Assam Rifles had been started during Pu Ch. Chhunga's Ministry and they were quite successful. However, I would like to make amend-

ment to this resolution as permitted by Rules of Procedure Nos. 127 & 128. I would like to change Sanjay Gandhi's Memorial by Ch.Chhunga Sports Complex. The reason is C.Chhunga was our first Chief Minister in Mizoram and I felt it necessary to give honour to our fellow Mizos by ourselves. Besides this, he was the one who first moved the shifting of 1st Assam Rifles. Let the hon'ble mover kindly accept my amendment and let us forget our respective political parties and be Mizos. It is not that I do not like Sanjay Gandhi's name but Ch.Chhunga's name suits better to be next to Vana Po Hall in our state capital. So I request the mover to accept my amendment to his resolution, I can give you the copy also. I would like to know the mover's opinion.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, only one member has said, I reserve my opinion for now.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have recess now, and we will continue at 2:00 p.m.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As we have discussed in the morning, why we have one member's resolution today is our speaker admitted them according to Rules 119.

* PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, of course the Speaker can do it. However, as it used to be practised, if there is nothing specially urgent or exceptionally important, we never did more than one resolution of the same member in one day. As for today's business, we understand the speaker's decision. It's only the reason which I wanted to know. I suggest we follow the rules from now onwards.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That's right, from now onwards, we shall see from the ballot, Speaker will also be advised to do that.

* PU K.LALSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, can't you do it now ?

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Speaker himself admitted this and already included in today's business list. It will have to go unmodified.

* PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it does not depend on ballot. Even if it comes out in the ballot, it is chosen.

Two resolutions of one member come out and the owner of the resolutions chooses one of them. After that, other member choose his resolution.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have done this before, Do we still have to say?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall follow today's list of Business for now. This morning, Pu Sainghaka and Pu H.Rammawi have said. Anyone who wants to say on that resolution?

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, before I discuss, the member who wants to make amendments asks the opinion of the mover. Hadn't the mover say his opinion first? (Pu C.L.Ruala - Pu Deputy Speaker, point of information- We have accepted that resolution and it is House property now, The owner of the resolution could not withdraw as he pleases.) I am not talking about withdrawal of the resolution, and I don't find it necessary to withdraw the resolution.

However, in order to discuss the resolution, he suggested amendment specially (a)- What is the opinion of the mover? If we are going to discuss is amended, it's alright, if not alright, but we must settle which one is to be discussed, otherwise it takes time and we are still having another business today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : This morning Pu H.Rammawi wanted to know if the mover of the resolution agreed to change Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex with Ch.Chhunga sports complex.

PU SIVADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution became House property. Does amendment of that resolution still depend on the opinion of the mover?.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, the resolution is House property, I suggest amendment as permitted by Rules 127 and 128. I just wanted to know if the mover agreed it or not. It is not against the rules.

PU S. VADWU : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is no longer the property of the mover. It depends on the opinion of the House.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what the hon'ble member suggested was quite alright. However, if we look at the rules he bases, it is said that any one who wish to make amendment should make it and the should give its copy to the mover. It is not said whether the mover should agree with it or not. Therefore, as it is the property of the House, we should take the opinion of the House.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, instillation of Mizoram House in Shillong was my resolution. Pu Lal Thanhawla made amendment to it and he asked for my permission which I gave. As such it was passed unanimously. That was according to the rules, If he does not accept it, let him say so.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have Rules of Procedure according to which there is no mention whether the mover of the resolution could give permission or not. When I amended Pu H. Rammawi's resolution, I did not take his permission. I simply brought into the House the amendment. Whether he agree it or not is not obligatory.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Does the mover have any opinion ?
(Pu Saingahak - Opinion of the House is my opinion) We shall take the opinion of the House. Any member who wants to say on this resolution ?

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FU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate how the hon'ble member politely asks the opinion of the mover. Only very few members are here and it is necessary to show politeness, otherwise they might walk out on us again. Let the mover say whether he agrees to the amendment or not so that we can say either on an amended resolution or the original one.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : He has already said that opinion of the House is his opinion. Let us remember that. Any other member?

FU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are not criticizing that, Is there any unpleasantness to say his opinion? (Members laughed).

FU LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have an important point in this resolution moved this morning. It is good for the 1st Assam Rifles themselves to shift out. The Hon'ble Minister has said how the government took steps for their shifting. We agree with them, more-over we wish they could do better. We need playground, facilities, Recreation Rooms, stadium and Gymnasium very badly. There is no suitable land for these. It would be necessary to spend lots of money to make them. The only suitable and well-centred site we have is Assam Rifles Playground. The reason why Pu Sainghaka suggested to name the playground Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Complex is that, it is expected the 1st Assam Rifles might be a little more generous and that Central government may also take more interest if it is named Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex. This will be beneficial constructing stadiums.

Besides this, there is Sanjay Memorial Trust. It appears this Trust has now a large amount of money. I think the hon'ble member moved this resolution with the expectation that it would not be so very difficult to get found constructing a well-equipped sports complex-stadium, Gymnasium and football ground. I do appreciate the suggestion for amendment to the resolution. It was thoughtful of Pu H.Rammawi to have suggested to name it after the first Chief Minister of Mizoram. However, considering all the circumstances, it might not be better to name it Ch.Chhunga Sports Complex as our fund resources are limited for preparing such Sports Complex. I expect Central Government would pay more attention to it if we name it Sanjay . . . Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex. In this way, financial problems will be solved to some extent. It is also the expectation of the mover that Central Government would be more generous in giving help to us for the construction of this Sports Complex. I believe the government would establish another suitable institution or other to be named after Pu Ch.Chhunga. This can be easily done by the approval of the Chief Minister by making some project

institution to be named after the ex-Chief Minister. If I am not mistaken, the mover also suggested to include educational institutions in the complex. We can name one of these after Pu Ch.Chhunga (Speaker : Do we include it here or not?) I do not mind if it is included (Deputy Speaker : Where do we write it ?) We do not know what institutions are to be established here. I agree with whatever the House decides.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution is an important one. The leader of Opposition Group has also expressed his appreciation for Pu Rammawi's amendment. I was thinking the points they have said, it seems if we name this complex Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex We may get large amount of money, for the construction of the same. However, it sounded as if they want to make use of Sanjay's name to get the money instead of naming it for his names sake. I do not think we should think in that line. I second Pu H.Rammawi's amendment to the resolution. Pu Ch.Chhunga is one of our senior politicians and was the first Chief Minister in our Union Territory Government. We should not let his name die.

The Central Government would not be so name and minded as not to give help for the construction of the sports complex even if we call it Ch.Chhunga Sports Complex. They would extend whatever help we need as if is for development of the territory. I would like to suggest to adopt the amendment and utilize the money we get from Central government for construction of another sports complex.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I just wanted to make it clear as there are other members who opined differently. The government has been considering the shifting of 1st Assam Rifles though there is no suitable site so far. It was agreed to shift them to Luangmual, but it was thought unsuitable as it is sure to be thickly populated in the near future due to extension of town area. We all know the necessity of shifting the 1st Assam Rifles, Yet we must accept the fact that it is not possible before suitable land is acquired. If we are going to pass this resolution, we have to keep in mind that the 1st Assam Rifles accepts the land we give and that site is wide enough to accomodate them. To me, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex is good enough.

In the resolution, it was written 'Other public purposes'. It is very clear that we are going to need more public property. 'Educational Institutions' may not be appropriate enough as we may need other institutions other than educational.

I do not think the grant of money for construction of this Sports Complex depends on its name, in my personal opinion, we ought to have some sort of Sanjay Gandhi's Memorial. He was a man who inspired the Indian Youths, a man who bravely professed what he found right and necessary. It is our responsibility to keep his name remembered in our country. It also shows that we are not thinking only our territory, but also All India. I would like to pass this resolution as moved by the mover. In Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex and other public purposes.

PU H. RAMPAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, earlier, I made my speech short in order to give time to the mover. Anyway, it is not possible to give two names to the Sports Complex. I am also afraid if I strike to my amendment, our opposition members would walk out on us again. So with your permission, I withdraw my amendment.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER :

Pu Deputy Speaker, the government is also aware of the necessity of this resolution moved by the member from Aizawl South Constituency. The shifting of 1st Assam Rifles had been considered since 1972. If we pass this resolution, it looks as it is passed for the second time. The government has no objection to this resolution. Personally, I find it very suitable to mention clearly how the 1st Assam Rifles' area shall be utilized when they shift if the House agrees to it. Whenever shifting of 1st Assam Rifles was discussed in 1972/73, public's reaction was mostly for house sites. Till now, there are a thousand applications for house-sites in this area. If the House passes this resolution, it means the area will not be given to private house-sites but for public property. This will make things easier for the government.

Since long time back, ever since the shifting of 1st Assam Rifles, as they occupy the middle of Aizawl town suggestions for the use of their area used to be discussed. However, this has not yet been discussed in the Assembly House. Today is the first time for the discussion. The suggestion is also an appropriate one for it as there is no private matters involved. Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex would be purely public property and his other suggestion is also for public. If this area is used for public, it would be a great development for the state. If it is given for private house-sites, I'm sure we will not make all the applicants apply. As I have said, it is difficult to work fast whether we pass this resolution or not. The 1st Assam Rifles also regard themselves the owner of Mizoram, born with Mizoram Administration. This proves true from history of Mizoram. It is their Sanjay that they are a part and parcel of Mizoram. It will be necessary for us to take our steps together with their authority in finding other sites for them.

It is alright to pass this resolution. However, even if it is not passed we must remember the shifting of the 1st Assam Rifles had been agreed not only by the present ministry but also by the previous ministry. I suggest, Pu Deputy Speaker to pass this resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As requested by the Minister, let's call upon the mover of the resolution to request the House to pass it. (Pu C.L.Ruala- Pu Deputy Speaker, may I say a few words?) Will you say long? You may say only a few words.

*PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the present resolution includes the shifting of 1st Assam Rifles. I have an idea that this may not be the purview of this ministry. If not, few changes have to be made in the second line. Others are alright. I really find it suitable to call this 'Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex'. One hon'ble member has hinted that as if we present respecting Sanjay Gandhi's name. In fact, it is hard to believe others respect a man whom we do not respect.

Sanjay Gandhi, however young, was a brave and sincere man. As such, he deserved to be imitated by our young boys and girls. It is very appropriate to name the sports complex after him. It has been a long time since we want 1st Assam Rifles vacate their area.

There was one suggestion to name it after the first Chief Minister but it was withdrawn. It would be nice if the government could think of something to bear his name. We Mizos ought to learn how to show respect to those who deserve. This morning we discussed who are entitled to Mizoram Houses. None of the names of the ministers in the former ministry were included in any of the lists. I would like to add that if we could show our respect to our Ministers in these things, it would be better. I wish this resolution be passed.

PU LAHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER :

Pu Deputy Speaker, could I have a few minutes again? Regarding the shifting of 1st Assam Rifles not being included in the purview of our ministry, as hinted by the hon'ble member just now, Home Ministry has agreed with us. I don't think it should be regarded outside our purview. As regards to 'Other public purposes' viz Educational Institution', 'Other public purposes' means only educational institutions, could we agree to change this 'viz' to for example' so that when the time comes for us to accommodate other public institution, other than educational institutions, we will not feel doing so against our resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have said enough. Now, we shall call upon Pu Sainghaka to request the House to pass his resolution.

*PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, although we discussed my resolution for a short time, it was nice to listen to it. We are thinking of what is best for the Mizos as a whole; I have no objection to change 'viz'. to 'example'. I request the House to pass my resolution. And before I sit down, I have one reason for including the shifting of Assam Rifles. If I am not mistaken, I took it that the meeting held in the office chamber of the Chief Minister on July 20, 1979 dropped the matter completely. However, the Hon'ble Finance Minister has said they were to be shifted to some place other than Luangmual. If the House agrees to include this very line, I request it to pass this resolution.

* PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, clarification can be made from the Hon'ble Minister's speech. Let the mover be satisfied with 'other public purpose's without adding 'for example'.

* PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as a member, I have no objection.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do the members accept that? (Members - Yes) If so, those who agree to pass List of Business No.6, Pu Sainghaka's resolution -

" This Assembly is of the opinion that the first Assam Rifles be shifted out of the Aizawl Town proper and that the area thus vacated be used for -

(a) Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex,
and

(b) Other public purposes"

raise your hands and say 'Agree' (Members - (raising their right hands' Yes). We all agree. So this House has passed the resolution -

" This Assembly is of the opinion that the first Assam Rifles be shifted out of the Aizawl Town proper and that the area thus vacated be used for -

(a) Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sports Complex,
and

(b) Other public purposes'

Now we shall proceed to list of Business No.7. Pu C.L.Ruala's resolution -

" This Assembly is of the opinion that Pachhunga University College must be taken back from NEHU and be placed under direct administration of Government of Mizoram at an early date".

Let's call upon Pu C.L.Rgala to move his resolution.

* PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as my resolution is outside the purview of this ministry, I'll have to make amends to it. May I do that, Pu Deputy Speaker ? If not, after I move it, it will be the property of the House. (Deputy Speaker: Move it as amended.) I'll read out in amended form. If I am allowed I have the copies for distribution.

" This Assembly resolves that necessary steps be taken by the Government of Mizoram to take back Pachhunga University College, Aizawl from NEHU and placed it under the direct administration of the Government".

DEPUTY SPEAKER : What is the opinion of the House? If there is no objection from the Members, let us call upon Pu C.L.Ruala to move his resolution in its amended form.

*PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thanks you. Let me read out my resolution once again (He reads). First of all, I would like to declare before the House that, in this resolution I am not intending to praise or blame the present ministry. I move this resolution neither for the benefit of some people nor the loss of others but for the benefit of all. It is worth careful consideration as it concerns the life of Mizos as a whole. I sincerely hope that this House would consider very carefully and pass it.

Pachhunga University College is the oldest and most well-equipped college in Mizoram. To trace back its historical background - it was established in 1957 by the family of the late Pu Pachhunga to relieve the need of the Mizos in the field of education- and was named after Pu Pachhunga. While it was Private College, they used produce good results in B.A. and P.U.C. examinations. This was because of the sincerity and hardwork of the lecturers. The College was under Gauhati University. In 1965 it was provincialised. Even after it was provincialised, many students came out with flying colours whom we are proud of. Being the first college in the territory which relieved our needs, even its name sounds better than other colleges. It is our wish and hope that more students who are better in every aspect would come out of it. While we were having such high expectation, a new suggestion came out. In 1973, an Act was passed in the Parliament for the establishment of North Eastern Hill University. This Act was NEHU Act, 1973, According to section 3 sub-section 2 of the Act, Shillong should be the headquarters of the University, and it shall have campuses in Meghalaya and Nagaland; there was no mention of campus in Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh. Its jurisdiction was defined in section No 6. of North Eastern Hill University Act as follows, "The jurisdiction of the University these extend in the state of Meghalaya and Nagaland and the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram. Though the definition includes Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh does not belong to NEHU but is preparing to have a University of its own.

Thus, it is very clear that the status of Mizoram is very low from the very beginning. The reason for this may be because this Act was passed with the basis of resolutions passed by Meghalaya and Nagaland states, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh are having no importance. Anyway, we can see that from the beginning we have been overlooked though we are not exactly excluded. Our inclusion was made a little stronger like this. In section 5, sub section 14 of NEHU Act 1973, the jurisdiction of the NEHU was mention as follows: "To establish and maintain College, Institutions and Halls".

In connection with this, a resolution was moved by Pu Sapliana MIA on 26.9.1975 and was passed as follows :

" This Assembly is of the opinion that the government of Mizoram to take step to move the government of India to establish and maintain a University College in the capital of Mizoram as provided for in section 5 sub-section 14 of the North Eastern Hill University Act 1973 in the interest of the public".

To pursue this resolution, the government of Mizoram communicated the central government. Although it was not done immediately, they considered the matter after some time.

The Central Government was of the opinion on that to develop the economic condition of Mizoram, and to improve the inhabitants of Mizoram intellectually, it was necessary to have a Branch of University in the territory. This was taken up for its successful expedition.

This new University was expected to be much better than Gauhati University. Besides, if we have its branch here, more lecturers, professors will be given and it will be better - facilitated. It was also hoped that our oldest and best college than we could. We cannot blame those who passed resolution. However, there were some points which were unforeseen but needed careful consideration.

The problems faced by Pachhunga University College could not be solved by NEHU as they ought. Their reason is that, as Pachhunga University College was not included in the 6th Plan, there was no separate proposal for it, and the requirements are made available from other sources. As such they can not be so fast. I wonder if they had known its not being included in the 6th plan. Though it is not possible to start from the beginning, I'm sorry this foreseen points had been called Pachhunga Government College after it was provincialised. I am truly sorry that with all hopes and expectations that it shall be better looked after by NEHU, we gave it to NEHU, but all our hopes did not come true. It is about two years since it was given to NEHU, during this two years, the college did not make any progress but was back-sliding why? Because there was no fund from NEHU, the construction of buildings had to stop. Yesterday, we went to the College Library, it has no more ceiling, and there is no money for its repairing. The sight of the College is almost heart-breaking. I was afraid that some officers from other states would come and visit the college, because they would surely wonder why it was in such a condition and perhaps blame the Principal of the College and his staff. As there is no fund, the library could not be repaired.

When the NEHU was going to take over this College, it was necessary to sign an agreement. This agreement was signed during Presidents' Rule and it was signed by Pu P. Rehmingthanga, Education Secretary. It was also signed by the representative of NEHU. The agreement was also carefully scrutinised and it was signed only after both sides accepted the terms and conditions. It was signed in 1979 and was witnessed by our Education Officers and NEHU Officers. As such Pachhunga University College was to be looked after according to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

However, our 40 lecturers and professors could not even draw their salary. They were also deprived of their expected Building Advance and Car Advance and other facilities. Can we expect our lecturers and professors to teach regularly under those circumstances. We cannot. The students also could not be interest in their studies. Repairing of the building cannot be done without money.

Even since this College was handed over to NEHU, both the students and the teachers have been losing their facilities. That is why I felt it necessary to move this resolution. The agreement for handing it over to NEHU was very very important. Mizoram government gave the points on which it could give the College to NEHU and the NEHU agreed upon the conditions. But they cannot do the things they said they could.

Besides this, there is one strange thing- that came up. The U.G.C after scrutinising the terms of agreement, made 6 points of clarification saying some of the points were against the constitution. There was objection on the pay of the lecturers also. The U.G.C. was not clear which either pay or scale of the lecturers to protect. Anyway, the U.G.C. has made those questions. I do not know whether the government of Mizoram has answered those questions or not. Whether it has answered there or not, I feel it necessary to ask whether that agreement is still valid or not. If yes, why couldn't the University carry out those things they agreed to do? Why didn't they consult who to consult before they signed the agreement? If they cannot fulfill the terms of the agreement, the agreement is invalid from the legal point of view. It cannot be accepted. It seems much better to take back the College from NEHU without saying anything. However, we ought to respect what our leaders had done and it is necessary to wait till it is a little clearer.

The reason why the University did not come out as we expected it would was the interference of politics, which I suppose most of us here in this House have known. Even Vice Chancellors cannot stay long because of politics. This would surely block the way of progress. Firstly, Khasi and Garo students did not like the Vice Chancellor. The next Vice Chancellors was disliked by Naga students, as such an efficient Vice Chancellors, was must only after a year's service.

Even the Central Government was of the opinion that the Vice Chancellor should be from Central India because, if he is from the North East Region, it won't work due to difference of tribes. However, some tribes are trying very hard to put their own people in the high offices of the University. They tried to convince anyone who come from Central to place their own people. That is why we cannot have good and efficient officers for long. We cannot mention in detail all the problems, though we are among them.

I have no doubt that this very House would like to pass a resolution to have a new University in the near future. Why couldn't we have a University while Arunachal Pradesh having only one college could have one? This opinion would come out very soon. Now, I shall stop my speech so that my fellow members could say more. As my resolution is very important for the Mizos as a whole, I request the House to pass it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The member has moved his resolution and spoke on it. Any other member who want to say on it?-

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is my opinion that, this resolution should not be neglected for long. Pachhunga University College was handed over to NEHU with the expectation of its being better looked after. But unfortunately, it was not so. A few days ago, we visited the college, and the sight of it made us all sad. The condition of the college is very bad. We are all sorry that the staff of this college should meet such problems. The resolution is too slow to my liking. I would like to suggest to take back this college immediately without consulting others, give the teachers their salary, repair the building and do the necessary official things afterwards. Otherwise, it will take time to do things properly and during that time, the college would suffer too much. As it is, it affects the students and the teaching staff too much. The students could no longer enjoy their usual educational tours. If we do official transaction first, at least one year will go before we get the result. It is my wish that this resolution be passed as it is to do all the necessary things to prevent the college from its further damage.

* PU F. MALSAWMA

MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, the speech made by the mover really pleased me because he was thinking in terms of the country not on political views. I would like to request all other members to follow his example. It will be necessary to meet the need of the new generation without having any partiality on party basis. This will reveal the true picture of this House.

I would like to add some few points to make things clearer for the members. As we all know, we had great hopes when the North Eastern Hill University was set up in 1973. As such Pu Sapliana's private Resolution was passed on September 26, 1975. In pursuing this that resolution, the government of Mizoram contacted the Central Government on December 2, 1975. The copy of it was sent to the Vice Chancellor of the North Eastern Hill University. Although the Central Government did not say anything on it, the Vice Chancellor informed the government of Mizoram that the matter shall be pursued when instruction is received from the higher authorities. Committee on Expert Constituted by the University visited Mizoram from 9th April to 13th April 1978. The Chairman of that Committee was Prof. F. Mansur Alan from Hyderabad University. There was a discussion on the resolution passed by the Mizoram Assembly and on Higher Education, as to how it should progress. The discussion was led by Prof. F. Mansur Alan.

This Committee decided to recommend Pachhunga College to be taken by the NEHU as a Constituency College. To finalise the matter, they came to Mizoram once again. It was settled that this should be pursued by the Government of Mizoram. About this time, it was expected that there will be post-graduate classes, and the college itself shall be upgraded, and NEHU campus shall be opened in the near future. It was not the fault of the previous government. The former Peoples Conference Ministry wanted to carry on as it was because its disadvantages had not yet appeared. We had better not trace whose fault was it.

The Agreement was signed on April 19, 1979. The Government of Mizoram was very careful about this. It enquired beforehand whether the central government had any objection or not, which was replied in positive. According to the terms of agreement, this College was handed over to the North Eastern Hill University and became Pachhunga University College since 19 April 1979.

And it came to pass, and almost a year went by, as we have heard, so many hardships came up. The government of Mizoram did not give up the College but carried on to see that it is well looked after. Recently, negotiation was and going on with the Central Government, UGC and NEHU. I wrote a lengthy letter myself to the Union Education Minister on February 3, 1981; and again to the Chairman of the University Grants Commission on February 16, 1981. The copies were sent to the Vice Chancellor of NEHU, Our Chief Minister also wrote to the Union Education Minister on 18, 1981 suggesting to constitute a committee comprising the representatives of UGC, NEHU, Education Ministry in Delhi, and Mizoram and to have an open discussion on it. All these letters were promptly replied informing us that the matter had been pursued. The University also witnessed them. The Pro Vice Chancellor, while he was Acting Vice Chancellor, wrote a lengthy letter to the Union Education Minister, Delhi on February 17, 1981.

Gradually, things become a little easier. In his recent visit to Delhi, the Pro Vice Chancellor told me the name of Pachhunga University College was quite popular in Education Ministry and U.G.C. He also added that he himself was hoping that things would come out favourably. The Pro-Vice Chancellor is coming to Aizawl on the 18 or 19 of this month for this purpose. That is the present condition.

And one thing we derived from those letters we sent were the salary of the staff, which had not been paid for the months of December, January, February were prepared for payment. Anyway, it is of no use to trace whose fault was. It was bad enough that they were not included in the 5th Plan, more over, there was no special fund from the University Grant Commission. So, NEHU was giving fund from some other departments. Therefore, the College had to face those problems. We must realise in what situation they were. As regards the service of the lecturers, they were to choose between NEHU service and Mizoram Government service for which they were given one year for making decision. This was included in the agreement. The services of those who

who opted NEHU service shall be counted as NEHU service. And those who opted Mizoram Government service, they shall not be neglected in naything like promotion, facilities, etc.

Considering all the problems they faced under NEHU, the Teachers Association of Pachhunga University College felt it necessary to return to Mizoram Government and they submitted a Memorandum on the 2nd of this month. They made an appeal to take back this College.

We must look into the matter very carefully before making a decision. Because, we have signed the agreement with our eyes open, and if we take back the College before the University admits their inability to look after it, in what position we shall stand. As we have heard, the University itself was undergoing a difficult situation, and due to communication problems and others, it must be quite difficult to look after the college from a far off place.

If we look at the other side of the situation, suppose, this University comes up as planned before, it was expected it will occupy an important position at National level.

If I am not mistaken, five teachers have gone for higher studies in research. Pu Saingenga, the former Principal of this College also has become Director of College Development Council. Another advantage is the central government spends a lot of money for this college.

Besides this, it is not best for us to confine ourselves in our territory only, if our expectations had come out to be true; Mizoram would have stood a better chance for improving her stand and in the field of education. And the teachers might not have submitted their memorandum. One thing we must be very clear is - we are not to make hasty decision over this matter as if there was no agreement signed by both sides, and no steps being taken. We have been urging the central government and the University Grant Commission. It also appears that things are starting to move in our favour. They may think it childish to make this move while they are doing what they can and trying to make things easier for us.

Moreover, there is no provision for Mizoram in the 6th Plan. Now, the U.G.C is holding the key. It is unlikely that they would transfer funds for Mizoram. We must also consider the problems it will entail if we decide to take back the college. It may be not less than 2 years before the matter will be properly settled. Let us remember all these points while making decision on this matter.

*PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think we all know the importance of the present resolution. I admit I have never thought of it before and was never aware this sort of problem. I am glad this resolution is moved for discussion.

First of all I would like to suggest that this resolution be discussed without party feeling and the best opinion be adopted. I appreciate the mover's thoughtfulness to have realised the condition of the oldest college in Mizoram and having moved this resolution. However, his clarification of the reason why he moved this resolution was not clear enough to me, because to make decision on this kind of establishment is not like appointing one Grade IV employee, there are many Class I Officers.

If we find its being under NEHU not good enough, it might be better to take back under Mizoram Government. The mover's reason why it is better to take back was not clear to me. If the reasons are good enough, we must take back. And if they are not good enough we should wait for a while. The Hon'ble member has mentioned many points why it is not to be University College, but not why it is better to be taken back. Anyway, we must consider the points on both sides very carefully.

As the College is not under Mizoram Government it has not been included in 1981 budget. It is sure it won't be included in 1981-82 either. Again, it is not included in the 6th Plan. We all know how troublesome are even these Muster Roll Employees under PWD we cannot imagine how the Government would manage all these people who are working in this college. As it has been mentioned, it was handed over hoping it would be better for the college. If we have it back, who will pay their salary? Stand are we going to get money outside the budget? All these problems are gained because it was thought for the betterment of the college. Even now, we cannot say it would be better if we take it back. It might be much worse. So we must be very careful.

As the Hon'ble Minister has said, it would be better if we take it back after obtaining the Central Government agreement. We also do not know if everything is planned by the University. If they had not been able to look after it before, it is possible that they are going to be able to do it from the near future. If we take it back having no money who will suffer? It will be the students and the whole college. When the employees took mess C.L. for day, it was the students who suffered. If the students suffer, it means their families also suffer indirectly. Let us all try to have a solid idea and make the decision for its actual benefit in every way. Let us forget one party feeling.

PU C:VULLUAIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, this resolution, as discussed by Hon'ble members is an important one. Apparently, the staff and students of this college are not satisfied with their position. It was also obvious to have summoned the legislators in one of the rooms of the Mizoram Assembly House.

We have never heard before this sort of thing - College t lecturers summoning MIAs ! To have done this, they must be really very desperate. However, their intention is good. We are thinking how we are going to help them out. As it has been mentioned, we are discussing whether it would be better to take the oldest and best College in Mizoram from NEHU which was handed over to it. The Vice Chancellor and U.G.C. are to solve the problems faced by this College.

They demanded three things in their letter dated 3.2.1981 to the Vice Chancellor. Those three things are :-

- 1) Timely payment of their monthly salary
- 2) Immediate sanction of their due increment since the take over of the College i.e. 1979.
- 3) Immediate sanction of their arrear adhoc allowances till date.

They also threatened that if their demands were unanswered, they would react some how or the other before 7th March, 1981. On the 2nd of March, they submitted a memorandum to the Lieutenant Governor to be taken back by the Government of Mizoram. As such we are discussing the same thing today. When the negotiation was going on, the standard was too high for us. It was not properly done from the signing of the agreement.

The reason why their demands were not granted could not trace. There may be some unacceptable points in the agreement. From the very beginning, when it was handed over to NEHU it was meant to be included in the 6th Five Year Plan, and the year has not yet started. They are informing us that they are looking after the college from contingency or whenever they could get it. However, the students of this college are not satisfied because they are not sure about their future. This is revealed by their college and it shows in their faces. To solve their problems, Pu Ruala, an hon'ble member is of the opinion that this college should be taken back by the government of Mizoram. As soon as we answer correctly the question as to how we shall remove all their difficulties - this House will move in the right direction.

It appears that many of their problems will be gradually solved when the money for Sixth Five Year Plan could be used, and now, in the near future, that will happen when the new financial year begins. This will solve some of their problems like bus service, student excursion, text books, salaries of the staff, which were blocked due to non-availability of funds from the University. Do we think all these problems would be solved easier if they came back to Mizoram government then they continue to belong to NEHU.

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In the last five year plan, we got Rs 45,00,000/-, but the new ministry did their best to get more and as a result, we got Rs 130,00,00,000/-. Having a strong Ministry I suppose our college students are hoping that our leaders would go to the Central Government and ask for a certain amount of money and they would not be left for a long time without money. I am not sure about financial matters on the subject, though. It is my personal opinion that it would be better to be a University College than a mere college in one territory.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is now 4:00 p.m. What is the opinion of the House?

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say something as the mover of this resolution. I am informed that there are some private resolutions newly accepted. My other resolution is also still there. If we are going to do it by balloting, I am afraid this important resolution will be left undiscussed in this session. If so, let us continue after a short break for tea.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I think you all would like to say. Is there any possibility in the rules to supercede it instead of balloting?

* PU P.LALUPA : Let us keep it for No.1. and do the others by balloting.

*PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution has already been moved and under discussion. Let us give it No.1 priority for the next private resolution time. And give others for balloting.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we all agree? (Members-Yes). If so, as this resolution is already moved, it will not be included for balloting on Tuesday next. The session is over for today, we shall next again on Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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Secretary,
Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

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