

7th. SITTING ON 17th. MARCH, 1981 AT 10:30 A.M

Pu C.Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, four Ministers and 24 Members present.

BUSINESS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS-RESOLUTIONS

2. Discussion on a resolution moved by Pu C.L.Ruala on 13.3.1981 and which was partly discussed will continue.

3. Pu P.Lalupa to move -

"This Assembly resolves that the Rules for occupation/ accomodation in the Mizoram House, Inspection Bungalow and Tourist Lodge under Mizoram Government be amended according to the existing Order of Precedence of the State."

4. Pu C.L.Ruala to move -

"This Assembly is of the opinion that Agriculture Land Reclamation Inquiring Board should be created immediately."

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the ways of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law which he meditate day and night.

Psalm 1 : 1-2

We shall start our Business for today, Pu P.Lalupa's question which is no. 1 in the list of Business.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Grant of Leave Travel Concession to Govt. employees.

* 41. Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c General Administration be pleased to state :-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Govt. issued circular governing grant of Leave Travel Concession to Govt. employees in contradiction to the Govt. of India's instruction on the matter?

(b) If so, whether the Govt. has any intension to withdraw the circular in question as it is contradictory to the Govt. of India's instruction?

(c) If not; why not?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, The answers are like these:-

CHIEF MINISTER

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Not necessary.

PU P. LALUDA:- Pu Deputy Speaker, a supplementary question. If the answer to no. (a) is 'yes', then does the Union Territory of Mizoram have the power to act contradictory to the instruction of the Govt. of India?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, Pu Deputy Speaker, let me explain it a little further. The Govt. of India

CHIEF MINISTER:

allows Govt. employees to enjoy free

fare for their family and dependents when on leave. This has been of great help to employees. However, this facility has been misused by some people and the Govt. of Mizoram is inquiring into the matter. In order to prevent such corruption in future, the Govt. of Mizoram has issued an administrative instruction, that the Head of Deptt. concerned will purchase tickets and make the necessary reservation for the persons availing L.T.C. This is not in contradiction to the instruction of the Govt. of India. The Govt. of India has the competence to issue Administrative Instruction in the procedure Act to implement the instructions.

PU NGURCHHINA: Pu Deputy Speaker, a supplementary question. The Instruction of the Govt. of Mizoram is meant to prevent corruption. However, even if the tickets are purchased by the Liaison Officer, it is possible to refund it with a good excuse. This shows that corruption is not prevented. Besides this, the Govt. servant is entitled to choose his route of travel, and may stop at any place en route. Therefore if the tickets are taken for him by the Liaison Officer, it may hamper his extended itinerary on traveling programmes. Does it not only pose problems for the traveller?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SALLO, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a fact that the Govt. servant is entitled to these things. However, if a person tries to misuse these facilities it is always possible. It is true that the intension of the Govt. Circular does not solve all the problems. It is therefore proposed to amend it at the earliest convenience.

PU SAIKAPHLIANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, a supplementary question please.

what is the number of ~~question~~ persons who have misused this facilities? what action have been taken against them?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SALLO, Pu Deputy Speaker, investigation are being made at present and it would not be wise to announce names now.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We shall take up question No. 42, Pu L. Piandenga's question.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

* 42 PU L. PIANDENGA: will the Hon'ble Minister i/c G.A.A.D be pleased to state -

(a) whether it is the intention of the Govt. to give full uniform both ~~winter~~ in winter and summer to the reclassified Group 'D' employees under Mizoram Administration?

(b) If so, whether it is a fact that many Office establishment including Secretariat had not extended benefit to Group 'D' employees?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, (a) Yes.
CHIEF MINISTER. (b) No.

PU LALUPA: (c) If replies to 'a' and 'b' above are affirmative, what are the reasons for not giving full uniform to the re-classified Group 'D' employees as are admissible to them under the Official Handbook of Central Govt.?

(d) What steps the Govt. propose to take against those who failed to give full uniform to the concerned employees?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, Pu Deputy Speaker, the answers to the above are:-
CHIEF MINISTER.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

PU P. LALUPA : Pu Deputy Speaker, by saying Official Handbook of Central Govt. I mean to say the Central Govt. Handbook on Uniforms of Class III & Class IV Employees. In this Handbook we find the items admissible to fourth grade employees. Does the Govt. intend to supply these items to them? Or has any of these been supply to them?

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, Pu Deputy Speaker, the Demands of the CHIEF MINISTER. 4th Grade Staff are quite numerous. They do not want the prescribed uniforms such as Turbans and Khadi cloth for summer. They have therefore asked to be allowed to purchase a trouser of their own choice instead of all the authorised items. The equivalent of all these items was calculated and given to them for purchasing a pair of trousers (terene cotton) However, these good trouser are often worn as Sunday Clothes and not to the Office. This has posed many problems and there has been second thoughts about the matter. It might be better if the fourth grade staff are given their ~~exact~~ exact authorised items in future instead of letting them choose what they like.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question No.43.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

(Retrenchment of M.R. Labourer under P.W.D)

* 43 PU NGURCHHINA: Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c P.W.D be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Govt. is aware of mass retrenchment of M.R. Labourers under P.W.D without any notice given to them?

(b) what are the reasons for ~~retrenchment~~ retrenchment of many M.R workers at a time?

(c) whether such retrenchment, if resaid is against the provisions of Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 and the rules framed thereunder?

(d) If reply to 'c' above is affirmative, what action the Govt. propose to take against the concerned Officer responsible for large scale retrenchment?

PU LALMINGTHUNGA,
MINISTER.

PU Deputy Speaker, the answers are like these:-

(a) No person has been retrenched from muster roll. They have only been shifted from one place of duty to another place. Some of them have been asked to do alternative job of move out of Aizawl, where jobs are available under P.W.D on Power & Electricity Deptt.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise as there is no retrenchment.

(d) does not arise.

PU NGURCHHINA:

PU Deputy Speaker, a supplementary question. The question of retrenchment is not very clear. A good no. of M.R workers have been asked to quit since the arrival of Chief Engender. If the workers are not retrenched, should they not receive their salary? And if they have been shifted from one place to another. Why have they been asked to stop working? According to the Industrial Dispute Act, a person should be given one month's notice prior to the retrenchment. If not, those who have served more than a year, should be given their salary. Now they have stopped working for more than two months. Can they not be shifted while working?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER

Pu Deputy Speaker, The Industrial
Dispute Act of 1947 can not be app-
plied to Muster Roll workers. We must

not forget that M.R Labourers are employed according to the amount of works in the Department. This is the procedure all over India. Regarding shifting of Station; it is often the case that the worker himself is not willing to shift to another Station when the work in his present Station is finished. This capacitated him to continue. Muster Roll worker do not have scale of pay and if they are not present at Roll Call, they are not given their wages. Some of the M.R workers are told that they would be given work again. But if they do not report themselves, it is difficult to contact them. Adjustment are going to be made and there is no intention of retrenchment.

PU SAINGHAKA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister
in-charge has stated that the Muster
Roll labourers are being re-organised

at present and I think it is very understandable. However, it is reported that some Divisions have list of Muster Roll labourers who are not really engaged. Is it a fact that the Govt. money is wasted on such things?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister
has pointed out a very important matter.
However, the Govt. has not yet proved

the existence of such things up till now. The Govt. is taking every step possible to check such misuses.

PU NGURCHANA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, one more question
please.

Is there any intention to frame rules
for governing these Muster Roll workers? As it is stated that the
Industrial Dispute Act 1947 is not applicable to them.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA,
MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not think
there is any need to frame a new set
of rules. They are entitled to enjoy

holiday on Sunday which is a paid Holiday, new years day, Re-
public day, Independence day, 2nd. October, Christmas day and
Good Friday which is fixed according to the moon. This is uni-
form throughout India. However, as they are not entitled to casual

or earned leave, they cannot be paid if they are absent on working days.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Question hour is over. The List of Business has been revised as it is not proper to discuss the subject of the Dampa Wildlife Sanctuary which is being subject to the case proceeding in the Gauhati High Court. We shall now take up Private Members Business, continuing the discussion of Pu C.L. Ruala's resolution:-

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

which had been duly amended thus:-

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

Now let us resume our discussion.

PU S. INCHAKA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, it was resolved and passed in the August House in 1975 that a constituent College be established and maintained by the University in the Capital of Mizoram. As a result, the existing Pachhunga Memorial College was then given over to the University. Looking back upon this act, it does not seem to be an error in handing over one of the best College in North East India. No one could foresee the problems that were yet to come. Provisions for this College was not available from the 5th Five Year Plan, this meant that provisions were to be made from 6th. Plan.

In 1979, there was a proposal that if the University takes over Pachhunga College, Aizawl College be provincialised by the Government.

It appears that the University is facing difficulties regarding the salary of the staff

within just a year of the takeover, 19 of the teaching staff have opted for Mizoram. One of them has been appointed as Principal in Aizawl College and another as Deputy Director. How are we to absorb the rest of the teaching staff? Those with ten years experience may be appointed as

Principal in some of our Colleges, Can NEHU give assurance of fulfillment of the Head of Department? If not, there may be no profit in being affiliated to the University. If provisions are not made in the 5th, Five Year Plan, will it not be possible to propose a Revised Budget? And if assurance cannot be given by the University, it would be wise and important that ~~their~~ their House voices its desire to take back the constituent College and placed it under the Govt. of Mizoram.

PU K. BIAKCHUNGUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not think we need to elaborate the facts regarding Pachhunga University College, it could be summed ~~up~~ up in a simple way. Once it was a Govt. College but hoping that it would be for the best, it was given over to the University as a constituent College. And now that problems have arisen, it is proposed to take back the College and place it under the Govt. of Mizoram.

We may consider the problems in two ways. Firstly, the proposal to take back the College itself should be examined carefully. It seems that inspite of some lecturers who have opted for Mizoram, there are quite a number who still prefer to stay in NEHU. It would also be disastrous to take their steps without prior provisions made in the Budget Plan. And as no provision has been made in the 6th, Five Year Plan, I consider it is unwise to take their step. On the other hand, NEHU itself has promised to show more progress and it would be fair to give them a chance to prove their worth. However, if they fail to make any progress then it would be proper to act and take up the challenge on our shoulders.

Secondly, there could be some other motives behind these words. There could be personal glory in championing the cause. Although I do not mean to say there is any such thing in this matter. However, the Govt. will see what can be done about the matter as it is not too late.

PU LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I believe that this is a very important issue which needs to be discussed with definite ideas and not with a prejudicial mind.

I am sorry that the Member who stood before me seem to have a contorted view of the matter. He also seemed to have a notion that Members are at the beck and call of lecturers. I am glad that the H'n'ble Member Pu C.L. Ruala has managed to give his valuable time to study about the condition of Pachhunga University College, and of its possibilities to be handed back to the Govt. of Mizoram.

I do not think there is any ulterior motive behind their matter on anything when reading between the lines. It is learnt now that majority of the Lecturers have opted for Mizoram. There is also difficulty for the Mizo staff at NEHU owing to the petty rivalries and selfish interests and communal feelings.

Therefore, in lieu of Pachhunga University College, the Govt. may establish a new College to be affiliated NEHU as a constituent College.

With all these considerations a Revised Budget could be prepared in the month of August or September.

I therefore wish that this Resolution may be discussed and considered without prejudicial or faultfinding. If however, we do not find it agreeable, it would be far better to oppose it frankly, instead of beating about the bush. Not forgetting that we will soon be needing a University of our own, let us all strive for taking back one of our best College from NEHU.

MR. K. LALSANGA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, if we study the resolution carefully, there is no appeal to the Govt. to take steps for the welfare of the College. It is rather an ~~appeal~~ appeal to take back Pachhunga University College and place it in the care of the Govt. of Mizoram.

It is therefore wrong to find fault with the Govt. regarding the welfare of this College. NEHU has already made provision for P.U. College in the 6th, Five Year Plan and if the College is taken back, there would be no provisions for it in the Govt. of Mizoram. It may not wisest thing~~s~~ to do, considering that the constituent College was established only in 1975. I fear that in our attempt to solve the problem we may only create more problems than we can cope with. Presently, I think we should give more time to the University to improve the conditions of the College. If after that they should still fail to do so, then we should take up the cause in the next session.

MR. NGURCHHINA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not think ~~it~~ there is much to be said in this matter. Right from the start, I did not think handing over to NEHU would be a very good idea. As we have experienced (EITU) Eastern ~~India~~ India Tribal Union was a failure and so was the Hill State. Mizos were always out of it, and now we have NEHU very much pulled back by politics. It would also be good to know that taking back the College itself will not be very easy. Therefore if we pass it now, the earliest date may not be before August, which ~~means~~ means that a revised budget would be possible to prepare. Provisions for P.M.G. College could be included in the Revised Budget.

Personally, I feel that it is the best thing to stay separate from NEHU with its party politics among various tribes of the North East India. It is clear from our discussion today that we need a separate University of our own. I think it is time the Govt. thinks in terms of a separate University.

Thank you.

PU P. LALUPA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, as we consider this resolution I feel that it is necessary to set aside our party feelings, and put our heads together to discuss this important issue, which holds one of the major keys to the future of education in Mizoram. I think that there is a more important need to consider than just the poor administration and maintenance of the College. I think the Member who spoke before me had hit the point. NEHU had become a hot bed of politics. It does not seem right to have our best College involved in the atmosphere. If my source of information is correct Arunachal Pradesh is also now processing for a University of their own. And if they can do that, I am sure it would not be too difficult for us, as we have more Colleges than they have.

I am therefore of the opinion that we should pursue this important resolution.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :
MINISTER**

Pu Deputy Speaker, this is a resolution which needs careful consideration. I would like to point out a few points for consideration in this respect.

It is a fact that Pachhunga University has not progressed since it was taken over by NEHU. There are two or three reasons for this. Firstly, NEHU is not so well established as it appears to be. The initial zeal at the time of its establishment back in 1961/62 has not been carried on owing to the interference of politics. The buildings are also hired although a good amount of land has been purchased from Mrs. Elgin. The impression which the University had first made has not been met by NEHU not only in Mizoram but also in Nagaland and other places.

Secondly, from the viewpoints of the centre and the U.G.C, Development on the whole appears to be going smoothly. If a hasty decision is made concerning our local area alone, it may not be the viewpoints of the centre. A separate University for Arunachal, Mizoram, Nagaland etc. would be immature from their viewpoints.

Therefore, it would be important to make a decision without getting our emotional feelings involved in it. The fact that Shillong has been chosen for the location of the University is not a surprise. Shillong has been the centre of education in the North East Area since many years back. That alone is the point of justification. It was with a great expectation that NEHU was established. However, this expectation has not been fulfilled in Mizoram and there is a sense of despair concerning this Constituent College of the University. Therefore, the fundamental issue is that NEHU is unable to meet the need of Mizoram and therefore it is felt that Pachhunga University College, which is the hard-earned contribution of the people of Mizoram, should not be wasted in NEHU. The main issue is whether or not it should remain in NEHU. Other points like delay of salaries, poor administration ~~xxx~~ etc. are only secondary issues. However, even if this August House may pass to take back the College, I feel that financially it is the wrong time to make a decision.

If we make a hasty decision now, it may only be for the profit of NEHU. The most important thing is to pave the way for a sure success. Presently, I feel that even if P.M. College is taken back by the Govt. of Mizoram, there should still be one constituent College of NEHU in Mizoram. A new constitution may be established for this purpose.

An amendment could be made from what we have discussed so far which may be adopted by the House.

PU S. VADYU: Pu Deputy Speaker, what the Hon'ble Minister has just stated is very much in tune with the resolution which reads:- 'necessary steps be taken by the Govt. of Mizoram' I think that some of the Members have overlooked the needs 'necessary steps'.

I think it would be suitable to process it a supplementary Demand in the Revised Budget.

PU BUALHRANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a good thing that some Members have given the full background of the College. The main question is whether or not we should take back P.M. College. It is clear that we want the best for this leading College in Mizoram. It is also clear that the mover of this resolution have moved it with a desire for the betterment of the College. According to rumours, the reason behind the deterioration of Pachhunga University College is that NEHU did not notify the University Grant Commission when it decided to take over Pachhunga College. I am of the opinion that NEHU be urged for the immediate all round improvement of the College. As amendment may be made thus:-

"This House notes grave concern with the deterioration condition of Pachhunga University College since it was handed over to the North Eastern Hill University.

Therefore, this House is of the opinion that NEHU be urged to make immediate improvement of Pachhunga University College."

I am sure that if we should pass it this way, it will be enough for the time ~~being~~ being.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, our main concern is the deterioration condition of Pachhunga University College. Looking back at the time of handing it over to NEHU, there was also a suggestion that a new College be set up for a constituent College of NEHU. In spite of the high expectation, NEHU has failed to meet the need of Mizoram. I therefore think that the form of resolution is not very wise for the present stage. The amendment as proposed by Pu Buakhrang seems to be very appropriate for our immediate stage. I therefore second the proposed amendment which reads:-

"This House notes with grave concern the deteriorating condition of Pachhunga University College, since it was handed over to the NEHU. Therefore, this House is of the opinion that NEHU be urged to make immediate improvement of Pachhunga University College."

PU F. MALSAWMA, MINISTER. Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding the absorption of the staff, we should know that a sudden and total absorption of the lecturers would not be possible. Even if it were possible, it would not be the best thing to do. The students will suffer and the College will suffer as well. However, the immediate problem is the welfare of the College. The Govt. has also taken steps towards this and the Pro.V.C of NEHU has also talked to the U.G.C Chairman in Delhi. In reply, Mr. Mathuri Shah wrote as follows:-

"Kindly refer to your letter No. 50 and so addressed to the Union ~~Minister~~ Education Minister regarding Pachhunga University College which has been taken over by the NEHU and a copy to me. I have looked into the matter and found that the grant of Rs. 14 Lakhs for 1979-80 and 1980-81 has already been taken to NEHU towards the expenditure for maintenance of the Pachhunga College. The University has been requested to indicate the actual expenditure incurred so far against this grant to enable the Commission to see if any further grant is payable to the University for the purpose. In ~~view~~ view of the fact that University has been over the College, I agree with you

that it would be the responsibility of the University that the construction of the buildings which had been taken up on sharing basis of the College, when it was an ~~basic of the~~ affiliated College of the University if taken over by the University itself and I am asking the Vice Chancellor, NEHU to let us have the full details of an early completion of the buildings. I am sorry that the College is facing some difficulties regarding the non-fulfilment of the agreement which the University had entered into with the State Govt. regarding the taking over of this College and I propose to convene a meeting of the representative of the University and Mizoram Govt. and the University of Education to settle all outstanding issues. I hope it would be possible for a representative of the Mizoram Govt. to participate in the Meeting".

This shows that some progress has been made. Therefore, it is time to set aside all ~~parties~~ party politics and consider this issue together. I therefore think it would be best to go according to the proposed amendment of the resolution.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

How many Members would like to speak on this matter? Kindly raise your hands. (hands are raised) And according to

Rule 284, the Hon'ble Minister may lay on the Table what he has just read out in the House. We shall have a recess now till 1 P.M.

Recess 1 P:M

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2 P.M. (1400 hrs.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We shall resume our Business and call upon the Leader of the House.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SALLIO, P. Deputy Speaker, this appears to be a very important issue as many Members have participated in the discussion. It remains an incident during the Second world war. In the North African campaign, the British Govt. and the Allied Govt. ordered their Generals to recapture North Africa from the Germans within three months. This campaign was launched hastily but it was a failure. The General was sacked. The Govt. then appointed Montgomery to recapture these strategic objectives. Montgomery then laid a condition that he would accept this appointment only if the entire plot was given to his heads, without the interference of the Govt. It was agreed, and thus Gen. Montgomery launched a decisive well-timed campaign and was victorious.

There was a period when people of Mizoram wanted to hand over Pachhunga College to NEHU. Accordingly, in 1979 the College was handed over to the University. We are now facing the second period of dissatisfaction ~~improvements of the College~~ at the deteriorating state of the College, and we want to take it back from NEHU. It is also possible that a time may come in future when Delhi and NEHU authorities make satisfactory improvements of the College.

However, I believe that the real problem we are now facing is really quite simple. In 1979, P.M. College was gladly handed over to NEHU. The Deed of Agreement was signed and all seemed to very well. However, NEHU did not go through this formality, were we aware of the fact for a very long time. In fact it was only on my recent trip to Delhi that I came to know about it. Personal conflicts arose which developed into prestige issues. This has been the stumbling block of the College. In the mean time, the Lecturers of the College submitted their memorandum to the L.G. and myself. I wrote to the Education Minister while I was in Delhi and told him about the urgency of the matter. I request him to convene a meeting under his chairmanship with representative of NEHU, Mizoram Govt. and the Ministry of Education as their matter would no longer be solved through mere correspondence.

The L.G. has also given the matter a very serious thought. He too brought the matter to the authorities in Delhi. The Education Minister was informed for the first time about the problem and thus a meeting was called as suggested to him. The U.G.C. has also for the first time realised the situation and the urgency to tackle the matter as soon as possible.

However, if we pass this resolution and let the authorities know of our decision to take back the College at this crucial stage, it would be a great blow and a surprise to the centre and NEHU. It would be most contradictory to the memorandum we have sent to them and well, they would feel that if that is the way we want it, they had nothing else to say. And what would ~~our~~ ^{our} future be? Salaries of the staff would suffer more as we have not made provisions in the Budget. The building will crumble down before the necessary repair can be done.

We have made our objective clear. Would it not be the best thing to try to achieve this objective in a way the College and its staff may suffer least?

If we go according to the proposed amendment, things will go much smoother as the authorities in Delhi, U.G.C and NEHU are still unaware of our resolution. I also hope sincerely that things will be much better from now on. As the Hon'ble Finance Minister has stated, we shall give the responsibility of making satisfactory progress to NEHU. We could always say that it is not satisfactory whenever we please.

Therefore, however good the intention may be, I would consider the tactics of approach in the original resolution rather un-wise. The proposed amendment may prove to be a wiser step.

MR. J. H. ROTHUMA:

MR. Deputy Speaker, I feel that we should have discussed this matter in the previous Session as it is urgent and important. Personally, I do not consider NEHU to be safe enough to be entrusted with our best and premier College. Apart from the immediate problems I do feel that it is time to process for a University in Mizoram, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh also said to be processing for their own Universities. I do not think that we are too immature for a separate University of our own.

From our Discussion on this topic it is clear that we are reluctant to give P.M. College to NEHU for good. And I think we can know from their letter that U.G.C is aware of Pachhunga College being taken over by NEHU.

Then why has the College deteriorated so much? It is clearly because NEHU has made no effort towards its progress. We cannot tell how much provisions have been made for this College in the 6th. Five Year Plan. Would it be wise to wait and expect better provisions and facilities inspite of our present condition? I would also be wise to know whether other constituent College of NEHU suffer the same deterioration. I believe it is our duty to see that the College is restored back to satisfactory progress. And amendment may be adopted if it will suit the ~~purpose~~ purpose more conveniently.

PU BU ALHRANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, we have had a lengthy ~~discuss~~ discussion and our views on this subject is quite clear. I therefore request the House to accept the amendment that I proposed.

PU C.L.RUALA: Pu Deputy Speaker, we all seem to be very interested in my resolution. I would like to add a few more words to what has already been discussed. In the year, 1978, on 29th. September we had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor at the Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. At that time many promises were made by the V.C. He stated that money was not the problem. He also said that the Budget for the required expenditure would be included in the 1980 Budget.

It is because ~~that~~ these promises have not been fulfilled that we are ~~experiencing~~ having all these troubles. And if promises made in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and many other distinguished ~~persons~~ ~~in~~ offices cannot be fulfilled, how can we expect them to fulfill the promises made through mere correspondence? I think what we ~~lack~~ lack is self confidence.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that there was a period when we wanted to hand over Pachhunga College to NEHU. I would like to state that it was not Pachhunga College that we wanted to give to NEHU, rather it was proposed that a Constituent College of NEHU be founded in Mizoram. (Pu B. Lalchungnunga:- Pu Deputy Speaker, it is not that we do not want to take back the College, we have already stated that the timing is wrong and inconvenient) Now we find that most of the lecturers have opted for Mizoram service. How are we to absorb them? The Govt. of Mizoram have an allifation to absorb these people. Even if an amendment is made, I do not think we should request them to make a satisfactory progress as it is clear that they do not have the power without the consent of the U.G.C. I think that we should simply inform them of our regret. An expression that will deeply regret the deteriorating condition of Pachhunga University College since it was handed over to the North Eastern Hill University, will suffice.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: we have discussed this matter for two days and I think it is very clear now. Now, Pu Bualhranga may read out the amendment as proposed.

PU BUALHRANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, this is my proposed amendment:-
"This House notes with grave concern the deteriorating condition of Pachhunga University College since it was handed over to the North Eastern Hill University.

Therefore, this House is of the opinion that NEHU authority be urged to make satisfactory progress in the College"

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do we think the amendment is alright?

PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I think we should accept it.

PU LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, would it not be better to urge the authority controlling NEHU instead of urging the NEHU authority themselves?

PU P.B.ROSANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, ~~xxxxxxx~~ there are ~~xxx~~ certain things that need to be considered carefully. We now know that the main ~~xxx~~ reason for the deterioration is, this NEHU authorities did not take prior approval of the U.G.C when the Deed of Agreement was signed. We have also heard the U.G.C Chairman's letter to the Education Minister, I therefore think that the proposed amendment is very appropriate. It is understandable that we all want the best for P.M College, even though the steps we wish to take for the progress of the College varies. It would ~~be~~ not be the wisest thing to rush matter or resort to take drastic steps. I am therefore of the opinion that the proposed amendment will suffice for the time being.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, we have discussed the matter quite thoroughly and I think the proposed amendment of Pu Bualhranga is very acceptable. I think we should now put it to the vote of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: This resolution has been moved in this House. If we agree to accept the amendment, Pu Bualhranga may please read out the amended form,

PU BUALHRANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, my proposed amendment is as follows:-

"This House notes with grave concern the deteriorating condition of Pachhunga University College since it was handed over to the North Eastern Hill University. Therefore, this House is of the opinion that NEHU authority be urged to make satisfactory progress in the College"

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do we agree to pass the amendment? If so let it be shown by raising hands (All raise hands) Now Pu C.L. Ruala's resolution in the amendment form is passed, the resolution reads:-

"This House notes with grave concern the deteriorating condition of Pochhunga University College since it was handed over to the North Eastern Hill University. Therefore, this House is of the opinion that North Eastern Hill University authority be urged to make satisfactory progress in the college"

We shall now take up the next resolution and call on Pu Lalupa to move his resolution.

PU P. LALUPA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thanks for allowing me to move my resolution. This is my resolution:-

"This Assembly resolves that the Rules for Occupation/ accommodation of the Mizoram House, Inspection Bungalows and Tourism lodges under Mizoram Govt. to be amended according to the existing order of precedence of the state"

I find it necessary to pass this resolution from the experiences of the hon'ble Members. There is nothing much to say about it because we all know how necessary it is to amend the existing rules regarding the occupation of Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses etc. At the same time, I would like to move it in amended form. May I be allowed to do so? (Deputy Speaker: what is the opinion of the House?) (Pu H. Rammawi: Let us give him permission) (Deputy Speaker: Is there any objection?) (Members kept silence) (You may do it in amended form) This Assembly resolves that the Rules of Occupation/ Accommodation in Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses, Rest Houses, Inspection Bungalows, and Tourism Lodges under Mizoram Govt. be amended according to the existing order of precedence with the following modification :-

1. Lt. Governor
 2. Chief Minister
 3. Speaker
 4. Leader of the Opposition
 5. ~~Members of~~ Member of Parliament
 6. Member of Legislative Assembly
- ~~xx~~ Ex-Speakers
Ex-Ministers
Chief Executive Member of Dist. Councils
Chairmen of Dist. Councils, etc.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Do we allow to discuss as he has moved. Let the copies be distributed. (Amendment copies were distributed)

PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, for clarification; the mover has said, "be the amended according to the existing order of precedence with the following modifications". Is this the existing order of precedence or has he modified?

PU P. LALUPA: Pu Deputy Speaker, this is not the existing ~~order~~ order of precedence. The order of precedence shown here is the modified form.

U NGURCHHINA: Pu Deputy Speaker, let him clarify where he has ~~modified~~ modified the existing order of precedence.

U P. LALUPA: Pu Deputy Speaker, when we visit other states and parliament, we see leader of opposition in the third in order of precedence. I think it would be better in the future if we follow their stated example.

In no. 5, ex-speakers and ex-ministers are placed. Though ex-M.L.As are not given much importance ex-speakers and ex-ministers should be given priority as they hold a great share and responsibility and the incidence of this ~~work~~ work could be seen in the country. As such they deserve treatment as VIP in Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses etc.

As I have changed a little in the order of precedence, I wanted to make it clear.

Thank you.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA Pu Deputy Speaker, this resolution seems SIMPLE, CHIEF MINISTER to be very simple. Yet we must be very ~~or~~ careful as it concerns various Deptts. It should be discussed after careful scrutiny of the existing rules. Even the Members should participate after that. However, I am not prepared to do that. ~~Take~~ This resolution is more critical in amended form. We need to know the opinion of various departments concerned.

Order of precedence is prepared by Govt. of India for state functions. It can not be modified by the state. The Govt. of India used to make modifications from time to time. Since 1950, there are four modifications made on the order of precedence.

Besides, Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses, Rest Houses are under the charge of the Deputy Commissioner. Inspection Bungalows are under the charge of P.W.D and we do

not have Tourist Lodge. We shall have Forest IB and P.W.D IB in the near future. Being Leader of the House, I am incharge of the subject, but I am not prepare to open the discussion on the subject. Anyway, we must examine the existing rules carefully.

If we are to follow the rules strictly, P.W.D officials get priority in P.W.D IBs. However, there are conventions, in which ministers, M.P.s used to be treated. If they do not give VIP treatment to the Ministers, it means they are not polite. I appreciate the mover's thoughtfulness over the matter. We must remember the order of precedence as far as practicable.

SH. BUALHRANGA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the Leader of the House has said very clearly. Even Legislators can not ignore the rules. There are so many things to consider. Tourist Lodges are the sources of fund for Tourist Deptt. It would be wise to follow the example of other states having extensive experiences. We can do this keeping in mind the order of precedence. I would like to suggest the present resolution may be amended as follows:-

"This Assembly resolves that the rules of occupation and accommodation of Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses, Rest Houses, Inspection Bungalow and Tourist Lodges under Mizoram Govt. be examined with due regard to the existing order of precedence of the state"

There is only a slight difference. Instead of "Under Mizoram Government be amended according to", could it be amended "be examined with due regard to"?

SH. C.L. RUALA: Mr Deputy Speaker, the greavances of the Members regarding occupation and accommodation of Mizoram Houses and Circuit Houses have been brought to the notice of the House so many times. Not only that, Subordinate Legislation Com. has submitted its suggestions to the Govt. of Mizoram that the existing order of precedence is not appropriate enough and it should be revised immediately. However, it is not yet revised till now. According to the rule made by Supply Deptt. Chief Secretary was placed above MLAs in the list. He was propose to entitle VIP room. There were others who were entitle VIP ~~xxxx~~ treatment. But in practical, Directors are given VIP rooms whereas MLAs are not entitle. Yet, the Chief Minister has said we have not consulted various departments. It seems the Govt. ignores the needs of the Members of Legislative Assembly. So, let us pass this resolution as it is. If we go to Punjab House, Nagaland House etc. MLAs, Ex-Ministers receive VIP treatment. But we do not. We express our greavances

many time in this very House. Instead of looking into the matter and taking necessary action, the Department are yet to be consulted. Personally, I think it deserve to be pass without further discussion. I doubt any action would be taken even after one year.

PU F.B.KOSIANGA
MINISTER. PU Deputy Speaker, this resolution has no real meaning. Only "occupation/accumulation of Mizoram Houses" has meaning, because other buildings like Inspectors Bungalows of different Deptts. are built for convenience of the Department concerned. As such we can not trust them as public property. Tourist Lodge, too is meant for business purpose.

As it has been stated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, without first consulting the departments, we cannot force them to give priority to the MLAs. It is not because the MLAs are neglected.

Occupation of Mizoram Houses was discussed in question hour. Minister incharge has explained that the occupation rules of those Houses which are looked after by Supply and Transport Deptt. are revised. If those are not good enough, we can have a discussion on it again. If we pass this resolution, we would surely have difficulty in the Department concerned. It seems we cannot go any further than that.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA: PU Deputy Speaker, the Members are interested in this resolution. It seems, likely to be passed with a slight modification. However, there are many changes. Ex-Deputy Speakers are omitted in the list. There may be others who are omitted too. I am sorry the owner of the resolution make so many changes. Although I do appreciate the resolution in its principle, yet, resolution as amended by PU Bualhringa lost its original spirit. So, it becomes difficult to make opinion on the resolution as to how it should be passed.

The Subordinate Legislation Committee did suggest revision of the rules of Mizoram Houses in Calcutta and Silchar. The Minister incharge Supply and Transport said that the revised rules are enforced.

I have the opinion that it would not be suitable to include those Ex-Ministers, Ex-speakers, etc. in the order of precedence. No doubt we shall be ex-MLAs, or ex-Ministers. I would like to know which states are giving priority to ex-minister or ex-speakers? At what level are they categorised?

The Govt. knows exactly what we want. However, I do not think Inspection Bungalows and Rest Houses should be completely reserved for only department officials. MLAs do not belong to any particular department. But, being representatives of the people, I think they deserve it. However I do not think we could pass as it is.

PU P. L. LUPA: Pu Deputy Speaker, the leader of the House has enlightened us. However, I do not mean to change existing order of precedence in the list I made. It is only to include us among those who are entitled accommodation in Mizoram Houses. It seems we are confused with Rest Houses, Inspection Bungalows and Tourist Lodge. As it has been recommended by Subordinate Legislation Committee (which is included by our resolution) we can do like this:-

"This Assembly ~~is~~ resolves that the rules for occupation/ accommodations of the Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses under Mizoram Govt. be amended according to the existing order of precedence of the state."

If I may be allowed to withdraw it. If so, the Tourist Lodge, Inspection Bungalows and Rest Houses will be given instructions by the departments who owned it.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, C.M. Pu Deputy Speaker, in order to solve our problems, it is necessary to examine the existing rules against with due regards to order of precedence. We can not do anything more than to pass the resolution for reexamination of the existing rules. There is no need to cut IBS, Rest Houses, etc.

PU BU. LHRANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I am sticking to the amendment as I have suggested. Although we have the Govt. to execute as it is passed how it will be executed depends on the nature of the resolution. I am satisfied, if the Govt. implements the resolution with "due regards to the existing order of precedence" This means it would meet the expectation of the mover also.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Upa himself is not very clear about it. It seems he want to cut some points from the amendment he made.

(Pu Lalupa:- I ask for permission to withdraw any amendment)
The original resolution was already amended. There would be nothing to say.

PU JEE NGURDANLA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, let us make ourselves clear what we are going to discuss. The Hon'ble Member has withdrawn his amendment and the original resolution has been amended; which is the subject of our discussion?

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Let Pu Bualhranga read out his amendment again, that may help it.

PU BUALHRANGA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, this is my amendment--

"This Assembly resolves that the rules for occupation/accommodation of the Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses, Inspection Bungalows and Tourist Lodges under Mizoram Government be examined with due regards to the existing order of precedence of the State"

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Is it not alright?

PU ZALREMPHANGA,
MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, let him not withdraw his amendment. So, we shall take Pu Bualhranga's amendment and we can pass it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

The mover of the resolution is not yet allowed to put his resolution.

PU NGURCHHINA:

it as it is.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the members' which is clear enough. Let the Govt. give us assurance, so that we can discuss

PU P.B.ROSANGA,
MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, let us pass it as amended by Pu Bualhranga, it would be like giving assurance.

PU SAINGHAKA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, won't it be better if we say "giving due regards" instead of "with due regards"

PU JOE NGURDAWLA:

PU Deputy Speaker, I would like pu Lalupa to be clear in his resolution. His original resolution (not amended) with small changes like "be amended" instead of "amended" and ~~with~~ "with giving due regards" instead of "according to". Could not he come to this decision, so that we can pass it ~~un~~ unanimously.

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

If so, please read it out.

PU BUNLHRANGA:

PU Deputy Speaker, I would like it to be like this:-

"This Assembly resolves that the rules for occupations/accommodations of the Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses, Inspection Bungalows, Rest Houses and Tourist Lodges under Mizoram Government be examined with due regards to the existing order of precedence of the State".

PU H. RAMMAWI:

PU Deputy Speaker, it will be amended to amendment. Does he have to give the copy to the Members? Can not we go according to Rules 261 (6) -

DEPUTY SPEAKER:

Not because he has to, it is better for the Members to see the copy. Can we pass pu Lalupa's resolution with a little modification. (he reads it out) (Members:- Yes) we agree to pass it. Therefore this House has passed pu Lalupa's resolution with a little modification:-

"This Assembly resolves that the rules for occupations/accommodations of the Mizoram Houses, Circuit Houses, Rest Houses, Inspection Bungalows and Tourist Lodges under Mizoram Government be examined with due regards to the existing order of precedence of the state"

Now, we shall take up Business No. 4 pu C.L. Ruala's resolution. Let us call upon him to read it out.

PU C.L. RUALA:

Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker for allowing me to move my resolution. This is my resolution:-

"This Assembly is of the opinion that that Agriculture Land Reclamation Inquiry Board should be created immediately".

I have named this resolution with an idea that it will be of great help towards the progress in agricultural fields.

Considering the large provisions for Agriculture, the results yielded are almost nil. Therefore, Land Reclamation is a must in agriculture for permanent cultivation. Land which have been recorded to have been reclaimed several times have still remained uncultivated. This shows that some sort of enquiring is needed on the matter. There are many evidences that shows that the record of land reclaimed are not correct.

Many people have need Terrace only as a means to acquire many, and not for cultivation.

Therefore, I find it necessary to have an Enquiring Board on Land Reclamation just as our counter-part Nagaland has it today. Even though it may not be possible to make cent per cent checks, this Board will surely check 70% or 80%. As you will now realise the great importance of this matter, I urge the House to pass this resolution without much further discussion.

PU P.B. ROSANGA,
MINISTER.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the mover of the resolution Pu C.L. Ruala had brought up this subject to the Consultative Committee last year. After a thorough study of the matter, it was decided that the matter be left for the time being.

However, if an Enquiring Board is set up, we cannot say whether it will help or hamper the progress of Agriculture in Mizoram. We should not forget that after attaining U.T, Mizoram has just started to take various steps towards the progress of Agriculture. We should also know that ~~these~~ these Agricultural ventures cannot be expected to yield result within two or three years. In these circumstances, setting up a Board of Enquiry, will surely pose certain problems for development. Other States are very forward in Agriculture and in comparison to them we are very junior. It may therefore be immature to have a Board of Enquiry at such an early stage. It is quite possible that such set up may not be constructive, however good the intention may be. An intensive development programme is taking shape in Agriculture with a new approach. It would therefore be immature to have such a board set up at such an early time. The new approach has

set up its development programmes and intends to take up intensive works. (Deputy Speaker:- it is now 4 P.M, shall we adjourned the meeting? Let us take the opinion of the House) (Pu Joe Ngurdawla:- Pu Deputy Speaker, let the Minister i/c conclude his speech) (Pu H. Rammawli:- Pu Deputy Speaker, the opinion of the House may be taken after the Minister finish his speech) In the Development Programme, the Planning Deptt. takes up the responsibility. To ensure that funds are utilised properly, an Evaluation Cell is created. Therefore, if an Enquiry Board is set up in this stage, the development programme of Agriculture is bound to suffer. The most important thing is to educate the people in this respect and that would be responsibility of every Member. The setting up of an Enquiry Board alone will not be the means to solve the problem unless the people are educated and enlightened.

It would not be wise to pass in this House what the Consultative Committee had already considered not to introduce.

I am therefore of the opinion that it would be better if we do not pass this resolution.

MR. JOE NGURDAWLA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have heard the opinion of the Minister in this respect. I think we may now take votes.

MR. SAINGHAKA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, in the previous resolution, the Leader of the House had said that his opinion would be more or less final. In this resolution also, the Member from Sangau has remarked that the opinion of the House would be known when the Minister i/c concludes his speech. It seems that there is no time for others to express their opinions. I therefore see no reason why we should prolong the discussion.

MR. H. RAMMAWLI:

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have the freedom to air our views in this August House, however, this House cannot go according to each and everyone's opinion.

MR. C. L. RUALA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, as it does not seem that my resolution will be passed, let us keep it for the time when we will learn from the Ministry (laughter)

MR. JOE NGURDAWLA:

Pu Deputy Speaker, it would be a good thing if the mover withdraws his resolution.

PU C.L.RUALA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I not only withdraw it, I suggest to keep it for the time when we will form the Ministry. (Members laugh)

PU P.B.ROSKANGA,
MINISTER. Pu Deputy Speaker, after considering all the aspects of agriculture development programmes in Mizoram, it seems that it is not constructive at this stage to set up an Enquiry Board. It does not mean that the spirit of the resolution is rejected.

PU NGURCHHINA: Pu Deputy Speaker, how can an enquiry Board interfere with manual work? It will only check the misuse of funds.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, we are now sitting without a subject as the resolution is withdrawn. Kindly adjourn the House in order that its dignity may be maintained. (Deputy Speaker:- Is the resolution withdrawn? If so let it be stated properly)

PU C.LATI
PU C.L.RUALA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I have put up my resolution sincerely hoping that the loose ends in the Department may be checked. However, as I have not been supported, I see no point in pursuing the matter. I therefore think it would be best to leave it for the time when we will form the Ministry (Members laugh)

DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have to withdraw the resolution in a proper way. I leave it for the time of your Ministry is too vague. (Pu C.L.Ruala:- Let it be left like that)

PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, let us leave it as he has suggested. Now we have no more Business. (Pi K.Thansiam:- We have no more subject)

PU JOE NGURDAWLA: Pu Deputy Speaker, it is up to you to dispose the matter. If you accept the withdrawal of the resolution there is nothing more to say. You may either take the note of the House or accept it as withdrawn.

DEPUTY SPEAKER? It is clear that the mover of the resolution has decided to keep it for the next Ministry. Therefore the resolution is accepted as withdrawn.

We shall now adjourn the meeting till Thursday, 19th. 1981.

Meeting adjourn at 1600 hrs.

J. Malsowma
Secretary.

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