

4TH SITTING ON 17TH MARCH, 1982.

Dr. Kenneth Chawngliana, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Four Ministers and 16 Members were present.

BUSINESS

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

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS.

2. Discussion on the Motion of Thanks on Administrator's Address (to be concluded)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

3. PU B.LALCHUNGNUNGA to move -

"This Assembly is of the opinion that State Award be given to Teachers from Primary School to High School as is practised in Assam and in some other States of India".

4. PU ELLIS SAIDENGA to move -

"This Assembly recommends to the Government that Wild Life Sanctuary to be established in the Forest area between Hnahthial and Thing-sai within Khawhri and Aithur village jurisdiction on the eastern side of river Chhimituipui".

SPEAKER : Bost not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may being forth. Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips. A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both. Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy? Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Now we shall come to our Business No. 1. Let Pi Thanmawii ask her question.

PI THANMAWII : Pu Speaker, my question No. 11.

How soon is the Department issuing Uniform for Drivers and Conductors of Mizoram State Transport?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Drivers and Conductors of Mizoram State Transport are provided with Uniform of good quality which is supposed to last 3 years. As such we do not issue every Year. Though it is time they are issued new ones, there is fund presently. So in the new Financial Year they shall get their new Uniforms.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, supplementary question, if you issue to last three years, the new ones to be issued supposed to last another three years?.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it depends on the quality of the material.

SPEAKER : Is there any supplementary question ? If not, question no. 12 shall be asked by Pu Rammawi.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, Q. No. 12. will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Supply & Transport be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that supply of Petrol, Oil by the Government to rice carrying contractors from feeding - centres to interior supply centres in Mizoram is included in the Bond Agreement Between Contractors & the Government?
- (b) If not, what actions have been taken by the Department to those contractors who could not lift their allotment and reach the destination for want of petrol, Oil.
- (c) Is it a fact that those who have no Vehicle are appointed as contractors in some centres connected with Jeepable Road.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to question No. 12.

- (a) No.
- (b) No action has been taken.
- (c) Yes

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, First, why do the carrying Contractors make excuses for their inability to carry rice because they are not supplied petrol by the government whereas supply of petrol is not included in the agreement?

Second, even while there is no petrol in the department, the Contractors purchase in black Market. They use it for private perposes and do not want to use it for carrying rice because the government cannot supply petrol. They made the people suffer. Why is no action taken to these contractors.

Third, if a contractor having no Vehicle is appointed as carrying Contractor, how would he carry it on foot; whereas there are many having Vehicles; What do you mean by this?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, during the time of petrol scarcity, rice carrying contractors are given priority. If we remember the past, we must know there were times when we could not favour them because of acute scarcity of petrol.

Actually, petrol is not dealt with by the government directly. I.O.C/ A.O.C. sells it through their agents. The Government interferes in times of difficulty and also controls the piece. The contractors could stock it by purchasing in black market. If they use it for carrying other commodities/ goods than carrying rice, they should be urged to do so, If we know any of this case, we should inform the government immediately. The Villages should also cooperate the government. Otherwise, there are many cases which the government do not know but cause problems to the people.

As per appointment of non-vehicles owners, tender is called for carriage of rice from all people. It can be answered by anyone, selection is made from the rates of the tenderers.

Besides, selection is made not on whether they own a vehicle or not, but on whether they have sufficient money. Their financial soundness is carefully looked into and as such vehicles owners as well as non-owners are appointed. The performance of Vehicle owners is not better than non-owners.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, Supplementary question. Is instant penalisation of carrying contractors under no condition included in the

agreement between contractors and Supply and Transport Department if their performance is found to be unsatisfactory.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, though I do not know the terms of their agreement, I am sure that those whose performance is very badly could be punished.

SPEAKER : If there is no more supplementary question we shall call upon Pu Rammawi to ask Q.No.13.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, starred question No. 13.

Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Electricity Department be pleased to state -

(a) What steps have been taken by Electricity Department to electrify South Vanlaiphai and Sangau from Hnahthial Power Station.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Q.No. 13 asked by the Hon'ble member from Sangau Constituency : A few months ago it was intended to electrify S. Vanlaiphai and Sangau by 11 KV. Line from Hnahthial Power Station. It was investigated by Engineers. However, since the financial involvement is going to be too high, it is kept pending for further examination, and it is difficult to place a generator in a Village not approached by Truckable Road.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Speaker, I am happy because it looks as if we are going to have electric light soon. However, the hon'ble Minister said that it is difficult to place a generator in a village not approached by truckable road. Yet there is a generator in Chawngte which has no truckable approached road. How was it managed?.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Water Transport can be used for Chawngte.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Speaker, was there proposal to electrify Sangau, South Vanlaiphai from Hnahthial Power Station in the Sixth Plan.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, Yes, of course, According to the first proposal, 1982-83 Financial Year was our target. However, when the Engineers had detailed survey, they thought it best to include in the programme of the next Financial Year. Leite and Tuipui are included in the programme of the present Financial Year.

SPEAKER : Alright, we had 2 days discussion on the Administrator's Address but could not complete it, most probably because we did not know how to economise the time Yesterday and the day before. The Ministers would like to say some points also. There are also some questions to be answered by the Ministers. So, first of all We shall call upon Pu Zairemthanga, Minister i/c Supply and Transport.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, That is not in the list of our today's business. Are you using your discretionery Power.

SPEAKER : May be it is in the first one.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Are there any revision Alright, be it,

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, before I start, I would like to clarify the previous question about the instant penalisation of Contractors. Yes, there is.

From the Address of the Administrator, some Members wanted clarification of some points. Let me start with Falkawn Plant.

Falkawn is a newly established Village between Muallungthu and Kelsih. In his speech, the L.G. said that twenty new houses at a planned Village at Falkawn have been roofed with G.C.I. Sheets. This could be done with the help of National Building Organisation which is under works and Housing Ministry. They sanctioned Rs. 80,000. They told us to select a site and that they would give us Rs. 80,000/- for 20 houses.

The State Government was expected to continue it. So Falkawn is selected for the site of cluster demonstration Houses.

During the former Ministry, there was a suggestion to bring together the two Villages of Kelsih and Muallungthu. The Villages themselves also agreed to it. In passage of time, they were hesitant again just to go together. However, the location is a suitable site and as such the willing people were selected to settle in the new Village from the two Villages of Kelsih and Muallungthu. The people willing to settle in the cluster Demonstration Houses were also willing to use their own money for construction of their new houses, because the total fund is not yet received from that Organisation. The design is to be simple and Uniform. And that was how they were constructed.

These houses were roofed by the state with the G.C.I. Sheets purchased by Rural Housing. The expenditure of the state for these houses is G.C.I. Sheets - bundle 60 (Rs. 529.80).

Besides this, there is environmental development/environmental improvement. They made sanction Rs. 42,120/- for worshipping Houses, Water Tank, Communication, Public Latrine, Community Hall, Playground. The fund is utilised for Falkawn Plan. It is the only plan in Mizoram. The houses are started to be occupied. There is no proposal for another Plan of this kind at present. It may be seen when Falkawn Plan is completed.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister while he is still standing. It was I, who asked about that. We used a lot from the Rural Housing Scheme. However, the Committee and selected many Villages to which that G.C.I. Sheets were to be distributed. Are we still able to distribute it to those Villages selected by the Committee.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Yes, I shall try to make it clear now. It was proposed to distribute G.C.I. sheets under Rural Housing Scheme. As such it was planned to be distributed in Aizawl, Lunglei and Chhimitpui District in the proportion of 5:3:2.

The remaining were used on loan by Public Works Department for construction of Godown at Vairengte. This is from the share of Aizawl District. Before the sheets were distributed in Aizawl District, the rules framed for the distribution was not approved by works and Housing Ministry. As such it was delayed in Aizawl District. And the rules are being reviewed. The Development Commissioner and Chief Secretary are looking into it.

The 60 bundles of G.C.I. Sheets used for Falkawn Plan is not entirely from Aizawl District's share. It was taken from the whole quantity before it was distributed.

Regarding allotment of foodgrains at different places, we are advised to make allotment very carefully. Allotment is not made blindly from the headquarters. The Administrative Officers make demands according to their requirement, some Administrative Officers demand more than they require and some less than they require, because it is difficult to know the exact quantity of their requirement. Because of this, the Administrative Officers are instructed to assess their demands very carefully.

Some members have said there are some bags of rice, losing their carry and some are said to have been sold in the suburbs of Aizawl Town. They did not reach their destination. From their speech, investigations are made but nothing could be proved. We really need your cooperation.

As for elections to Village Councils, the L.G. said that the election was finished peacefully. But it is said that there were intimidations somewhere. We cannot call intimidations as incidents. We should be grateful we could finish elections without serious incident.

Some members have expressed their gratitude for the restoration of Village Councils to Thlawhbawks. At the same time, there are others who tried to make complaints whatever small the fault may be on the part of the Government. Some members pointed out that the Chief Minister wanted the credit for him alone. Anyway, the result of the effort was the same.

It seems some members are a little porturbed because restoration of Village Councils to Thlawhbawks was declared after elections to Village Council for Group Centres have been finished. However, the most permission to hold elections. Since the most difficult part has been won, let us hope we would be able to hold elections. I do not think it would be necessary to get disturbed on the matter.

I would like to point out that our Electoral Roll will have to be revised for the next election and new names will be entered and we must bear in mind that this will take time. At the same time, I would like to warn you that election to Thlawhbawk Village Councils will not be held in one day. It will be held on different days according to the suitability.

We must also remember that the boundary lines will also be affected and this will pose problems on the way of having elections as soon as possible.

One hon'ble member has pointed out about V.I.P. seat reservation in the bus. This reserved seat is meant for persons who have to go on official duty. Even M.L.As, if they report to the Director, could be allotted if they are in need of it.

One hon'ble member also pointed out the necessity of having more buses in Chhimtuipui District. The shortage of bus is gradually removed. Four or five buses are in Calcutta which can not be delivered at present. It is also expected that repairing work would be faster than before.

We had no Manager in our workshop for a long time. Now we have a new one from E.M.E. He is a Major; he has joined his duty. We hope to have better conditions soon.

PU K. LALSANGA : Pu Speaker, some times MLAs have to go at night. In such cases, if the Director had allotted the seats to some one else, we have to go without tickets. Are we to be treated as VIP Officials on duty? Are we to have no tickets? Taking Lunglei for example, two seats are reserved for V.I.Ps and it is allotted by D.C. to anyone. The seats are reserved till 15 minutes prior to the departure of the bus. Why can't we do the same here.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we shall see.

PU HIPHEI : We come from Saiha, and reached Lunglei at night. Booking time is at noon and there is no time for booking the tickets. As such we have to stay the next day. (Pu Zairemthanga : the other member has stated that the seats are reserved till 15 minutes prior to the departure of the bus). If it is not Government order, it is going to be stopped. If the M.L.As are not given priority, it is very difficult for us. (Pu Zairemthanga : Pu Speaker, I did not say it is not for M.L.As, but for officials on duty) Does it mean that if the Director has given away to others, we shall be left out.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, it seems it is very much easier in Lunglei than Aizawl.

SPEAKER : Now we shall call upon the Leader of the House.

BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I did not attend the first day of discussion on the Address of the Lieutenant Governor.

However, I heard some of it from the discussion on the second day.

First of all, almost all the participants in the discussion talked about peace talk para 2 and 3 of the Lieutenant Governor Address. To add, all of us want to have lasting peace. What disturb us most is the accusations on both sides, who wants and who do not, and what we said not from our hearts.

Besides our desire for lasting peace and tranquility, we can do nothing much for its success. The success and failure of peace - talk hardly depends on us, rather it depends on the parties.

Unfortunately, the peace-talk has failed again and the security forces are carrying on operation regularly. Apparently, there are more security forces than before. In spite of this, there has not been shooting. This shows that not only Mizos, but also non-Mizos want peace in the country.

The total number of surrendered MNF is 208 since January 20. It shows MNF are wanting to have permanent peace. If you go ask the I.G.P. he could tell you this is true. All these persons received rehabilitation and are given certificates. I do hope that things will work out better than we thought through God's help.

I have heard what you said Yesterday about development. There are some points I would like to say but are not very interesting to some of us. As you know, I am not a good Speaker, and I request you all to be patient.

It has been since 2 or 3 years that there are many false report in our speech in the public as well as in newspapers. We used to compare Peace and Development and say that as long as we are disturbed area. We need peace better than development, as if Development without peace has no meaning. I am very sorry we teach like this. We cannot deny the importance of Peace, but shall we sit and cross our arms while these are endless work of development to be done.

The Prime Minister used to say a lot of times in our Development Meeting consisting of Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. She emphasizes the need for development in the disturbed areas of the north-Eastern area. The Year before last, a special Development meeting was held in Delhi for the North East States. The Chief Ministers of North Eastern States, Central Ministers and Important Officers in all departments were present. Although

the Prime Minister is very anxious to have permanent peace, she is doing her best before the peace comes. That should be our example.

We are teaching in a weaving direction. We are extremely in need of development. When we teach as if it were not needed, we are doing wrong to our country. Even though we are disturbed territory, shall we not have better do one best and achieve at least something. At the same time, the work of peace-seeking would not halt. Let us be more careful in what we say and what we write.

The need of development in Mizoram cannot be exaggerated. Whenever we visit Villages, their first request is development for their respective Villages. Some of us used to say the Bairabi Hydel Project may even be destroyed. This kind of speech is dangerous.

In this way Hall, when we discuss Budget or Lieutenant Governor speech, we are very greedy in development works and pointed out the works to be done. I have always said that 1st to 4th five year Plan was like the 1st Five Year Plan.

The other reason why we are very unfortunate is that we had the station of Union Territory in 1972 only. We are very young and development work to be done is numberless. No matter how hard we work, we cannot do everything in such a short-time. No one could do it. However, we are prepared to do what we can. While we are very selfish in development work, we always tell rural people as if we do not need it.

Coming to 20 Point Programme, we thank it very important and we enjoy talking about it and writing it. Yet, what is 20 Point Programme? It is only a development Programme. I wonder how we despise Development Programme and appreciate 20 Point Economic Programme.

The day before Yesterday the Prime Minister called a meeting of National Development Council. All the Chief Ministers attended it from 10 AM to 7 PM. The National Development Council regards Development Programme (20 Point Programme) as the most important Programme. If we take 20 Point Programme as an important Programme. We should not ignore the importance of development. No matter how difficult it seems, we must do our level best.

Yesterday, the Minister incharge Power has stated about Bairabi Hydel Project, I would like to add a few points.

Before the work was started, Geologists and other experts have invited the place of this Major Hydel Project at Bairabi by Helicopter, by road, and water transport. After they confirmed that the place is suitable for Major Hydel Project, they submitted their report after which the Central Minister of Energy had a careful looked into the proposed project, so a decision was made on it. They also prepared an Investment Plan Paper.

The first step of the real work was investigating exactly where the foundation was to be laid and the department of the post, etc. The Central government had sanctioned Rs 200 crores as an investment sanction. This means, the project is accepted by the government.

The Minister himself came to Bairabi to lay the foundation of the Project. The most important speech delivered by the Minister was "Usually the investigation of the foundation and the exact place of the project used to take 2/3 years, but you must complete it within a year so that we can start the real work soon"

The most important instrument of the Minister of Energy is N.H.P.C. (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation). It is the largest power company in India. This popular company has been appointed to execute the work of this project. As you must have known, Bairabi was included as one of the 6 biggest projects to be taken by N.H.P.C. The Central Minister himself gives much importance to this Project. There has never been any other work to which they have given more importance and speedier work than Bairabi Hydel Project. The Congress Ministry is very proud of this Project.

In spite of all this hard work for development, when I was absent, you said as if this was a trifle. We are all responsible for development of our country. Being the representatives of the people, we ought to be more sensible. Had the Central Ministers known what you said about the project, they would be surprised.

Fourthly, the Minister incharge was explaining about N.R.E.P. As you know, my vocabulary is not so good, and it may sound as if it is contradictory to what the hon'ble Minister has said.

The most difficult problem in NREP is E.G.S. at all levels. The procedure in E.G.S. is too simple. They did not prescribe as to how reports are to be submitted by different villages for whom EGS was sanctioned. We should have prepared project and schemes properly after which work should be started. When a playground is made under E.G.S. the fund is received directly. There is no clause to enforce records in cash books.

However when the IGP introduced the same scheme, they utilised it for construction of playgrounds, Community Halls, Watershed, roads in rural areas. The villagers of that locality are employed. They made a proper plan for the scheme. They appointed several responsible persons to make Heads of Department are included among them. Besides, Deputy Commissioner, B.D.O. Development Commissioner, Director of Community Development etc are also included. They prepared a proforma for monthly payment and also as to how they should make completion report of the project. Since the procedure is very much different from our usual E.G.S. Administrative Officers and store-keepers taking the charge of A.O's could hardly understand. There is no clear cut demarcation in the respective responsibility of the Deputy Commissioner, Development Commissioner or Director of Community Development. They are all mixed up.

From Delhi, a guide line for N.R.E.P. used to be published in English and Mizo, we cannot but follow this guideline. But this guideline is always modified. If we had no other work, it would not be very difficult.

As we are not very clear about it, a meeting was called at Aizawl Club in which Chief Secretary, All Secretaries, all heads of Department as well as MLAs were invited. Still we could not be clear. The Officers are having other important works. Moreover, the guidelines published from Delhi is constantly modified. And the officers responsible to do the work are too many. Because of all these problems, another meeting was held Aizawl Club in which I was Chairman. In that meeting, P^r Thangzuali explained it and we became a bit clear. After that a Sub-Committee was constituted-consisting of one representative of Finance Department and other 3 members. They were instructed to get the report ready within a month and thus the report was ready.

There is a latest guideline from Delhi. It is a National guideline of instruction which is not yet modified. It was viewed by Chief Secretary and other Secretaries/ Heads of Departments. There are two papers to be studied - The National Guideline and the procedure prepared by our

officers. In short, we are doing rather badly in NREP. No particular officer can be blamed. If you want to blame anyone, it is me. Other officers are doing better than I. We are going to start it now, it is our immediate responsibility to start it for Darlung and its surrounding areas and also Khawrihnim. Following the new procedure, we shall try to sort it out, and it is expected to be successful.

The Deputy Commissioner, being the one to whom we mostly being our grievances was the most responsible person till recently. However, as there are many other members, he cannot make prompt decisions by himself.

I have said quite a lot. I hope we will have not much problem on the procedure. Even after it has been simplified, we should remember that it is quite different from E.G.S. Because of this co-operation is imperative among the responsible officers, especially Administrative Officers / Block Development Officers. If the progress reports are not submitted by them properly, the annual provision cannot be released even after it is included in the Budget.

The total allotment for NREP is 341 lakhs. But if we utilize it properly, and operate the scheme wisely, it will not be so difficult to ask for additional allotment. A Central Study Team from Delhi came here on account of our famine relief the year before last. From their report and suggestions, a new memorandum was submitted by the Development Commissioner in Delhi. In that memorandum we asked for a sum of crores only 3.370 lakhs was granted for a special relief to the famine affected people. The first important step was to construct godowns to accommodate the foodgrains purchased with the first released whose amount was 62 lakhs. You mentioned about this yesterday, although you were not very clear about it, which was understandable. The Central Government gave us instructions to utilise it under NREP scheme. This means besides the NREP allotment of 34 lakhs we shall have a considerable amount for the same.

I would like to request the hon'ble Members to study those two pamphlets which will be given to you when it is ready. Let us also remember that our Administrative Officers are newly recruited and that they may not be very enthusiastic about NREP scheme implementation. The representatives of the people are supposed to be more enthusiastic, we should teach these Administrative Officers when we visit their place. This would produce a good result. Instead of criticizing others before helping them we should try to help them.

Our next point is about restoration of village councils to thlawhbawks. The hon'ble Minister also has said about it. Our main slogan while urging for restoration of village councils before 1966 should have village councils again, it is undemocratic to have no village council".

However, to hold elections, there were so many things to do before like review of electoral rolls, and financial position had to be sound enough. We may not afford to hold elections at a time for all of them, but the most difficult part was won. When the procedure is get ready by the department we can have elections any time. There is no need to threaten them any more.

I have noted down some points from our discussion about self-sufficiency in food. We are not very clear in the government's strategy in food production. If you had listen to what was said about it, you would have known. To explain every thing now, we require one and a half- hours. Where I had explained everything about it two harvest system, and the necessity of irrigation for that, no one is left unclear, even laymen in the rural areas.

What the hon'ble Member said about Aizawl Thana was very true. Under present scheme, as soon as construction of jail near Luangmual is completed, Aizawl jail will be shifted-down. A new Police station will be constructed in place of the jail. An extension of Civil Hospital will be constructed in the present Thana Complex. As we all know, Civil Hospital is need of extension. This is the only solution. To repair the present Thana, there used to be objection from Finance Department as it is temporary location. I accept that it should be improved at least a little somehow.

I have also noted down about two meals a day in Silchar Mizoram House. In other places like Calcutta and Delhi, it is written in breakfast and dinner. Instruction shall be given so as to enable guests to order as they will.

We must be remembering that we have not been having accommodation of Police or police quarters for a long time. As such it was started in 1980. It is understood that we cannot complete it at once. Some of its is under P.W.D. whereas some below Rs. 50,000/- are under I.G.P. Police Department are working very fast. At the same time, we must know that P.W.D. is having many other important works to attend to. So they will not be able to complete it within a year or two.

We have heard about P.W.D. roads. We can see with our own eyes the result of the enthusiastic efforts of their officers. As we are too backward in this respect, the effect of their work is hardly recognisable. We must realise that they are having lots of problems. Sometimes, explosives cannot be delivered due to Assam agitation and sometimes transportation in Assam. They are working only hard and their work is considerably satisfactory. It is more encouraging to appreciate them constantly than criticising them.

Yesterday, there was discussion on security forces. It was not clear enough, so I would like to say a few points. As we know, there was heavy army operation during 1966-1976 after which there was a short ceasefire. Operation who started again. Again, there was a censefire. Operation was continued again after which ceasefire was again declared. Apparently, Indian Army are having no urgent work and quite a number of them in Mizoram. One thing we should be glad for is the Security Forces, indulging Police, Indian Army, C.R.P. are doing better than before. We should appreciate their good work which will be a great encouragement for them. We must also keep in mind that while they are having operation which includes checking of houses, etc. there may be some undersireable manners on their part. They do not treat us any longer as they did before. They show their respect to us. Their officers, especially are doing very good. Even Mizos cannot do better. Suppose a brigade of Mizo soldiers are posted here they would do no better.

We request Army Officers to take investigations as soon as there is report against their soldiers. And they should punish them if they are found guilty. As such they are behaving themselves.

Recently there was a report from Khawzawl that the wife of one peon was raped by a soldier. As soon as the report was received by the Brigade, at Bawngkawn, the Brigadier and the G-1 went to the spot and took investigations. Not trying to conceal the guilt, the culprit was punished and was court martialled. In spite of their good system, we cannot say these undesirable incidents are totally abolished.

The hon'ble Member Pi Siamteii once said about Women Police. We have 12 Women Police in our target. It is intended to have at least 30 of them, if not now, in the near future. It appears that Pi Siamteii was not informed of this that she said again about the same yesterday.

Mention was made about Police Outpost. Many of us expressed our desire to have Police Stations at different places, we are facing two problems in this regard. Firstly, our present Police Rent is very low. The first important step to be taken to solve this problem is to raise the rate of the rent. As such it was increased to Rs. 300/400 within the last year or 80. A new station was opened at Bairabi. It is expected to open according to the availability of fund. However, we will not be able to do it as we like because the Government of India makes a little objection. Their reply to our request for 2/3 Battalions of Police/MAP was that there is a division of Security Forces in Mizoram and it is difficult to open new Battalion of Police. If and when the insurgence is over, only 1/2 brigade of Security Forces will be required and more Police Forces would be established. However, we require Police. As we know 2nd Battalion of M.A.P. is still pending. We shall continue to urge them.

SPEAKER : Well, discussion of the L.G. Address is over, I shall call upon Pu Joe Ngurdawla, in case he might want to say something, and afterwards ask for adoption.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, I am glad we could have a good discussion on the L.G. Address. Even our Ministers participated very well. Before I ask for adoption, I would like to inform the Government one thing.

The Chief Minister explained NREP. I think it was right. However, I do not think we are supposed to be so blind about it. Although the people of the interior Villages used to say the disadvantages of E.G.S., there is nothing from which they can earn money besides EGS. It cannot cover the requirement of the whole territory. It was a good and very useful instrument of the Government to help the rural people.

As the Chief Minister has said, Central Government had helped us and it is hopeful that they will continue. The Chief Minister did a good work. However, if its utilization is not simplified, it will be too late before we can use it. We require the simplest form. It seems none of us in very clear about it.

I request the House to adopt the Motion of Thanks.

SPEAKER : We have finished discussion on the L.G. Address satisfactorily can we show our acceptance of the Address by raising our hands..... (Pu C.L.Ruala: Pu Speaker, may I have a few wards) You were given enough time one by one. (Pu C.L.Ruala : just a minute) I have already closed the discussion. (Pu C.L.Ruala : You allowed some of us to say after adjournment of the House, what I am going to say is more important than that) What was said after the House was adjourned was not recorded. So, even if you say now..... (Pu C.L.Ruala : allow me to say just two minutes before the House is adjourned). No, I have already closed. (Pu C.L.Ruala : there are some of our questions unanswered, for example - my question "Is Arm Forces same as District Arm Force was not explained) You may ask that but side the House, we have 2 items of Private Members' Business. Now, the House is adjourned till 2 p.m. as we have important urgent business.

SPEAKER : We shall go to our business. There are 2 items of Private Members' Business. The first one is to be moved by Pu B.Lalchungnunga, let us call upon him to move it. If he is not present, did he authorise anyone? If he has not, according to conduct Rule 125 - his resolution is

lapsed. Now, let us call upon Pa Ellis Saidenga to move the second business. If he is absent, his resolution is lapsed by Rule 125. Now, we have no more business for today. The House is adjourned till 10:30 A.M. tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 P.M.

J. Malsawma,
Secretary