

5TH SITTING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1982 AT 10:30 A.M.

Dr Kenneth Chawngliana, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Four Ministers and 18 Members were present.

BUSINESS

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

PAPERS TO BE LAID

2. Pu Lalhmingthanga to lay on the Table a copy of each of the-
  - (a) Mizoram Roadside Land Control Rules, 1979.
  - (b) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1979-80, Appropriation Accounts 1979-80, and the Finance Accounts 1979-80 relating to the Government of the Union Territory of Mizoram.
3. Pu F. Malsawma to lay on the Table a copy of the Annual Report of the Mizoram Board of School Education for the Year 1981-82.
4. Pu Zairemthanga to present the 10th Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

5. Pi L. Thanmawii to present the Report of the Committee of Privileges.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

6. Pu H. Rammawi to raise a motion for short duration discussion a matter of issuing Identity Card by the Mizoram Congress I to its members.

**SPEAKER :** "Blessed are the poor spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after right-ousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are prosecuted for right-ousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when man shall revile you, and prosecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Mathew 5:3-11

To start our Business, let Pi Thanmawii ask her question.

**PI L. THANMAWII :** Pu Speaker, my starred question No. 14. Who is the appointing authority for Grade IV Employees under the Recruitment Rules of the Public Works Department.

**SPEAKER :** Let the Minister concerned answer it.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, no appointing Authority is mentioned in the Recruitment Rules. It is shown in the Central Civil Services classification Control and Appeal Rules, 1965 in which there

is one provision according to which the Heads of Offices are authorised to appoint Grade IV employees. This is meant only for non-Secretariat Offices.

**PI L. THANMAWII :** Supplementary Question Pu Speaker. The reason why I ask this Question is that Grade IV is applied for only by uneducated lay men. They have to come to apply for the post from far off places and have to wait for a long time. Many of the Heads of Departments like S.E. and C.E. are always on tour. And in between their tours, they hardly have time for these things which I thought would take not much time. Is it not possible to entrust their subordinate officers.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, power is delegated to Heads of Departments by Finance Department Vide U.O.No.SE.2/72/36 of 16.11.1972. It is the policy of the Government to give equality to the persons in accordance with the availability of vacancies. Employment Exchange will call the candidates according to the seniority of their registration in the Employment Exchange. In this way, it is centralised.

**SPEAKER :** If there is no other Supplementary question, I call upon Pu S.K. Chakma to ask Question No. 15.

**PU S.K. CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, Question No. 15, will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Law, Judicial and District Council Affairs Department be pleased to state -

What action has been taken on the memorandum submitted to the Government of Mizoram urging to enquire into irregular utilization of Development funds by the Chakma District Council

(b) If no action has yet been taken, is there any intention to do so and when

**SPEAKER :** The question is to be answered by the Leader of the House. Has he authorises anyone. If not, we shall take up Q No.16. to be answered by Chief Minister. If the Leader of the House arrives within Question hour, he will answer.

Now, we shall take up Business No. 2. There are several papers to be laid on the Table of the House. Now, I call upon Pu Lalhmingshanga, Finance Minister to lay 'Mizoram Roadside Land Control Rules' 'Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay—

(1) Mizoram Roadside Land Control Rules 1979 and

(2) Report of the comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year

1979-80, Appropriation Accounts

1979-80, and the Finance Accounts

1979-80, relating to the Government of the Union Territory of Mizoram.

**SPEAKER :** The Finance Minister has laid the two papers. Let the copies be distributed to the Members. I call upon Education Minister to lay another paper on the Table of the House.

**PU F. MALSAWMA, MINISTER :** With your permission sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Annual Report of the Mizoram Board of School Education for the Year 1981-82.

**SPEAKER :** Annual Report of Mizoram Board of School Education for the year 1981-82 has been laid on the Table of the House. Let the copy be given to the Members, Pu Zairemthanga is to present the Report of the Business Advisory Committee. However, we cannot leave Pu S.K.Chakma's question as lapsed only because the Leader of the House was not present to answer the question. As such, I call upon Pu S.K.Chakma to ask his question No. 15.(Pu S.K.Chakma asks his starred question No. 15).

**SPEAKER :** Let the Chief Minister answer it.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I am sorry I was late this morning. I went to give instruction to A.Os. Who have just completed their training course and are going to visit some 20 Villages.

Development fund Chakma District Council ka inegularities ka bari me bahut memorandum petition mila hai. Lekin abhi MLA kaquestion me koi khas nam bala hai. Lekin hamara office se ek petition Atul Chandra Chakma ka hamluk nikala hain. Iskelia kafu memorandum hain, to islie D.C. Saiha se report mine kalia abhi bija raka hain.

**SPEAKER :** Is there any Supplementary Question

**PU S.K.CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, Minister ne jawab dia hain bih ek Memorandum do hia hain, Memorandum V.C.P. sath men lia aur L.G. aur C.M., Law secretary kaw file dia uah kidar gia memorandum. Memorandum ka bari men to kuch action bhi nahin hua, action hoga ya nahin hoga.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, Wah M.L.A. ka bat sath bat hain, kabi memorandum mila hai. Lekin isi khas question men koi nam nahin dia hain ham bola hai. Kafi memorandum to mila hai L/a D.C. ko file se Report milna kelia bija hain, Report milna ka bat Januari action lena hai wah ham log lenge.

**PU C.L.RUALA :** Could it be made understandable.

**SPEAKER :** His question can be read out (He reads it out) The answer was -

(a) One petition from Shri Atul Chandra Chakma, Ex-CEM Kamalanagar making some general complaint of misappropriation of Development fund has been received on 4.3.'82

The matter has since been referred to the D.C. Saiha for a report

(b) does not arise.

Question No. 16 may please be asked by Pu S.K. Chakma.

**PU S.K. CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, my starred question No.16 (a) and (b).

“Will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Law, Judicial and District Council Affairs Department be pleased to state -

(a) Is the Government of Mizoram intending to take action against the Chakma District Council who disobeyed the Government order for shifting back the Chakma District Council Headquarters from Borapansuri to Chawngte (Kamalanagar)

(b) If yes, when.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, M.L.A. ka sawal ke jawab ya hain. District Council ka Autonomy ka sath ya jaruri hain. Consultation jaiiri hai kih bat barke kelia isi Chief Secretary our Chief Minister our Chakma District Council 15th February, 1982 main Chief Secretary main uahapass men bat kia our Kamalanagar men wapass jaiga aise bola hai to isc dia ham log dekhenge our lekkin 7th April tak Hq, Borapansuri se Kamalanagar lahin jaiga to our action ham lug lenge.

**PU S.K.CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, wah 7th April se pahila District Council Headquarter wapass nahin our se kia action lege to bolni sakta hain ya nahin bolsakta resolve karenga ya suspension karenga kya.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, 7th April tak theraga our us wagtak wapass nahin jaiga to hamlug pher bhi dekhenga kya karna hain kanuni ka barkibab.

**PU CHAWNGKUNGA DY. SPEAKER :** Pu Speaker, their case should be carefully looked into. If the CEM is from Heka river, they simply shift the headquarters down there. And if the new CEM is from near Tuichawng river, again they shift the headquarters upto that side. Unless proper action is taken, it would bring worse results. What action is to be taken on them if they disobey the warning.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, what the hon'ble members also Deputy Speaker has just said was true. Some of you might have known about this.

The Headquarters of Chakma District Council was Borapansuri. They passed a resolution to shift their headquarters to Chawngte (Kamalanagar). This was approved by the Council of Ministers and L.G. and was officially recommended by the Government. So they shifted the headquarters. However, they just shift from Kamalanagar to Borapansuri at their own will. The Government ordered them many times to return to Kamalanagar. A few days ago, on the 15th February, '82, the Chief Secretary called the CEM and explained everything to him. The CEM said they would shift on the 7th April, '82. The Deputy Speaker wanted to know what action to be taken if they fail to shift back. We shall wait till 7th April and see what action is to be taken on them if they fail to shift.

**SPEAKER :** Pu J.Thankunga will ask supplementary Question and we shall call upon Pu S.K.Chakma.

**PU J.THANKUNGA :** Pu Speaker, how did they manage to carry all their properties like that. Did not they have any building Did not the Government give any building fund.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, Chakma District Council has a good building at Kamalanagar. When I visited the Village soon after we formed the Ministry. I saw that Lakher & Chakma District Council have good buildings. Even Pawi District Council is having good buildings now. But the maintenance of this buildings is not satisfactory.

Regarding the limited furniture of the District Council, yes, they have only very limited furnitures. They never do anything properly.

**PU ELLIS SAIDENGA :** Pu Speaker, how did they maintain their office at Borapansuri. As they have office building rented.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I have not visited Borapansuri. I expect the Deputy Speaker could tell us that

since he has visited the place. Regardless of whether they have office building or not, they just shift it.

**PU H.K. CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, Has the District Council power to shift any time they like.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, it has no power. They do not care whether they could or not. They just do it.

**PU HIPHEI :** Pu Speaker, the Chief Minister, while answering the question, said as if the CEM of Chakma District Council shifted the headquarters at his own will. If I am not mistaken, the headquarters was shifted to Kanagar on the resolution passed by the District Council. Again following the resolution passed it was shifted from Kamalanagar to Borapansuri. Did the CEM shift the headquarters at his own will.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, whether they passed a resolution or not, the way they shift their headquarters was their own will. That was against the law. Even though they had passed a resolution to this effect, it is nothing without the approval of the Government of Mizoram.

**SPEAKER :** Pu S.K.Chakma may ask one more supplementary question.

**PU S.K.CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, District Council Headquarter Chawngtse Borapansury job Transfer kya wase ekdom office kam bond kya hai, kiu kih officials log apna nghaine Baidea hain. Wah Mizoram Sorkar malum nahin ya nahin.

**SPEAKER :** Has H.K.Chakma any question

**PU H.K.CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, if the headquarters can be shifted from place to place, won't there be any accusation from both sides to the government.

**PU H.RAMMAWI :** The Leader of the House has just answered that. The headquarters was shifted following the resolution passed by the District Council. But they did not obtain the approval of the government. I heard their intention from Saiha. The government must have known the same before they actually shifted. Why did not the government stop them.

**BRIG. THENPHUNGA SAILO, CHIEF MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, that was true, and they were instructed not to shift. They did not obey, That's all.

**SPEAKER :** The Leader of the House said that action will be taken if they do not obey the warning.

Now, we shall go to Item No. 4, and call upon Pu Zairemthanga, Minister, Parliamentary Affairs to give report of BAC.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, report of BAC I, On account of the information received from the Finance Department that they would not be able to present the Budget for 1982-83 and Allied papers on Thursday, the 18th March, 1982 as was scheduled earlier due to unavoidable circumstances, the Business Advisory Committee met in the Speaker's Office Chamber on the 7th March, 1982 to consider allotment of time for various items of business for the remaining days. There being no private Members' business on Friday, the 19th March, 1982 and also the time for giving notices for private Members' business as per Rules is over, the Committee recommends that Friday, the 19th March, 1982 be reserved for any Government business. If the Budget and Allied papers are ready by that time, they may be presented to the House.

Monday the 22nd March, 1982 already allotted for general discussion on the Budget may also be modified since presentation of the said Budget on Friday, the 19th March, 1982 is not certain. Thus, Monday, the 22nd March, 1982 may also be reserved for presentation of the Budget and other Government Business that may come up for disposal. In case Budget could be presented on Friday, the 19th March, 1982, the programme from Monday, the 22nd March, 1982 as was chalked out earlier and presented to the House through the Ninth Report need not be altered but remain the same.

I hope the House adopt the recommendation of the Committee.

PI K.THANSIAMI : Pu Speaker, I second it.

SPEAKER : Before we adopt this recommendation, have you anything to say. The programme had to be changed. Are the copies ready for distribution to Members ? Besides, we could have discussion on it. It may not be too clear just by listening to it.

PU J.THANKUNGA : Pu Speaker, we often do against the rules. The rules said "The time-table" in regard to business as settled by the Committee shall be reported by the Speaker to the Assembly and circulates to the Members" I suggest we try to follow the rules in future.

SPEAKER : This recommendation shall be declared as it is approval by the House. (Pu J.Thankunga : the recommendation should be presented by the Speaker and discussion should be held before approval). After it has been approved it shall be declared.

PU C.CHAWNGKUNGA DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, we have adopted the report why did the Minister i/c Parliamentary Affairs has to ask for adoption of the report again ? Yesterday we have adopted a report. Let him please captain it so that we can adopt today's report without any fuss.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Minister, Parliamentary Affairs.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the reason why it had to be changed needs to be explained. It was written as due to "an unavoidable circumstance". The Lieutenant Governor had to go to Delhi and his signature had to be waited for which we are doing now. We are expecting him this evening. If he arrives, tomorrow i.e. Friday which was reserved for Private Members' Business could be taken for presentation of Budget. However, if we could not present it due to some difficulties it can be done on Monday. This is why the prog had to be changed by the BAC Yesterday.

SPEAKER : The Committee has made suggestion and hoped to be adopted by the House which was seconded by Pi K.Thansiami. It would be better if we take votes on it. As requested by the Minister, Parliamentary Affairs, let us raise our hands for its adoption (Members raised their hands). Now, the recommendation of Business Advisory Committee has been adopted.

We shall go to another item of our business and call upon Pi L.Thanmawii to present report of Privileges Committee.

PI L.THANMAWII : Mr Speaker sir, with your kind permission, and having been authorised by the Chairman of the Committee on Privileges I shall present second Report of the Committee on Privileges. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The copy of that report may be distributed to the Members. However, this report needs further study, so Members will study at home

and discussion will be held next week, so that anyone who wants to make comment, Addition, dilution may do so.

Now, we shall go to our last item for today i.e. Item No. 6. I call upon Pu H.Rammawi to move a short duration discussion.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, this motion is based on rules 53. It is not very clear in the list of business. It is seen only "To raise a motion for short duration on a matter of issuing Identity Cards by the Mizoram Congress (I) to its Members." It will be made clear later. Why I want to move this motion is this I do not say that it is wrong of Mizoram Congress (I) to issue Identity Cards to its members. (Pu C.L.Ruala : Mizoram Congress (I) does not issue any Identity Card, can this be regarded as Public importance It cannot be discussed because we do not issue any such Identity Card).

SPEAKER : Let him move it first, so that we will know its importance (Pu C.L.Ruala : we do not issue identity Cards. How could you admit that you should not have accepted it) I'll give you time later, let the mover move it.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, let me continue. It is a discussion motion.

SPEAKER : He will clarify why it is public importance. I have already admitted and let him continue (Pu Hiphei : You have admitted it against the rules. Pu Speaker, please do not allow this. If we go against the rules, this House will lose its dignity).

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, it is a matter of Identity Cards. (Pu Hiphei : let us act do it against the rules) (Speaker : let him first say, so that you can say because we are going to have discussion. (Pu Hiphei : Pu Speaker, please stop him because he does not know it. We did not issue Identity Cards) (Speaker : He did not say 'issued' but 'issuing' Pu Hiphei : We are not issuing, we have no intention to do that)

SPEAKER : If you do not give him time to say, it won't be fair. I told you I am going to give you enough time later. (Pu C.L.Ruala : it cannot be discussed here because we are not having any intention to issue Identity Cards) You may say that later. If you do not stop disturbing, you will have to get out. (Pu Hiphei : The matter is of no public importance or public urgent. Let him withdraw his motion) Pu Rammawi may continue.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, I am not going to withdraw it, I did not mean it to be said only by me, but we will all say on it, because it is a discussion - motion. We will discuss it, but it is not to be passed. Not only in northern side, but also in southern part of the territory, each and every Congress-men would have an identity card (Pu Hiphei and Pu C.L.Ruala opposed it).

SPEAKER : Will you please let Pu Rammawi to continue or you get out? You cannot challenge my power over the admission of the Motion. I admitted it according to the rules. He is going to say its importance. Get out, Are you going to sit or get out (Pu Hiphei : We are not going to sit there is no rule such as this).

PU L.PIANDENGA : Pu Speaker, there is the mover. Whether we like it or not, everything will be clear from the discussion for the members. They should not make noise.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, we are all going to have a chance to say.

**SPEAKER** : If you do not want to have a discussion, get out. I have given an order. If they do not want to sit down, take them out.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER** : As Parliamentary Affairs Minister, I request them to sit down.

**SPEAKER** : Sit down, (Pu Hiphei : We do not want to be controlled against the rules. It cannot be the dignity of the House) This House does not function as desired by one or two Members. As long as I am the speaker of this House, I shall carry out the rules as I find them.

**PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, wait a minute. I would like to request the honourable members to sit. Since the Speaker has already admitted the motion, even if we think it un-admissible, we shall have the chance to say later.

**SPEAKER** : I call upon Pu H.Rammawi to continue his speech.

**PU H.RAMMAWI** : Pu Speaker, the dignity of the House should be maintained by the Members of the House. This motion is a discussion Motion and let us all wait for one own term -

Not only in Aizawl District, but also in southern districts, the Mizoram Congress (I) is saying that Identity Card is issued to each and every Member of their Party and non-holders of the card will not be safe from the Security Forces. On the other hand people were also informed that Card holders will not be harmed by the MNF. This makes the life of the general public very insecure because they do not know anything about it. It means the ignorant people are threatened unnecessarily. This matter, basing rules 53, is a matter of Urgent Public importances. As such I move it to be discussed by all the Members of both benches.

All political parties are to serve the public. Issue of identity Cards is to be the sign of membership to the Congress Party. The same can be done by other parties also. I have no objection to that. However, I find it undesirable if it is used as an instrument to threaten the ignorant people. I do not think other parties should do this because it disturbs the mind of the people. Even P.C. Party issued a Campaigner's Card but they did not use it to threaten the general public.

Like wise, Identity Cards used to be issued by different departments and offices. But no office use it for threatening the people. No one should do it. It is against IPC 355.

It is very clear that there would be misunderstanding between card holders and non-holders. (Pu C.L.Ruala : We did not issue, it was only said by some people. It cannot be public importance) Pu Speaker, this is not a small matter, the people used to say to me. (Pu C.L.Ruala : We are the authority and we know no such thing).

**SPEAKER** : Do not interrupt anymore. I will give you time.

**PU H.RAMMAWI** : Pu Speaker, I shall give a copy of this paper 17th March, '82 issue to the House which says "Those who apply for youth Congress Identity Cards are requested to mention the following -



- (1) Name
- (2) Age
- (3) Father's name
- (4) Signature of the applicant. Membership fee 25 per head.

Sd/- Thangchungnunga Varte,  
Secretary.

( Pu C.L.Ruala : It says membership card, it is not identity Card ) It says Identity Card. There is no use to deny one's fault. ( Speaker : you may make clarification later ) I am going to distribute its copy and give it to the House, too ( Speaker requested Pu H.Rammawi to brief his speech )

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, it is difficult to go fast if they disturb me all the time. I do not say that they should not issue identity Cards. But they should not use to threaten the people. I find this necessary to be discussed.

SPEAKER : Anyone who wants to participate in the discussion may raise your hand now. Twelve of you but we have only 2 hours, it means only 5 minutes can be allotted to one Member.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Speaker, why I found the matter inadmissible is this - It would be Urgent Public Importance. 'Urgent' as defined in Parliamentary Practice is 'Before the matter becomes publicly known'. The present matter is not 'urgent'. Secondly, it is not a matter of public importance. The mover has said that 'Identity Cards' are used for threatening innocent people even in the remotest villages in Chhimtuipui District. I came from Chhimtuipui District yet I do not know anything about Identity Cards. ( Some Members : He is pretending ) I am not pretending for the simple reason that the youth Congress are the one who issue the Identity Card.

Thirdly, what he has just read out and what he said about threatening ignorant people in the interior Villages is not relevant. Youth Congress are not instructed by Mizoram Congress to issue Identity Cards. Why should Legislative Assembly would object to one activity of a political party. They wanted to strengthen their party only. The mover of the motion says it is against the IPC. 355. If they have committed a crime, why did not they arrest them. We should not use this House for opposing such insignificant activities. Shall we also say our Ministers' accusations of Congress Party. If you could admit this motion, it would be better to admit that. We did not want to move it in the House in case it is inadmissible. But shall do it. They can use any thing they like to strengthen their party. ( Speaker : Now, you have taken about minutes. Let us call upon Pu C.Vulluaia ) It is only because you are afraid of Congress Party since you lost in last Village Council Election.

SPEAKER : Let us not forget only five minutes is allotted to one member.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Speaker, the present motion makes the general public confused. That is why it is discussed now. In the midst of the atmosphere in which the people are constantly afraid of security forces, police, as well as MNF, the Congress Party, who never hesitates to use anything they like to strengthen their party, wants to use undesirable means just before V/C elections to confuse the people. I would like to announce this is not to be done in politics.

Actually, they said that any house where Congress Identity Card is fixed at the door will not be disturbed by the security forces and the MNF. It is no wonder that an ignorant people would have Congress Identity Card by paying 25p if only they would be free of security Forces and MNF. Moreover, in some places, they told the people that this was introduced with the approval of the Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi. I do not think our Prime Minister who is fond of honesty & loyalty would approve this thing.

I wonder if our Prime Minister and the two Congress leaders of Mizoram, viz Pu Hawla and Pu Sainghaka who have been waiting for 3 weeks to see the Prime Minister but could not see her have real connection. (Pu C.L.Ruala : They have seen her twice). It is not a nice thing to be done by one of our biggest political parties in Mizoram.

Besides, it has an undesirable result. It would be much better for the political atmosphere of Mizoram if they would not do this unfair means. So that Mizoram could be better led in the right path.

Issue of Cards to identify their own people is not wrong. What was wrong was their means and threat. The general Secretary said it was done by the youth. I do not know if their youth wing and the main Congress are working together or not. Any way, we want to advise them to stop this diety means which can defame their party. If they are happy to have more vote from this thing, we congratulate them. Being the responsible body here to lead the people in the right path, and to prevent other parties from doing the same, we would like to advise them never to do this again.

**PU P.B.ROSANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, I find it necessary to clarify why this is public importance. As it has been stated if they had issued the identity card only to strengthen their party, it has nothing to do with us, and we can do nothing against it. However, there are rumours about this matter.

Recently I visited my Constituency and had a chance to deliver a speech in one Village. They asked me to explain what they heard " Anyone having no Congress Identity Card would not be safe from either Security Forces or the MNF ". They told me that Congress workers from their headquarters were saying like that.

**SPEAKER :** Pi L.Thanmawii.

Pi L.Thanmawii : Pu Speaker, I am glad the House admitted this for short duration discussion. It is only natural that a party should fight with another party in one policy and actions. But to use dirty means is different.

Though they are denying what they did, no one would have said about it, had there been no fact. This is happening in an around Aizawl. We should not use absolute lie for threatening the ignorant people.

For example, Bairabi people were threatened that if they elect P.C. as their V/C, they would make a dam that would destroy their Village which the Congress would not do. Apparently, our friends are using this sort of threat during election campaigns. As we all know, the people are easily confused.

We also issued identity cards. But we never use it for threatening other people. It seems they wanted to make the people scared of security forces and MNF, and the most suitable instrument is their identity cards. In spite of their denial, it is a fact that they use it to threaten the people.

I wish that our political system be more decent. I suggest we give up this sort of dirty games to make people confuse and I request our workers to consider very carefully before they act.

**PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Pu Speaker, I am glad to have a chance to speak. As we have heard the matter is often talked over. I was the initiator. I am the President of Mizoram Youth Congress and a member of All India High Command National Council. It was passed by the All India Youth Congress Conference held at Bangalore in December 28, 29 to issue Congress Identity Cards to our members. Others states have done. In our opinion, it is just like wearing a Tawlhlohpuan. We do not call it Identity Card but membership Card issued to our members who have paid membership fees. However, if it could save people from the hands of security force as well as MNF as you said, it is surely very good.

Our workers might have said what they ought not to, and it is the responsibility of party leaders to tell our men not to do so. In my constituency, the people were threatened that if they do not vote for P. C., Kawrthah PWD Division would be shifted to Kawrtethawveng. I have no doubt our people have said those things and it is our duty to lesson this type of dirty games.

When you wear Tawlhlohpuan, we were not afraid of it. At the same time, the people were equally threatened that if they do not vote for P.C., no development work would be done for them. But we never thought of bringing it to the House to trying to defame other parties. As I have said, we didn't even call it 'Identity Card'. I have already put an order of 5000 Cards which I have not yet delivered and nothing is going to stop me issuing the same to the members. I would like to say that your whole altitude towards it is the wrong.

**PU F.MALSAWMA MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, some of the members have said. Issue of Identity Card or membership Card does not matter. Any party can do that. However, I do not know whether it is as instructed by the leaders in the Headquarters of Congress. In rural areas ( Pu Saikapthianga : in rural areas, when I was asked about it, I said no wrong-doer will be saved by a card. I also have an MLA Card, Government servants have their own Card and they cannot be saved by their Cards if they do against the law).

Pu Speaker, that was what I expected. However, we have been receiving reports from every constituency which means it covers the whole territory. Secondly, why it is public importance - for those who have been threatened, the matter is urgent. I do not think even Congress leaders can say whether the MNF are attaching the people or not..

The people have not forgotten the difficult time they have just got through and still are easily got scared such time of threat. The issue of the Cards, in general, is not a crime, but to use it as a means of winning the people by threat should be condemned by this House. I find this as public importance because majority of the population are living in villages. Suppose one party is safe, while other parties are not, it concerns the whole territory.

As for its urgency, for those who are trembling with fear that when the MNF, after a long time of calm and peace, would attack them, non-holders could stand a chance. Moreover, if the threatening is done without

the approval of their headquarters, and I don't think they would approve it had they known, I think the House should condemn the action. And I request the House to do so.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, I thought I was not going to be called upon. Personally I think we should obey the laws. However, I do not see how this Identity Card, which has not been issued so far can be treated as public importance. As for its admission to the House, it was said it could be admitted, if the Minister concerned finds it necessary, and I wonder who was the Minister in charge of Identity Card issued by Congress Party. So I suggest we take more care from now onwards in admitting these motions. (Some members asked questions) No, the identity cards have not been issued. Our Youth Congress were asked about it and they said they were issuing Membership cards and not Identity Cards. There is no reason why we should discuss it in the House. You should have enquired about it earlier, and you need not be too alarmed of the rising Congress. Although we are surely growing, don't be too scared of us. We do not threaten people.

I will tell you how the P.C. have threatened Phullen people when V.C. election campaign was going on. They said if they did not make P.C. Village Council, they will not be given Dispensary. When Congress party leaders at Phullen were asked about it, they said they dared not contest otherwise they would not be given dispensary. They dared not be responsible for being deprived of dispensary of their Village.

If we are going to discuss such small matter as this in this House, there would be too many motions to be discussed.

We want the House to be led as per rules, there is no law as to say that anything as laid down by the Speaker is law. I would also like to say that we are going to rule impartially, when we rule, and you need not be afraid of us.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Speaker, from all sides it could be public importance since the mover has moved it, we know so much more. From the discussion, it seems about 40/50 have been going around threatening the people. Attack of MNF from Arakan looks much more terribly dangerous than having been deprived of a small dispensary. Since MNF are more dangerous to life than non-existence of dispensary. Obviously, without the knowledge of the Congress leaders at the headquarters (or they just pretend) a dangerous threat is being spread by our Congress friends.

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Just before V/C elections, Pu J.Thanghuama, leader of steering wrote in one daily newspaper that being a member of Congress is not enough for security, but it depends on what the person is. When I read that I understood that it is not good to get strength from what might be dangerous for others life.

We should have a pure challenge. As Pu Ruala has said, it is good that they intend to set up a better government than P.C's. However, if we are expecting to set up that Government through threats, it will affect democracy. So, no party should do this.

As they have said, they are going to issue that 5000 Cards. After it has been discussed to such length in the House, and that threat is covering the whole territory, it would be better if they do not issue. How the people in interior Villages takes is much worse than in towns. They are easily

terrified by the security forces as well as MNF. So this issue cannot but be public importance. From the light of the discussion Congress leaders are now aware that some of their workers are spreading such threats as that. If they would try to make amends from this, it will be good for all of us.

The identity card, in general is not important. The way how it unsettle the minds of the people and how it destroys the peace of view among the public cannot be ignored. As we know, we have been having no peace of mind for a long time and just when we started living like a human being we should not let this destroy our peace of mind just to win people to our side. It will not be lasting, anyhow, I am glad this could have a lively discussion on the issue with the expectation that it could be put aright.

**PU BUALHRANGA :** Pu Speaker, in our discussion some of us regard this issue as below public importance. I do not think we would have anything to say had we not known the misuse of identity card by Congress workers.

Issue of identity card by any party is up to them. The House has nothing to do with it. But when it is misused, it makes confusion among the people. As such it affects the representatives of the people automatically. If what Pu Saikapthianga has said was true, there is nothing to discuss.

However, whether they really are going to use it or not, something has been done to the effect that messengers have to be sent to headquarters to enquire about the issue of identity cards. If the members regard this as insignificant, we are not worth to be people's representatives.

A knife is a very useful tool, but it can be used for inspiring ourselves too. Likewise, identity card can be dangerous when used for which it is not issued. When we sent out our workers, rural people used to take seriously whatever they told. And sometimes some of our own people may act against the orders of the leaders of their party.

They haven't forgotten the horrible incidents of the past few years and can easily imagine their neighbours brutally killed in the streets which they themselves had witnessed with their own eyes. They are easily terrified. If all the political parties are going to have a true competition with one another, these dirty threats should not be allowed. We all have policies to bring peace and tranquility in the country. So I suggest we abolish this kind of threat and condemn the existing one also.

**PU K.LALSANGA :** Pu Speaker, I would like to say just three points. Firstly, as Pu Joe Ngurdawla has said, both the threats cannot be compared. It seems we are trying to make it as a small matter. Being a democratic country, I don't think it is permissible to make the people confuse and agitated.

Secondly, the hon'ble member from Kawrthah Constituency has said that he used to tell his Constituency people that identity cards are only for good men and not for crooked people. Also he said that he does not mind if anyone could use it for safety. I wonder if he means even wrongdoers may use it for security and was he contradicting himself? Whereas they are making identity cards, but 'Admit Cards'. I wish it could be clarified.

Thirdly, we P.C. are not going to use threats. As the hon'ble member from Kawrthah Constituency by said, they meant to use it only as to defy Tawlhlohpuan. However, they did use it to threaten other people. We do not threaten, but we comfort them. And we restored Village Councils to Thlawhbawks. They might as well keep this in mind.

**PU J. THANKUNGA :** Pu Speaker, I did not want to say before they said they are going to make identity Cards (Pu C.I. Ruala : We are not going to issue your so called Identity Cards) Anyway, you are going to issue cards. It is no wonder for Congress Party because it is their nature. Even during insurgency, they suggested to issue identity cards, we did issue and it gave us much trouble. They enjoy this sort of thing.

However, they do confuse the people with their cards - because even in a bus, non-holders of identity cards raised to be arrested than those holding cards with them. We are not afraid of them particularly. We just want to abolish identity cards as we said we would, whereas Congress party still wants to issue more. It is not a sin to issue identity cards for a political party in general, and it is not necessary to discuss in the House. I just want to advise them not to do this thing and try to stop this threat from their end. It is no wonder some of their workers should utter such threats because even some of P.C. Party workers also might have said about not giving dispensary to some Village people. We must accept this insignificant threats to happen during election campaigns.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, we have been sitting together in this House for about 3 years - both Treasury bench and Opposition members. From this we have set up a practice. Regarding the present issue whether it is public importance or not, it may be noted that whenever Pu Hipeia and Pu Ruala say rather loudly that something is going on in the House.

I do not think it was a mistake to have admitted the notion. I do not think the order was from their high Command also. It is unthinkable to have absolute security both from the security forces and from the MNF - just by having Congress Identity Cards. I have received the same question from the people of my Constituency. I told them this cannot be true because security depends on the person concerned. The Government lays down certain rules and regulations for the citizens. These are not difficult to observe. And only those who violates these rules are liable for insecurity from the security forces except in special cases. I also told them not to be afraid of them.

Anyhow we have a good discussion on the issue and I hope it will bear a good result.

**SPEAKER :** We still have time - Let me call upon Pu Saidenga.

**PU ELLIS SAIDENGA :** Pu Speaker, ever since the motion has been moved, our opposition members are denying it. This motion is very important. It would be worth discussing if they could turn it from membership card to Identity Cards. Though our opposition members are denying very hard, I would like to say a few words about this.

Just before V/C elections, I was at Aizawl. The President of Lunglei sub-headquarters Congress was also at Aizawl. They had some important meetings. Soon after they left for Lunglei, I also went to Lunglei. By the time I reached Pangzawl, Hnabthial and other Villages in my Constituency, the same threat as this was said by everyone. I would understand how it been said by only their Youth workers that they are going to issue the identity cards, but it looks if it was from the instruction of the headquarters that it was issued. I wonder if their headquarters did not really have no knowledge of it.

Besides, in my constituency, Congress workers used not only their identity cards, but also MNF papers. Because of this, many people dared not vote for P.C. and as a result they lost their seats at several places.

However, I do not think victory by threats will last long. So I advise all other parties to be more careful in future.

**SPEAKER** : Does the leader of the House want to say something. Let me call upon Pu B.Lalchungnunga.

**PU B.LALCHUNGNUMGA** : Pu Speaker, I find the short discussion on the motion of Identity Cards issued by Congress- all Members have denied that it was only membership card and not Identity Cards. Those who have said did not mind if it was only Identity Card. But I do mind. Whether it is Membership card or playing Cards. I would rather they did not do it so as to frighten the people. So long as they did not frighten the people or spoil the peace of mind of the General Public, it could be harmless. It is needless to say we faced quite a lot of problems because the security Forces used illegal weapons before P.C. Ministry was formed. But today, even though some people are arrested, whether they are suspected or true, they are not brutally harassed. For this, the people are not afraid of the security forces if they are not guilty.

What the people are afraid of is that they would not be spared by the MNF if they do not have Congress Identity Cards with them. In fact P.C. Party lost quite a number of its people to Congress Party.

In Buarpui Constituency, Congress campaigners did not do very well since there was no good communication. In this constituency only one seat was lost. Where the threat was more P.C. lose more.

Anyway, though they deny that they are issuing identity cards and say they are going to issue Membership Cards, threatening the people by any Card cannot be advised to any party or anyone. The people are easily frightened as a result of the terrible things they had gone through during the insurgency. The grown-ups who have witnessed the real atmosphere are easier to be frightened. So it cannot be advised. And campaigners should also be carefully instructed before they leave and never to misuse their Cards.

**SPEAKER** : It seems we all have said. When Pu Rammawi moved it, opposition members said there was no intention to issue Identity Cards. If I remember correctly, Pu Rammawi read out a copy of newspaper to clarify it. Do we agree to distribute a copy of it to all the member. If we agree, it will be the property of the House. If he did read it, let him lay on the Table of the House to be the property of the House.

**PU H.RAMMAWI** : Pu Speaker, I did read it out, it may be distributed.

**SPEAKER** : If so, let it be distributed to the members. Since it is the property of the House, let me read it out while it is distributed -

#### Mizoram Youth Congress Notification

1. Those who submitted their particulars for Congress Youth Identity Cards always make a mistake. They should submit the followings -

1. Name
2. Age
3. F/Name

4. Member's Signature

5. Membership Fee 25 p. per head.

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As for the motion being admitted, there was a question as how the speaker admit it. I would like to make a few clarification. Peace and Tranquility was the most important manifesto during Election campaigns. However, as the members have said reports were received from every constituency and from their I took it to be an urgent public importance and when a motion was brought in I admitted it.

Now, if the owner of the motion wants to conclude, he may do so. However, we cannot take vote. We had a discussion and that's all we can.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Has Pi Mawii something to say

SPEAKER : We are supposed to have time till 1:00 p.m.

PI L.THANMAWII : Pu Speaker, one member said about Tawlhlohpuan that hits me.

We have never threatened anyone with our Tawlhlohpuan. You cannot compare it with your identity cards. We shall be glad if all of you would wear it too.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, the papers were distributed to clarify the controversy regarding issue of identity cards. It clearly shows that they intended to issue Identity Cards.

I am glad the motion was successful. The hon'ble member, President, MYC has said it was resolved in Bangalow conference to issue Identity Cards.

The hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency said they did not have any intention to issue identity cards which the newspaper reveals that they had. The member from Kawrthah Constituency thought there might be some workers who have said those threats without their knowledge. I am glad it appears this House condemns use of thing to threaten the people.

PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Speaker, they were going to issue Membership Card. The party has no intention to issue identity card, (Speaker : Have'nt you seen the paper yet which was distributed during your absence). No intention of the party was written there. It was the Youth who are going to do. It is wrong to take the party in such a way.

SPEAKER : Anyway, we have read it out and explained it. Even Congress Members have admitted these was such things from the light of the discussion. The House expects them to restrain their workers in this regard.

We have finished our today's business and there is no business for afternoon. Session is adjourned till 10:30 tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 12.00 noon.

J. Malsawma,  
Secretary.