

7TH SITTING OF THE 8TH SESSION

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Pu Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Four Ministers and 19 members were present.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the Lord weipheh the spirits. Comment thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. The Lord hath made all things for himself. Ye, even the wicked for the day of evil. Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord : though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

Proverbs 16:1-15

Now, we will take up our Business. First of all, we will call upon **Pu C.Vulluaia** to present to the House the 6th Report of Committee on Estimate.

PU C.VULLUAIA : With your permission Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg to present to the House the 6th Report of Committee on Estimate. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C.Vulluaia had presented to the House the 6th Report of Committee on Estimate. The copy may be distributed to the Members.

Now, we will proceed to Business No. 3. Discussion on the Budget. What is the opinion of the Members regarding the allotment of time to each Member? Make suggestion.

PU ELLIS SAIDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in our previous discussions, time allotted to member used to be quite short. If the discussion is going to be General Discussion, little more time be allotted.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Well, we will accept this suggestion. But, if a Member does not be known what to say, he should not try to use up all the time allotted to him. Hence, time allotted to the members may range from 5, 10, and 20 minutes.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to be the first speaker in the General Discussion.

First of all, it is the Budget Book which draws my attention. I wonder who did the binding and compilation works. Besides being untidy, the typing are not clear. Some portions are in fact in-elligible. The quality of paper is also far from good. I think it is very difficult particularly for the older ones to read and study their at night. I hope that in future, Budget Book will be prepared with utmost care and attention.

The first three pages of Demand No. 1. contained matters relating to Assembly Secretariat. It is so unjust that this Secretariat is not given any increase. The same amount of provision is made every year. It is not easy for the Department to function efficiently considering the treatment they received from the Government. Travelling Expense provided in Budgets of the last 2/3 years is so meagre and so is the provision for maintenance of vehicle. It is impossible for the Department to manage with such a low provision. I feel that the provision could almost be regarded as in-direct invitation to exceed Revised Estimate. Had not Finance Department been generous, we would have been humiliated. Considering the provisions made

for other departments the provision for Assembly Secretariat is too meagre. I desire that more fund be provided for this Secretariat.

There is provision for L.T.C. of the Ministers and MLAs. If it was not made by mistake, it is surprising to have provision for Leave Travel Concession for Ministers and MLAs, for, I never knew that Ministers and MLAs could have Leave as in the case of Government Officials. If LTC could be availed without being entitled Leave, it is alright. But, it is unlikely that LTC will be granted to the Ministers and MLAs as they do not have any leave. In some ways, it is a shame to grant LTC to persons who are not entitled any leave. It is understood that we will not be in a position to make use of this provision as we are entitled any leave, so will the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. I therefore, desire that this provision be amended if possible.

At page 14 of the Budget Book, there is conduct of election to MP & MLA under the head of Election Department. It appears that the Department is going to utilize fund only for MP and MLA elections. Many times we have made suggestion to set Election Department, take up and conduct District Council Election. I think we have also referred this to Consultative Committee. As we know, the three District Councils of Mizoram are going to have MDC (Members of District Council) Election in the coming autumn. If the District Councils themselves conduct their election and take up their own affairs, there could not be secrecy or fair election. It is therefore, necessary that Election Department conduct also the election of District Councils.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I will try to make my speech short. It is pleasing to note that the opening of new Sub-Treasury at Champhai and Lawngtlai was mentioned in the Finance Minister's speech. I do not know how will the now staff in these Sub-Treasuries be treated. But, the treatment of Saiha Treasury Staff by Directorate of Accounts and Treasury Department is far from satisfactory. Graduates staff are posted but, they discharge duties from Headquarters without going to the Saiha Office and their monthly salaries are sent from Saiha Treasury to Headquarters where they are engaged to discharge duties. It is a bad practice. If they are needed at the Headquarters, Aizawl, let their be transferred to Aizawl or else and appoint candidates who are willing to work at Saiha Office. As under the present practice, the Public suffer besides the Department itself. I feel that the Department should note this and give better treatment to Saiha Treasury Staff.

As noted at page 33, no provision is made for LTC under Training Department. It is understood that the Staff under this Department will not be able to avail LTC during the year 1982-1983 whereas the Staff under other departments could do so. Such treatment could be regarded as partiality on the part of the Government. It is unjust not to provide fund for LTC of the Staff in the Training Department while other departments staff are provided. I feel that this matter should be attended to immediately.

In between page 39 and 46, there is District Administration under which Circuit House at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha was mentioned. I am glad that the work on Aizawl Circuit House is in progress. In Saiha, the building is completed. But, Lunglei Circuit House does not seem to have any progress inspite of the provision made for it in every Budget. As this Circuit House have only 4/5 rooms, many times the officers and we, members could not be accommodated. It is therefore, necessary to speed up improvement work.

As we know, Mizoram is divided into three administrative districts. But, it has now, been felt the need to open additional 2/3 new sub-divisions

in Aizawl District, and at least one new Sub-Division in Lunglei and Chhimituipui Districts. Though no provision seemed to be made for this in the current year's Budget, the Government would but do well in considering this matter.

In spite of the many improvements, the condition of the Mizoram Police Organisation is not yet satisfactory. However, the government have been making all out efforts and now we could have plan proposal for establishment of Police Hospital. It is a notable achievement to have plan for establishment of Police Hospital, for I believe this will also serve the purpose of the public besides the Police themselves.

As page 3 of the Address, the punishment of some security personnel who are responsible for unsavoury incidents was pointed out. It may be noted that in Saiha police Department there are some police personnel who used to behave badly. Particularly on the night of 27.2.'82, they made tension at three different places. At one place, they called out of the house a student who was studying and making preparation for the ensuing Matriculate Examination. He was tortured and pointed at with pistol. At other place, the son of Office Chowkidar who, often keeping an watch over the office for his father and was on his way home was beaten and tortured. On the same night, one Government employee was tortured and beaten black and blue. He was also aimed at with pistol. It was fully knowing that he was not a criminal that these police personnel played with pistol. I regret that the Chief Minister who is in charge of Police Department is not present now. I would however, inform the House that it is necessary to penalise these police personnel who misbehaved in such a manner. I do not deny that there are many good police personnel who behaved well and rendered praiseworthy services. These kinds of Police are helpful to the public and the public also regard them highly. But, if the bad ones are not punished, I am afraid that they will feel encourage to mis-behave again the next time. The Government have conduct rules and action should therefore, be taken accordingly. I want Police Department to take prompt action in this regard.

Supply and Transport Department had been partly discussed in the discussion on the L.P'S address. I appreciate the achievements they made since last autumn till date. Many quintals of rice have been stocked in various centres and many have been positioned even in interior places. It is notable achievement which the Public also appreciate. I therefore, want to urge the Department to continue to make efforts in the same page.

One other thing which the L.G. or Finance Minister have not mentioned in their speeches is the intention of Supply Department to open 6 new Supply centres in Chhimituipui District. These centres are nearly completed. The public as well as the member who represent this part of area are truly thankful for this achievement which I want to inform the House.

I am also glad to note that there are proposals in the Finance Minister's speech for opening of many new Bus Stations. Plan Budget curtailed all these proposals. The proposal covered the area upto Chawngie for which I am thankful. I feel that other departments also should follow suit and make pre-plan.

The Autonomous District Councils of the Chhimituipui District now have better treatment than before. The leaders of the Councils are also thankful for this. Pu Deputy Speaker, the Minister in-charge of District Council Affairs is not present. But, I thank it will be more convenient if fund for District Council is placed under the Major head 299 - (Special and Backward area' instead of placing it under the Head 265 - 'Other

Administrative Service'. I want the Department concerned to take action to finalise this suggestion of mine.

Though the hon'ble Chief Minister is not present, I would like to state that information given to the House by our House Leader regarding the shifting of Chakma District Council was wrong. It was stated that the Chief Executive Member of Chakma said that they will shift before 7th April. But, when I met Chakma CEM on Saturday night, he said that he only told Chief Secretary their intention to consider the matter before of the April. He claimed to have told CS that they will inform him again whether their decision was positive or negative. His statement was quite different from that of the information received and given to the House by our House leader. As it is not a proper thing to give the House wrong information, I urge the Government to re-examine this matter.

It is pleasing that development of Ngenpui Wild Life Sanctuary and Phawngpui (Blue Mountain) area by Forest Department. What we have fought for a long time at district level for handing over Phawngpui area to Mizoram Forest Department have now been finalised. I strongly believe that if the Government take up developmental work, Phawngpui will, after 2/3 years, turn into a breathtaking attraction particularly for tourists. I think beautification of Phawngpui will require only about 2 lakhs. I therefore, urge the Government to speed up the work on this project.

There is Community Development Department at page 219. Though I appreciate their achievements, but I feel that the Department should look into this matter.

The Electric Department have made notable achievements which the public also appreciated. I want the Department to open new divisions in Chhimtuipui District since there is now heavy work load even in this District.

It is pleasing that PWD have taken up road construction works and they have also made many achievements. But, shortage of staff/officers particularly E.E. creates much difficulty. It has been quite a long time since the Government take up the promotion of S.D.Os to the post of E.E. I think there will be speedier execution of works if the Government make officiating or short time promotion as provided under sub-section 5(10) of section 7 of chapter 5 of the PWD Manual Volume I.

Pu Deputy Speaker, let me give thanks just for one thing more. At page 74 of the PWD schedule of works, there is plan for construction of Vawmbuk approach road and Lungtian approach road. I thank the Department for making such a plan in a far flung area such as these places. Pu Deputy Speaker, will it be possible to make another speech when voting on demands is taken up? (Deputy Speaker : Yes, it will be possible). I will end my speech now.

Thank you

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any other member who wish to speak

PU L. PIANDENGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, What I wanted to say is about weaving under Co-operative Department. I have stated about this once before and the Government also seemed to have taken practical steps. I think we remember that in the past, we, the Mizos were self-suffice in clothing or weaving. But now, things have changed. Instead of being self-sufficed, we now have to purchase clothes or clothings from outside.

However, Co-operative Department have taken steps to improve weaving and a good number of persons have been trained for this employment. Weaving Machineries have been installed in many places and many households have taken up weaving as their occupation. Though there had been many improvements, there is but still a long way to go in this line. For more expeditious execution of works, the Department will require more fund as also, the Weavers and there has to be good market for disposal of the production. If we could use our own Wover-cloths for curtains, bed-cloths in private and Government Buildings, it will be a great improvement. The Government will do well to encourage the use of our own production for various purposes, hospital clothings and also for weaving. We, the politicians also will do well to encourage the people to value and promote our own local production of clothings as this will mean more employment opportunity for us. If Co-operative Apex Weaving could have mean to dispose of the productions of the Weavers, there will be better improvement. I therefore, urge the Government to take steps in this way.

Next thing I want to say is about works and Housing. The Consultative Committee had taken up this matter for consideration. As we know, matters relating to Housing and other different loans are talked by Finance Department through the Deputy Commissioner. But, will it not be better if the Minister concerned i.e. works and Housing take up this, since it is his own portfolio. I think it is better to have the Minister concerned take up this matter.

Thank you.

PU B.LALCHUNGUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I have not properly gone through the Budget as it is not very easy to read. But, as no member seems to be in a mood to stand up now, I will take the chance. What I know from the speeches of the L.G. and Finance Minister is that the Government do not remain idle which is a pleasing thing to know.

As stated by the members earlier, the Budget is quite satisfactory so is the provisions. It is also pleasing to know the achievements made by the Government. However, we could not help pointing out what else needs to be done because of our enthusiasm for further improvement.

It is pleasing that there is quite a handsome provision under Agriculture Department. But, may be do not know how to utilize fund that there seems to be not much progress inspite of large amount of money spent and provided every year. In this content, I think we should not put the blame solely on the officers and staff of the Department. Public Co-operation is needed to have the fund implemented properly. While at the same time we expect the staff and officers to be honest and sincere, We, the public also should be honest and sincere in our works. If the public are not educated to be sincere in the attempt to achieve self-sufficiency in foodstuff, the sincerity of the staff or officers alone will not make us achieve our goal so will be the same if the public, particularly the cultivators are not sincere and honest. Hence, there should be Co-operation between the public and the Department concerned. What I wanted to say is that Government servants have their superiors who could educate them to be sincere and efficient in their works whereas, we, the MLAs have responsibility to educate the public. If there has to be improvement in agriculture, there should as well be Co-operation between Government employees and the public.

One of the branches of Agriculture Department is Soil Conservation. As often stated, Soil Conservation functions under the Directorate of Agriculture as one of its wing. It seems that there cannot be much improvement

even though we have often stressed the need to improve and strengthen the Department. We may be aware that Soil Conservation have made many notable achievements. As a matter of fact, many people, particularly in Villages preferred working under Soil Conservation Department to working under Agriculture Department. In spite of our repeated suggestion to create separate directorate for Soil Conservation Department no step has yet been taken and the department is still treated as an orphan. I strongly believe that there will be better and more expeditious improvement if Soil Conservation has separate directorate. I therefore, urge the Government to consider and take necessary steps for creation of separate directorate for Soil Conservation.

Though I myself have rarely seen successful fishery in any parts of Mizoram, it appears that there had been improvement for which I am thankful.

Veterinary Department also have made notable achievements. As stated earlier, cows and pigs were distributed under the subsidy scheme. In my constituency also, a number of families have started cattle farming. Due to the efforts made by the Department, the production of milk have increased though it is not yet enough to meet our requirements. If the Department make continuous efforts, I think we would soon have enough meat and milk to meet our requirements.

Co-operation Department, as we may be aware is an important establishment. Previously, I never knew much about this set up and I have not much studied its organisation. It is only lately that I realize its importance. What I intend to say is about Large-Scale Agriculture Multi-purpose Society. As stated in the speeches of the L.G. and Finance Minister, it seems that there are altogether 7 LAMPS in the whole of Mizoram. All these are set up in Aizawl District which, in my opinion, is not fairly just while Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts have not a single of such society. When I asked the reason for this, I was told that the department heads of both Lunglei and Saiha reported to the headquarters as not being possible to set up such society in these two districts. I think it is merely to prevent heavy works being constructed to them that they made such report. If they really wanted to know the potentiality of these areas for establishment of Large-Scale Society, why did not they have better inspection of the area by visiting more places and why did not they consult public leaders. Had they come to public leaders and consulted them, we would have given them some advice and direction. It seems it is for their own convenience that they made such report. It is truly regretting that all the Large-Scale Societies are set up in Aizawl District because of the report submitted by them.

Truely streaming, it is southern area who produces more cotton and millets (sesamum) than any parts of Mizoram. And LAMPS been set up in these districts, the people would have been greatly benefitted. I regret to say that I blame the Assistant Registrars of Saiha and Lunglei for no LAMPS being set up in Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts. Though we could not un-done what had been done or reported, I do but want to inform the House that there is potentiality for establishment of LAMPS in Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts and I urge the Government to take steps to have such society set up in these districts even if it means more works to do.

I appreciate the achievement of Forest Department. Afforestation scheme has also been carried on successfully. It seems however, that the public are facing certain, difficulties because of afforestation programme. In some places, the Department approach public leaders who are not public leaders in practical sense who, without further thought, give away land to the Department. Such thoughtless act, in the long run, often disappoint the public. It is not only the people of my constituency who have difficulty because of afforestation programme. Hence the Department would do well to

remember that they are serving the people while, at the same time, they make reservation of forest for the Government. I urge the Department not to let their activities cause difficulties to the public. Truly speaking, afforestation is just the name in many places. Some area are reserved and the existing vegetations are cleared and local seeds of certain crops or plants are grown. But, no maintenance after this. If there is no proper maintenance, afforestation could mean practically deforestation. I truly regret to see good forests destroyed for afforestation but which, have not been well attended to. In some way, afforestation may be more successful if natural vegetations are preserved and protected from man's devastation. This does not also mean that I do not approve of afforestation programme. But, it is when they destroy and do not properly attend to the natural existing vegetations that I do not appreciate afforestation programme. If we truly want to protect and preserve our forest and its products, it may be necessary to constitute Fire Service Organisation to protect our forests from devastation by fire.

If we have no Fire Organisation or the like, the Department concerned will have to be entrusted. Otherwise, all our good forests will soon be destroyed as it is shifting cultivation that we still practise.

Whenever I speak about Industry Department. I used to make one suggestion which has not been implemented till the present day. We speak highly of the achievement made by Industry Department. It is no doubt a fact, that Sewing Machineries have been distributed widely. There have also been places where there are 40/50 families we have had given Sewing Machinery. It is still good that these machineries are mostly used for mending torn-cloths. There are however, things much more important than distribution of Sewing machines. There are yet many important things that could be done under this Department. One of this is to increase production of oil. One essential commodity in which Mizoram is not self-sufficient but in which we could be self-sufficient is oil. As I have often stated, Mizoram could be self-sufficient in oil as there are many sesamum growers. Sesamum could be flourished almost in every parts of Mizoram.

Millet (sesamum) trading is in fact, one of the most important trades for particularly the people of southern area. Every year many quintals of millet are transported to Silchar besides having enough for local consumption. Hence, I think the Department will do well to distribute machinery for extraction of oil from millet needs. If at least one such machinery could be installed in every constituency, I think Mizoram will be able to produce oil to meet our requirements. When we recommend certain items to have their production increased, market facility has to be considered. But, no market facility has to be considered for oil, as we, ourselves are the consumers as well as the market. If the Department takes no initiative in this regard, we do not know how long we will still have to purchase oil from Silchar. If the Government take vigorous steps, I do not think it will be difficult to attain self-sufficiency in oil.

There is massive improvement in Education Department. There are now 775 Primary Schools in Mizoram and a good number of teachers have also been appointed since the formation of P.C. Ministry. It is also gathered that 150 more teachers are to be appointed in the near future. In spite of our improvement, the grievances of some teachers have not been removed. There is a solution to this problem and I have in fact, raised questionnaire in this regard and the Minister concerned had also furnished the reply. Being aware of un-equal distribution of teachers, the Government have been looking for a means to set this right. I do not deny steps taken by the Government, but, I want to make few additional statement in this regard just in case the Government do not fully aware of this un-equal distribution of teachers. I will point out the case of schools in my constituency as

they are what I see and hear with my own eyes and ears. I do not know how many bright students who could be our future great leaders, doctors and high ranking officers have been denied of proper education because of our failure to establish good school for them. In certain places for example there are too many teachers in one school whereas some schools have only one or two teachers to look-after a good number of children. Particularly in Thlawhbawks, there is fewer number of teachers and some Thlawhbawks have no teacher at all. It appears that teachers are packed up in towns as no teacher wants to be transferred out of town. If the Department could not transfer them out of town, we, the members also may have been the cause. I am afraid that we, the members and the Ministers will be the ones who cause such complication to the Department. If we interfere too much in the decision of the Department and make them un-able to take action against teachers who refused to accept their transfer's order by making request or direction on their behalf, the problem of un-equal distribution of teachers will not be solved. Hence, it may be better if we less interfere in the decision of the Department. It is most desired that equal distribution of teachers be made this year.

I will also be thankful if the Education Minister state the reasons why the Government have no intention to open one new Sub-division at Lunglei. What could be the difficulty, for Aizawl District also could have 4 Sub-Divisions. Chhimtuipui District also have two sub-divisions. Actually, it is too heavy only for one sub-division to look-after the whole of Lunglei District. If new sub-division is not opened, the people of Lunglei District will certainly suffer.

Much efforts had been made for the improvement of power and 47 Villages had been electrified and many more are yet aimed to be electrified within the current financial year. It is pleasing that there is tremendous improvement. However, Lunglei, the second capital of Mizoram does not have yet electric supply at day time even if one wants to start industry. It will therefore, be pleasing if power is supplied to Lunglei at day time also as it is the case in Aizawl.

As I have stated, there is tremendous improvement in various walks of life and the provision of the Budget for 1982-83 is also quite satisfactory. It is truly pleasing that the Government continue to make efforts for further improvement inspite of many difficulties we have come across.

Thank you

*PU S.VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to have an opportunity to speak about the Budget. The Budget Book, as stated, is quite difficult to read. At page 95 of the PWD work Schedule there is construction of Bungtlang and Saiha. I wonder how will Bungtlang be constructed for which Rs. 40,000 is provided. The provision for the three district Councils have come down this year to Rs. 73 lakhs while it was Rs. 76 lakhs in the previous year. I regret to say that this shows negligence of the District Councils on the part of the Government.

Under Demand No. 3, there is Councils of Minister. We, the members from the Chhimtuipui District have in fact, made demand on this. As we are aware, the post of Deputy Minister is kept un-filled up. When the House Leader came to Saiha, he said at the public meeting that they will fill up the post of Deputy Minister with P.C. MLA, if there is any from Chhimtuipui District. I feel that this post should be filled up. Last year, we made demand to have P.C. MLA from Chhimtuipui District filled-up this post, yet, it is still lying vacant this year. I, therefore, want to make another demand of this now.

As we have often stated, Chhimituipui District is much more backward than Lunglai and Aizawl Districts in various respects due to which special treatment has to be given as it is also provided in the Constitution. However, I regret to say that this District is being neglected in many respects. At the initial stage of U.T. Government, there used to be district level officers under various departments. But it has been some months since there is no district level officers in Saiha in the Departments of Industry and Information & Publicity. The public suffered immensely because of this particularly in the field of Industry.

Lawngtlai PHE Division was opened some years back. But, no officer has been posted till now, There is one overseer and an SDO comes to work here only sometimes. There is no one to consult or to receive the public not to speak of works need to be executed. As stated by the member from Sangau Constituency, many more new divisions have been opened in many parts of Mizoram and they are provided with officers. I truly regret that officers are also posted within Chhimituipui District are also being withdrawn while special treatment is expected.

I am also surprised to learn that Vehicle purchased for Saiha Veterinary Dispensary has not been given to them. As stated by the member from Sangau Constituency, there are many things belonging to Chhimituipui District but which are regretted/denied or used here in Aizawl. Hence I feel that this Vehicle also should be given to the rightful office for whom it was purchased.

Regarding education department last year, we have criticized the treatment of private Middle Schools by the Government. I am glad that the Minister had seen to their improvements where it could be done. There is however, some irregularities in Chhimituipui District though this seems to be the responsibility more of SDEO, Chhimituipui not of the Minister. Nevertheless, it is the same thing. In some private and aided Middle Schools, Clerk, Teacher and 4 Grade are given appointment. In there appointment letter, it is stated that they will not have salary and they are not expect to do the work either but that they will be regularised when their schools are provincialised or upgraded to deficit. Such appointments are usually issued without the Knowledge of School Board. I feel that such appointment should be stop and I also urge the Government to make instruction or order to allow Private schools to constitute board and also to follow educational constitution made by Education Department.

We, the people of Chhimituipui District are pleased that 5 new supply sub-centres are to be opened in Chhimituipui District. Supply condition is also quite satisfactory at the moment since rainy season has not started. However, I regret that the Ministry has interfere too much in the appointment of Retailers and Carrying Contractors. Over-looking and dis-regarding the judgement of Supply Officers posted at Chhimituipui District, the Ministry made many recommendations whereas the Officers themselves have others in mind whom they have judged to be capable and reliable. Hence, there was much complication in the selection of retailers and carrying contractors. I therefore, request the Ministry not to make such recommendation so that it may be easier for the Officers to make un-bias decision from their clear judgement.

That is all now.

Thank you.

PU HIAHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to speak. I feel that it is God's grace to be able to participate till today in the discussion of the Budget. I would first of all, give thanks to God and to the House for this opportunity. Pu Deputy Speaker, there are many things to say but, there is no ample opportunity to say all that which we want to say.

It is my wish that more time be allotted to the members at the time of Budget discussion. If our wish could not be granted, I request the Chair to make excuse even if I take a little longer time.

I will start from Demand No. 1, which is Legislative Assembly. I thought that the allowance and salary of the members are going to be increased but, it seems that it is not so. As stated by the member from Sangau Constituency there is no provision made for Medical re-imbusement of the members may be because there is going to be provision for LTC. Finance Department also could make a mistake, hence, I want the Minister to clarify this. Being anxious for its improvement, I have very often stated about the functioning of Assembly Secretariat. But it appears that the more we say about it the worse it becomes. There is more provision this year for maintenance of Vehicles and new Vehicles are also going to be purchased. But, unless there is improvement in maintenance of vehicles we have already purchase another Vehicles. As under the present condition it is unlikely that we will have vehicles properly maintained. A few number of jeeps we have are used mostly for private affairs. Even if new Vehicle is purchased, I think they will be used again for carrying firewood, sands etc. It is highly improper and unjust to use Government's Vehicles almost solely for private purposes whereas none of them could be made available for the MLAs even in time of emergency. It appears that the P.C. Party have lost some of their principles such as to fight against corruption. Pu Deputy Speaker, do not get angry for what I am saying, but make right what could be set right. At the moment, there are 3 Vehicles which need repair. Though unplyable, but, I do not know how many litres have been consumed/issued in the name of these damaged Vehicles. Had the money been used for repairing, We would have had more Vehicle. We, the MLAs also may have Vehicle to use when we need it. It is also too heavy to carry all the Budget Books especially for persons such as I, who will not be fit for army. I therefore, demand that I am given Vehicle for going home. At least during the session, Vehicle should be made available for the members. If all the vehicles are kept hiding at home for trading, carrying firewood and for taking their wives to market, passing of Budget will have no real meaning.

This is not the only irregularity found in this Assembly Secretariat. Even in the case of appointment, the seniors are totally ignored, instead, priority is given to relatives of some person and persons, who are inclined to P.C. Party. There is too much favouritiss that efficiency and sincerity have no place. It is not only this. The Committees also could not function properly. The Estimate Committee, for example, have made many recommendations. The Government do not only pay attention to our recommendation, but, none of the recommendation/decisions made by various Assembly Committees could not be altogether effective because of the weakness of the relationship between the Government and the Legislative Assembly. None of the Committees has stenographer when it has meeting. As we may be aware, stenographer or the like is greatly needed particularly when the Department Secretaries are called before the Committees. But, instead of trying to find good stenographer there is firm intention to appoint persons they favour. It is desired that all these irregularities be condemned. I also desire that this; Secretariat functions like other states Assembly Secretariats. While I thought we are going to have Senior Committee Officer, another post of Committee Officer is merely created though we already had one Committee Officer. If there is good Co-operation between them, it is well and good. But, we, human beings could not do the work properly if we do not have leader or our superior. It is therefore, necessary to create the post of Senior Committee Officer and it is also desired that the post be filled up immediately.

I will not be able to say everything in detail. Hence, I will only say things which disturbs my peace of mind. After Assembly Secretariat, it is Education Department. I want to say. If I do not mis-calculate, the pro-

vision for Education Department is Rs. 38,10,000/-. When I consider the set up of Education Department which is shiftily different from the rest of other departments, I feel that the provision within the planned-programme of the Government and the public abide by the programme of the Government, it is just the opposite in Education Department. In Education Department, the Government have to function as the wishes of the people. For example though the Government have issued order not to open any more private schools but one more private school has to be opened somewhere due to the pressing need of the public. In Education Department, it is the public who pull the string. High literacy percentage we have is an encouragement for further improvement in the field of various Education. This being so, our requirement also will be more and high. While there are still places where there is no Primary School, Middle School or High School, it is too little to have only this much provision in the Budget. Though we want to have more provision for this department, there is but very little we could do. The only thing we could do is to ensure that the fund is utilized as purposefully as possible. The other day, some persons from my constituency came to consult me whether they would join P.C. Party as they could not get any grant-in-aid from the Government perhaps because they are not from P.C. Party member's constituency. I jokingly told them that they could do so but without casting their vote for them in the election. I do not know from where such an idea have sprang up. I do not think it is the Ministers who cultivate such an idea in the minds of the public. I rather think that it is P.C. Party members of their particular area who taught such an idea to those persons who came to me. It appears that they are taught to believe that they would be given grant-in-aid if they join P.C. Party. To the people of this area, the best qualification seems to be to become P.C. Party member. May be because they have such an idea because of their ignorance. But, Pu Deputy Speaker, I am also afraid that the idea they entertained will happen to be true.

If we consider the manner in which the Government take up developmental work in various places, we may not be far from truth to say that Mizoram is heading towards communism. Though we are in a democratic country, we secured to have but followed communist policy. Truly speaking, developmental work is being taken on condition that the people join P.C. Party. Even in the case of provincialization of private schools, it seems that the people have to join first P.C. Party to have their school provincialised. Just before Village Council Election was held last year, we went to Tuisumpui Village Where Pu H. Rammawi, P.C. Party MLA was also present. What he said in the public meeting was that their private school will be upgraded to deficit within 2 years if the people try and test P.C. Party in the ensuing Village Council election. That is the manner in which the ruling members speak in public meetings. It is not only that Schools where there are more P.C. Party member in that Village are upgraded earlier than that of school where there are less P.C. Party population. When I consider all these impartialities and party favouritism, I could not but say that Mizoram practically follow communist policy of 'the end justifies the means'. All kinds of methods are accepted so long as it is to strengthen P.C. Party organisation. Pu Deputy Speaker, if you come to our part of area, you will know how it is with the activities of the Government. The people have now proclaimed how advantageous it is to join P.C. Party. It is our desire that fund be utilized for people and places who deserved. I do not object to their giving priority to their party members. But, there should be justice in their actions. If we still intend to lead the country towards true democracy, the Government we do well to lead us towards this goal in a little different manner.

I do not deny the flawlessness of P.C. Party's policies and manifestoes but, what about their actions. Practically, have not they drifted away from these policies. Truly speaking, many Government servants are now afraid of

making friend with non-P.C. Party members. It is true that we should give preference to our own Party members if both the parties or our own Party member and opposition Party member equally deserved certain thing. But, to give preference to the extent of doing injustice is not the way we should take action. In my constituency for example 4 supply sub-centres are opened and all these are lined up in a compact area. When I asked the reason, I was told that it was the advantage of being P.C. Party Member.

I therefore, urge the Government to consult first District Council or D.C. before they take any developmental steps in our area as they are ones who are more familiar with this part of area. It is not that we do not want Supply Sub-Centres or that we are jealous of the area where it is opened. But, why did not they consult us, the members or D/C Members who are well-acquainted with this part of area before they made selection of places for such centres. Not once were we consulted. They came and start developmental works where their purpose would be best served. I earnestly request the Government to change such narrow bias outlook. (Deputy Speaker : Why don't you say any thanks ?) Well, I have said it. Whether I am thankful or not, there could not be change in the provisions of the Budget. Nevertheless, I am thankful for the opportunity to have the Budget discussed.

Regarding allotment of fund for the three District Councils of the three District Councils, Pawi has the largest provision whereas Chakma has the least. Provision is made on the basis of population which is quite alright if it is development fund. But, if the fund is for non-plan, I feel that there should be equal provision of fund for our three district councils. It is understood that more fund will be required for development of area where there is more population. If I am not mistaken, I think it was already decided in the Chief Executive Members' Conference at Raj Niwas to make equal provision for the three District Councils under non-plan. If it is plan fund, there would certainly be un-equal allotment of fund which is understandable as they varied in population. I am saying all these for our better understanding of the matters relating to the District Councils.

We have made commitment to work and serve the country according to the constitution of India. As under the provision of Indian Constitution, the Governor will appoint one Minister to look after exclusively the affairs of District Councils. But, do we have a Minister to look-after exclusively the affairs of our District Councils. By 'Minister' I do not mean particularly any MLAs from Chhimituipui District. But do we have a Minister exclusively in charge of District Council affairs? At present, it seems that the Chief Minister is in charge of D/C affairs. But, if we look at the list of our Ministers' portfolios, we will see that no Minister holds the portfolio of D/C affairs. As a matter of fact, the Minister has merely taken the charge of D/C affairs along with the affairs of other Departments. To Develop this particular area of Chhimituipui District, a Minister-in-charge has to look-after their affairs exclusively.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, for members representing remote areas, there is not much to say except that the provision of the Budget is quite satisfactory. However, I think I am also expected to say at least something. One of the members from Chhimituipui District alleged that the constituencies of P.C. Party members are given priority in respect of Development. But, if we study the Budget provisions, we will see that this is not so. As a matter of fact, we, P.C. Party lost in the V/C election and nothing about my constituency and Khawbung constituencies are mentioned in the Budget Book. In spite of this, I may be still expected to give thanks which I do not object. But, I would prefer making some criticism to giving thanks at the moment.

As they have said earlier, the quality of paper used for making the Budget Book is so bad that it is not very pleasing to have it passed. It is so soft and crushed that some pages stuck together. I think the members would not like to have such an ugly book for Budget Book in future.

At Demand No. 1, there is Assembly Secretariat, some of the members have mentioned certain things regarding this Secretariat. Truly speaking, it is not very pleasant for us to speak about Assembly Secretariat, but it is inevitable. The total expenditure incurred for Legislative Assembly is only about 1 lakh whereas it was 4.07 lakhs in 1981-1982 Budget and there is no provision made for maintenance of Vehicles. It is unlikely that the members will have Vehicle to use through some of the members have made demand for it. It also appears that we are becoming less and less interested in every session. There is hardly any Assembly Vehicles to be seen near MLA Hostel. I can understand how un-pleasant it will be for members who have no Vehicle. As stated, there are many leaflets and books to be carried particularly during the session. I think the Secretariat should arrange pool Vehicles for the use of members at least during the session. In other states, if there is no Secretariat Vehicle, taxis are hired for use of the members. But in Mizoram, we do anything somehow and we take everything for granted. Truly speaking, I found nothing much to be thankful for when I see the provisions in the Budget.

At Demand No. 10- Police Department, there is little provision for maintenance of Vehicles while there are many emergency cases where escort is needed. Actually, their Vehicles are in such a bad condition that they are not fit for escort. The authority concurred will better see to their provision so that they may have more fund for maintenance of Vehicles.

I also want to say certain things regarding Fire Protection Control mentioned at Demand No. 14. As we have often said earlier, fund provided for this organisation is quite meagre. I feel that the Government should better see to this.

There is no ample time to say all that which I want to say in detail. I will therefore say only an outline. There is Medical at Demand No. 18 which covers page No. 98 - page 120. There is no provision made for Mobile Medical clinic though the people particularly of Villages are greatly in need of it especially where there is no hospital. It has now been two years since such clinic is established as an experiment. It seems that they are quite successful and the people also enjoy the advantages. I regret that no provision is made for such clinic. I think provision should be made for this in the Revised Budget.

Agriculture, at Demand No. 29, is the most important occupation on which majority of the Mizo population depends. Being aware of this, Government also has given due importance. But, the establishment of the whole department is too small that there could not be much improvement as expected and desired. We have repeatedly praised the prospers and achievements of PWD yet if we compare them to Agriculture Department we will realize how small is the department of Agriculture. While we have number of PWD divisions in Aizawl District for example, there are only two divisions in Agriculture Department. It appears that 2 division - Aizawl East and West alone could not look - after the whole of Aizawl District. If we intend to make headway in Agriculture, it will be necessary to strengthen the Department with more staff and divisions. I think it will therefore, be necessary for the Government to take more interest and vigorous steps towards the improvement of the Department.

There is one thing I want to say regarding Animal Husbandry at Demand No. 30. It is 'Slaughter House' we require. As we, the Mizos are meat-eaters,

many cattle and pigs are killed in the Bazar and in different places every day. But, we do not have Slaughter House in the Bazar or in anywhere else. As we do not have such houses, some places are extremely dirty and smelling. Particularly in Sarawn and Mirawng Veng, much effort is required even to swallow food because of the smell. Though there is no provision for this, the Government will do well to take immediate action to have Slaughter Houses built in Aizawl and also in Lunglei if necessary.

At Demand No. 32, there is Community Development. As stated earlier, the administration of Community Development is in the hands of Deputy Commissioner whereas their pays are drawn from the Directorate. They are under the direct control of D.C. except that the Directorate give them their salaries. Many times, the members have stated about this in the House. Yet, no action has been taken till today. I feel that the Government should look into this matter. It appears that allotment of fund for Community Development has almost come to an end if we look through the Budget through the Government have made it their programme. There is little provision for construction of Play ground and Community Hall. Except for the salaries of the Department staff, there is little provision left for the people. A little more provision is made for nutrition. I am surprised that such a little provision is made while many Villages do not have playground and Community Hall. If I do not mis-read, it is only Rs. 2/- for construction of Pre-Primary School building. I do not know how will a house be built with only 2 rupees. I think it is better to make no provision at all than making it only Rs. 2/-. It is surprising that there is such a little provision for the smooth working of one of the best agencies we have for development of Village Community. Except A.Os, there are 20 Blocks in Mizoram. But, it appears that there is less and less provision every year. If the provision becomes lesser every year, we may have only Rs.5/- in 1983-84 Budget.

As musical instrument is also one of the benefits to the Villagers, it is necessary to make more provision. Music makes life pleasant and so also the singers. Actually, even old-men and women could smile when the Drum beats and guitar is played. I think music also could made life longer. Such being the usefulness of musical instruments, it will be a good thing to make more provision for this Department in the Revised Budget.

Provision of Relief on account of natural Calamities is also becoming less and less may be because the fund we had in the previous years were not use up. In the current year's Budget, there is little provision, and yet, fire broke out very so often. In this context, I want to make suggestion. Financial power given to Deputy Commissioner for utilization of Relief fund is only upto Rs. 100/-. I think this should be increased so that fund we have for Relief on account of Natural Calamities may be fully utilized.

It is pleasing that many new buses are purchase under Supply and Transport Department. There are now Bus Services in many different directions. However, the fare is I feel a little too high. The fare which used to be 10np to one Bus stand is suddenly raised to 18np which is too much. Though there are essential items the price of which have been affected by price increase, I think we should make bus fare a little less so as not to cause difficulty to the people even if the Government is going to lose. We may be aware that there are many Villagers who have to travel much but who have no Bus fare. I feel that we should not add to their difficulties. The Government will do well to consider about this.

As I have stated earlier, there were much allegations against the P.C. Party. But, I want to tell the members that things are not as alleged. If we study the provisions of the Budget, we will see that many developmental works are being launched in the constituencies of the opposition members. I have very often thought that it will be more advantageous to be in the

constituency of opposition members. Hence, the allegation made by the member regarding advantage of being in the constituency of Rulling Party members may be re-considered. I want the member to have second-thinking in his allegation so that he may realize the true condition. It is necessary to study the Budget with wider view-for development of the whole country instead of lingering on particular constituency. Let me repeat this - let development reaches its hands to Villages and remote areas so that is may be less straneous for members representing remote areas. Let them be included in the Budget next time Budget is made. Had Khawbung, Farkawn, Zohmun and Tingmun been mentioned in the Budget, I would have made many thanks. Truly speaking, I found nothing much for which to make thank. In spite of this, I could not help making thank for certain things particularly when I see the implementation of various Projects.

It is evident that Government have been working hard to attain all round development. However, in their attempt to bring all round development, they would do well not neglect Villages and far-flung areas.

NREP is stated to be the biggest programme for launching relief work. Yet, the provision made in the Budget is very meagre. If fund could be diverted from elsewhere, we better do it. In view of the present circumstances, this programme should be implemented right away. If it is not implemented soon after it is passed, the Village Cultivators will not be able to cultivate lands this year which means another famine next year. To prevent another famine next year, strong measure of works have to be taken this year. It is also necessary to make the cultivators in a condition to be able to do the work

Lastly, I want to speak about Public Works Department. I think it is for extension of Town that road construction is started in Darlawn Village. Private houses and properties were dismantled for this purpose. But, as the Department could not give them compensation, the families affected made strong resistance against the construction work. In normal case, I think compensation should be given first before the work is started. I feel that the Department should take prompt action in this regard.

In every Budget, there used to be provision for construction of Dispensary. But, skeleton of buildings started 2/3 years back are still incomplete till today. Hence, I wonder whether we should give thanks for whatever it is mention in the Budget.

The construction of road from Khankawn to Zeribam was started sometimes earlier. But, the two contractors made blockade at the outskirts of Thingsat stating non-availability of gelefine as their reason for not continuing the work. I do not know what action should be taken in this regard. But, the Government may take necessary action and I hope that we would be able to discuss the matter in the new Plan Budget.

I hope that the Budget we are going to pass will bring good progress for the people of Mizoram.

Thank you.

*PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I feel that Budget discussion is going to be quite useful. As stated by the member, the Budget, generally speaking is quite satisfactory. The total outlay is about Rs. 29 crores whereas it was Rs. 23 crores last year. Besides this, there are fund provided under Centrally Sponsored Schemes. However, most of the funds are concentrated on towns and headquarters and no special scheme is made for interior and far-flung areas.

Generally, the Budget covers the whole of Mizoram as it is the case every year. There is however, larger amount of money this year. We are no doubt thankful for the amount of provision we have in the Budget. But, what I expect was that we will pay special attention to remote corners and make special developmental plan for them. If there is no special planning cell, there is not much advantages for the people of interior areas under usual routine. If there is no advantage for the people, it is disheartening for the MLA concerned.

On the other hand however, the Budget is quite satisfactory if one considers the welfare of the whole of Mizoram. We can believe that such an amount of money would bring massive improvement. But, it is important to ensure that development reaches even remote corners. Unless fund diversion is made in the Revised Estimate, there is going to be much difficulty for interior areas as under the present Budget. As I have stated, the estimate of the Budget is in the usual style. The difference is however in agriculture. Provisions are made for construction of Link Roads to areas where there are paddy fields and rice terraces. But, I feel that we have not paid enough attention to minor schemes such as irrigation as this is also an important factor for the attainment of self-sufficiency in foodstuff.

As stated by the hon'ble member, I feel that Agriculture Department should be strengthened, for, it is too small a structure to utilize all the fund provided in the Budget which amount to Rs. 192/- lakhs. Agriculture Department is I think the only big department which have not been strengthened or expanded since the formation of U.T. Government. It is not that the Officers and Staff are not efficient enough but that the establishment as a whole is too small to look-after the agriculture of all over Mizoram. As suggested earlier, new divisions be opened at Champhai and Kolasib for example. Unless 4/5 new divisions are opened, the only few divisions we have will not be able to look-after the whole of Mizoram since attainment of self-sufficiency in foodstuff is our target.

Soil Conservation had been partly stated. Generally speaking, they have made good achievement.

There is a provision of Rs. 105/- lakhs for Veterinary Department. They have made quite a notable achievement though some of the opposition members made criticism. In some of Villages of my constituency, cattle farming is carried-on successfully. In Vanzau, a Veterinary loanee already had 10 cows. Their difficulty is rather milk market. As there is no transport to take their production elsewhere, the only market they could find is 3 households to whom milk was supplied efficiently. I feel that Government should give concentrated- attention to areas where cattle farming could be successful instead of wasting our times on experiment. It may be noted that there are not many places in Mizoram where cattle-rearing could be successful. I think N.Vanlaphai is a suitable place for starting cattle-farming as there are stretches of green pastures where the animals could graze. There is also suitable place in Lengpui area. These are only the example. There will be places besides these suitable for having cattle farm. But, instead of conducting experiments in many different places, the Government will do well to concentrate on places where there is scope for successful cattle-farming.

Broadly speaking, Community Development is almost the only department whose developmental activities reach remote corners. If the Department have no fund, farlung Villages will be quite pitiful as they do not have much share in other development activities of other departments. As under the present Budget Estimate, there does not seem to be much hope for remote corners.

NREP is also to be implemented by Community Development. But while we anxiously waited for the return of Chief Minister who had gone to Delhi to ask for Central Assistance for famine relief fund which comes as first instalment was used for construction of Godowns. It is no doubt necessary to construct Godowns. But, considering the urgent requirements of the people who are hard hit by famine, it may be better to utilize the fund anyhow and use the next instalment of fund for construction of Godowns. Under the present prevailing circumstances, it is not possible to follow all the formalities. Whether it is under Community Development or NREP, fund that comes first should be utilized for famine relief. Even if the Central Government do not actually approve of the way we implement fund, it will mean that they do not fully understand the true condition of Mizoram at this moment. Our present condition is so crucial at the moment that it is necessary for Government Officers and authorities concerned to implement fund anyway and anyhow to relieve famine effected families. Even if we could not follow certain formalities laid down by Central Government, it does not mean that we make NREP for corruption loop-hole. There are many ways in which we can show that fund is not wasted. I do not think it is the sole aim of NREP to provide employments for earning a living to famine affected persons. So long as the fund is used for the relieving of the people, I don't think there is anything wrong in not following all the formalities.

Under Education Department, there is a provision of Rs. 165 lakhs. But, as stated by some of the members, this much fund alone will not bring much improvement. Actually, most of the remote corners are without Primary or Middle School. From certain point of views, it may not be necessary to open more schools. But it is as well the fundamental rights of even far-flung Villages to have Pre-Primary or Primary Education. It will therefore, be necessary for the Government to provide them with such education. But, as there is not much fund in the Budget, the requirements of the people will not be met unless Government ask for additional fund. Instead of using fund for physical education such as hiking or swimming, it may be better to use them for opening schools in places where needed since there is no hill or mountain in Mizoram which we have not hitch-hike by ourselves. You may be surprised that in the whole of any constituency, there is not a single Government High School though we made no complain about it. Perhaps it is good sometimes to be ignorant for we do not grumble. Such being the case even in P.C. Members's constituency, it is wrong conclusion to believe that the constituencies of P.C. Party MLAs are given partial attention.

We may do well to remember that no constituency is being neglected when the Government really take up developmental works vigorously. We should try to be content with the conditions we have attained to the extend of our ability. However, the Government may remember that it is Education Department besides Community Development who should faster up the interest of remote and far-flung areas.

I appreciate the activities of Social Welfare Department. Various articles such as Petromax, Pot, Kettle, Mugs etc are distributed to various organizations and to Villages. I feel that more fund should be provided for purchase of these kinds of articles so that we may have more to distribute in Villages. Actually, what we, townspeople regard as small and insignificant are highly appreciated in Villages. To them, one Petromax will have more value than Hydel Project. Frankly speaking, they may not give much thought to Hydel Project so long as one Petromax reaches their Village. What is upper most in their minds is what good would this Project bring to them while they have not had even a single Jeep road. Such being their conditions, it is necessary to make Special Scheme for their development. As stated by the members, they do not have actually share in various develop-

mental schemes we have formulated. As it is the manifesto of P.C. Party, special emphasis should be laid on upliftment of rural areas. For this end in view, Planning Department will have to be strengthened and we may also need to have separate Planning Commission. Truly speaking, persons who make plans are those who have not been to or have grasped the true condition of life in remote Villages. It is necessary to make places according to the conditions of people and places.

Plans made try PWD and Agriculture also secured to cover mainly nearby areas surrounding their stations. It is not that they find it difficult to implement them in remote places. But, places where it is difficult to implement their plans are the areas where concentration of works is most needed. If the plans are implemented only in places where it is easy to implement, our development will be less progressive. To bring equal pace of development for all areas, we should be careful in making plans. To make proper planning, the Planning cell we have will have to be strengthened and expanded.

I think Revenue, Excise and Taxation Department should be strengthened. Particularly, rules formulated for Excise should be put into practice immediately as there have often arisen some difficulties when the Department collect taxes on liquor. Besides strengthening the Department, the public also have to be educated to give importance to taxes as it is the only regular source of our state income at the moment.

I do not think fund provided for PWD which is Rs. 25 lakhs will be adequate considering their achievements last year. As we are aware, Mizoram is now more progressive than before. It seems that the weather plays an important role for the achievement of all that which we have achieved besides strenuous efforts made by the Government. As long period of dry season offers longer implement our fund during this period.

As I have stated earlier, Government have made achievements in various fields. A number of Villages have also been provided with water supply. Generally, what I want to say is our vote of thanks whereas it is also necessary to say something important. As I have said, all our plans have to be made carefully.

Efficient Government is a Government which could provide best education to most people. The best place for meaning the people is Villages. It is also Villages who need help. Truly speaking, townspeople could live without Government's help. To fulfil our tasks and responsibilities, it is necessary to make plans to cover Villages and most interior areas. If we have no separate planning cell for remote places, there will never be equal pace of development in Mizoram. When I see the suffering and hardships of the people of far-off places, I could not at the moment envy many large-scale plans we have through they will be useful in the long run. It is the present condition I could care most at this moment.

Thank you.

PU C. CHAWNGKUNGA, DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now adjourned the meeting. At 2:00 O'clock in the afternoon, we will continue.

Recess till 2:00 P.M.

AFTERNOON SITTING

2 : 00 P.M

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take up business no. 4 Short duration discussion. It is the motion of Pu Hiphei we are going to discuss. What is the opinion of the members regarding allotment of time ? Shall we make it 5 minutes or would you prefer 10 minutes ? (Pu Bualhranga : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think 10 minutes will be better which will mean that about 12 members would be able to make a speech within 2 hours.) Well, we will make it 10 minutes then. Now, Pu Hiphei may speak.

***PU HIPHEI :** Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank you for granting me my request for short duration discussion. The reason why I submit this motion is that on the 8th of this month. Four Ministers, one of them have not given his signature, made written allegation against Congress Party, as being the instigator and supporter of the MNF and their activities of intimidation. If it is party struggle against one another, the people would have understood as it is not un-lawful. But, the people are very down-hearted by such an allegation of the Ministers who formed the government and whom the people look upon for guidance because there had already been government notification in which it was stated that anyone who extends any kind of assistance or donates fund or takes to the MNF will be punishable by imprisonment or arrest. While there was such existing order, the Congress I Party was alleged as the supporter of MNF and as the ones who help distribute pamphlets of intimidation to ruling Party members. As under the present condition, we the Congress Party members are liable to be arrested or imprisoned at any time under law prevention activity. The people, particularly those who do not understand the time condition are really frightened by this. Fortunately however, no one, under law preventive activity, was arrested during the Village Council election which clearly reveals that their allegation of the Congress Party was wrong.

Truely speaking, the Congress Party have been working tenaciously for achievement of peace, and prosperity in Mizoram. It is not only the Congress Party, but other Parties will as well make effort for this end as it is peace and prosperity we all wish for Mizoram. But, in our attempt to bring peace, we may be using different approaches and tactics as in the case of the approach made by the Congress I. Pu Lal Thanhawla, Congress I President was charged as saying in the newspaper that 'all of us should be MNF'. If only this portion is taken for consideration, he may well deserved to be charged under the present circumstances. On the other hand however, Pu Lal Thanhawla has motive by saying this. It is in the hope of re-gaining ground for peace-talks since Mrs Gandhi came back to power that he said such thing. If we consider his motive, we will realize that he is far from wrong by saying these words. Hence, it is not far on the part of the Ministers to pick-out only some portions of his saying and used them for making allegations against the Congress I. As this portion alone does not make our motive clear, I want the Ministers to withdraw their allegations.

Actually, it is not proper for the christians as well as for the government to make wrong allegations. If it is party-conflict, there may be allegations and counter-allegations against each other party. But, what is not proper for the christians is not proper either for the government.

***PU SAIKAPTHIANGA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, in some way what we are going to discuss today is quite a 'trifle matter.' Yet, we could not help having discussed about it. When different parties are in conflict; party President and General Secretary used to give their signatures in the papers of allegations. But, to have the signatures of the hon'ble Ministers in the allegations' paper is quite a different thing which I do not understand. I have in fact, regarded this as Government's attack against political party.

If they know any political party who have helped and supported the outlawed MNF. I demand that they make arrest.

A number of Congress I members are being arrested now. In Saitual, our President and Vice President were arrested so also in Ramhlun Veng. But, none of them could be convicted as being the supporter and helper of the MNF even when the Police searched them and their houses as they could find no proof. Actually, the charges they made against them were all based on lies.

I also demand that the Ministers whose signatures we have in the written allegations tell us exactly how we, the Congress Party have helped the MNF during pre-Village Council Election days. One incident which clearly reveals where we stand with the MNF is that Romei Editor, our Congress Executive member, whom we candidate from Kawnpui Constituency was beaten and his arm was fractured, may be because he published some articles in his paper which the MNF did not like. I therefore, want to inform the House today that for being Congress, we do not convince or influence the MNF and we do not help or support them either.

I do not think it is right for the government to make such a wrong written allegation against us. In this allegation, the name of our President Pu Lal Thanhawla appears off and on in the daily paper 'Mizo Aw'. Pu Lal Thanhawla have no involvement in this paper. He is neither the Editor nor Circulation Manager. It is wrong to make allegation against him just because the Paper is run by his relatives. Regarding allegations, I do not think it is necessary to say much. We all wish for Peace and Prosperity. The P.C. Party wants to achieve it so has the Congress Party and others. But, to allege one another as being supporter of the MNF whom Central Government have declared outlaw is not the way to fight for peace. I have gone through an appeal made by the P.C. Party to the Congress Party. I appreciate their appeal. But to make written allegation against us, the copies of which are being circulated widely should not be the way to seek our co-operation in their attempt to achieve peace. If their allegations happened to be true and arrest us, it is well and good. But, if they have no proof to be able to arrest us, they should no more make such allegations.

Why did Pu Ch. Chhunga, Chief Minister was alleged as being the authority who gave order for the shooting of MNF captain, Dawnglhana, during the earstwhile Congress Ministry ? It was like the present Ministry that the Congress Ministry was run once before. Whoever comes to power, ones who break law and order could not escape un-punished. I desire that there is no more wrong allegation in future.

Thank you.

*PU C.L.RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I regret that allegation has to be discussed in the House. It seems however, inevitable to say about them. When I carefully study this paper of allegation, I noticed the signature of the President. I would like to know whether it is signed officially. It is truly regretting to make official allegation in the Press. There could be party conflict and different parties make allegation and counter-allegation. But, for the government it is not proper to involve in party conflict. Their allegation against the Congress Party is as such that it is necessary to say about it in the House. As stated earlier, their allegation made the Congress members panicky and frightened. If the Ruling Party members know how and when we have supported the MNF and their activities, please say so. When I read some Press Release issued by the MNF and the Ruling Party and also the statements of the hon'ble Chief Minister at various occasions, it seemed that there is big misunderstanding between them not because the Congress Party played them against each other. I do not know whether my

thinking is right or wrong but there seems to be a wide gap of mis-understanding between them. Actually, it is in our attempt to find peace that we often go to Delhi spending lots of money everytime we go. For fear there will be again hatred and mis-understanding among ourselves, the Mizos, as was the case just after the disturbances broke out that we made every possible effort for achievement of peace. Actually, it is in between hope and despair we are now standing. We, the Congress Party were alleged as having two faces - pro - India in New Delhi and pro-MNF in Mizoram. We do not deny our congressmanship and we are true supporter of the Congress I headed by Mrs Gandhi even in times when she was in the lowest position. But, if peace could be settled within the framework of India Constitution, we should make friends with the undergrounds to be able to bring them closer to the government within whose constitution peace could be settled. Just in case there is something we could do in the attempt to bring peace that we go often to Delhi and court the authorities concerned. If we want the MNF and the Central Government to come to an understanding we should make friends with the undergrounds so should the P.C.Party. Perhaps we remember what the Home Minister said when the Peace-talk came to an end abruptly. He said that he and Laldenga had talks as friends, but, as they could not come to any understanding, they had to part as friends. So long as the MNF are treated as foes, no good understanding would come out of hatred. How could we come to an understanding with our enemies ? It is only when we treat them as friends that we would come to an understanding. Hence, we, the Congress Party treat them as friends so has our Prime Minister. We have a clear-cut-policy in this regard.

But, as regards the official allegation made against us, explanation or reply has to be made as it was official allegation and we are also intending to make one. It may be noted that there are many incidents which the public or the government do not understand.

Once there was an incident near Bilkhawthlir in Silchar Road. The first who come to the spot were our Deputy Speaker and his parties. But, they too could not say who the real culprits were. Police investigation was launched and it was claimed that the culprit was Lalruata of Saichal village. But later, it was learnt that Lalruata was the person arrested at his paddy fields at Phaisen three days earlier before the incident took place. Hence no further trace could be made to find the real culprits. Meanwhile there was another make believe incident at Khatla which made the people very frightened and panicky. One Agriculture driver was also shot dead near Chandmary Veng Church. When the Police make investigation, it was found that the cartridges used by the culprits belonged to that of the Police Forces. The local Newspapers also disclosed that the culprits at various incidents are the Police themselves. Hence, it is hard to believe and understand for the public that the culprits were the MNF.

At this juncture, there are some complications for the government. Many incidents took place recently. Some schools were burnt and buses pushed down the precipice besides many other incidents. But, do we have anyone suspected or arrested as the culprits whom we could produce before the court? The trouble is not having any to produce before the court. Such being the case, it is no good to make wrong allegation against each other particularly to make allegation in the name of the Ministry or the government. It is wrong to have un-sound mind. We are truly Congressmen who intend to remain firm in our policy and ideology. We are also lovers of peace and prosperity. So long as the MNF want to come to peace-settlement within the framework of the Indian Constitution, we may as well become MNF. What is so wrong in making friends with them if our intentions is as such as I have stated ? I truly regret that the Ministry alleged us wrongly. If the MNF want to come to term within the framework of the Indian constitution why

should not we also make friends with them ? I request the Ministry not to make such wrong allegation in future.

Thank you.

Pu C. VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, when I carefully study the contents of the paper which the opposition members strongly attacked, I realize that they do not refer to here all the Congressmen. It is only the leaders of the Mizoram Congress I whom this paper implied. I don't think Congressmen who have sound mind will mis-understand the true implication of this papers.

Press Release made by some of our leaders are not the kind of accusation letters often made by the Congress Party against P.C. Party at Central Government. What is written in the papers are facts that could be substantiated, our leaders did not mind in having them published widely. They have in fact, distributed them as widely as possible so that the people may know the truth. I also request the opposition members to help us publicize the truth as wide as possible.

And what had been said as legislators of the people and the country should not be withdrawn off and on just within 4/5 months. Though they spoke as if in denial of their support to the MNF, the leader have but stated here in the House that they are pro-MNF which will clearly explain whether the Ministry was right or wrong in making such statements which the opposition members strongly attacked. Many past incidents were brought up to strengthen their points. Yet, whether it is official or private, the statements of the Ministry are all facts and figures recorded and accumulated from past years by in print. Hence, Pu Deputy Speaker, we do not have ample time to revive old stories and explain them again one by one. What so obvious however is that the statements of the Ministry are not like accusations of the Ruling Party often made by the Congress Party at the Central Government. It is not published secretly. It has in fact, been publicized as widely as possible.

The Congress Party on the other hand, made all kinds of accusations against the Ruling Party at Central Government. But, when we went to Delhi, the Central Government, who are true Congress I told us all about their accusations and they also assured us that it was nothing but a game of politics. It appears that they too did not believe accusations which cannot be substantiated. They also asked us to go to Delhi and explain again if and when the Mizoram Congress Party make another accusations.

(Pu Hiphei - Pu Deputy Speaker, should the Ruling Party judge who the true Congress I are and who are not ?. Is this their business whether or not we are Congress I ?). Pu Deputy Speaker, the true Congress I at Central government have no racial or regional discrimination. They strongly opposed to even mere mentioning of discrimination of any forms. However, at the time when there was MZP agitation over the employment of non-Mizo as Director of one department, the President of those who called themselves Congress I said that employments/jobs in Mizoram should be reserved for sons of the soil. This is only an example of how fake Congress I regard certain issues. Anyway, we do not intend to hide anything or do anything in secret of which we do not dare to reveal. The statements made by our leaders as often said are facts that can be substantiated. The opposition members alleged these statements as causing panic and fear in the minds of the people, yet, these are facts worth mentioning and publicized. It seems that the Mizoram Congress I leaders mis-understood the facts and the implications of these statements. Anyway, it is a privilege to have an opportunity to discuss and explain these things in the House today. But, when it was found out that they do differently in Delhi and Mizoram

that the Congress I Party of Mizoram is charged as having two faces. For instance - while Pu Laldenga frankly tells the Press his connection with the with the Mizoram Congress I, they, on the other hand strongly deny it in Mizoram.

The Congress President said that they were alleged as instigating the MNF against the Ruling Party. In this regard, he also said that it was unbecoming for the Christians to do such things as that of which they were alleged of doing. It seems however, that some of the wording were interpreted in a twisted form not as it was intended to mean. I feel that we should be precise in what we say regarding what we practically aim to do in what manner were intend to carry out. I think it is best that there is no under-hand dealings in what we do particularly for us, who shoulder the responsibilities of the country in troubled area where everyone is living between hammer and anvil.

It is also not courageous to challenge the government to arrest as was done by some of the opposition members. During the Congress Ministry, I was also arrested and I was sent outside Mizoram without even visiting my home. I have never challenged the government to arrest me nor I dare to challenge them even when I was arrested.

Besides, P.C Ministry is not the one who will arrest anyone just because he/she challenges and asked for it. This Assembly Hall is also not a place where to make arrest. I don't think we would have you arrested either just because you asked for it. However, if there is breach of law and order on your part, any of you may be arrested much against our wishes. Hence it will be pleasing if they try to improve themselves in their words and actions instead of trying to twist and mis-interpret the statements made by our leaders. From these statements, they better learn what will be best for guidance of the people.

Thank you.

*PU S. VADYU : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad that you allowed the mover to move his motion which we have been discussing. The heading used by the mover is 'Congress (I) Committee Mizoram' not 'Congress (I) Leaders.' Hence, the allegation made by the P.C. Party is against all the Congress I Party members. The allegation was not in the name of P.C. Party but, it was made by the Ministry or the Government.

I feel that the P.C. Party, using the government as an instrument, have strong determination to make the people surrender to their party by cornering them in various ways. I have often come across such talks in different places. One example is this - that the government constituted a committee in Chhimtuipui District to re-consider the conditions of the District Councils and where District Council Headquarter will be placed. In this regard, we sent two representatives from Lawngtlai to Saiha where the hon'ble Development Minister was also on the visit. The Development Minister was stated as telling them that they were far less involved in P.C. Party and should therefore, learn from them or to become more inclined to P.C. Party so as to learn the advantages of becoming P.C. It also appears that they careless area where the people are not joining P.C. Party. Such being the case, I feel that the P.C. Party is trying hard to win over the people by cornering them.

The statement of the hon'ble member who stood before me was as such that it seems that the P.C. Party is also not clear in what they have written.

It appears that they are trying to convince Central Government that they have a way of thinking as that of which National Congress Committee have at Central Government while there is Government strict order against the MNF and their supporters, the Congress Party was alleged as helping and instigating the MNF. I regard this as one of their ways for compelling the people surrender to P.C. Party. This is un-acceptable allegation.

The hon'ble member also disclosed how the P.C. Party reported about the Mizoram Congress Party at Central Government. He said they told the Central Govt. that the Mizoram Congress Party is pro-MNF and that they do not have a mind of that real Congress Party.

This clearly shows that the P.C. Party is trying hard to be more popular than the Congress Party at Central Government whereas they try to keep regional party appearance in Mizoram. This is not what we, the Congress Party have intended of doing. It is because we appreciate policies formulated by All India Congress Party that we joined Congress Party and it is our objective to carry out successfully these policies. To work for national integration is one of the policies. With this end in view and for the achievement of lasting peace that we try to make friend with the MNF as Mizoram is also one part of India. If I am not mistaken, I think P.C. Party also made achievement of peace for their policy number one. If so, why did they charged the Congress Party as being pro-MNF in our attempt to bring peace? It is not what they should do to interfere in what we do for the attainment of peace for the people of Mizoram.

To busy themselves making pamphlets in allegation against the Congress Party will not be most advantageous for the people while there are many things needed to be done but, which the government is incapable of doing at the moment. Actually, their allegation of the Congress Party have only degraded themselves and the country besides revealing how small and trifle is the interest of the leaders who headed the government. Hence, it will be wise to make no more allegation of that kind. If they know anyone helping the MNF, why did not they punish him? If they know no-one against whom legal action should be taken, it is no use in making bold and frightening statements as this merely frightens the ignorant and innocent people. I therefore, want to request the gov't. not to make anymore of such allegation in future.

PU B.LALCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, our subject of discussion today is 'accusation of Congress (I) Mizoram as being supporters of MNF and thereby intimidating the general public'. I feel that there is nothing much to discuss in this regard. To the Mizoram Congress (I) we say that they have good guardians and connection at Central Government and they in reply said that they are more Mizos than the P.C. and that they are also the ones who help the MNF most. In the course of time, they were stated as being supporter of MNF and thereby intimidating the general public which they strongly denied. At the moment, I do not know what they are. Regarding the subject of our discussion, the hon'ble member from Tlungvel Constituency said that they do not mind being pro-MNF and they should in fact, be come thus. He said this in support of the statement of their President. If they do not deny being pro-MNF, why did they hate so much to allege them as being supporter of MNF? Why should they take strongly against being supporter of MNF while they do not even deny being pro-MNF?

What is most regrettable is now they being supporter of MNF thereby intimidating the general public. There were many arguments the other day when we had discussion. It seems that Village Council election was a beginning of all these. May be we remember what some of our friends said

in those days before the election. They tell the public that if they do not vote for Congress, they will become poorer as they are the Party who is in power at Central Government under the leadership of Mrs Gandhi and they will also get displeasure both from the Congress Party and MNF. It was because of what they said that the people got panicky. As for me, I know how to take their words and I regard all these as one of their tactics for winning the people. It seems that this practice was in prevalence even at the time Pu K.Lalsanga, the member who is sitting next to me, was still a kid. It was in such a threatening manner that they made public speeches in villages thus causing panic to the people. The other day, we have requested our Congress friends to give up this kind of things which caused panic to the people.

President, Pu Lal Thanhawla and member, Pu Ruala said that they do not mind being pro-MNF and they should in fact, become thus. It is a fact that they are pro-MNF, and they have often said it. Even if they denied being supporter of MNF at the times when Mizoram was facing crucial moments during the year 1979 and 1980, it is evident that they have helped them, for, why would not pro-MNF have helped them? Why should not they support them?, they must have supported them. I think we remember that our Congress friends have denied us at the time when all Mizo students launched a procession in protest against prevalent killing in Mizoram. This was on 24 March, 1980. What did that the recent killings are not committed by the MNF but are committed by Brig. T.Sailo's army. Even when the MNF did not try to clarify or justify themselves for the incidents, the Congress Party made proclamation stating that it was the government not the MNF who committed the crimes. Similarly, there was another procession on 9th June, 1980. But, the Congress leaders controlled their men not to participate which they eventually obeyed. Actually, there were many cases which proved that the Congress Party were supporting the MNF indirectly even at that time. I do not know why they mind so much to be alleged as being supporter of MNF?. I never heard them condemning unfavourable activities of the MNF while we made strong condemnation particularly when their actions were directed against the P.C. Ministry and the Chief Minister. They have instead supported them afresh.

We, the P.C. Party or Ministry do not hate the MNF as a person but it is their wrong actions which we do not like and hate. If we dare not to condemn their wrong-doings, how will they know that they do wrong? We are the ones who should tell them where they go wrong and which are wrong in their actions.

We do not know what the future holds, but, we should dare to condemn what is wrong, particularly the kind of killing prevalent in Mizoram at recent times. Whoever may be the culprits, we, the members of this House must dare to condemn this kind of killing. It is not that we detest or despise the MNF, but it is in the hope of leading them in the right path that we criticize and condemn their actions reluctantly. But, it is now difficult to know who is and who is not helping the MNF since the eruption of the cease fire. I just take it for granted that our Congress friends would help them as they themselves do not deny being pro-MNF. In view of Pu Laldenga's statements to the Pressmen, it appears that what I took it for granted happens to be true, for, he said that his supporters were both from the Congress Party and government employees.

(Pu Hiphei : In the category of government employees, why do not they include Police since they are also government employees?). Please be seated, I am stating facts. Government revealed facts so has our hon'ble Ministers. Why should anyone minds having facts been disclosed?. Had

what our hon'ble Ministers have written been false accusations or allegations, you will get no copy of it. What they have written are facts and also an appeal to all members for up-holding truth and facts.

Thank you.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, as stated by the member from Kawrthah constituency, the subject of our discussion is quite a trifle matter. I feel that it is too small a matter to be dicussed in this House. However, as some of the members regarded as an important issue, I must as well participate in the discussion.

First of all, I want to raise points for information and clarification. The hon'ble member said that Chhimituipui Development Committee was constituted to consider the affairs of the District Councils but it was rather the committee of Chhimituipui District Council grievances not Chhimituipui Development Committee. The committee is not constituted by the government or is directed by the Ministry or MLAs. It was the members themselves who constituted this committee. What is most important now is to find a solution to various problems faced by District Council areas.

Pu Deputy Speaker, what the member from Tlungvel Constituency said about the time when Mrs Gandhi was at her lowest position and when Mr. Desai's images were burnt was really very interesting. I appreciated what he said as there are facts. If their joining of Mrs Gandhi even at the times when she was in lowest position happened to bring them popularity in the Central Govt it is well and good. However, the time they referred to here was not the time when Mrs Gandhi was at her lowest position. It was the time she was no more in her worst position. It was the time when Mr. Desai's images were burnt and the Congress Party split and emerged Congress I. When we say 'Mizoram Congress' they are neither Congress I nor Central Congress. They are just Mizoram Congress. Hence, It may not be too convincing to advocate that time though they seemed to be wanting to glorify themselves on the strength of that time. It seems that there used to be things which prevent one from glorifying himself while one wants it. I am saying this because they (the Mizoram Congress) themselves have said it. This is my way of clarification of what they said.

The hon'ble member from Kawrthah constituency pointed out the case where Romei News Editor was assaulted by the MNF. It is a fact that this incident was known to us, the Mizo people and we were also sorry for it. But, I never heard them condemning the activities of the MNF even at that time.

I think we remember that our hon'ble Chief Minister made condemnation in the Radio though the Mizoram Congress never made one. The hon'ble member also mentioned some state of affairs at the time Pu Ch. Chhunga was Chief Minister. What he said was fact which I also appreciated. At that time however, they were not like the voice of the present Mizoram Congress and when there is un-desirable incident, they condemn it and their condemnation was made known through Radio and Newspapers. I feel that there is difference in the Mizoram Congress of yester years and today's Congress.

The hon'ble member from Tlungvel constituency stated about their frequent trips to New Delhi and the money they have spent for it in the hope of finding a solution to peace problem. I am sorry that he said it that way as there is no Mizo who is not linging to have peace and prosperity for Mizoram.

As we are aware, peace could not be obtained by individual effort. Both the conflicting parties have to come to some settlement for peace to come. All the Mizos are longing for peace and prayers are offered in every churches for this. But, if the conflicting parties do not come to any understanding to have peace-talk, all the efforts we have made and which we pointed out boastfully may not be too effective. If our efforts have not served their purposes, there must be the reason. Both the conflicting parties have to come to an agreement.

Today's motion is on the matter of Mizoram Congress as being supporters of MNF and thereby intimidating general public. What the member from Tuipang Constituency said in regard to this was unnecessary as the point is so clear even without explaining it. I think we also remember the speeches of our opposition leader in the previous session. The point is clear even from these speeches though they tried hard to justify themselves.

Pu Deputy Speaker, if you please allow me to play the recorded speech of their leader now in the House ? (Record was thus played).

(Pu Hiphei - It is un-lawful to play Tape record in the House). Pu Deputy Speaker, I played it with your permission. It is not un-lawful if the House permits. (Pu Hiphei - To bring private Recorded inside the House recording our speeches is beyond legal action, whatever may be the speeches contained).

Pu Deputy Speaker, they have nothing to say regarding our motion as everything is clear from the speech of our opposition leader. His speech was quite interesting and there is nothing to fear for them and no portion needs to be clarified. It is also important for us to know that it is not un-lawful to use House's properties here in the Hall. As it was played with permission of our hon'ble Deputy Speaker, there is nothing un-lawful in it.

PU P.B. ROSANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, being one of the Ministers whose signature you see in the letter which the opposition members strongly attacked, I feel bound to say something in this regard. What was written in this letter were facts. Actually, motion admitted and discussed today is hardly a matter that could be counted as public importance. But, I am glad that you have it admitted so that the members could exercise our democratic rights. I also appreciate steps taken by you the speakers for maintenance of the dignity of the House.

The letter we discussed, as stated is full of facts that can be substantiated and references are given to each point. On the top of this, the recorded speech of the opposition leader was played in the House. His speech also made everything clear regarding the letter we discussed. Unless the mover of the motion is not clear in his own motion, everything is clear and different points seen in the letter need no further clarification. I feel that the mover is not fully aware of the activities and statements of Congress leaders. But then he can be excused as he, from what I gathered, got his Assembly seat through Janata ticket and later joined the Mizoram Congress. Whatever may be the reason for not knowing well the activities of congress leaders, one thing is clear - that what is written in the paper are all facts and there is proof to each point found here. Even from the statement of Pu Laldenga, it is evident that there are persons among the Congress I Mizoram, who used to support MNF and helped them conceal their activities.

As their support of the MNF is so clear from various incidents evidences, we declared to the world the fact about this. I want the mover of this motion to know that the four Ministers whose signature you see in the letter they strongly attacked, know the facts and that is the reason why they make statements.

The hon'ble member from Kawrthah Constituency said that Pu Lal Thanhawla have no involvement for the publication of some particular statements in 'Mizo Aw' Daily on 17th June issue. But, if we go through this paper again, we will see that the name found here was that of Pu Lalthanhawla. It was written - President Lalthanhawla. It seems that our Congress friends are not clear in their motion. What more proof should we want while their President himself tells the House their being pro-MNF? Why do they still deny being supporter of MNF after all these proofs? However, if the mover is still inclined towards Janata Party, he may not understand. Otherwise, the subject of our discussion is too small a matter to be discussed in the House. It is only family's matter that should be discussed within their own circle of congress family.

*PU BUALHRANGA : Deputy Speaker, I think we have had enough of material evidences for the motion we discuss today. I therefore, do not intend to say much.

One thing I want to say which still surprised me is that the Monsoon session of last year, one MP named Shri Chhetri, hailing from North India said in the Parliament that Sailo Ministry was soon to be dissolved on the ground that they were pro-MNF. He made this statement while in Mizoram P.C. Ministry was alleged as trying to wipe out the organization of MNF. To find out as to how this MP could make such statement, Pu Lalthmingthanga, Pi Thanmawii and myself went to New Delhi and we were quite surprised when we learnt the truth and the original cause of this statement. An MP, from Northern India, who have never visited Mizoram did not know anything about Mizoram. It is on the basis of informations received from Mizoram that he made such statement. Hence, it is with two faces that they play politics in Mizoram.

I think we are all clear now regarding the motion since we have had enough evidence. What follows afterwards also made things clear. What happens in our own constituency is noted with more interest by the member concerned. For example - when labourers working between Thenzawl and Serchhip got killed, two hon'ble House members went to the spot to investigate the situation. When they returned, they said that the culprits were not MNF but that they were the Police. I do not think they will deny this now.

Hence, it is evident that what the hon'ble Ministers stated in that particular letter were facts. If their statements were facts, I found no reason why should we disliked facts being disclosed. To those who have hearts for improving where one had failed or done wrong, everything is clear. To make fresh denial now for what had been proved to be facts will serve them nor us any good purpose. Best thing is to keep silent.

*PU K. BIAKCHUNGNUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, actually, what we are discussing today is matter which needs no further clarification or discussion. It is a matter based on facts.

In the previous session, one of our hon'ble MLAs who is also Mizoram Congress President said that they were pro-MNF and that there was nothing wrong in becoming MNF while the Central Government and MNF are trying to have peace-talks. As he has not denied their being pro-MNF even in the present session or their charge of attitude towards MNF, it is public's opinion that they are still pro-MNF as they were in the past. For those who have heard him make such statement, we will no doubt take it for granted that the Mizoram Congress is pro-MNF as they have not made any statement now before in revocation of their previous statement. Such being the opinion of the general public, I do not think they will mind for being charged pro-MNF.

They also alleged that the statement of the Ministers frightened the people and made them panicky since peace-talks ended and MNF are outlawed. But it is wrong allegation because there is nothing in that statement that made the people panicky except their own twisted interpretation to make thing appear as if that statement made the people panicky. There is no reason for even village congress members to feel panicky. Hence, it is not necessary for our congress friends to challenge the government to arrest them today. If they are congress, let them be so. There is no reason for the people of Congress, to feel panicky. When I study the present situation, I feel that what the hon'ble Minister said regarding the motion was true. As he said, I also thought that the mover of this motion was Janata Party member. In some way, I hate myself for being ignorant about this. Without fully realizing various activities of the Congress Party, he moved this motion. I think the member will therefore do well in examining himself and various circumstances which surrounds him.

The hon'ble member, Pu C.L. Ruala stated about their allegiance to Central Congress I. But, I found it hard to believe. It will be a good thing if they could be true Congress I. Had not their actions both in Mizoram and New Delhi clashed and had they been true Congress I, Mizoram might have made better progress. Had they whole-heartedly co-operate P.C. Government in the attempt to develop the country and had their many criticism be constructive ones, it will be worth to have Congress I in Mizoram as what I have mentioned are the true characteristics of Central Congress I.

Unfortunately however, the Mizoram Congress, as we know, is just the opposite. I have rather appreciated their dexterity in making counter allegation against their opponents in the field of politics.

Perhaps we remember why the Mizoram Congress used Sparrow for their symbol in 1978 MLA Election. For all we, outsiders, know, there was much arguments as to what symbol they will use and which Congress-Indira's Congress or Reddy's Congress they will join. But everything came to light when they used Sparrow for their Symbol. Though our Congress friends claimed to have been loyal to Mrs Gandhi's Congress from the beginning till now, they seemed to have but moving along in disarray. As stated the mover of this motion is the member from Janata Party, who knows not the full organisation and activities of Mizoram Congress, not to speak of Central Congress's activities. Actually, it is a shame to have a motion such as we have been discussing. On the other hand, if we, the P.C. Party made wrong allegation, there is no justification, as P.C. Party condemn un-fairness in any form.

But, so far as our Congress friends are concerned, we may have realised that their actions clearly revealed what they did or said though they may have denied them of doing or saying. Counter-allegation they made against P.C. Ministry / Party is such that I feel they should not be taken lightly. I want that there is no more such allegation in future. I also request the opposition leaders to be precise in words and actions so that they may know where they would stand when their words / actions are attacked by others. It is not improper to make self-justification where and when one is right. But, to make counter-allegation wrongly against others is far from just.

The P.C. Ministry was also alleged as acting unlike Christians. This allegation is hard to tolerate. If they simply say that they did not do a thing which is not proper for christians to do, I will surely understand, for, it is not improper to make self-justification.

But, to make counter-allegation against P.C. Party in such a bold manners while their actions clearly revealed the facts about what they have done or said inspite of their repeated denial, is a thing I found most irritating.

I never knew P.C. Party as acting unlike christians and they are not likely to act either. As they themselves have not denied being pro-MNF till today, I found no reason why they should hate being named as supporter of MNF.

From their point of view, it may be right to make friends with MNF while the Central Government is also intending to make negotiation. We, the P.C. Party also do not hate the MNF as they are our own kit and kin. But, as stated by the member from southern area, it is their un-lawful activities which we dislike and condemn. It is in the hope of making a better land to live for others and generations to come that we condemn their wrong doings not because we hate them as a person. Whoever may be the wrong-doers, we will continue to condemn any activities/actions which hinders and blocks further progress. This, we will do in the interest of the people and the country.

*PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what we are discussing today is quite different from other subjects we have discussed. It is however, well and good that the motion is admitted and discussed with our permission. Since we have started, it will be good to make some explanations.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I think past leadership has to be mentioned though it may not be relevant to our subject. I feel that our past leaders such as Pu Ch.Chhunga and Pu Bawichhuaka clearly understood the true situation of Mizoram so has our present Chief Minister. But, some of us are not bold enough to speak out our ideas and feelings of the situation when there is crisis. But, the three leaders I have mentioned seemed to have grasped the true condition of Mizoram.

I feel that there is one thing which has to be clarified. Regarding Bilkhawthlir incident pointed out by our opposition leaders- In the previous Ministry, the blame was always on the MNF whenever there was incident such as the one at Bilkhawthlir. Whether they were arrested early or lately, the culprits were always claimed to have been that of the MNF. In the course of time, the real culprits who committed the crime but who escaped judgement become bolder and bolder in their actions. But, whether they were arrested or not, the culprits remain the same. In such cases, there is one thing we have always overlooked. For example - when one is not clear about something, it does not mean that, something is not clear in itself. Similarly, it is necessary to understand the situation of Mizoram.

Even in the case of Bilkhawthlir incident we may be aware that it is not State Government who has direct control over the activities of Security Forces and there had also never been a case in the History where one Force laid in wait of ambush for their own force of organisation. Had there been such a case, it would have been a big crime and the Central Government also would have launched big investigation. Actually, it is with an intention of degrading the ruling government that we framed Police/CRP Force as shooting the civilians intentionally.

Regarding students agitation - we know that schools and colleges were burnt down. But, if the culprits happened to go underground, how will they be arrested, our state government could not be blamed for the incident as they are not the ones who motivated such a crime. It is mere dirty politic to put the blame on the government for such incident. It is wrong to allege the government as directing Police/Security Forces to launch an ambush on the civilians.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As provided under Rule 52, the motion should not be discussed more than 2 hours. You should not pass the limit even by one minute.

***PU LALHMINGTHANGA* MINISTER, :** Pu Deputy Speaker, is that mean we have short duration discussion and it is worth to listen to different opinions and ideas expressed by the members.

But, I feel that the Congress leaders did not properly go through the letter we have broadly discussed. It is not a letter of provocation. If we read verses from the Bible such as Paul's letters, we will see that last portions are always important.

Similarly, last portions of the letter we talked about are important. Let me point out some last portions of the letter. It is - 'we appeal the Congress I unit in Mizoram to give up the un-healthy tactics and to work sincerely and honestly for the promotion of national unity and elimination of insurgency with closer co-operation and understanding with the people Conference Party' Whatever may be written in the first portions, there is no reason to get offended even for opposition leaders, as all the sentences are words of love and appeal for their co-operation and understanding as good example shown by Congress (I) at the national level. Even if some of their faults were pointed out, there is nothing wrong in that, for, it is courage and politeness.

I feel that the mover of this motion also did not deeply consider certain aspects. One thing which touched my heart and which I still remember is what Mrs Gandhi said when we went to see her at Delhi sometimes before. She said that it was necessary sometimes to see each other and work together with one's own enemy. This statement really touched my heart and I feel that it is patriotic words. Hence, it is not with wrong intention that the letter in which our Ministers gave their signature were distributed. As I have said the other day, it is quite interesting to have discussion in the House. As the Treasury Bench out-numbered the Opposition Bench, it is understood that there will be times when our voices have to be raised or make a short.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I noted that there are many within and outside the House who will be pleasant to work together. The letter, as I have said is mostly an appeal for co-operation and understanding to work together for the interest of the people and the country. If our opposition members properly go through the details of the letter, I think they will understand. But, as stated by the member from Khawbung Constituency, there could be many arguments if one wants to take it that way. There is however, proper manner and mode of speaking. Actually, statements we made on the incidents of Bilkhawthlir and other places were not falsehood. They were facts and the people are the witnesses. As they were not falsehood, we take it as our duty to make the facts known to the people. If we are to work together with understanding, it is necessary for all of us to know facts.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As I have said, more than 2 hours could not be allotted for discussion of short duration. As it is not a motion which needs voting, we will now adjourn the House and the sitting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.