

9TH AND EMERGENT SESSION

2nd Sitting on 27th May, 1982 at 10:30 A.M.

Pu C. Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Four Ministers and 19 Members were present.

BUSINESS

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

2. Bill to be considered

Pu F. Malsawma, Minister i/c Industries etc to move that "The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill, 1982" be considered.

Also to move that the Bill be passed

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity ; It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aron's beard : that went down to the shirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion : for these the Lord commandeth the blessing, even life for evermore.

PSALM 133 : 1-3

We shall start our business for today. I shall call upon Pi K.Thansiami to ask starred question No. 1.

PI K.THANSIAMI : Pu Deputy Speaker, my starred question No. 1(a) & (b) will the Hon'ble Minister in-charge Education and Social Welfare Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Is it a fact that a Pre-Primary Teacher, who is female, working under the Social Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram who conceives an illegitimate child, is removed from her service ?
- (b) If yes what penalty is inflicted by the Government upon the male Government servant, who is responsible for the illegitimate child with the teacher mentioned above ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let the Minister concerned answer it.

PU F.MALSAWMA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question No. 1.

- (a) Yes, As per order of the Hon'ble Minister vide U.O. No. ME1C. 20/81 dt. 31.3.1981.
- (b) As for the male Government Servant who is responsible for the illegitimate child, no report is yet received by this Department.

PI K.THANSIAMI : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to (a) was very good. It shows the determination of the government to remove that sort of thing and prevent it as far as possible. However, the preventive Measure the government has taken is very much one sided. The girl who has conceived

an illegitimate child suffers a double punishment whereas the man responsible for that goes free. In fact, boys usually takes initiative in this things. I cannot understand why the boy, who is equally involved is set free. Will the Government punish him equally following the resolution passed in the last session ?

PU F.MALSAWMA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, that was very true. However, these Pre-Primary Teachers are muster roll employees, that makes it possible to take action over them by executive orders. For Government servants, Conduct Rules has to be used. I expect the Head of Department has been informed to take necessary actions on the man concern because he is bound by service Rules. Besides, a department directly. The removal order was issued on account of the Pre-Primary Teachers, being the makers of characters of children should not involve themselves in such things.

Action can be taken against other persons serving under Education department. For example, the Headmaster of North Bukpui Middle School, who was responsible for this illegitimate child was transferred to other place.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no supplementary question, starred question No. 2. will be asked by Pu C.Vulluaia.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my question -
"Will the Hon'ble Minister i/e Co-operation Department be please to state -

- a) Whether there is any proposal to form Federation comprising Mizoram Apex Marketing Co-op. Society LTD., and other state level societies in Mizoram ?
- b) If so, what is the present position on the formation of the Federation ?

PU F.MALSAWMA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, Yes, the Federation has been registered on 9.12.1981. The nomination of First Board of Directors of Federation is under process.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question ?

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary Question. It seems this Department which deals with the requirements of the general public like cement, salt, and other essential commodities including consumer goods, while going to take new steps, should get everything ready beforehand. Now, the Minister has said the Federation has been registered on 9.12.1981. I would like to know why the Federation has not yet functioned till now. At the same time, those 3,4 tate Labour Societies, since they cannot join the Federation as they are, has are already separated and what should be their status as per rules ?

PU F.MALSAWMA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, that was a good question. The matter is rather urgent and the secretary concerned is urged from Ministry many a time. However, the Federation being a new organisation, we have to consult our bye-laws very carefully, and there are some changes to be made. Or we cannot do it fast as we want because extra care should be taken.

The Government is also aware that individual units of state level Co-operative Societies cannot function properly and the reasons, too. It shall be pursued, and is under active consideration of the government.

PU C.VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, another supplementary questions ? If so, we shall take up No. 2 of the List of Business - introduction of 'The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill 1982'. The copies

of this Bill was distributed to the Members during last session on 25th March. Let the Minister ask for consideration of the Bill.

PU F. MALSAWMA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your permission, I ask for consideration of 'The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industries Board Bill, 1982'.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we all agree to consider it ? If so, we will start discussion now. We do 1st Reading, and then we shall discuss whether we like the principle of the Bill. It is not possible to make amendments now. Anyone who wants to say on the Bill ?

PU C. VULLUAIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in India, KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries Commission) is quite popular. Its products are great. Even in Mizoram, they are going to start soon if we are to pass this.

When the officers of KVIC come to Mizoram in 1975, I was the one who met them at Silchar. Their work is like Y.M.As. It is to utilise the voluntary work of the people in rural areas. Khadi in Mizo language may be 'Tualtah'. Let us regard the Board as a Board to promote 'Tualtah' and make us self supporting in weaving.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I find the principle of the Bill very good, because it would be the beginning of the Board, which is very popular in other states and which other people find very useful. The functions of the Board may not be very clear to us so far, they will work and when we use their products, we shall see how useful and needed they are. We have been watching out for this since 1975 and I am glad we can discuss the Bill after of years. I would like to say I am ready to pass the Bill.

PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, let me explain the Bill a little. If you look at page 4, you read 'Khadi means any cloth woven on handloom in India from Cotton Silk or woolen yield hand spun in India or from a mixture of any two or all of such yield and include ready-made garment made out of such cloth'. From there the meaning of Khadi may be 'Tualtah'.

Anyway, we are using the terms they used. Even in the Bill, the Model designed by the commission is followed. The typing mistakes and grammatical mistakes are corrected in the corrigendum. If you look at page 9, their aims and objectives are written under 'power and function of the Board'. It can be seen that it will serve as an important means of meeting the requirements of the people. Statement of object and reasons at page 26 states their programmes and its importance for Mizoram. This is specially important for the Ruling Party to implement the promise made by the party to the rural people to promote the handicrafts of Mizos. We can see the Board is not concerned with only cities and towns but with Villages. I expect it could be very important to serve as an useful means of meeting the requirements of rural people, who are 80% of the total population in Mizoram. Besides, 50% of the expenditure is to be met by state government, 40% by the commission. The Villagers who do this small industries may get grant from the Board.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am glad to consider this Bill. As the hon'ble Minister has stated, we are to have had the Board long time back considering the importance of the Bill. It is needless to say that it is a good thing. Anyway, we shall know it better. The aim of this Board is to promote Village industries.

This is based on Gandhian policy, and popularised by India. If these Village small industries are promoted it prevents domination by large industries and capitalism. The need for this is quite urgent.

Besides, it is necessary to publicise our local products like Khumbeu, Puan, etc. This could be done through this Board. Let us study it clause by clause and finish it soon.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, when the name was said, I was lost, and though I was not going to take interest in it. When I read the statement of objects and reasons - Medicinal plant collection, Bee-keeping, Oil-extraction, goods-making, carpentry, black-smithy, cane and bamboo work, Village leather work, fibre producing impress me very much. I find that God has placed immense wealth on earth and man can make use of them for different purposes and that wealth can last the life of the man if he knows how to use it. We may not know how to use all these at present. Yet, I believe we shall be knowing more gradually, including use of medicinal plants. If we have the Board to preserve and collect the plants, we can have lots of medicines.

We purchase medicines from other states mostly. However, if we can find and preserve those medicinal plants, we may not see to other states, but we could be self-sufficient. There are many medicinal plants we used to destroy because of our ignorance. We can preserve all these now. I have no doubt this Bill deserves to be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now go to second Reading. We start from chapter I. Anyone ?

PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are occasional grammatical and printing mistakes a corrigendum is also prepared. If it is distributed, let us consider it unnecessary to point them out.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, though I do not have anything to say, will the hon'ble Minister explain 'It shall extent to whole of Mizoram'. It occurs to my mind that there are 3 district councils in Mizoram. If the Board is to collect Medicinal plants, and the District Councils are the authority, could there be any difficulty ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any other who wants to say on chapter I ? If not, we shall proceed to chapter II. If you have nothing to say on Chapter II, We take up chapter III - Power and Function of the Board. Anyone to say ? If not, Chapter IV, Programme or Scheme of work ? Chapter V Finance Account Audit and Report, Chapter VI - Miscellaneous. Then we can discuss the Title. Has our Minister any clarification to make ?

PU F. MALSAWMA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I do not have Pu Hiphei's question was working modelities. It will not be possible to violate the existing rules when they start functioning. They will have to consult each other and work under the rules.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If so, we have nothing more to say on Chapter I-VI, and discussed the principle. Any Member who agrees to pass 'The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industry Board Bill, 1982', may raise your hands and say 'Agree' (Members did). This House pass 'The Mizoram Khadi and Village Industry Board Bill, 1982.

We finish our today's business. Meeting is adjourned till 10:30 tomorrow.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:10 A.M.

J. MALSAWMA,
SECRETARY.