

9TH AND EMERGENT SESSION

4TH SITTING ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 1982 AT 10:30 A.M.

Pu C. Chawngkunga, Deputy Speaker at the Chair, Four Ministers and 22 Members were present :

BUSINESS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. Pu J. Thankunga to present the 7th Report of the Public Accounts Committee.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

(Bills to be introduced, considered and passed)

3. Pu Zairemthanga, Minister i/c Parliamentary Affairs Department to beg leave to introduce 'The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

4. Pu Zairemthanga, Minister i/c Parliamentary Affairs Department to beg leave to introduce 'The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill 1982

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to introduce the Bill

5. Pu Zairemthanga, Minister i/c Parliamentary Affairs to move :-
 - (a) that the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 1982 be taken into consideration.
 - (b) that the Bill be passed
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DEPUTY SPEAKER : "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are around about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

PSALM 125:1-2

We shall go to business. It seems we do not have any question.

PI K. THANSIAMI : I would like to ask you one thing. There are only 5 questions in all for the current Session. The questions were submitted in time. In spite of this, only two questions have been answered namely Social Welfare and Co-operation Departments Office hours are extended during session. Is it not a negligence of duty on the part of departments to furnish the answers in time ?

We do not want our questions unstarred, but answered by only writing. Our session is to be adjourned today. How are we going to do ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : What the hon'ble Member said was true. It negligence of duty on the part of departments. Ministers may give instruction to their respective departments.

Now, we shall take up business Item No. 2. Pu J. Thankunga may present 7th Report of Public Accounts Committee.

PU J. THANKUNGA : With your permission, sir, I, the of Public Accounts Committee having been authorised by the Committee to present the report on its behalf, present this 7th Report of PAC. On the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1975-76, Appropriation Account 1975-76 and the Finance Accounts 1975-76 relating to nine Departments of the Government of the Union Territory of Mizoram.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copies of the 7th Report be distributed to the Members.

Now item No. 3 - Pu Zairemthanga, Minister may ask for permission to introduce the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Minister (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any Member against it ? Now, he may introduce it.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER : With your permission, I introduce the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the Minister has introduced the Bill. Let the Secretary read out the Bill.

(Secretary read it out)

Pu Zairemthanga may beg leave of the House to consider and passing of the Bill.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg leave of House to consider and passing of the Bill,

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we all agree ?

PU C.L. RUALA, : The hon'ble Minister in-charge has asked for permission, to consider and pass the Bill. He was doing as provided by Rules 77. Could he specify whether it was as (a) or (b) ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I asked it as (a)

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, that means it has to be considered straight away. Rule 77-B-Para 3 of Rules of Procedure provide that "unless

the Bill has been studied by the Members for 4 days, discussion may be objected". We got the copies last Saturday evening, Yesterday was Sunday and we had no chance to study the main Act to make comparisons. We may want to make amendments to the second Bill. I think we can discuss better if we study the Bill at least two more days. As such I suggest we postpone the discussion by two days.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Member has suggested to postpone the discussion. What is the opinion of the House ?

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, that suits our existing rules, and I second it. To discuss the Bill introduced today, the copy of which we got only last year, it is too soon. We keep the Principal Act at home and have to look for comparisons.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we were given that Principal Act long time back. There are no drastic amendments. If we study for about 20 minutes. We know it very well. Won't it be better if we have discussion now.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there are not many things that needs careful study.

Only the main Act and the figures are changed. There is nothing much to sleep on. It would be better if we discuss it now.

PU C.L. RUALA : We had Committee of salaries and Allowances of Members comprising Chairman of various Committees. They submitted their Report to the House. While making comparisons it is seen that they are not alike. The proposed amendment is not good enough, it lacks many important points. Do we remember those points ? Without studying at least two days. We are to discuss it straightaway. Since we are to use this for a long time, we find it necessary to study it carefully. That is why we ask for extension.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate the Members contributed their ideas so well. As you have said from the Chair, the report of Business Advisory Committee was not objected to by any Member. As such it is being followed.

As provided by Rule 77, the Members may object if they want because they could not be given 4 days earlier. However, it could depend on the discretionary power of the Chairman. Anyway, this Bill is not like other Bills. It has been under process for a long time. In 1978, the Government has made a proposed. After that, in 1980, Committee on Salaries and Allowances has made another proposal which has been pursued by the Government. Likewise, the Government made a proposal for the Salaries and Allowances of the Ministers in 1979. Committee on salaries and Allowances also made the same in 1980. The present Bill have been introduced as a result of these two proposals made by the Committee and the Government. As already stated by the Members, these are not much to study for a long time. We cannot change anything simply from comparison and by simply passing the Bill. We just introduced only that part which can be considered. It is not likely that two-three days recess would have any meaning.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That was true. We cannot change the figures of the Bill. Besides, the BAC had made Calendar for the whole session.

Now, do we agree to consider "Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 1982". We all agree to consider it.

Any Member who wants to say anything on the Bill mentioned ? Now, it's only the first Reading and let us not truck in clause by clause.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I find the general idea of the Bill very good. However, there are some points missing. To read it all, under 'Pension' head, clause No. 5

DEPUTY SPEAKER : That is no.2. you say on Mizoram Salaries and Allowances.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Yes, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is included under 'Pension' head.

(Deputy Speaker : We shall consider this separately) Alright, they are all the same. Our Ministers are not going to live forever. Any of us could die without exception. No mention is made regarding this. Personally I think there should be provision for such situations,

A provision should be made that the sons/daughters of a Minister who died after completing one term or 2 terms should get benefits. This is not included in the Bill.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : The hon'ble Minister and Chairman said there can be nothing changed from discussion. If so, we are wasting our time. Let us pass it now without further discussion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu K.Lalsanga.

PU K.LALSANGA : I was going to say just what the hon'ble Member just said. Thank you.

PU SAINGHAKA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is obvious that the Minister i/c Parliamentary Affairs did not pursue the recommendation of Committee on salaries and Allowances of Ministers.

Electricity & Water charges for Ministers, Deputy Ministers & Chief Minister is shown as Rs. 25/- per month. This was not as recommended by Committee on salaries and Allowances. Rs. 25/- is too meagre while our water & electric charges for one month is about Rs. 230/-.

Although we cannot do anything for the present Bill, let us keep in mind these things when we are to introduce another Bill. In my opinion it is the responsibility of the government to urge the authority to make whatever we pass in this House successful. When Central Government drops any part of recommendations made by various Committee of the Legislature, those Committees have no meaning.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us discuss it clause by clause. Any Member who wants to say on clause 2 ? (Members were asked whether they find the Title of the Bill suitable or not and they said yes).

Has the Minister any clarification to make ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, as I have said, proposal for the salaries and Allowances of Ministers and Members (now we are discussing Ministers) was made by the Government in 1979. After that, Committee on salaries and Allowances made proposal in 1980. These were pursued by the Government as fast as possible. The hon'ble Member blamed earlier the Minister incharge Parliamentary Affairs for not pursuing the proposal. Yet, this was pursued.

As we all know, U.T. Government can do nothing much of its own accord. We are generalised as other U.T. Governments. Although we have made recommendations. We are not yet allowed to enjoy that. If we were State Government, it might have been different.

What the hon'ble Member said about benefit for children of retired Ministers was true. There was nothing for that. That sort of thing has not yet occurred to our mind till now. If it is for us to do that, we shall do so.

As for pension of Ministers, there is no special provision for that as Minister. Since they are Members, they can enjoy the same benefit. Since we cannot change the conditions, it is better to pass it because we cannot use it otherwise. I shall be very glad if the House pass the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has clarified them. Now, any Member who agrees to pass 'The Mizoram salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Act, 1982 may raise your hands and say 'Agree'. (Members said 'Agree') This House pass the Mizoram salaries and Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Act, 1982.'

Now, we shall take up another Bill - The Mizoram salaries and Allowances of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Act, 1982. Minister may ask for consideration.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask permission of the House for consideration of 'The Mizoram salaries and Allowances of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Act, 1982'.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we agree to consider it ? Yes ? Any Member who wants to say on the Bill?

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say on 'Pension and Financial Treatment' to be clarified by the Minister. I do not know how they define 'Pension' here. I understand it as one who retired from work. If the term 'Pension' could be replaced by some appropriate term, it will be better understood.

If we do not pass the Bill, we cannot use it. I wonder what will be better. Could there be better way without practising it for the present ? This Bill concerns us, not Ministers. I have some suggestions to make later but is not appropriate for the moment. I wish it could be done in such a way that it be complemented and not yet passed in all now. I do not mind to delay the passing. If possible let us notify it as we like and try to make Central Government approve it before we pass it.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the principle of 'The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Members of Legislative Assembly' is good. I wish it is passed. And also I am glad the Government pursued it so well, though it may not be satisfactory.

As stated by the Minister concerned. U.T. Governments have to follow uniform Rules. The Members may not think it possible, because we have different cost of living at different places.

As for the amount, if we would like to be M.L.As without salary, it is a different thing. So long as we want salary, it is necessary to increase it due to higher cost of living. It would be quite difficult to expect a higher salary than other U.T. Governments. So, let us pass as it is, and we shall fight for amendment gradually. I do not think it is so difficult to change some wordings, not the figure. We shall discuss it clause by clause.

There are many things we want to include in the Act, yet all the facilities we ask, we are not going to get them. That is the way of the world. We can try for more again.

PU J. THANKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am the chairman of Committee on salaries and Allowances of the Members. We have considered the matter in 1980. Had all our wishes been granted, it would have been very good. Even when it was considered, the Members knew that only some of them are to be granted. However, these things take time. If we do not pass this, I am afraid it will go state. So I suggest we pass whatever we are granted so far so that we can enjoy the benefit of this, otherwise we may not be able to sit here till the next amendment is accepted by the Central Government. And we can still strive for better when we enjoy the provision.

Regarding the term 'pension', there is no other appropriate term to change it. Even the Committee on Salaries and Allowances used the term 'Pension'. It means the Member will get a certain amount of money after he is no longer an M.L.A. It does not necessarily mean he retires from politics altogether.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it was said that any criticism would have no effect on the Bill. We cannot but pass it if any amendments can not be made.

There is Delegation of power in the last part of the Bill. There should be an explanatory memorandum there which is not shown in the Bill.

Regarding the title of the Bill, some states like Haryana and Punjab called it 'Allowances' of the Members because they do not find it necessary to call it a salary because there is no annual increment.

If you look at the Report of Committee on salaries and Allowances of Members, they put Rs. 450/- for salaries which is allowed. They put Rs. 400/- for compensatory Allowance. At present we have a conveyance Allowance of Rs. 200/- Other States use Compensatory Allowances in place of salary. Besides, they have constituency Allowance which includes Secretariat and Postal facility Allowance. They called this Constituency, Secretariat and Postal Allowances which amounts to Rs. 500/- I am afraid that they have mixed up the salary with compensatory Allowances of Rs 400/-.

There is much difference in the salary of government servants in other U.Ts and Mizoram. Besides we are a disturbed area. We cannot be generalised with other U.T. Governments. I thought we would be able to convince the central Government that we cannot be generalised as such. However, since we cannot convince them that we are what we are.

Again, it is rather cheap to pass an Amendment Bill for only a Rs. 100/- increase to our salary. Personally, I prefer not to pass it now, but to bring to the notice of Central Government our wishes once more like water supply, electric, telephone etc. We can not make Telephone bill quarterly as before, because the bill comes monthly. The rules concerning instalment of telephone facilities have to be amended very soon because we are declared to have telephone and the bill could be reimbursed. However, those Members who did not declare Aizawl as their headquarters also make the bills, we have to examine all these while making amendments.

Mention has been made so many times about water supply, electric, travelling by state bus free fare, etc. All these things have not been successful till now, If you look at Punjab and Haryana, their MLAs are allowed to travel including one attendant free fare. I thought we could enjoy the same privilege.

If we are to amend existing rules anyway, it would be better if we include necessary facilities which other states are enjoying.

The Bill has already been introduced. We cannot refuse to allow it. We are often acting against our Rules making undesirable precedents which has never been practised before. When we suggest to do as provided by the Rules, you never listen to us because you are majority. Even now, we want to make amendments, yet, we are not allowed to do so. Let us see what they do when they get our amendment. There are so many things that have to be included in the Bill but are not included. If we 'yes' every thing from Central Government. We have little to do today. So, I ask for amendment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If no other Member wants so say, we can go to Section 3, (The Members kept silence when asked if they have anything to say on clause upto 6) And what about the title ?.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, earlier you said it was not yet time for discussion, that was why I did not say.

Regarding 'pension' of Members, even if we cannot change the term, there should be provision for such Members who met with an accident. Secondly, The pension of a Member who has completed one term and continued to be a Member in the next term will be increased by Rs. 50/-, but it should not exceed Rs. 500/-. And if a Member holds another post, unless his salary on the job is less than the pension, he will not get the pension as long as he holds the post. If so, it is not a 'pension'.

The term 'pension' has to be changed anyway. If we cannot change this, we must dare speak out this. If it is pension, a Member, after completing one year, should get Rs. 200/- monthly regardless of his being re-elected or not. There is no provision for the Members who died accidentally or non-accidental. Secondly, if an MLA is re-elected he should be able to draw his pension as well as his salary as M.L.A. We cannot change the rules any time we like, and this is going to be our Principal Act.

Regarding daily allowance, the Minister made the following statement— "Increase in respect of daily allowances is from 30 to 40 per day. The actual additional requirement...etc...." This shows that our daily allowance is to be Rs. 40/- M.L.As were to be given 1st Class Officer T.A./D.A. If the rule concerning this is not amended, can we practice the new rule ? such things have to be made clear otherwise we shall have problems when we want to practise it. We have to bring it to the notice of Home Ministry. As stated by the hon'ble Member earlier, we cannot be generalised with other U.T. Governments since our cost of living is very much higher than that of other U.Ts.

Besides, Ministers' are increased with Rs. 275/- whereas MLAs' are increased by Rs. 100/- It shows that the increase in salary and Allowances of Ministers and Members is not so proportionate. Ministers are having other facilities, though it is not our business to criticise it. Anyway our needs change. We had better consider it more carefully before we pass it, or try to convince them to make it effective from the date we pass this Bill. If they could agree to it by chance, it would be a blessing to us all. So I suggest we reconsider it before passing it.

PU JOE NGURDAWLA : I read some clarification, too. It is written as 'Central Act' 19 of 1966'. Those who are entitled Pension are President Vice President, Governor which are almost similar. There is another 'Metropolitan Council of Delhi, etc....' it is possible to omit the term?. It books this term is not necessary. It might be that the framers of the Bill, without realising it have put it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We all agree clause by clause. Let us call upon our Minister to make clarifications.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, one hon'ble Member said that the term 'pension' in Members Salary is not appropriate. However, Lok Sabha and other states also use this very term. Many states are having provision for pension.

Mention was also made regarding the amount that it is too small. It cannot exceed Rs. 500/- and some States like Tripura and Tamil Nadu are having Rs. 250/-

It was also stated that other states do not call it 'salary'. (Pu C.L. Ruala: I've brought the book) They call it 'Salary' Pu Deputy Speaker, the salary of Punjab & Haryana MLAs is Rs. 500/-. I do not think we should give much importance on the 'term' salary or else.

Another Member also said "Government pensioners could enjoy their pension when they enter politics and become MLAs or Legislators. The term is wrong if we could not enjoy the same when becoming elected for the second time". However, when a Government servant, after retiring from service re-enters government service again, he cannot get his pension if his salary is more than his pension. We cannot be compared with Government servants in every respect. (Pu Hiphei : not only in Legislation, there are some other obstacles - It is not allowed to get income from other firms, corporations, remuneration, etc) Yes that is not allowed.

And it was also asked whether other states laid conditions for pension. They have there are also some states who introduce pension but no condition. Anyway, we are generalised with other U.Ts.

As stated by one hon'ble Member, a Committee on salaries and Allowances made a proposal for revision in 1980. Government made proposal in 1978 and 1979. I don't think we should believe it would not be possible to change any part of the Bill after it is passed by the House. The one we are using was passed in 1973. Between the passing and proposal for amendment, many changes could take place. And if we want to take amendments to existing rules, we should not hesitate to suggest it.

Let us pass it as it is since all of us have said anything we wanted to say. After passing it, we can pursue it faster

Regarding rise in TA/DA, DA is increased from Rs. 30 per day to Rs. 40/- per day. There is no change in TA of MLAs besides they could make bill as Central Officer grade I under U.T. Administration.

As for difference amount of increase in salary & allowances of Ministers and Members. I don't deny that the difference is rather high. Yet, you should not overlook increase in daily allowance.

Well, as we have said, our salary is to be increased from Rs. 350/- to Rs. 450/- and conveyance allowance will be Rs. 200/-. Total will be Rs. 650/-. D.A. was Rs. 30/- and it will become Rs. 40/- per day. Besides, there will be pension benefit.

I request the House to pass the Bill.

PU HIPHEI : Pu Deputy Speaker, it will be wrong to pass the Bill without understanding clarifications made by the Minister.

Now, our daily allowance as Class - I Officer is Rs. 21/- . However, we cannot yet work out the haltagé since we do not know how many days they halt. If so, does the statement mean we can get Rs. 40/- instead of Rs. 21/- as D.A. ?

Secondly, the hon'ble Minister said that retired government servants do not get their pension when they re-enter service. That may be so. However, even our Chief Minister draws his pension as retired Brigadier and his salary as Chief Minister. I find it necessary to discuss that point again. If we pass this Bill, another two years at least will be required for amendment, but if we do not pass it, Home Ministry may be urged to do it guides. I would like to know the opinion of the Government.

Are we going to get Rs. 40/- per day on our way to Aizawl to attend Assembly Session ?

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, TA & DA should not be confused. You can bill TA as Central Class I Officers. Your DA, during session/Committee will be Rs. 40/- per day.

PU HIPHEI : In the Financial memorandum, it goes 'The increase in respect of Daily Allowances is Rs. 40/- from Rs. 30/-'. And 'The actual additional requirement of fund during a year cannot be worked out as the detail of four and haltagé cannot be realised'. Considering T.A. and Tour as same thing, we can have Rs. 40/- per day while travelling.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : It means we cannot know the amount since how many days you are to sit in Committee cannot be realised. There is nothing to be confused about.

I do not know how to clarify why it is different from government servants. Other states are also having as this. So, I think we had better accept it as it is.

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, point of clarification, Punjab state does not call it 'salary'. In their Act, it is "This Act may be called the Punjab Legislative Assembly Allowances of Members Act, 1942". Haryana also has the same type. It was published in 1980, there were several amendments to it though.

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, when was his copy printed ? What edition is that ?

PU C.L. RUALA : Pu Deputy Speaker, It was printed in 1980. I do not know what edition is it, it is 'Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, March, 1980'. That may include amendment upto 1979..... (Pu Zairemthanga : Pu Deputy Speaker, is he going to find a copy of what he has read out ?) 'salary' etc are too old. Other states are having fat allowances and we have much difference. For example, as soon as they are elected, they could get a Housing loan of not more than Rs. 1,00,000/-, and a car loan of Rs. 40,000/-. They called it Compensatory Allowance what we call 'salary' and it is Rs. 500/-. They also have a constituency allowance of Rs. 1,000/-. The State also provides them with a ticket for travelling any place in India within 20,000 Km with his family. Besides, they are given 2 tickets for travelling by bus or train free fare.

They also have other facilities whereas we do not have any. We have said about water supply, electric etc so many times. Let us try to include these. Let us not pass it as it is to show that we are not satisfied with these. Let us include constituency allowance of Rs. 400/- so Rs. 200/- will be Travelling Allowances.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say a few words from what I've heard.

We are not very clear that we are not self-sufficient in revenue that makes things so difficult. If we were any better in revenue, things would have been different. To raise salary, the people needs to have sense of duty.

Regarding this Amendment also, as said by the hon'ble Minister, we have talked with Home Minister, Minister of state for Home Affairs, Secretaries and Joint Secretaries. However, they could not but generalise all Union Territories together unformally.

As for 'pension', in India, a retired government servant who holds a new post is made to choose between his pension and his new salary. MLAs are entitled to pension if they complete one term i.e. 5 years. Other Government servants can go on pension only after 20 years or 80 service. But if an MLA is re-elected, he cannot get his pension.

We have tried hard for this. I have talked not less than 5 times. However, they cannot make special status for us because they have to give national interest more importance. They say they do not forget the difficulties we are facing in Mizoram. Yet they could not give special treatment because it involves constitutional provision. So we have to accept their viewpoint.

Anyway, we shall try to make it better. Let us pass it as it is. It does not mean that the door is closed for further amendment.

In fact, Home Ministry could not but have to control us a little different from others because we have no revenue. When the time comes, our resources will also increase and we will be able to do what we like.

Since our House Leader is absent, I just wanted to say those few words.

PU BUALHRANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am all for its passing. The states cited by some Members are full-fledged state, who have good resources and they could favour their Members. As stated by the hon'ble Minister, our local resources are too meagre, otherwise we could have better facilities. But we do not have. So, I suggest we pass it as it is. We did not mind the low salary when we contested.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zairemthanga

PU ZAIREMTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to say one thing on DA. In the Old Act, it was Rs. 30/- per day for Arunachal and Mizoram, while other Union Territories rate was Rs. 25/-. Presently, both have Rs. 40/- per day when it is revised. Other states are having Rs. 30/-.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister has asked for passing of the Bill. Any Member who agrees to pass 'The Mizoram salaries and Allowances of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1982' may raise your hands and say 'Agree'. (Members raising their hands say 'Agree'). We all agree.

So, this House pass 'The Mizoram salaries & Allowances of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Amendment) Bill, 1982.

We have finished all our business. Our session went smoothly. So the session is adjourned sine die.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:07 NOON.

J. MALSAWMA,
SECRETARY.