

MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

(Budget Session, 1973)

ASSEMBLY SUMMARY

FRIDAY, THE 30th MARCH, 1973.

The Assembly met at 10:00 A.M.

QUESTIONS

Starred Questions Nos. 44 to 57 with Supplementaries were replied by the respective Ministers. Answers to Unstarred Question Nos. 2, 3 & 4 were laid on the tables of the Members.

VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

Thereafter, the voting on demands for grants listed for the day were taken up one by one. The Ministers in-charge of the Grants moved the following Demands one by one. After few discussions, the Demands were put to the House and voted.

DEMAND	MAJOR HEAD	AMOUNT
Demand No. 24	Printing & Stationery	2,29,000/-
Demand No. 25	Miscellaneous	1,19,79,000/-
Demand No. 29	Power & Electricity	92,00,000/-
Demand No. 30	Public Works	2,05,07,000/-
Demand No. 33	Pension	20,000/-
Demand No. 34	Trading in Supply & Transport	5,96,40,000/-
Demand No. 35	Loan & Advances	1,43,99,000/-

BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED

The following Bills were introduced by the Minister of Finance Pu Khawtinkhuma and passed:-

- (1) The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1973 relating to Demands for Grants for 1973-74.
- (2) The Appropriation (no. 3) Bill, 1973 relating to Contingency Fund Bill, 1973.
- (3) The Indian Stamp (Mizoram Amendment) Bill, 1973; and
- (4) The Taxation Laws (Mizoram Amendment) and Validation of Surcharges Bill, 1973.

The following Bill also which was introduced on the 26th March, 1973, was also considered and passed.

- (1) The Contingency Fund of the Union Territory of Mizoram (Determination of Amount) Bill, 1973.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Pu Saitlawma, M.L.A. raised a Privilege issue against the local news paper "HMAR ARSI" for publishing certain news in the issue of 27th March, 1973, in the first and fourth paragraph at the beginning of first page reflecting on the Chair (the Speaker) for conducting the Assembly on the 26th March, 1973. The member raised the complaints and made short statement relevant to his complaint and requested the House to refer the matter to the Committee. Thereafter, the following Hon'ble members also took part in the discussion on the matter.

- (1) Pu Ch.Saprawnga
- (2) Pu J.Thanghuama
- (3) Pu C.Lalruata
- (4) Pu K.Sangchhum

(5) Pu Lalsangzuala

(6) Pu Zalawma

Pu Ch.Chhunga, Chief Minister also took part in the discussion.

The Speaker, after hearing the Hon'ble Member and others including the Leader of the House, observed that it is the Parliamentary Privilege that I am functioning as a Speaker in the House running the affairs of the House. Now you have to consider this very carefully whether it is open to anybody in this country to speak disparagingly of the running of the House. So, I agree with the Hon'ble mover of the Privilege Motion and others including the Leader of the House, and I feel that it is a Prima Facie case so I refer the matter to the Committee of the Privilege of the House to report by the 30th June, 1973.

RECOGNITION OF PARTY/GROUP IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker had informed the House that he had received a letter from Pu J.Thanghuama, Leader of the Congress Party requesting him (Speaker) to recognize the Congress Party as a 'Recognised Party in the House.' To this the Speaker announced: that in recognizing a Parliamentary Party or Group, the Speaker should take in to consideration some well established Principles: Although our Rules are silent nor the Lok Sabha Rules are clear on this matter. But the directions by the Lok Sabha Speaker have given some guide line in this regard which I too like form a Parliamentary Party/Group should satisfy some conditions. I The Congress Group in the Assembly, no doubt, have fulfilled all other condition but not the most important one, namely , the 'quorum'.

The Members of the Congress Party felt short of the required number of quorum of the House, i.e. one third of the Members of the House. So he could not recognize the Members of the Congress as a Recognised Party in the House but they could be recognized as an Opposition Group of the House and they would be given all facilities which the Party would be entitled.

RE: UNPARLIAMENTARY EXPRESSIONS IN THE HOUSE:

In conclusion the Speaker gave a general observations in regard to the behaviors and the standard of the debates of the members during the Session. He stated that the standard of debate has gone up and he expected there would be further improvement in the days to come with experiences. However, he mentioned there were some expressions used by the members in the course of the debates which could amount to un-parliamentary expressions. The Hon'ble Members should avoid such expressions in the House.

ADJOURNMENT

The House was then adjourned sine die at 4:36 P.M.

Dated Aizawl,

The 31st March, 1973.

(N.C.HANDIQUE)

Secretary,

Mizoram Legislative Assembly, Aizawl.